

1. What is Entity Relationship Diagram?
2. What are attributes in ER Model? Explain Multivalued and Derived attribute?

Entity-Relationship Diagram (ER Diagram):

An **Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD)** is a visual representation of entities, their attributes, and the relationships between them in a database system. It is a conceptual design used during the database design process to illustrate the structure of data and its relationships.

Key Components

1.Entities:

- Objects or concepts that can have data stored about them in the database.
- Represented as rectangles.
- Examples: Employee, Department, Product.

2. Attributes:

- Characteristics or properties of an entity.
- Represented as ovals connected to their respective entities.
- Examples: Employee Name, Salary, Department ID.

3. Relationships:

- Define how entities are related to each other.
- Represented as diamonds.
- Examples: Works For, Manages, Belongs To.

4. Primary Keys:

- Unique identifiers for an entity.
- Often underlined in the ER diagram.

Attributes in the ER Model:

Attributes describe the properties or characteristics of an entity or relationship. Attributes are classified into different types based on their behavior and usage.

Types of Attributes:

1. **Simple Attribute:**
 - Atomic and cannot be broken down further.
 - Example: Name, Age.
2. **Composite Attribute:**
 - Can be divided into smaller sub-parts.
 - Example: Full Name can be split into First Name and Last Name.
3. **Single-Valued Attribute:**
 - Holds a single value for each instance of an entity.
 - Example: Age, Salary.
4. **Multi-Valued Attribute:**
 - Can hold multiple values for a single entity instance.
 - Represented by a double oval in ER diagrams.
 - Example: Phone Numbers for an employee.
5. **Derived Attribute:**
 - Not stored directly in the database; instead, it is derived from other attributes.
 - Represented by a dashed oval in ER diagrams.
 - Example: Age derived from Date of Birth.
6. **Key Attribute:**
 - Unique identifier for an entity.
 - Example: Employee ID.

Multivalued Attribute:

- **Definition:** An attribute that can have multiple values for a single entity instance.
- **Example:**
 - For an entity Student, the attribute Phone Numbers may store multiple values like +1234567890 and +9876543210.
- **Representation:** A double oval connected to the entity in an ER diagram.

Derived Attribute:

- **Definition:** An attribute that can be computed from other attributes or stored data.

- **Example:**
 - For an entity Employee, the attribute Age can be derived from the attribute Date of Birth using the current date.
 - **Representation:** A dashed oval connected to the entity in an ER diagram.
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