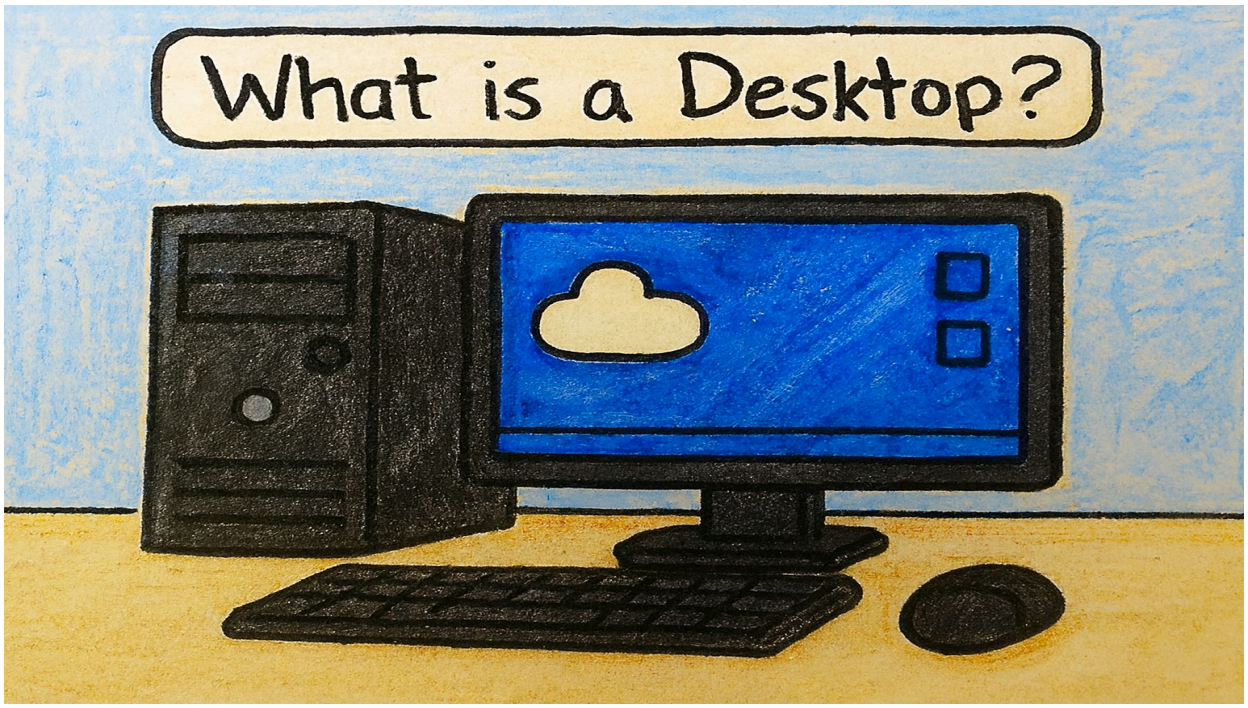

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Chapter 3: DATABASE DESIGN PROCESS

📍 Important MCQs:

1. Before designing a database, what must be considered first?

(a) Programming language

(b) Practical scenario of owning a database ✅

(c) Table structure

(d) Query design

2. Feasibility Study is also called:

(a) Project Planning

(b) Requirements Analysis

(c) Preliminary Investigation ✅

(d) Data Modeling

3. The main purpose of Feasibility Study is to:

(a) Create database tables

(b) Select and identify the project area ✅

(c) Design ERD

(d) Write SQL queries

4. After project selection, which action is taken immediately?

(a) Database testing

(b) Data analysis

(c) Fund allocation and planning ✅

(d) Report generation

5. Market analysis is performed during:

(a) Data Modeling

(b) Requirements Analysis

(c) Feasibility Study ✅

(d) Project Coding

6. User needs and database functionality are gathered in:

(a) Project Planning

(b) Data Analysis

(c) Requirements Analysis ✅

(d) Feasibility Study

7. Domain and restrictions of a database are defined in:

(a) Feasibility Study

(b) Requirements Analysis ✅

(c) Project Planning

(d) Data Modeling

8. Salaries, logistics, and hardware costs are considered in:

(a) Data Analysis

(b) Project Planning ✅

(c) Requirements Analysis

(d) Data Modeling

9. Which of the following is NOT part of Project Planning?

(a) Hardware cost

(b) Team salaries

(c) Marriage gifts and insurances

(d) Data Flow Diagram design ✅

10. Data Flow Diagrams (DFDs) are used in:

(a) Feasibility Study

(b) Project Planning

(c) Data Analysis ✅

(d) Data Modeling

11. Decision Tables and Decision Trees belong to:

(a) Data Modeling

(b) Requirements Analysis

(c) Data Analysis ✅

(d) Project Planning

12. Data Modeling is the process of:

(a) Writing programs

(b) Creating tables

(c) Identifying data objects and relationships ✅

(d) Storing data physically

13. Which of the following is an entity?

(a) Teacher Name

(b) Pay Scale

(c) STUDENT ✅

(d) Appointment Date

14. An entity must be:

(a) Optional

(b) Properly identifiable ✅

(c) Numerical

(d) Derived

15. Attributes are used to:

(a) Connect entities

(b) Describe entity characteristics ✅

(c) Define relationships

(d) Show cardinality

16. Gender and Nationality are examples of:

(a) Entities

(b) Relationships

(c) Attributes ✅

(d) Modality

17. A relationship shows:

(a) Entity characteristics

(b) How entities are connected ✅

(c) Attribute values

(d) Data types

18. All relationships between entities are:

(a) One-directional

(b) Optional

(c) Bi-directional ✅

(d) Hierarchical

19. Cardinality refers to:

(a) Nature of relationship

(b) Number of entity occurrences in a relationship ✅

(c) Attribute size

(d) Key constraint

20. Which is an example of one-to-many relationship?

(a) Husband – Wife

(b) Student – Roll Number

(c) Father – Children ✅

(d) Teacher – Teacher

21. Which relationship type allows an entity to relate to itself?

(a) One-to-one

(b) One-to-many

(c) Many-to-many

(d) Recursive ✅

22. Modality defines:

(a) Number of entities

(b) Nature of participation in a relationship ✅

(c) Attribute type

(d) Key field

23. Mandatory participation in a relationship is represented by:

(a) 0

(b) 1 ✅

(c) M

(d) N

24. Optional participation in a relationship is represented by:

(a) 1

(b) Many

(c) 0 ✅

(d) Recursive

25. The main objective of an Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) is to:

(a) Write SQL commands

(b) Store data

(c) Represent entities and their relationships ✅

(d) Perform market analysis

26. The major objective of database design is to:

(a) Create reports

(b) Map conceptual data model to an implementation model ✅

(c) Write application programs

(d) Design user interfaces

27. Database users expect information to be:

(a) Cheap and limited

(b) Complete, up-to-date, and quickly accessible ✅

(c) Stored manually

(d) Available only to administrators

28. Which of the following is the first step in the database development process?

(a) Analysis

(b) Conceptual Data Model

(c) Planning ✅

(d) Implementation

29. The Conceptual Data Model is developed during:

(a) Planning

(b) Analysis ✅

(c) Implementation

(d) Physical design

30. Logical database design maps conceptual models into:

(a) Programs

(b) Files

(c) Structures specific to a target DBMS ✅

(d) User interfaces

31. In a relational DBMS, conceptual data models are mapped to:

(a) Files

(b) Records

(c) Normalized relations ✅

(d) Indexes

32. Which diagram is used in logical database design?

(a) Flowchart

(b) Network Diagram

(c) Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD) ✅

(d) Gantt Chart

33. In logical design, each entity type is represented as:

(a) An index

(b) A record

(c) A relation (table) ✅

(d) A file

34. The identifier of an entity becomes the:

(a) Foreign key

(b) Secondary key

(c) Primary key ✅

(d) Composite key

35. Other attributes of an entity become:

(a) Indexes

(b) Non-key attributes ✅

(c) Foreign keys

(d) Constraints

36. In relational design, a relationship can be represented by:

(a) Ignoring it

(b) Making a primary key a foreign key ✅

(c) Removing attributes

(d) Creating indexes only

37. The process of removing redundant relations is called:

(a) Normalization

(b) View Integration ✅

(c) File organization

(d) Indexing

38. Relations with the same primary key usually describe:

(a) Different entities

(b) Same entity type ✅

(c) Different databases

(d) Different files

39. Normalization is used to:

(a) Increase redundancy

(b) Improve security

(c) Avoid redundancy and update anomalies ✅

(d) Increase data volume

40. Physical database design mainly focuses on:

(a) ER diagrams

(b) Logical rules

(c) Storage structures and performance ✅

(d) User requirements only

41. Which of the following is NOT an input to physical database design?

(a) Logical database structures

(b) User processing requirements

(c) DBMS characteristics

(d) Market analysis ✅

42. Estimating database size and usage patterns is part of:

(a) Logical design

(b) Data Volume and Usage Analysis ✅

(c) Normalization

(d) Implementation

43. Centralized data distribution means:

(a) Data stored at multiple sites

(b) Data divided into fragments

(c) All data stored at a single site ✅

(d) Only critical data stored

44. Which data distribution strategy provides maximum local access but creates update problems?

(a) Centralized

(b) Partitioned

(c) Replicated ✅

(d) Hybrid

45. In a hybrid data distribution strategy:

(a) All data are centralized

(b) All data are replicated

(c) Critical data are replicated, non-critical are centralized ✅

(d) No data are shared

46. File organization refers to:

(a) Logical arrangement of tables

(b) Physical arrangement of records on storage devices ✅

(c) Database security rules

(d) Index creation

47. Which is NOT a criterion for selecting file organization?

(a) Fast data retrieval

(b) Efficient storage use

(c) Data redundancy increase ✅

(d) Security from unauthorized access

48. An index is used to:

(a) Store complete data

(b) Enforce constraints

(c) Locate rows that satisfy a condition ✅

(d) Replace tables

49. Database integrity refers to:

(a) Speed of access

(b) Data correctness and consistency ✅

(c) User authorization

(d) Hardware protection

50. During database implementation, users are given:

(a) Full control of database

(b) No access

(c) Authorizations and permissions ✅

(d) Physical storage devices

📍 Important Short Questions:

1. What is a Feasibility Study?

Answer:

👉 A feasibility study is a preliminary investigation carried out to determine whether a proposed database system is practical and worth implementing.

Example: Checking budget, resources, and usefulness before developing a school database.

2. Why is a feasibility study called a preliminary investigation?

Answer:

👉 Because it is performed before starting the actual database project to evaluate its suitability.

Example: Analyzing whether a hospital needs a computerized database system.

3. What is Requirements Analysis?

Answer:

👉 Requirements analysis is the process of gathering user needs, inputs, outputs, and constraints of a database system.

Example: Identifying what data a library system must store and retrieve.

4. What information is collected during requirements analysis?

Answer:

👉 Information about database inputs, required functionality, user needs, and restrictions is collected.

Example: Student data, result processing rules, and access limits.

5. What is Project Planning?

Answer:

👉 Project planning is the activity of creating schedules and estimating costs for database development.

Example: Planning timeline and budget for a banking database.

6. Which costs are considered in project planning?

Answer:

👉 Salaries, logistics, hardware costs, and other related expenses are considered.

Example: Cost of servers, staff salaries, and networking devices.

7. What is Data Analysis?

Answer:

👉 Data analysis studies how data flows and how decisions are made in a database system.

Example: Analyzing order processing in an online shopping system.

8. Name two tools used in data analysis.

Answer:

👉 Data Flow Diagrams (DFD) and Decision Trees.

Example: Using DFD to show the student admission process.

9. What is Data Modeling?

Answer:

👉 Data modeling is the process of identifying data objects and defining relationships between them.

Example: Modeling Student–Course relationship.

10. What is an Entity?

Answer:

👉 An entity is a real-world object that participates in a system and is uniquely identifiable.

Example: STUDENT, TEACHER.

11. Give two examples of entities.

Answer:

👉 STUDENT and EMPLOYEE.

Example: A student enrolled in a college database.

12. What are Attributes?

Answer:

👉 Attributes are properties that describe the characteristics of an entity.

Example: Name, Age, Roll Number of a student.

13. Give two attributes of a TEACHER entity.

Answer:

👉 Teacher Name and Pay Scale.

Example: Mr. Ali, BPS-17.

14. What is a Relationship?

Answer:

👉 A relationship shows how two or more entities are connected.

Example: A teacher teaches students.

15. Why are relationships bi-directional?

Answer:

👉 Because entities in a relationship are connected from both sides.

Example: A student is taught by a teacher, and a teacher teaches students.

16. What is Cardinality?

Answer:

👉 Cardinality defines the number of entity instances involved in a relationship.

17. Name types of relationships based on cardinality.

Answer:

👉 One-to-one, One-to-many, Many-to-many, Recursive.

18. What is Modality?

Answer:

👉 Modality defines whether participation in a relationship is optional or mandatory.

Example: A customer may or may not place an order.

19. How is mandatory participation represented?

Answer:

👉 Mandatory participation is represented by 1.

Example: An order must belong to a customer.

20. What is an ERD?

Answer:

👉 An Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) is a graphical representation of entities and their relationships.

21. What is the objective of an ERD?

Answer:

👉 To visually represent data objects and their associations.

22. What is Conceptual (Logical) Database Design?

Answer:

👉 It is the process of converting conceptual data models into logical database structures.

23. How are entities represented in logical design?

Answer:

👉 Each entity is represented as a relation (table), and its identifier becomes the primary key.

24. What is Normalization?

Answer:

👉 Normalization is the process of organizing data to remove redundancy and anomalies.

Example: Separating student and course data into different tables.

25. What problems does normalization solve?

Answer:

👉 It removes data redundancy and update anomalies.

26. What is Physical Database Design?

Answer:

👉 Physical database design focuses on storing data efficiently using files, indexes, and storage devices.

Example: Choosing file structures for fast access.

27. Name two inputs to physical database design.

Answer:

👉 Logical database structures and user processing requirements.

28. What is Centralized Data Distribution?

Answer:

👉 It is a strategy where all data is stored at a single site.

Example: One main server for a company database.

29. What is Replicated Data Distribution?

Answer:

👉 It is a strategy where complete copies of data are stored at multiple sites.

Example: Database copies at different bank branches.

30. What is Database Implementation?

Answer:

👉 Database implementation is the stage where the database is installed on servers and users are given permissions.

Example: Launching NADRA database system.

📍 Exercise 3c

1. Fill in the blanks:

(i) During ------ phase, the project requirements are gathered and identified.

Answer: Requirements Analysis

Explain:

👉 In the requirements analysis phase, users' needs, system inputs, outputs, and constraints are collected and clearly defined.

(ii) DFD stands for -------.

Answer: Data Flow Diagram

Explain:

👉 A Data Flow Diagram shows how data moves through a system and how processes handle that data.

(iii) The process of identifying data objects and relationship between them is called -------.

Answer: Data Modeling

Explain:

👉 Data modeling identifies entities (objects) and defines relationships among them for database design.

(iv) The number of occurrences of participating entities in a relationship is determined by the ------- ratio.

Answer: Cardinality

Explain:

👉 Cardinality specifies how many instances of one entity are related to instances of another entity.

(v) Modality determines whether the participation of an entity in a relationship is -------- or optional.

Answer: Mandatory

Explain:

👉 Modality shows whether an entity must participate in a relationship (mandatory) or may participate (optional).

(vi) ERD stands for -------.

Answer: Entity Relationship Diagram

Explain:

👉 An ERD is a graphical representation of entities and the relationships between them.

(vii) In ERD model, a(n) ------- is represented by a rectangular box.

Answer: Entity

Explain:

👉 In an ERD, entities are shown using rectangular boxes to represent real-world objects.

(viii) In ----- database systems, all the data is stored at a single site.

Answer: Centralized

Explain:

👉 In centralized database systems, all data is kept at one central location or server.

(ix) In ------- database multiple copies of the same data are stored at different sites on the network.

Answer: Replicated

Explain:

👉 Replicated databases store complete copies of data at multiple sites to improve availability.

(x) In distributed databases, the data is ------ among various sites.

Answer: Distributed

Explain:

👉 In distributed databases, data is spread across different sites connected through a network.

2. Select the correct option:

1. Which of the following keys does not hold uniqueness property:

(a) Candidate Key

(b) Foreign Key ✅

(c) Primary Key

(d) Secondary Key

2. An entity related to itself in an ERD model refers to:

(a) Recursive Relationship ✅

(b) One-to-Many Relationship

(c) Many-to-Many Relationship

(d) One-to-One Relationship

3. Database development involves mapping of conceptual data process model into:

(a) Object Oriented Data Model

(b) Network Data Model

(c) Implementation Model ✅

(d) Hierarchical Data Model

4. In ERD model, the relationship between two entities is represented by a:

(a) Diamond Symbol ✅

(b) Rectangular Box

(c) Oval Symbol

(d) Line

5. In hybrid distribution, which kind of fragments are stored at only one site:

(a) Critical Fragments

(b) Non-Critical Fragments ✅

(c) Critical and Non-Critical Fragments

(d) Only Large Fragments

3. Write T for true and F for false statement.

(i) In one-to-one relationship only one instance of each entity can participate in the relationship. ✅ **T**

Explain:

👉 In a one-to-one relationship, each entity instance is related to exactly one instance of the other entity.

Example: A person has only one passport, and a passport belongs to only one person.

(ii) The optional modality is represented by 1. ❌ **F**

Explain:

👉 Optional modality is represented by 0, while 1 represents mandatory participation.

(iii) One-to-many is a uni-directional relationship. ✅ **T**

Explain:

👉 In a one-to-many relationship, one instance of an entity can relate to many instances of another entity.

Example: A teacher can teach many students, but each student has only one assigned class teacher in that context.

(iv) In ERD model, a condition is mentioned in a diamond symbol. ❌ **F**

Explain:

👉 A diamond symbol in ERD represents a relationship, not a condition. Conditions or constraints are specified separately.

(v) ERD is a physical data model. ❌ **F**

Explain:

👉 ERD is a conceptual/logical data model, used for designing and visualizing entities and relationships, not for physical storage.

(vi) In hybrid distribution the database is partitioned in critical and non-critical fragments. ✅ **T**

Explain:

👉 In hybrid distribution, critical fragments are stored at multiple sites for reliability, while non-critical fragments are stored at a single site.

(vii) In distributed databases, the consistency refers to availability of same data at all sites of the network. ✅ **T**

Explain:

👉 Consistency ensures that all copies of the database across different sites reflect the same information at all times.

(viii) Indexing maximizes the time required to search a piece of information from a database. ❌ **F**

Explain:

👉 Indexing reduces the time required to search data by providing quick access paths to records.

(ix) Analysis is less important activity than coding, so minimum time should be spent over analyzing the system. ❌ **F**

Explain:

👉 Analysis is crucial because understanding requirements correctly ensures correct coding and avoids errors later.

(x) Relationship defines the logical connection between entities. ✅ **T**

Explain:

👉 A relationship specifies how two or more entities are logically connected in the database.

Example: Student enrolls in Course.

🌟 Q.4: Describe different steps involved in analysis stage while designing a database.

❖ **Answer:**

The analysis stage is a critical phase in database design where the system's requirements are carefully studied to ensure the database meets user needs. The main steps are:

1. Feasibility Study

Preliminary investigation to check project practicality.

Activities: Area identification, funding, planning, and market analysis.

2. Requirements Analysis

- **Gathering** detailed user requirements.
- **Determining** inputs, outputs, domain, and restrictions.

3. Project Planning

- Preparing schedule and budget.
- Considering salaries, hardware, logistics, and other costs.

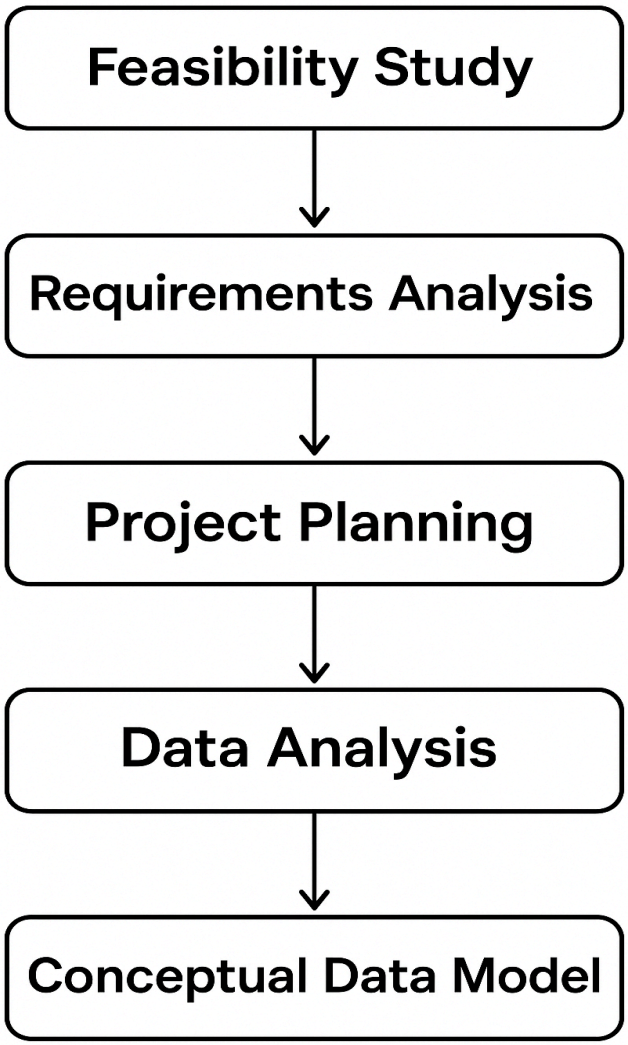
4. Data Analysis

Studying data flow and decision-making processes.

Tools:

- Data Flow Diagrams (DFD)
- Decision Tables
- Decision Trees

✦ **Diagram:**



✦ **Summary:**

- The analysis stage ensures the database design is accurate, complete, and aligned with user needs.
- Proper analysis reduces errors in later design stages.
- It provides the foundation for logical and physical database design.
- **Tools like DFD,** Decision Tables, and Decision Trees help visualize data flow and decisions.

🌟 **Q.5: Explain the following with the help of figures:**

(i) Entity/Object

(ii) Attribute

(iii) Relationship

(iv) Cardinality

(v) Modality

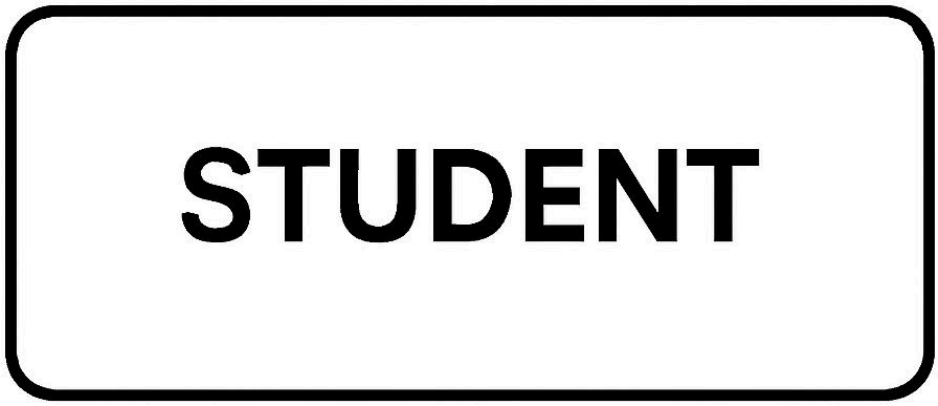
(i) Entity/Object

❖ **Definition:** An entity (or object) is anything that exists in the system and can be uniquely identified.

Examples: TEACHER, STUDENT, CAR, AIRPLANE.

Representation in ERD: Rectangular box.

Figure:



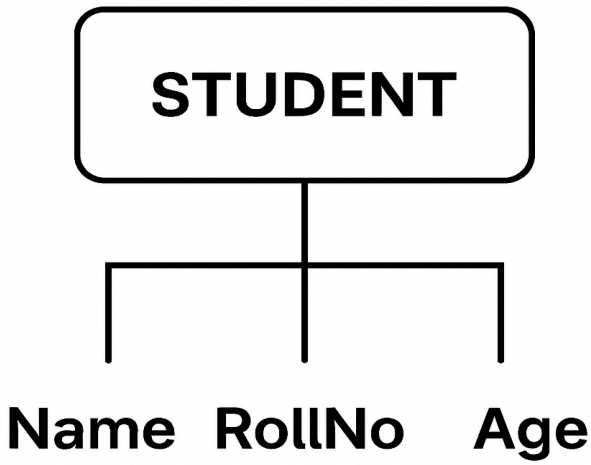
(ii) Attribute

Definition: An attribute describes properties or characteristics of an entity.

Examples: For STUDENT: Name, Roll No, Age, Grade.

Representation in ERD: Oval (connected to the entity).

Figure:



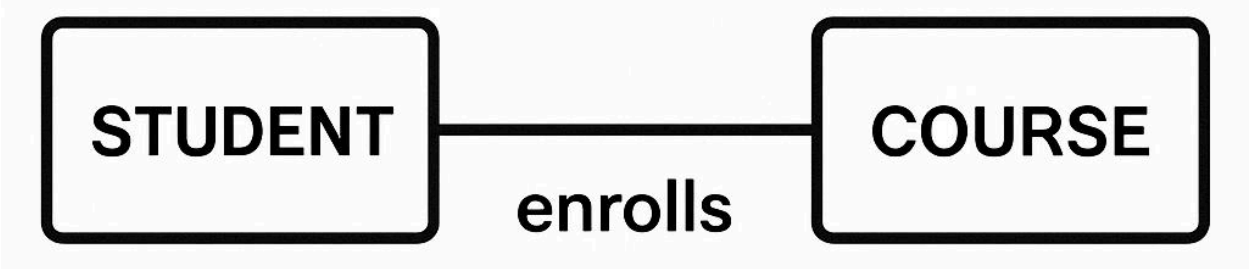
(iii) Relationship

Definition: A relationship shows how two or more entities are connected.

Examples: STUDENT enrolls in COURSE.

Representation in ERD: Diamond shape connecting entities.

Figure:



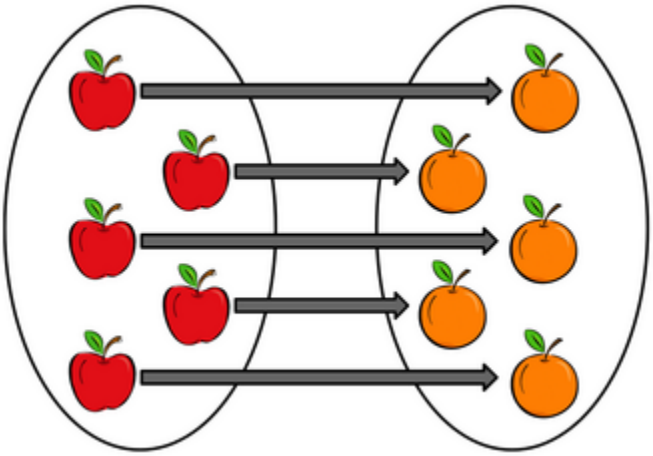
(iv) Cardinality

Definition: Cardinality defines how many instances of one entity relate to instances of another entity.

Types:

- One-to-One (1:1)
- One-to-Many (1:M)
- Many-to-Many (M:N)

Figure:



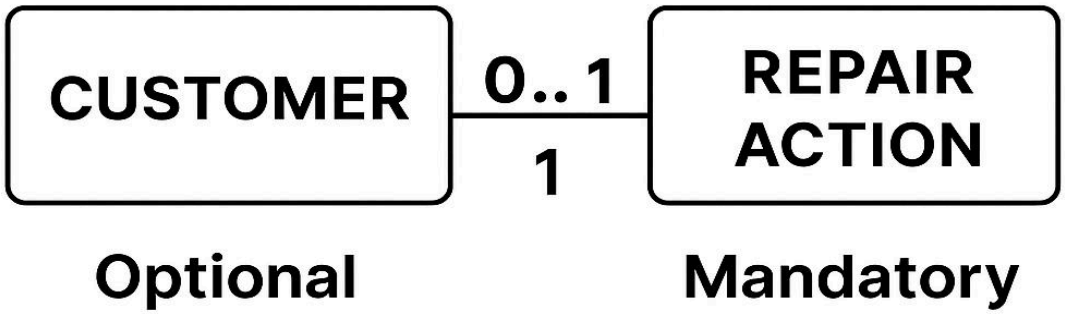
(v) Modality

Definition: Modality indicates whether the participation of an entity in a relationship is mandatory or optional.

Representation in ERD:

- 1 ⟶ Mandatory
- 0 ⟶ Optional

Modality



✦ **Summary:**

- **Entity:** Represents real-world objects.
- **Attribute:** Defines characteristics of entities.
- **Relationship:** Shows how entities are connected.
- **Cardinality:** Shows the number of occurrences of entity instances in relationships.
- **Modality:** Specifies if participation in a relationship is optional or mandatory.

🌟 Q.6: Draw and explain ER diagram for the system of getting admission in your college.

❖ Answer:

The Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD) is a conceptual tool used to represent entities, their attributes, and the relationships among them in a database. For a college admission system, it helps to visualize the process of students enrolling in courses and paying fees.

Step 1: Identify Entities

Entities are objects or things in the system that need to be stored in the database. For a college admission system, the main entities are:

- **STUDENT** – Represents the person applying for admission.
- **COURSE** – Represents the program or class offered by the college.
- **ADMISSION** – Represents the enrollment process linking a student with a course.
- **FEES** – Represents payment details for each student/course.

Step 2: Identify Attributes

Attributes are characteristics or properties of entities:

STUDENT:

- StudentID (Primary Key)
- Name
- Age
- Gender
- Address
- ContactNo

COURSE:

- CourseID (Primary Key)
- CourseName
- Duration
- FeesAmount

ADMISSION:

- AdmissionID (Primary Key)
- Date of Admission
- Status (Confirmed/Pending)

FEES:

- ReceiptNo (Primary Key)
- Amount
- PaymentDate
- PaymentMode (Cash, Online, Cheque)

Step 3: Identify Relationships

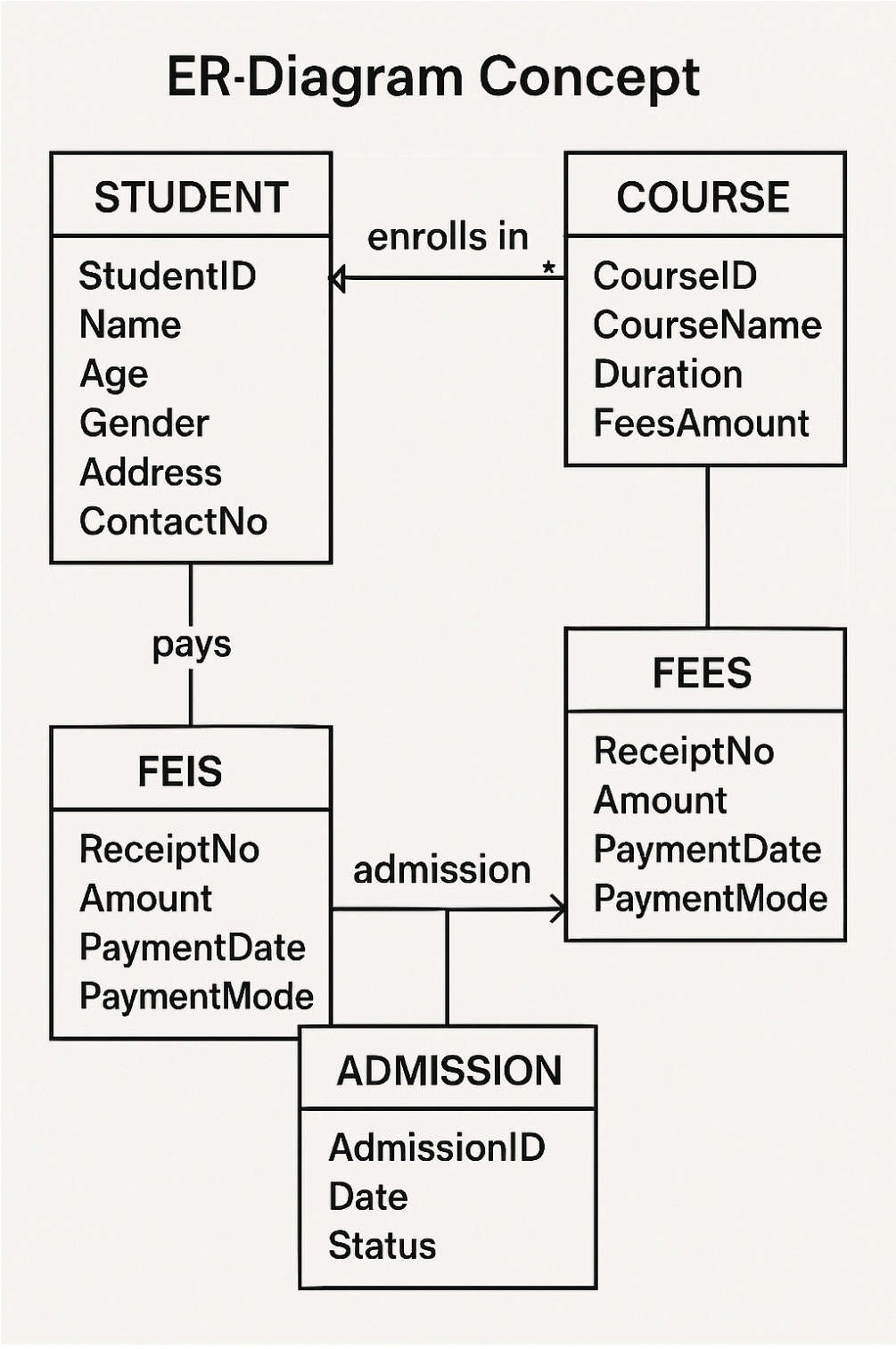
1. Relationships define how entities are connected:

- STUDENT enrolls in COURSE via ADMISSION
- A student can enroll in one or more courses.
- A course can have multiple students.
- **Type**: One-to-Many (1:M) from COURSE to STUDENT.
- **Modality:** Mandatory forget a student to have an admission to enroll in a course.

2. STUDENT pays FEES

- Each student may pay fees for enrolled courses.
- Some courses may allow deferred payment.
- **Type:** One-to-Many (1:M) from STUDENT to FEES.
- **Modality:** Optional initially.

Step 4: ER Diagram Concept



Step 5: Explanation of Diagram

1. Entities: Represented by rectangles. Each rectangle contains attributes.

2. Primary Key: Unique identifier for each entity (e.g., StudentID, CourseID).

3. Attributes: Represented inside the rectangle for simplicity or as ovals linked to entities.

4. Relationships: Represented by lines connecting entities:

- Enrolls in connects STUDENT to COURSE via ADMISSION.
- Pays connects STUDENT to FEES.

5. Cardinality: Shows how many instances of one entity relate to another.

- 1:M between COURSE and STUDENT.
- 1:M between STUDENT and FEES.

6. Modality:

- Mandatory (1): A student must have an admission to enroll.
- Optional (0): Fees payment can be optional initially.

✦ **Summary:**

- The ERD represents the logical structure of the college admission database.
- It clearly shows entities, attributes, relationships, cardinality, and modality.
- Helps database designers to create efficient relational tables later in the physical design phase.
- Ensures consistency, clarity, and proper data flow in the admission system.

🌟 Q.7: Explain the following:

(i) Physical Data Model

(ii) Conceptual Data Model

(i) Physical Data Model

❖ **Definition:**

The Physical Data Model (PDM) represents how the database will be actually implemented in the database management system (DBMS). It focuses on the storage of data, file structures, indexes, and performance optimization.

Key Points:

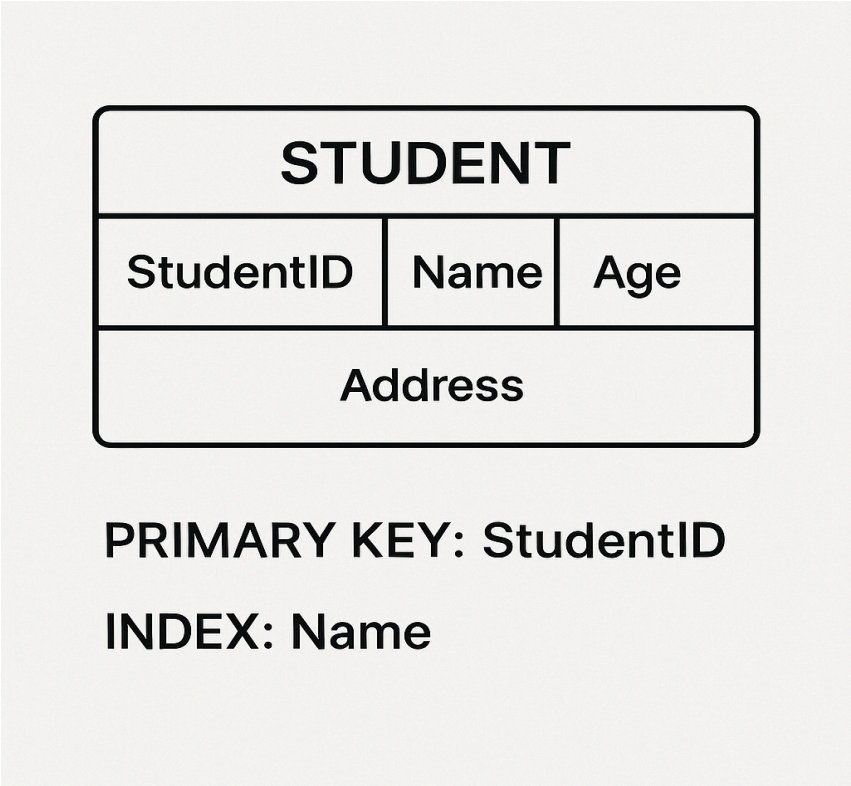
- Shows tables, columns, data types, indexes, and storage details.
- Concerned with performance, security, integrity, and recoverability.
- Input comes from the Logical/Conceptual Data Model.
- Depends on DBMS capabilities and hardware environment.

Example:

For a Student table, the physical model defines:

- **Table Name**: STUDENT
- **Columns**: StudentID(INT), Name(VARCHAR), Age(INT), Address(VARCHAR)
- **Indexes**: Primary key on StudentID, secondary index on Name
- **Storage**: Stored in a specific file system with backup strategy

Representation (Diagram:



(ii) Conceptual Data Model

Definition:

The Conceptual Data Model (CDM) represents the high-level structure of the database. It focuses on entities, attributes, and relationships without worrying about physical storage or DBMS-specific details.

Key Points:

- Uses Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD) to show entities and relationships.

- Helps in requirements analysis by providing a clear understanding of data and interactions.
- Independent of any DBMS or technology.

Example:

For a college system:

- **Entities:** STUDENT, COURSE, ADMISSION, FEES
- **Relationships**: STUDENT enrolls in COURSE via ADMISSION; STUDENT pays FEES
- **Attributes:** Name, Age, Contact, CourseName, AdmissionDate, FeeAmount

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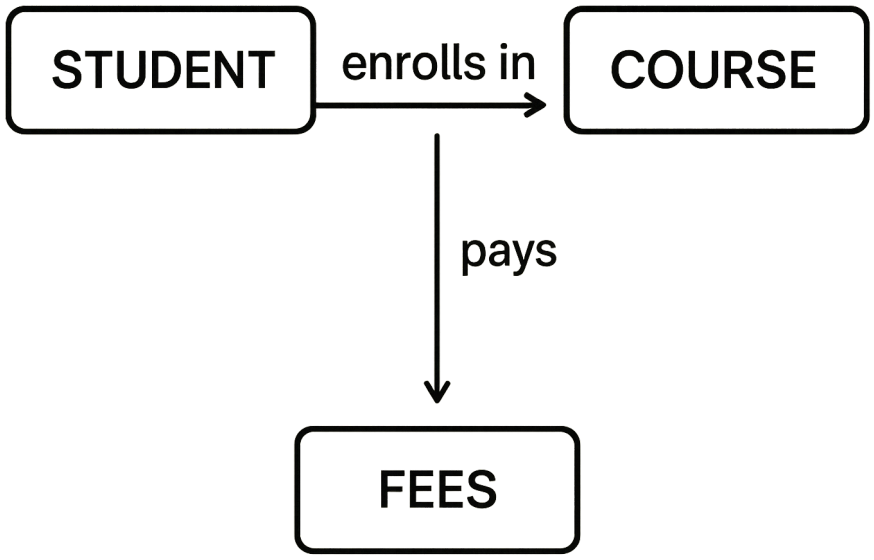


✦ **Summary:**

- The Conceptual Data Model shows what data exists and how it relates without worrying about how it is stored.
- The Physical Data Model shows how the data will actually be stored, accessed, and managed in a DBMS.
- **Together**, both models ensure a robust and efficient database design.

🌟 Q.8: What are the components of a logical data model?

❖ **Answer:**

A Logical Data Model (LDM) represents the structure of the data in a database without considering the physical implementation. It is derived from the conceptual data model and prepares the design for the physical database.

The main components of a logical data model are:

1. Entities/Objects

- Represent real-world objects or concepts in the system.
- Must be uniquely identifiable.
- **Examples:** STUDENT, COURSE, TEACHER, DEPARTMENT.
- **In ERD:** Represented by rectangles.

2. Attributes

- Describe the characteristics of entities.
- Can include primary key attributes and non-key attributes.
- **Examples:** For STUDENT ⟶ StudentID, Name, Age, Gender, ContactNo.
- **In ERD:** Usually represented by ovals connected to the entity.

3. Relationships

- Represent how entities are connected or associated.
- **Examples:** STUDENT enrolls in COURSE; TEACHER teaches COURSE.
- **In ERD:** Represented by diamond shapes connecting entities.

4. Cardinality

- Defines the number of instances of one entity related to instances of another entity.
- **Types:** One-to-One (1:1), One-to-Many (1:M), Many-to-Many (M:N).

- **Example:** One TEACHER can teach many COURSES → One-to-Many.

5. Modality (Participation)

- Indicates whether participation of an entity in a relationship is mandatory or optional.
    - **Mandatory:** Represented by 1
    - **Optional:** Represented by 0

Example: A STUDENT must have at least one ADMISSION (Mandatory), but may or may not have paid FEES (Optional).

6. Primary Keys and Foreign Keys

- **Primary Key:** Unique identifier for each entity instance (e.g., StudentID).
- **Foreign Key:** Attribute in one entity that references primary key of another entity to maintain relationships.

7. Normalized Relations (Optional in Logical Model)

- Ensures no redundancy and avoids anomalies in updates.
- Logical design may include tables derived from entities and relationships ready for physical implementation.

✦ **Summary:**

The logical data model provides a blueprint for database design, focusing on:

- Entities/Objects
- Attributes
- Relationships
- Cardinality
- Modality
- Primary & Foreign Keys

It is technology-independent and ensures a clear, consistent, and complete design before moving to the physical database.

🌟 Q.9: What elements combined produce the physical database design? Explain.

❖ Answer:

The Physical Database Design is the final stage of database design. It represents how the database will be actually implemented in the DBMS. The design focuses on storage, performance, integrity, security, and recoverability.

A physical database is produced by combining the following key elements:

1. Logical Database Structures

- Derived from the logical/normalized relations created during the logical data model design.
- These include tables, attributes, primary keys, foreign keys, and relationships.
- Ensures the database is consistent, organized, and free of redundancy.

2. User Processing Requirements

- Includes size and frequency of data usage, response time, security requirements, and backup/recovery needs.
- Helps in optimizing the physical storage and access methods for better performance.

Example: If STUDENT data is frequently accessed, proper indexing is needed for fast retrieval.

3. DBMS and Operating Environment Characteristics

- Depends on the DBMS software and hardware used.
- Influences file organization, storage devices, indexing methods, and data distribution.
- Ensures compatibility, efficiency, and reliability.

Components of Physical Database Design

1. Data Volume and Usage Analysis

- Estimates database size and usage patterns.
- Helps select storage devices, access paths, and indexes.

2. Data Distribution Strategy

- Decides where the data will be physically stored in distributed systems.

Types:

- **Centralized:** All data at one site
- **Partitioned:** Data divided among sites
- **Replicated:** Full copy at multiple sites
- **Hybrid:** Critical and non-critical fragments stored differently

3. File Organization

- Defines how records are physically stored on disks.
- Selection depends on speed, throughput, storage efficiency, and growth potential.

4. Indexes

- Tables that help quickly locate rows based on a condition.
- Can be on primary keys, foreign keys, or other frequently searched fields.

5. Integrity Constraints

- Ensure correctness and consistency of data.
- Protects against unauthorized modifications and maintains data quality.

✦ **Summary:**

The Physical Database Design is the combined result of:

- Logical database structures (normalized tables and relationships)
- User processing requirements (usage patterns, security, backup)
- DBMS and environment characteristics (storage, indexing, access methods)

This combination ensures that the database is efficient, secure, recoverable, and ready for actual implementation in a DBMS.

🌟 **Q.10: Define and explain the following terms:**

(i) Data Distribution Strategy

(ii) File Organization

(i) Data Distribution Strategy

❖ **Definition:**

A data distribution strategy determines how the data is physically stored and distributed across different sites in a distributed database system. It ensures that data is accessible efficiently and meets the requirements of users at different locations.

✦ **Types of Data Distribution:**

1. Centralized

- All data is stored at a single site.
- **Advantages:** Easy to manage and maintain.
- **Disadvantages:** Remote sites have slow access, high communication costs, and total failure if the central site fails.

2. Partitioned (Fragmented)

- The database is divided into fragments, each stored at a particular site.

- **Advantages:** Data is closer to local users, improving access speed.

3. Replicated

- Full copies of the database are stored at multiple sites.
- **Advantages:** Local access is fast.
- **Disadvantages:** Updates must be synchronized, which can be complex.

4. Hybrid

- The database is divided into critical and non-critical fragments.
- Non-critical fragments are stored at one site, critical fragments at multiple sites.
- **Advantages:** Combines benefits of replication and partitioning.

Example:

In a college with multiple campuses, student records may be partitioned by campus, while the master course catalog may be replicated at all campuses.

(ii) File Organization

Definition:

File organization is the technique of physically arranging records of a file on storage devices to optimize access, storage, and transaction processing. It determines how data is stored, retrieved, and updated.

Objectives of File Organization:

- Fast access for retrieval
- Efficient transaction processing
- Optimal use of storage space
- Protection from data loss or failure
- Ability to accommodate growth
- Security from unauthorized access

Types of File Organization:

1. Sequential File Organization

- Records are stored in sequential order based on a key.
- **Good for:** Batch processing and report generation.

2. Heap (Unordered) File Organization

- Records are stored in no particular order.
- **Good for:** Simple storage and occasional retrieval.

3. Indexed File Organization

- An index is maintained to allow quick access to records.
- **Good for:** Frequent searches on key fields.

Example:

- A Student table may be stored sequentially by StudentID.
- An index can be created on Name to quickly search a student by name.

✦ **Summary:**

- **Data Distribution** Strategy decides where data is physically stored in distributed systems.
- **File Organization** decides how records are physically arranged on storage devices for fast, secure, and efficient access.

🌟 **Q.11: Define the term Analysis. Briefly discuss the following terms:**

(i) Feasibility study

(ii) Requirement Analysis

(iii) Project Planning

(iv) Data Analysis

❖ **Answer:**

Definition of Analysis:

Analysis in database design is the process of studying the requirements of an organization or system to understand what data is needed, how it will be used, and what constraints or limitations exist.

The goal is to ensure that the database will meet the users' needs efficiently and accurately.

(i) Feasibility Study

Definition:

Feasibility study is the preliminary investigation of a proposed database project to determine if it is practical and worthwhile.

Key Points:

- Identifies the area or aspect to be developed.
- Evaluates funding, resources, and planning requirements.
- Includes a market or organizational analysis to justify the project.

Example:

Before creating a college database, feasibility study determines whether the college has enough budget, staff, and infrastructure to implement it.

(ii) Requirement Analysis

Definition:

Requirement analysis involves gathering detailed information about the needs of the users and the functions the database must perform.

Key Points:

- Collects inputs, outputs, and rules for the database.
- Identifies restrictions, domain limits, and relationships.
- Ensures users' needs are clearly understood before design begins.

Example:

Identifying what data about students, courses, and admissions should be stored, and how it will be accessed or updated.

(iii) Project Planning

Definition:

Project planning is the process of organizing and scheduling all activities, resources, and costs required to complete the database project.

Key Points:

- Estimates team salaries, logistics, hardware, and miscellaneous expenses.
- Prepares a timeline or schedule for all phases of the project.
- Helps in resource allocation and risk management.

Example:

- Planning that the database design, implementation, and testing will be completed within 6 months with the available team and resources.

(iv) Data Analysis

Definition:

- Data analysis is the process of examining and organizing data to understand its flow, structure, and relationships within the system.

Key Points:

- Uses tools like Data Flow Diagrams (DFD), Decision Tables, and Decision Trees.
- Helps in identifying how data moves and is processed.
- Provides a clear foundation for database modeling and design.

Example:

Analyzing student registration data to determine how student details, course enrollment, and fee payments are interrelated.

✦ **Summary:**

- Analysis ensures the database is accurate, efficient, and aligned with user requirements.
- **Feasibility Study:** Checks if the project is practical.
- **Requirement Analysis:** Determines user needs and database functions.
- **Project Planning:** Schedules activities and allocates resources.
- **Data Analysis:** Examines data structure, flow, and relationships for design.

🌟 Q.12: Briefly explain the database design process with the help of a diagram.

❖ **Answer:**

Database design is the process of creating a database that efficiently stores, retrieves, and manages data while meeting user requirements. It ensures accuracy, integrity, and performance.

The database design process can be divided into several stages:

1. Planning

- Defines the scope of the database project.
- Allocates resources, budget, and schedule.

2. Enterprise Data Model

- A high-level model representing all data and relationships in the organization.
- Serves as a blueprint for database design.

3. Analysis

- Involves requirement analysis, feasibility study, project planning, and data analysis.

- Determines what data is needed and how it will be used.

4. Conceptual Data Model

- Represents entities, attributes, and relationships without worrying about physical storage.
- Often drawn as an Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD).

5. Logical Database Design

- Converts the conceptual model into relational tables or other DBMS-specific structures.
- Ensures normalization to remove redundancy and maintain integrity.

6. Physical Database Design

- Defines how data will be physically stored in DBMS.
- Includes file organization, indexing, storage allocation, and security.

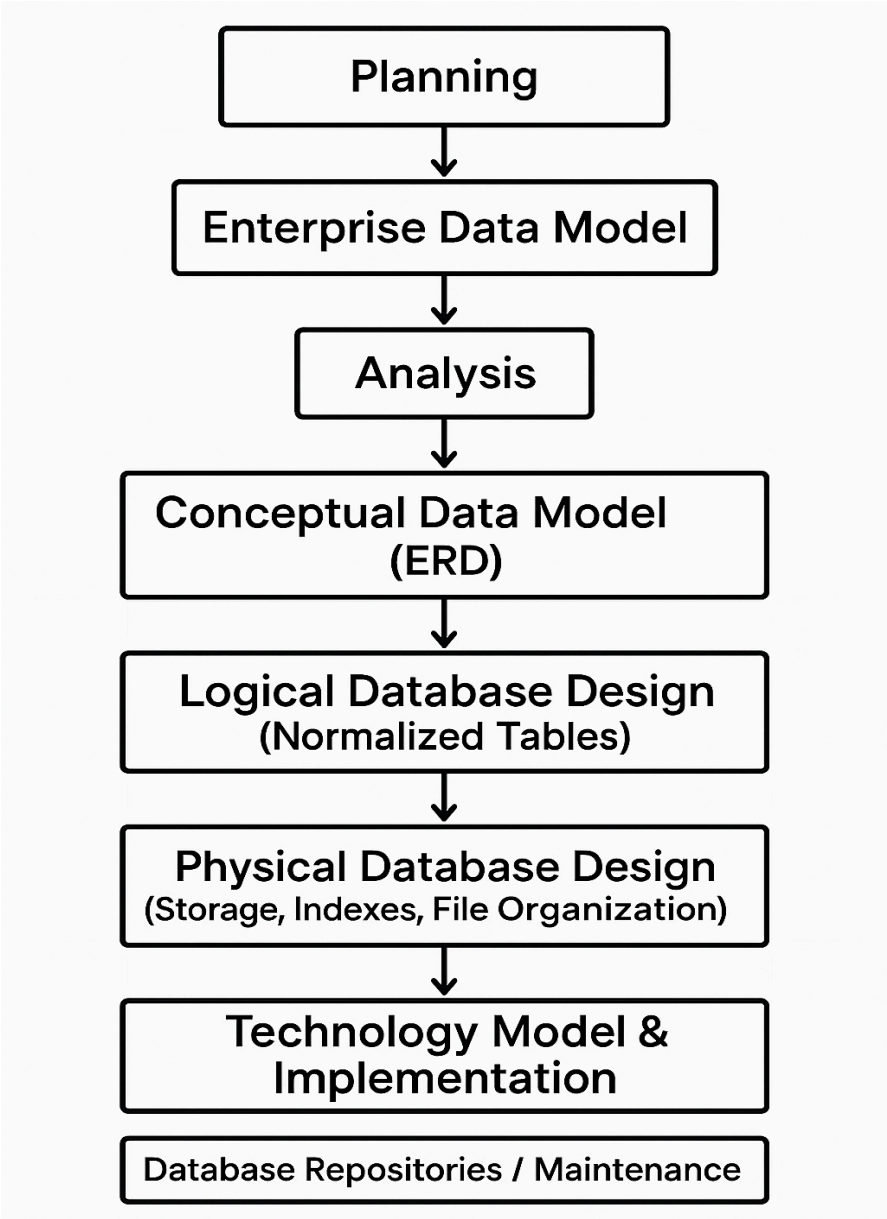
7. Technology Model & Implementation

- Chooses the DBMS, hardware, and software environment.
- Implements the database on the server and connects users.

8. Database Repositories / Maintenance

- Stores metadata, schema definitions, and system documentation.
- Supports future modifications and maintenance.

✦ **Digram:**



✦ Summary:

The database design process moves from high-level planning and analysis to conceptual modeling, then to logical and physical design, and finally to implementation and maintenance. Each stage ensures the database is accurate, efficient, and meets user requirements.

Note:

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