

CS 445
Introduction to Database Design
E-R Diagrams

Chapter 2

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Design Steps

- How do we model the data?
 - what do we need to identify?

Design Steps

- Requirement Analysis
 - talk to the user!
- Conceptual Database Design
 - E-R Diagram
- Logical Database Design
 - logical schema
- Schema Refinement
 - normalization
- Physical Database Design
 - performance tuning
- Application and Security Design
 - GUI / end user software

Bits of Data

- Entity
 - some particular object in the real world

- Entity Set

- Attribute
 - domain
 - key
 - candidate key
 - primary key

Doing interesting things with data

- Relationship
 - association among two or more entities
- Relationship Set
- Descriptive attribute
- Roles

Constraints

- What limits are placed on how entities are involved in a relationship
 - Key Constraints
 - One to many
 - Many to many
 - One to one
 - Participation Constraints

Class Hierarchy

- Some entities may be related
 - similar to Object Oriented class hierarchy
 - C++/Java
 - superclass
 - specialized subclasses
- Inheritance
 - ISA
- Overlap constraints

Aggregation

- View a set of entities/relationships as one big entity
 - meta-entity

How do we use all this?

- When do we use an **entity** vs an **attribute** to represent data?
 - it all depends on how you want to **use** the data
 - how many other bits of data will reference it?
 - how will they reference it?
 - **will our model allow that?**
- Example: Name and Address

How do we use all this?

- When do we use an **entity** vs a **relationship**?

Tool Support

- E-R diagram builders
 - Microsoft Visio
 - MySQL Workbench
 - Unified Modeling Language (UML)
 - used to model all kinds of data interactions
 - Object Oriented code design (Class diagrams)
 - database design
 - think of entities and relationships as classes
 - Use cases (process flow)
 - <http://argouml.tigris.org>
 - <http://argouml-sql.tigris.org>
- Some tools generate database tables/queries for you.

Key Constraints

- emp MANAGES dept
- each emp can manage more than one dept
- each dept is managed by only one emp
 - Each dept key appears in ONE MANAGES relationship
 - ONE TO MANY
 - one employee can be associated with MANY depts
 - each dept associated with ONE emp
 - what if each emp ONLY managed ONE dept? (ONE TO ONE)
- emp WORKSIN dept
 - each emp can work in several depts
 - each dept has several emp
 - MANY TO MANY
 - what is each emp worked in only one DEPT?

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Exercise 2.3 Consider the following information about a university database:

- Professors have an SSN, a name, an age, a rank, and a research specialty.
- Projects have a project number, a sponsor name (e.g., NSF), a starting date, an ending date, and a budget.
- Graduate students have an SSN, a name, an age, and a degree program (e.g., M.S. or Ph.D.).
- Each project is managed by one professor (known as the project's principal investigator).
- Each project is worked on by one or more professors (known as the project's co-investigators).
- Professors can manage and/or work on multiple projects.
- Each project is worked on by one or more graduate students (known as the project's research assistants).
- When graduate students work on a project, a professor must supervise their work on the project. Graduate students can work on multiple projects, in which case they will have a (potentially different) supervisor for each one.