

Database Basics:

ENTITY: Anything living or non-living, that has certain properties to which some values can be assigned. E.g: students, teachers etc.

FIELD: A column heading; property under (ATTRIBUTE) which values are written. E.g: Zafar is a value of property "Name".

ITEM: The value written under the field, E.g: "Zafar".

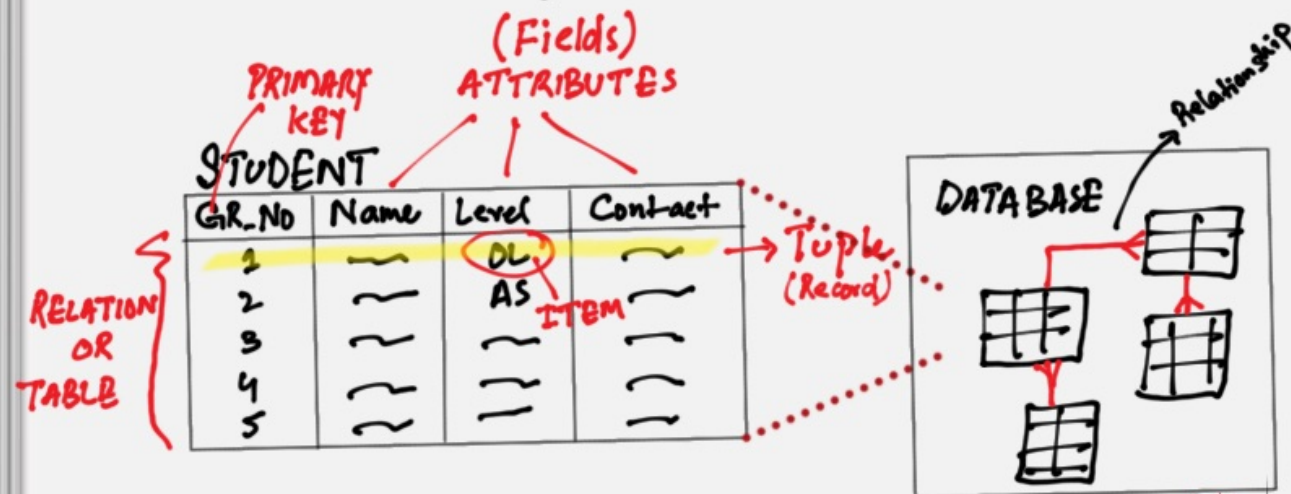
RECORD: All the items (values) mentioned in a row. (TUPLE) This record represents an 'Entity' individually.

TABLE: All the records in a file are collectively (RELATION) called "Table".

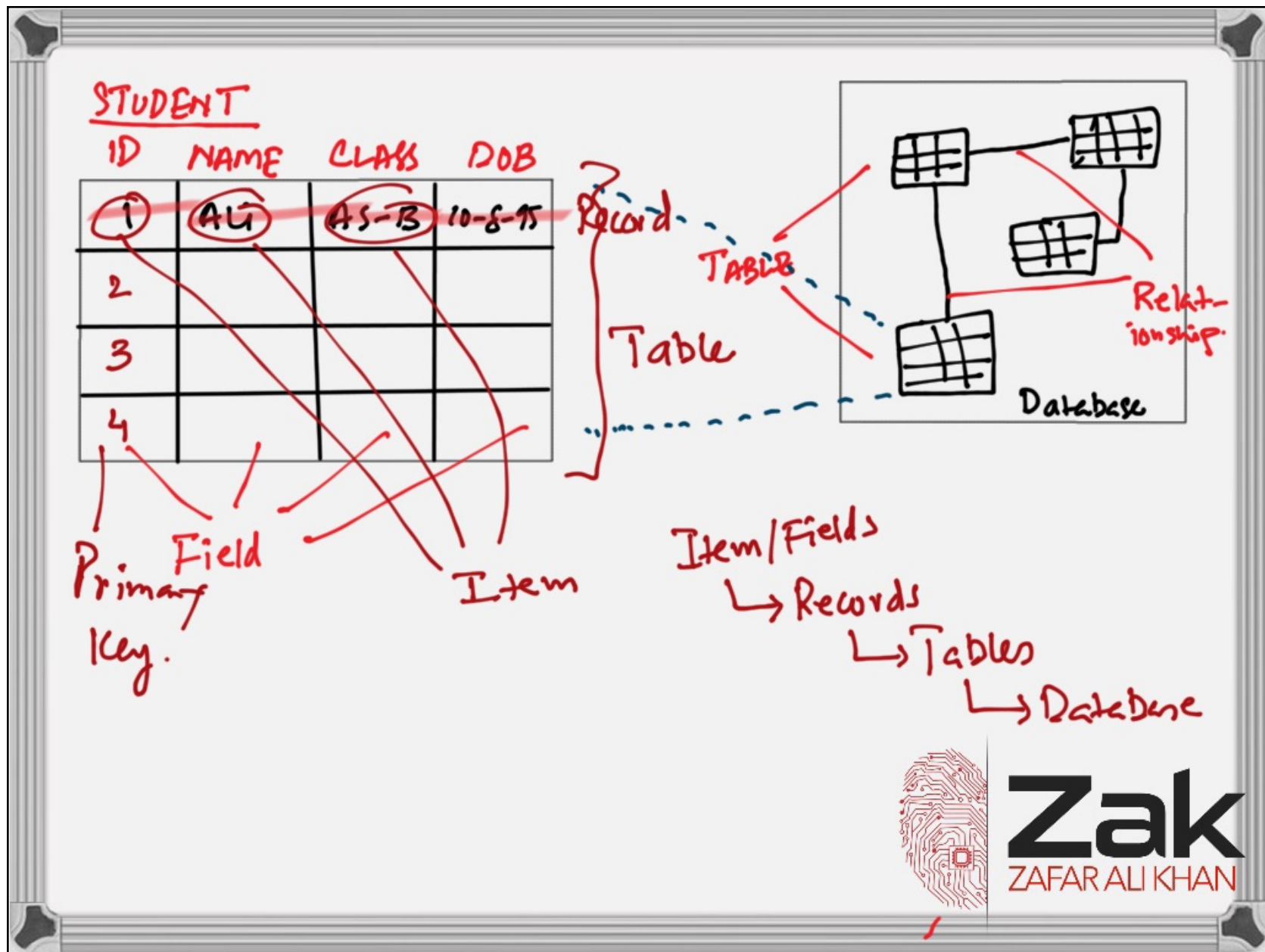


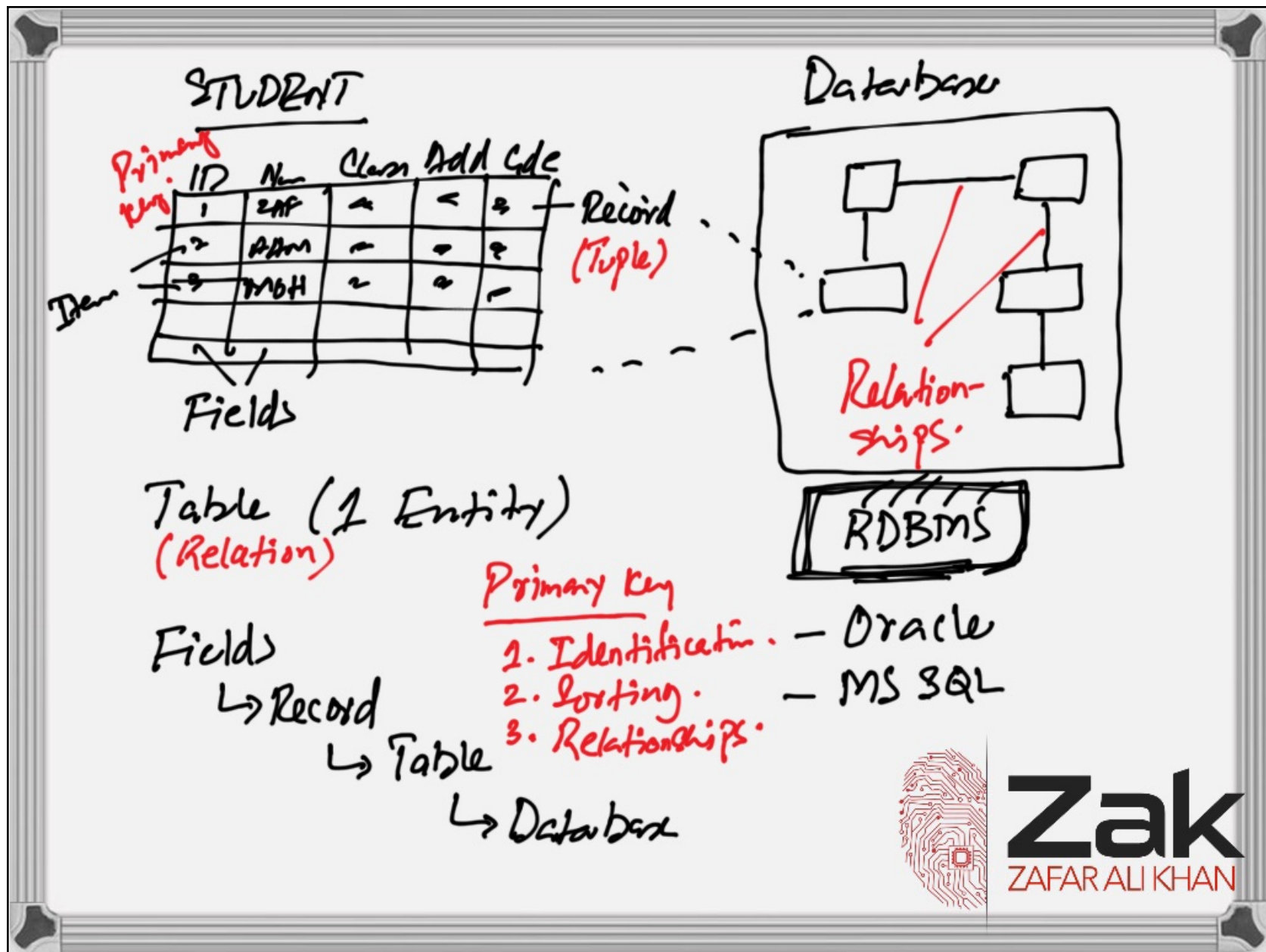
PRIMARY KEY/KEY FIELD: A field whose items are unique for every record. It is mainly used for searching and sorting of records.

DATABASE: Collection of all tables in a single system is 'DATABASE'.



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Key terms:

- Column / Field / Properties / characteristics / Attribute.
 - Item
 - Record / Tuple
 - Table / Relation
 - Relationship
 - Primary key
 - Entity
- Relational Database Management System (RDBMS).



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