

SUBJECT -DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TITLE — E-R MODEL IN DBMS



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A Presentation on E-R Models in Data Base Management System



E-R model

Entity-Relationship (ER) Model is based on the notion of real-world entities and relationships among them. While formulating real-world scenario into the database model, the ER Model creates entity set, relationship set, general attributes and constraints.

- ER Model is best used for the conceptual design of a database.
- ER Model is based on –
- Entities and their attributes.
- Relationships among entities.

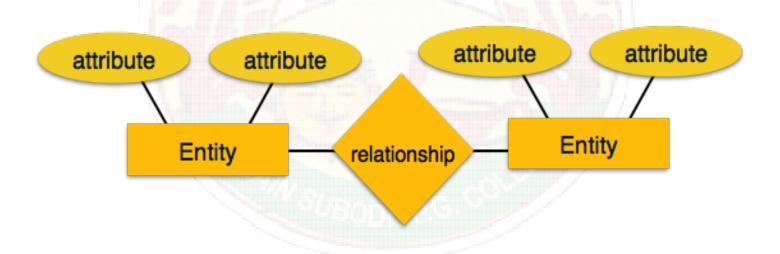


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Entity

An entity can be a real-world object, either animate or inanimate, that can be easily identifiable. For example, in a school database, students, teachers, classes, and courses offered can be considered as entities. All these entities have some attributes or properties that give them their identity. An entity set is a collection of similar types of entities. An entity set may contain entities with attribute sharing similar values. For example, a Students set may contain all the students of a school; likewise a Teachers set may contain all the teachers of a school from all faculties. Entity sets need not be disjoint.



Attributes

Entities are represented by means of their properties called attributes. All attributes have values. For example, a student entity may have name, class, and age as attributes. There exists a domain or range of values that can be assigned to attributes. For example, a student's name cannot be a numeric value. It has to be alphabetic. A student's age cannot be negative, etc.

Types of Attributes

- Simple attribute: Simple attributes are atomic values, which cannot be divided further. For example, a student's phone number is an atomic value of 10 digits.
- Composite attribute: Composite attributes are made of more than one simple attribute. For example, a student's complete name may have first_name and last_name. ② Derived attribute: Derived attributes are the attributes that do not exist in the physical database, but their values are derived from other attributes present in the database. For example, average_salary in a department should not be saved directly in the database, instead it can be derived. For another example, age can be derived from data_of_birth.



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Single-value attribute: Single-value attributes contain single value. For example: Social_Security_Number.

Multi-value attribute: Multi-value attributes may contain more than one values. For example, a person can have more than one phone number, email_address, etc.

These attribute types can come together in a way like:

- simple single-valued attributes
- simple multi-valued attributes
- composite single-valued attributes
- composite multi-valued attributes



Entity-Set and Keys

Key is an attribute or collection of attributes that uniquely identifies an entity among entity set. For example, the roll_number of a student makes him/her identifiable among students.

- Super Key: A set of attributes (one or more) that collectively identifies an entity in an entity set.
- Candidate Key: A minimal super key is called a candidate key. An entity set may have more than one candidate key.
- Primary Key: A primary key is one of the candidate keys chosen by the database designer to uniquely identify the entity set.



Relationship

- Relationship The logical association among entities is called *relationship*.
- Relationships are mapped with entities in various ways. Mapping cardinalities define the number of association between two entities.
- Mapping cardinalities –
- one to one
- one to many
- many to one
- many to many

Degree of Relationship

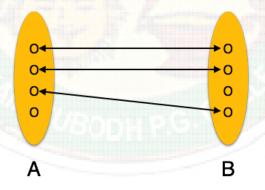
- The number of participating entities in a relationship defines the degree of the relationship.
- Binary = degree 2
- Ternary = degree 3
- n-ary = degree



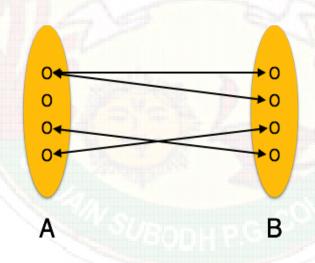
Mapping Cardinalities

Cardinality defines the number of entities in one entity set, which can be associated with the number of entities of other set via relationship set.

 One-to-one – One entity from entity set A can be associated with at most one entity of entity set B and vice versa.



One-to-many – One entity from entity set A can be associated with more than one entities of entity set B however an entity from entity set B, can be associated with at most one entity.





 Many-to-many – One entity from A can be associated with more than one entity from B and vice versa.

