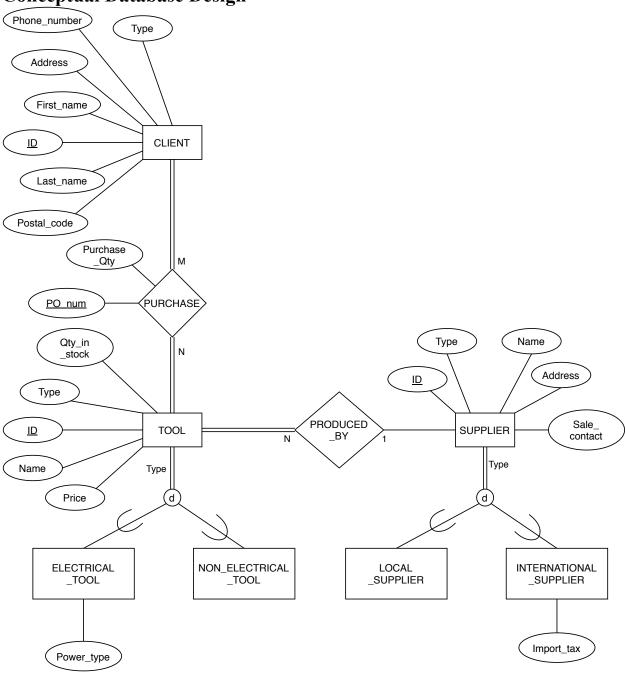
ENSF 608 Project

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Conceptual Database Design



Design Explanation

From the software requirement, I identified three entities: TOOL, SUPPLIER, and CLIENT. TOOL is identified by its key attribute ID, as well as simples attributes including Type, Name, Qty_in_stock, and Price. TOOL can be furthered grouped into ELECTRICAL_TOOL and NON_ELECTRICAL_TOOL for an attribute-defined specialization (based on Type). This is a total disjoint specialization. ELECTRICAL_TOOL and NON_ELECTRICAL_TOOL inherits the attributes from TOOL; ELECTRICAL_TOOL also have a local attribute Power_type.

SUPPLIER is identified by its key attribute ID, as well as simple attributes Type, Name, Address, and Sale_contact. SUPPLIER can be further grouped into LOCAL_SUPPLIER and INTERNATIONAL_SUPPLIER for an attribute-defined specialization (based on Type). This is a total disjoint specialization. LOCAL_SUPPLIER and INTERNATIONAL_SUPPLIER inherits the attributes from SUPPLIER; INTERNATIONAL_SUPPLIER also have a local attribute Import_tax.

Every TOOL item is manufactured by a SUPPLIER, and a SUPPLIER can manufacture multiple TOOL items, making it a 1: N relationship between TOOL and SUPPLIER. TOOL have total participation in this relationship. SUPPLIER has partial participation as they may exist in the database because of old merchandise that the shop carries.

CLIENT is identified by its key attribute ID, as well as simple attributes First_name, Last_name, Address, Postal_code, Phone_number, and Type (Residential or Commercial). The same TOOL item can be purchased by multiple CLIENT and a CLIENT can purchase multiple TOOL items at once, making it a M:N relationship between TOOL and CLIENT. Both the CLIENT and TOOL have total participation in this relationship because CLIENT information is only saved onto the database when they make a purchase and a purchase consist of sales of at least one TOOL items. The relationship PURCHASE is identified by key attribute PO_number (a CLIENT can purchase the same TOOL items multiple times) and simple attribute Purchase_Qty.

Logical Database Design

