

Database Management Systems Lecture Notes

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Syllabus:

History of Data base system, Database system applications, Data base system vs file systems, View of Data-Data abstraction-Instances and schemas- Data Models- E R Model , Relational Model, Other Models, Data base languages-DDL,DML, Transaction Management, Data base system structure, Storage Manager, Query Processor,

Data Base Design and ER Diagrams, Beyond ER Design Entities, Attributes and entity sets, Relationships and relationships sets, Additional features of ER Model, Concepts of Design with ER Model- Conceptual **design for Large enterprises.**

Data:

It is a collection of information.

The facts that can be recorded and which have implicit meaning known as 'data'.

Example:

Customer ----- 1.cname.

2.cno.

3.ccity.

Database:

It is a collection of interrelated data

. These can be stored in the form of

- tables.
- A database can be of any size and varying complexity.

A database may be generated and manipulated manually or it may be computerized. Example:

Customer database consists the fields as cname, cno, and ccity

Cname	Cno	Ccity

Database System:

It is computerized system, whose overall purpose is to maintain the information and to make that the information is available on demand.

Advantages:

- 1.Redundancy can be reduced.
- 2.Inconsistency can be avoided.
- 3.Data can be shared.

4. Standards can be enforced.
5. Security restrictions can be applied.
6. Integrity can be maintained.
7. Data gathering can be possible.
8. Requirements can be balanced.

Database Management System (DBMS):

It is a collection of programs that enables user to create and maintain a database. In other words it is general-purpose software that provides the users with the processes of defining, constructing and manipulating the database for various applications.

Disadvantages in File Processing

- Data redundancy and inconsistency.
- Difficult in accessing data.
- Data isolation.
- Data integrity.
- Concurrent access is not possible.
- Security Problems.

Advantages of DBMS:

1. Data Independence.
2. Efficient Data Access.
3. Data Integrity and security.
4. Data administration.
5. Concurrent access and Crash recovery.
6. Reduced Application Development Time.

Applications

Database Applications:

Banking: all transactions

totally used in day to day life applications

Airlines: reservations, schedules

Universities: registration, grades

Sales: customers, products, purchases

Online retailers: order tracking, customized recommendations

Manufacturing: production, inventory, orders, supply chain

Human resources: employee records, salaries, tax deductions

Disadvantages of DBMS

- **Cost of Hardware and Software:** It requires a high speed of data processor and large memory size to run DBMS software.
- **Size:** It occupies a large space of disks and large memory to run them efficiently.
- **Complexity:** Database system creates additional complexity and requirements.
- **Higher impact of failure:** Failure is highly impacted the database because in most of the organization, all the data stored in a single database and if the database is damaged due to electric failure or database corruption then the data may be lost forever.

People who deal with databases

Many persons are involved in the design, use and maintenance of any database. These persons can be classified into 2 types as below.

Actors on the scene:

The people, whose jobs involve the day-to-day use of a database are called as 'Actors on the scene', listed as below.

1. Database Administrators (DBA):

The DBA is responsible for authorizing access to the database, for Coordinating and monitoring its use and for acquiring software and hardware resources as

DBMS vs. File System imp

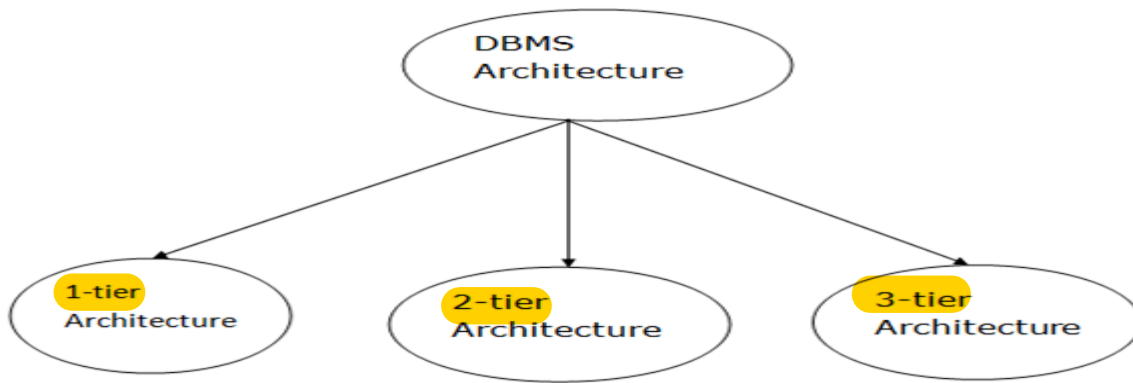
There are following differences between DBMS and File system:

DBMS	File System
DBMS is a collection of data. In DBMS, the user is not required to write the procedures.	File system is a collection of data. In this system, the user has to write the procedures for managing the database.
DBMS gives an abstract view of data that hides the details.	File system provides the detail of the data representation and storage of data.
DBMS provides a crash recovery mechanism, i.e., DBMS protects the user from the system failure.	File system doesn't have a crash mechanism, i.e., if the system crashes while entering some data, then the content of the file will lost.
DBMS provides a good protection mechanism.	It is very difficult to protect a file under the file system.
DBMS contains a wide variety of sophisticated techniques to store and retrieve the data.	File system can't efficiently store and retrieve the data.
DBMS takes care of Concurrent access of data using some form of locking.	In the File system, concurrent access has many problems like redirecting the file while other deleting some information or updating some information.

DBMS Architecture

- The DBMS design depends upon its architecture. The basic client/server architecture is used to deal with a large number of PCs, web servers, database servers and other components that are connected with networks.
- The client/server architecture consists of many PCs and a workstation which are connected via the network.
- DBMS architecture depends upon how users are connected to the database to get their request done.

Types of DBMS Architecture



Database architecture can be seen as a single tier or multi-tier. But logically, database architecture is of two types like: **2-tier architecture** and **3-tier architecture**.

1-Tier Architecture

- In this architecture, **the database is directly available to the user**. It means the user can directly sit on the DBMS and uses it.
- Any changes done here will directly be done on the database itself. It doesn't provide a handy tool for end users.
- **The 1-Tier architecture is used for development of the local application, where programmers can directly communicate with the database for the quick response.**

2-Tier Architecture

- **The 2-Tier architecture is same as basic client-server**. In the two-tier architecture, applications on the client end can directly communicate with the database at the server side. For this interaction, API's like: **ODBC, JDBC** are used.
- The user interfaces and application programs are run on the client-side.
- The server side is responsible to provide the functionalities like: **query processing and transaction management**.
- To communicate with the DBMS, **client-side application establishes a connection with the server side.**

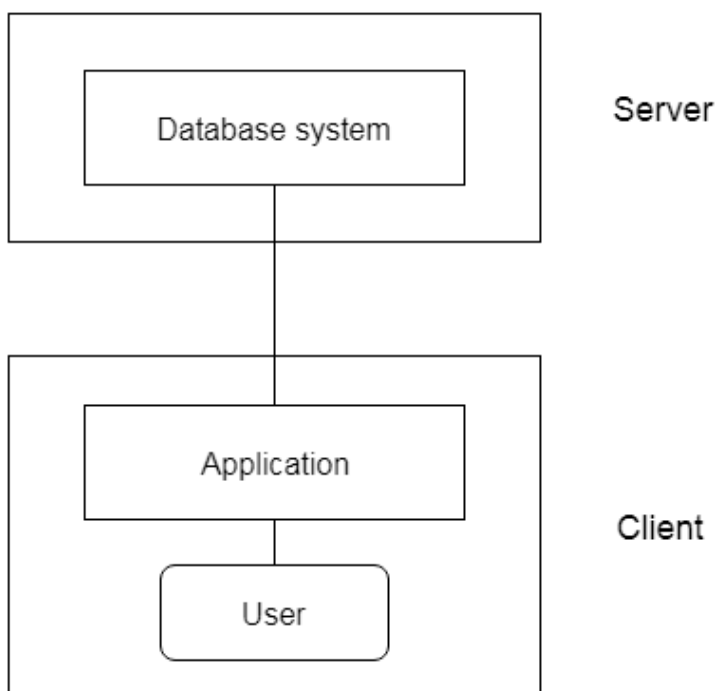


Fig: 2-tier Architecture

3-Tier Architecture

- The 3-Tier architecture contains another layer between the client and server. In this architecture, client can't directly communicate with the server.
- The application on the client-end interacts with an application server which further communicates with the database system.
- End user has no idea about the existence of the database beyond the application server. The database also has no idea about any other user beyond the application.
- The 3-Tier architecture is used in case of large web application.

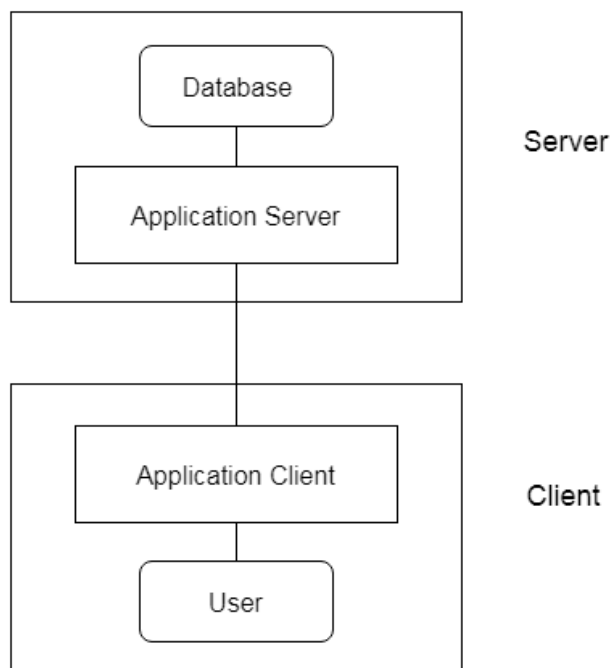
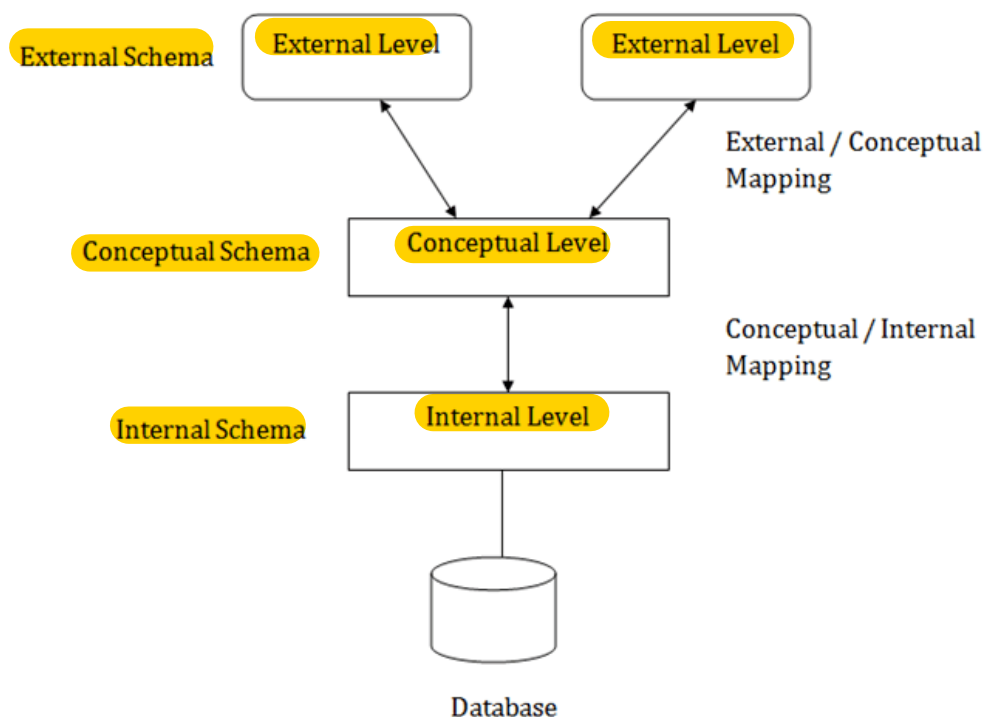


Fig: 3-tier Architecture

Three schema Architecture

- The three schema architecture is also called ANSI/SPARC architecture or three-level architecture.
- This framework is used to describe the structure of a specific database system.
- The three schema architecture is also used to separate the user applications and physical database.
- The three schema architecture contains three-levels. It breaks the database down into three different categories.

The three-schema architecture is as follows:



In the above diagram:

- It shows the DBMS architecture.
- Mapping is used to transform the request and response between various database levels of architecture.
- Mapping is not good for small DBMS because it takes more time.
- In External / Conceptual mapping, it is necessary to transform the request from external level to conceptual schema.
- In Conceptual / Internal mapping, DBMS transform the request from the conceptual to internal level.

1. Internal Level

- The internal level has an internal schema which describes the physical storage structure of the database.
- The internal schema is also known as a physical schema.
- It uses the physical data model. It is used to define that how the data will be stored in a block.
- The physical level is used to describe complex low-level data structures in detail.

2. Conceptual Level

- The conceptual schema describes the design of a database at the conceptual level. Conceptual level is also known as logical level.
- The conceptual schema describes the structure of the whole database.
- The conceptual level describes what data are to be stored in the database and also describes what relationship exists among those data.
- In the conceptual level, internal details such as an implementation of the data structure are hidden.
- Programmers and database administrators work at this level.

3. External Level

- At the external level, a database contains several schemas that sometimes called as subschema. The subschema is used to describe the different view of the database.
- An external schema is also known as view schema.
- Each view schema describes the database part that a particular user group is interested and hides the remaining database from that user group.
- The view schema describes the end user interaction with database systems.

Data model Schema and Instance

- The data which is stored in the database at a particular moment of time is called an instance of the database.
- The overall design of a database is called schema.
- A database schema is the skeleton structure of the database. It represents the logical view of the entire database.
- A schema contains schema objects like table, foreign key, primary key, views, columns, data types, stored procedure, etc.
- A database schema can be represented by using the visual diagram. That diagram shows the database objects and relationship with each other.
- A database schema is designed by the database designers to help programmers whose software will interact with the database. The process of database creation is called data modeling.

A schema diagram can display only some aspects of a schema like the name of record type, data type, and constraints. Other aspects can't be specified through the schema diagram. For example, the given figure neither show the data type of each data item nor the relationship among various files.

In the database, actual data changes quite frequently. For example, in the given figure, the database changes whenever we add a new grade or add a student. The data at a particular moment of time is called the instance of the database.

STUDENT

Name	Student_number	Class	Major
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COURSE

Course_name	Course_number	Credit_hours	Department
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PREREQUISITE

Course_number	Prerequisite_number
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SECTION

Section_identifier	Course_number	Semester	Year	Instructor
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GRADE_REPORT

Student_number	Section_identifier	Grade
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Data Independence

- Data independence can be explained using the three-schema architecture.
- Data independence refers characteristic of being able to modify the schema at one level of the database system without altering the schema at the next higher level.

There are two types of data independence:

1. Logical Data Independence

- Logical data independence refers characteristic of being able to change the conceptual schema without having to change the external schema.
- Logical data independence is used to separate the external level from the conceptual view.
- If we do any changes in the conceptual view of the data, then the user view of the data would not be affected.
- Logical data independence occurs at the user interface level.

2. Physical Data Independence

- Physical data independence can be defined as the capacity to change the internal schema without having to change the conceptual schema.

- If we do any changes in the storage size of the database system server, then the Conceptual structure of the database will not be affected.
- Physical data independence is used to separate conceptual levels from the internal levels.
- Physical data independence occurs at the logical interface level.

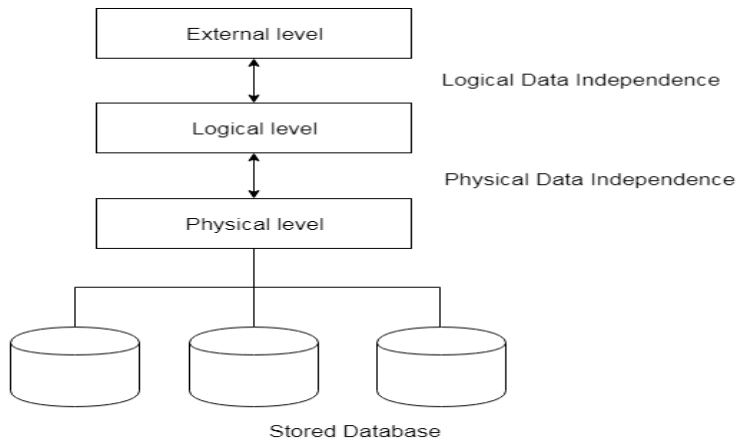
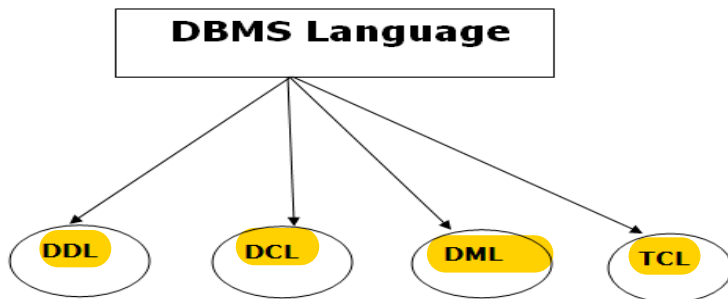


Fig: Data Independence

Database Language

- A DBMS has appropriate languages and interfaces to express database queries and updates.
- Database languages can be used to read, store and update the data in the database.

Types of Database Language



1. Data Definition Language

- **DDL** stands for **Data Definition Language**. It is used to define database structure or pattern.
- It is used to create schema, tables, indexes, constraints, etc. in the database.
- Using the DDL statements, you can create the skeleton of the database.
- Data definition language is used to store the information of metadata like the number of tables and schemas, their names, indexes, columns in each table, constraints, etc.

Here are some tasks that come under DDL:

- **Create:** It is used to create objects in the database.
- **Alter:** It is used to alter the structure of the database.
- **Drop:** It is used to delete objects from the database.
- **Truncate:** It is used to remove all records from a table.
- **Rename:** It is used to rename an object.

- **Comment:** It is used to comment on the data dictionary.

These commands are used to update the database schema that's why they come under Data definition language.

2. Data Manipulation Language

DML stands for **Data Manipulation Language**. It is used for accessing and manipulating data in a database. It handles user requests.

Here are some tasks that come under DML:

- **Select:** It is used to retrieve data from a database.
- **Insert:** It is used to insert data into a table.
- **Update:** It is used to update existing data within a table.
- **Delete:** It is used to delete all records from a table.
- **Merge:** It performs UPSERT operation, i.e., insert or update operations.
- **Call:** It is used to call a structured query language or a Java subprogram.
- **Explain Plan:** It has the parameter of explaining data.
- **Lock Table:** It controls concurrency.

3. Data Control Language

- **DCL** stands for **Data Control Language**. It is used to retrieve the stored or saved data.
- The DCL execution is transactional. It also has rollback parameters.

(But in Oracle database, the execution of data control language does not have the feature of rolling back.)

Here are some tasks that come under DCL:

- **Grant:** It is used to give user access privileges to a database.
- **Revoke:** It is used to take back permissions from the user.

There are the following operations which have the authorization of Revoke:

CONNECT, INSERT, USAGE, EXECUTE, DELETE, UPDATE and SELECT.

4. Transaction Control Language

TCL is used to run the changes made by the DML statement. TCL can be grouped into a logical transaction.

Here are some tasks that come under TCL:

- **Commit:** It is used to save the transaction on the database.
- **Rollback:** It is used to restore the database to original since the last Commit.

Components and Overall Structure of DBMS.

Components of DBMS are broadly classified as follows :

1. Query Processor :

- (a) DML Compiler
- (b) Embedded DML pre-compiler
- (c) DDL Interpreter

(d) Query Evaluation Engine

2. Storage Manager :

(a) Authorization and Integrity Manager

(b) Transaction Manager

(c) File Manager

(d) Buffer Manager

3. Data Structure :

(a) Data Files

(b) Data Dictionary

(c) Indices

(d) Statistical Data

1. Query Processor Components :

- **DML Pre-compiler :** It translates DML statements in a query language into low level instructions that query evaluation engine understands. It also attempts to transform user's request into an equivalent but more efficient form.
- **Embedded DML Pre-compiler :** It converts DML statements embedded in an application program to normal procedure calls in the host language. The Pre-compiler must interact with the DML compiler to generate the appropriate code.
- **DDL Interpreter :** It interprets the DDL statements and records them in a set of tables containing meta data or data dictionary.
- **Query Evaluation Engine :** It executes low-level instructions generated by the DML compiler.

2. Storage Manager Components :

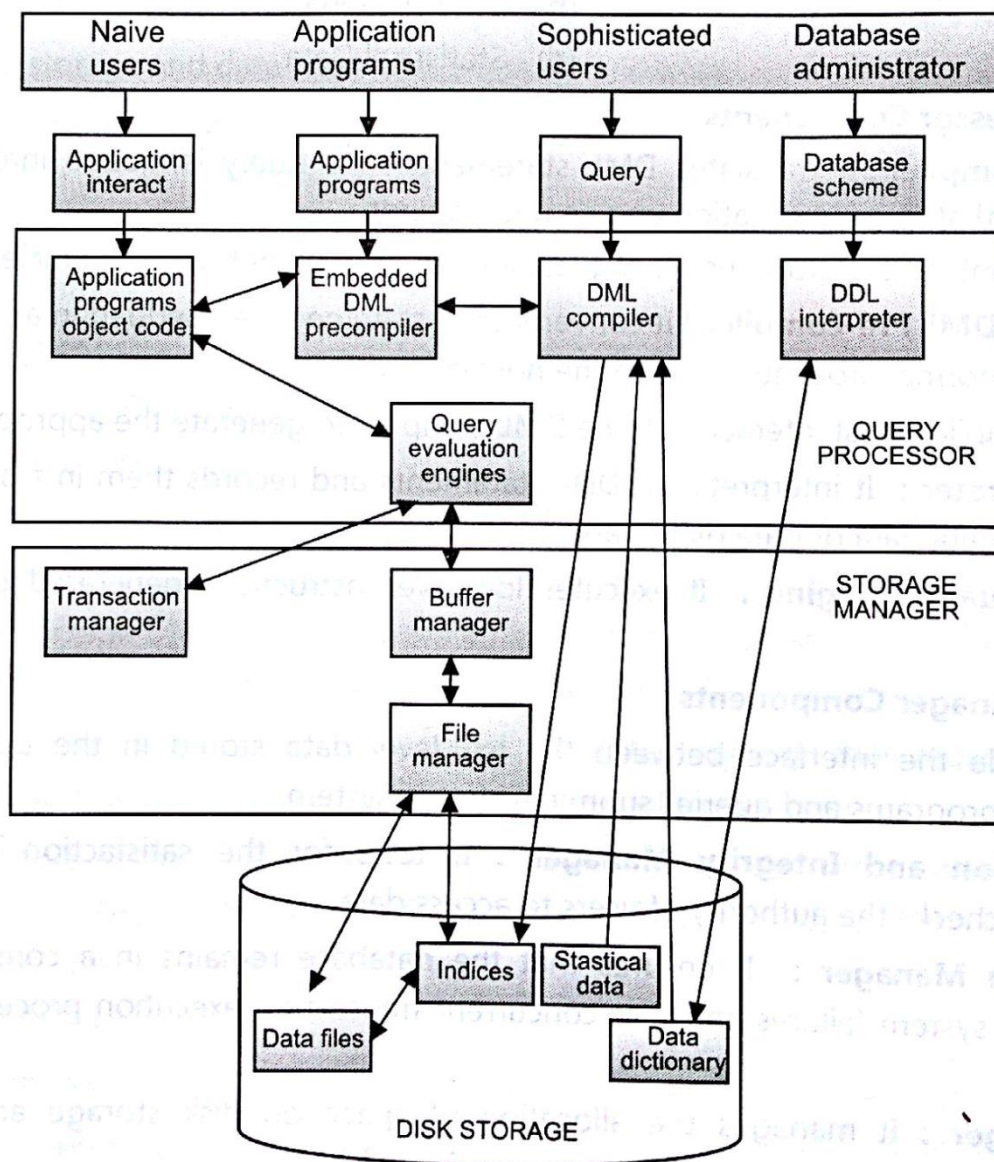
They provide the interface between the low-level data stored in the database and application programs and queries submitted to the system.

- **Authorization and Integrity Manager :** It tests for the satisfaction of integrity constraints checks the authority of users to access data.
- **Transaction Manager :** It ensures that the database remains in a consistent state despite the system failures and that concurrent transaction execution proceeds without conflicting.
- **File Manager :** It manages the allocation of space on disk storage and the data structures used to represent information stored on disk.
- **Buffer Manager :** It is responsible for fetching data from disk storage into main memory and deciding what data to cache in memory.

3. Data Structures :

Following data structures are required as a part of the physical system implementation.

- **Data Files :** It stores the database.
- **Data Dictionary :** It stores meta data (data about data) about the structure of the database.
- **Indices :** Provide fast access to data items that hold particular values.
- **Statistical Data :** It stores statistical information about the data in the database. This information is used by query processor to select efficient ways to execute query.

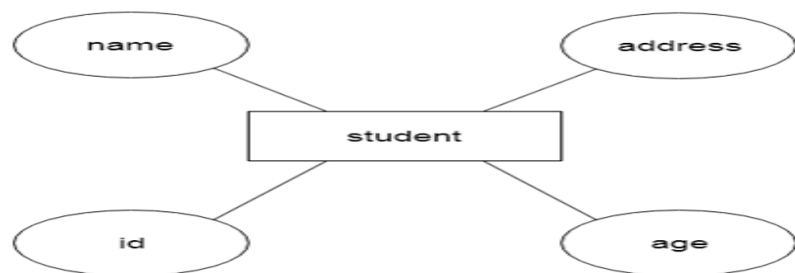


System structure

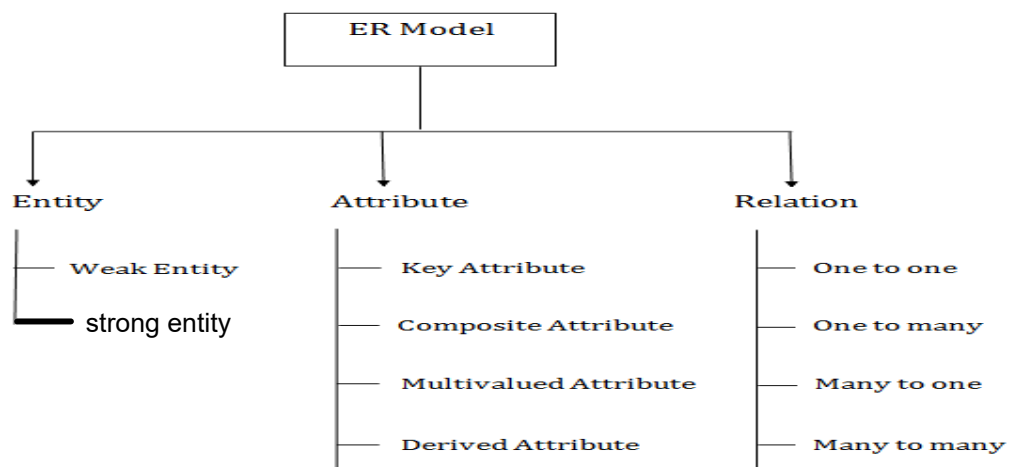
ER model

- ER model stands for an Entity-Relationship model. It is a high-level data model. This model is used to define the data elements and relationship for a specified system.
- It develops a conceptual design for the database. It also develops a very simple and easy to design view of data.
- In ER modeling, the database structure is portrayed as a diagram called an entity-relationship diagram.

For example, Suppose we design a school database. In this database, the student will be an entity with attributes like address, name, id, age, etc. The address can be another entity with attributes like city, street name, pin code, etc and there will be a relationship between them.



Component of ER Diagram



1. Entity:

An entity may be any object, class, person or place. In the ER diagram, an entity can be represented as rectangles.

Consider an organization as an example- manager, product, employee, department etc. can be taken as an entity.



a. Weak Entity

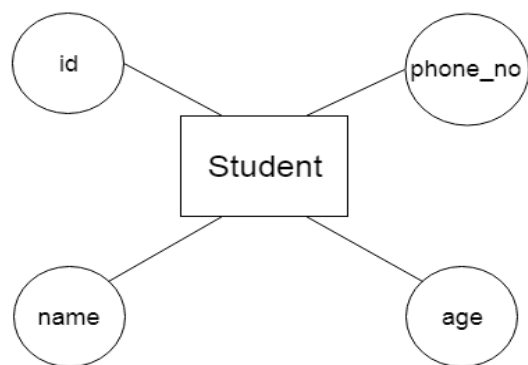
An entity that depends on another entity called a weak entity. The weak entity doesn't contain any key attribute of its own. The weak entity is represented by a double rectangle.



2. Attribute

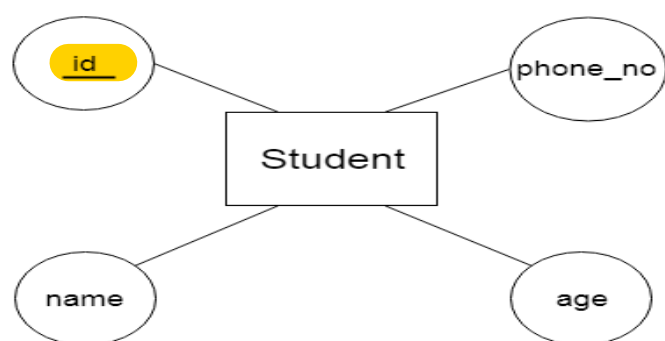
The attribute is used to describe the property of an entity. Eclipse is used to represent an attribute.

For example, id, age, contact number, name, etc. can be attributes of a student.



a. Key Attribute

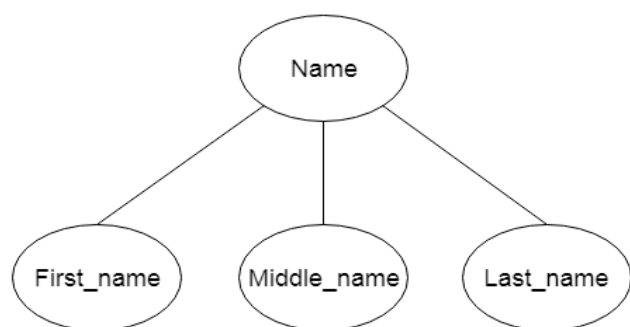
The key attribute is used to represent the main characteristics of an entity. It represents a primary key. The key attribute is represented by an ellipse with the text underlined.



text underlined--->primary key(key attribute)

b. Composite Attribute

An attribute that composed of many other attributes is known as a composite attribute. The composite attribute is represented by an ellipse, and those ellipses are connected with an ellipse.



c. Multivalued Attribute

An attribute can have more than one value. These attributes are known as a multivalued attribute. The double oval is used to represent multivalued attribute.

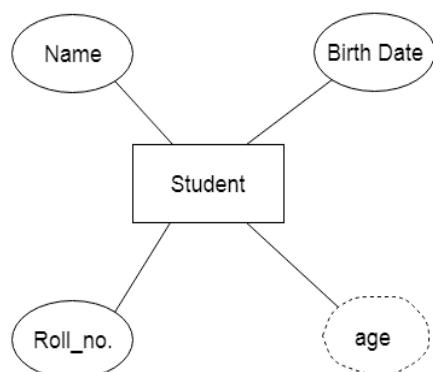
For example, a student can have more than one phone number.



d. Derived Attribute

An attribute that can be derived from other attribute is known as a derived attribute. It can be represented by a dashed ellipse.

For example, A person's age changes over time and can be derived from another attribute like Date of birth.



3. Relationship

A relationship is used to describe the relation between entities. Diamond or rhombus is used to represent the relationship.

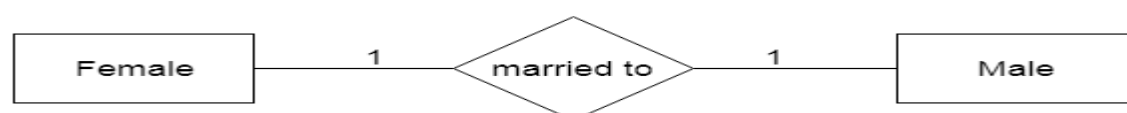


Types of relationship are as follows:

a. One-to-One Relationship

When only one instance of an entity is associated with the relationship, then it is known as one to one relationship.

For example, A female can marry to one male, and a male can marry to one female.



b. One-to-many relationship

When only one instance of the entity on the left, and more than one instance of an entity on the right associates with the relationship then this is known as a one-to-many relationship.

For example, Scientist can invent many inventions, but the invention is done by the only specific scientist.



c. Many-to-one relationship

When more than one instance of the entity on the left, and only one instance of an entity on the right associates with the relationship then it is known as a many-to-one relationship.

For example, Student enrolls for only one course, but a course can have many students.



d. Many-to-many relationship

When more than one instance of the entity on the left, and more than one instance of an entity on the right associates with the relationship then it is known as a many-to-many relationship.

For example, Employee can assign by many projects and project can have many employees.



Notation of ER diagram

Database can be represented using the notations. In ER diagram, many notations are used to express the cardinality. These notations are as follows:

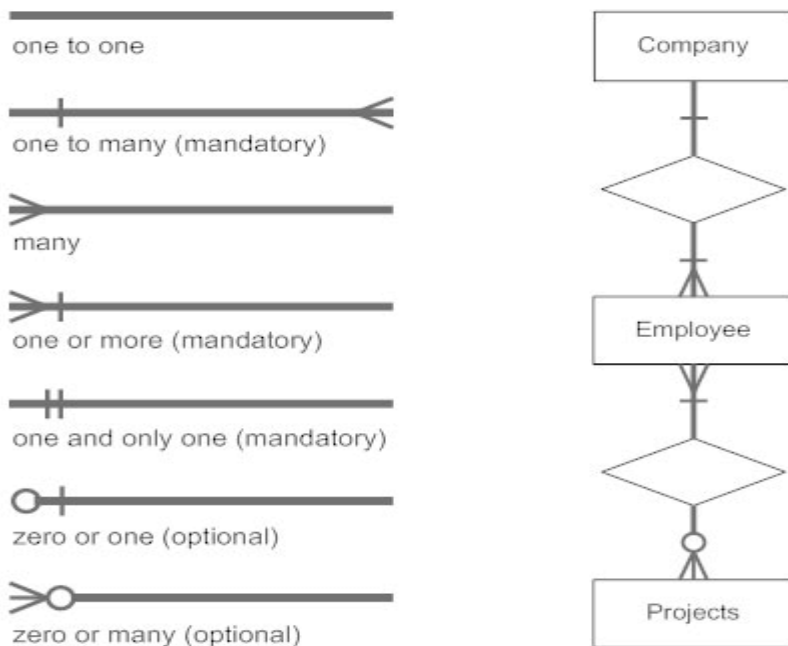


Fig: Notations of ER diagram

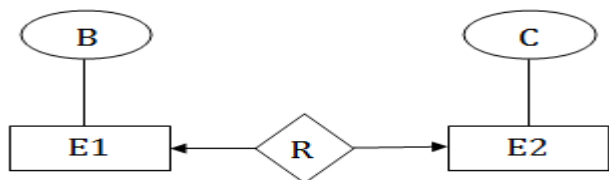
Mapping Constraints

- A mapping constraint is a data constraint that expresses the number of entities to which another entity can be related via a relationship set.
- It is most useful in describing the relationship sets that involve more than two entity sets.
- For binary relationship set R on an entity set A and B, there are four possible mapping cardinalities. These are as follows:
 1. One to one (1:1)
 2. One to many (1:M)
 3. Many to one (M:1)

4. Many to many (M:M)

One-to-one

In one-to-one mapping, an entity in E1 is associated with at most one entity in E2, and an entity in E2 is associated with at most one entity in E1.



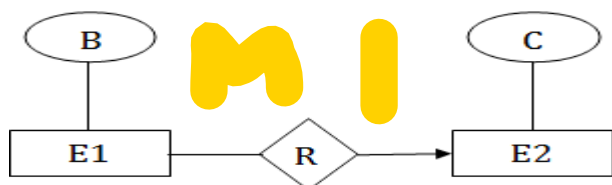
One-to-many

In one-to-many mapping, an entity in E1 is associated with any number of entities in E2, and an entity in E2 is associated with at most one entity in E1.



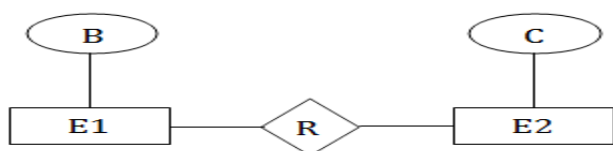
Many-to-one

In many-to-one mapping, an entity in E1 is associated with at most one entity in E2, and an entity in E2 is associated with any number of entities in E1.



Many-to-many

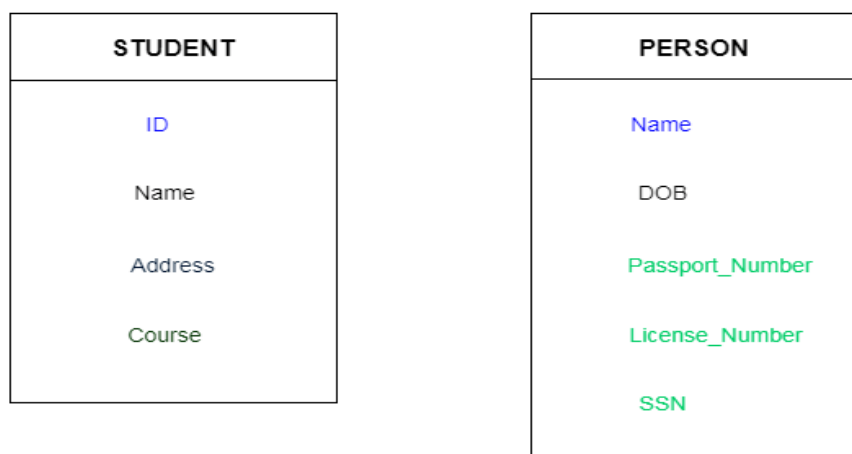
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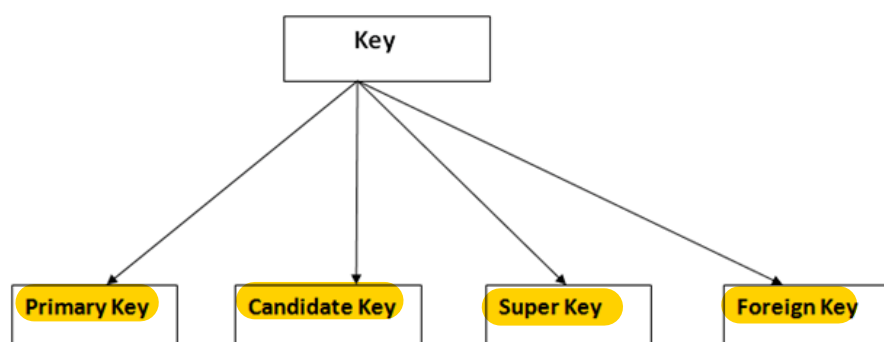
Keys

- Keys play an important role in the relational database.
- It is used to uniquely identify any record or row of data from the table. It is also used to establish and identify relationships between tables.

For example: In Student table, ID is used as a key because it is unique for each student. In PERSON table, passport_number, license_number, SSN are keys since they are unique for each person.

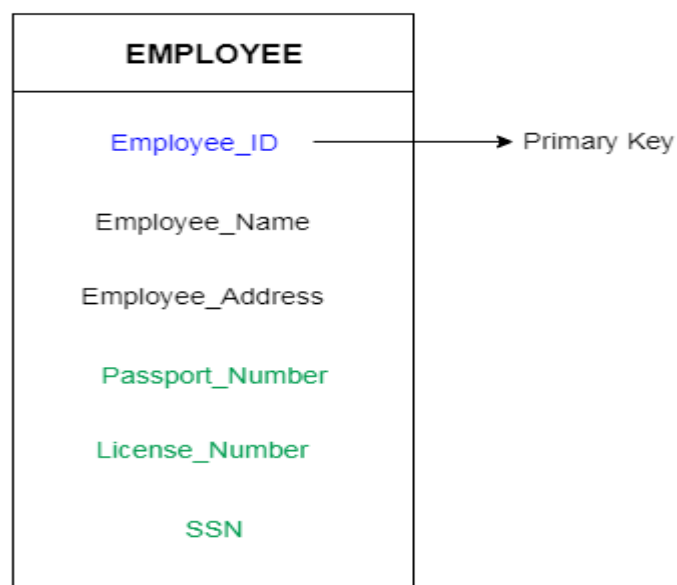


Types of key:



1. Primary key

- It is the first key which is used to identify one and only one instance of an entity uniquely. An entity can contain multiple keys as we saw in PERSON table. The key which is most suitable from those lists become a primary key.
- In the EMPLOYEE table, ID can be primary key since it is unique for each employee. In the EMPLOYEE table, we can even select License_Number and Passport_Number as primary key since they are also unique.
- For each entity, selection of the primary key is based on requirement and developers.

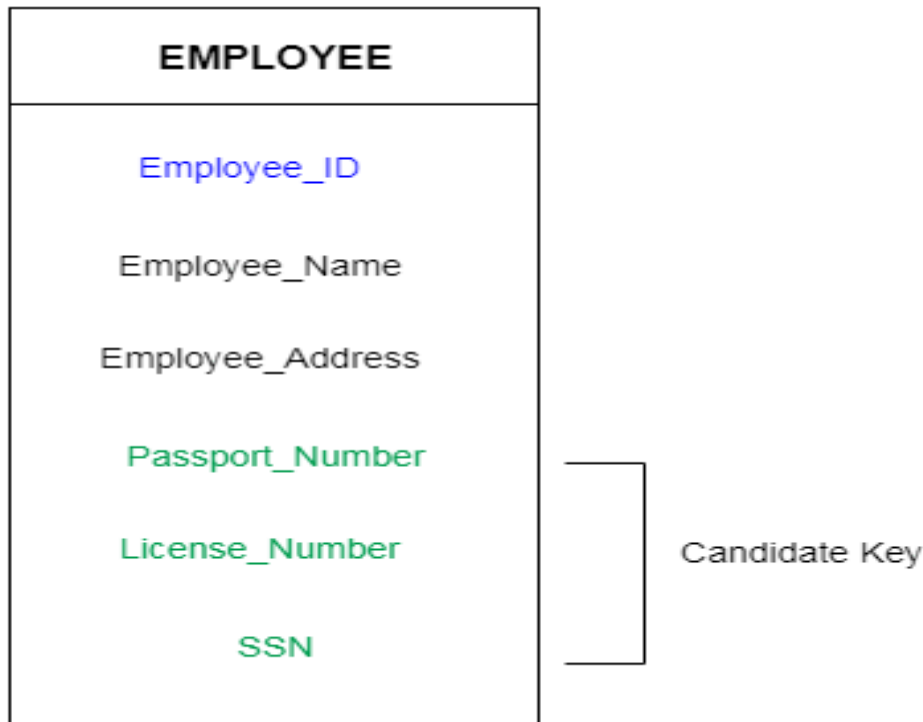


unique key which identifies all instances

2. Candidate key

- A candidate key is an attribute or set of an attribute which can uniquely identify a tuple.
- The remaining attributes except for primary key are considered as a candidate key. The candidate keys are as strong as the primary key.

For example: In the EMPLOYEE table, id is best suited for the primary key. Rest of the attributes like SSN, Passport_Number, and License_Number, etc. are considered as a candidate key.



3. Super Key

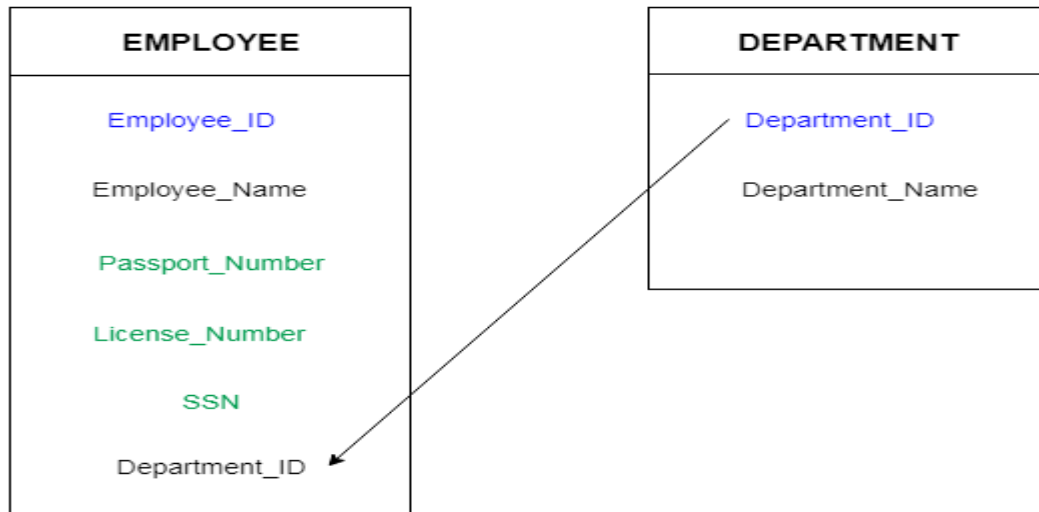
Super key is a set of an attribute which can uniquely identify a tuple. Super key is a superset of a candidate key.

For example: In the above EMPLOYEE table, for(EMPLOYEE_ID, EMPLOYEE_NAME) the name of two employees can be the same, but their EMPLOYEE_ID can't be the same. Hence, this combination can also be a key.

The super key would be EMPLOYEE-ID, (EMPLOYEE_ID, EMPLOYEE-NAME), etc.

4. Foreign key

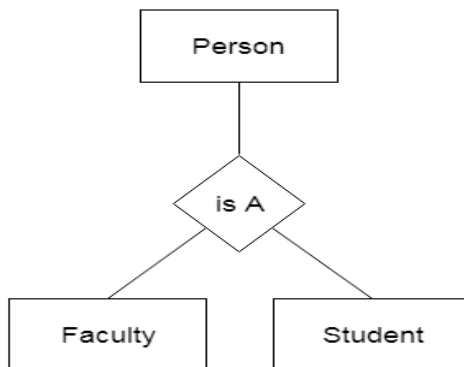
- Foreign keys are the column of the table which is used to point to the primary key of another table.
- In a company, every employee works in a specific department, and employee and department are two different entities. So we can't store the information of the department in the employee table. That's why we link these two tables through the primary key of one table.
- We add the primary key of the DEPARTMENT table, Department_Id as a new attribute in the EMPLOYEE table.
- Now in the EMPLOYEE table, Department_Id is the foreign key, and both the tables are related.



Generalization

- Generalization is like a bottom-up approach in which two or more entities of lower level combine to form a higher level entity if they have some attributes in common.
- In generalization, an entity of a higher level can also combine with the entities of the lower level to form a further higher level entity.
- Generalization is more like subclass and superclass system, but the only difference is the approach. **Generalization uses the bottom-up approach.**
- In generalization, entities are combined to form a more generalized entity, i.e., subclasses are combined to make a superclass.

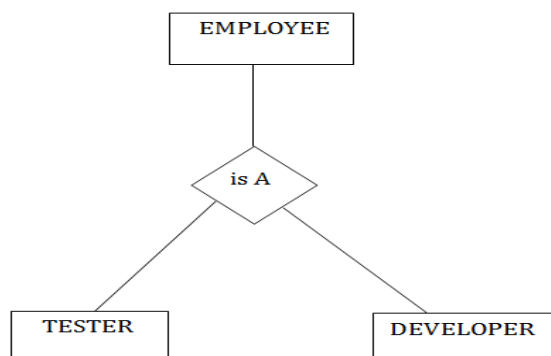
For example, Faculty and Student entities can be generalized and create a higher level entity Person.



Specialization

- **Specialization is a top-down approach, and it is opposite to Generalization.** In specialization, **one higher level entity can be broken down into two lower level entities.**
- Specialization is used to identify the subset of an entity set that shares some distinguishing characteristics.
- Normally, the superclass is defined first, the subclass and its related attributes are defined next, and relationship set are then added.

For example: In an Employee management system, EMPLOYEE entity can be specialized as TESTER or DEVELOPER based on what role they play in the company.

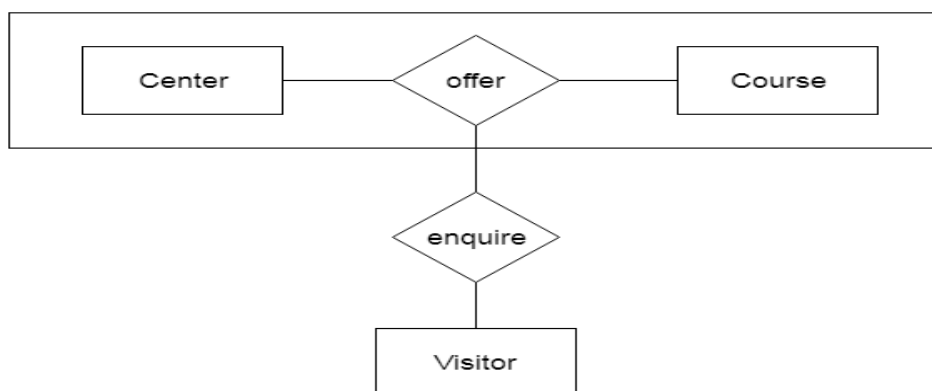


Aggregation

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In aggregation, the relation between two entities is treated as a single entity. In aggregation, relationship with its corresponding entities is aggregated into a higher level entity.

For example: Center entity offers the Course entity act as a single entity in the relationship which is in a relationship with another entity visitor. In the real world, if a visitor visits a coaching center then he will never enquiry about the Course only or just about the Center instead he will ask the enquiry about both.

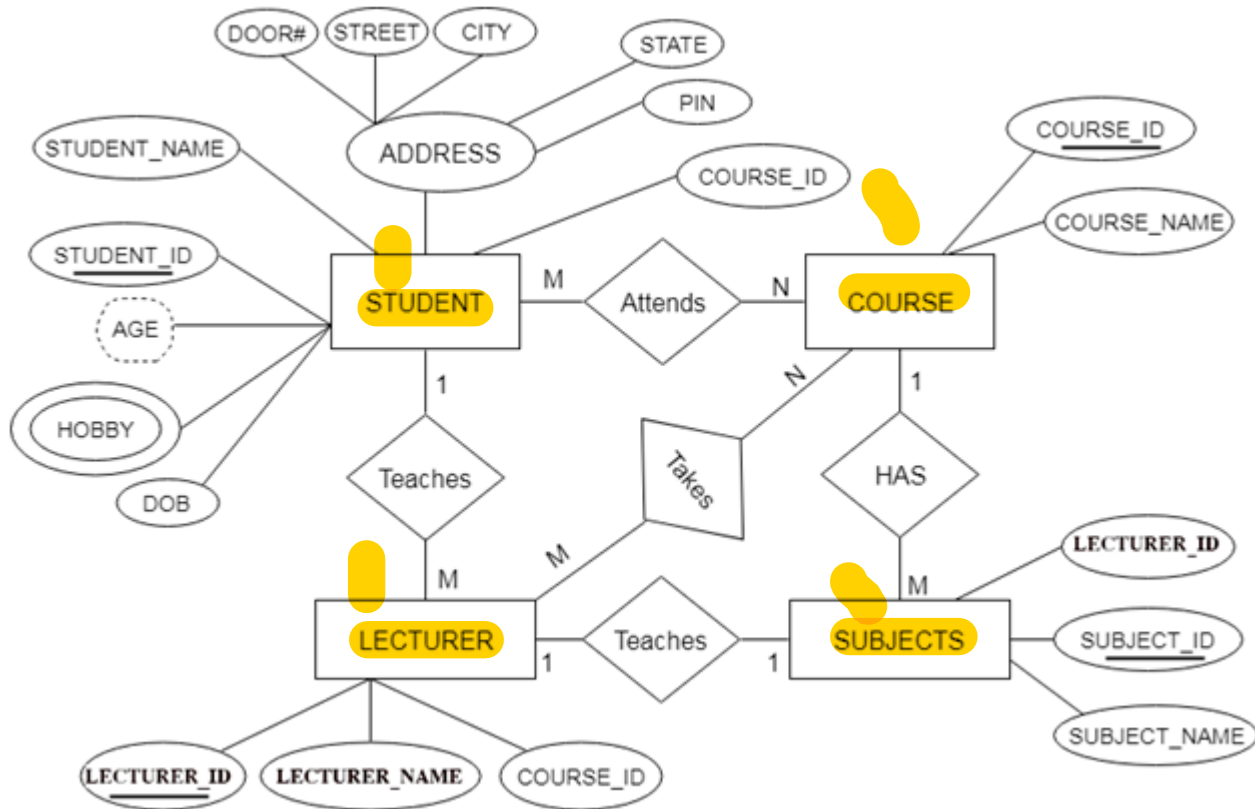


Reduction of ER diagram to Table

The database can be represented using the notations, and these notations can be reduced to a collection of tables.

In the database, every entity set or relationship set can be represented in tabular form.

The ER diagram is given below:



There are some points for converting the ER diagram to the table:

- **Entity type becomes a table.**

In the given ER diagram, LECTURE, STUDENT, SUBJECT and COURSE forms individual tables.

- **All single-valued attribute becomes a column for the table.**

In the STUDENT entity, STUDENT_NAME and STUDENT_ID form the column of STUDENT table. Similarly, COURSE_NAME and COURSE_ID form the column of COURSE table and so on.

- **A key attribute of the entity type represented by the primary key.**

In the given ER diagram, COURSE_ID, STUDENT_ID, SUBJECT_ID, and LECTURE_ID are the key attribute of the entity.

- **The multivalued attribute is represented by a separate table.**

In the student table, a hobby is a multivalued attribute. So it is not possible to represent multiple values in a single column of STUDENT table. Hence we create a table STUD_HOBBY with column name STUDENT_ID and HOBBY. Using both the column, we create a composite key.

- **Composite attribute represented by components.**

In the given ER diagram, student address is a composite attribute. It contains CITY, PIN, DOOR#, STREET, and STATE. In the STUDENT table, these attributes can merge as an individual column.

- **Derived attributes are not considered in the table.**

In the STUDENT table, Age is the derived attribute. It can be calculated at any point of time by calculating the difference between current date and Date of Birth.

Using these rules, you can convert the ER diagram to tables and columns and assign the mapping between the tables. Table structure for the given ER diagram is as below:

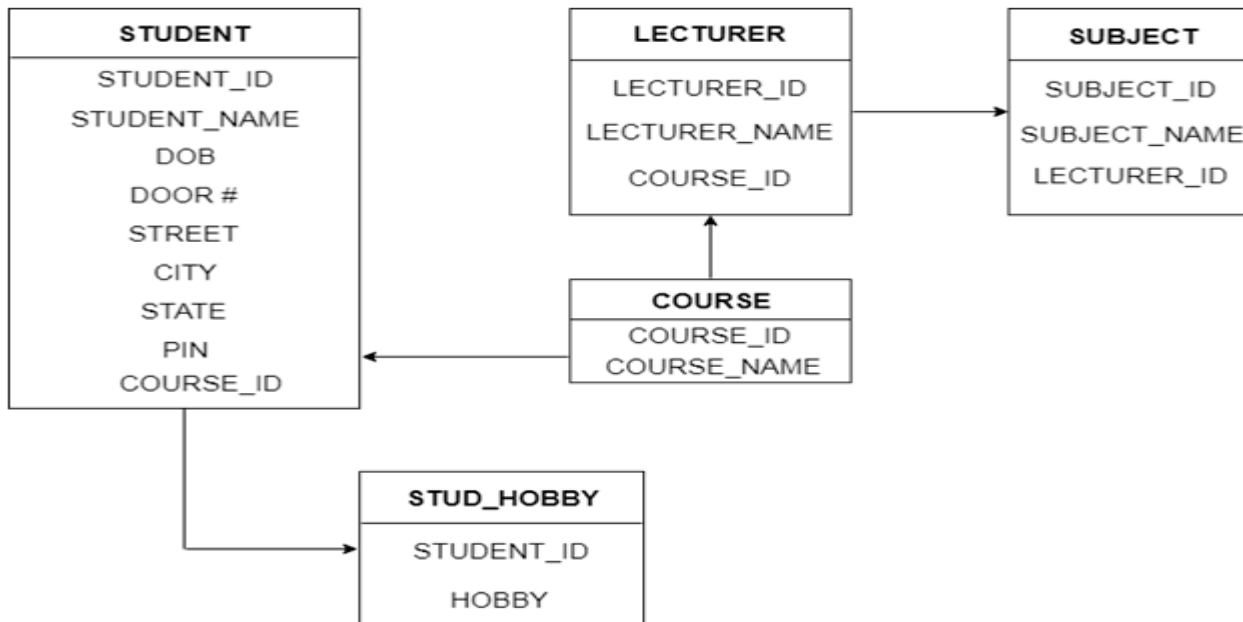


Figure: Table structure

Relationship of higher degree

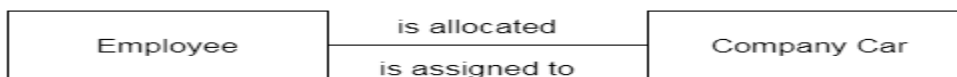
The degree of relationship can be defined as the number of occurrences in one entity that is associated with the number of occurrences in another entity.

There are three degrees of relationship:

1. One-to-one (1:1)
2. One-to-many (1:M)
3. Many-to-many (M:N)

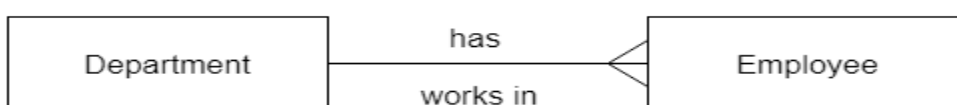
1. One-to-one

- In a one-to-one relationship, one occurrence of an entity relates to only one occurrence in another entity.
- A one-to-one relationship rarely exists in practice.
- **For example:** if an employee is allocated a company car then that car can only be driven by that employee.
- Therefore, employee and company car have a one-to-one relationship.



2. One-to-many

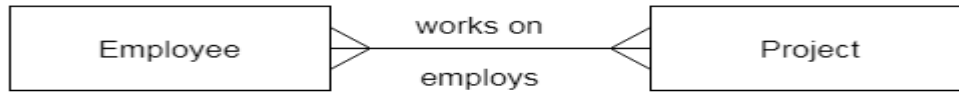
- In a one-to-many relationship, one occurrence in an entity relates to many occurrences in another entity.
- **For example:** An employee works in one department, but a department has many employees.
- Therefore, department and employee have a one-to-many relationship.



3. Many-to-many

- In a many-to-many relationship, many occurrences in an entity relate to many occurrences in another entity.

- Same as a one-to-one relationship, the many-to-many relationship rarely exists in practice.
- **For example:** At the same time, an employee can work on several projects, and a project has a team of many employees.
- Therefore, employee and project have a many-to-many relationship.



RELATIONAL MODEL

A database is a collection of 1 or more 'relations', where each relation is a table with rows and columns. This is the primary data model for commercial data processing applications. The major advantages of the relational model over the older data models are,

1. It is simple and elegant.
2. simple data representation.
3. The ease with which even complex queries can be expressed.

Introduction:

The main construct for representing data in the relational model is a 'relation'.

A relation consists of

1. Relation Schema.
2. Relation Instance.

Explanation is as below.

1. Relation Schema:

The relation schema describes the column heads for the table.

The schema specifies the relation's name, the name of each field (column, attribute) and the 'domain' of each field.

A domain is referred to in a relation schema by the domain name and has a set of associated values. Example:

Student information in a university database to illustrate the parts of a relation schema.

Students (Sid: string, name: string, login: string, age: integer, gross: real)

This says that the field named 'sid' has a domain named 'string'.

The set of values associated with domain 'string' is the set of all character strings.

2. Relation Instance:

This is a table specifying the information.

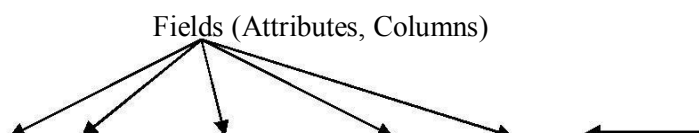
An instance of a relation is a set of 'tuples', also called 'records', in which each tuple has the same number of fields as the relation schemas.

A relation instance can be thought of as a table in which each tuple is a row and all rows have the same number of fields.

The relation instance is also called as 'relation'.

Each relation is defined to be a set of unique tuples or rows.

Example:



sid		login	age	
1111	Dave	dave@cs	19	1.2
2222	Jones	Jones@cs	18	2.3
333	Smith	smith@ee	18	3.4
4444	Smith	smith@math	19	4.5

Field names

Tuples (Records, Rows)

This example is an instance of the students relation, which consists 4 tuples and 5 fields. No two rows are identical.

Degree:

The number of fields is called as 'degree'.

This is also called as 'arity'.

Cardinality:

The cardinality of a relation instance is the number of tuples in it. Example:

In the above example, the degree of the relation is 5 and the cardinality is 4.

Relational database:

It is a collection of relations with distinct relation names. Relational database schema:

It is the collection of schemas for the relations in the database. Instance:

An instance of a relational database is a collection of relation instances, one per relation schema in the database schema.

Each relation instance must satisfy the domain constraints in its schema.