





# Data Requirements

**Bachelor of Information Systems** 





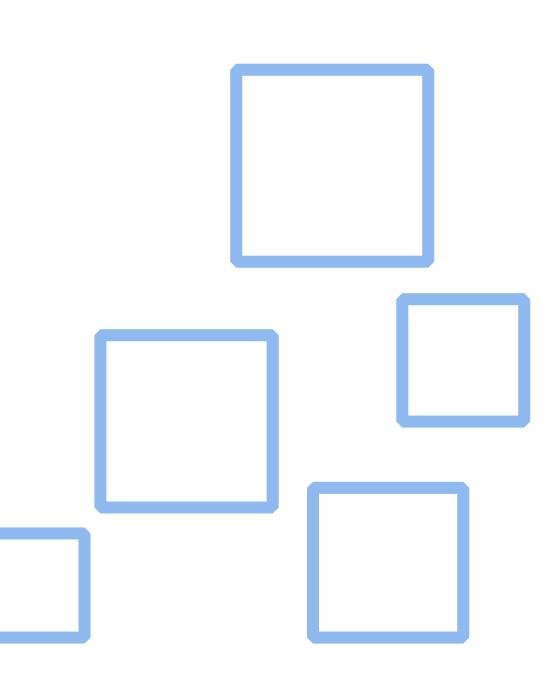


## Learning Objective(s)



This material should address the following question(s).

- Why identifying data requirement is important?
- ? How to identify data requirement?





## Question

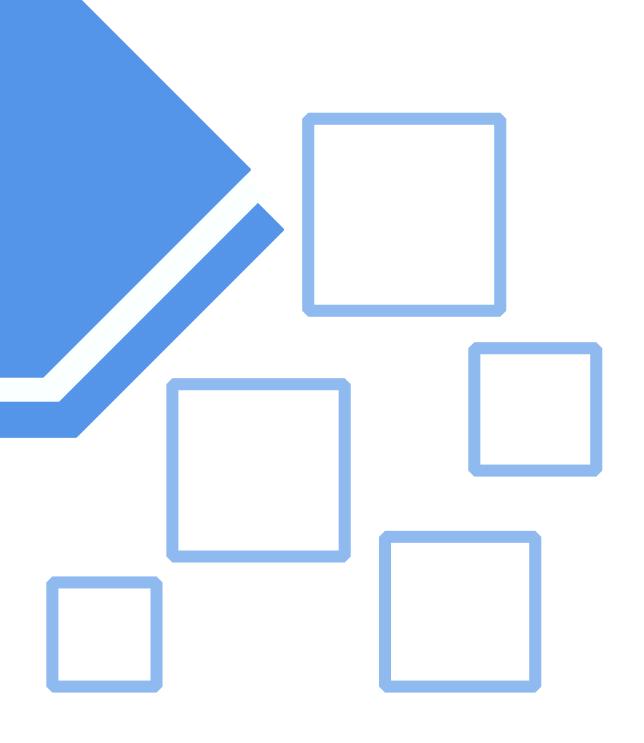


Why identifying data requirements is important?



# First thing first

"Knowing what we need" is playing a key role to a successful database design and to avoid developing the unnecessary.





## Question



How to identify data requirements?



# General Steps

Analyze the problem to understand the context. finding similar cases if necessary.

If you think there are things still missing, it is okay to make assumptions. Back your assumptions with references.

Problem understanding

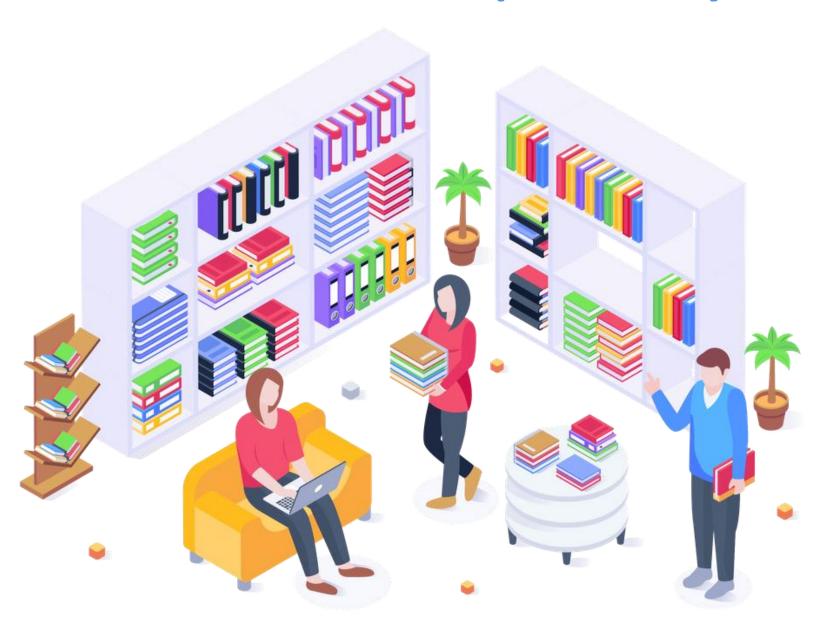
List the objects (entities)

Refine the list

Find out objects (entities) mentioned in the case.
Identify their members.
Sometimes, they are not clearly mentioned.









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Let's make our analysis



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- There are some objects (entities) mentioned:
  - Books, articles, and others.
  - Library visitors and members.
  - Book lending for a limited time.
- However, the details are still missing.
  - In this case, we are allowed to make *safe assumptions* to draw a more clear requirements.



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- Some safe assumptions, e.g.:
  - A book may have multiple copies.
  - A book is identified by its ISBN, title, author(s), publisher, and pub. year.
  - A book copy is identified by its registration number.
  - A member has a name, phone number, email, and a member id.
  - etc.



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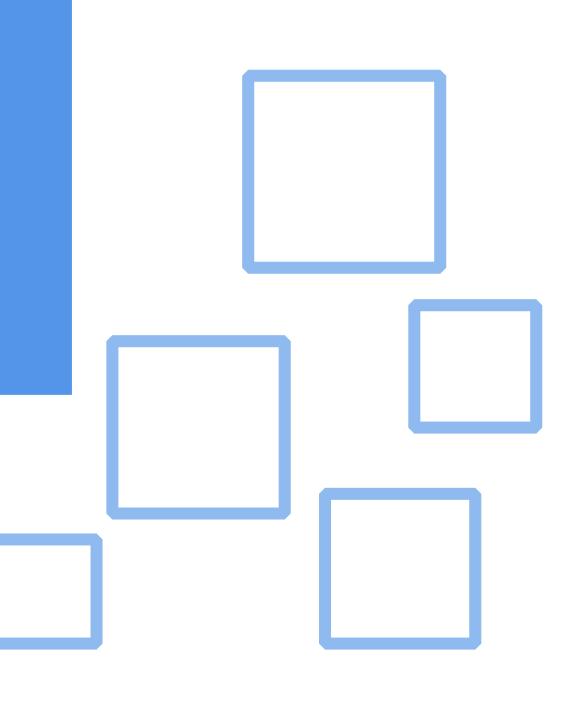
- Should we care about ...
  - Who (the librarian) handles the lending transaction?
  - Where a book copy is acquired from?
  - The member's bank account?
  - etc.





# Where are we now?

By now, you should have the list of **entities** and its members match enough to the requirements.

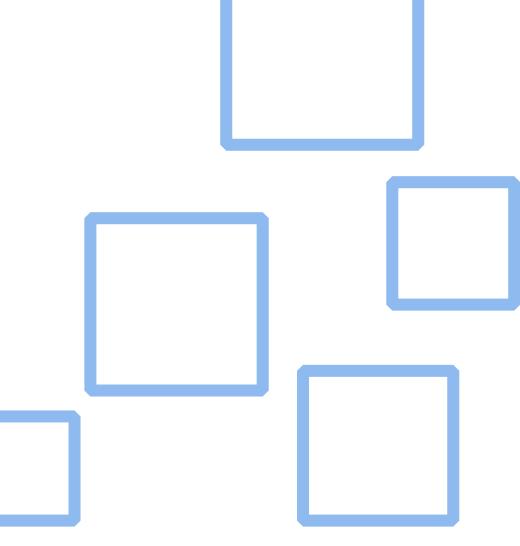




#### Conclusion



- A database should be developed fits to the requirements.
- A careful analysis is the first step to identify the data requirements.
- Assumptions are fine!





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