

Problem Statement

The goal is to design and develop a **Book Management System** That tracks and manages information about books, authors, editors, suppliers, and items related to books. The system should allow a shop owner to manage their inventory, sales, and supply chain. The application needs to support the following families:

- Tracking book details, including its title and subjects.
- Maintaining records of the author who wrote books and editors who edit them.
- Managing a list of suppliers who provide items (e.g., paper, ink) required for books.
- Recording sales of books by a shop owner.

The system will be sold as the backend for a future application, which will handle book-related operations efficiently and with data integrity.

Conceptual Design: ER Diagram

The first step in designing the database is creating a **conceptual data model** using an **Entity-Relationship (ER) Diagram**. This diagram serves as a blueprint for the database structure. The key components of the model are:

- **Entities:** These are the main objects or concepts in the system. The ER diagram identifies six primary entities: **Book, Author, Editor, Supplier, Item, And Shop_Owner**. Each is represented by a rectangle.
- **Attributes:** These are the subjects that describe each entity. For example, the Book entity has a Title And a unique Book ID. Author has an Author ID And Name.
- **Relationships:** These show how entities are connected. The diagram shows relationships like:
 - **Writes:** Author writes Book.
 - **Edits:** Editor edits Book.
 - **requires:** Book Requires Item.
 - **Supplies:** Supplier Supplies Item.
 - **Sales:** Shop_Owner Sells Book.
- **Cardinality:** This specifies the number of instances of one entity that can be associated with another. All the main relationships in this model are **many-to-many (M:N)**, meaning, for instance, that one Author can write many Books, and one Book can have many Authors. This is crucial for correctly covering the model into the tables.
- **Multi-valued Attributes:** Attributes like Subject (For both Book And Author) are multi-valued, meaning a single Book can have multiple subjects (e.g., "Computer Science" and "Data Structures").

Logical Design: Relational Schema & Normalization

The final and most critical step is covering the ER diagram into a **normalized relational schema**. This process translates the conceptual model into a set of structured tables to ensure **data integrity** And **minimize redundancy**.

Here's the final normalized schema, derived by applying the results of normalization:

- **Entities to Tables:** Each entity becomes its own table.
- **M:N Relationships & Multi-valued Attributes:** These are handled by creating new, separate **junction tables**. This is the schema of this is in the last **Third Normal Form (3NF)**.

Here are the final normalized tables for your project:

1. **Shop_Owner**

- Owner_ID(PK)
- Shop_Name

2. **Book**

- Book_ID(PK)
- Title

3. **Author**

- Author_ID(PK)
- Name

4. **Editor**

- Editor_ID(PK)
- Name

5. **Supplier**

- Supplier_ID(PK)
- Name

6. **Item**

- Item_ID(PK)
- Item_Name

7. **Book_Author** (Junction Table for the Writes relationship)

- Book_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)

- Author_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)
- 8. **Book_Editor** (Junction Table for the Edits relationship)
 - Book_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)
 - Editor_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)
- 9. **Book_Sales_Owner** (Junction Table for the Sales relationship)
 - Book_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)
 - Owner_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)
 - Sale_Date
 - Price
- 10. **Book_Subject** (Junction Table for multi-valued Subject Attribute of Book)
 - Book_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)
 - Subject(Part of Composite PK)
- 11. **Book_Item** (Junction Table for the requires relationship)
 - Book_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)
 - Item_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)
- 12. **Item_Supplier** (Junction Table for the Supplies relationship)
 - Item_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)
 - Supplier_ID(FK, part of Composite PK)

This final set of tables represents a robust and efficient database structure that is already for implementation as the backend of your application.