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lecture 4: Data Modeling Part III

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Subject Flowchart



Subject Overview



Design Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)

- > Week 1: Data Modelling I (Conceptual Level): Entity, Attributes, PK, FK, ...
- > Week 2: Data Definition Language (DDL): Create tables, constraints, insert, ...
- > Week 3: Data Modelling II (Conceptual Level): Associative, Weak, ...
- Week 4: Data Modelling III (Conceptual Level): Subtype/Supertype
- Week 5: Convert ERD to Relations (Logical Level)
- > Week 6: Functional Dependencies, and Normalization

Data manipulation

- > Week 7: Simple Query
- > Week 8: Multiple Table Queries
- > Week 9: Subquery
- > Week 10: Correlated Subquery

Objectives

- 1. Supertype/Subtype Relationships
- 2. Relationships and Subtypes
- 3. Generalization and Specialization
- 4. Constraints in Supertype/Subtype Relationships
 - 4.1. Completeness Constraints (Total or Partial Specialization)
 - 4.2. Disjointness Constraints (Disjoint or Overlapping sub-types)
 - 4.3. Subtype Discriminator



1. Supertypes and Subtypes

Three entity types: CAR, TRUCK, and MOTORCYCLE



All these types of vehicles have the same entity type. They have common attributes ... some of them they also have specific attribute(s)

1. Supertypes and Subtypes

Enhanced ER model by extending the original ER model with new modeling constructs using:

Subtype: A subgroup of entities in an entity type that has attribute(s) and/or relationship(s) distinct from other subgroups.

Supertype: A generic entity type that has a relationship with one or more subtypes and has the common attributes between the subtypes.

> Attribute Inheritance:

- Subtype entities inherit values of all attributes of the supertype.
- An instance of a subtype is also an instance of the supertype.

Note: Supertype and its Subtypes have the same Entity Type.

CAR	TRUCK	MOTORCYCLE
Vehicle ID	Vehicle ID	Vehicle ID
Price	Price	Price
Engine Displacement	Engine Displacement	Engine Displacement
Vehicle Name	Vehicle Name	Vehicle Name
(Make, Model)	(Make, Model)	(Make, Model)
No Of Passengers	Capacity	
	Cab Type	



Can I crate supertype/subtype design for any group of entities with common attributes?

 EMPLOYEE	DEPATMENT	
<u>ID</u> Name Address Date_Hire	ID Name Address Date_Constructed	
Hourly_Rate Annual_Salary Stock_Option Contract_Number Billing_Rate	No_of_Employees	



No ... because these entities do not have the same Entity Type



Do we have a subtype for each sub-group of the entity?





Note: We need to create a subtype for each sub-group of the entity IF that sub-group has specific attributes and/or specific relationship.

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Note: There was no subtype for motorcycle, since it has no unique attributes ...

Question: what if **motorcycle** participate in a **specific relationship**?

BR: Every helmet can be chosen for any motorcycle, and every motorcycle needs to have an allocated helmet.

Do we have a subtype for each sub-group of the entity?

CAR TRUCK MOTORCYCLE Vehicle ID Vehicle ID Vehicle ID Price Price Price Engine Displacement Engine Displacement Engine Displacement Vehicle Name Vehicle Name Vehicle Name (Make Model (Make Model (Make Model) No Of Passengers Capacity Cab Type



PK and FK of Supertype and its Subtypes

- **PK** of <u>supertype</u> is **FK** in each <u>subtype</u>.
- This **FK** is also the **PK** of the subtypes.



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	Ve	ehicle_ID	Price	Engine_Displace	ment	Vehicle_Na	me				
		1123	15000								
		1456	24000								
		7892	60000								
Vehicle_ID	No_Of_Passengers	Vehicle	e_ID	Capacity	Ca	b_Type	$\mathbf{\zeta}$	Vehicle_ID	Helmet_ID	Helmet_ID	Helmet_size
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Class Activity 4.1: Discussion (10 Minutes) → in the live lecture



Introduce another example for Supertypes and Subtypes.

> What the following definitions mean:

- Subtype entities inherit values of all attributes of the supertype
- An instance of a subtype is also an instance of the supertype
- Supertype and its Subtypes have the **Same Entity Type**.



Class Activity 4.2 (2 Minutes) → in the live lecture

1. In the figure below, which of the following apply to both OUTPATIENTs and RESIDENT_PATIENTs?

- A. Checkback_DB. Date_DischargedC. Bed_ID
- D. Patient_ID





Class Activity 4.3 (5 Minutes) → in the live lecture

Create tables in excel or word for PATIENT, OUTPATIENTs, and RESIDENT_PATIENTs

to show how we store data in these tables.



Video 3.2: Why we need to construct supertype and subtypes?

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Why we need to construct supertype and subtypes?



Employee_Number	Employee_Name	Address	Date_Hire	Hourly_Rate	Annual_Salary	Stock_Option	Contract_Number	Billing_Rate
1123	Sara	UTS	1/1/2014	80	null	null	null	null
1456	Jake	32/50	5/8/2013	null	70000	0.2	null	null
7892	Fahimeh	12/97	2/3/2013	null	null	null	9856	50



Why we need to construct supertype and subtypes? (cont.)



- PK of <u>supertype</u> is FK in each <u>subtype</u>.
- This **FK** is also the **PK** of the subtypes.

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EMPLOYEE Employee Number Employee Name Address Date Hired



Class Activity 4.4 (6 Minutes) → in the live lecture

For the following employee entity, create the tables for each of the different versions of super/sub type configurations. How many configurations have you made and is there more?



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Video 3.3: Relationships and Subtypes

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2. Relationships and Subtypes

- If all subtypes will participate in the relationship, then you will have one relationships at the supertype level.
- The instances of a subtype may participate in a relationship unique to that subtype. In this situation, the relationship is shown at the subtype level



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Supertype/subtype relationships in a hospital (Figure 3-3 using Entity Relationship Notation)

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CAR	TRUCK	MOTORCYCLE
Vehicle ID Price Engine Displacement Vehicle Name (Make, Model)	Vehicle ID Price Engine Displacement Vehicle Name (Make Model)	Vehicle ID Price Engine Displacement Vehicle Name (Make Model)
No Of Passengers	Capacity Cab Type	

BR: Every helmet can be chosen for any motorcycle, and every motorcycle needs to have an allocated helmet.



Note: We need to create a subtype for each sub-group of the entity IF that sub-group has specific attributes and/or specific relationship.

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Video 3.4: Generalization and Specialization



3. Generalization and Specialization

Generalization:

The process of defining a more general entity type from a set of more specialized entity types (BOTTOM-UP).

Specialization:

The process of defining one or more subtypes of the supertype and forming supertype/subtype relationships (TOP-DOWN).

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<u>Vehicle ID</u> Price Engine Displacement Vehicle Name (Make, Model)	<u>Vehicle ID</u> Price Engine Displacement Vehicle Name (Make, Model)	Vehicle ID Price Engine Displacement Vehicle Name (Make, Model)
No Of Passengers	Capacity Cab Type	





Example of generalization (Figure 3-4)

Generalization: The process of defining a more general entity type from a set of more specialized entity types (BOTTOM-UP).



Three **entity types**: **CAR**, **TRUCK**, and **MOTORCYCLE**. All these types of vehicles have the same entity type. They have common attributes ... Some of them have also specific attribute(s) ...

Note: no subtype for motorcycle, since it has no unique attributes or relationship.



Example of specialization (Figure 3-5)

Specialization: The process of defining one or more subtypes of the supertype and forming supertype/subtype relationships (TOP-DOWN).

PART is specialization to MANUFACTURED PART and PURCHASED PART



Note: based on the "BR: Each part can be supplied by many suppliers" there are multivalued composite attributes in this ERD ...

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Let's draw the table correspond to the "Purchased Part" subtype where the

following transactions are done at **the same time**:

- Part 12w is supplied by two suppliers with IDs 6695 and 2095
- Part 13a is supplied by two suppliers with IDs 4547 and 6695 suppliers



Note: based on the **"BR: Each part can be supplied by many suppliers"** there are **multivalued composite attributes** in this ERD ...



Now there is no multivalued attribute or repeated PKs, but what if we had to store the other information about the suppliers like Supplier Name, Address, etc.? In addition to the aforementioned issues related to **multivalued** attributes

The designed ERD will have some issues with storing other information about the suppliers like Supplier Name, Address, etc.?



Now there is no multivalued attribute or repeated PKs, but what if we had to store the other information about the suppliers like Supplier Name, Address, etc.?

SUPPLIER

Part No	Supplier ID	Sup_Name	Sup_Phone_No	Sup_Address	Part_Unit_Price
12w	6695	Fantastic Furniture	023445523	8/55 street	80
12w	2095	Brown Brothers	082374376	9/44 street	50
13a	4547	Max Quality	093761735	6/33 street	60
13a	6695	Fantastic Furniture	023445523	8/55street	60

Now we have problem with duplicate data ...

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In addition to the aforementioned issues related to multivalued attributes ...

We had problem with **duplicate** data ...

The best solution is to have an associative entity between PURCHASED PART and SUPPLIER





Example of specialization (Figure 3-5) (cont.)





Note: multivalued composite attribute is replaced by an associative entity, a new entity, and two 1:M relationships.



Class Activity 4.5 (6 Minutes) → in the live lecture

Create the SUPPLIES table and determine its FKs and PK.





Class Activity 4.6(2 Minutes)

The property by which subtype entities possess the values of all attributes of a supertype is called

- A. hierarchy reception
- B. class management
- C. attribute inheritance
- D. generalization



Video 3.5: Constraints in Supertype/Subtype Relationships

Constraints in Supertype/Subtype Relationships including:

- 4.1. Completeness Constraints (Total or Partial Specialization)
- 4.2. Disjointness Constraints (Disjoint or Overlapping sub-types)
- 4.3. Subtype Discriminator

4.1. Constraints in Supertype: Completeness (Figure 3-6)

- Completeness Constraints: Whether an instance of a supertype must also be a member of at least one subtype
 - Total Specialization Rule: Yes (double line)
 - ✓ All possible subtypes are included





- Partial Specialization Rule: No (single line)
 - \checkmark There are more subtypes that have not been included yet.

4.2. Constraints in Supertype: Disjointness (Figure 3-7)

Disjointness Constraints: Whether an instance of a supertype may simultaneously be a member of two (or more) subtypes

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 Disjoint Rule: An instance of the supertype can be a member of only ONE of the subtypes.

 Overlap Rule: An instance of the supertype could be a member of more than one of the subtypes.



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4.3. Constraints in Supertype: Subtype Discriminator

- Subtype Discriminator: An attribute of the supertype whose values determine the target subtype(s)
 - Disjoint: a simple discriminator attribute with alternative values to indicate the possible subtypes.
 - Overlapping: a composite discriminator attribute whose subparts pertain to different subtypes. Each subpart contains a Boolean value to indicate whether or not the instance belongs to the associated subtype.



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Introducing a subtype discriminator (*disjoint* rule)

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 Subtype Discriminator - Disjoint: a simple discriminator attribute with alternative values to indicate the possible subtypes.



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Introducing a subtype discriminator (overlap rule)

Subtype Discriminator - Overlapping: a composite discriminator attribute whose subparts pertain to different subtypes.
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Class Activity 4.7 (6 Minutes) → in the live lecture

The database designer of a company have provided the following entities:



Your boss asked you to modify this design as the senior database designer of the company.



Solution to Class Activity 3.7





Class Activity 4.8

What is the name of the process you are taking to modify this design?

Support staff	Administration	
ID	ID	
F_Name	F_Name	
L_Name	L_Name	
rate per hour	rate per hour	
Weekend_working_ ratio	administrative rate	
Weekday_working_ ratio	position	





Basic notation for supertype/subtype notation (Figure 3-1: EER notation)



Supertype/subtype relationships in a hospital (Figure 3-1: Microsoft Visio Notation)



Different modeling tools may have different notation for the same modeling constructs.

Note: Do not use the Visio notation in your assignments.

Example of supertype/subtype hierarchy (Figure 3-1)



Summary

- ✓ Understand use of supertype/subtype relationships
- ✓ Understand use of specialization and generalization techniques
- ✓ Specify completeness and disjointness constraints
- ✓ Develop supertype/subtype hierarchies for realistic business situations

Next Lecture...

1. Components of relational model

2. Relations

- 2.1. Correspondence with E-R Model
- 2.2. Key Fields

2.3. Constraints

- 2.3.1. Domain Constraints
- 2.3.2. Entity Integrity
- 2.3.3. Action Assertions (Chapter 5)

3. Transforming EER Diagrams into Relations

- 3.1. Mapping Regular Entities to Relations (with simple, composite, and multivalued attributes)
- 3.2. Mapping Weak Entities
- 3.3. Mapping Binary Relationships (1:M, M:N, 1:1)
- 3.4. Mapping Associative Entities
- 3.5. Mapping Unary Relationships
- 3.6. Mapping Ternary (and n-ary) Relationships
- 3.7. Mapping Supertype/Subtype Relationships

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- Subject Number (31271)
- Subject of the email (e.g. Request for Extension)
- First Name & Last Name
- Student ID
- Your tutorial name (e.g. Tut1-05)

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