

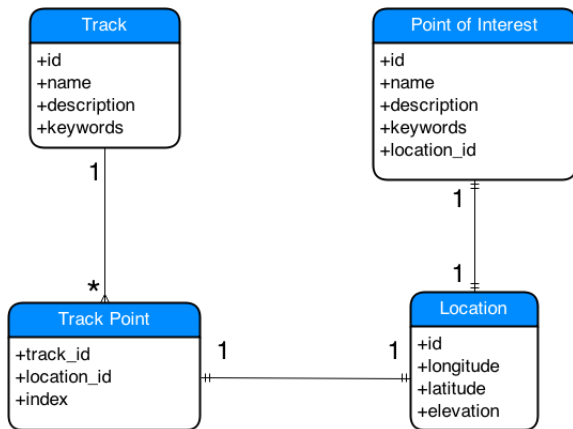
# Exploring ORM Inheritance

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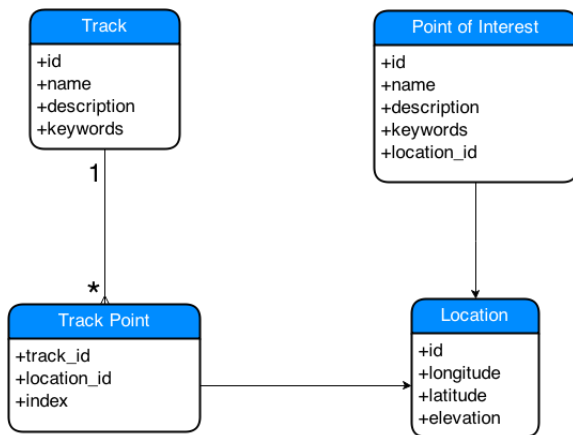
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# Object-Relational Mapping

# Standard Design



# Inheritance Design



# Standard vs Inheritance

Standard Design	Inheritance Design
Composition	Inheritance

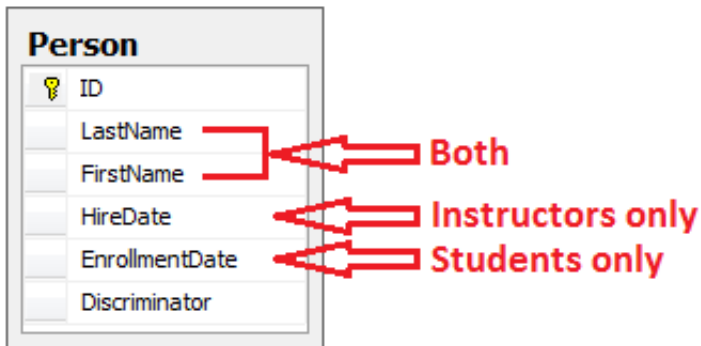
# Entity Framework

ORM for .NET Framework

# Inheritance Types

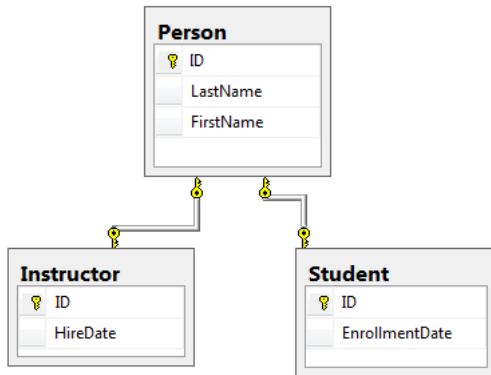
- Table-per-Hierarchy (TPH) inheritance (default)
- Table per Type (TPT) inheritance
- Table-per-Concrete Class (TPC) inheritance

# Table-per-Hierarchy (TPH) inheritance

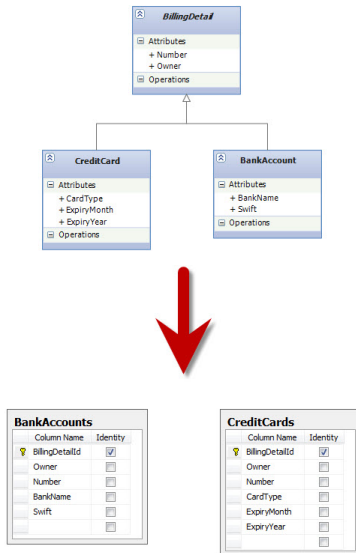




# Table per Type (TPT) inheritance



# Table-per-Concrete Class (TPC) inheritance



# Ruby on Rails: Active Record

# Single Table Inheritance (STI)

```
1  class CreateLocation < ActiveRecord::Migration
2    def change
3      create_table :locations do |t|
4        t.decimal :longitude, precision: 10, scale: 6, null: false
5        t.decimal :latitude, precision: 10, scale: 6, null: false
6        t.decimal :elevation
7
8        t.string :type
9      end
10    end
11  end
12
13
```

# Single Table Inheritance (STI)

```
1  class Location < ActiveRecord::Base
2    end
3
4  class TrackPoint < Location
5    end
6
7  class Waypoint < Location
8    end
9
```

# Single Table Inheritance (STI)

- Useful for tables with same fields but different behaviours.
- Unable to add additional fields to subclasses.

# Discussion

- Composition vs Inheritance
- Does inheritance belong in the database?
- Is the Don't-Repeat-Yourself principle violated with similar tables?

# Questions?



# Eloquent (Laravel 4)(PHP)

- Can manually create Single Table Inheritance support.
- <http://snooptank.com/single-table-inheritance-with-eloquent-laravel-4/>

# Hibernate (Java)

- Table-per-Hierarchy (TPH) inheritance
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