- most important:
 - avoid redundancy
 - avoid complexity
 - keep it simple

Meta-Level:

Which notations to use (Chen, Modified Chen, (min,max)-notation)?

Entities

- What are the entity types (entity vs relationship vs attribute)?
- What are the attributes of each entity type?
- What are key attributes (one or many)?
- What are weak entities (with partial keys)?

Relationships

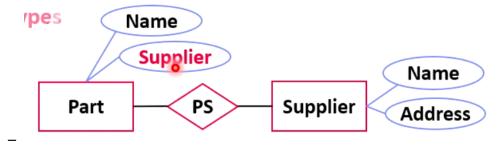
- What are the relationship types between entities (binary, n-ary)?
- What are the attributes of each relationship type?
- What are the cardinalities?

Attributes

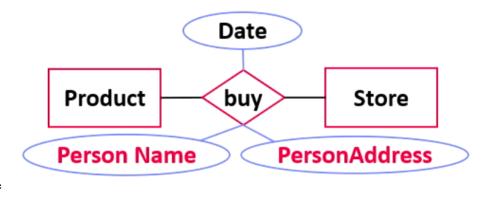
What are composite, multi-valued, or derived attributes?

Poor Design Choices

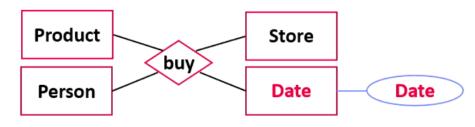
- overuse of [[Weak Entity]]
- redundant attributes



- repeated information
 - might mean entity is missing
 - * e.g. person entity is missing



- unnecessary complexity
 - avoid single attribute entities



[[Database Design]] [[ER Diagram]]