* **Data model**
  + A data model is a conceptual framework that determines how data is organized and accessed.
  + **Purpose:**
    - Provides abstraction from physical storage
    - Defines consistency and constraints.
    - Enables communication between developers, DBAs, and end-users
  + **Evolution:**
    - Early models focused on rigid structures (hierarchical, network).
    - Later model introduced flexibility (document, object-oriented).
    - Today hybrid and multi-model database combine strengths.
* **Network model**