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Banking Management System Logical ERD

This documentation explains the steps taken to convert the conceptual Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD) into a logical ERD, with additional clarifications and enhancements for better understanding.

Steps Taken in Conversion

1. Entity to Table Conversion

- Each entity in the conceptual ERD was converted into a table.
- Attributes of entities were used as columns in their respective tables.

2. Primary and Foreign Keys

- Primary keys (PK) were defined for all tables to uniquely identify each record.
- Foreign keys (FK) were added to establish relationships between tables. For example:
 - `branch_id` is a foreign key in the `Customer` table.
 - `customer_id` is a foreign key in the `Account` table.

3. Composite Attributes Simplified

- Composite attributes were broken down into simple attributes.
 - Example: The `address` attribute in the `Customer` entity was split into `address_line_1`, `address_line_2` and `pincode`.

4. Weak Entities Conversion

- Weak entities were converted into independent tables by combining their partial identifier with the primary key of their associated strong entity as a composite primary key.
 - Example: The `Transaction` weak entity was turned into a table with `transaction_id` (partial identifier) and `strong_entity_id` (foreign key) as its composite primary key.

5. Relationships Representation

- **One-to-Many Relationships:** The primary key of the "one" side was added as a foreign key on the "many" side.

- Example: The relationship between **Branch** and **Customer** is represented by adding **branch_id** as a foreign key in the **Customer** table.
- **Many-to-Many Relationships:** A separate associative table was created, with its primary key being a composite of foreign keys from both participating entities.
 - Example: The many-to-many relationship between **Customer** and **Financial_Instrument** resulted in the creation of the **Customer_Financial_Instrument** table.
- **Unary Relationships:** For recursive relationships, foreign keys were added within the same table.
 - Example: In the **Employee** table, **manager_id** serves as a recursive foreign key to represent managerial hierarchy.

6. Enhanced EER Representation

- Subtypes and supertypes were handled using separate tables, with subtype discriminators added to the supertype table.
 - Example: The **Insurance** table serves as a supertype for subtypes like **Health Insurance**, **Property Insurance**, and **Vehicle Insurance**. A discriminator column (**insurance_type**) identifies the specific subtype.
 - The **Loan** table serves as a supertype for subtypes like **Vehicle_loan**, **Student_loan**, **mortgage_loan** and **business_loan**.
 - The **Financial Instrument** table serves as a supertype for subtypes like **Loan**, **Insurance**, **Credit Card** and **Account**.

7. Normalization to 3NF

- All tables were normalized to Third Normal Form (3NF) by ensuring:
 - No composite or multi-valued attributes exist.
 - No partial or transitive dependencies.

Key Design Features

• Associative Entities:

Associative entities like **Customer_Financial_Instrument** were introduced to handle complex relationships while maintaining normalization standards.

• Subtype Discriminators:

Discriminators like **loan_type**, **insurance_type** and **instrument_type** were added to supertype tables (**Loan**, **Insurance**, **Financial_instrument**) to differentiate between subtypes.

- **Recursive Relationships:**

Recursive relationships, such as employees managing other employees, are captured using self-referencing foreign keys (`manager_id`) in the same table.

Additional Enhancements

1. **Transaction Table Details:**

The `Transaction` table includes:

- Attributes like `transaction_type`, `amount`, and timestamps (`date_time`) for better tracking.
- Associations with both accounts and strong entities for comprehensive linkage.

2. **Loan Subtypes:**

Loans are categorized into subtypes (`Vehicle Loan`, `Student Loan`, etc.), each with unique attributes:

- Vehicle loans include details like vehicle type, make, model, year, and VIN.
- Student loans include school name, tuition amount, graduation date, and cosigner details.

3. **Online Banking Integration:**

The inclusion of an `Online Banking` table captures digital banking features such as:

- Login credentials (`username`, hashed password).
- Two-factor authentication status for enhanced security.

4. **Branch Management:**

Each branch maintains its own employees (`Employee`) and customers (`Customer`). This hierarchical structure is reflected through relationships between the tables.

5. **Financial Instruments Details:**

Financial Instruments are linked to customers via an associative entity (`Customer_Financial_Instruments`) and further detailed in subtypes like loan, account, credit cards and insurance.

