

1. Conceptual Modeling

For each of the two exercises below, design an entity-relationship diagram that captures, as far as possible, the requirements stated below. If you make any assumptions in your design, please write them down. Assumptions, however, must not contradict the requirements.

Letting Agency

A database needs to be developed for a letting agency in a big city. The agency rents out properties to tenants on behalf of the landlords.

1. The company employs staff. Every member of staff has a unique staff ID. In addition they have a name, a function (like secretary, accountant, etc.), and a monthly salary.
2. In order to locate properties, the agency has split the city into different areas. Each area has a name, by which it can be uniquely identified. For each area, there is a member of staff who is responsible for the properties in the area.
3. For each property that the agency manages there is a property ID by which it can be identified. Moreover, the agency wants to record the address, the type of the property (like flat, house, garage, etc.), the monthly rate, and the deposit that has to be paid by a tenant. Each property is located in some area.
4. Each property is of a specific type, for instance, a flat, a house, or a garage. The possible types are specified by the company. Each possible type needs to be recorded, also if there is no property of that type in the database.
5. Each property is owned by a single landlord. A landlord, however, may own more than one property. A landlord is registered with name, address, and phone number. Each landlord can be uniquely identified by their name and address.
6. A tenant is registered with a tenant ID, a current address, and a phone number.
7. A tenant rents a property by signing a lease. The lease specifies the start date, i.e., the time when the contract begins, and the duration of the lease. A lease is always related to a specific property. For a given property, there cannot be two leases with the same start date.

Music Database

A database needs to be developed that keeps track of compact disks, and songs recorded on them, together with authors and performers of the songs. The data requirements are as follows:

1. For each disk, we want to store the disk ID, the title, and the year of production. Disk ID's are unique.
2. A song is recorded on some disk. It has a title and a number that indicates on which track it is recorded on the disk. For each disk, a song is uniquely identified by its track number.
3. For each person that may occur as a an author or a performer we want to store the person ID, the name, and the nationality. Person ID's are unique.
4. Each song has at least one author who is a person. There are different types of authorship, e.g., composer, text writer, or arranger. For each author of a song, we want to store the type of authorship.
5. Each song has at least one performer who is a person. There are different instruments for a performer, e.g., voice, piano, violin. We want to store for each performer the instrument they have played during the recording.