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# LU03.S06 - ERM vs. ERD

## **Prerequisites**

• Work type: Peer

• Means of aid: only teaching materials, no use of ai.

• Timeframe: 5 Minutes

• Expected result: A Word/PDF file with an a comparison of the terms ERM vs. ERD.

## **Task**

Compare both terms, ERM and ERD, and describe the purpose of each, and find at least 2 similarities and 2 differences.

#### **ERM**

- Description: First step to find the entities and the correlations between them.
- · Purpose: Blueprint of the business cases

### **ERD**

- Description:Identification of details, such as data-types, relation-table and the cardinality
- Purpose: construction plan, ready to build up the data-base physically

### **Similarties**

- Both notation methods are used to describe the data-base structure of the business cases
- Entity = rectangle
- Cardinalities: 1:1, 1:n, n:m
- · Entities have attributes

#### **Differences:**

- Relations:
  - ERM: rhomb
  - ERD: relalation-table
  - ERD: Described in the Crow's foot notation
- Attributes:
  - ERM: bubbles above, which are connected with the entity
  - ERD: As details in the Entity, including data-type
  - ERD: Memory amount is describes within the data-type defintion

# **Vocabulary**

English	German
prerequisite	Grundvoraussetzung
given	gegebene, vorausgesetzt

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