



Chapter 6 – From *is-a* via *relationships* and *merging* to ER style mapping

Databases lectures

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An alternative way to map *is-a* relationships

- ◆ In the lecture, we learnt: *is-a* relationships can be derived by
 - null-value style: a big table with everything in it
 - OO style: one table per combination
 - ER style: one “boss” table and additionally one for each type
- ◆ You can also arrive at ER mapping via relationships and merging:

