



COIT20247 Database Design and Development

Term 2 - 2021

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General Information

Overview

In this unit, you will learn how to model, design, and build relational databases and manipulate them using Structured Query Language (SQL) in a modern database management system (DBMS) such as MySQL Server. You will build a practical database that typically meets the requirement of a large-scale commercial-level DBMS. In this unit, you will also learn the features of the latest developments including data integrity, security, distributed system databases, data warehousing, and concurrency control in multi-user database systems.

Details

Career Level: *Postgraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 8*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Antirequisite: COIS20026

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 2 - 2021

- Brisbane
- Melbourne
- Online
- Rockhampton
- Sydney

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Postgraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 25%

2. **Practical and Written Assessment**

Weighting: 35%

3. **Online Test**

Weighting: 40%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Discipline meeting, staff discussion and student evaluation.

Feedback

Not enough small database exercises for students to gain practice.

Recommendation

Develop and provide additional tutorial exercises to students.

Feedback from Discipline meeting, staff discussion and student evaluation.

Feedback

Need more hands-on activities in current and new database technologies.

Recommendation

Increase the use of MySQL for tutorial exercises and to provide additional content on cloud based databases (e.g. Amazon AWS RDS).

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Explain the purpose of and technical foundations related to database technology
2. Utilise the processes undertaken during the identification of functional dependencies and normalisation
3. Design and develop a database application using a Relational Database Management System (DBMS)
4. Identify issues related to data integrity, security, and concurrency control in a multi-user database environment
5. Explain the fundamental concepts of distributed databases and data warehousing
6. Evaluate and execute administration decisions for DBMS support and maintenance.

The Australian Computer Society (ACS) recognises the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA). SFIA is adopted by organisations, governments, and individuals in many countries and provides a widely used and consistent definition of ICT skills. SFIA is increasingly being used when developing job descriptions and role profiles. ACS members can use the tool [MySFIA](#) to build a skills profile.

This unit contributes to the following workplace skills as defined by [SFIA 7](#) (the SFIA code is included)

- Data Modelling and Design (DTAN)
- Systems Design (DESN)
- Database Design (DBDS)
- Testing (TEST)
- Release and Deployment (RELM)
- Applications Support (ASUP)
- Systems Integration (SINT)
- Database Administration (DBAD)

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

| Assessment Tasks | Learning Outcomes | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 - Written Assessment - 25% | • | • | | | | |
| 2 - Practical and Written Assessment - 35% | | | • | | | • |
| 3 - Online Test - 40% | • | • | • | • | • | |

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

| Graduate Attributes | Learning Outcomes | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 - Knowledge | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | |
| 2 - Communication | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 3 - Cognitive, technical and creative skills | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 4 - Research | | | | | | |
| 5 - Self-management | | | | | | ○ |
| 6 - Ethical and Professional Responsibility | | | | | | |
| 7 - Leadership | | | | | | |
| 8 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures | | | | | | |

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

| Assessment Tasks | Graduate Attributes | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 - Written Assessment - 25% | ○ | ○ | ○ | | | | | |
| 2 - Practical and Written Assessment - 35% | ○ | ○ | ○ | | ○ | | | |
| 3 - Online Test - 40% | ○ | ○ | ○ | | | | | |

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

COIT20247

Prescribed

Modern Database Management

13th (GLOBAL Edition) (2019)

Authors: Hoffer J., Venkataraman R. & Topi H.

Pearson

Harlow, Essex, England

ISBN: 9781292263359

Binding: Paperback

Additional Textbook Information

Both paper and eBook versions can be purchased at the CQUni Bookshop here: <http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au> (search on the Unit code)

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- MySQL Workbench 6.3 CE (<https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/file/?id=474210>)
- MySQL Database Server 8.0.21 or later (<https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/mysql>)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

Michael Li Unit Coordinator

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Schedule

Week 1 - 12 Jul 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Introduction of databases | Textbook Chapter 1 & Week 1 online materials | |

Week 2 - 19 Jul 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Entity-Relationship model - Basic | Textbook Chapters 1, 2 & Week 2 online materials | |

Week 3 - 26 Jul 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| Entity-Relationship model - Enhanced | Textbook Chapters 2, 3 & Week 3 online materials | |

Week 4 - 02 Aug 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| The relational model and logical design | Textbook Chapter 4 & Week 4 online materials | |

Week 5 - 09 Aug 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--|---|--|
| Database design and normalization | Textbook Chapter 4 & Week 5 online materials | Assignment 1 Due: Week 5 Friday (13 Aug 2021) 11:45 pm AEST |

Vacation Week - 16 Aug 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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Week 6 - 23 Aug 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| Create and use databases with MySQL | Lecture Notes & Week 6 online materials | |

Week 7 - 30 Aug 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Structured Query Language (1) | Textbook Chapter 6 & Week 7 online materials | |

Week 8 - 06 Sep 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Structured Query Language (2) | Textbook Chapter 7 & Week 8 online materials | |

Week 9 - 13 Sep 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| Advanced SQL and transaction management | Lecture Notes, Textbook Chapter 7 & Week 9 online materials | |

Week 10 - 20 Sep 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| Cloud-based databases and AWS RDS | Lecture Notes & Week 10 online materials | Assignment 2 Due: Week 10 Friday (24 Sept 2021) 11:45 pm AEST |

Week 11 - 27 Sep 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Database administration | Textbook Chapter 12 & Week 11 online materials | |

Week 12 - 04 Oct 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| Database advanced topics | Textbook Chapters 9,11, Lecture Notes & Week 12 online materials | |

Review/Exam Week - 11 Oct 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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Exam Week - 18 Oct 2021

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| | | Online test Due: Exam Week Tuesday (19 Oct 2021) 11:45 pm AEST |

Term Specific Information

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Assessment Tasks

1 Assignment 1

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

The purpose of this assignment is to assess your competency in data modelling using Entity-Relationship principles for the given business case study and optionally transforming the Entity-Relationship model to 3NF Relations. A case study will be available in the unit website for which you need to develop an appropriate Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) and then optionally convert your ERD into 3rd Normal Form Relations. The detailed assignment specification including the case study will be available from the unit Moodle site.

Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Friday (13 Aug 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 6 Friday (27 Aug 2021)

Weighting

25%

Assessment Criteria

The detailed marking criteria will be provided along with the assignment specification. Your assignment solution will be assessed mainly on the following:

- identifying suitable entities, identifiers & attributes, relationships, and cardinalities
- using appropriate symbols to represent the entities, relationships, and cardinalities
- specifying relevant assumptions and business rules
- convert the ERD into 3NF relations (optional)

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Explain the purpose of and technical foundations related to database technology
- Utilise the processes undertaken during the identification of functional dependencies and normalisation

Graduate Attributes

- Knowledge
- Communication
- Cognitive, technical and creative skills

2 Assignment 2

Assessment Type

Practical and Written Assessment

Task Description

The purpose of this assignment is to assess your competency in designing and implementing a relational database and your ability to solve simple or complex business logic/needs through the creation of SQL queries. During week 7, a model solution for Assignment 1 will be released in the unit Moodle site. Your task for this assignment is to perform logical design, physical design and implement a database based on the Assignment 1 model solution (released) including the

creation of SQL queries, and report objects.

The full implementation of the above-mentioned database in MySQL.

This may require you to either undertake a demonstration (for on-campus students) or make an email submission (for distance students) as per the assignment specification.

The detailed assignment specification and submission details will be available on the unit Moodle site.

Assessment Due Date

Week 10 Friday (24 Sept 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 12 Friday (8 Oct 2021)

Weighting

35%

Assessment Criteria

The detailed marking criteria will be provided along with the assignment specifications.

In addition to evaluating your ability to perform the logical design, your assignment solution will be assessed mainly on your ability to create a relational database that contains the following:

- appropriate tables containing relevant attributes with suitable properties
- suitable relationships among the tables
- SQL statements relevant to the given business requests
- report object relevant to the given business requests

You will also be assessed on your ability to use some of the above and additional features of an alternate database application.

Penalties related to late submission and plagiarism will be applied as per University policy.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Design and develop a database application using a Relational Database Management System (DBMS)
- Evaluate and execute administration decisions for DBMS support and maintenance.

Graduate Attributes

- Knowledge
- Communication
- Cognitive, technical and creative skills
- Self-management

3 Online test

Assessment Type

Online Test

Task Description

The Online Test (take-home exam) will have questions designed to test topics covered in weeks 1-12 inclusive. The questions will include answering a number of questions in accordance with the given E-R diagram, mapping E-R diagram into a set of relations, answering a number of questions about normalization of the given relation, writing SQL query statements to answer the information requests in accordance with the provided tables, as well as answering a few database theoretical questions with your short explanations.

Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Tuesday (19 Oct 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Note: The exam date 19/10/2021 is tentative. The actual exam date is to be determined (see a notification during the semester).

Return Date to Students**Weighting**

40%

Minimum mark or grade

16 marks out of 40 marks

Assessment Criteria

- Demonstrate deeper understanding on database design and implementation
- Correct use of SQL syntax to answer the information requests
- Demonstrate your understanding on multiuser database administration and database security features etc
- Demonstrate your understanding on a distributed database, cloud-based database architecture and applications
- Demonstrate your understanding on the concepts of data warehouse

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Explain the purpose of and technical foundations related to database technology
- Utilise the processes undertaken during the identification of functional dependencies and normalisation
- Design and develop a database application using a Relational Database Management System (DBMS)
- Identify issues related to data integrity, security, and concurrency control in a multi-user database environment
- Explain the fundamental concepts of distributed databases and data warehousing

Graduate Attributes

- Knowledge
- Communication
- Cognitive, technical and creative skills

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem