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Introduction to Database Design Using Entity-Relationship Modeling

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Outline

1. An example
2. Database design process
3. E-R Model
4. To Summarize
Design the database *University*
DB *University*, Requirements:

1. Store the names and the personal numbers of the teachers. 
2. Store the departments’ names, addresses, the subdivisions and the number of the employed persons.
3. Each teacher can be employed in several departments.
4. Each subdivision has own courses.
5. A teacher can teach several course but only one course per department.
DB Teachers

• Are there any problems with the proposed design?
• Is it a “good” design?

• Think on
  • Clear concepts (clear semantics) ?
  • Needed memory for storing ?
  • Update (insert, update, delete ) ?
  • Search ?
## DB Teachers

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To remember!

What we *don’t want*:  
- Anomalies on update, insertion, deletion  
- Redundancy (do things several times)  
- Errors in our data (violation of integrity)  
- Loss of data  

What we *do want*:  
- Easy work with data: Do things one time (i.e. update, deletion)!  
- Should be logical, easy to understand.  
- Assurance: Data is correct, doesn’t get lost  

**Conclusion:** Systematic Design Process is needed
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Database Design Process

Miniworld

Requirements Collection & Analysis

Conceptual Design

Logical Design

Physical Design

Requirements

Conceptual schema

Logical schema

Internal schema

Conceptual model

E-R model

Implementation model

Model of DBMS

(Relational model)
ER-modeling

- High-level conceptual specification of the content in the database.

- History

- Why ER-models?
  - High-level description - easier to understand for non-technicians
  - More formal than natural language - avoid misconceptions and multiple interpretations
  - Implementation independent (of DBMS) - less technical details
  - Documentation
  - Model transformation to an implementation data model
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Entity type and entity

- **Entity**: Thing in the real world
- **Attributes**: properties describing the entity
- **Entity Type**: collection (set) of entities that have the same attributes
- **Entity types** express the intention, i.e. the meaning of the concept whereas the set of entities represents the extension of that type.

![Entity Diagram]

- person
  - age
  - name
  - address
Attributes

• Every attribute has a **domain** (or value set).
  o A domain specifies the set of allowed values each individual attribute can be assigned.

• There is (at least) six different types of attributes:
  o simple  sex: M or F
  o composite  name: (Ior, Karlsson)
  o single-valued  name: “Ior Karlsson”
  o multivalued  friends: {Nasse, Puh,...}
  o stored  birthdate: 980917
  o derived  age : 0
  o null
Identification of Entities

- **Key attribute(s)**: attribute(s) that has unique values for every instance of an entity type
- An entity type can have more than one key.

![Diagram showing entities and attributes]

- **person**: age, name, pNum
- **car**: id, state, registration
- **nr**, **registrartion**
Relationship type and relationship

• **Relationship**: relation (association) between entities
• **Relationship type**: represents a relationship between a number of entity types.
• A relationship type $R$ is a set of relationships (i.e. relational instances) or tuples.
• A relationship type, $R$, can mathematically be defined as: $R \subseteq E_1 \times E_2 \times \ldots \times E_n$, $E_j$ is a entity type.
• E-R representation: diamond-shaped box
Relationship type and relationship

E1(student): \{Jan, Kalle, Anna\} \hspace{1cm} E2(course): \{Database, Algorithms\}

E1 x E2: \{(Jan, Database), (Jan, Algorithms), 
             (Kalle, Database), (Kalle, Algorithms) 
             (Anna, Database), (Anna, Algorithms) \}\)

R \subseteq E1 \times E2 : \{(Jan, Database), (Jan, Algorithms), 
                            (Anne, Database) \}\)
Cardinality ratio of relationship types

- **Cardinality ratio constraint** specifies the number of relational instances that an entity can take part in.

For binary relationship types:
- one-to-one (1:1)
- one-to-many (1:N)
- many-to-many (M:N)
Structural constraints for relationship types

- **Participation constraint**
  - specifies whether *the entity existence is dependent of another entity* via a relationship type
  - **Partial participation**: the entity can exist without this relationship
  - **Total participation**: the entity requires this relationship in order to exist.

![Diagram showing partial and total participation]

- student takes course
- student takes course
- student takes course
Roles of relational types

• A role name specifies what role an entity type plays in a specific relationship
• Especially for recursive relationships

![Diagram showing roles and relationships between Employee and Supervision]

- Supervisor role: 1
- Subordinate role: N
- Supervision
Attributes for relationship types

- A relationship type can have attributes
- If the relation is a 1:1 or 1:N relation, the attribute can be stored at one of the participating entities.
- When the relation is of the type M:N one must store the attributes with the instance of the relation.
Attributes for relationship types – Transform!

- **Working hours**
  - **Employee** (N) <-> **Project** (1)

- **Supervisor**
  - **Master student** (1) <-> **Master thesis** (1)

- **Percenatge**
  - **Student** (N) <-> **Study** (M) <-> **Course**
Weak entity type

- **Weak entity types**: those that are meaningless without an owner entity type.
- Do not have an own key but **partial key**
- The relationship to the owner is called the **identifying relationship**.
ER-notation (Elmasri/Navathe Figure 7.14)

- **Symbol**
  - Entity
  - Weak Entity
  - Relationship
  - Identifying Relationship
  - Attribute
  - Key Attribute
  - Multivalued Attribute
  - Composite Attribute
  - Derived Attribute

- **Meaning**

- **Figure 7.14**
  - Summary of the notation for ER diagrams.

- **Example Diagrams**
  - Total Participation of $E_2$ in $R$
  - Cardinality Ratio: $N$ for $E_1:E_2$ in $R$
  - Structural Constraint (min, max) on Participation of $E$ in $R$
Example ER-modeling

• An enterprise consists of a number of departments. Each department has a name, a number, a manager, and a number of employees. The starting date for every department manager should also be registered. A department can have several office rooms.

• Every department finances a number of projects. Each project has a name, a number and an office room.

• For each employee, the following information is kept: name, social security number, address, salary and sex. An employee works for only one department but can work with several projects that can be related to different departments. Information about the number of hours (per week) that an employee work with a project should be stored. Information about the employees manager should also be stored.
Example ER-modeling

Entity types:
- ET1 with attributes …
- ET2 with attributes …
- ET3 with attributes …
Example ER-modeling

- Relationship types:
  - An employee MANAGES a department ratio?
  - Every department FINANCES at least one project ratio?
  - Every employee WORKS-FOR a department ratio?
  - Every employee WORKS-WITH one (or several) project(s) ratio?
  - An employee IS-MANAGER over several employees ratio?
Example ER-modeling

EMPLOYEE
- fstname
- name
- sex
- salary
- ssn
- famname
- address

IS-MANAGER
- 1
- N

WORKS-FOR
- 1
- N

MANAGES
- 1

DEPARTMENT
- 1

FINANCES
- 1

PROJECT
- N

WORKS-WITH
- N

- name
- number
- room
- startdate
- hours
ER model transformations

Replacing multi-valued attributes
ER model transformations

Replacing multi-valued attributes \textit{by an entity type}
ER model transformations

Replacing M-N relationships
ER model transformations

Replacing M-N relationships with a weak entity type and binary relationships.
ER model transformations

Replacing M-N relationships with a regular entity type and binary relationships.
Subclasses, superclasses & inheritance

• Two generic ideas for creating superclass/subclass relationships
  o Specialization of superclass into subclasses
  o Generalization of subclasses into a superclass (Elmasri/Navathe Figure 7.21)
Subclasses, superclasses & inheritance

- Disjointness
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  - Overlapping (non-disjoint) of subclasses (Elmasri/Navathe Figure 7.23)
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Summary

• Database design process
• E-R model
  o Entity and entity type
  o Relationship and relationship type
  o Cardinality ratio and structural constraints for relationship types
  o Attributes for relationship types
  o Weak entity type
  o E-R transformations
  o Inheritance