

The **entity-relationship model (E-R model)** was introduced by Peter Chen in 1976. He set out the foundation of the model, which has since been extended and modified by Chen and many others. In addition, E-R model has been made part of number of case tools, which also have modified it. Today there is no single, generally accepted standard E-R model but, instead, a set of common constructs from which most of the E-R variants are derived. You may however, during your career may encounter variants of the approach presented here. In addition the symbols used to express the E-R model differ considerably. Those used here are typical and popular, but they are by no means the only symbols that you will encounter.