# Chapter 2

# **Entity Relationship Modeling**

#### **Topics to be covered:**

- Quick Recap
- Data Model
- ER Model
- Basic components of ER Model

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

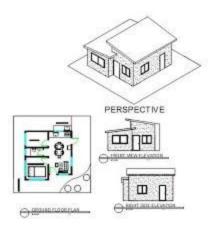
- Students should be able to:
- Describe concept of a data model
- Define Describe basic constructs of E-R Modeling
- Identify and provide suitable name that is descriptive of the relationship.

# **Quick Recap**

- Data and Information
- Need of database
- File system v/s Database system
- Characteristics of databases
- Advantages and Disadvantages of databases
- Data abstraction
- Data Independence
- DBMS system architecture
- Database Users





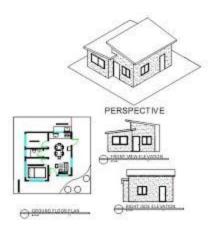
















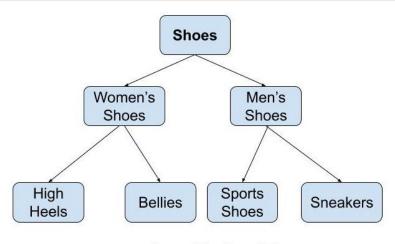


## **Data Models**

- Data Model gives us an idea that how the final system will look like after its complete implementation.
- It defines the data elements and the relationships between the data elements.
- Data Models are used to show how data is stored, connected, accessed and updated in the database management system.

#### **Hierarchical Model**

- organizes the data in the hierarchical tree structure.
- The hierarchy starts from the root which has root data and then it expands in the form of a tree adding child node to the parent node.
- Example: relationship between the shoes present on a shopping website



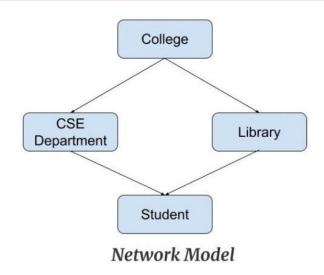
Hierarchical Model

Parent-Child Relationship Pointers very simple and fast to traverse

Complex relationships are not supported Deletion Problem

#### **Network Model**

- an extension of the hierarchical model.
- same as the hierarchical model, the only difference is that a record can have more than one parent
- Example: Node student has two parents i.e. CSE Department and Library

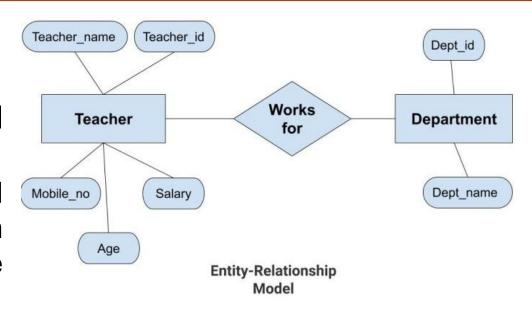


Ability to Merge more Relationships Many paths This makes data access fast & simple

Any change like updation, deletion, insertion is very complex.

#### **Entity-Relationship Model**

- is a high-level data model diagram
- represent the real-world problem in the pictorial form to make it easy for the stakeholders to understand
- also very easy for the developers to understand the system by just looking at the ER diagram
- Example: Teacher works for Departement



Simple & Effective Communication Tool Easy Conversion to any Model

No industry standard for notation Hidden information

#### Relational Model

- is the most widely used model.
- the data is maintained in the form of a two-dimensional table.
- All the information is stored in the form of row and columns.
- The basic structure of a relational model is tables.
- So, the tables are also called relations in the relational model.
- Example: Employee table.

Emp_id	Emp_name	Job_name	Salary	Mobile_no	Dep_id	Project_id
AfterA001	John	Engineer	100000	9111037890	2	99
AfterA002	Adam	Analyst	50000	9587569214	3	100
AfterA003	Kande	Manager	890000	7895212355	2	65

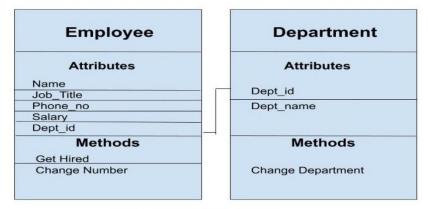
**EMPLOYEE TABLE** 

Tuples & Attribute or field Simple & Scalable Structural Independence

Hardware and Software cost Bad Design

#### **Object Oriented data Model**

- both the data and relationship are present in a single structure known as an object.
- We can store audio, video, images, etc in the database which was not possible in the relational model.
- two are more objects are connected through links.
- Example: Employee & Department



Object\_Oriented\_Model

Department\_id and the communication between these two will be done with the help of this common id.

# What is Conceptual Database Design?

- □ Process of describing the data, relationships between the data and the constraints on the data.
- ☐ After analysis Gather all the essential data required and understand how the data are related
- ☐ The focus is on the *data*, rather than on the processes.
- ☐ The output of the conceptual database design is a **Conceptual Data Model** ( + *Data Dictionary*)

# Gathering Information for Conceptual Data Modeling

## Two perspectives

#### -Top-down

Data model is derived from an intimate understanding of the business.

#### -Bottom-up

Data model is derived by reviewing specifications and business documents.

# Entity-Relationship (ER) Modeling.

- •1976 proposed by Peter Chen
- •ER Modeling is a top-down approach to database design.
- •ER diagram is widely used in database design
  - -Represent conceptual level of a database system
  - -Describe things and their relationships in high level

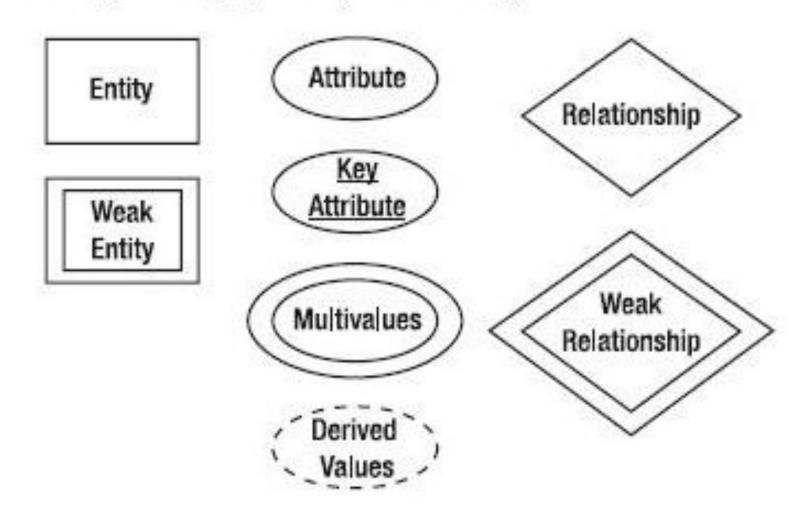
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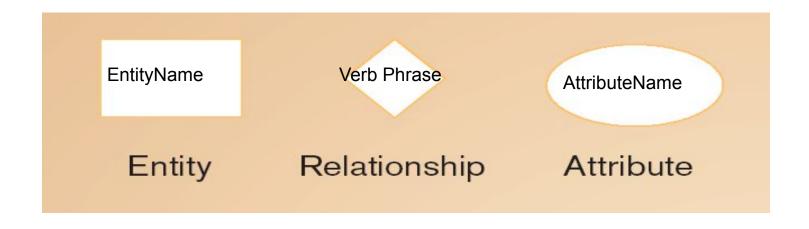
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#### **ER Diagramming Symbols (Chen Notation)**











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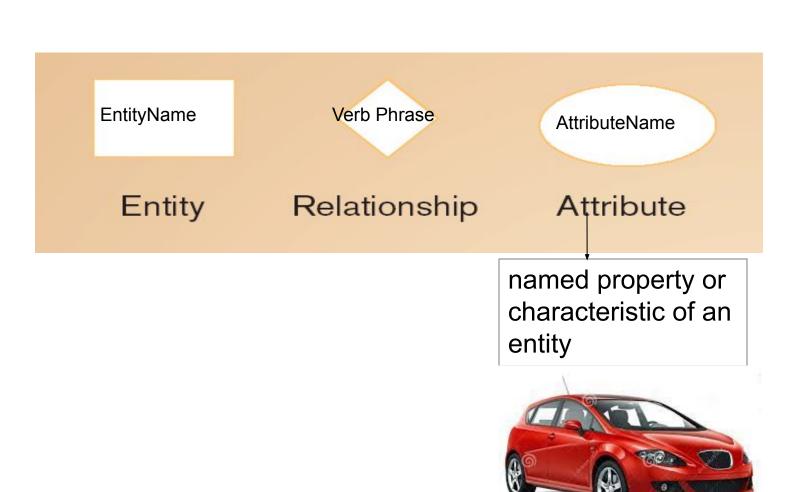
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## Guidelines for naming and defining entity types:

- ☐An entity type name is a singular noun
- ☐An entity type should be descriptive and specific
- ☐An entity name should be concise
- ☐Use uppercase letters for entity type name



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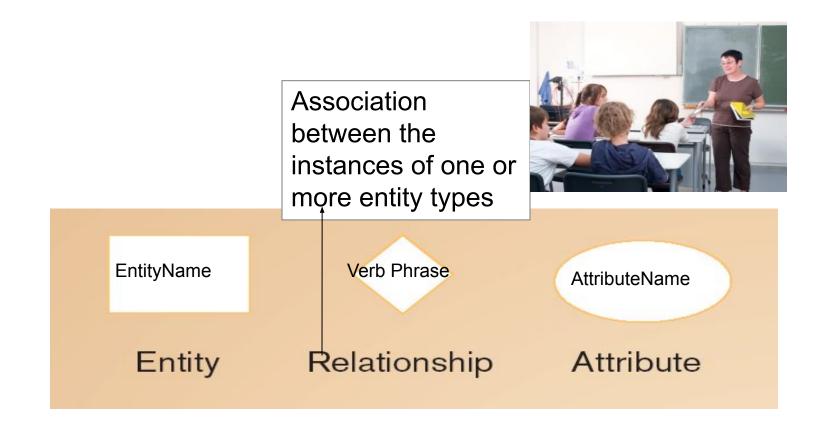
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- □attributes names, initial letter capitalized



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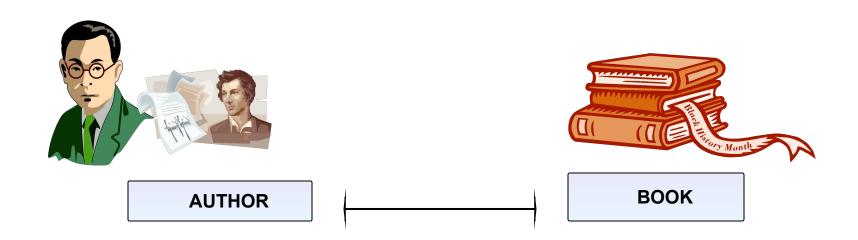
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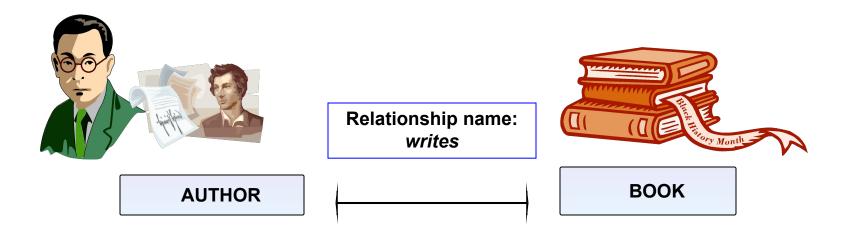
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Verb Phrase

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Hospital Management System entities and their attributes :

- Hospitals Entity: Attributes of Hospitals are hospital\_id, hospital\_doctor\_id, hospital\_name, hospital\_place, hospital\_type, hospital\_description, hospital\_address
- Patient Entity: Attributes of Patient are patient\_id, patient\_name, patient\_mobile, patient\_email, patient\_username, patient\_password, patient\_address, patient\_blood\_group
- Doctors Entity: Attributes of Doctors are doctor\_id, doctor\_name, doctor\_specialist, doctor\_mobile, doctor\_email, doctor\_username, doctor\_password, doctor\_address
- Nurses Entity: Attributes of Nurses are nurse\_id, nurse\_name, nurse\_duty\_hour, nurse\_mobile, nurse\_email, nurse\_username, nurse\_password, nurse\_address,
- Appointments Entity: Attributes of Appointments are appointment\_id, appointment\_doctor\_id, appointment\_number, appointment type, appointment date, appointment description
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