## Exercise 1

a)

- Initial phase characterize fully the data needs of the prospective database users.
- Second phase choosing a data model.
  - Applying the concepts of the chosen data model.
  - Translating these requirements into a conceptual schema of the database.
  - A fully developed conceptual schema indicates the functional requirements of the enterprise.
- Final Phase Moving from an abstract data model to the implementation of the database
  - Logical Design Deciding on the database schema.
    - Database design requires that we find a "good" collection of relation schemas.
    - Business decision What attributes should we record in the database?
    - Computer Science decision What relation schemas should we have and how should the attributes be distributed among the various relation schemas?
  - Physical Design Deciding on the physical layout of the database.

b)

An entity—relationship model (or ER model) describes interrelated things of interest in a specific domain of knowledge. A basic ER model is composed of entity types (which classify the things of interest) and specifies relationships that can exist between entities (instances of those entity types).



