

COMP3005A: ER Model, Relational Mapping, and Normalization

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1 Entity–Relationship (ER) Model

Figure 1 shows the final ER model for the Health & Fitness Club Management System. The diagram (generated in Gleek.io) summarizes all entities, attributes, and relationships required by the project, including cardinalities, participation, and associative entities. The section does not repeat the full explanation of each component; instead, it provides a visual summary of the conceptual design that drives the relational schema.

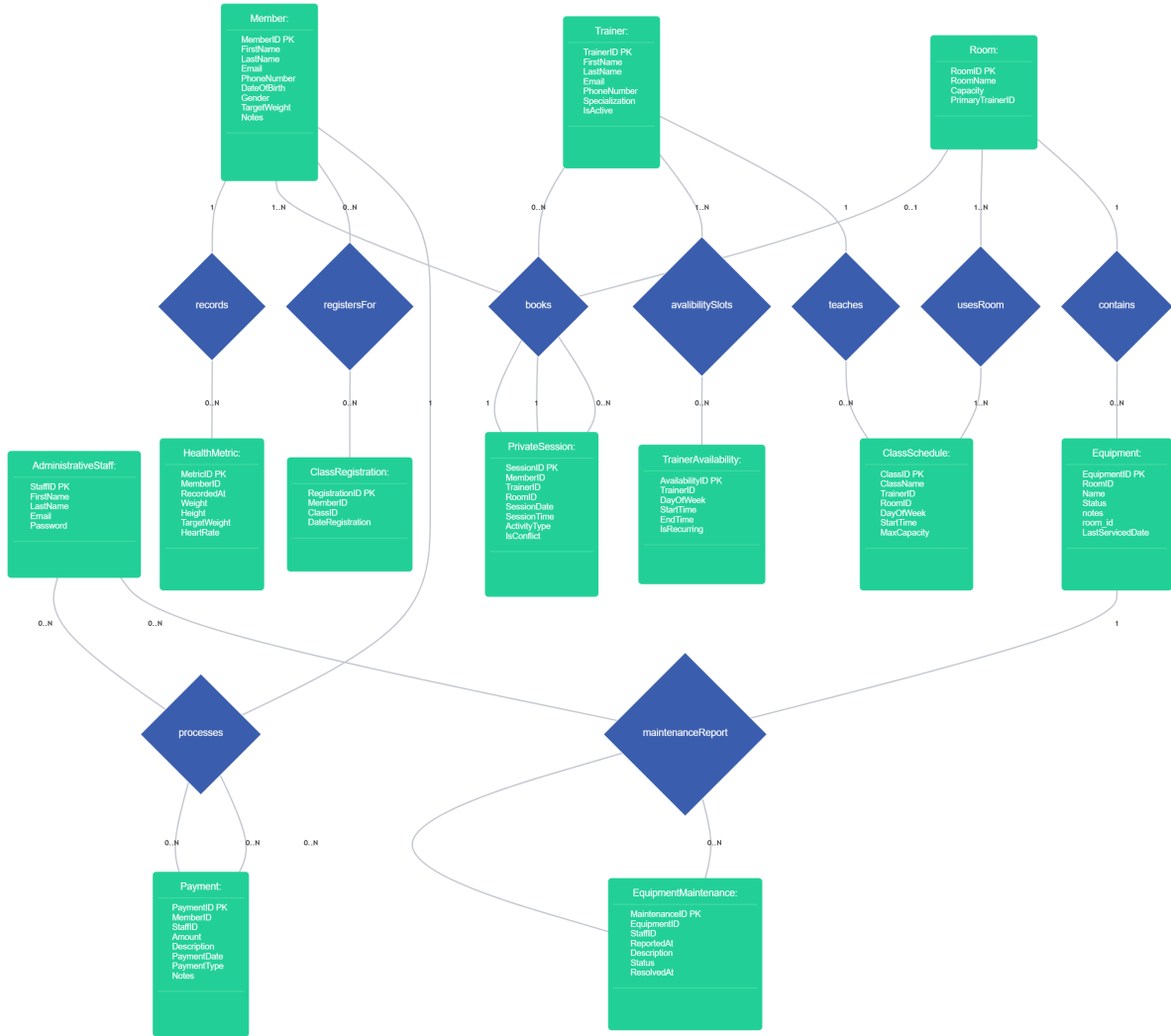


Figure 1: Final ER Diagram for the Health & Fitness Club Management System.

1.1 Model Overview

The ER model contains:

- Regular entities such as Member, Trainer, Room, Equipment, Payment, and their primary attributes.
- History tables (HealthMetric, EquipmentMaintenance) capturing multi-valued temporal information.
- Associative entities (ClassRegistration, PrivateSession) for M:N and composite interactions.
- Relationship diamonds representing booking, registering, processing, teaching, availability, and maintenance relationships.

This model serves as the conceptual foundation for the relational schema shown next.

2 ER-to-Relational Mapping

Figure 2 shows the relational schema derived from the ER diagram. Every entity becomes a table with a surrogate primary key, and all relationships are implemented via foreign keys. Associative entities remain as

independent tables because they have their own attributes (e.g., dates, status fields).

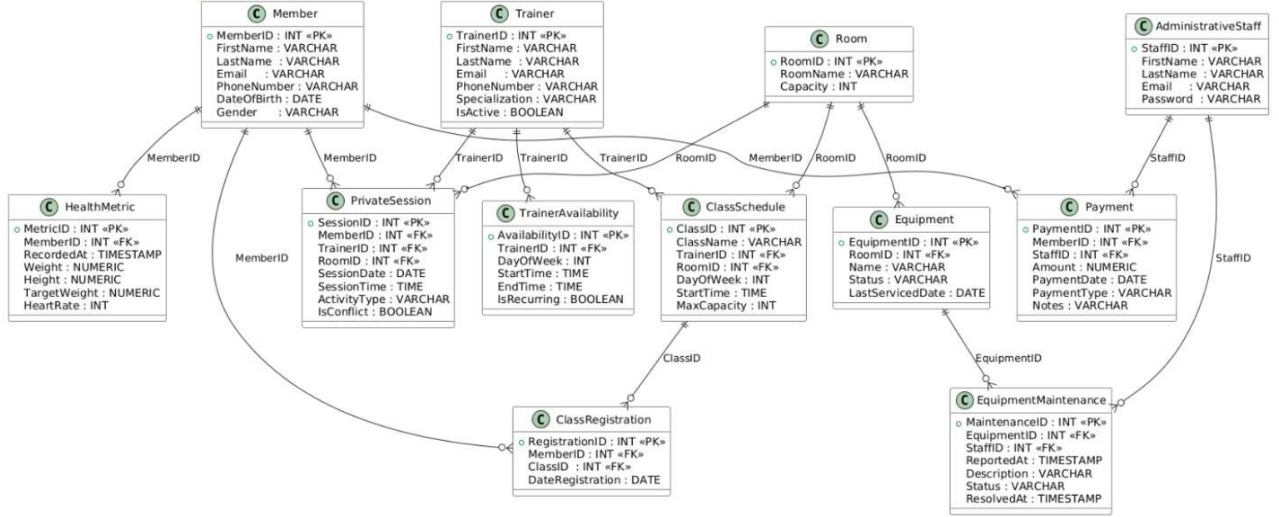


Figure 2: Relational mapping generated from the ER model.

2.1 Mapping Highlights

- 1:N relationships map to foreign keys on the N-side (e.g., `HealthMetric.MemberID`, `ClassSchedule.TrainerID`).
- The single M:N relationship (Member–ClassSchedule) maps to `ClassRegistration`.
- `PrivateSession` is modeled as an associative entity with additional attributes (date, time, activity, status).
- All tables use atomic, single-valued attributes to support 1NF.

This schema reflects the exact structure implemented in PostgreSQL through SQLAlchemy ORM in the final project.

3 Normalization

This section demonstrates that all relations in the schema are in **Third Normal Form (3NF)**. Proofs are shown for representative tables (covering both simple and associative cases); the remainder follow the same logic.

3.1 Normalization Framework

A relation is in:

- **1NF**: if all attributes are atomic.
- **2NF**: if it is in 1NF and no non-key attribute depends on a proper subset of a composite key.
- **3NF**: if for every FD $X \rightarrow A$, either X is a superkey, or A is part of a key (no transitive dependencies).

All tables use single-attribute surrogate primary keys; therefore:

- No composite keys \Rightarrow no partial dependencies (2NF satisfied).
- 3NF reduces to checking that no non-key attribute determines another.

3.2 Sample Normalization Proofs

3.2.1 Member(MemberID, FirstName, LastName, Email, PhoneNumber, DateOfBirth, Gender, TargetWeight, Notes)

FDs:

$$MemberID \rightarrow \text{allother attributes}$$

$$Email \rightarrow MemberID, FirstName, \dots$$

Keys: {MemberID} (primary), {Email} (unique)

3NF Proof:

- Left side of each FD is a key or candidate key.
- No non-key attribute determines another non-key attribute.

Thus, Member is in **3NF**.

3.2.2 ClassSchedule(ClassID, ClassName, TrainerID, RoomID, DayOfWeek, StartTime, MaxCapacity)

FD:

$$ClassID \rightarrow \text{all non-key attributes}$$

There is no FD such as RoomID \rightarrow MaxCapacity or TrainerID \rightarrow DayOfWeek.

Thus, ClassSchedule is in **3NF**.

3.2.3 ClassRegistration(RegistrationID, MemberID, ClassID, DateRegistration)

FDs:

$$RegistrationID \rightarrow MemberID, ClassID, DateRegistration$$

$$(MemberID, ClassID) \rightarrow DateRegistration$$

Keys: {RegistrationID}, {MemberID, ClassID}

3NF Proof:

- Both LHS of the above FDs are keys or candidate keys.
- No non-key attribute determines another non-key attribute.

Therefore, ClassRegistration is in **3NF**.

3.2.4 PrivateSession(SessionID, MemberID, TrainerID, RoomID, SessionDate, SessionTime, ActivityType, IsConflict)

FD:

$$SessionID \rightarrow \text{all attributes}$$

No non-key attribute determines another (e.g., ActivityType does not determine RoomID).

Thus, PrivateSession is in **3NF**.

3.3 Conclusion

- All relations use atomic fields (1NF).
- No relations contain composite keys (2NF).
- All non-trivial FDs originate from keys; no non-key determines another (3NF).

Therefore, the full schema is normalized to **Third Normal Form (3NF)**.