

# Conceptual schema

## Open Information Systems Project: The last recipe

### Use cases

#### Case 1: Looking up recipes

The user should be able to look up recipes by their title or category.

Entities used:

- Recipe
- MealCategory

#### Case 2: Consulting recipe ingredients

The user will receive nutritional information about the recipe as a whole and about each ingredient it contains.

Entities used:

- Recipe
- CookingStep
- Ingredient
- Restriction
- IngredientCategory

#### Case 3: Consulting recipe steps

The user will be able to see the steps necessary to cook the actual meal.

Entities used:

- Recipe
- CookingStep
- Ingredient
- Tool

#### Case 4: Filtering by tools and time

The user should be able to filter recipes by the tools (or time) he has available. To achieve this a CookingStep has a **timeRequired** attribute and a relation to one or more tools.

Entities used:

unit?

- Recipe
- Tool
- CookingStep

#### Case 5: Allergies / dietary restrictions

The user should be able to filter out recipes that contain ingredients the user is allergic to or cannot eat due to dietary restrictions (**e.g. vegan**).

Entities used:

- Ingredient
- IngredientCategory
- Restriction

## Case 6: Looking up similar recipes

The user should be able to search for similar recipes that satisfy different constraints, such as swapping ingredients.

Entities/Relations used:

- Ingredient
- IngredientCategory
- CanBeSubstitutedBy

## Misc.

I argue that the order number is not as artificial as it sounds, as the number and recipe identify a step.

Our only weak entity is the *CookingStep* which justifies the use of an artificial identifier as unique key.

The price, the diet and properties such as the total amount of calories of a recipe can be inferred. But what are the units, currencies, etc.?

The Restriction Entity corresponds to a Diet or Allergy category an ingredient can be part of.

In your model, you can "globally" swap an ingredient with another. This might be true for some recipes, but not for all. For instance, you can replace "butter" by "coconut oil" (which isn't a liquid at room temperature) to grease a pan, but you wouldn't replace butter by coconut oil in a pound cake.

# Attachments

## ER Diagram

Cardinality is not entirely correct  
always indicate the lower bounds  
as well

