ICS 113 – Database Fundamentals

Welcome to Database Fundamentals. In this class, you will be introduced to relational databases. We will take a look at relational calculus, the math behind relational databases, and use Structured Query Language (SQL) to create, build, and extract data from a database.

In this course you will learn to:

- Design a database based upon tables, records, and fields.
- Use the Structured Query Language (SQL) to gather information.
- Create reports that will help the user to understand the information.
- Use Relational Algebra to design queries

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Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of this class, you will be able to:

1. Show conversion of computer files into a database system by creating a simple database
2. Compare a relational database to a flat database
3. Dissect a database into tables, records, fields, keys, views and relationships
4. Demonstrate the normalization process
5. Find records using Structured Query Language (SQL) in a database
6. Create reports with specific record

Class times and location

This is an online class. All lessons and interaction will be through Laulima.

Grading

Your final grade will be determined using a series of assignments and quizzes. There will be a total of 12 assignments and 2 quizzes. All assignments and quizzes are worth 1 point each.

To get the point for an assignment, you must show mastery by completing the assignment with no errors. If there is an error(s), I will tell you about it and return your submission. You can then fix it and resubmit it. There is no limit to the number of times an assignment can be resubmitted.

To get the point for a quiz, you must score 80% on it. If you score less than 80%, you will be allowed to retake it. There is no limit on the number of times you can retake a quiz.
There is no due date other than December 14. All work must be turned in and all quizzes taken by that date. No work will be accepted after December 14.

Your letter grade is based upon the number of points you earn:
- A – 14 points.
- B – 11 to 13 points.
- C – 9 to 10 points.
- D – 7 to 8 points.
- F – 0 to 6 points.

Resources

Your textbook for this class is Elmasri’s and Navathe’s *Fundamentals of Database Systems, 6th ed.*

We will use Laulima for submitting and returning all assignments. All grades will be posted in Laulima and you will be able to track your progress by utilizing the grade book. In addition, there will be discussion boards in Laulima where you may post or answer questions. Use the private message tool in Laulima to contact the instructor.

Other resources

- Tutoring may be available from the TRIO office in Na’auao 146 on the WCC campus.

Statement and Policies

Disabilities Accommodation Statement
If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached by phone at 235-7448, by email at lemke@hawaii.edu, or by stopping by her office in Hale ‘Akoakoa 213 for more information.

Academic Dishonesty - Cheating and Plagiarism
You are responsible for the content and integrity of all work you submit. The guiding principle of academic integrity will be that all files, work, examinations, reports, and projects that you submit are your own work. See page 16 of the Windward Community College catalog for further clarification.

You will be guilty of cheating if you:
Represent the work of others as your own (plagiarism).
User or obtain unauthorized assistance in any academic work.
Give unauthorized assistance to other students.
Modify, without instructor approval, an examination, paper, record, or report for the purpose of obtaining additional credit.
Misrepresent the content of submitted work.
A final thought

Databases have become an integral part of everyday life. Governments, businesses, schools, and many individuals have turned to databases to help store data and to retrieve useful information. But a poorly designed database can do as much harm as good. By learning the proper techniques to design and build a database you can provide your clients and users with meaningful information.
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