RELATIONAL DATABASES

OBJECTIVES

- DISTINGUISH BETWEEN CONCEPTUAL MODEL AND PHYSICAL MODEL
- APPLY TERMINOLOGY MAPPING BETWEEN THE TWO MODELS
- TRANSFORM AN ENTITY INTO A TABLE DIAGRAM

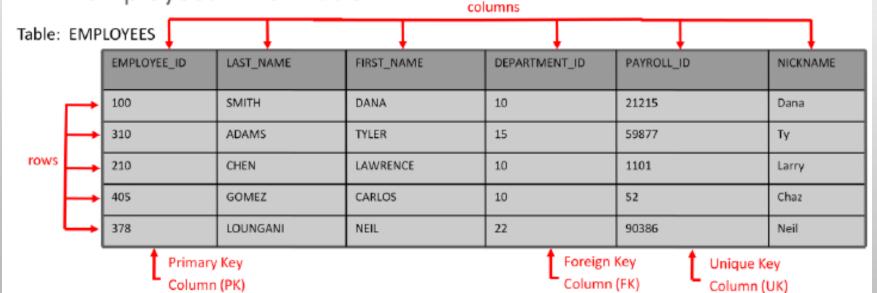
PURPOSE

- WHEN YOU DESIGN A HOUSE YOU EVENTUALLY SEE THE HOUSE BUILT
- INITIAL DATABASE DESIGN CAN BE USED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN DESIGNERS, DATABASE ADMINISTRATORS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPERS

RELATIONAL TABLES

Review of Relational Tables

- A table is a simple structure in which data is organized and stored.
- In the example below, the EMPLOYEES table is used to store employees' information.



- TABLES HAVE
 COLUMNS AND
 ROWS.
- EACH ROW

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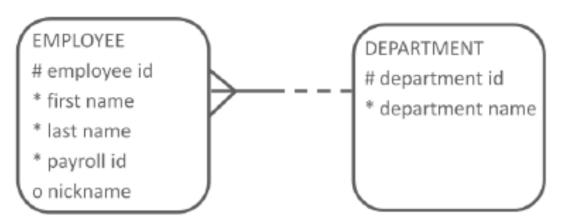
 INSTANCE OF

 EMPLOYEE
- EACH COLUMN....
- UID...

TRANSFORMATION







Physical Implementation: Relational Database

EMPLOYEES (EP	E)	
Key type	Optionality	Column name
pk	*	employee_id
uk	*	payroll_id
	*	last_name
	*	first_name
	0	nickname
fk	*	department_id

DEPARTMEN	TS (DPT)	
Key type	Optionality	Column name
pk	*	department_id
	*	department_name

TRANSFORMATION

- ENTITY → TABLE
- INSTANCE → ROW
- ATTRIBUTE → COLUMN
- UID → PRIMARY KEY
- RELATIONSHIP → FOREIGN KEY & CONSTRAINT

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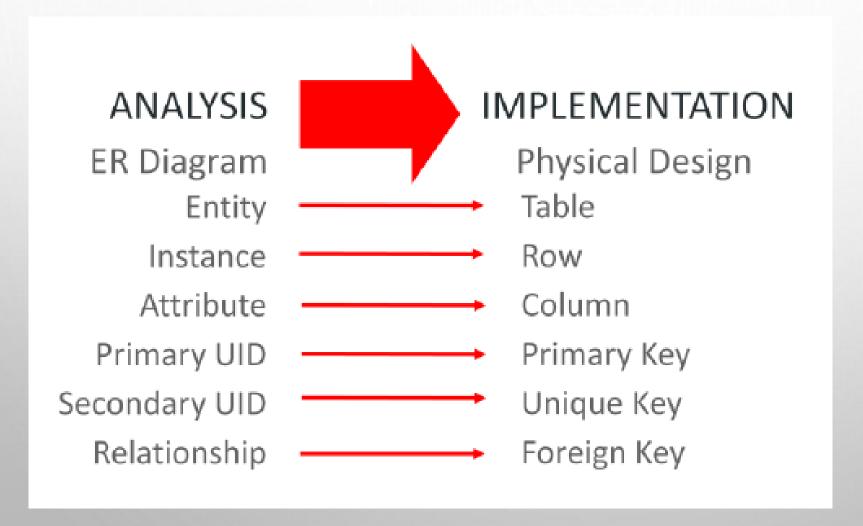


TABLE MAPPING DIAGRAM

Table Name							
column name	key type	data type	size	description	optionality	constraints	

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	'		Table Nam	e		
column name	key type	data type	size	description	optionality	constraints
emp_id	pk	number	9	employee id	*	
				employee first		
first_name		characters	20	name	*	

				employee		
				personal email		
email	uk	characters	40	address	*	
				link to		
				departments		
dept_id	fk	number	9	table	*	

NAMING CONVENTIONS

- ENTITY NAMES ARE USED AS TABLE NAMES BUT IN PLURAL FORM
- ATTRIBUTE NAME ARE USED FOR COLUMN NAMES WITH UNDERSCORES AND IN SOME CASES SHORT VERSIONS
- FIRST_NAME OR FNAME
- STREET_ADDRESS OR STR_ADDR

NAMING RESTRICTIONS

- TABLE AND COLUMN NAMES:
 - MUST START WITH A LETTER
 - CAN CONTAIN UP TO 30 ALPHANUMERIC CHARACTERS
 - CANNOT CONTAIN SPACES OR SPECIAL CHARACTERS SUCH AS !, BUT
 \$#AND _ ARE ALLOWED
 - TABLE NAMES MUST BE UNIQUE TO USER ACCOUNT
 - COLUMN NAME MUST BE UNIQUE TO TABLE
 - CANNOT USE RESERVED WORDS IN ORACLE (TABLE, NUMBER, SEQUENCE, ORDER, VALUES LEVEL, TYPE)