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using different **keys** in
database to identify
rows, ensure data
integrity and enforce
relationships between
tables

identifying **primary key** in this pokemon table

unique identifier
for the row



pokedex	name
1	Bulbasaur
4	Charmander
7	Squirtle
25	Pikachu
39	Jigglypuff
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name might also be considered unique here, but some newer versions of pokemon there exists regional pokemons

pokedex is very stable and don't change over time hence it is chosen as a **primary key**

a primary key is a column or a combination of columns to **uniquely identify each row**

candidate keys are set of keys from which primary key can be chosen

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if there wasn't any regional pokemons, then both name and pokedex would be considered as **candidate keys**

candidate keys must have **uniqueness** over time

candidate keys that are not chosen as primary key is called **alternate keys**

natural and surrogate keys

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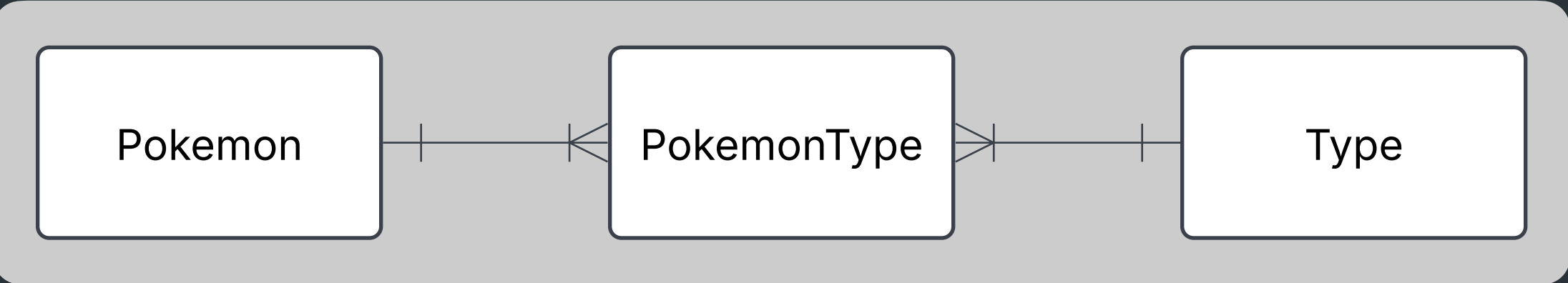
pokedex can be considered a **natural key** as it is a unique key that exists outside of the database

type_id	type_name
1	Grass
2	Poison
3	Fire
4	Water
5	Electric
6	Normal
7	Fairy

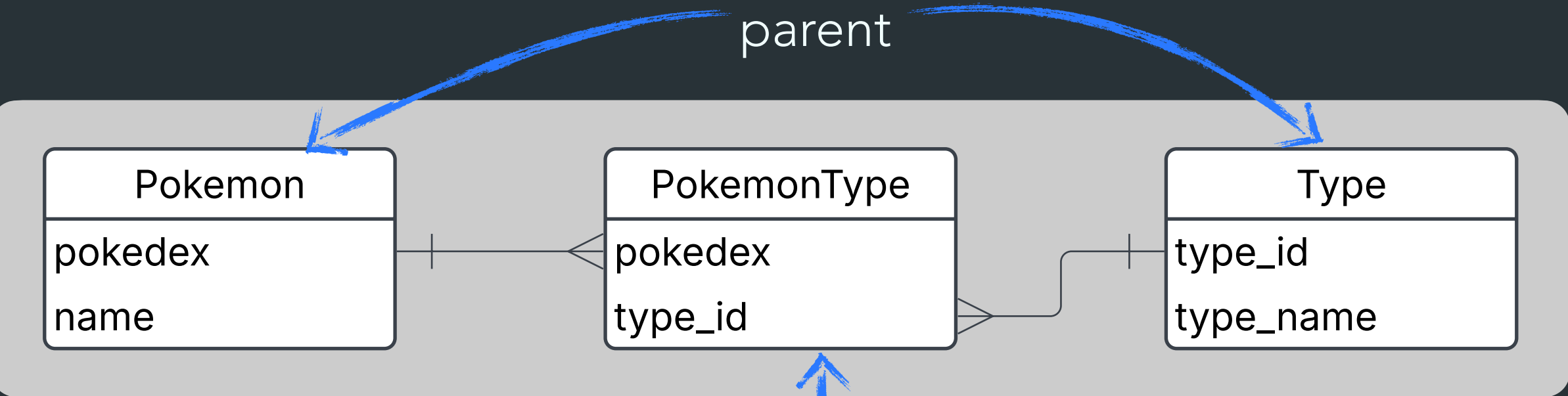
type_id is a **surrogate key** as it has no meaning outside the database

surrogate keys can also be created based on other attributes using hashing, more on that when we come to data warehouse course

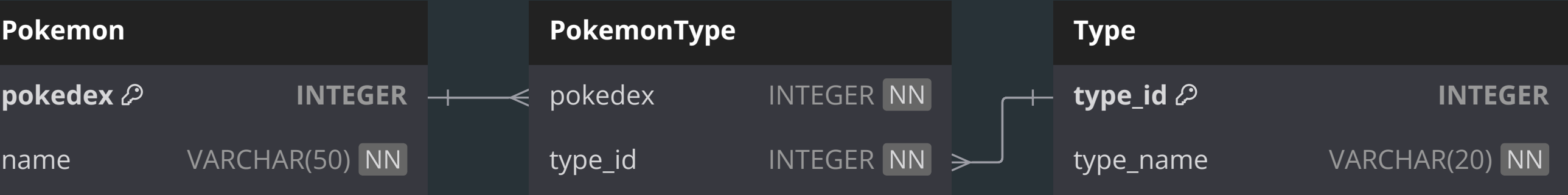
different **data models** for the pokemon example



conceptual data model (CDM)



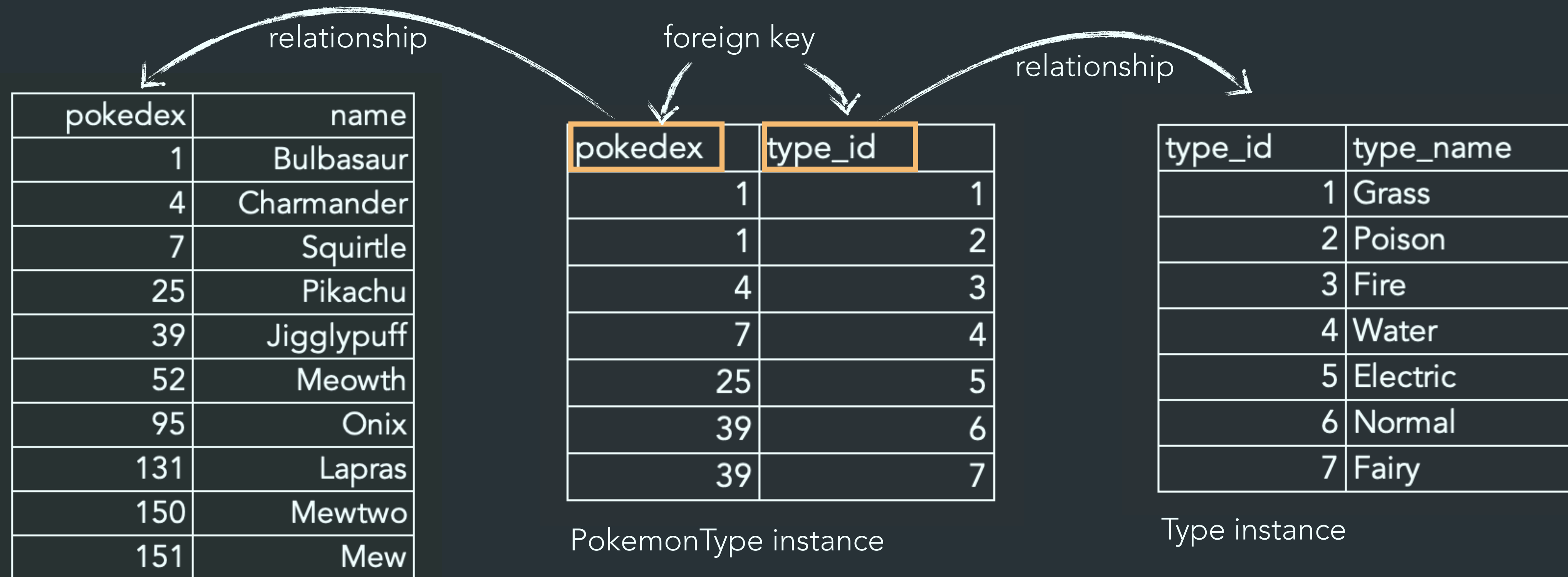
logical data model (LDM)



physical data model (PDM)

what are the **differences** between these data models?

foreign key establish relationships between relations



Pokemon instance

foreign keys appear
in the **many sides** of
the entities

foreign keys enforces
referential integrity, which
prevents orphaned records

foreign key enforces referential integrity

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Pokemon instance

pokedex	type_id
1	1
1	2
4	3
7	4
25	5
39	6
39	7

PokemonType instance

this means the database **restricts insertion** of a row with pokedex or type_id that don't exist in their parent table

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Type instance

normal deletion of a row in a parent table that has related entry in child table is **not allowed**

ON DELETE CASCADE
automatically **deletes dependent** rows on child table

foreign key that references own table

consider the following relation

Employee(employee_id, first_name, last_name, manager_id)

primary key

manager is also an Employee so it is
in the Employee table

foreign key that references
employee_id in the same table - it is
a self-referential relationship

this creates a hierarchical structure

