a)

3 phases.

Initial phase - fully characterize the data needs of potential users of the database.

Second phase - choose a data model

- 1. Applying the concepts of the chosen data model
- 2. Translating these requirements into a conceptual schema of the database.
- 3.A fully developed conceptual schema indicates the functional requirements of the enterprise.
- 4. Describe the kinds of operations (or transactions) that will be performed on the data.

Final Phase -- Moving from an abstract data model to the implementation of the database

- 1. Logical Design Deciding on the database schema.
- 2. Database design requires that we find a "good" collection of relation schemas.
- 3.Business decision What attributes should we record in the database?
- 4. Computer Science decision What relation schemas should we have and how should the attributes be distributed among the various relation schemas?
- 5. Physical Design Deciding on the physical layout of the database

b)

Entity Relationship Model (covered in this chapter)

- 1. Models an enterprise as a collection of entities and relationships
- 2.Entity: a "thing" or "object" in the enterprise that is distinguishable from other objects
- 3. Described by a set of attributes







