
The Library Example

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Handout 3

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Consider a small library database with the following **transactions**:

1. Check out a copy of a book. Return a copy of a book.
2. Add a copy of a book to the library. Remove a copy of a book from the library.
3. Get the list of books by a particular author or in a particular subject area.
4. Find out the list of books currently checked out by a particular borrower.
5. Find out what borrower last checked out a particular copy of a book.

There are two types of users: staff users and ordinary borrowers. Transactions 1, 2, 4, and 5 are restricted to staff users, except that ordinary borrowers can perform transaction 4 to find out the list of books currently borrowed by themselves. The database must also satisfy the following **constraints**:

1. All copies in the library must be available for checkout or be checked out.
2. No copy of the book may be both available and checked out at the same time.
3. A borrower may not have more than a predefined number of books checked out at one time.