What data types to use?

Nvarchar for times when you expect non English characters

Varchar for variable number of English characters.

Understand parent child relationships while entering data.

Enter parent data first.

For what kind of fields should we change Identity Specification?

In manual entry mode, keep it non identity.

When you use the money data type, do not use the dollar sign in the data.

Can you use Identity spec on a non-primary key field?

No.

How do you know which boxes to allow nulls?

Depends on the business case.

You must require the most meaningful data items to not be null

Example: Online product ordering will require non-null fields in Customer Address.

Have ONLY one tab open at a time.

Design first. Close. Then enter data.

Just because a field is a part of a concatenated primary key does not mean that it has to be a foreign key.

While entering data into MSSS, if you copy from a cell be sure to backspace till you delete the last character. This ensures that the data is clean.

***What is the variation on using Char(8) for Primary Keys?***

***Should monetary amounts be entered with or without dollar sign?***