What is E-R diagram?

- E-R Diagram: (Entity-Relationship Diagram)
- It is Graphical Representation of Database.
- It uses different types of Symbols to represent different Objects of database.

<u>Entity</u>

- An Entity is a Person, a Place or an Object.
- An Entity is represented by a Rectangle which contains the name of an entity.
- Example: Entities of a college database are:
 - Student
 - Professor/Faculty
 - Course
 - Department
 - Result
 - Class
 - Subject

Entity Name

Symbol

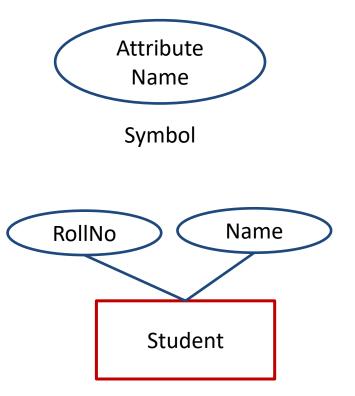
Student

Entity Set

- It is a Set (Group) of Entities of same type.
- Examples:
 - All persons having an account in a bank
 - All the students studying in a college
 - All the professors working in a college
 - Set of all accounts in a bank

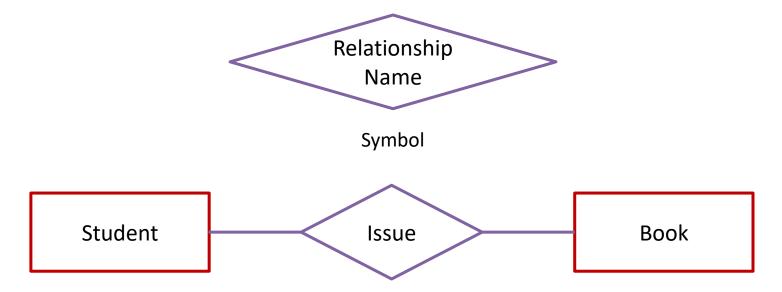
<u>Attributes</u>

- Attribute is Properties or Details about an Entity.
- An attribute is represented by an oval containing name of an attribute.
- Attributes of Student are:
 - Roll No
 - Student Name
 - Branch
 - Semester
 - Address
 - Mobile No
 - Age
 - SPI
 - Backlogs

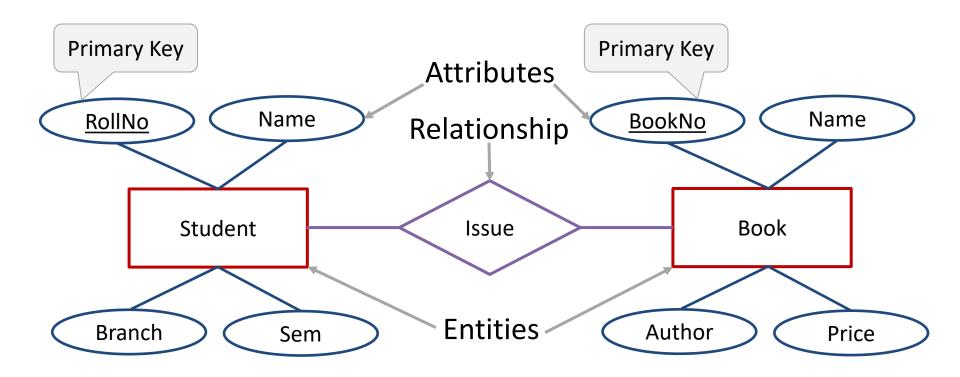


<u>Relationship</u>

- Relationship is an Association (Connection) between several entities.
- It should be placed between two entities and a line connecting it to an entity.
- A relationship is represented by a Diamond containing relationship's name.



E-R Diagram of a Library Management System



Types of Attribute

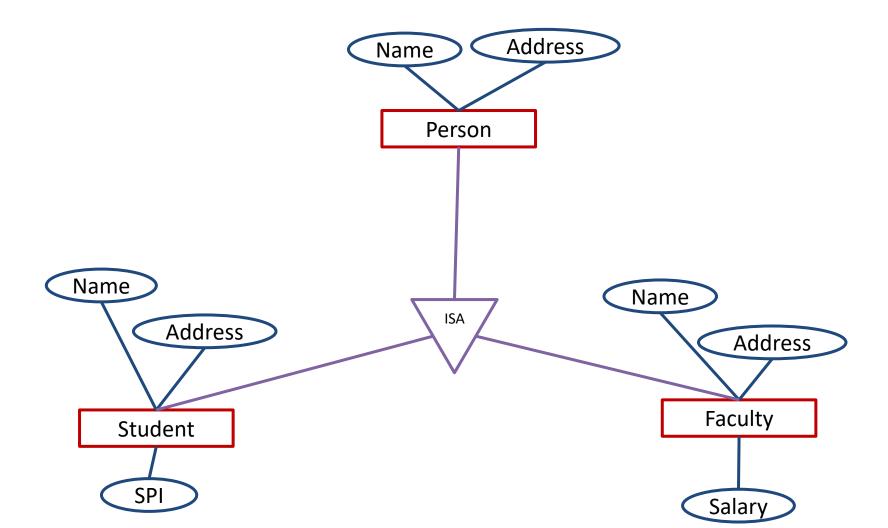
Simple Attribute	Composite Attribute
Cannot be divided into subparts	Can be divided into subparts
E.g. RollNo, CPI	E.g. Name (first name, middle name, last name) Address (street, road, city)
Symbol Roll No	Symbol Name First name Last name Middle name

Single-valued Attribute	Multi-valued Attribute
Has single value	Have multiple value
E.g. Rollno, CPI	E.g. Phoneno
	(person may have multiple phone nos)
	EmailID
	(person may have multiple emails)
Symbol Roll No	Symbol Phone No

Stored Attribute	Derived Attribute
It's value is stored manually in database	It's value is derived or calculated from other attributes.
E.g. Birthdate	E.g. Age (can be calculated using current date and birthdate)
Symbol Birthdate	Symbol

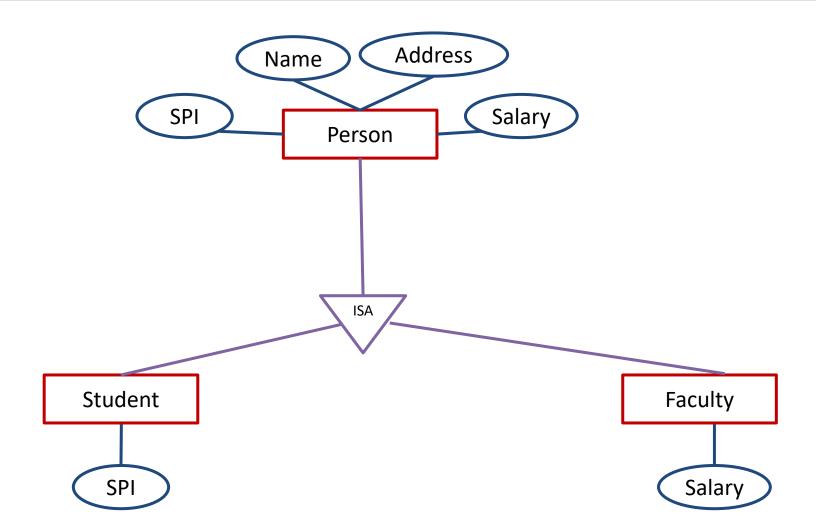
Generalization

- The process of creation of group from various entities is called Generalization.
- It extracts the common features of multiple entities to form a new entity.



Specialization

- The process of creation of sub-groups within an entity is called Specialization.
- It splits an entity to form multiple new entities that inherit some feature of the splitting entity.



E-R Diagram of Hospital Management System

