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| **M3 Symbol** | **M3** | **Definition** |
| C:\Users\cmacheret\Desktop\OpenII 20131230\win32.win32.x86_64\OpenII_v1_0_2660\OpenII Documentation\html\support\faq\faq06_chart01.png | Entity | A class of objects having a similar property structure and common semantic origin. |
| C:\Users\cmacheret\Desktop\OpenII 20131230\win32.win32.x86_64\OpenII_v1_0_2660\OpenII Documentation\html\support\faq\faq06_chart02.png | Attribute | A dependent property or characteristic of an object that can be expressed with primitive data (such as a string or a number). |
| C:\Users\cmacheret\Desktop\OpenII 20131230\win32.win32.x86_64\OpenII_v1_0_2660\OpenII Documentation\html\support\faq\faq06_chart04.png | Relationship | An association between two classes of objects (as with the association between a company entity and a person entity). Typically, each can exist independently. |
| C:\Users\cmacheret\Desktop\OpenII 20131230\win32.win32.x86_64\OpenII_v1_0_2660\OpenII Documentation\html\support\faq\faq06_chart01.png | Subtype Entity | A class of objects that is a specialization of a broader or more abstract class of objects. |
| C:\Users\cmacheret\Desktop\OpenII 20131230\win32.win32.x86_64\OpenII_v1_0_2660\OpenII Documentation\html\support\faq\faq06_chart05.png | Containment | A dependent property of an object that is expressed using a complex data type. |
| C:\Users\cmacheret\Desktop\OpenII 20131230\win32.win32.x86_64\OpenII_v1_0_2660\OpenII Documentation\html\support\faq\faq06_chart03.png | Domain Value | Atomic value |
|  | Derivation | An declaration that one schema evolved from another schema. |