Skills Network

Estimated time needed: 10 minutes

In this lab, you will apply the concepts that you learnt in this module to a relational database schema called Car Dealership, which is designed to keep track of automobile sales in a car dealership.

Objectives:

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Evaluate your knowledge of Relational Database Concepts and the Entity-Relationship (ER) Diagram
- Imporve your understanding of terms related to relational models like entity, attribute, and keys.
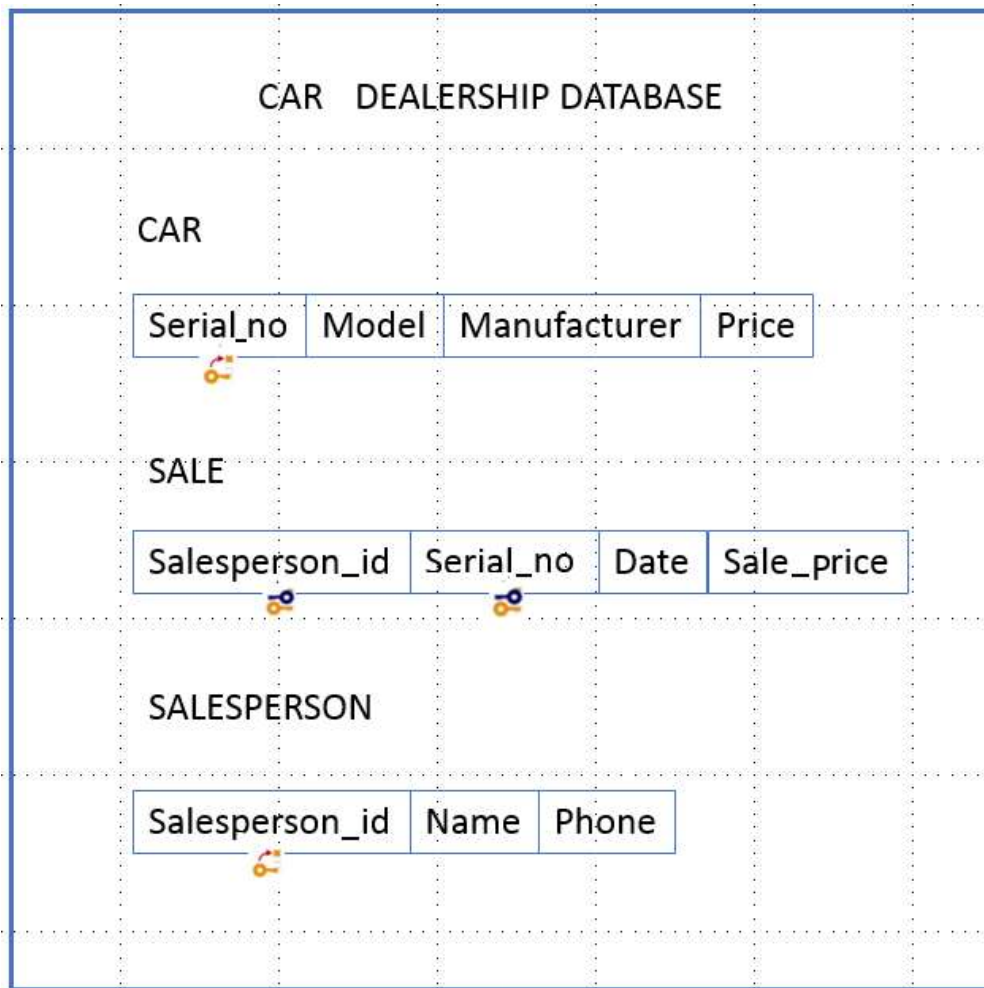
::page{title="Concepts covered in the lab"}

1. `Entity`: A noun: person, place, or thing

2. `Attributes`: The data elements that characterize the entity and tell us more about the entity.

3. `Primary key`: Uniquely identifies each tuple or row in a table and provides a way of defining relationships between tables

4. `Foreign key`: Primary keys defined in other tables, creating a link between the tables.

5. `Entity relationship (ER) diagram`: Represents entities called tables, and their relationships. The building blocks of an ER diagram are entities and attributes.

::page{title="Exercise"}

In this exercise, we will be working on a relational database schema called Car Dealership. A database has to be designed to keep track of automobile sales in a car dealership.

Schema diagram for the Car Dealership relational database:

CAR   DEALERSHIP DATABASE

CAR

Serial_no	Model	Manufacturer	Price

SALE

Salesperson_id	Serial_no	Date	Sale_price

SALESPERSON

Salesperson_id	Name	Phone

Relational instance of SALE:

Salesperson_id	Serial_no	Date	Sale_price
10001	1we4ds87	12/03/2020	$ 10,000.00
10005	d63jw3ty	12/03/2020	$ 5,000.00
10009	sy63bjd1	13/03/2020	$ 25,000.00
10001	k2k4edr8	13/03/2020	$ 49,000.00
10051	w3r334ac	13/03/2020	$ 8,000.00

Now let us go through some questions based on the above database schema of Car Dealership and relational instance of SALE:

1. How many relations does the Car Dealership database schema contain?

▼ Hint

A relation is also the mathematical term for a table.

▼ Answer

3. The Car Dealership database schema contains the following 3 relations or tables: CAR, SALE, SALESPERSON.

2.   How many columns does the relation Car contain?

▶ Hint
▶ Answer

3.   How many rows does the relation Sale contain?

▶ Hint
▶ Answer

4.   Identify the attributes of the relation Salesperson.

▶ Hint
▶ Answer

5.   Identify which relations of the Car Dealership database have primary keys. Name the primary keys if exist.

▶ Hint
▶ Answer

6.   Identify which relations of the Car Dealership database have foreign keys. Name the foreign keys if exist.

▶ Hint
▶ Answer

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Congratulations!

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Changelog

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