Fundamentals of Database Management Systems by Mark L. Gillenson

* A compact, practical introduction that concentrates on providing readers with a clear understanding of database fundamentals while providing a broad survey of all the major topics of the field

* Written in a clear, friendly style that progresses step-by-step through all of the major database topics

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* Makes heavy use of examples, including four major examples that are used throughout the text

My Personal Review:
This is an awful book to study. The author did not bother to provide clear definition of the terminology nor symbols used in the book beforehand. Instead, he tried to introduce ideas through verbose illustration of some examples which were often confusing. Furthermore, the index at the end of book is rather useless as it failed to list many key concepts and notations (especially for the Entity-Relationship Diagram). The book by Michael Mannino is a much better text for the subject.

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