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Assignment Topic:-

Evolution of Relational to object and object-
Relational Data Model.

Assignment: Evolution from Relational to Object and Object Relational Data Models.

Introduction:-

The evolution of data models has been driven by increasing complexity of software applications and the need to align database with modern programming paradigms. The assignment explores the transition from the Relational Data Model (RDM) to the Object-Oriented Data Model (OODM) and the hybrid Object-Relational Data Model (ORDBMS).

1) Relational Data Model (RDM):-

Introduced 1970s (by E.F. Codd)

Idea:-

Data is stored in tables (Relations).

Tables have rows (tuples) and columns (attributes)

Relationships are modeled using Foreign Keys.

Data accessing using SQL.

Code snippets:-

```
(i) create Table users (
    id serial Primarykey,
    name varchar(50),
    email varchar(50)
);
```

```
(ii) Insert in to users
(name, email) values
('debottam Kar',
'debottam@gmail.com');
```

(iii) select * from users

→

Id	name	email
1	Debottam Kar	debottam@gmail.com

Id, name and email are attributes of Relation users and $\langle 1, 'Debottam Kar', 'debottam@gmail.com' \rangle$ is the first tuple.

Advantages:-

- (i) simple and robust
- (ii) strong theoretical Foundation
- (iii) strong and Mature technology with widespread use.

Disadvantages:-

- (i) Poor support for complex data types (e.g., nested structures).
- (ii) Doesn't directly mapped to object oriented code.
- (iii) Requires additional (orm) layers to bridge the object-relational gap.

2) Object-Oriented Data Model (OODM)

Introduced: 1980s-1990s

Core Concept: Integrated database systems

with object-oriented programming.

Code snippets:-

```

public class User {
    int id;
    String name;
    String email;
    Random Rand = new Random();
    public class User(String name, String email) {
        this.id = (Rand.nextInt(9999) + 1000);
        this.name = name;
        this.email = email;
    }
}

```

```

User newUser = new User("Debottam Kar",
    "debottam@gmail.com");

```

```

→ {
    "id": 7683,
    "name": "Debottam Kar",
    "email": "debottam@gmail.com"
}

```

Key Features:-

- (i) Data is stored as objects
- (ii) Supports inheritance, encapsulation, and polymorphism.

objects can contain complex nested attributes.

Advantages:-

- (i) closer integration with object oriented languages (e.g., Java, C++);
- (ii) can represent real-world entities more naturally.

Disadvantages:-

- (i) Poor query language support.
- (ii) weak adoption, hard to optimize.
- (iii) object database like object store, Versant did not go mainstream.

3) object Relational Data Model (ORDM)

Gained Popularity 1990s - 2000s

Idea:- Combine relational strength with object-oriented features.

Extend SQL with

user-defined types (UDTs).

Nested-complex types.

Inheritance.

Method on types.

Example:- PostgreSQL supports arrays, JSON, custom data types.

Oracle and DB2 added object-Relational extensions.

code snippet:-

```
postgresql custom data type
create type address as (
    city TEXT,
    country TEXT
)
```

```
creat Table Users(
    Id serial primary key,
    name TEXT,
    email TEXT,
    home-address address
)
```

```
Insert into Users( name, email, home-address)
values ('Debottam Kar', 'debottam@gmail.com',
        ROW('Kolkata', 'India'));
```

Advantages:-

- (i) supports richer data structures without aborting tables.
- (ii) Leverages existing RDBMS infrastructures (Postgres, Oracle)
- (iii) Ideal for applications needing both flexibility and performance.

Limitations:-

- (i) More complex schema design,
- (ii) can be harder to optimize.
- (iii) still often needs an ORM for integration with object oriented code.

Summary:-

Feature	Relational	Object-oriented	Object-Relational
Data Format	Table	objects	Table + object Types
Query Language	SQL	Proprietary	Extended SQL
Using in Modern Apps	widely used	Rare	Increasing in use.
Tooling & eco system	Mature	niche	Evolving.

Relevance to Developer Today:-

Most modern developers work with relational databases. However tools like Prisma, drizzle, Type-ORM, help bridge the gap between objects in code and tables in database acting as ORM. (Object-Relational Mappers).