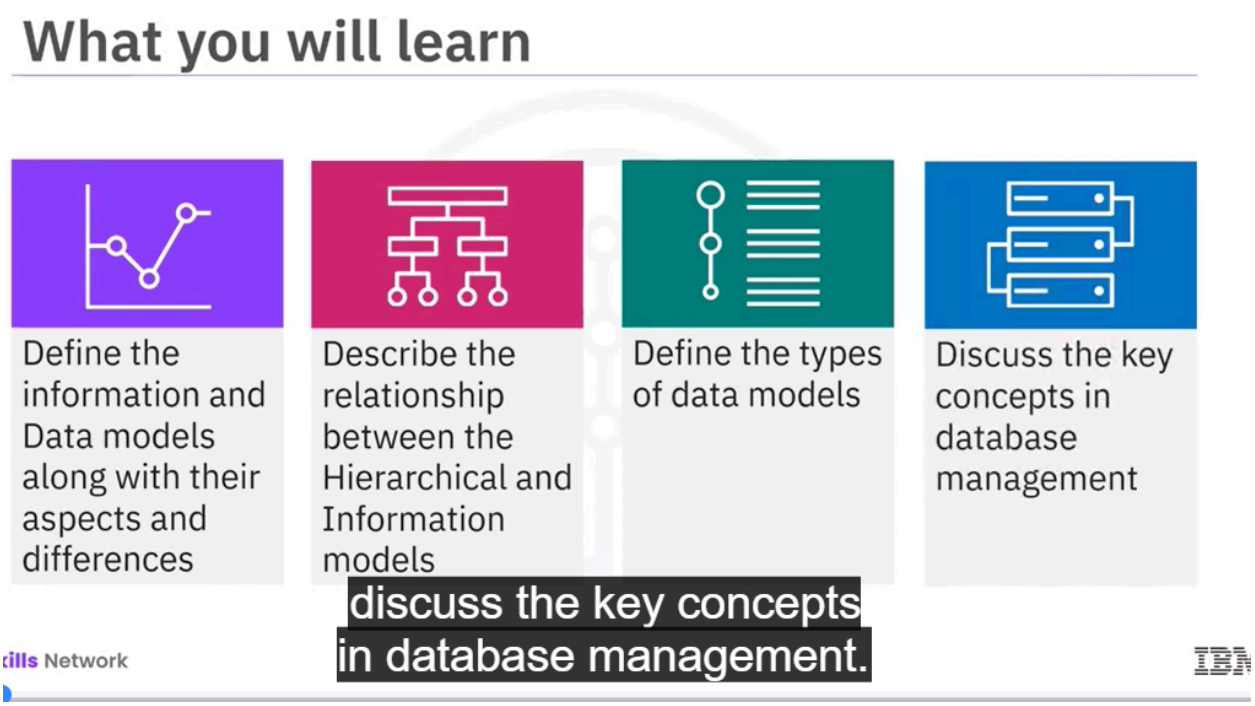
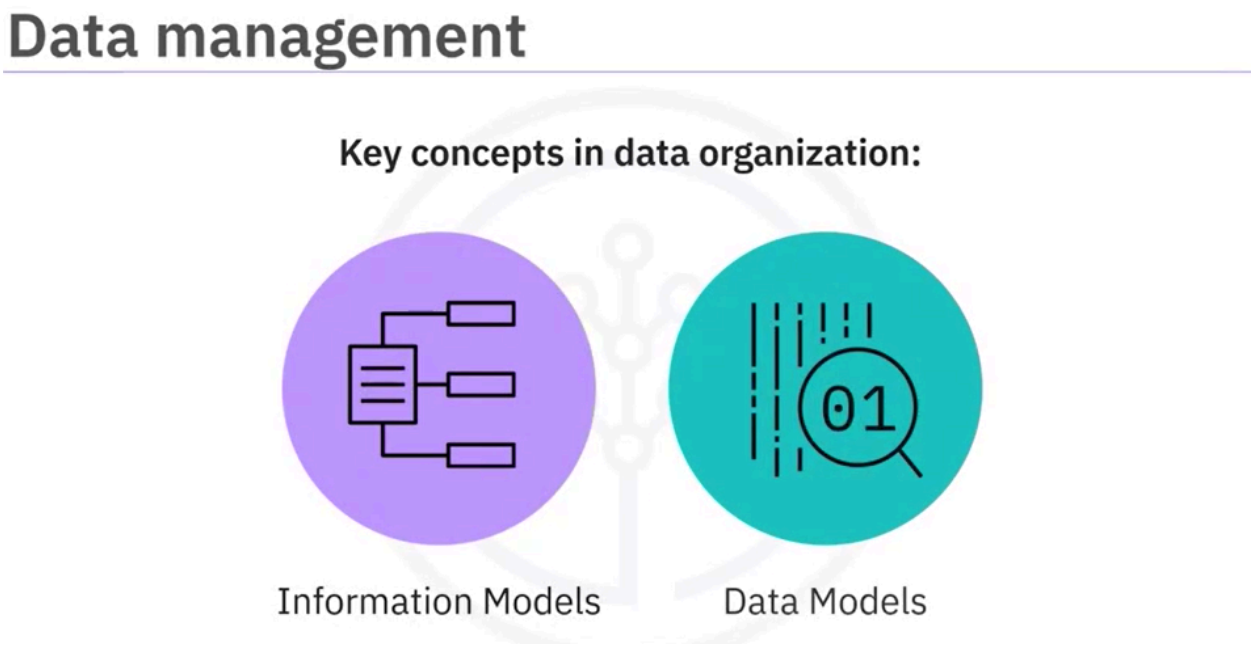
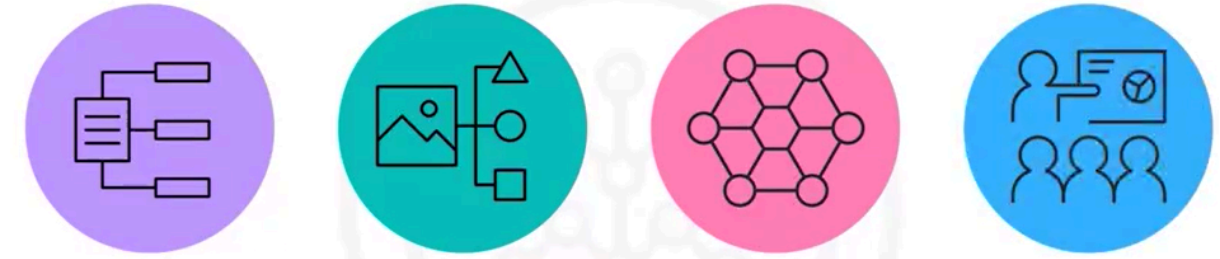
Information and Data Models





Information model

Information model: Aspects



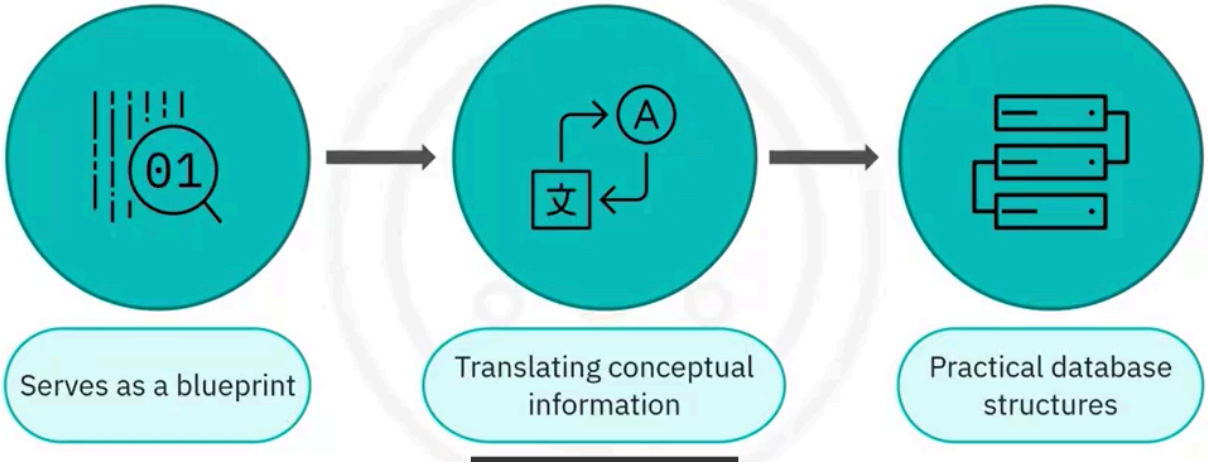
Understanding different types of information

Abstract complexity of real-world entities

Encompass broad concepts

Understand and define business concepts and rules

Data model



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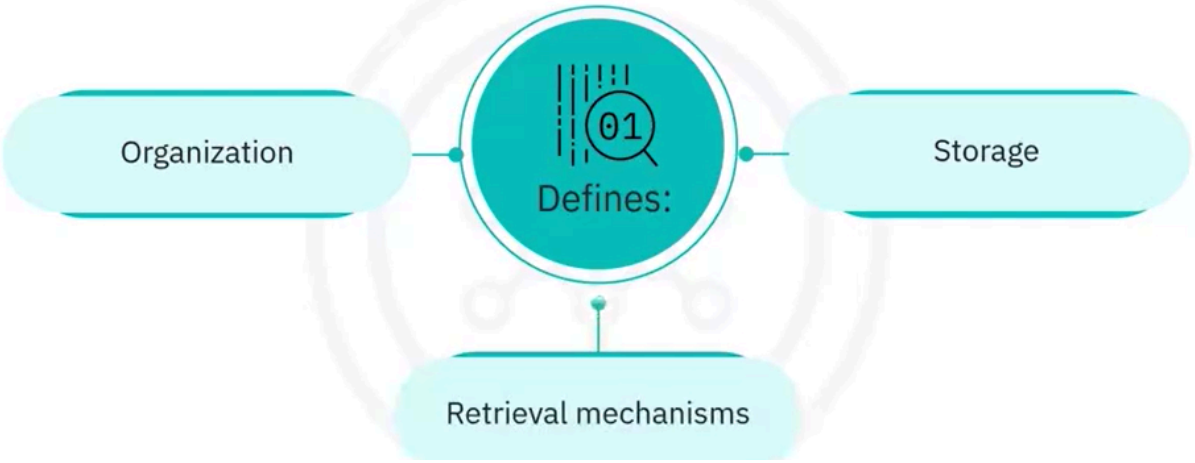


Data model: Aspects

Tailored to a particular DBMS
They define:

- Schema
- Tables
- Columns
- Data types
- Indexes

Ensure data integrity

to ensure data integrity and reduce redundancy.

Differences: Information and data models

Differences	Information Models	Data Models
Level of Detail	Less detailed	Specifies storage and manipulation
Purpose	Understand business concepts	Technical implementation for storage and querying
Usage	Business analysis and agreement	Database system design and development
System Development	Information model first	The data model created later

Hierarchical model

Serves as the physical implementation of information systems

Relationship

Information Model

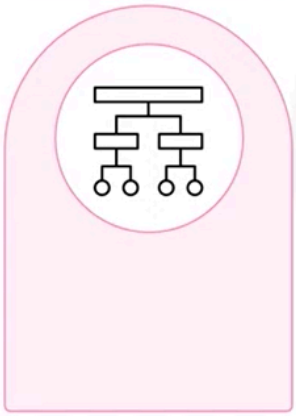
- High abstraction
- Emphasizes entity relationships

Hierarchical Model

- Stores relationships in the database

Relationship

Hierarchical Model



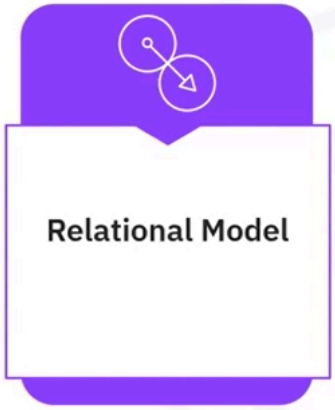
Structural limitations:

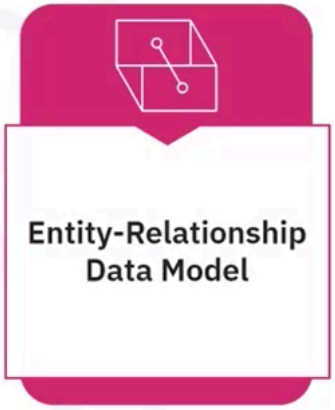
- Hierarchical models struggle with many-to-many relationships

Historical context:

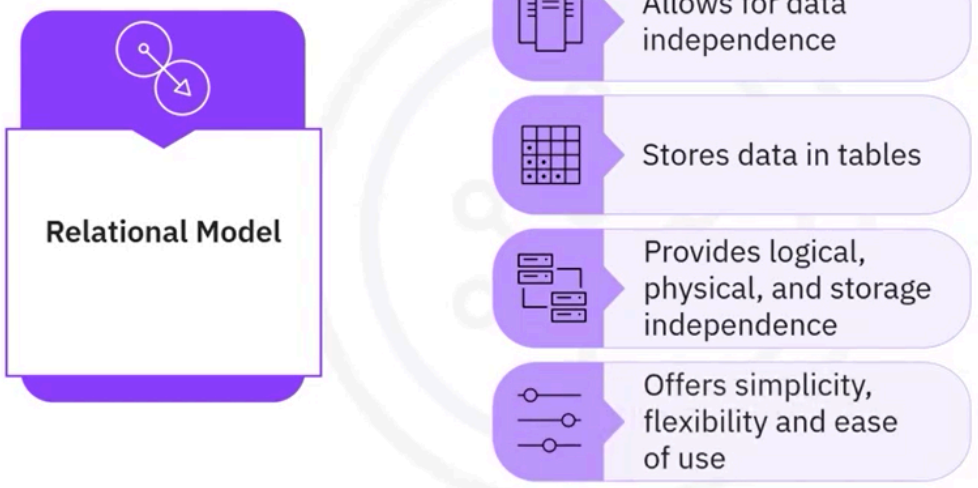
- Early database system
- Hierarchical model

Types of data models

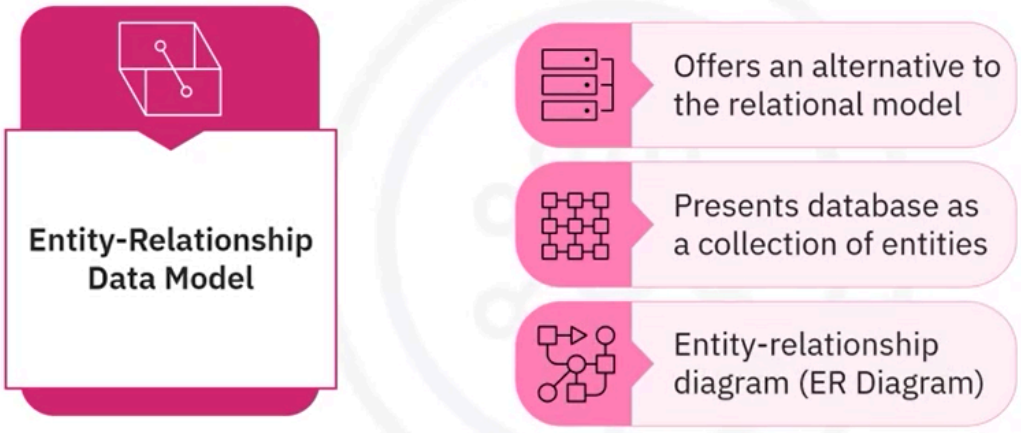




Relational model

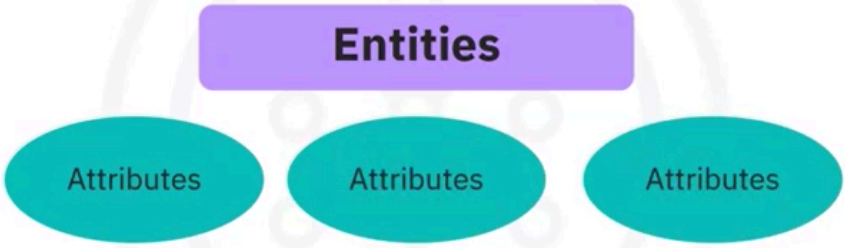


Entity relationship data model



Converting ER diagram into tables

- Building blocks: entities and attributes



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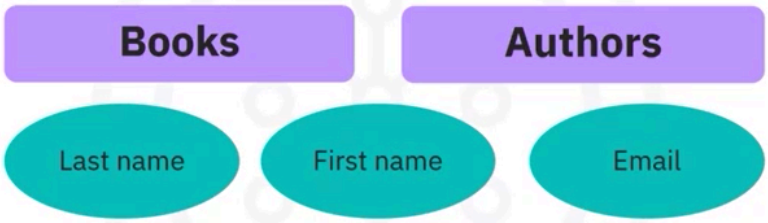


Converting ER diagram into tables

- Building blocks: entities and attributes

Books

Last name	First name	Email

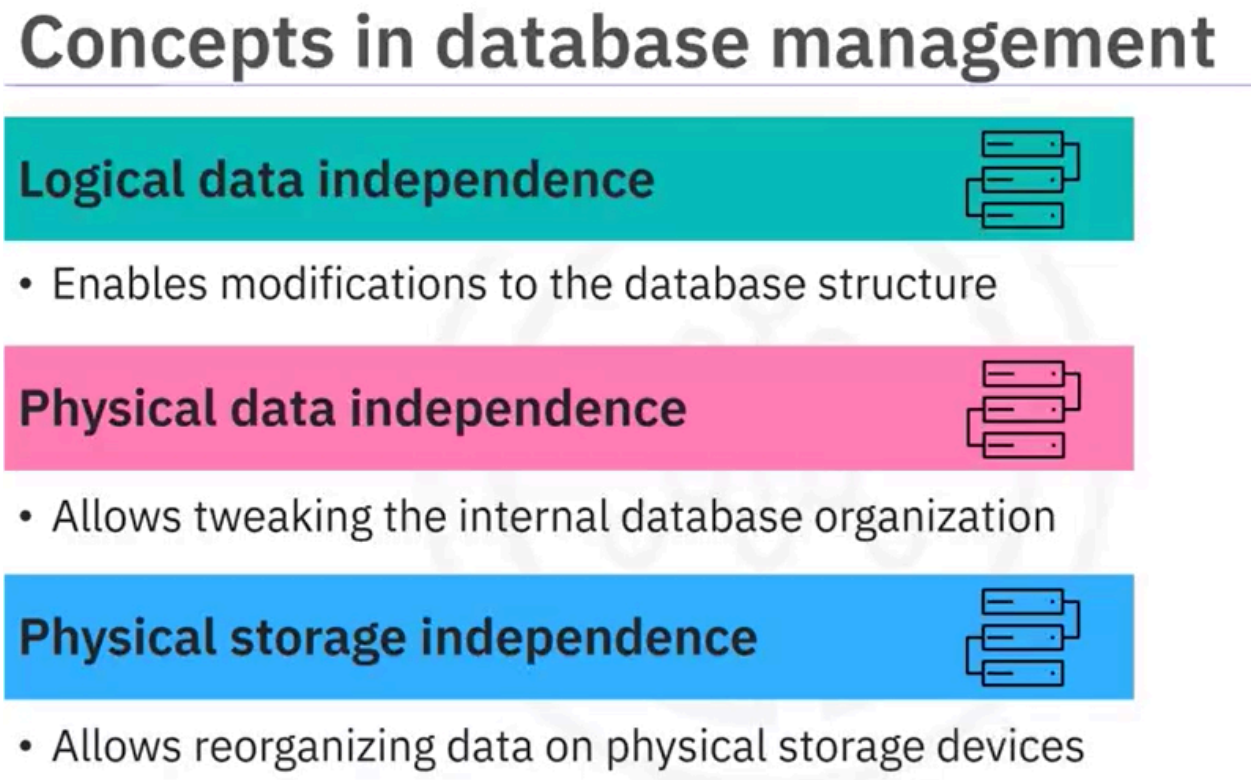
Authors

Simplified library ER diagram

Borrowers

Various copies of each book

Copies out on loan



- These three essential concepts are: logical data independence, physical data independence, and physical storage independence.
  - Logical data independence enables modifications to the database structure without impacting user data access, such as altering data types or adding fields.
  - Physical data independence allows tweaking the internal database organization, like changing data storage types or indexing strategies, without affecting user views or applications.
  - Physical storage independence allows moving or reorganizing data on physical storage devices, without impacting application programs processing the data.

Recap

In this video, you learned that:

- Information models provide abstract representations of entities and relationships
- Key aspects of information models include abstraction, broad concepts, and business rule definitions
- Data models serve as blueprints for practical database structures
- The hierarchical model is a physical implementation of an information system
- Logical data independence, physical data independence, and physical storage independence are crucial concepts in database management

Explain the concept of the Relational model and the entity-relationship data model.

Certainly! Here's a brief explanation of the **Relational Model** and the **Entity Relationship (ER) Data Model**:

Relational Model

- **Definition**: The relational model organizes data into tables (also called relations) that consist of rows and columns.
- **Key Features**:
  - **Data Independence**: Changes in the database structure do not affect how data is accessed.
  - **Normalization**: This process reduces data redundancy and ensures data integrity.
  - **SQL Usage**: Structured Query Language (SQL) is used to manage and manipulate the data.

Entity Relationship (ER) Data Model

- **Definition**: The ER model is a conceptual framework that defines the structure of a database in terms of entities and their relationships.
- **Key Features**:
  - **Entities**: Represent real-world objects or concepts (e.g., a "Book" or "Author").
  - **Attributes**: Characteristics of entities (e.g., a book may have attributes like title, author, and ISBN).
  - **Relationships**: Describe how entities interact with each other (e.g., an author writes a book).

Differences

- **Level of Abstraction**:
  - The **ER model** is more abstract, focusing on the conceptual design of the database.
  - The **relational model** is more concrete, detailing how data is stored and accessed in tables.
- **Purpose**:
  - The **ER model** is used for designing the database structure.
  - The **relational model** is used for implementing the database.

Understanding these models is crucial for effective database design and management.

An example of both concepts

Sure! Here are examples illustrating both the **Relational Model** and the **Entity Relationship (ER) Data Model**:

Example of the Relational Model

Imagine a simple database for a library. It might have the following tables:

1. **Books Table**
   - **Columns**: BookID (Primary Key), Title, AuthorID (Foreign Key), Genre

- **Rows**:
    - 1, "The Great Gatsby", 1, "Fiction"
    - 2, "1984", 2, "Dystopian"

2. **Authors Table**
    - **Columns**: AuthorID (Primary Key), Name, Email
    - **Rows**:
        - 1, "F. Scott Fitzgerald", "fitzgerald@example.com"
        - 2, "George Orwell", "orwell@example.com"

In this relational model, the **Books** table references the **Authors** table through the **AuthorID** foreign key, establishing a relationship between books and their authors.

Example of the Entity Relationship (ER) Data Model

Using the same library example, the ER diagram would look like this:

- **Entities**:
    - **Book**
        - Attributes: BookID, Title, Genre
    - **Author**
        - Attributes: AuthorID, Name, Email
- **Relationships**:
    - **Writes**: An Author writes a Book.
        - This relationship can be represented as a line connecting the **Author** entity to the **Book** entity.

In the ER model, you focus on the relationships and attributes without specifying how the data will be stored.

These examples illustrate how the relational model provides a concrete structure for data storage, while the ER model offers a conceptual view of the data and its relationships.