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INFO 90002
Database Systems & Information Modelling

Week 01

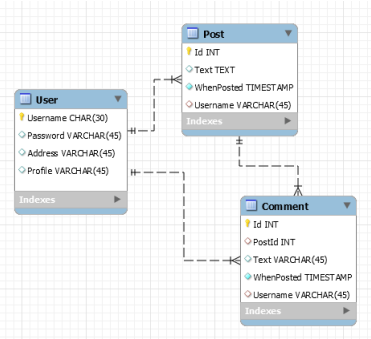
Designing a Database

Structure of this section

- **Designing Databases**
  - homework: noun-verb analysis
  - the database life-cycle
  - modelling a database for an example business
    - conceptual model
    - logical model
    - physical model

Database Development Lifecycle

Recap week 1: Database lifecycle



- Design the database
  - data modelling, E-R diagrams
- Implement the database
  - data definition language (DDL)
    - Create
    - Drop
    - Alter
    - Rename
- Data access / programming
  - data manipulation language (DML)
    - Select
    - Insert
    - Update
    - Delete
- Database administration
  - data control language (DCL)
    - Grant
    - Revoke

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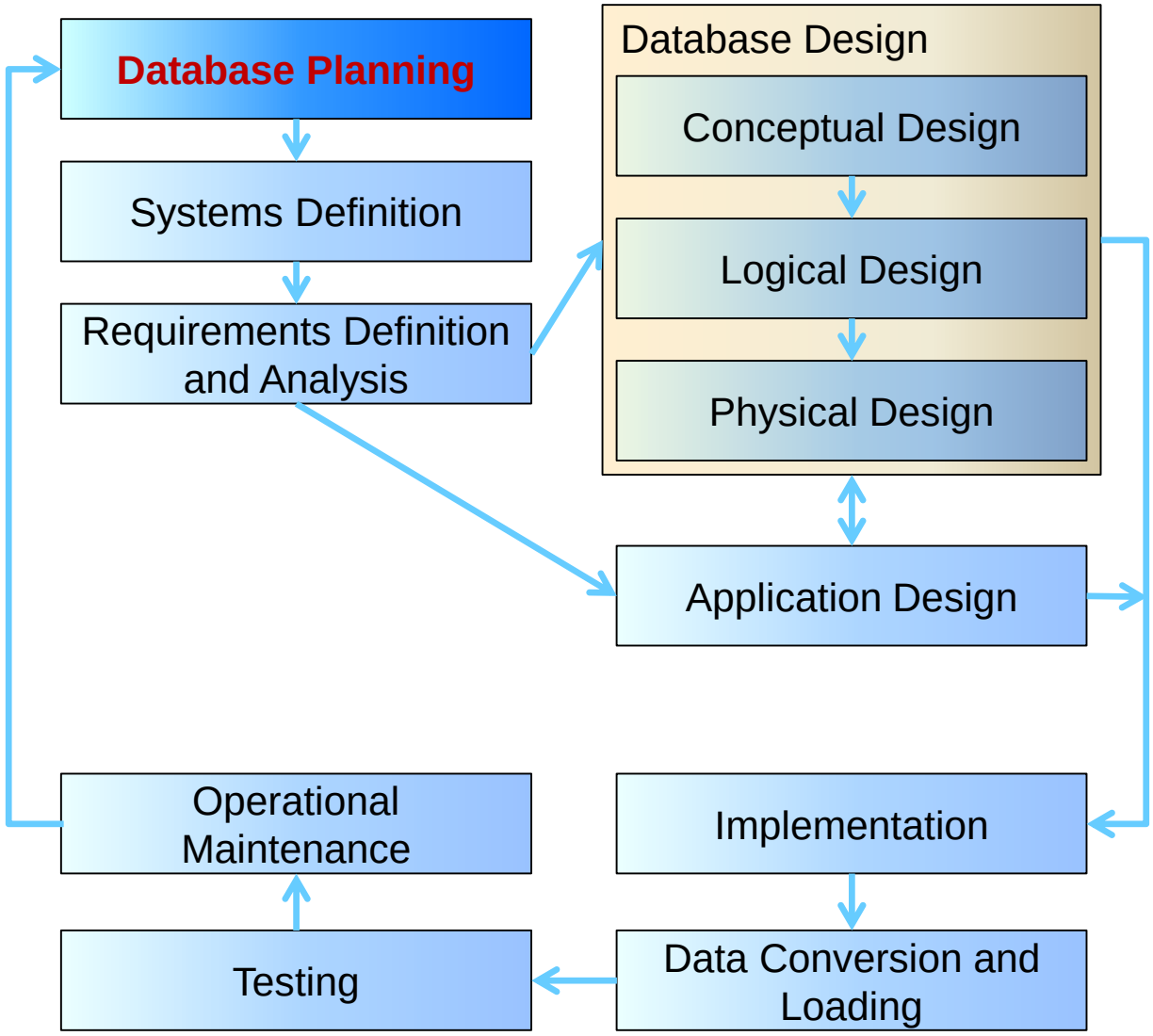

- Planning how to do the project.
  - How does the enterprise work
  - Enterprise data model
- How can the stages be completed efficiently and effectively.

- Outside scope of the course

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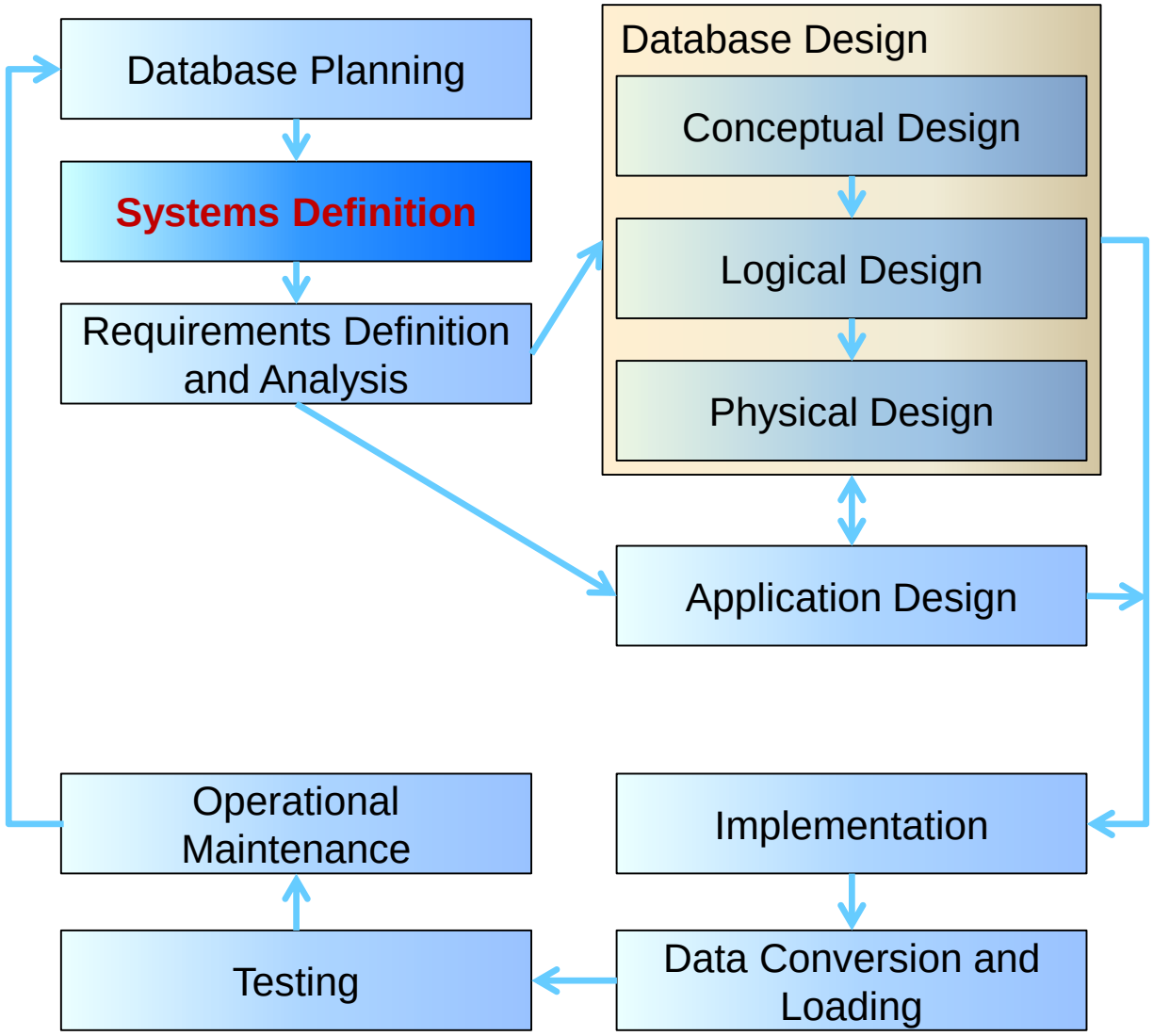

- Specifying scope and boundaries
  - Users
  - Major user views
  - Application areas
- How does it interact with other systems
- User views – how the system operates from differing perspectives

- Outside scope of the course (slightly)

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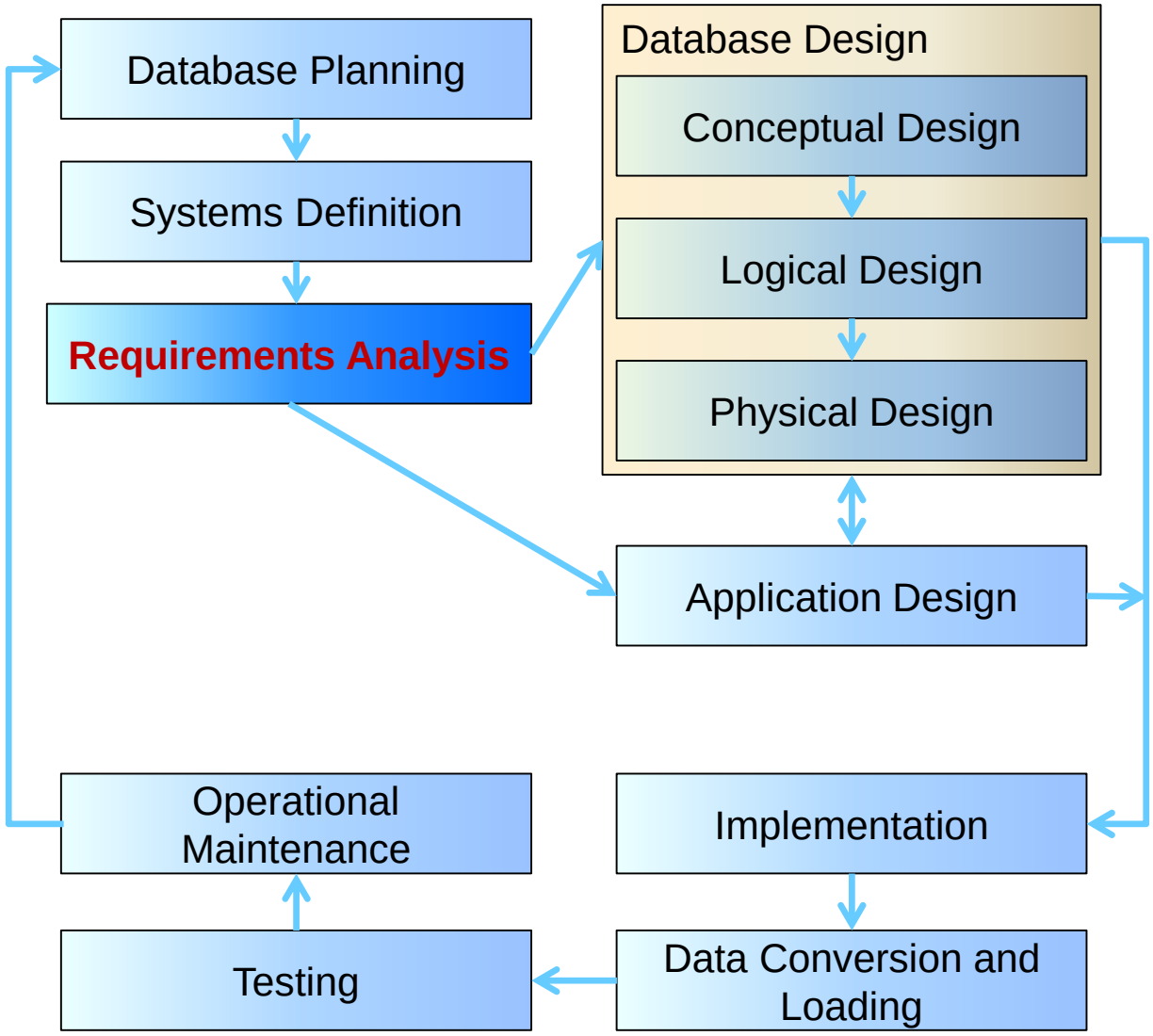

- Collection and analysis of requirements for the new system

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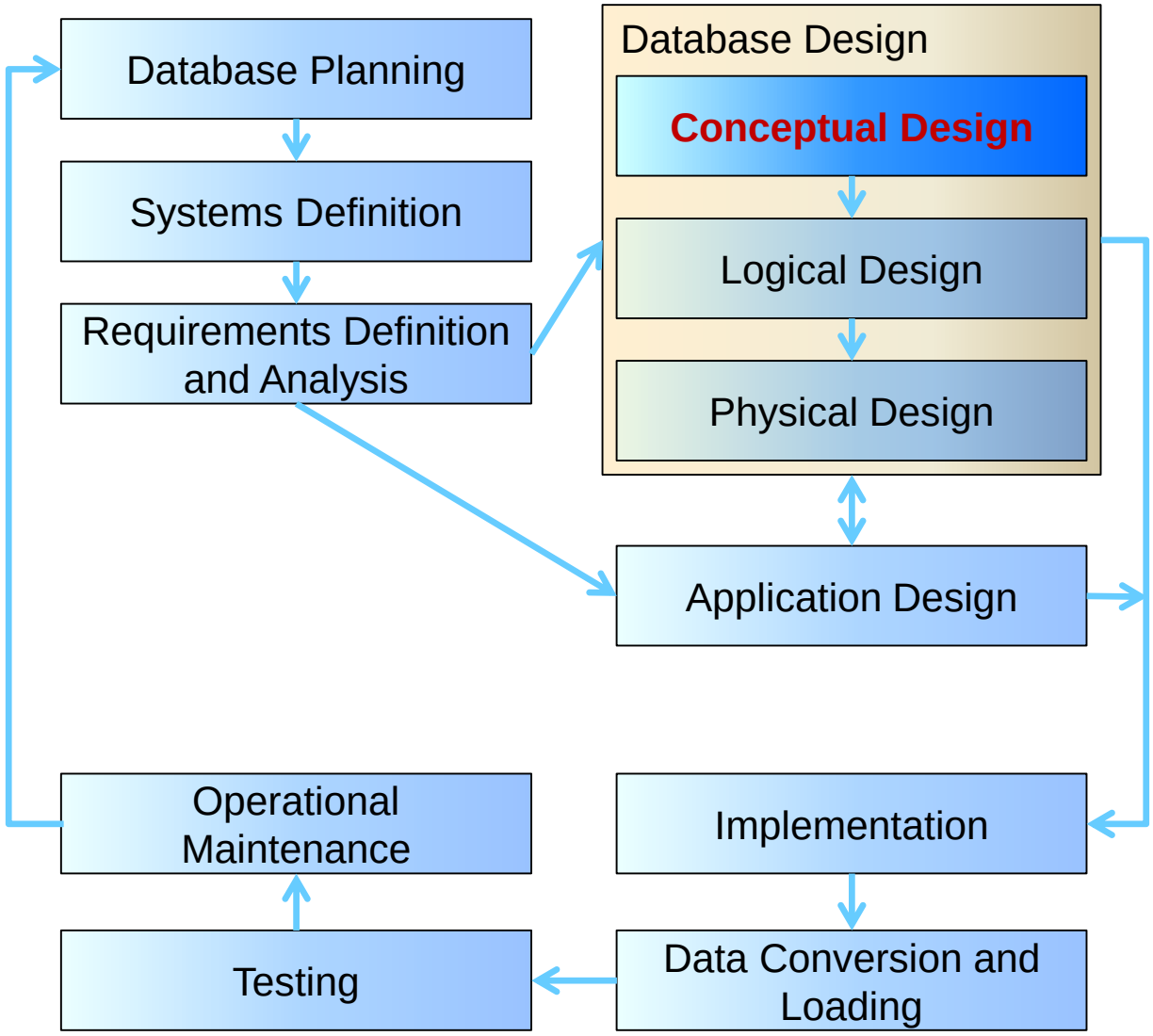

- High-level, first-pass model of entities and their connections
- Typically omits attributes
- Could potentially be implemented in a non-relational database
- Thus can include many-to-many relationships, repeating groups, composite attributes

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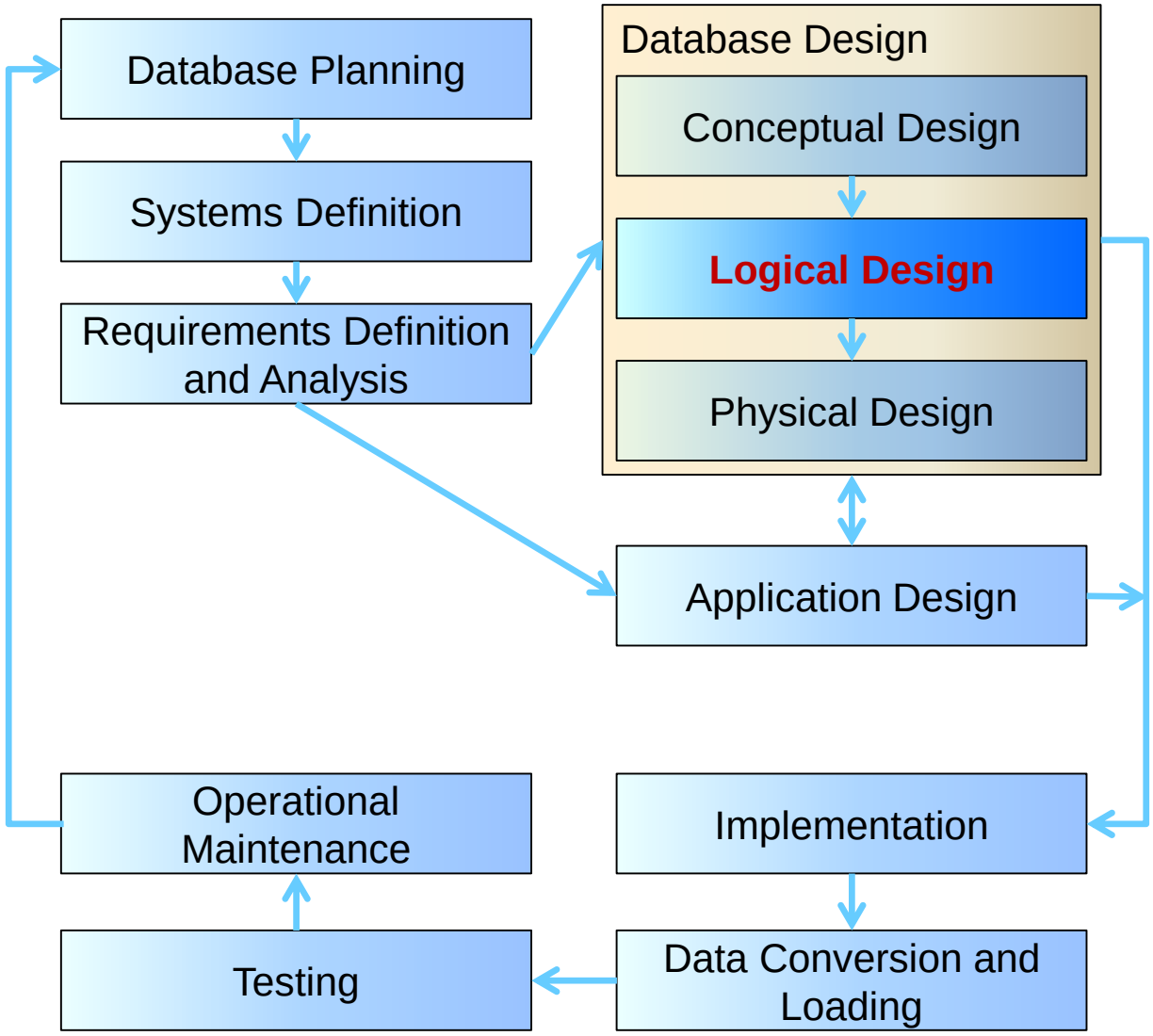

- Builds on the conceptual design
- Designing now for a relational database
- Includes columns and keys
- Independent of a specific vendor and other physical considerations

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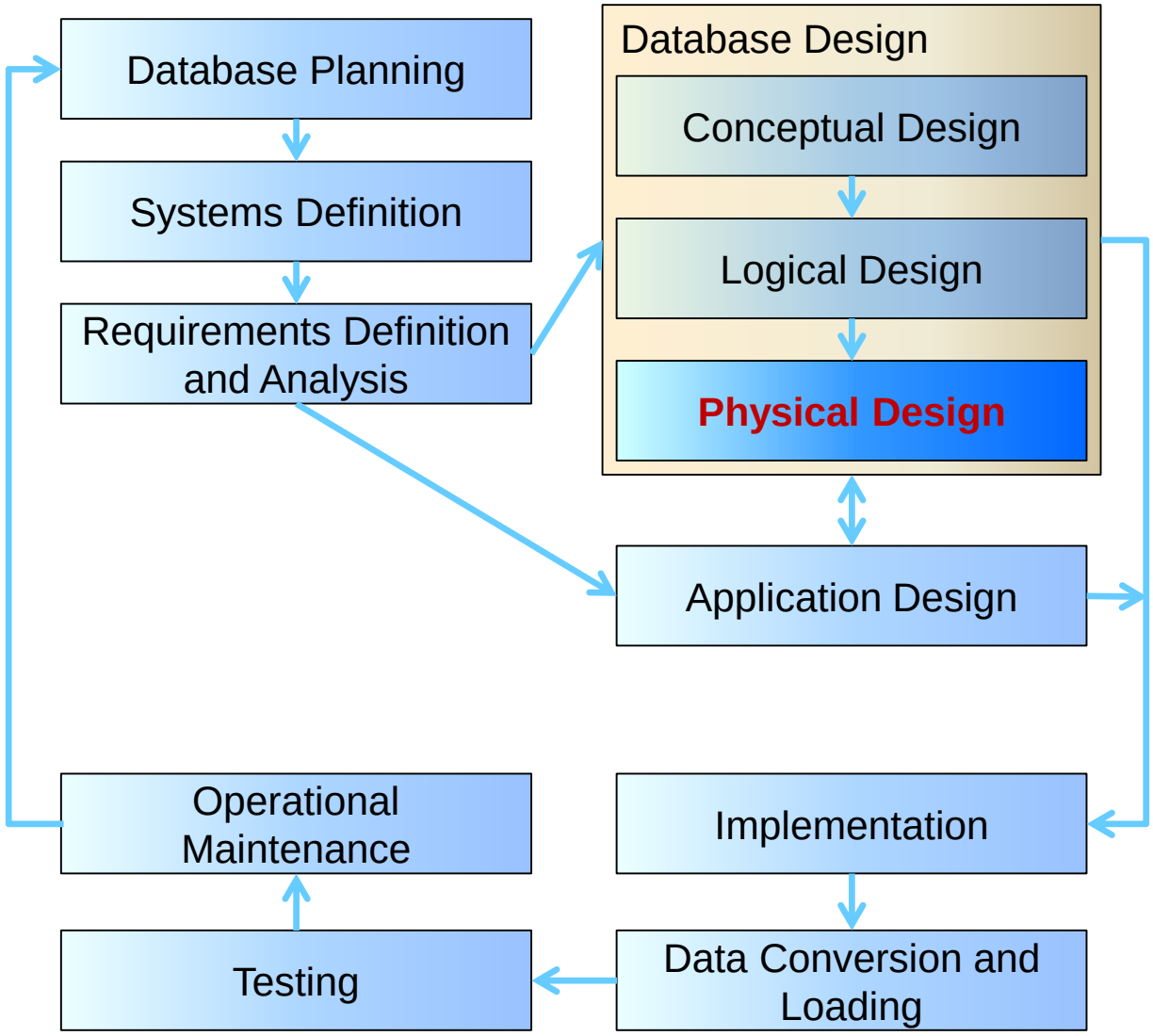

- Implements the logical design for a specific DBMS.
- Describes:
  - Base tables
  - Data types
  - Indexes
  - Integrity constraints
  - File organisation
  - Security measures
- We will cover some aspects of physical design

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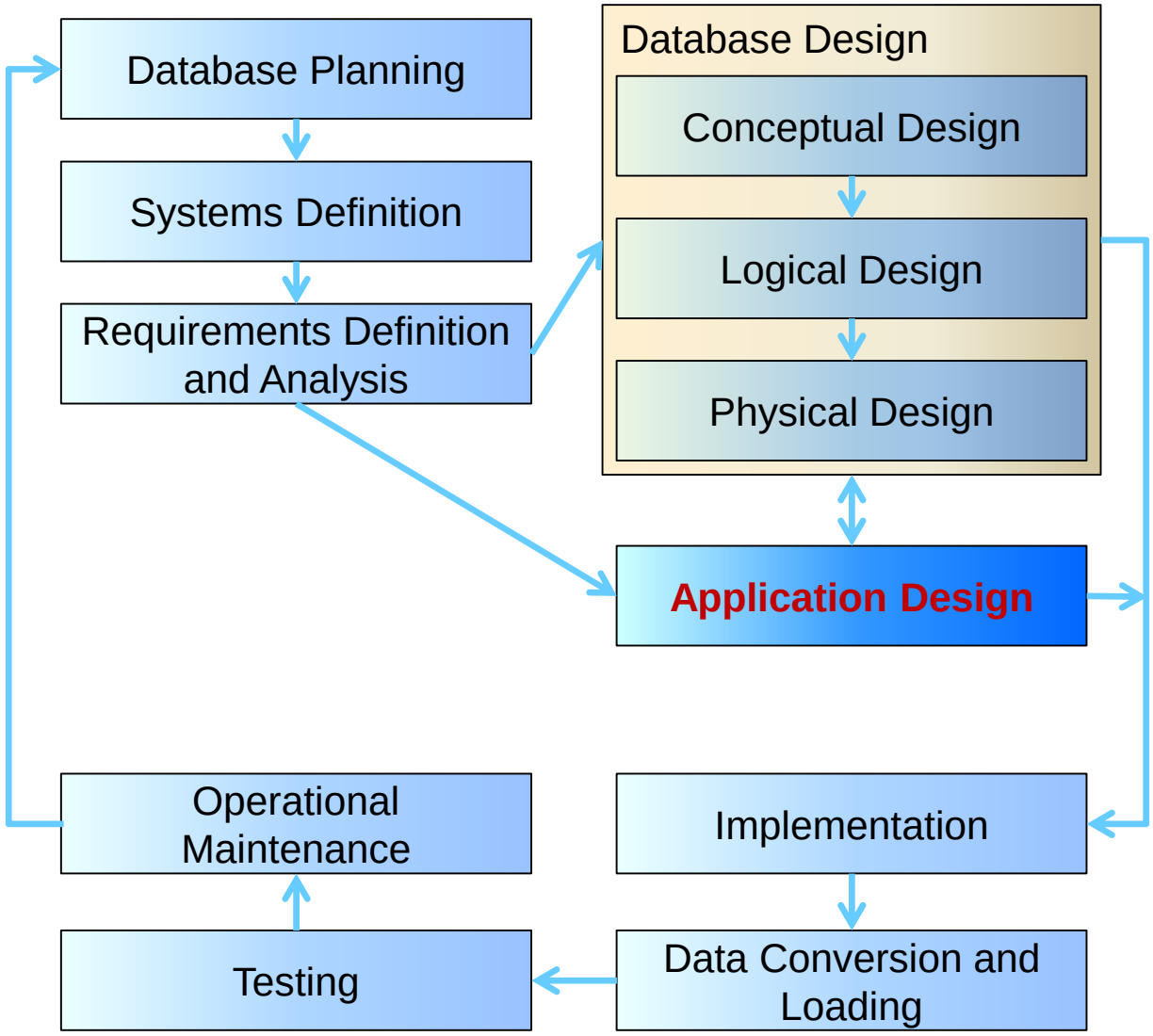

- Done in conjunction with database design
- Design of the interface and application programs that use and process the database

- Mostly outside scope of the course, but discussed in week 7

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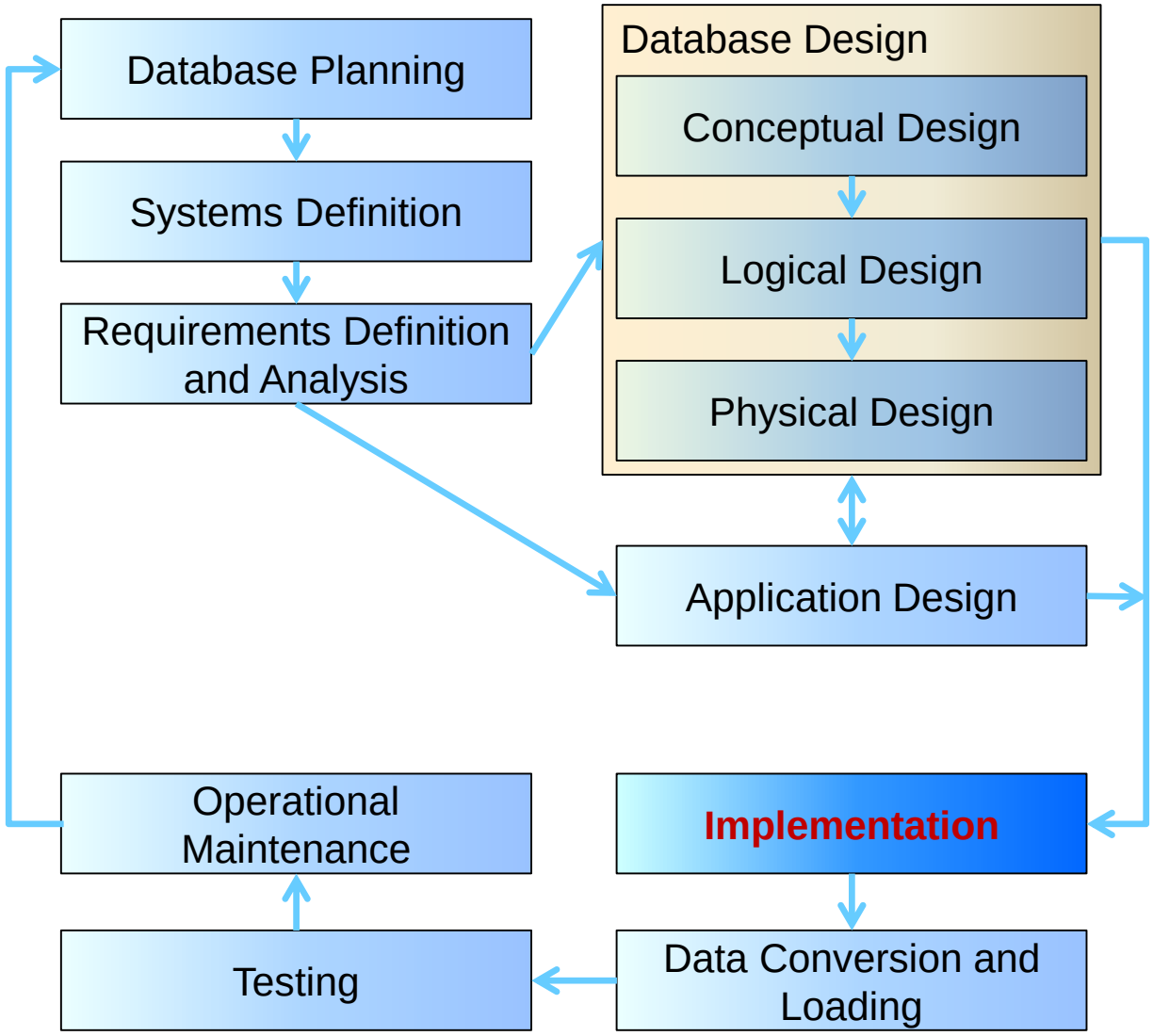

- Implementation of the design as a working database

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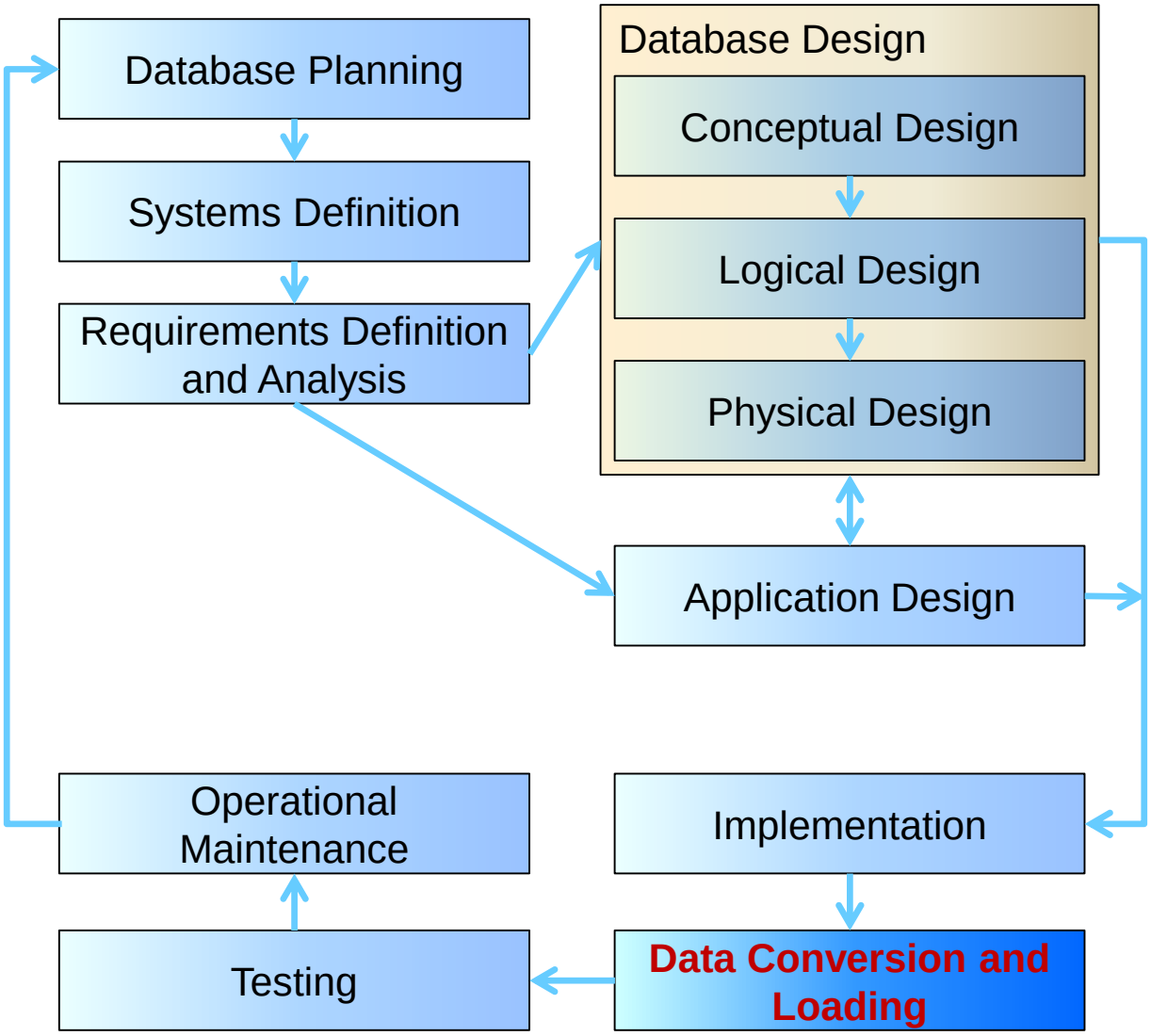

- Transfer existing data into the database
- Conversion from old systems
- Non trivial task

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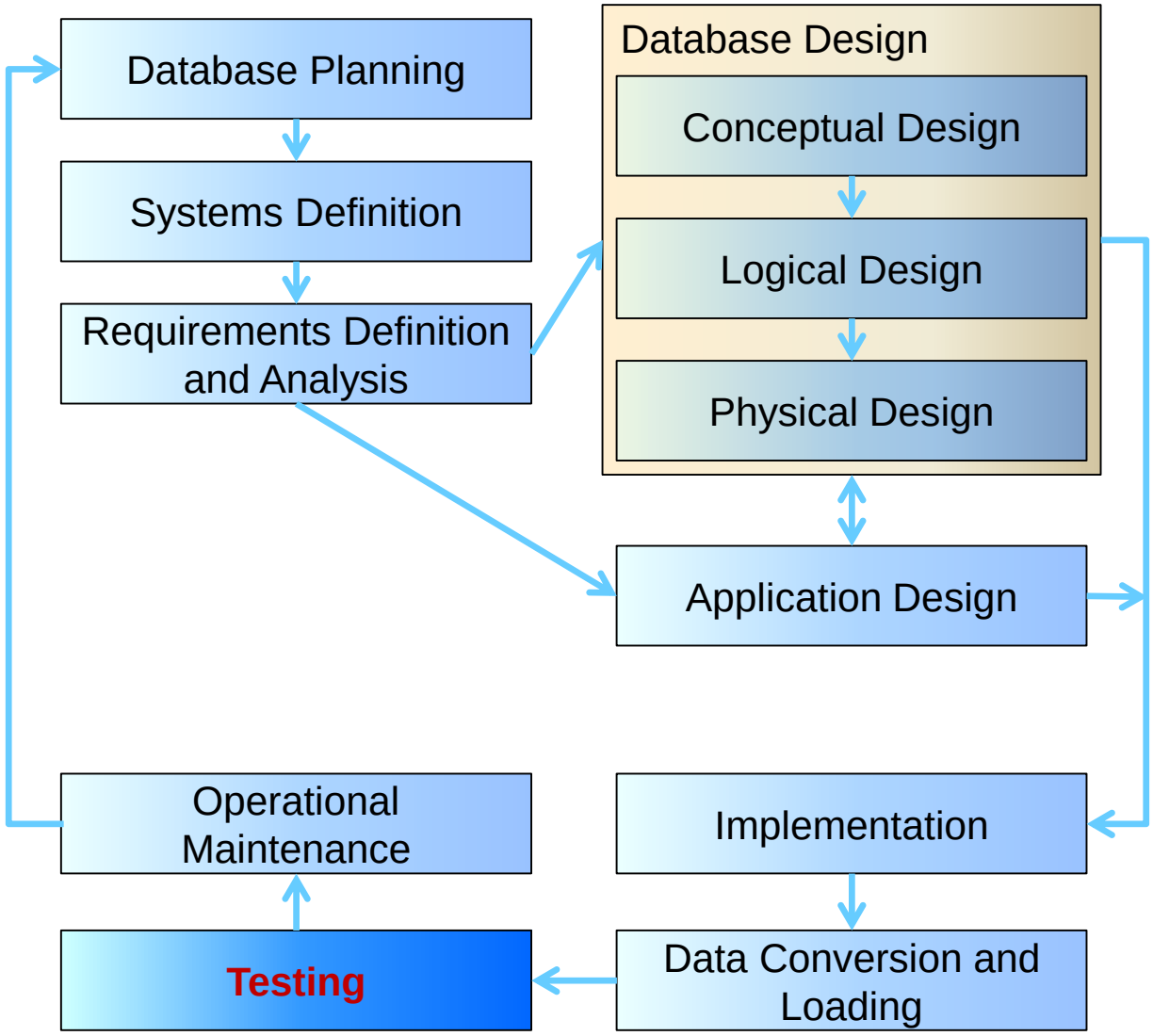

- Running the database to find errors in the design / setup
- Other issues also
  - Performance
  - Robustness
  - Recoverability
  - Adaptability
- Mostly outside scope of the course

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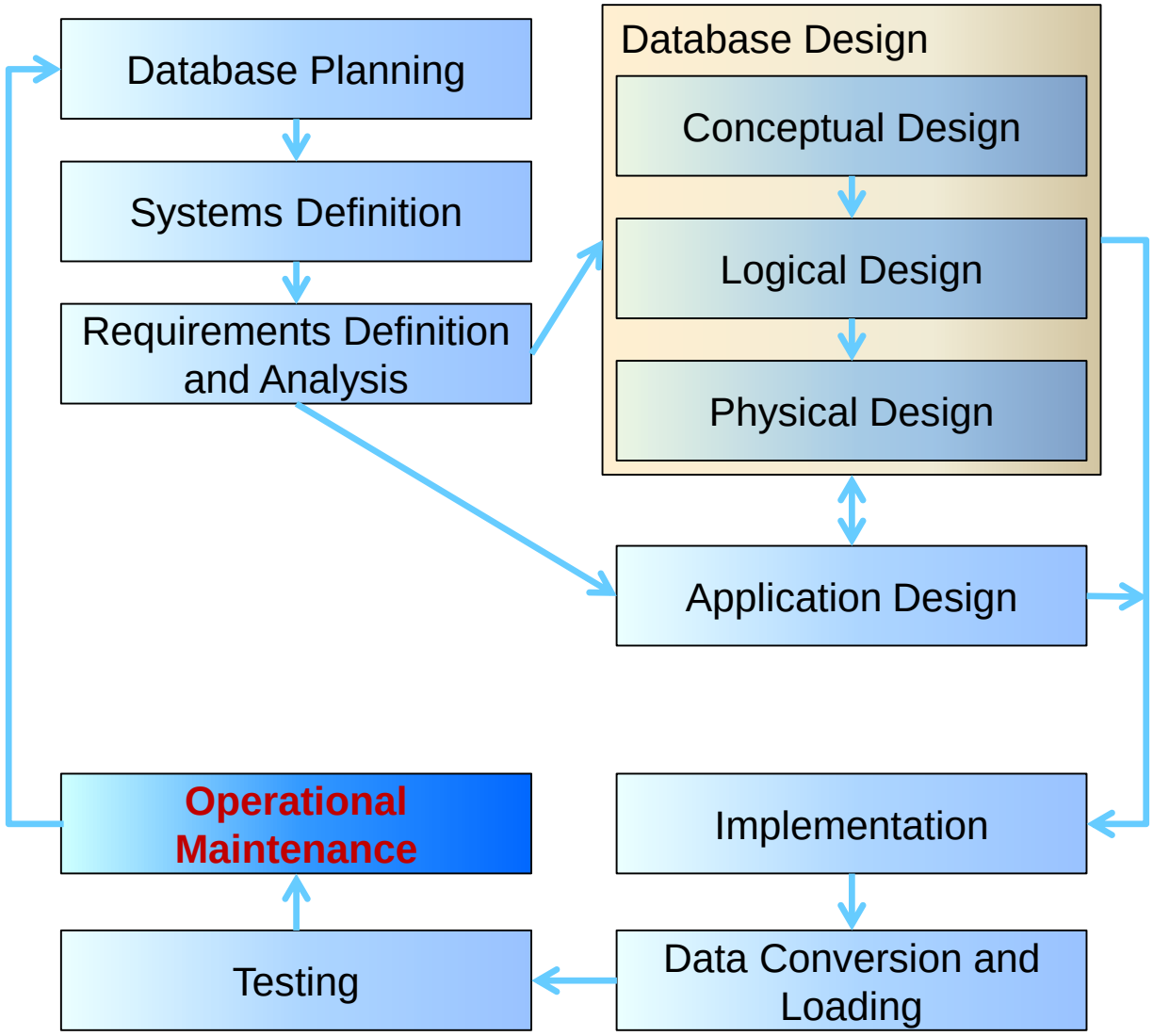
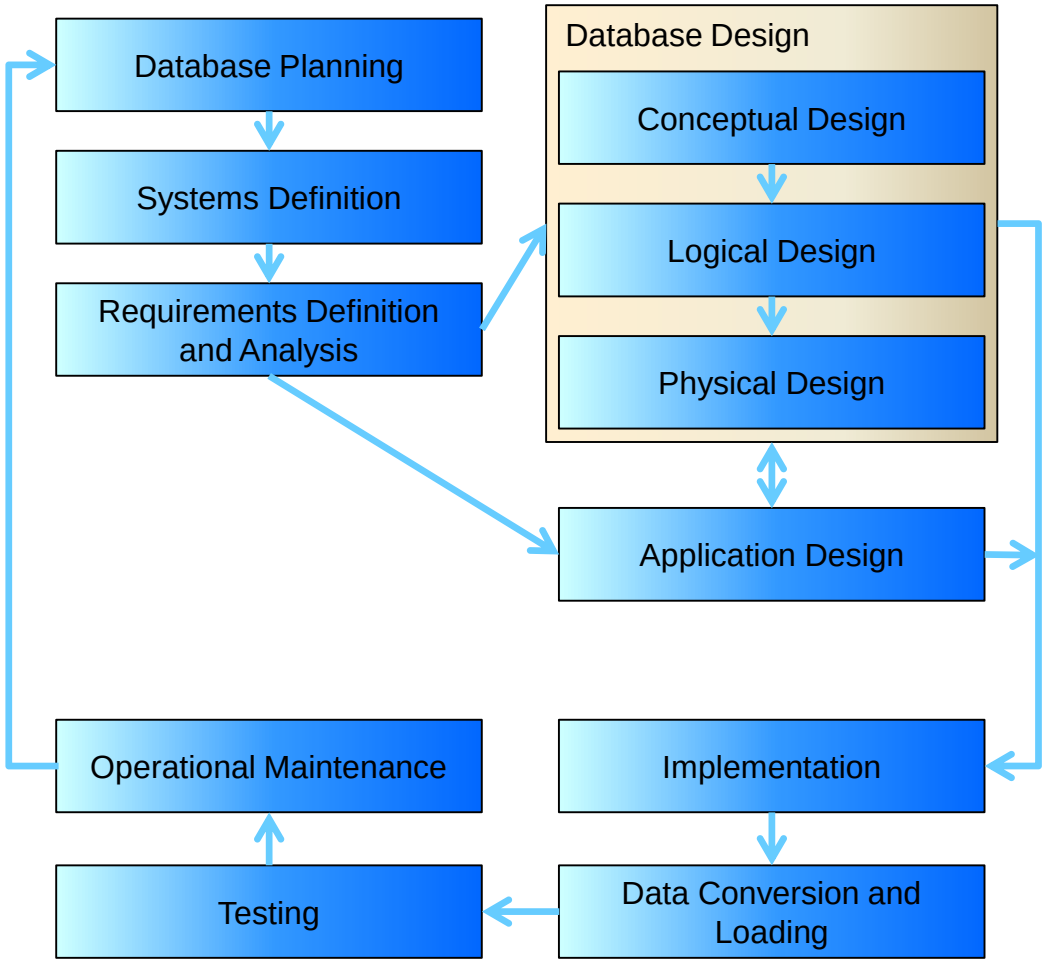


- The process of monitoring and maintaining the database following its commissioning
- Monitoring and improving performance
- Handling changes to requirements

- We will touch on some of these topics later in the semester, especially in week 9

Summary of database lifecycle



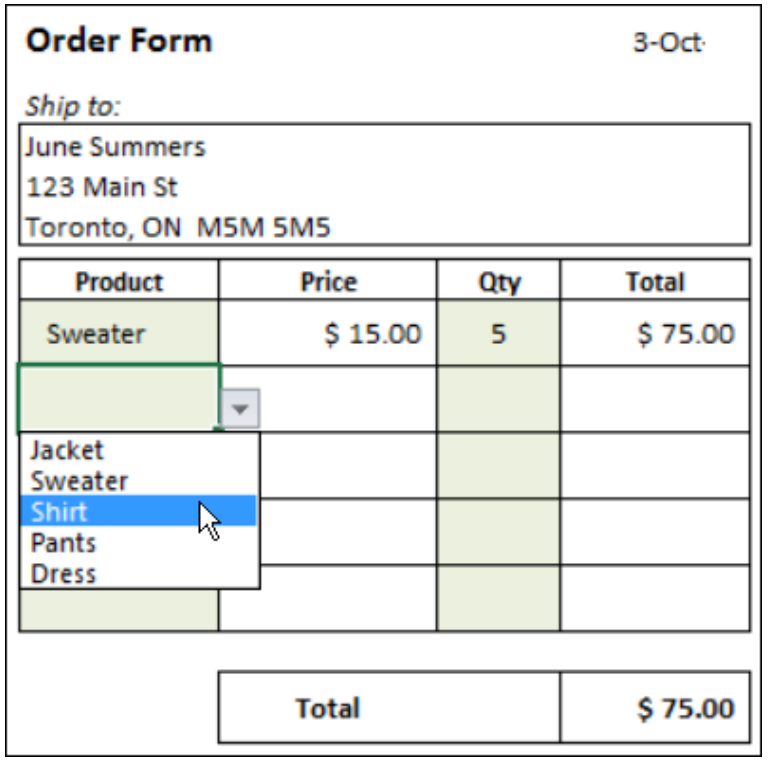
Now we'll work through one example …

Case Study: design the db

Data Modelling

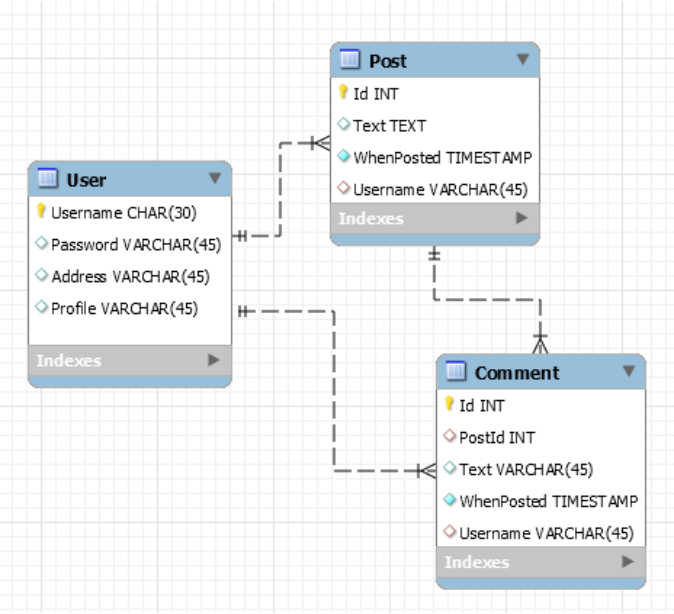
Case for this lecture: Orders system

- Our company sells many products. About each product we record its id, name, and price.
- We have many customers. About each customer we record their customer id, name, and address.
- Customers place orders for products. Each order is placed by one customer on a particular date. Over time a customer may place several orders, though some may register but not place any orders.
- Each order must contain at least one order-item, but may contain several. Each order-item records a quantity ordered of one product.



Recall from week 1: Data Modelling

1. What are the entities that need to be tracked?
2. What information will be recorded about each entity?
3. What are the relationships between entities?
4. What are the cardinalities of relationships?



Conceptual Data Model

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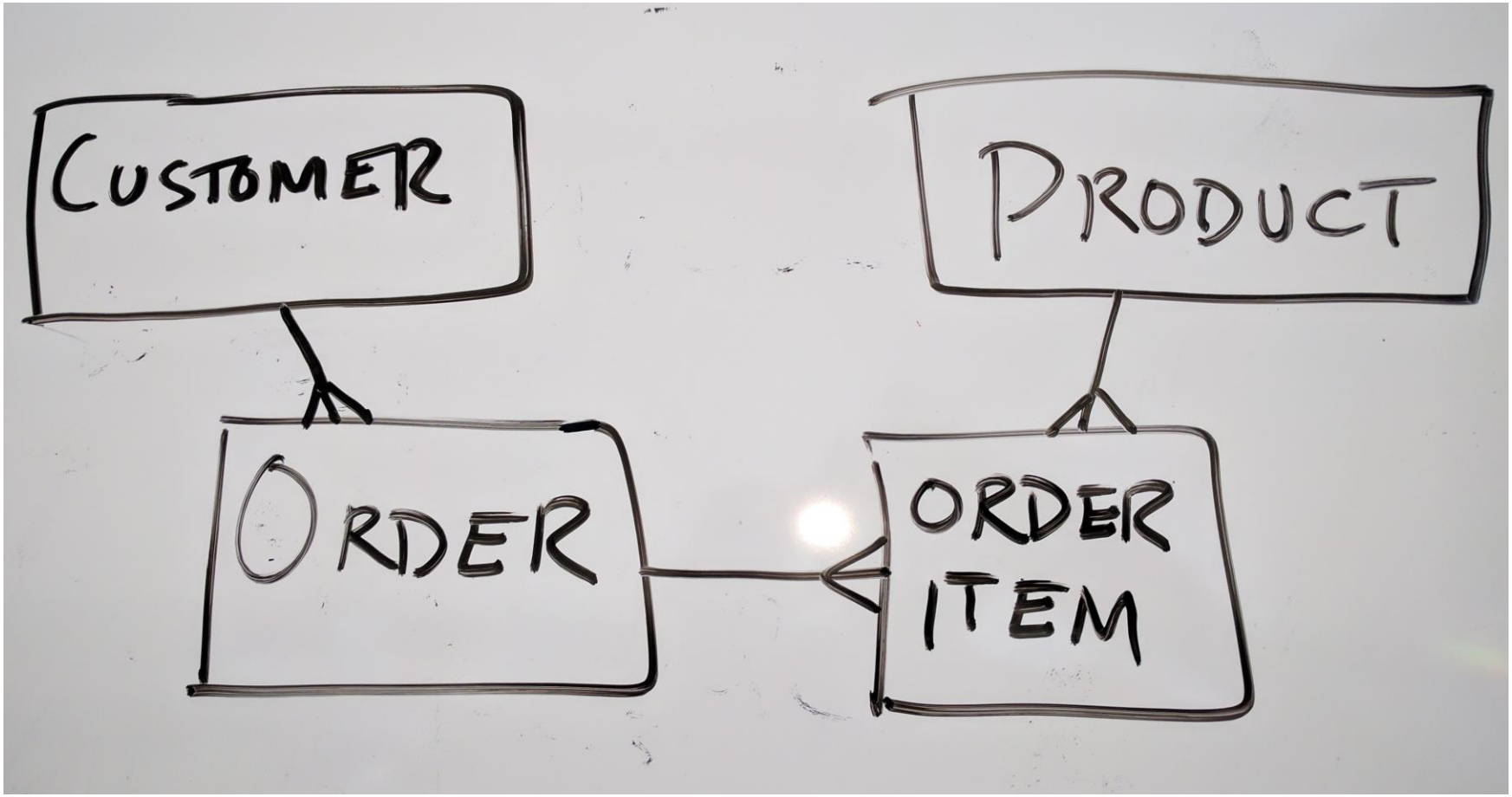

Logical Data Model

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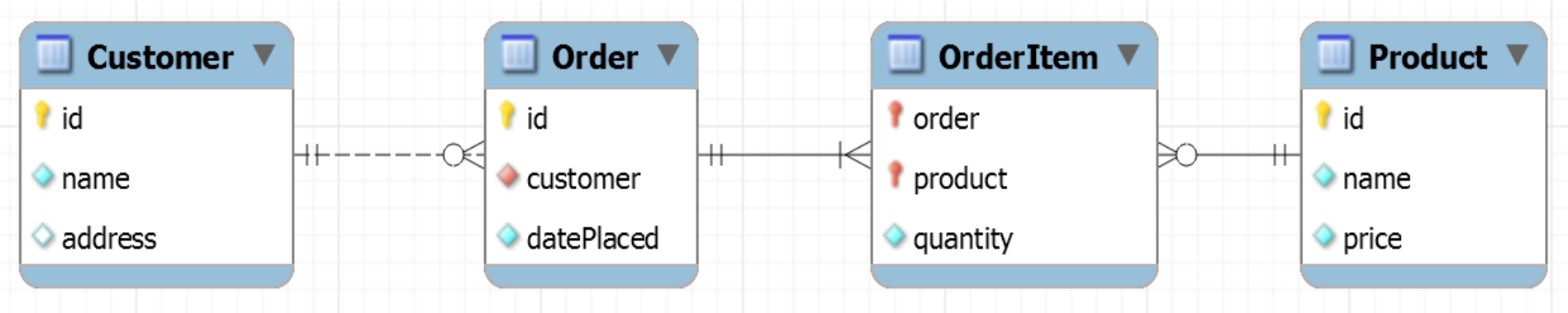
New question:
What is the *primary key* of each table?



Physical Model

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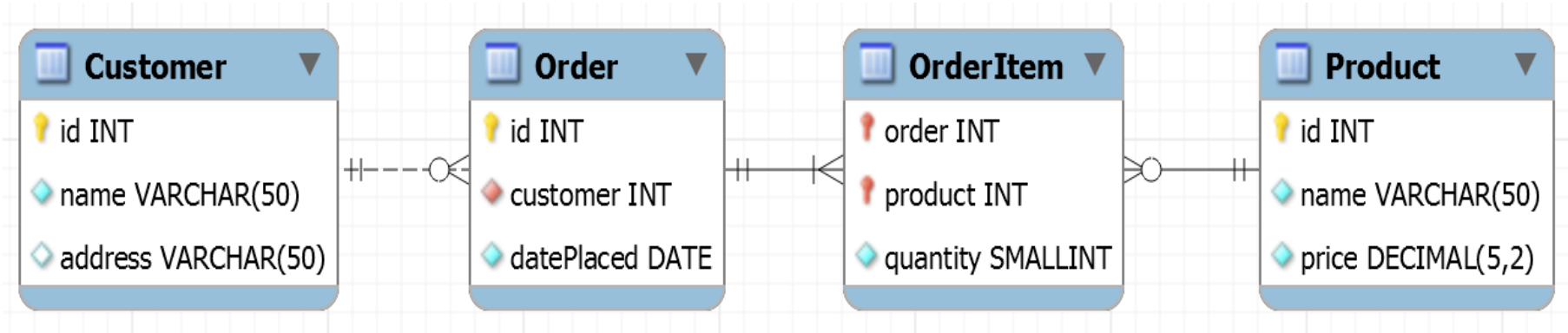
New question:
What is the *data type* of each column?



Next 3 weeks

- More detailed understanding of database design
  - Conceptual design
  - Logical design
  - Physical design
- More detailed understanding of SQL
  - Operations on a single table
  - Joining multiple tables