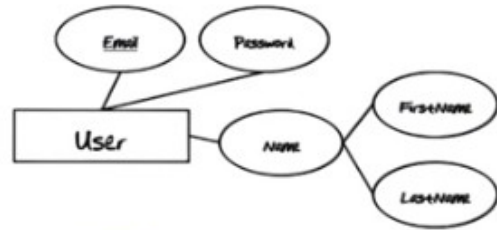


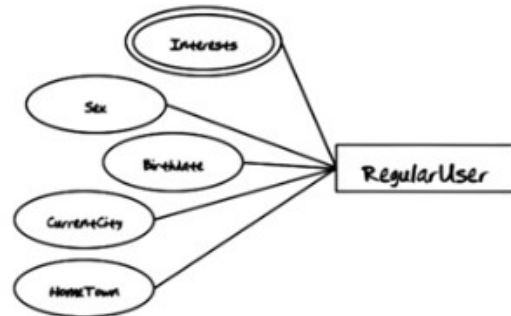
These snippets of task requirements are taken from a comprehensive project description and are just part of what is used to design the ER Diagram.

**Requirement:** ...All **Users** are uniquely identified by his or her **Email Address**. Providing a valid **Email Address** and **Password** combination will log the user into the system...



**Question:** Should **NAME** be a composite attribute? Well, you decide, sort of...

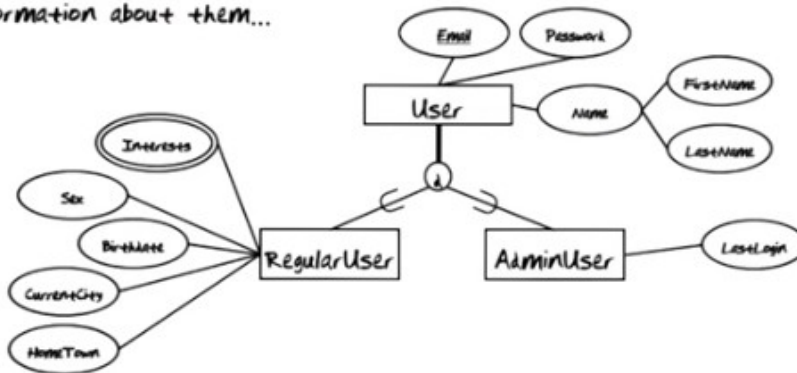
上圖中上面的是 log in screen, 下面的是 registration screen.



Use attribute names from the documents in the EER Diagram!

上圖是 Edit Profile screen.

**Requirements:** ...All GTOline Users (except Administrative Users) have a profile containing basic information about them...



**Requirements:** ...Administrative users have some of the same information as regular users (Email Address, Password, First Name, and Last Name)... but do not have a full profile and cannot request friends, etc. A user must be either an administrator or a regular user, but never both. GTOline also tracks the last date and time that an admin user logged in to the system...

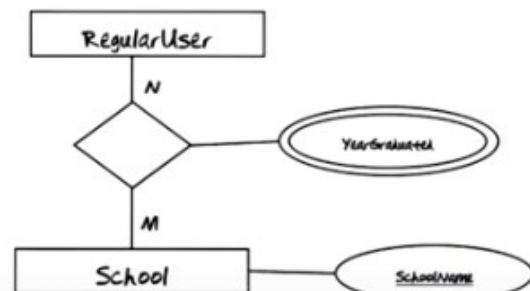
The above figure: a user must either be a Regularuser or an AdminUser, but cannot be both. Therefore, the constraint is disjoint. Textbook 中說了, d 下面兩個箭頭(或 U)表示 inherit 的方向(此處是除 quiz 外, 最早出現箭頭的地方)

**Michael Bluth**

Sex: Male  
Birthdate: 1984-06-20  
Current City:   
Home Town:   
Interests: Tennis, Watching Inception Over and Over Again, Springfield  
Education: George Institute of Technology College/Oversight  
Year Graduated: 2000  
School: William McKinley High School  
Year Graduated: 2000  
Professional: Boulder Office  
Job Title: Assistant to the Regional Manager

Callouts:  
- Add a new interest and refreshes the page  
- Add another box on the user interface with School and Year Graduated  
- Add another box on the user interface with Employer and Job Title  
- May be left blank  
- Lets available schools and their type

**Requirements:** ...A list of Schools, from which the user can select, is maintained in the system. Assume that all School Names will be unique. A user can have any number of schools associated with him or her and can provide a Graduation Date for each school... It is possible that the same school will appear multiple times with different graduation dates.



上圖: Edit Profile 往下看, 就是 Education section.

**Schools**

Georgia Institute of Technology  
William McKinley  
University of Georgia  
Buckhead Elementary

College/University  
High School  
Middle School  
Elementary School

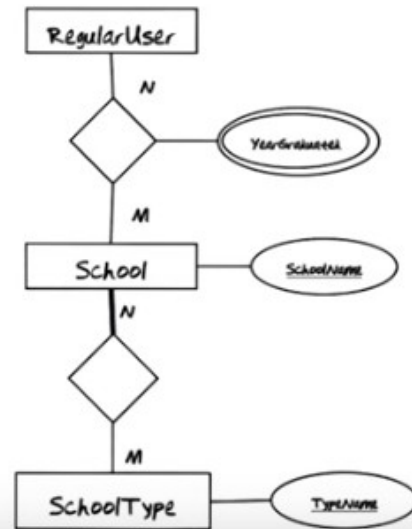
College/University

School types include College/University, High School, Middle School, and Elementary School

Adds a new school to the list and refreshes the page

[Back to Menu](#)

**Requirements:**...Each school must have a **School Type**  
There are four possible types: College/University, High School, Middle School, and Elementary School... It should be possible for the database administrator to add new school types from behind the scenes.



上圖: relation 連雙線 property 的, 都可以這樣理解: 一個 RegularUser 和一個 School 可以對應多個 YearGraduate, 即同一個人在同一個學校中可以有多個不同的畢業時間. 下下圖中的 RegularUser-Employer-JobTitle 也可以這樣理解. relation 連單線 property 的, 也可以類似理解.

**Michael Bluth**

Sex: Male  
Birthdate: 1988-08-22  
Current City:  
Hometown:

Interests: Tennis, Watching Inception Over and Over Again, Seinfeld

**Education**

School	Year Graduated
Georgia Institute of Technology (College/University)	1990
William McKinley (High School)	1988

**Professional**

Employer	Job Title
London Martin	Assistant to the Regional Manager

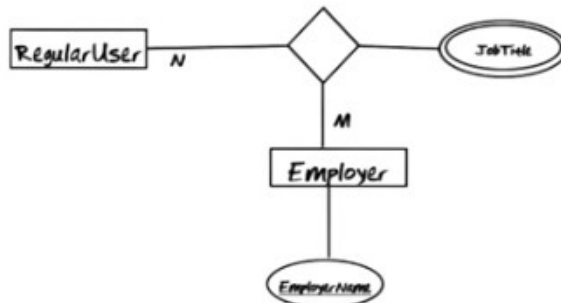
May be left blank

Adds a new interest and refreshes the page

Adds another row to the user interface with School and Year Graduated

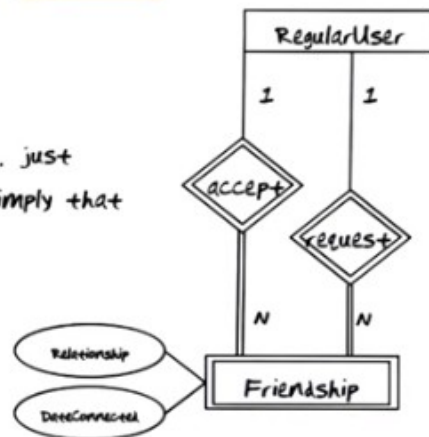
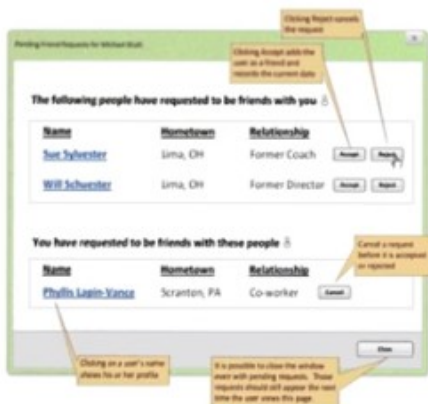
Adds another row to the user interface with Employer and Job Title

The above figure: at the bottom of the Edit Profile screen is the Professional section.



**Requirements:** ...Administrators are responsible for managing the list of **Employers**. Assume that all **Employers** have a unique **Name**.

**Requirements:** ...The **Job Title** field is not managed by the administrator and can be any value provided by the user. A profile can contain multiple **Employers** and the same **Employer** may even appear multiple times as long as the **Job Title** is different in each case.

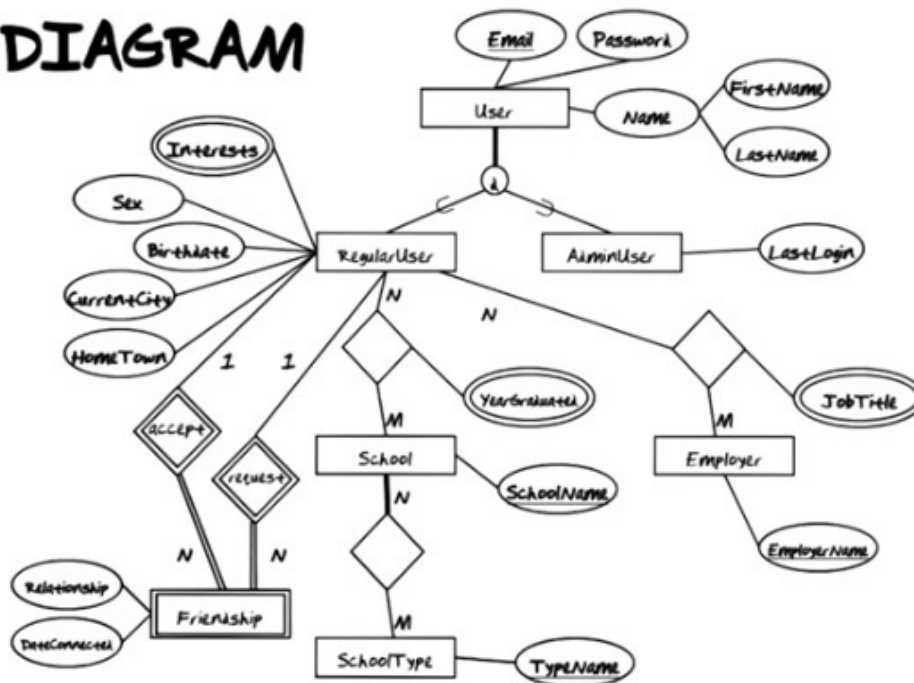


**Requirements:** ...**Friendship** is not always reciprocal... just because Emily is friends with Sarah, this does not imply that Sarah is friends with Emily...

...the **DateConnected** field is set when the friend request is accepted, not when the request is originally sent.



# EER DIAGRAM



## Reading EER-Diagrams – mechanically

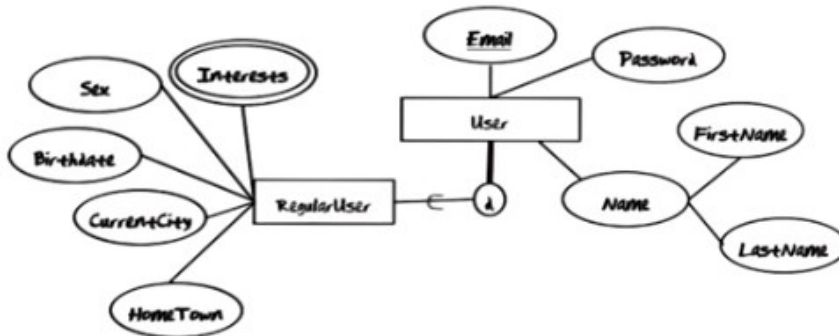
(useful when communicating with your customer)

GTOline stores Users. There are two kinds of Users. Every User must be either a RegularUser or an AdminUser. All Users have a unique Email, a Password, and a Name consisting of FirstName and LastName. An AdminUser also has a LastLogin. A RegularUser also has a Sex, a Birthdate, a CurrentCity, a HomeTown, and multiple Interests. GTOline stores Employers. Every Employer has a unique Name. A RegularUser may be related to many Employers, who in turn may be related to many RegularUsers. In the relationship between a RegularUser and an Employer, multiple JobTitles may be stored. GTOline stores SchoolType. Every SchoolType has a unique TypeName. GTOline stores Schools. Every School has a unique Name. All Schools must have a SchoolType, which in turn may be the SchoolType for multiple Schools. A RegularUser may be related to many Schools, which in turn may be related to many RegularUsers. In the relationship between a RegularUser and a School, multiple YearGraduated may be stored. A Friendship must be related to the one RegularUser who requested it, who in turn may have requested many Friendships. A Friendship must be related to the one RegularUser who accepted it, who in turn may have accepted many Friendships. A Friendship is uniquely determined by the Email of the RegularUser who requested it, the Email of the RegularUser who accepted it. Etc, etc, etc.

The above figure: Please notice that the way I just summarized Extended-Entity Relationship diagram was quite mechanical in nature. It would actually be possible to write a program that would take as input an Extended-Entity Relationship diagram and then read out in English exactly what it means, no more no less. When you are talking with your customer about your database specification, they would not be able to understand the Extended-Entity Relationship diagram, they might be able to understand

this English representation of that diagram.

## Data Formats- beg, steal, borrow



### User:

- Email: max 36 chars. Example: [leomark@cc.gatech.edu](mailto:leomark@cc.gatech.edu)
- Password: max 20 chars. Example: qwerty
- Name: FirstName: max 25 chars; Last: max 40 chars
- Addresses (when needed) are very very difficult.
- Eg. look at the 206 page guideline at

<http://pe.usps.com/cpm/ftp/pubs/pub26/pub26.pdf>

### RegularUser:

- Birthdate: Date: 'YYYY-MM-DD'
- Sex: {M, F}
- CurrentCity, HomeTown: max 20 chars, each
- Interests: multi-value with 16 chars, each

A screenshot of a web form titled "Michael Bluth". It contains fields for Sex (a dropdown menu), Birthdate (a date picker), Current City, HomeTown, and Interests (a text area). There are also fields for Password and Confirm Password. A "Register" button is at the bottom right. A small orange callout bubble points to the "Interests" field with the text "Interests are required".

A screenshot of a web form titled "GTOOnline Lite Social Networking for Networking Societies". It contains fields for First Name (filled with "Michael"), Last Name (filled with "Bluth"), Email, Password, and Confirm Password. There are "Cancel" and "Register" buttons at the bottom. A small orange callout bubble points to the "Interests" field with the text "Interests are required".

The above figure: Addresses, when needed, are very very difficult to deal with. Couple of years ago when I was looking at address formats, I ran into the United States Postal Service's recommendation for addresses across the world. It's a whopping two hundred-plus page guideline. Guidelines like that takes specilaists to develop, and it takes a lot of time. Instead of every single database to sing out there who needs to create addresses in their database, maybe they should take a look at what other people have done. In general, you can extrapolate their idea into one of the basic concept when it comes to data formatting, namely beg, steal and borrow. If someone already has spent a lot of time thinking about this, why would you do it too?

# Constraints

## Examples:

- DateConnected is NULL until request is accepted.
- Cannot be Friend with yourself.
- Can only comment on Status of Friends.

## Already covered:

- Data formatting constraints
- Constraints that can be expressed in the EER Diagram

The above figure: Well, it basically leaves us with a set of rules that we can't describe in the database that we can't format out way out of. So there's only one place left to it, and that is to program it into the application program, show that constraints like this are enforced.

# Task Decomposition

## Rules of Thumb:

- Lookup vs. insert, delete, and update?  
(different database locks)
- How many schema constructs are involved?  
(many database locks)
- Are enabling conditions consistent across tasks?  
(let run what can run - scheduling)
- Are frequencies consistent across tasks?  
(index only what must be indexed)
- Is consistency essential?  
(ACID transaction properties)
- Is mother task control needed or not?

The screenshot shows a web form titled "User Settings Profile for Michael Bluth". The form is divided into several sections: Personal Information, Interests, Education, and Professional. Each section contains input fields and buttons for "Add", "Save", and "Delete". Annotations with yellow callout boxes point to specific parts of the form:

- "Add a new interest and refreshes the page" points to the "Interests" section.
- "Add another box on the user interface with School and Year Graduated" points to the "Education" section.
- "Add another box to the user interface with Employer and Job Title" points to the "Professional" section.
- "Add another school" points to the "Add Another School" button.
- "Add another job" points to the "Add Another Job" button.
- "Add available schools and their type" points to the "School" dropdown menu in the Education section.
- "Add available employers and their type" points to the "Employer" dropdown menu in the Professional section.

The above figure: for each one of the tasks, we identify in the information flow diagram, we need to talk about whether that's a [single task](#), or whether it should be [decomposed](#). The rules of thumb I'm going to give you are based on a deep understanding of the internal workings of a database management system. In each one of the cases I'm going to give you the rule, and I'm going to tell you what it is based on. Later on, when you do task decomposition, [you're going to go through these rules that I'm giving you in order to determine whether the particular task you're looking at should be](#)

decomposed or not.

**- Lookup vs insert, delete and update?**

So from a database management system perspective, difference between whether a task just is a look up task or whether it actually modifies the database through an insertion, deletion, or update. The reason for that is that different database locks are needed in order to support lookups versus changes to the database. So if many different things take place(即需要 look up), then that's an indication that the test should be decomposed.

**- How many schema constructs are involved?**

The second rule of thumb is based on how big a portion of the database is involved in the operation. The bigger the portion is, the harder it is to acquire all the locks that are needed in order to support concurrent execution of transactions on the database. So if a large number of schema constructs are involved, that would make you want to decompose the task into smaller tasks using smaller portions of the database. (Edit Profile 例子中, Clearly there are several different schema constructs involved. There's both the personal information portion for user and for regular user. There's the whole education portion. And there's the whole professional portion. 多個 schema 原來就是這個意思)

**- Are enabling conditions consistent across tasks?**

The next rule of thumb is based on what enables the different portions of a task. So if some portion of a task are enabled, then why not let those proceed instead of waiting to later on when there might not be resource available to run those tasks that were earlier enabled. The smaller portions of a task that can run, the easier it is to schedule the task. (View profile 例子中, All three are enabled by a user's login or a friend's lookup)

**- Are frequencies consistent across tasks?**

The next rule of thumb is based on what the frequencies of the things that are done by the task are. If the task contains things that are done with a high frequency and things that are done with a low frequency, it is a good idea to split them apart. The reason is that high frequency things, you want to index to run fast. Whereas low frequency things, you may not need to index.

**- Is consistency essential?**

The next really important rule of thumb is related to consistency of the database. Is it really essential that all the pieces of a task get done in one transaction? Or is it okay that things get spread out a little bit over time? An example of that would be transferring money from one bank account to another one. (轉出和轉入要同時做, 因為不能讓轉出的帳戶和轉入的帳戶都同時有同一托錢). So it is very important that all the steps involved are done together. For example, monies must be available in the from account. They must be subtracted from the balance of the from account, and they must be deposited into the to account. All of those things must be done together, in order that you do not end up with an inconsistent database.

**- Is mother task control needed or not?**

The final rule of thumb is based on the question of whether a mother task is needed to control subtasks. Sometimes you need a mother task, sometimes you do not. The banking example I just gave you certainly needs a mother task (View profile 例子中, all three of the must be done in order to display the information on the View Profile screen. So a mother task is needed to make sure that all three things get done). We're later going to see things that may not need a mother task.



# Web-apps

- Traditionally, almost stateless.
- Must have some state, eg. email of the session user.
- May need some click stream history.
- Things are changing. So-called Web 2.0 and AJAX technologies provide more rich user interface in the Web browser. These technologies make it easier to keep state information locally on the browser or behind the scenes on the server (but not in the DB).
- In this sense, the web apps are beginning to act more like traditional apps.

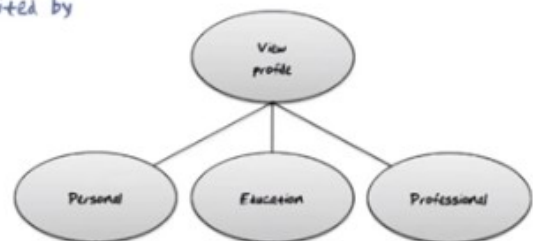
# Traditional-apps

- In a traditional app, it is much easier to manage local state separately from the DB (eg, using smart widgets, etc.).
- A whole slew of changes can be collected before submitting them all to the database.
- Supports better control of ACID transactions execution.

## Task Decomposition ViewProfile

### View Profile:

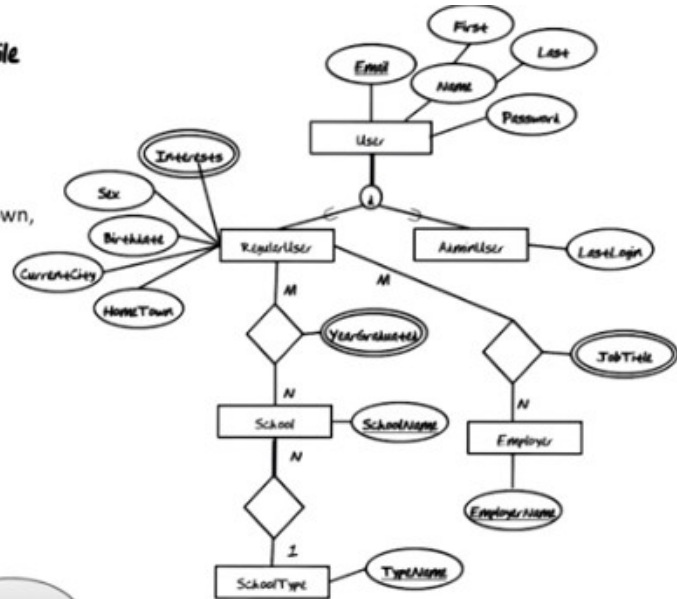
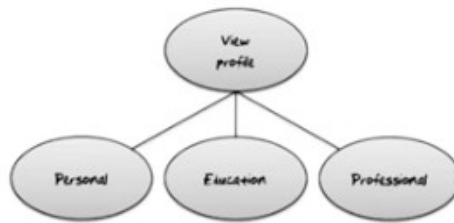
- three lookups of Personal, Education, and Professional information for a RegularUser
- All three are read-only.
- All three are enabled by a user's login or a friend's lookup.
- All three have the same frequency.
- Several different schema constructs are needed.
- Consistency is not critical, even if the profile is being edited by the user while a friend is looking at it.
- They can be done in any order.
- All three must be done, so mother task is needed.
- Should be decomposed into three sub-tasks



# Abstract Code ViewProfile

## View Profile

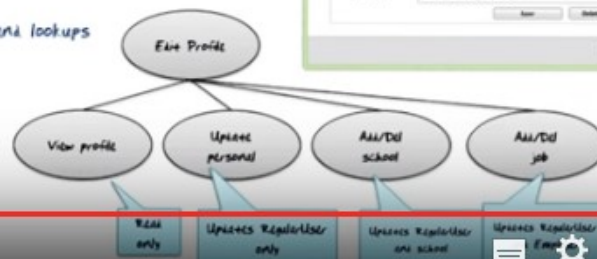
- Find the current User using the User Email;
- Display User Name;
- Find the current RegularUser using the User Email;
- Display RegularUser Sex, Birthdate, CurrentCity, Hometown, and Interests;
- Find each School for the RegularUser  
(Display School Name and YearsGraduated;  
Find SchoolType;  
Display SchoolType Name);
- Find each Employer for the RegularUser  
Display Employer Name and JobTitles;



# Task Decomposition EditProfile

## Edit Profile:

- Lookups of Personal, Education, and Professional information of a RegularUser (use: View Profile)
- Lookups of School and Employer lists
- Edits of Personal, Education, and Professional information
- Read, insert, delete, and update
- All three are enabled by a user's login and separate edit request.
- Different frequencies
- Several different schema constructs are needed.
- Consistency is not critical, even if the profile is being looked at by a friend of the user
- Lookup done first followed by any number of edits and lookups
- Mother task is needed.
- Must be decomposed into sub-tasks




3:40 / 3:40

Read only

Updates RegularUser only

Updates RegularUser and school

Updates RegularUser and Employer

YouTube



# Abstract Code

Exit Profile

## Edit Profile

**View Profile.** Populate School and Employer dropdowns.

While no buttons are pushed, do nothing.

When a button is pushed, then do the following:

{If **SAVE PERSONAL**: **Update Personal.** **View Profile.**

If **DELETE THIS SCHOOL**: **Delete School.** **View Profile.**

If **DELETE THIS JOB**: **Delete Job.** **View Profile.**

If **ADD ANOTHER SCHOOL**: **View Profile**; display the form with room for another School;

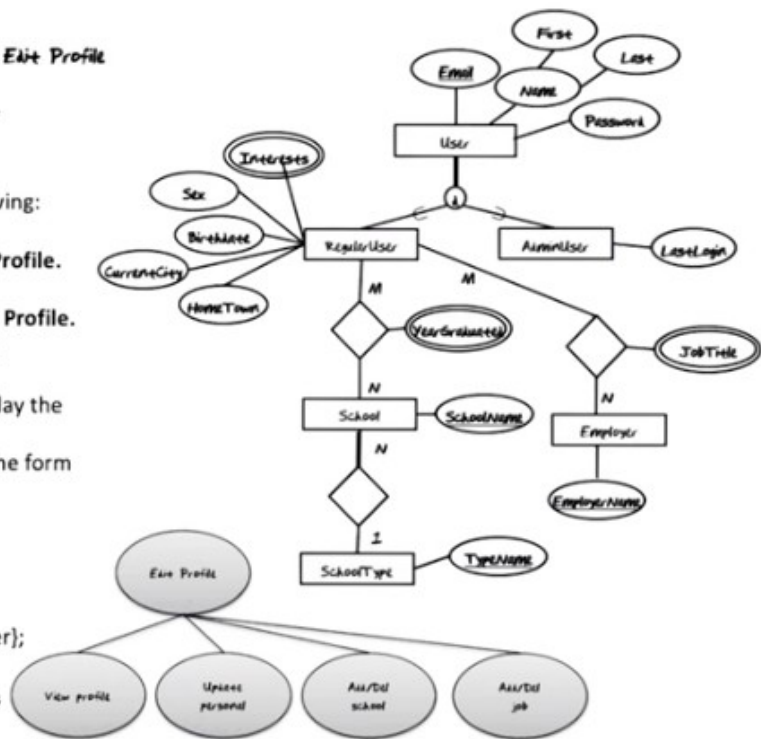
If **ADD ANOTHER JOB**: **View Profile**; display the form with room for another Job

If **SAVE SCHOOL**: **Add School.** **View Profile**

If **SAVE JOB**: **Add Job.** **View Profile**

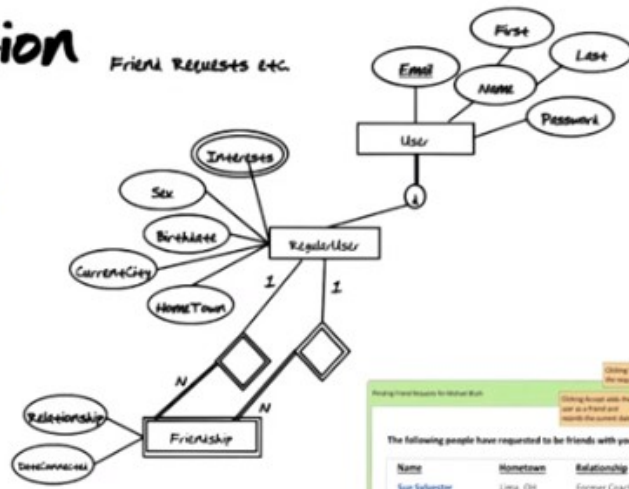
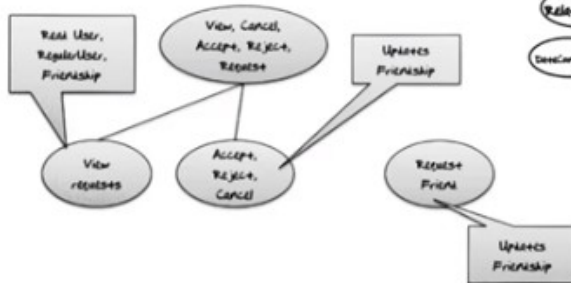
If **CANCEL**: Go to **View Profile** for current User};

**BoldUnderline**: Task definition. **Bold**: Task call. *Italics*: Button names

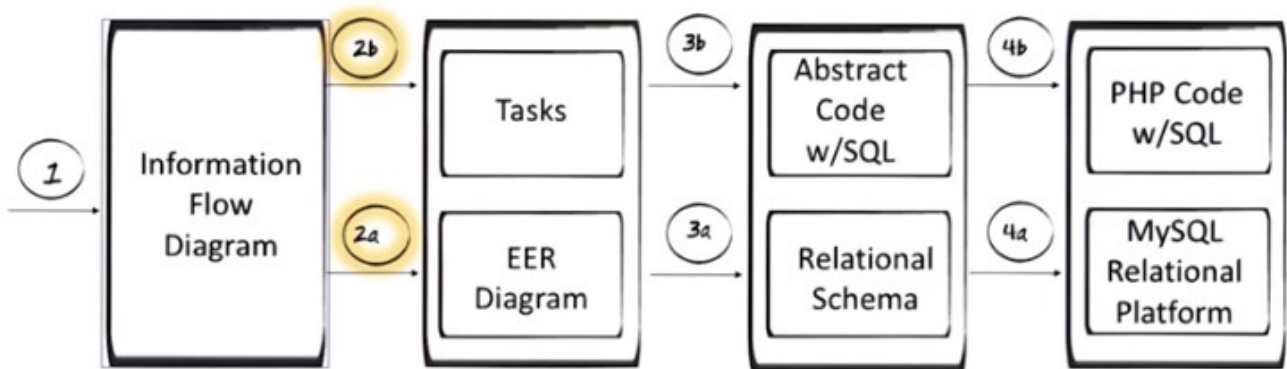


# Task Decomposition

Friend Requests etc.

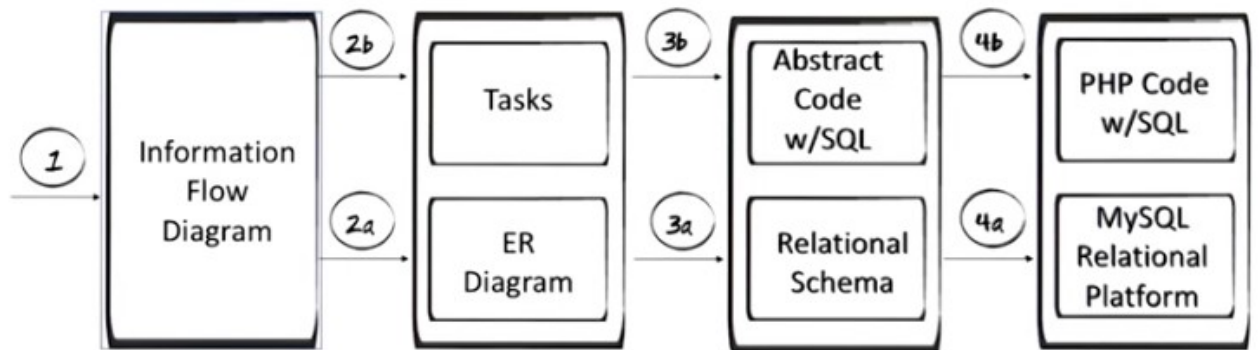


# Specification



其實看之前的原圖更清楚:

## Overview of the Methodology: Data First!



① Analysis

② Specification

③ Design

④ Implementation



The figure above: Before we go any further, we need a small detour to study an additional database tool or technique.