

Lecture 5 **STRUCTURED ANALYSIS**

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- Yourdon Modern Structured Analysis (YMSA)
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 - Data flow diagram (DFD)
- ♦ Data modelling
 - Entity relationship diagram (ERD)
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 - Normalization





Yourdon Modern Structured Analysis (YMSA)

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E. Yourdon: Modern structured analysis



Environment model

Behavioral model



Data model



Events:
E1: registered
E2: rolled in
E3: rolled out
E4: started

E5: ended

Functional decomposition









- Context diagram is a special case of a data flow diagram, containing a single process representing the whole system. It emphasizes:
 - Terminators people and systems communicating with the system
 - Data received from the environment that shall be processed
 - Data produced by the system and sent to the environment
 - Data stores shared by the system and its terminators
 - System boundary
- Event list is a textual list of stimuli coming from the environment that must be responded by the system.



Context diagram example









- Behavioral model specifies the flow of data through the modeled information system, modeling its process aspects.
 - It shows what kinds of information will be input to and output from the system, where the data will come from and go to, and where the data will be stored.
 - It does not show information about the timing of processes, or information about whether processes will operate in sequence or in parallel.
- Data flow diagram (DFD) is a graphical representation of the system as a network of processes that fulfill system functions and communicate through system data.





 \diamond DFD consists of four types of elements:

- Processes
- Data flows
- Data stores
- Terminators







- A Process models a part of the system that transforms specific inputs to outputs.
- And A has a single word, phrase or simple sentence, e.g. "User authentication".
 - The process name sometimes contains the name of a person, group of people, department or device – specifying also the actor or tool of the process.
- A Data flow models a way for data transfer from one part of the system to another.
 - Flows can also model the transfer of physical materials.





- Data store models a static collection of data that are shared by two or more processes operating in different time.
 - Name is a plural of the data name going to and coming from the data store.







- A Terminator represents an external entity communicating with the system.
- The flows connecting terminators with the processes or data stores inside the system represent the interfaces between the system and its environment.









Data modelling

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- \diamond Defines static data structure, relationships and attributes
- Complementary to the behavior model in structured analysis; models information not covered by DFDs
- \diamond More stable and essential information comparing to DFD

Entity-Relationship modeling

- Identify system entities both abstract (lecture) and concrete (student)
- For each entity examine the purpose of the entity, its constituents (attributes) and relationships among entities
- Check model consistency and include data details



Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)



- ♦ Entities and their types
- ♦ Relationships and their types
- Attributes and their domains \diamond

Crow's Foot notation

(implementation level descript.)







 \diamond An **Entity** is anything about which we want to store data

- Identifiable entities can be distinguished by their identity
- Needed has significant role in the designed system
- Described by attributes shared by all entities of the same type

♦ An Entity set is a set of entities of the same Entity type.

Entity	Entity type	Student
You	Student	
Your neighbor	Student	Teacher
Me	Teacher	
This PB007 lecture	Lecture	Lecture





- Entities take part in **Relationships** (among possibly more than two entities), that can often be identified from verbs or verb phrases.
 - You are *attending* this PB007 lecture.
 - I am *giving* this PB007 lecture.
- A Relationship set is a set of relationships of the same Relationship type.







- An Attribute is a fact, aspect, property, or detail about either an entity type or a relationship type.
 - E.g. a lecture might have attributes: time, date, length, place.
- An Attribute type is a type domain of the attribute. If the domain is complex (domain of an attribute address), the attribute may be an entity type instead.







♦ To decide whether a concept be modeled as an attribute or an entity type:

- Do we wish to store any information about this concept (other than an identifying name)?
- Is it single-valued?
- E.g. objectives of a course are they more than one? If just one, how complex information do we want to store about it?
- ♦ General guidelines:
 - Entities can have attributes but attributes have no smaller parts.
 - Entities can have relationships between them, but an attribute belongs to a single entity.





Relationship-type degree



Mandatory relationship







- Cardinality ratio of a relationship type describes the number of entities that can participate in the relationship.
- \diamond One to one 1:1
 - Each lecturer has a unique office.
- ♦ One to many 1:N
 - A lecturer may tutor many students, but each student has just one tutor.
- ♦ Many to many M:N
 - Each student takes several modules, and each module is taken by several students.





- ♦ Relationship offers has attributes:
 - payment conditions, due date.
- ♦ Relationship *delivered* has attributes:
 - *delivery note details*.



Relationships among more than two entities







Association entity





♦ The Contract exists just as a result of the relationship between the Customer and Product entity.







♦ Extended ERDs model also inheritance, i.e. the relationship of specialization–generalization





- ♦ Iterative development in structured analysis
 - Entities identification -> initial ERD
 - Attributes identification -> detailed ERD
 - Identification of missing and redundant entities
 - Entities constituting of only one attribute (identifier)
 - Entity sets consisting of a single entity
 - Derived entities and relationships
 - Association entities
 - ERD-DFD consistency and completeness checking

 \diamond Modeled in parallel with DFD





















- \diamond Used for documentation of complex ERD models
- ♦ Symbols:
 - = consists of
 - + and
 - () optional part (0 or 1)
 - [] alternative choice
 - { } iteration (1 or more) $a=_{1}\{b\}_{15}$
 - * * comment
 - @ identifier (key)



Example – Order



♦ Order	no. 2012-007-24		
 Issue date: Delivery date: 	23.4.2012 30.4.2012		
♦ Customer:	no. 007		

no. 007 Dr. John Smith

\diamond Goods:

Number	Name	Pieces	Price/piece
P3876	Software engineering	6	135
H4681	UML2 and the UP	4	52
X6574	SA in practice	3	50





ORDER = @number + issue date + (delivery date) +
 customer number + customer name +
 { product number + product name +
 ordered pieces + (product price per piece) }

- customer name = (title) + first name + surname
- ♦ title = [Mr. | Mrs. | Miss. | Dr. | Prof.]
- first name = { allowed symbol }
- \diamond allowed symbol = [A Z | a z |]





Relational Database Design

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Crow's Foot notation

























Entity-relationship modeling is a first step towards database design.

Database design process:

- 1. Determine the purpose of the database.
- 2. Find and organize the information required Create ERD model of the system. Each entity type becomes a table, attribute becomes a column, entity becomes a row in the table. Handle relationships with attributes, association entities and M:N relationships.



Relationships to entities











M:N relationships











\diamond Three options:

- One big Car entity with all attributes
- Three smaller Compact, SUV and Van entities
- Four entities with relationship between sub-type and super-type entity





- **3. Specify primary keys** Choose each table's primary key. The primary key is a column that is used to uniquely identify each row. An example might be Product ID or Order ID.
- **4. Apply the normalization rules** Apply the data normalization rules to see if tables are structured correctly. Make adjustments to the tables.
- 5. Refine the design Analyze the design for errors. Create tables and add a few records of sample data. Check if results come from the tables as expected. Make adjustments to the design, as needed.



Entities and keys



♦Superkey

• A set of attributes that **uniquely identifies** each entity.

♦ Candidate key

- A **non-redundant** superkey, i.e. all items of a candidate key are necessary to identify an entity, no key attribute can be removed.
- There can be more combinations of entity attributes that can be used as candidate keys.

♦ Primary key

• The **selected candidate key**, marked with # symbol.

♦ Foreign key

A set of attributes in one entity that uniquely identifies (i.e. is a primary key in) another entity.





Minimize redundancy and dependency

- Minimize redesign when extending database structure
- Make the data model more informative to users
- ♦ Free the database of modification anomalies
 - Update anomaly the same information expressed on multiple rows → update resulting in logical inconsistencies.
 - Insertion anomaly certain facts cannot be recorded, because of their binding with another information into one record.
 - Deletion anomaly deletion of data representing certain facts necessitating deletion of unrelated data.

Avoid bias towards any particular pattern of querying





Def.1NF: A relation is in 1NF if the domain of each attribute contains only **atomic values**, and the value of each attribute contains only a **single value** from that domain.





1. Normal form – normalization example







Functional dependency

\diamond Functional dependency

In a given table, an attribute Y is said to have a functional dependency on a set of attributes X if and only if each X value is associated with precisely one Y value.

♦ Trivial functional dependency

A trivial functional dependency is a functional dependency of an attribute on a superset of itself.

\diamond Full functional dependency

X1 X2 An attribute is fully functionally dependent on a set of attributes X if it is: functionally dependent on X, and not functionally dependent on any proper subset of X.









Def. 2NF: In 1NF and no non-prime attribute in the table is functionally dependent on a proper subset of any candidate key.





What anomalies can you identify in this example?



2. Normal form – no partial dependency





- Does the "candidate key" part of the definition make difference?
- When there is only one-item primary key, is 2NF guaranteed?











Def. 3NF: In 2NF and every non-prime attribute is non-transitively (i.e. only directly) dependent on every candidate key.



What anomalies can you identify in this example?





deadline is transitively dependent on empl#







Def. BCNF: In 3NF and for every dependency $X \rightarrow Y$ at least one of the following holds:

- $X \rightarrow Y$ is a trivial functional dependency ($Y \subseteq X$)
- X is a superkey.

In most cases compliant with 3NF, besides some special cases:



In 3NF and not in BCNF



What anomalies can you identify in this example?





- ♦ 1NF: no repeating groups
- ♦ 2NF: no partial dependency
- ♦ 3NF: no transitive dependency
- BCNF: "Everything should be dependent on the key, the whole key, and nothing but the key" so help me Codd. [joke attributed to C.J.Date]





♦ Class diagrams

- model both structural and behavior features of a system (attribute and operations),
- contain many different types of relationships (association, aggregation, composition, dependency, generalization), and
- are more likely to map into real-world objects.
- ♦ Entity relationship models
 - model only structural data view with a low variety of relationships (simple relations and rarely generalization), and
 - are more likely to map into database tables (repetitive records).
 - They allow us to design primary and foreign entity keys, and used to be normalized to simplify data manipulation.





 Although there can be one to one mapping between ERD and Class diagram, it is very common that

- one class is mapped to more than one entity, or
- more classes are mapped to a single entity.
- Furthermore, not all classes need to be persistent and hence reflected in the ERD model, which uses to be driven by the database design.

♦ Summary:

- ERD is data-oriented and persistence-specific
- Class diagram targets also operations and is persistence independent





- Structured analysis, and YMSA in particular, models systems from the perspectives of:
 - system interaction with its environment (CD), and
 - hierarchy of system processes and data flows (DFD).
- Data modeling, and ERD in particular, focuses on modeling entities, relationships and attributes of system data.
- Data normalization focuses on reducing redundancy and dependency in database design, and on avoiding bias towards a particular pattern of querying.

