

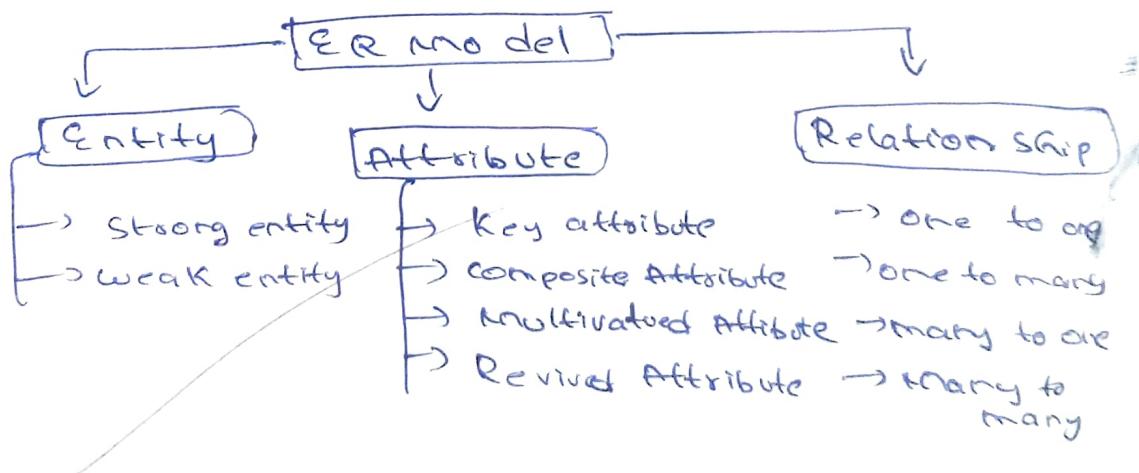
Task - I (a) : Introduction of 'ER' model Date - 25/17/18

Introduction to ER Model:-

The Entity - Relationship model is a conceptual model for designing a database. This model represents the logical structures of a database, including entities, their attributes and relationship between them.

Entity : An object that is stored as data such as student (concreco) company

- Attribute : Properties that describes an entity such as student ID, course name (or) employee Email
- Relationship : A connection b/w entities such as a student enrolls in a course



- 1) The graphical representation of this model is called an Entity - Relation Diagram.

ER model in database Design process:-

- 2) We typically follow the below steps for designing a database for an application

- 3) Creates the requirements (functional and data) questions to the database user

Symbols used in ER Model

- Rectangle : It represents entities in ER
- Ellipse : It represents attributes in ER
- Diamond : It represents Relationship among entities
- Line : Represents attributes to entities & entity sets
 - Double ellipse : Represents multi-valued attributes
 - Double Rectangle : Represents weak entities, derived or other entities for identification of entities in ER model
- Rectangle : Entity
- Ellipse : Attributes in ER model
- Line : Relationship among entities
- Double Ellipse : Multi-valued attributes
- Double rectangle : Weak entity

what is an Entity?

~~An entity represents a real-world object concept (or) thing about which details are stored in a database. It acts as building block of a database.~~

Examples of Entity

- Real-world objects : Person, car, employee etc.
- Concepts : course, Event, Reservation, etc.
- Things : Product, Document, Office, etc.

Types of Attributes

1. Key Attribute

The attribute which uniquely identifies each entry in the entity set is called key attribute. For example, Roll No will be unique for each student.

Roll-No

2. Composite Attribute

An attribute composed of many other attributes is called a composite attribute. For example the address attribute of the student entity type consists of street, city, state and country.

street city state

city state
country

address

3. Multivalued Attribute

An attribute consisting of more than one value for a given entity. For example phone - No can be more than one for a given student.

phone - No

4. Derived Attribute

An attribute that can be derived from other attributes of the entity type is known as a derived attribute. e.g. Age

Age

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