

Introduction of ER Model

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ER Model is used to model the logical view of the system from data perspective which consists of these components:

Entity, Entity Type, Entity Set -

An Entity may be an object with a physical existence – a particular person, car, house, or employee – or it may be an object with a conceptual existence – a company, a job, or a university course.

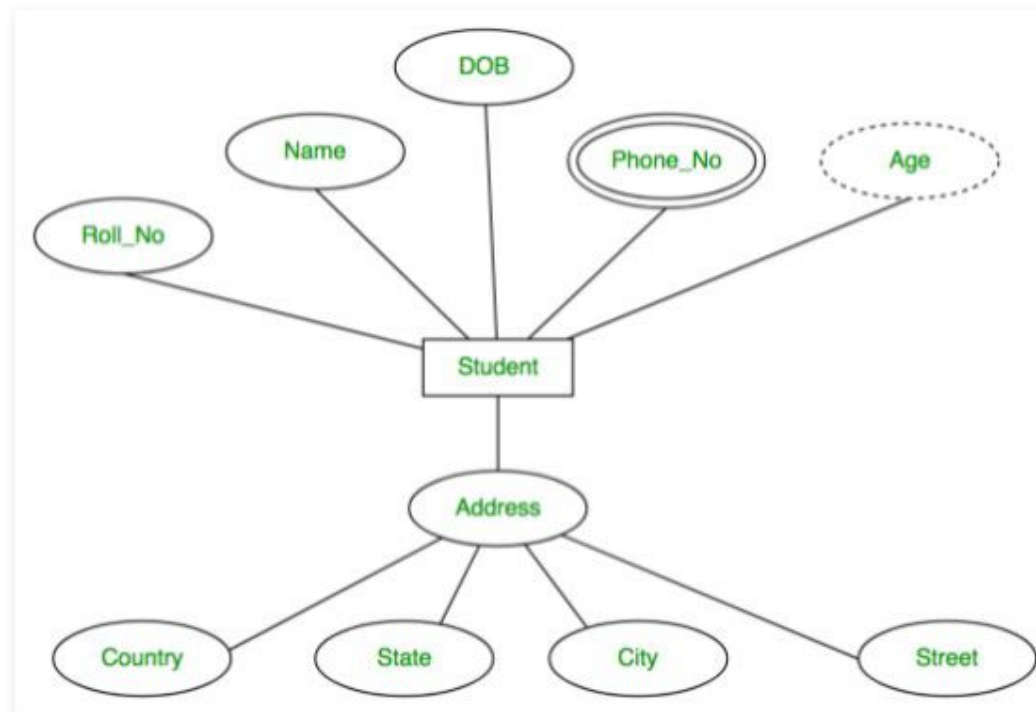
An Entity is an object of Entity Type and set of all entities is called as entity set. e.g.; E1 is an entity having Entity Type Student and set of all students is called Entity Set. In ER diagram, Entity Type is represented as:



Student



The complete entity type **Student** with its attributes can be represented as:



Relationship Type and Relationship Set:

A relationship type represents the **association between entity types**. For example, 'Enrolled in' is a relationship type that exists between entity type Student and Course. In ER diagram, relationship type is represented by a diamond and connecting the entities with lines.