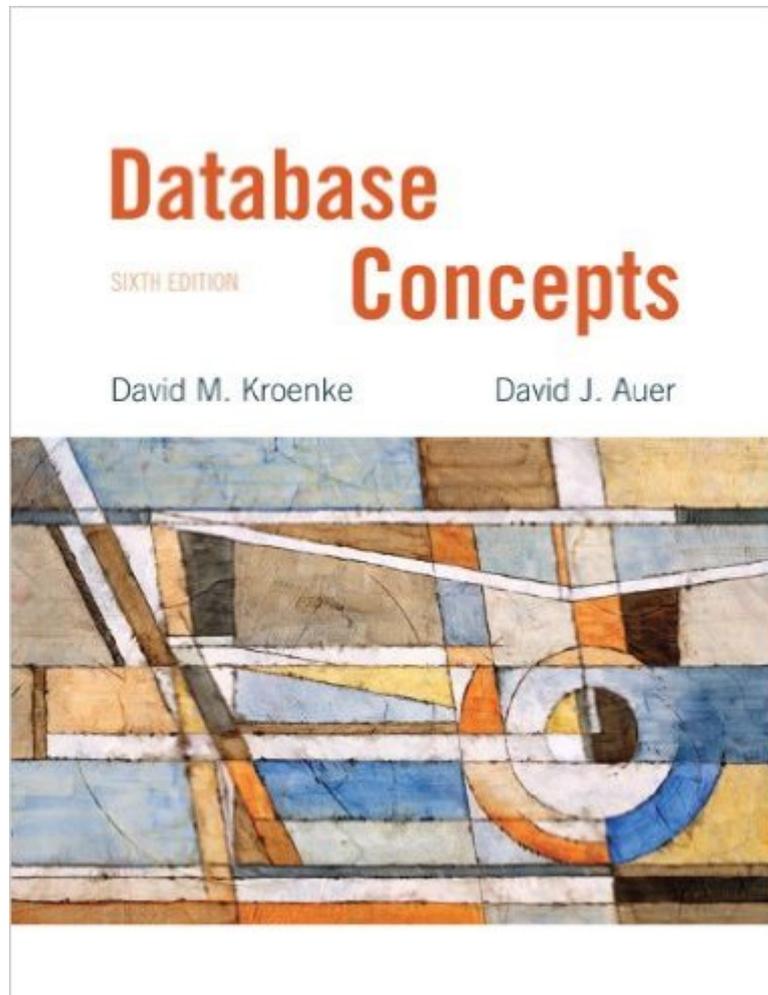# Database Concepts (6th Edition)

Synopsis

Written byÂ two of the world's leading database authorities, Database Concepts introduces the essential concepts students need to create and use small databases.Â

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Customer Reviews

I rarely really find a textbook that is worth the cost associated but this pile is a rare case even by those standards. I've had database classes before and have a fair understanding of the syntax and processes involved, but this book left me searching the internet for almost every topic that it was supposed to cover. The author rambles and uses poorly composed examples in a terribly conceived format. I really hated this book.

This book is, quite simply, TERRIBLE. The Chapter Review questions are horrendous. There is no other way to describe them. They are just BAD. The case studies and projects associated with the texts are even worse. They are THE EXACT SAME THING, but with different data. It is of ZERO help to ANYONE.As far as my qualifications, I've been working with databases for 15 years. This book was a required read for a course. The examples given in the text have no relevance. The same can be said of the projects. Actually, let's just go ahead and say the whole book is irrelevant.I would not recommend this book to my worst enemy.

Book was missing pages 132-180 !!! And 181-228 repeated twice ! Daughter didnt uncover until

halfway through the class. Does one need to inspect every single page when you purchase a book?Guess ill have to find out how returns work several weeks after purchase

This was a required book for class.It has lot's of typos, incorrect references and is maddening to read in Kindle format.The main issue I have is the placement and reference of figures. (The author should actually try using it this way)As I said, I have the Kindle version and often times you are reading a lesson (let's say in chapter 4) and it references a figure from earlier in the book (ie: figure 2-1 in chapter 2)...this requires scrolling back through the pages to find the figure, then scrolling forward to the text.Ideally, it would be nice to have a hyperlink to the figure that when selected (ie: double-clicked) would open up the image and allow it to be moved into a position where the reader could view the text and the image.

THIS BOOK IS BADLY WRITTEN!!!!!What happen to explain the concepts teach the concepts ....keep it simpleIts just plain bad, not an easy read, and makes a mediocre if not maybe even simple thing to understand convoluted. Its almost like the goal is stretch this out for a semester and make it as convoluted as possible. Introducing topic and then attempting to correlate an example chapters back. Like attempting to explain Normal Forms a convoluted mess, why not cut the MS Access and teach the concepts. This book is completely designed to attempt to stretch out subject matter over the course of the semester and handcuff the students to using MS Access all of which take away and complicate learning the concepts!!! In addition, poorly organized, poorly written!!!Here is an example (its like this all over the book) imagine reading a chapter of this....SALESPERSON. What would be the key of this table? It would be just CommissionPeriod,but because SALES_COMMISSION is ID-dependent this is not a complete key. In fact, without the needed reference to SALESPERSON included, CommissionPeriod by itself cannotbe the primary key because this table would likely have duplicate rows. (This would happen iftwo occurrences of a specific CommissionPeriod had the same TotalCommissionSales in thesame BudgetCategory, which could happen because this table records data for more than oneSALESPERSON.) Thus, for an ID-dependent weak entity it is necessary to add the primarykey of the parent entity to the weak entityâ ™s table, and this added attribute becomes part ofthat tableâ ™s key. In Figure 5-8, note that SALES_COMMISSION has the correct compositeprimary key (SalespersonNumber, CommissionPeriod).I got lost in all the babble....

I got this book because it was the designated companion book for a graduate course I had for data

modeling. It does present all the key concepts but I just don't like the book as a graduate level course companion book. It covers the basics but falls short of really getting into larger and more advanced enterprise data modeling concepts.

This is a good book but it wasnt the easiest to understand especially when you are trying to do it with microsoft access.

This was a book used in one of my classes. The book is an "easy read" perhaps a good bed time reading book if you want to learn about databases. I guess I blame the professor more than anyone... it was a technical class with technical exams and hw and this book just didn't cut it.

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