



- DBMS (how do we classify them?)
- What data model are we using? (ER Model) - relational models.
    - Other alternatives (Object data model, NOSQL).
  - How many users?
    - Single user systems
    - Multi user systems
  - Centralized - stored on the same machine.
  - Distributed - across multiple machines

Homogeneous - same DBMS software  
Heterogeneous - different DBMS software

Open sourced (Free)  
Proprietary (Expensive)

#### Data Modeling (ER Model)

- Entities - object in the real world with independent existence.
- Strong - has a unique identifier
  - Weak - we'll talk about this next time\*
- Physical existence - building, car, tree.
  - Conceptual existence - class, company, job.
  - Attributes - each entity has these, describe the entities.
    - simple vs. composite -
      - simple - attribute that cannot be broken down into parts (represent them with a circle, connected by a single line to the entity).
      - composite - can be broken down further into component parts (we're concerned about accessing component parts directly). Composite attribute is the concatenation of it's parts.
    - single valued vs. multivalued -
      - I would only have a single value for the attribute at one given time (ever)
      - Multiple values at the same time for a given attribute (i.e. Color of your car, Addresses, Phones, etc..)
    - stored vs. derived -
    - NULL values -

Relationships

#### Database Design

- Requirements gathering and specification
  - Data requirements - concise representation of what we need to store in our miniworld database (Entities, **Attributes**, Relationships)
  - Functional requirements - things the users need to be able to do interacting with our database (Database Applications - any piece of software that allows our users to interface with our database)
- Conceptual design - representation of our logical data requirements and our functional requirements in a way that doesn't require knowledge of the internal schema (generally to orient non technical users). i.e. ER Diagram.
- Logical design (data model mapping) - Implementation schema (Relational Schema). Represents the SQL you would need to write to represent your database.
- Physical design - internal structure, access paths, i.e. indexes.

