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## Chapter 13: **Designing Databases**

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Learning Objectives

- Describe the differences and similarities between relational and object-oriented database management systems
- Design a relational database schema based on an entity-relationship diagram
- Design an object database schema based on a class diagram

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### Learning Objectives (continued)

- ◆ Design a relational schema to implement a hybrid object-relational database
- Describe the different architectural models for distributed databases

Overview

- This chapter describes design of relational and OO data models
- ◆ Developers transform conceptual data models into detailed database models
  - Entity-relationship diagrams (ERDs) for traditional
  - Class diagrams for object-oriented (OO) analysis
- Detailed database models are implemented with database management system (DBMS)

# **Databases and Database** Management Systems

- ◆ Databases (DB) integrated collections of stored data that are centrally managed and controlled
- ◆ Database management system (DBMS) system software that manages and controls access to database
- ◆ Databases described by a schema: description of structure, content, and access controls

Components of a DB and DBMS FIGURE 13-1

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**DBMS** Important Capabilities

- Simultaneous access by multiple users and applications
- Access to data without application programs (via a query language)
- Managing organizational data with uniform access and content controls

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**Database Models** 

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- ◆ Impacted by technology changes since 1960s
- Model Types

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- Hierarchical
- Network
- Relational
- Object-oriented
- Most current systems use relational or objectoriented data models

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Relational Databases

 Relational database management system (RDBMS) organizes data into tables or relations

- ◆ Tables are two dimensional data structures
  - Tuples: rows or records
  - Fields: columns or attributes
- Tables have primary key field(s) which can be used to identify unique records
- ♦ Keys relate tables to each other

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Partial Display of Relational Database
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Designing Relational Databases

- Create table for each entity type
- Choose or invent primary key for each table
- Add foreign keys to represent one-to-many relationships
- Create new tables to represent many-to-many relationships

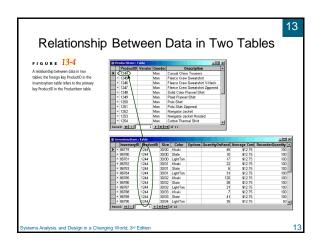
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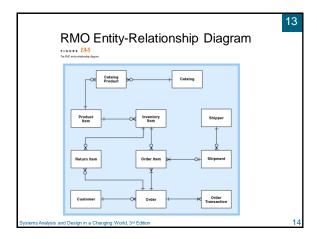
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Designing Relational Databases (continued)

- ◆ Define referential integrity constraints
- Evaluate schema quality and make necessary improvements
- Choose appropriate data types and value restrictions (if necessary) for each field

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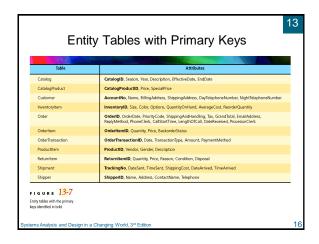


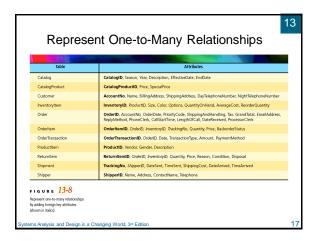
# Representing Relationships

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- Relational databases use foreign keys to represent relationships
- One-to-many relationship
  - Add primary key field of 'one' entity type as foreign key in table that represents 'many' entity type
- Many-to-many relationship
  - Use the primary key field(s) of both entity types
  - Use (or create) an associate entity table to represent relationship

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# Enforcing Referential Integrity Consistent relational database state Every foreign key also exists as a primary key value DBMS enforces referential integrity automatically once schema designer identifies primary and foreign keys

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### **DBMS** Referential Integrity Enforcement

- ◆ When rows containing foreign keys are created:
  - DBMS ensures that value also exists as a primary key in a related table
- When row is deleted:
  - DBMS ensures no foreign key in related tables have same value as primary key of deleted row
- When primary key value is changed:
  - DBMS ensures no foreign key values in related tables contain the same value

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## **Evaluating Schema Quality**

- High quality data model has:
  - Uniqueness of table rows and primary keys
  - Ease of implementing future data model changes (flexibility and maintainability)
  - Lack of redundant data (database normalization)
- Database design is not objective or quantitatively measured: it is experience and judgment based

### **Database Normalization**

- Normal forms minimize data redundancy
  - First normal form (1NF) no repeating fields or groups of fields
  - Functional dependency one-to-one relationship between the values of two fields
  - 2NF in 1NF and if each non-key element is functionally dependent on entire primary key
  - 3NF in 2NF and if no non-key element is functionally dependent on any other non-key element

Decomposition of 1NF Table into 2NF Tables



Conversion of 2NF Table into 3NF Tables







**Object-Oriented Databases** 

- Direct extension of OO design and programming paradigm
- ◆ ODBMS stores data as objects or classes
- Direct support for method storage, inheritance, nested objects, object linking, and programmerdefined data types
- ◆ Object definition language (ODL)
  - Standard language for describing structure and content of an object database

Designing Object Databases

- Determine which classes require persistent storage
- ◆ Define persistent classes
- Represent relationships among persistent classes
- Choose appropriate data types and value restrictions (if necessary) for each field

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Representing Classes

- ◆ Transient object
  - Exist only during lifetime of program or process
  - Examples: view layer window, pop-up menu
- ◆ Persistent object
  - Not destroyed when program or process ceases execution
  - Exist independently of program or process
  - Examples: customer information, employee information

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Representing Relationships

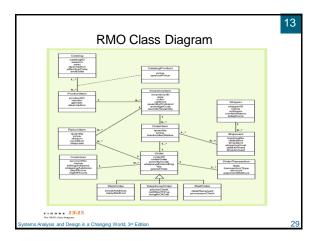
- ◆ Object identifiers
  - Used to identify objects uniquely
  - Physical storage address or reference
  - Relate objects of one class to another
- ODBMS uses attributes containing object identifiers to find objects that are related to other objects
- Keyword relationship can be used to declare relationships between classes

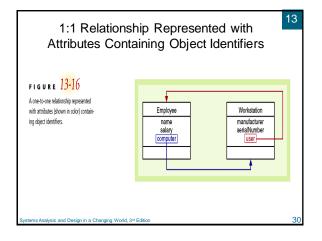
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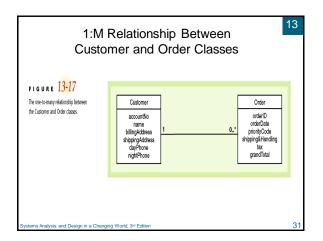
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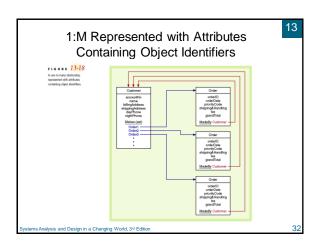
- Advantages include:
  - ODBMS assumes responsibility for determining connection among objects
  - ODBMS assumes responsibility for maintaining referential integrity
- ◆ Type of relationships
  - 1:1, 1:M, M:M
  - (one-to-one, one-to-many, many-to-many)
  - Association class used with M:M

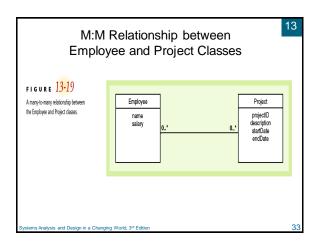
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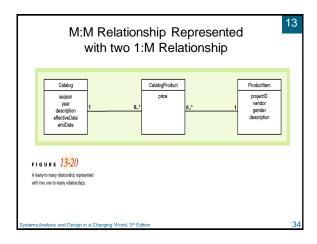


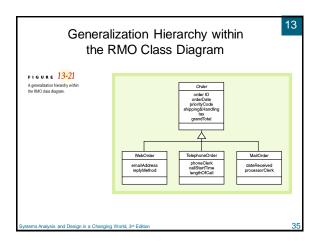












Hybrid Object-Relational
Database Design

RDBMS (hybrid DBMS) used to store object attributes and relationships

Design complete relational schema and simultaneously design equivalent set of classes

Mismatches between relational data and OO

Class methods cannot be directly stored or automatically executed

Relationships are restricted compared to ODBMS

ODBMS can represent wider range of data types

Classes and Attributes

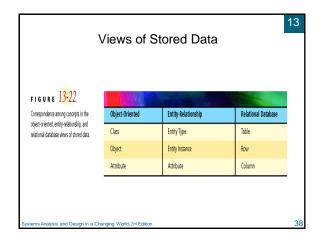
Designers store classes and object attributes in RDBMS by table definition

Relational schema can be designed based on class diagram

Table is created for each class
Fields of each table same as attributes of class

Row holds attribute values of single object

Key field is chosen for each table



Relationships

· Relationships are represented with foreign keys

- Foreign key values serve same purpose as object identifiers in ODBMS
- 1:M relationship: add primary key field of class on 'one' side of the relationship to table representing class on 'many' side
- M:M relationship: create new table that contains primary key fields of related class tables and attributes of the relationship itself

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**Data Access Classes** 

- OO design based on a three-layer architecture
- Data access classes are implementation bridge between data stored in program objects and data in relational database
- Methods add, update, find, and delete fields and rows in table or tables that represent the class
- Methods encapsulate logic needed to copy data values from problem domain class to database and vice versa

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Interaction Between Classes

| Production | Dealer updates | Dealer update

**Data Types** 

- Storage format and allowable content of program variable, object state variable, or database field or attribute
- Primitive data types: directly implemented
  - Memory address (pointer), Boolean, integer, etc.
- ◆ Complex data types: user-defined
  - Dates, times, audio streams, video images, URLs

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Relational DBMS Data Types

Designer must choose appropriate data type for each field in relational database schema

Choice for many fields is straightforward

Names and addresses use a set of fixed- or variable-length character arrays

Inventory quantities can use integers

Item prices can use real numbers

Complex data types (DATE, LONG, LONGRAW)

13 Subset of Oracle RDBMS Data Types FIGURE 13-26 A subset of the data types available in the Oracle relational DBMS. CHAR Fixed-length character array VARCHAR Variable-length character array NUMBER Real number DATE Date and time with appropriate checks of validity LONG Variable-length character data up to 2 gigabytes Binary large object (BLOB) with no assumption about format or content LONGRAW Unique six-byte physical storage address ROWID

# Object DBMS Data Types

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- Uses set of primitive and complex data types comparable to RDBMS data types
- Schema designer can create new data types and associated constraints
- Classes are complex user-defined data types that combines traditional concept of data with processes (methods) to manipulate data
- Flexibility to define new data types is one reason that OO tools are widely used

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Distributed Databases

- Rare for all organizational data to be stored in one location in a single database
- Different information systems in an organization are developed at different times
- Parts of an organization's data may be owned and managed by different units
- System performance is improved when data is near primary applications

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Single Database Server Architecture

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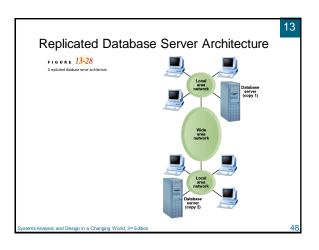
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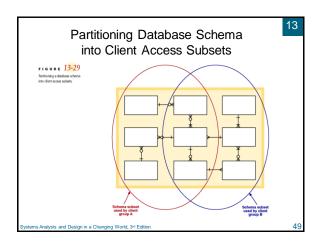
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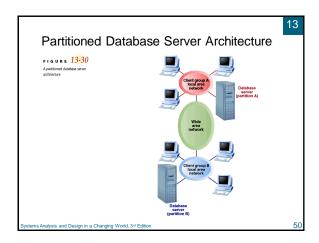
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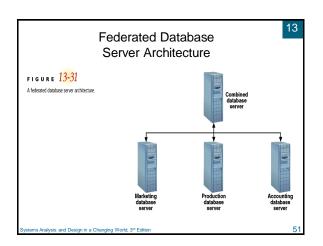
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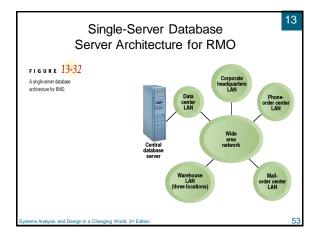


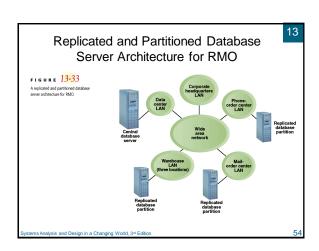
RMO Distributed Database Architecture

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- Starting point for design is information about data needs of geographically dispersed users
- ◆ RMO gathered information during analysis phase
- RMO decided to manage database using Park City data center mainframe
- RMO is evaluating single-server vs. replicated and partitioned database server architectures
- ◆ Information on network traffic and costs needed

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### Summary

- Modern information systems store data in database, access and manage data using DBMS
- ◆ Relational DBMS is commonly used
- Object DBMS is increasing in popularity
- Key activity of systems design is developing relational or object database schema
- Relational database is collection of data stored in tables and is developed from entity-relationship diagram

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# Summary (continued)

- Object database stores data as collection of related objects and is developed from class diagram
- ◆ Objects can also be stored within RDBMS
  - RDBMS cannot store methods
  - RDBMS cannot directly represent inheritance
- Medium and larger information systems typically use multiple databases or database servers in various geographic locations

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