

## R1.1: Final Database Description

**StatSphere** is a robust sports statistics database designed to store, manage, and analyze comprehensive data across major professional sports leagues, including the NFL, NBA, MLB, and NHL. Its primary purpose is to serve as an essential tool for sports analysts, journalists, fantasy sports enthusiasts, and fans by providing easy access to detailed information about teams, players, games, and seasons.

### Intended Use

StatSphere is intended to facilitate various activities such as:

- **Data Storage and Management:** Centralizes extensive data related to different sports, ensuring that information about leagues, seasons, teams, players, and individual games is organized and easily accessible.
- **Data Analysis and Reporting:** Enables users to perform complex queries and generate insightful reports, helping them analyze player performances, team statistics, and game outcomes over multiple seasons.
- **User Interaction:** Offers a user-friendly command-line interface that allows users to interact with the database seamlessly, retrieving specific information like player stats, team rosters, or game results with simple commands.

### Database Structure and Relationships

The StatSphere database is meticulously structured to reflect the intricate relationships inherent in sports data:

1. **Entities:**
  - **Sport:** Represents different sports (e.g., Football, Basketball).
  - **League:** Denotes various leagues within a sport (e.g., NFL in Football).
  - **Season:** Captures specific years or seasons within a league.
  - **Team:** Details the teams participating in a league.
  - **Player:** Contains information about individual players, including their positions and career spans.
  - **Game:** Records individual games, including dates and participating teams.
2. **Relationships:**
  - **One-to-Many (1:N):**
    - A single **Sport** can encompass multiple **Leagues**.
    - Each **League** can host multiple **Seasons**.
    - Every **Season** consists of numerous **Games**.
    - A **League** comprises multiple **Teams**.
  - **Many-to-Many (M:N):**
    - **Players** can belong to multiple **Teams** over different periods, and each **Team** can have multiple **Players**. This relationship is managed through the **PlayerTeam** associative entity, which also tracks the duration of a player's tenure with a team.
    - **Players** can participate in numerous **Games**, and each **Game** involves multiple **Players**. The **PlayerGameStats** associative entity handles this relationship, allowing the recording of individual performance metrics such as points scored, passing yards, and rushing yards for each game.

### Example Scenario

Imagine a sports analyst aiming to evaluate the performance of a quarterback like Tom Brady during the 2021 NFL season. Using StatSphere, the analyst can:

- **Retrieve Team Information:** Identify the team Tom Brady played for by querying the **PlayerTeam** relationship.
- **Access Game Data:** Extract detailed statistics from each game Tom Brady participated in by accessing the **PlayerGameStats** associated with relevant **Game** entries.
- **Analyze Performance Trends:** Compare passing yards, points scored, and other metrics across different games to identify performance patterns or areas for improvement.

