



What is Data?

Think of data as **pieces of information**. Just like how you collect LEGO pieces to build something cool, you gather data to understand things better or **make decisions**. These pieces of information can be numbers, words, pictures, sounds, or anything else that helps you learn or do something. So, data is like the building blocks of knowledge and understanding.

Importance of Data ?

Imagine you're planning a birthday party for your friend. You need to know a few things to make it awesome: their **favorite cake flavor**, who they want to invite, and what kind of music they like. Each of these things is data.

Here's why data is important:

Understanding: Data helps you understand what people like and want. For example, knowing your friend's favorite cake flavor helps you choose the right one for the party.

Decision Making: With data, you can make better decisions. Let's say you have a list of your friend's favorite songs. You can use that data to create a playlist for the party that everyone will enjoy.

Improvement: By collecting data from past experiences, you can improve things in the future. If some guests at the party didn't like the music, you can use that data to pick different songs next time.

So, data isn't just numbers and words—it's the key to throwing an amazing party, running a successful business, or even making important decisions in life.

What is Database ?

A Database is a shared collection **of logically related data and description** of these data, designed to meet the information needs of an organization.

USES:

Data Storage: A database is used to store large amounts of structured data, making it easily accessible, searchable, and retrievable.

Data Analysis: A database can be used to perform complex data analysis, generate reports, and provide insights into the data.

Record Keeping: A database is often used to keep track of important records, such as financial transactions, customer information, and inventory levels.

Web application: Databases are an essential component of many web applications



Properties of an ideal Database

- Integrity
- Availability
- Security
- Independent of Application
- Concurrency

Types of Database

1.Relational Databases –

Also known as SQL databases, these databases use a relational model to organize data into tables with rows and columns.

2.NoSQL Databases –

These databases are designed to handle large amounts of unstructured or semi-structured data, such as documents, images, or videos. (MongoDB)

3.Column Databases –

These databases store data in columns rather than rows, making them well-suited for data warehousing and analytical applications. (Amazon Redshift, Google BigQuery)

4.Graph Databases –

These databases are used to store and query graph-structured data, such as social network connections or recommendation systems. (Neo4j, Amazon Neptune)

5.Key-value Databases –

These databases store data as a collection of keys and values, making them well-suited for caching and simple data storage needs (Redis and Amazon DynamoDB)

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Relational Databases

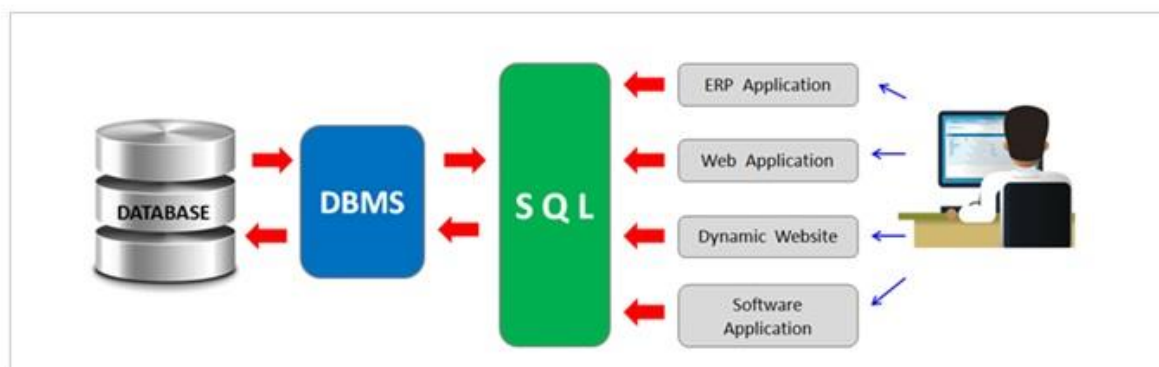
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Table also called Relation

Primary Key			Domain Ex: NOT NULL		
CustomerID	CustomerName	Status			
1	Google	Active	Tuple OR Row Total # of rows is Cardinality		
2	Amazon	Active			
3	Apple	Inactive			
Column OR Attributes			Total # of column is Degree		

What is a DBMS ?

A **database management system** (DBMS) is a software system that provides the interfaces and tools needed to **store, organize, and manage** data in a database. A DBMS acts as an **intermediary between** the database and the **applications or users** that access the data stored in the database.



DBMS COMPONENTS

SQL - Structured Query Language. **DBMS** - Database Management System.

Database - Organized Collection Of Interrelated Data.



Core functions of a DBMS

Data Management – Store, retrieve and modify data

Integrity – Maintain accuracy of data

Concurrency - Simultaneous data access for multiple users

Transaction – Modification to database must either be successful or must not happen at all

Database Keys

A key in a database is an attribute or a set of attributes that uniquely identifies a tuple (row) in a table. Keys play a crucial role in ensuring the integrity and reliability of a database by enforcing unique constraints on the data and establishing relationships between tables

1.Super Key:

A Super key is a combination of columns that uniquely identifies any row within a relational database management system (RDBMS) table.

2.Candidate Key:

A candidate key is a minimal Super key, meaning it has no redundant attributes. In other words, it's the smallest set of attributes that can be used to uniquely identify a tuple (row) in the table

3.Primary Key:

A primary key is a unique identifier for each tuple in a table. There can only be one primary key in a table, and it cannot contain null values.

4.Alternate Key:

An alternate key is a candidate key that is not used as the primary key

5.Composite Key:

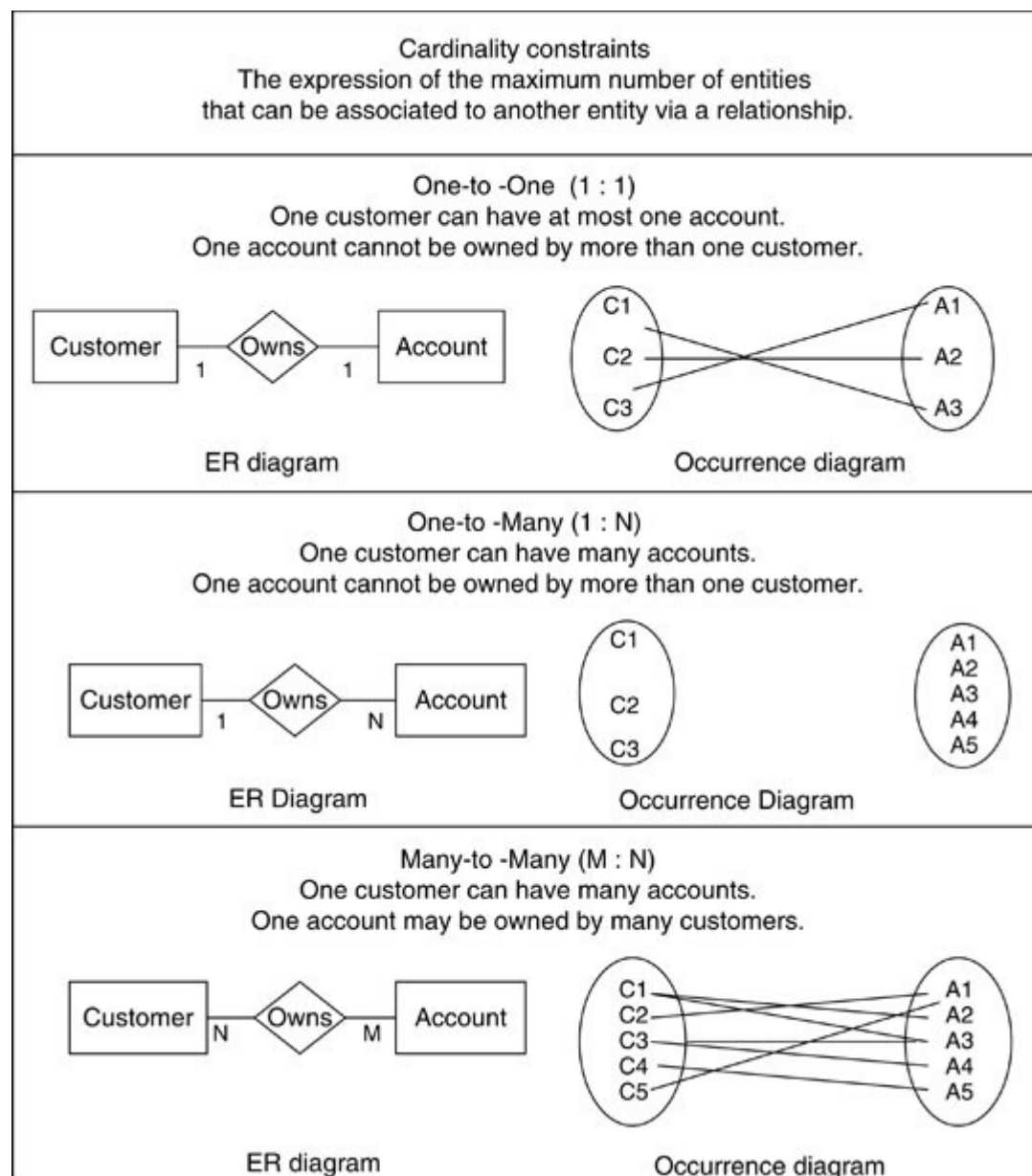
A composite key is a primary key that is made up of two or more attributes. Composite keys are used when a single attribute is not sufficient to uniquely identify a tuple in a table.

6.Foreign Key:

A foreign key is a primary key from one table that is used to establish a relationship with another table.

Cardinality of Relationships

Cardinality in database relationships refers to the number of occurrences of an entity in a relationship with another entity. Cardinality defines the number of instances of one entity that can be associated with a single instance of the related entity.



Examples

1. Person -> Driving License Number
2. Student -> college branch

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- 3. Restaurants -> orders
- 4. Restaurants -> menu
- 5. Students -> courses

Drawbacks of Databases

Complexity: Setting up and maintaining a database can be complex and time-consuming, especially for large and complex systems.

Cost: The cost of setting up and maintaining a database, including hardware, software, and personnel, can be high.

Scalability: As the amount of data stored in a database grows, it can become more difficult to manage, leading to performance and scalability issues.

Data Integrity: Ensuring the accuracy and consistency of data stored in a database can be a challenge, especially when multiple users are updating the data simultaneously.

Security: Securing a database from unauthorized access and protecting sensitive information can be difficult, especially with the increasing threat of cyber attacks.

Data Migration: Moving data from one database to another or upgrading to a new database can be a complex and time-consuming process.

Flexibility: The structure of a database is often rigid and inflexible, making it difficult to adapt to changing requirements or to accommodate new types of data.

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