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ER Model

Entity-Relationship Model is a high level data model based on a real world that consists of a collection of basic objects, called entities and of relationships among these objects.

Graphical representation of ER model is called an ER Diagram.

→ Entity :- A thing or object in the real world that

is distinguishable from all other objects.

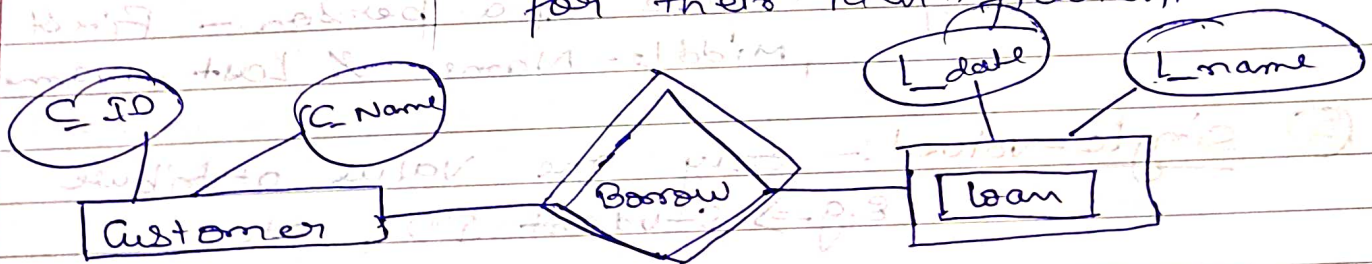
Each student in a college is an entity.

It has physical existence.

Each can be uniquely identified (by a primary key).

Strong Entity :- Can be uniquely identified.

Weak Entity :- Can't be uniquely identified, depends on strong entity for their identification.



As Customer has C_ID as primary Key but a loan hasn't so we need Customer to uniquely identify the loan.

→ Entity Set
• It is a set of entities of the same type that share the same properties.
E.g. ⇒ Student is an entity set.

→ Attributes
• Attributes are the features of an entity set.
• E.g. ⇒ Student entity set has following attributes:-
① Student-ID
② Name
③ Course ... etc.

→ Types of attributes

① Single :- Attribute which cannot be further divide.
E.g. ⇒ Student's Roll number, etc.

② Composite :- Can be divide into subparts.
E.g. ⇒ Name of a person - First Name, Middle-Name, & Last-Name etc.

③ Single-valued :- Only one value attribute
E.g. ⇒ Student ID, etc.

④ Multi-valued :- More than one value.
E.g. ⇒ phone-numbers (Can have 2 numbers to a person)

⑤ Derived :- Value derived from the value of other related attributes.
E.g. ⇒ Age, membership-period etc.

⑥ Null Value:- When attribute have no value, it shows value doesn't exist.

→ Relationships

- Association among two or more entities.
E.g. \Rightarrow Person has vehicle, Parent has child.

① Strong relationships:- Between 2 independent entities.

② Weak relationships:- Between weak and its owner/strong entity set.

→ Degree of Relationship:-

① Unary:- Only one ~~relationship~~^{entity} participate.
E.g. \Rightarrow Employee manages employee.

② Binary:- two entities participate.
E.g. \Rightarrow Student take course.

③ Ternary:- among three entities.
E.g. \Rightarrow Employee works-on branch,
Employee works-on job.

→ Relationship constraints:-

- Number of entities to which another entity can be associated via a relationship.

① One to one:- Entity in A is associated with ~~one~~ at most one entity in B; where A & B are entity set.

- ② one to many :- Entity A associated with "N" entity with B.
- ③ Many to one :- Entity A associated with at most 1 entity in B, while ~~ent~~ B can have ~~N~~ association of N entities in A.
- ④ Many to many :- Both A and B entity have N association in between.

E.g. :- ① One to one.
citizen has Aadhar card
(only one card issued to a person).

② One to many.
citizen has vehicle
(a citizen can have many vehicles, but a vehicle has only one owner).

③ Many to one.
courses taken by Professor.
(a course can have many professors).
(a professor can take many courses).

④ Many to many.

Student attend course

(a student can take many courses.

A course can have many students.)

→ Participation Constraints

Minimum cardinality constraint.

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① Partial :- not all entities are involved in the relationship instance.

② Total :- each entity involved in at least one relationship instance.

E.g. ⇒ Customer borrow loan

(a loan cannot exist without customer entity).

- Weak entity have total participation, but strong may not have total.

→ ER Notation:-

Entity

Attribute

Relationship

Weak entity

Multi-valued attribute

Derived attribute

Weak Relationship

Total participation