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Building Informatics

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# 8-9. Relational Databases

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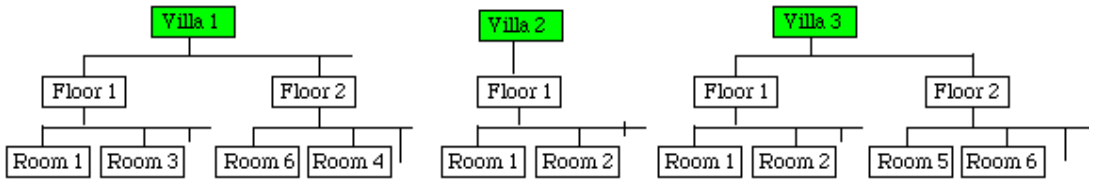
# DATABASE HISTORY

1960 **Files** with records and fields.

- Docuementnb, project, content, date, engineer, department
  122, stibro Aalborg 1997, section, 25-8-1997, Niels Nielsen, engineering 1.

Early 1960. **Hierarchical databases**

- Grows in a tree like structure from the root. Efficient to search but hard to make changes in the structure.

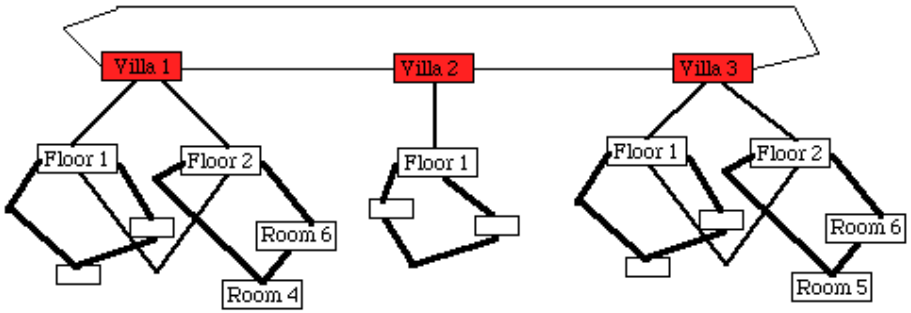



**The Hierarchical Database model**

# DATABASE HISTORY

Mid 1960 The **Network** model

- Uses the association as its basic unit. It consists of linked independent entities. This daabase is more flexible than the hierarchical when it comes to introduce new entities but it may be harder to see through than the hierarchical structure.

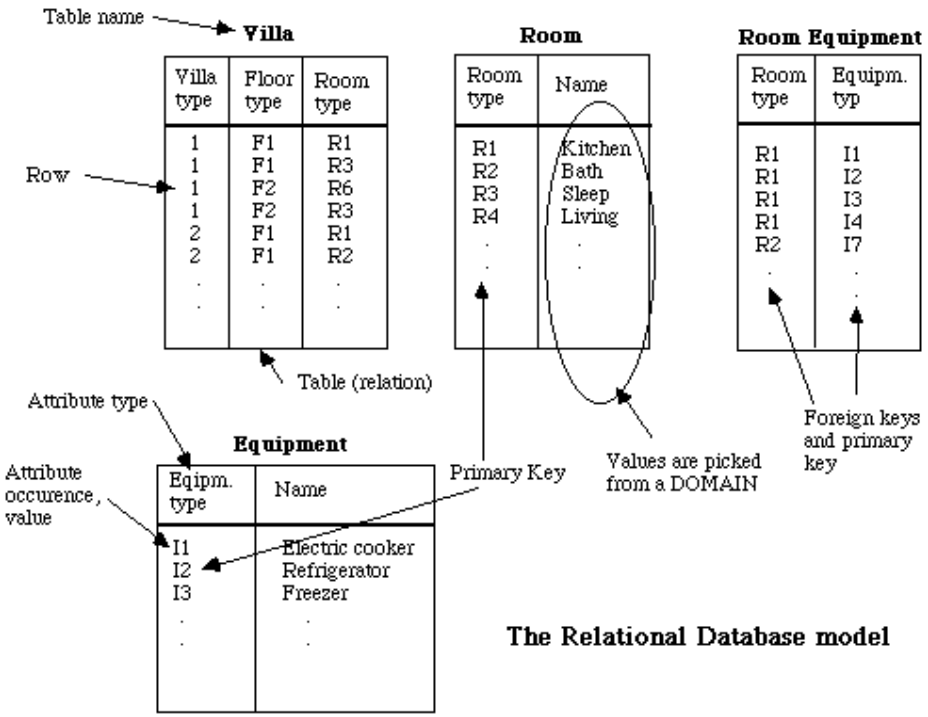



**The Network Database model**

# DATABASE HISTORY

## Late 1970 The **Relational Database** Model

- (Codd, 1982), "Relational Database: A Practical Foundation for Productivity". Communications of the ACM (Association for Computing Machinery), February 1982, Volume 25, Number 2.
- Chen Peter Pin-Shan, 1976, "The Entity-Relationship Model - Toward a Unified View of Data".




**The Relational Database model**

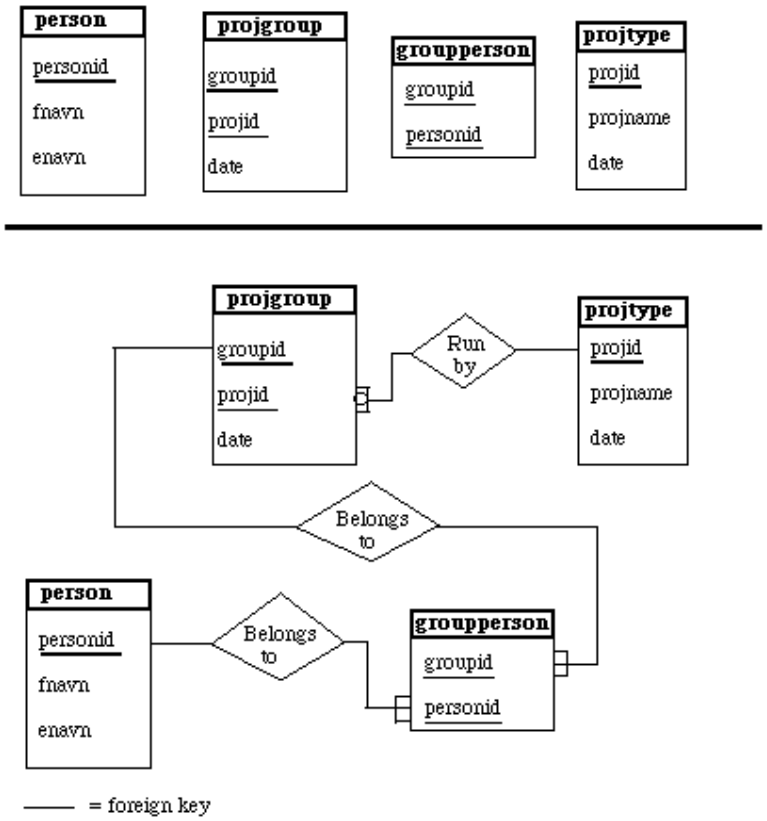
The restrictions to tables are: (Howe D R, 1983, "Data Analysis for Data Base Design". Edward Arnold Ltd., London (page 37)):

- The ordering of rows is not significant; that is, the rows can be interchanged without affecting the information content of the table.
- The ordering of columns is not significant. (We can ensure that this is so by insisting that each column within a table has a distinct attribute type name).
- Each row/column intersection contains a single attribute value. Multiple values are not allowed.
- Each row in a table must be distinct; no two rows can have the same attribute values throughout. (The significance of this rule is that a row can always be uniquely identified by quoting an appropriate combination of attribute values)

# Why use a database?

- Avoid duplication of data (non-redundancy)
- Establish a standardised way to extract adapted and selective data from information containers (both for humans and machines)
- Efficient maintenance, separate information storage from information presentation
- Efficient and easy way to update an information container (stand-alone entities)
- Build information containers available to different programs and web-applications

# The Entity-Relationship model (E-R)




**The sem6_project_db database**

*One-to-one relation:*

(could e.g. be used to link persons one-to-one to different groups of limited set of specified different group types. In this way space could be saved by reducing a number of group type attributes/properties).

*One-to-many relation:*

Example 1: One project type may be run by many different project groups

Example 2: One person may belong to many groups (may be not in semester 6 but anyhow)

*Many-to-many relation:*

Example: Every person may participate in many groups each running different project types. This construct is not allowed therefore we created the 'groupperson'.

Strong(or regular) entities may be used by other databases (for example 'person') but weak entities containing foreign keys are dependent of the existence of another entity.

The strong relation 'projtype' may have 'projid's which not necessarily are run by any group. This is OK if the entity is strong (which it is). In the figure this is marked by a ring in the fork. As a contrast all persons ('personid') must belong to at lest one group ('groupid').

As before not two primary keys may have the same value or be empty in case it consists of many attributes.

# Database structure example

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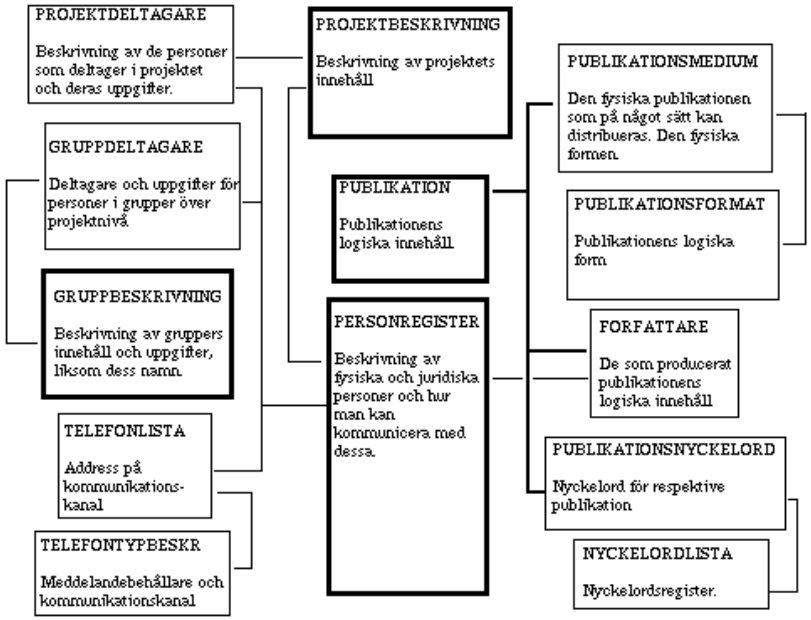
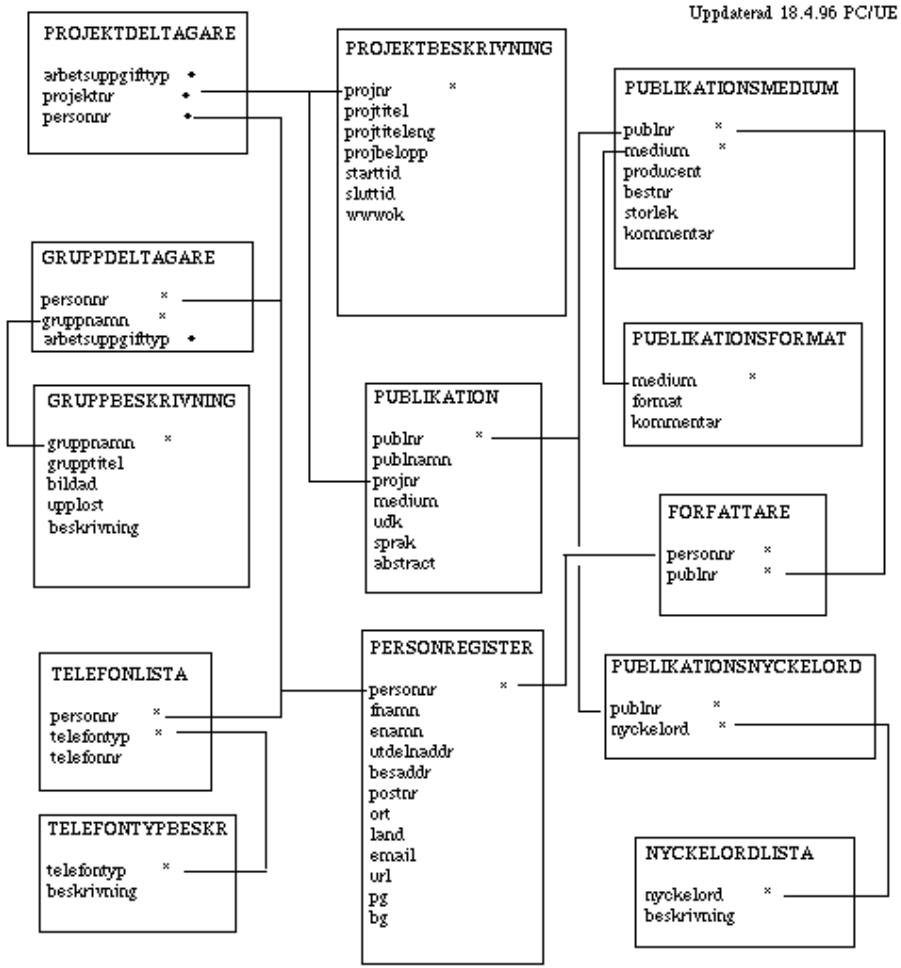
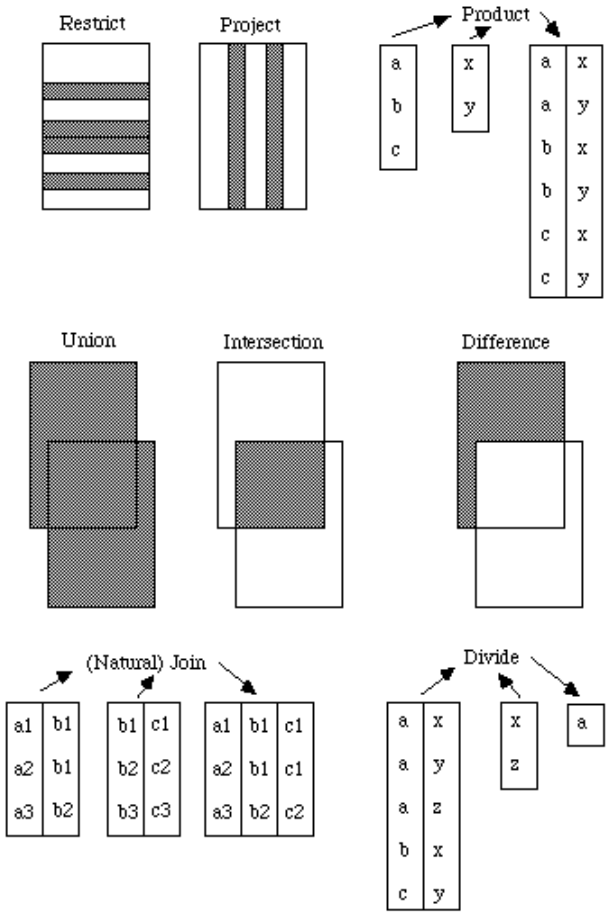
(Swedish Building Research on the Word Wide Web)
Statens Råd for Bygforskning Sverige (BFR). 1997




Oversigtlig og detaljeret datamodel over passende fremtidlig lagringsstruktur for forskningsinformation vid BFR.
http://it.civil.aau.dk/it/reports/1997_swebu/r_swebu_3_6_1997.pdf

# Relational Algebra




**Relational algebra operators**

The original eight operators (overview).
[From (Date, 1996) page 140-141].

The relational algebra forms the fundament for the relational databases.

***Restrict:*** Returns a relation consisting of all tuples from a specified relation that satisfy a specified condition (often refereed to as Select. SQL select is though more powerful and includes the functionality of all the eight algebraic operations, and more besides).

***Project:*** Returns a relation consisting of tuples that remain as (sub)tuples in a specified relation after specified attributes have been eliminated

*Product:* Returns a relation consisting of all possible tuples that are a combination of two tuples, one from each of the two specified relations.

*Union:* Returns a relation consisting of all tuples appearing in either or both of two specified relations.

*Intersect:* Returns a relation consisting of all tuples appearing in both of two specified relations.

*Difference:* Returns a relation consisting of all tuples appearing in the first and not the second of two specified relations.

***Join:*** Returns a relation consisting of all possible tuples that are combination of two tuples, one from each of two specified relations, such that the two tuples contributing to any given combination have a common value for the common attribute(s) of the two relations (and that common value appears just once, not twice, in the result tuple).

*Divide:* Takes two relations, one binary and one unary, and returns a relation consisting of all values of one attribute of the binary relation that match (in the other attribute) all values in the unary relation.

# Normalisation

The normalisation of the logical database layout (conceptual model) will get rid of redundant information and also helps the designers to check the functionality of the database (update rows, delete rows, etc.)

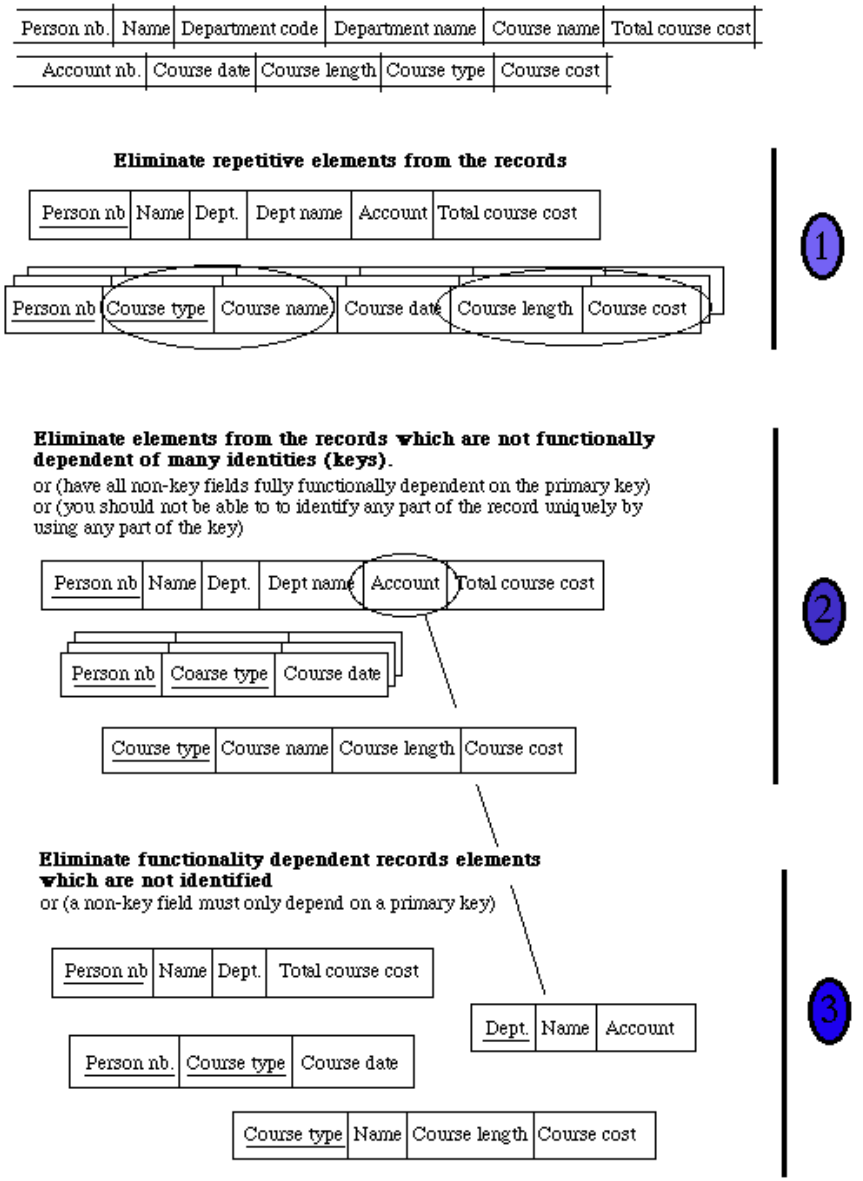
The principle is that we in the conceptual model identify those attributes that identify the rows of a table (entity). We call these attributes primary *key(s)*. They are selected from a set of attributes we call candidate keys. Example if two or more persons have the same name it is not enough to use name as primary key. We must then add another candidate key as primary key or instead use a unique personal number as primary key.

The goal is to arrive at a non redundant descriptions of *entities* (thing, person, actions, events, etc.) grouping together properties (*attributes*) that belongs to different objects (later entities in the database), and to provide *unique identifications* for each row (instantiation of an entity).

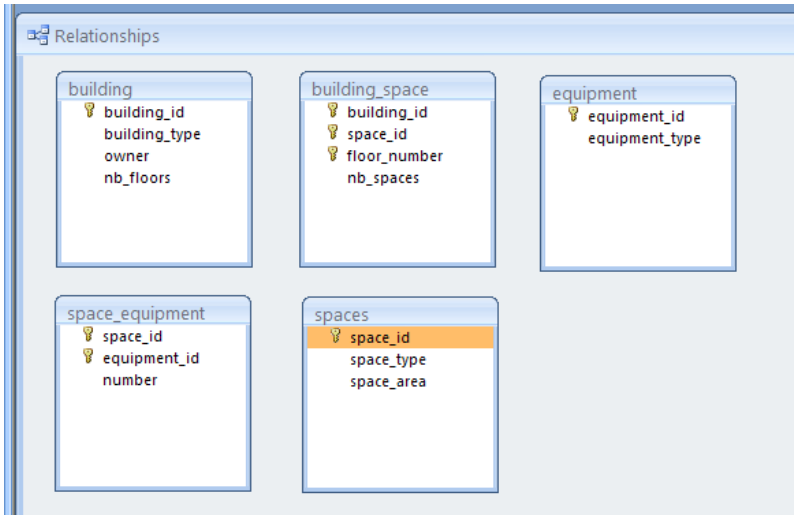
This process involves mapping and reducing so called functional dependencies between attributes and primary key (or part of it).

We ***normalise*** the model in three (possibly five) steps. First to third normal forms

1. Eliminate repetitive elements from the records. (Basic table structure concern).
2. Elimination of elements from the records which are not functionally dependent of many identities (keys). (Relations between keyed and non-key fields of a record).
3. Elimination of functionally dependent record elements which are not identified. (Relations between non-key fields of records).



# The 'Building' database




The tables in the building database.
Tables are connected in the SQL WHERE clause ensuring that correct join is made.

The database can be downloaded here

MySQL version
http://it.civil.aau.dk/it/education/models/building_mysql/building.zip
http://it.civil.aau.dk/it/education/models/building_mysql/buildingsem2.sql

Access version
http://it.civil.aau.dk/it/education/models/building/building.mdb
With ASP example files
http://it.civil.aau.dk/it/education/slides/asp_www_db_building.html

The sem6_project_db database (access),
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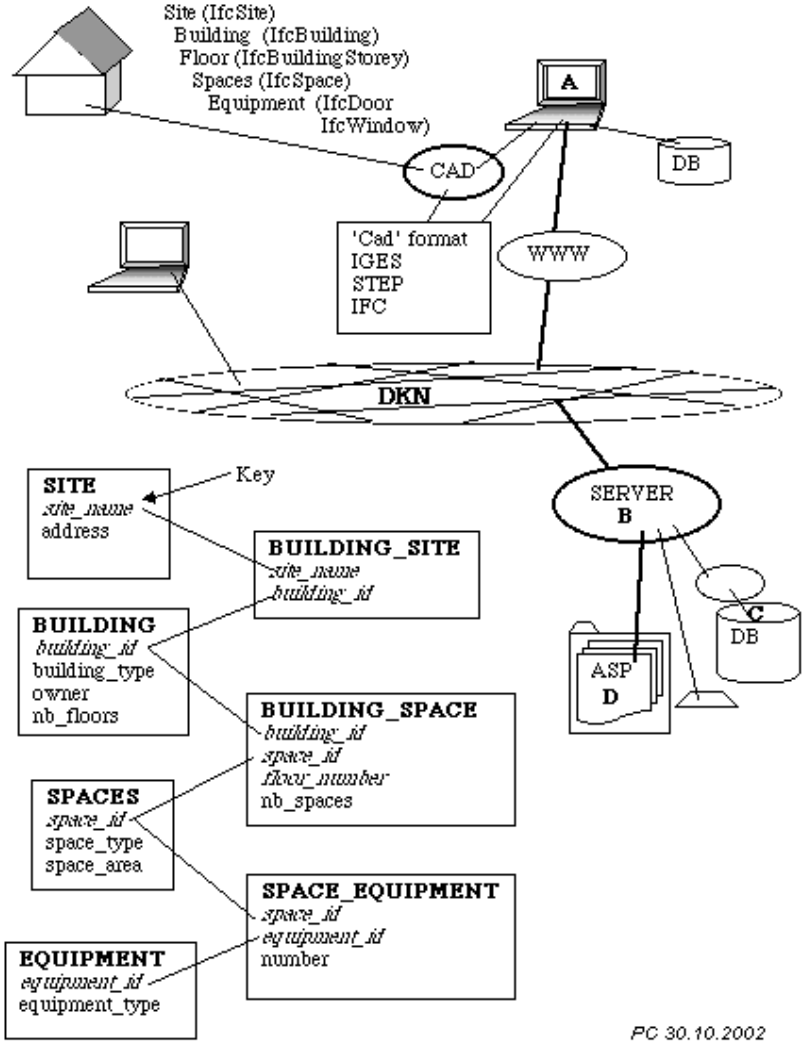
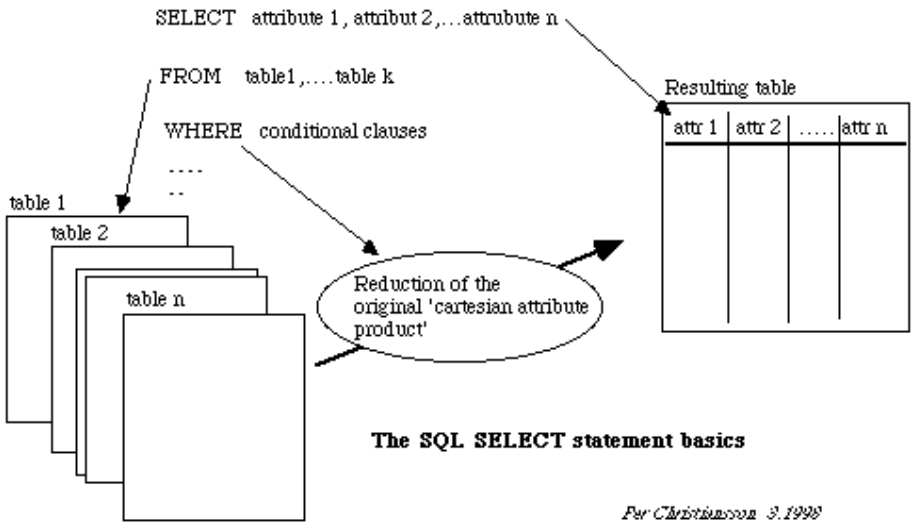


# Structured Query Language




The SELECT-statement comprises the relational algebra opertors; RESTRICT, PROJECT and JOIN (Date, 1996);

Date C., J., 1996, 1994, "An Introduction to Database Systems". Sixth edition. Addison-Wesley Publishing Company. Reading, Massachusetts. (839 pp.)

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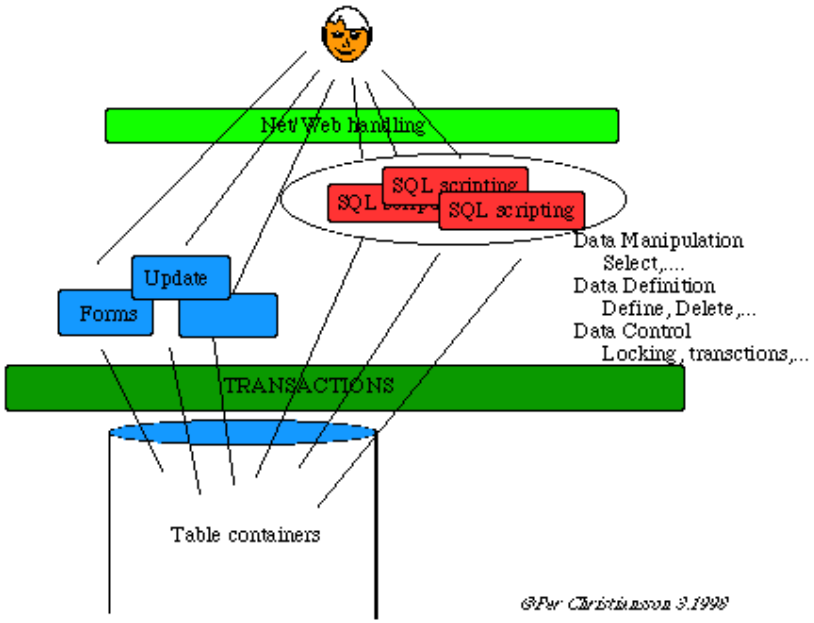
|---|---|---|---|
| Relational terms: | relation | tuple | attribute |
| SQL terms: | table | row | column |

# Structured Query Language




SQL is a language to control and manipulate relational databases.

- 1979, Relational Software, Inc. (now Oracle) introduced the first commercially available implementation of SQL
- ANSI-86 SQL, SQL89 - SQL/92 - SQL2, SQL99, SQL2003 (xml..), SQL2006, SQL2008
- ANSIX3.135-1992 (600 pages)! (International Standard Database Language)

- SQL.org, http://www.sql.org/
- See also http://www.jcc.com/sql.htm (SQL Standards Home Page)
- W3Schools SQL-tutorial, http://www.w3schools.com/sql/
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL

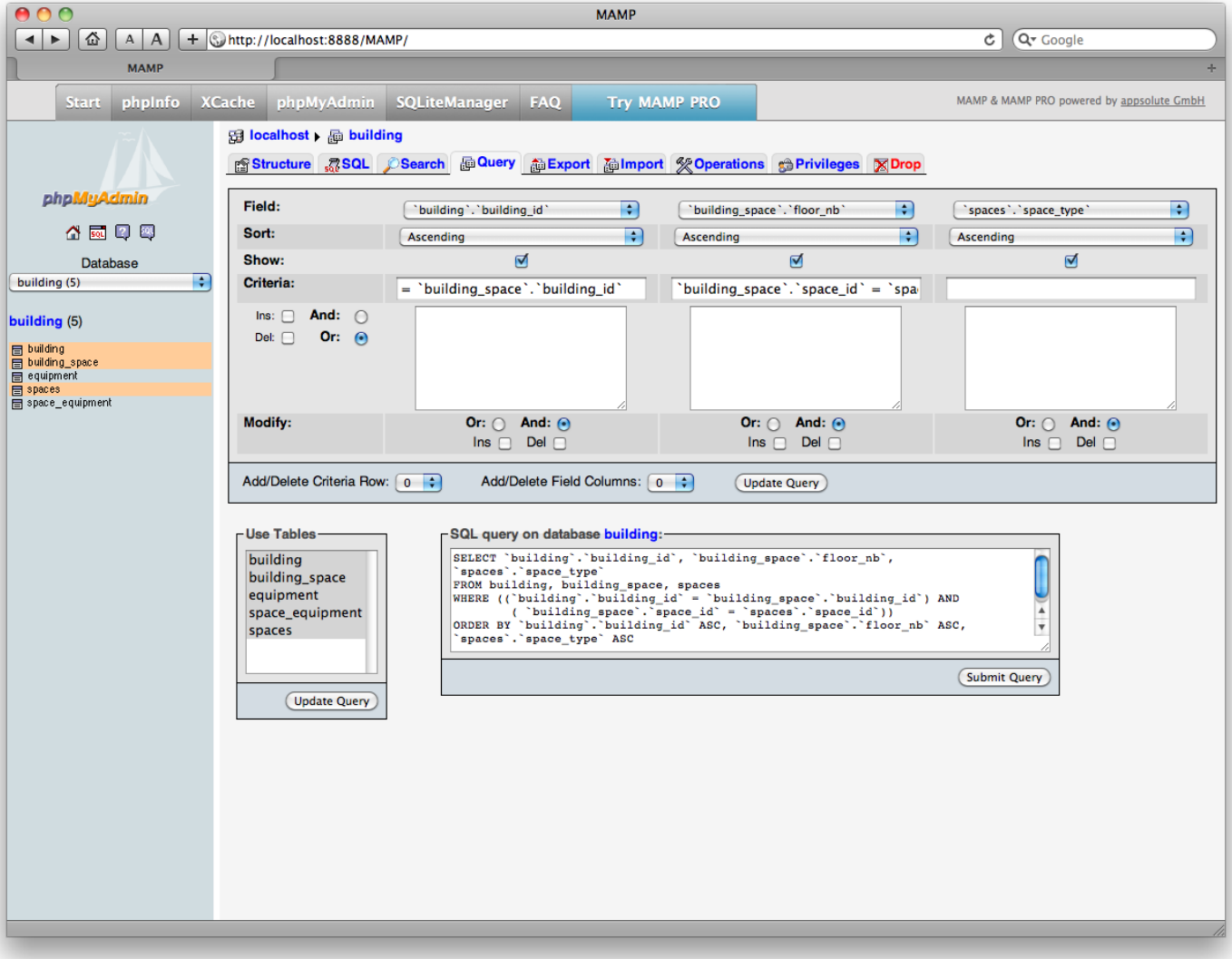
# Installing MYSQL, PHP and APACHE servers

MAMP, http://www.mamp.info/
The abbreviation "MAMP" stands for: Macintosh, Apache, Mysql and PHP. With just a few mouse-clicks, you can install Apache, PHP and MySQL for Mac OS X!

WAMP
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_WAMPs (Comparison of WAMPs)
http://www.wampserver.com/en/


MySQL database
http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/
http://www.phpmyadmin.net

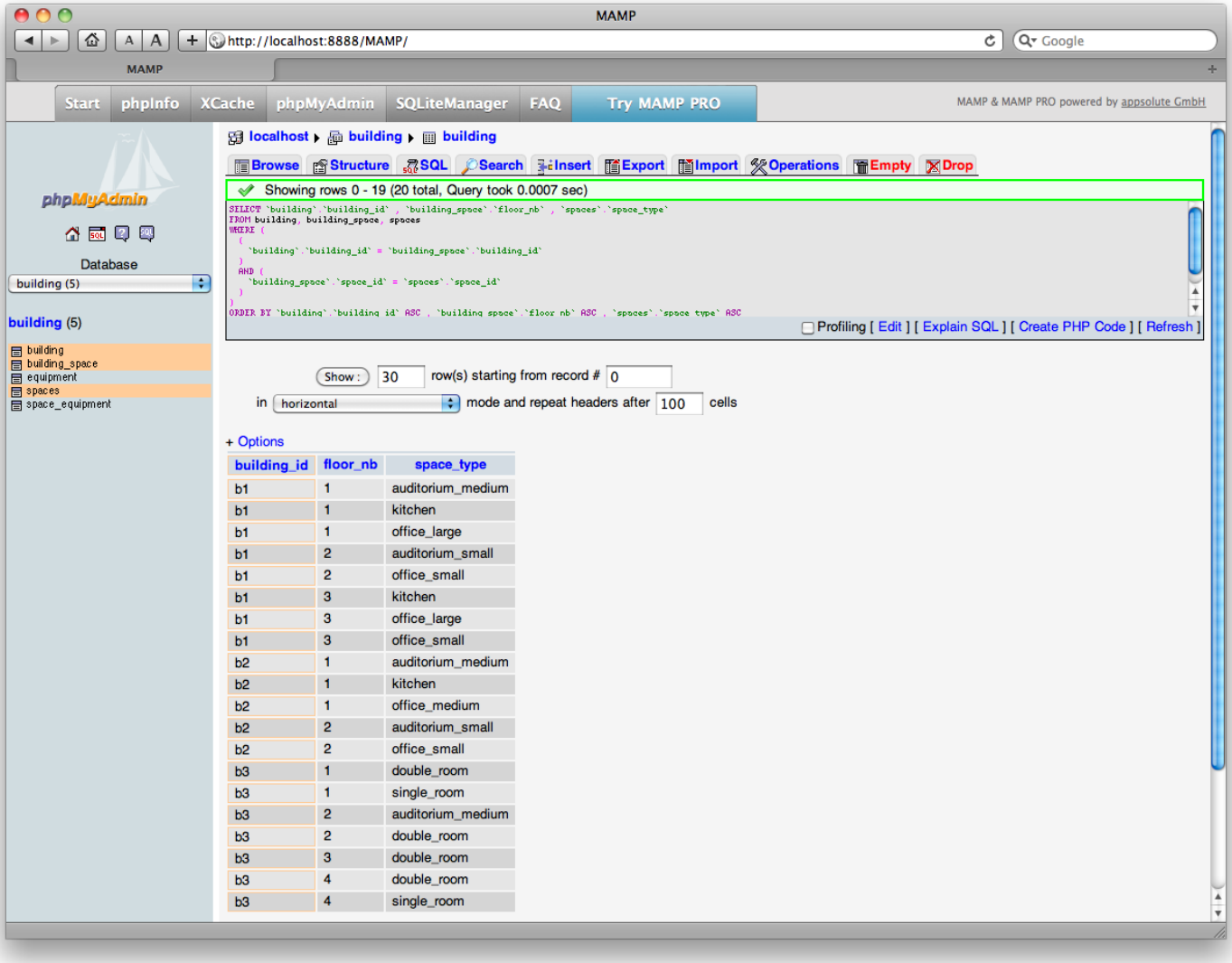
# MYSQL query




phpMyAdmin is used as a local database administration program to create and access databases.

You get some help to formulate sql statements. Part of these can later be used in php server side scripting files to access the database from a web-browser.

# MYSQL query



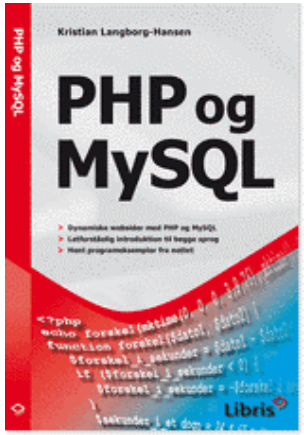

| building_id | floor_nb | space_type |
|---|---|---|
| b1 | 1 | auditorium_medium |
| b1 | 1 | kitchen |
| b1 | 1 | office_large |
| b1 | 2 | auditorium_small |
| b1 | 2 | office_small |
| b1 | 3 | kitchen |
| b1 | 3 | office_large |
| b1 | 3 | office_small |
| b2 | 1 | auditorium_medium |
| b2 | 1 | kitchen |
| b2 | 1 | office_medium |
| b2 | 2 | auditorium_small |
| b2 | 2 | office_small |
| b3 | 1 | double_room |
| b3 | 1 | single_room |
| b3 | 2 | auditorium_medium |
| b3 | 2 | double_room |
| b3 | 3 | double_room |
| b3 | 4 | double_room |
| b3 | 4 | single_room |

This is the result from a query to the database from phpMyAdmin.

# PHP

1994 *Personal Home Page* (Rasmus Lerdorf). Later *PHP: Hypertext Preproessor*

PHP is a server side scripting programming language that can be used as standalone programming language or in combination with HTML.

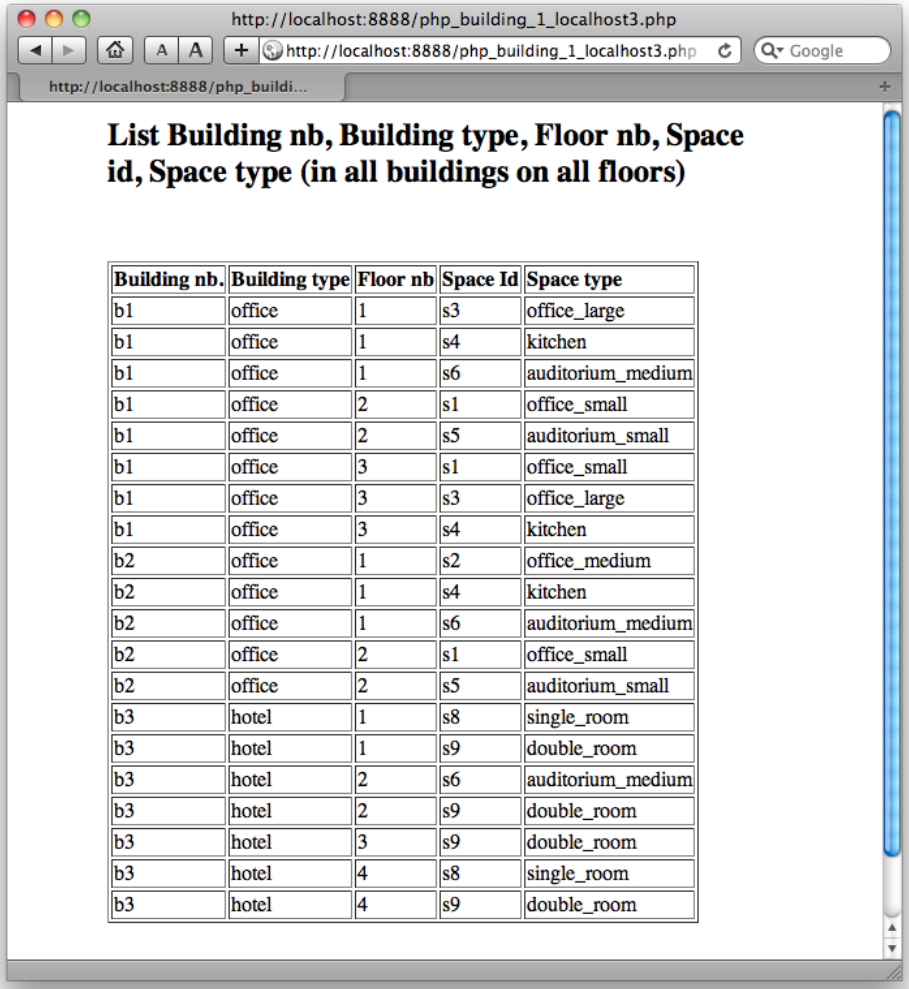



Use /16/ Langborg-Hansen K (2010) "PHP og MySQL". Libris (pp. 84).

Start with chapters 1-6, 8 followed by
Chapters 11, 14, 15.
Use the downloadable PHP-scripting sample example files.


Also use ref
/5/ W3 schools. PHP Basic, PHP Database Tutorials. http://www.w3schools.com/php/
for references.

# Calling MySQL from the WWW




**List Building nb, Building type, Floor nb, Space id, Space type (in all buildings on all floors)**

| Building nb. | Building type | Floor nb | Space Id | Space type |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| b1 | office | 1 | s3 | office_large |
| b1 | office | 1 | s4 | kitchen |
| b1 | office | 1 | s6 | auditorium_medium |
| b1 | office | 2 | s1 | office_small |
| b1 | office | 2 | s5 | auditorium_small |
| b1 | office | 3 | s1 | office_small |
| b1 | office | 3 | s3 | office_large |
| b1 | office | 3 | s4 | kitchen |
| b2 | office | 1 | s2 | office_medium |
| b2 | office | 1 | s4 | kitchen |
| b2 | office | 1 | s6 | auditorium_medium |
| b2 | office | 2 | s1 | office_small |
| b2 | office | 2 | s5 | auditorium_small |
| b3 | hotel | 1 | s8 | single_room |
| b3 | hotel | 1 | s9 | double_room |
| b3 | hotel | 2 | s6 | auditorium_medium |
| b3 | hotel | 2 | s9 | double_room |
| b3 | hotel | 3 | s9 | double_room |
| b3 | hotel | 4 | s8 | single_room |
| b3 | hotel | 4 | s9 | double_room |

```
<?php

$con = mysql_connect("localhost:8888","root","root");
if (!$con)
  {
  die('Could not connect: ' . mysql_error());
  }
mysql_select_db("building",$con);

$strQuery = "SELECT `building`.`building_id`,`building`.`building_type`, `building_space`.`floor_nb`,
`building_space`.`space_id`, `spaces`.`space_id`, `spaces`.`space_type` "; $strQuery = $strQuery . "
FROM building, building_space, spaces ";
$strQuery = $strQuery . "
WHERE ((`building`.`building_id` = `building_space`.`building_id`)  AND
(`building_space`.`space_id` = `spaces`.`space_id`) )";
$strQuery = $strQuery . "ORDER BY building.building_id ASC, building_space.floor_nb ASC,
building_space.space_id ASC";

$result = mysql_query($strQuery);
?>
<HTML>
<BODY bgcolor="ffffff">
<h2>List Building nb, Building type, Floor nb, Space id, Space type (in all buildings on all
floors)</h2><BR><BR>
<?php
echo "<table border='1'>";
echo "<tr>";
echo "<td>";
echo "<B>Building nb.</B>" ;
……..

while($row = mysql_fetch_array($result))
{
……..
echo "<tr>";
echo "<td>";
echo $row[building_id];
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}
echo "</table>";
mysql_close($con);
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</BODY>
</HTML>
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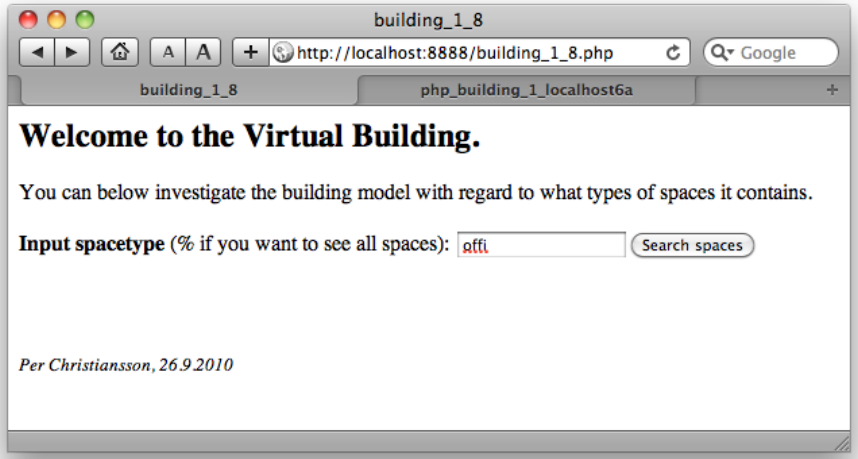
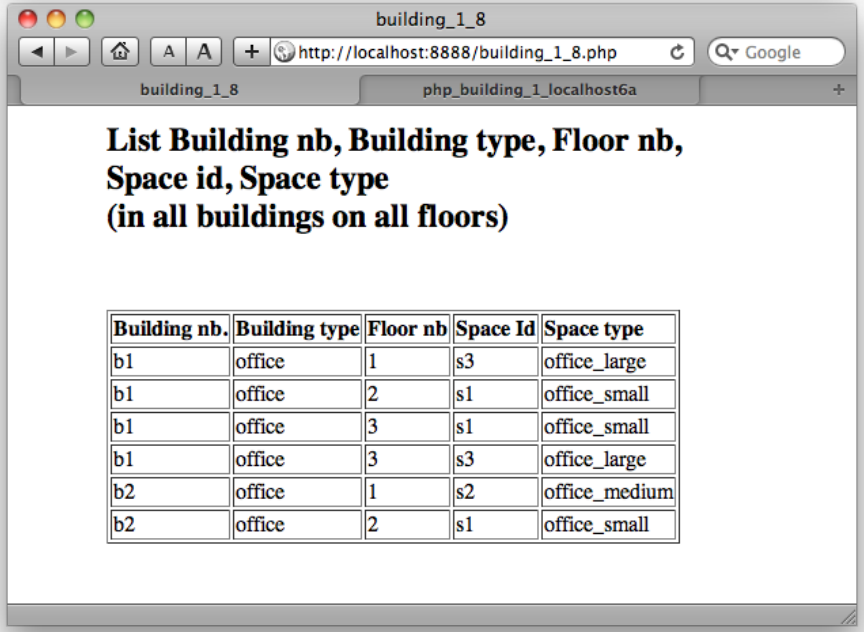
# Calling MySQL from the WWW




| Building nb. | Building type | Floor nb | Space Id | Space type |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| b1 | office | 1 | s3 | office_large |
| b1 | office | 2 | s1 | office_small |
| b1 | office | 3 | s1 | office_small |
| b1 | office | 3 | s3 | office_large |
| b2 | office | 1 | s2 | office_medium |
| b2 | office | 2 | s1 | office_small |

If you want you can download the corresponding php file http://it.civil.aau.dk /it/education/models/building/building_1_8.php

When you develop the server-side php-scripting file in php you should insert comments to explain what the file does. This done in lie with // statement or in blocks surrounded by /* text */.

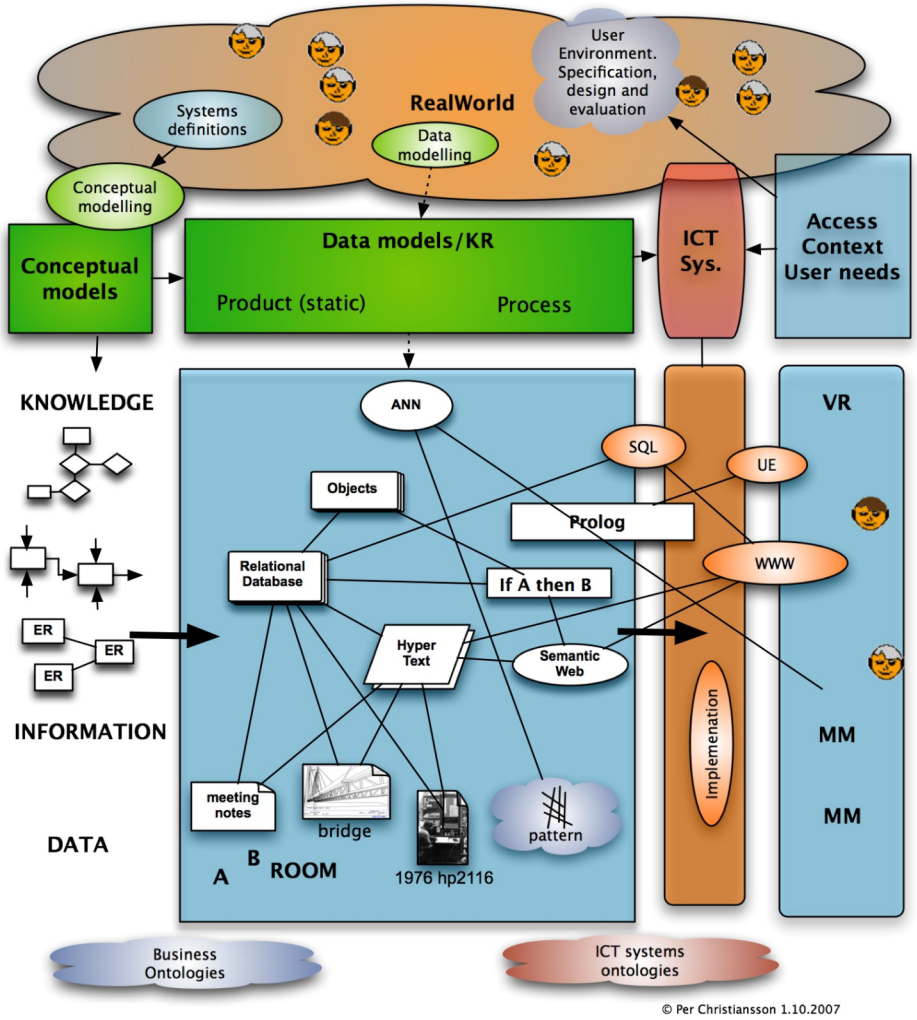
Make progress on small steps running the page on the localhost for each change you make in the php-file. Save versions so you an step back at any time.

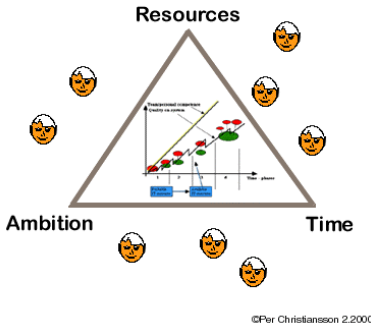
In this example we have used if-else statement to be able to handle both forms input and calls to the database in the php-file. Different html files are out put from the server and sent to the web browser depednet on if any search value are given.

# END

http://it.civil.aau.dk

# SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

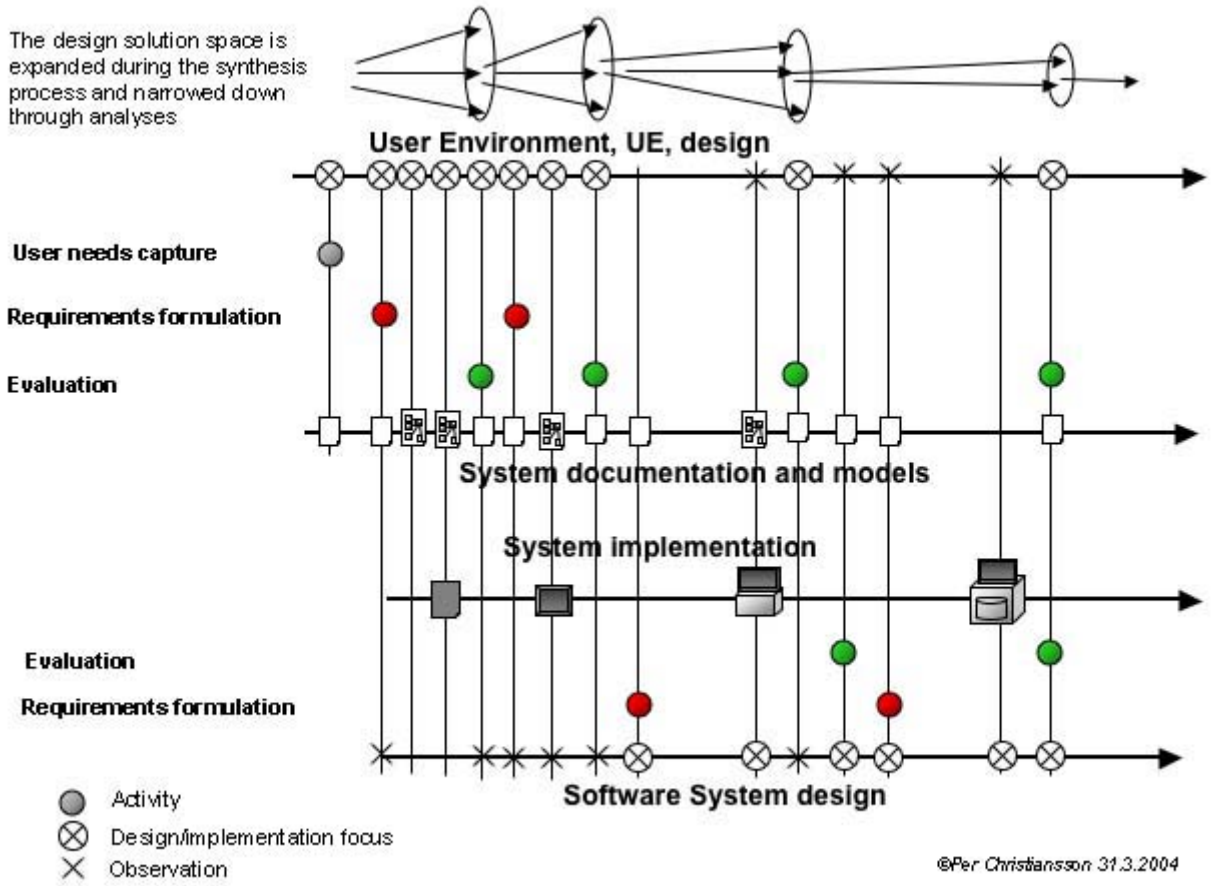



Always achieve a good balance between Time, Ambition and Resources.

From the real world to implemented systems in use

# MODELS OF THE REAL WORLD




The early design process focuses on user environment, UE, design/implementation and the later phases on software development and implementation.

The UE design including user needs capture and user requirements formulations can be supported by contextual design methodology. Different evaluation paradigms can be used as design/implementation progresses.

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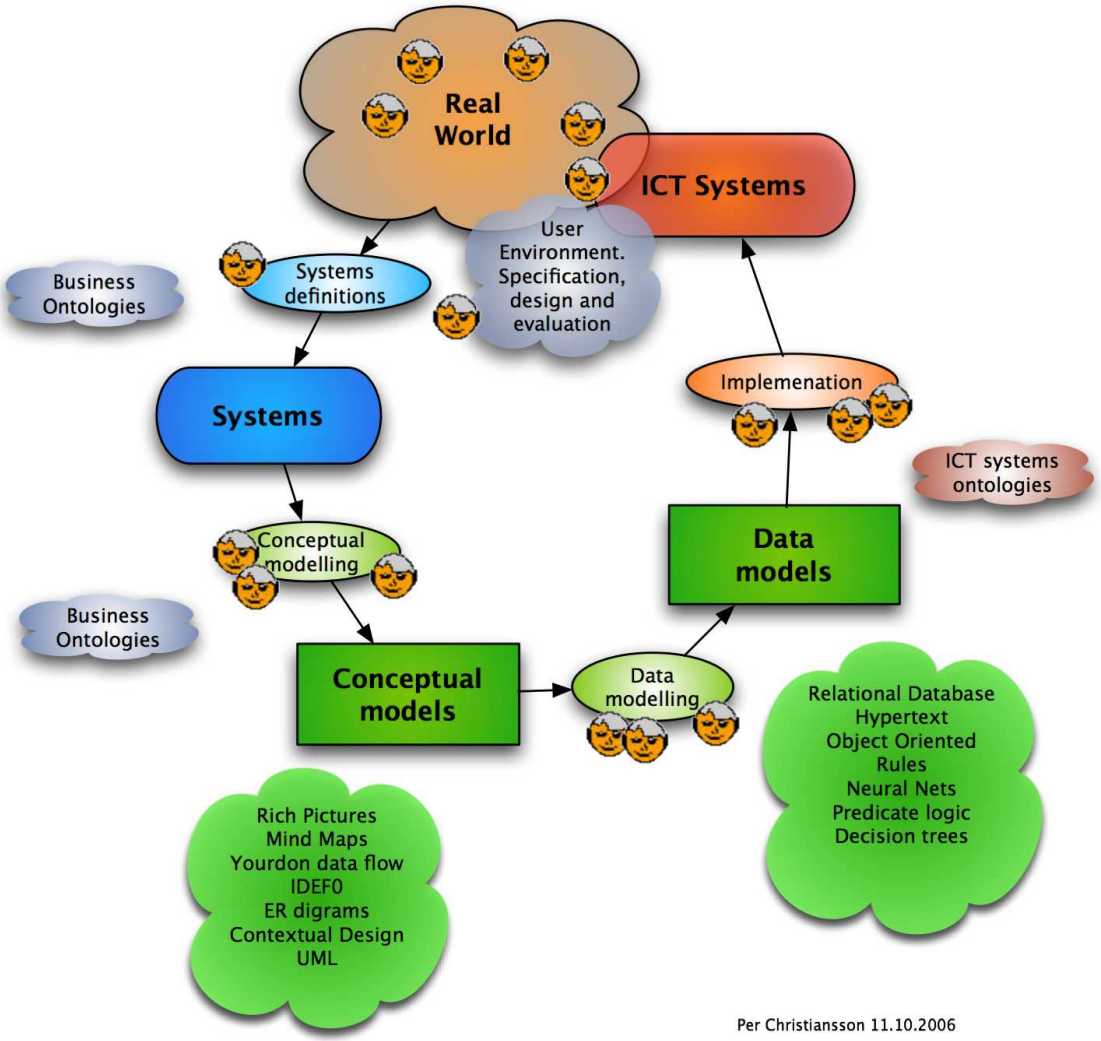
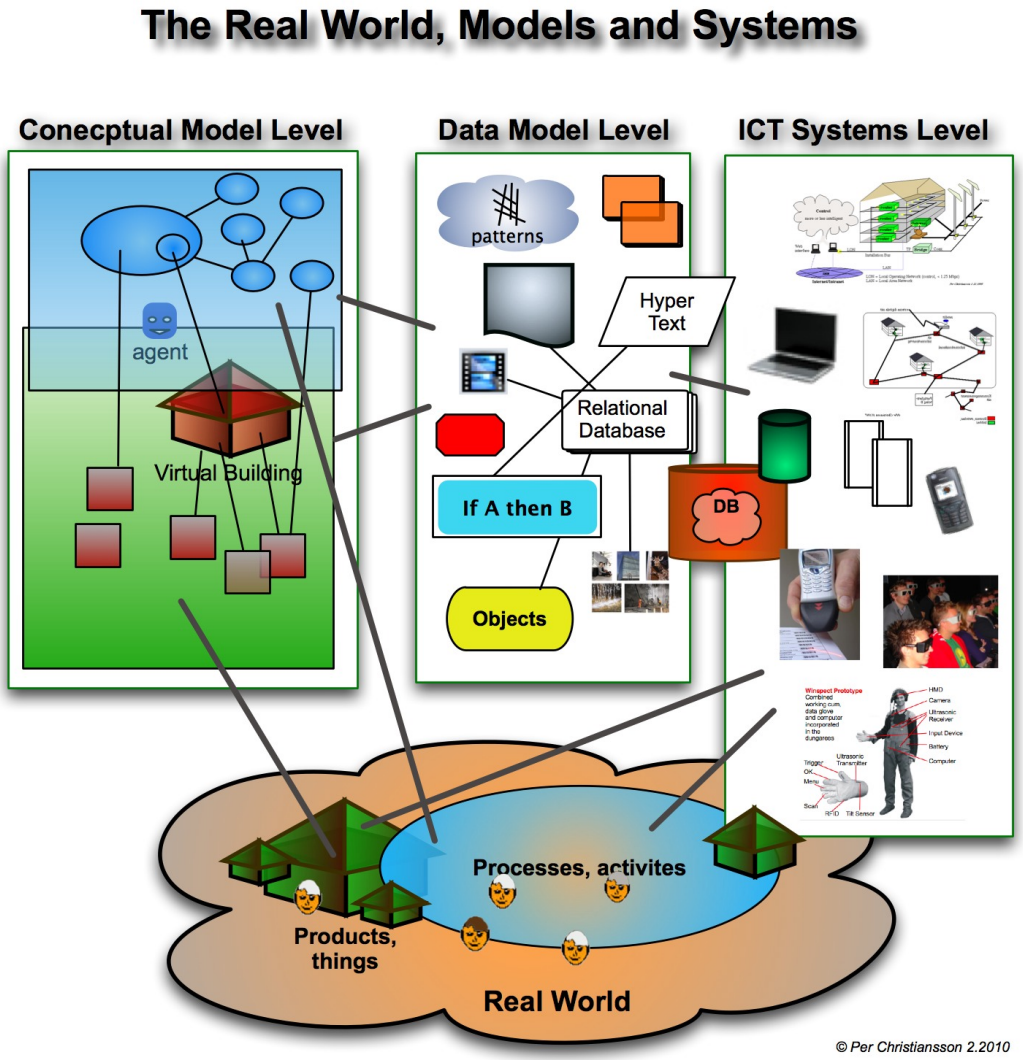



In the real world we identify activities, things, processes, context, and persons.

The real world can be described as (interrelated) systems (no de-facto structure is available today) to accomplish different functions e.g. a comfort system to provide personal living and working quality, personal transport system, load carrying building system, escape system, and communication systems (collaboration, knowledge transfer, mediation, virtual meeting).

# MODELS OF THE REAL WORLD




The HOLISTIC view
The holistic view.

We use different kinds of ICT support in the building process and the built environment.

The ICT systems support different functionalities in the building process and built environment.