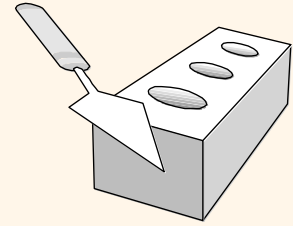


Convert Entity-Relationship Diagrams to Relational Schemas

DataBase Modelling



- **Design a relational database schema**
 - Based on a conceptual schema design
- Seven-step algorithm to convert the basic ER model constructs into relations

Relational Database Design Using ER-to-Relational Mapping

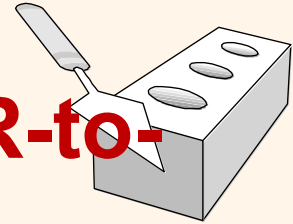
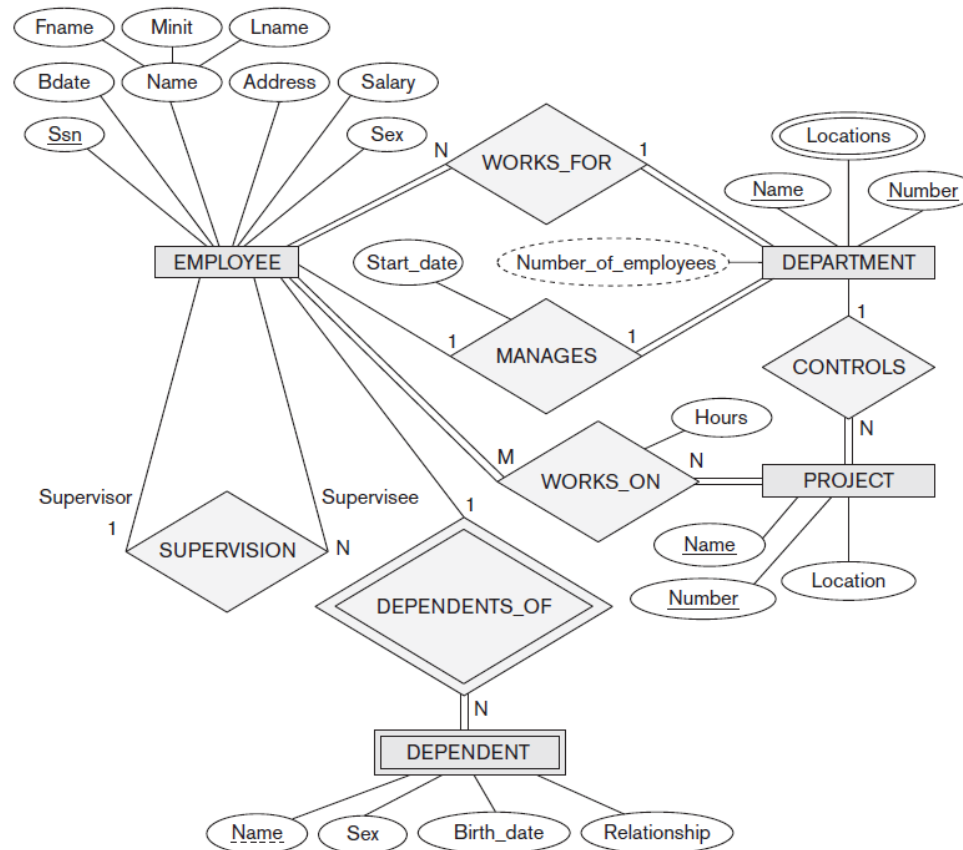


Figure 9.1

The ER conceptual schema diagram for the COMPANY database.



EMPLOYEE

Fname	Minit	Lname	<u>Ssn</u>	Bdate	Address	Sex	Salary	Super_ssn	Dno
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DEPARTMENT

Dname	<u>Dnumber</u>	Mgr_ssn	Mgr_start_date
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DEPT_LOCATIONS

<u>Dnumber</u>	<u>Dlocation</u>
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PROJECT

Pname	<u>Pnumber</u>	<u>Plocation</u>	Dnum
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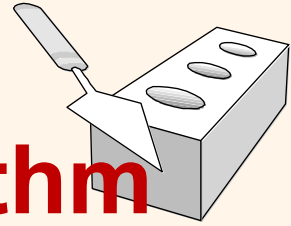
<u>Essn</u>	<u>Pno</u>	Hours
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DEPENDENT

<u>Essn</u>	<u>Dependent_name</u>	Sex	Bdate	Relationship
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Figure 9.2

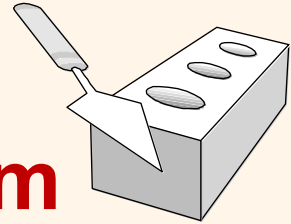
Result of mapping the COMPANY ER schema into a relational database schema.



ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm

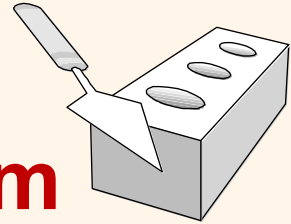
- Step 1: Mapping of Regular Entity Types
 - For each regular entity type, create a relation R that includes all the simple attributes of E
- Step 2: Mapping of Weak Entity Types
 - For each weak entity type, create a relation R and include all simple attributes of the entity type as attributes of R
 - Include primary key attribute of owner as foreign key attributes of R

ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm



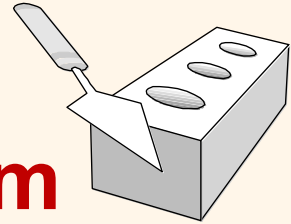
- Step 3: Mapping of Binary 1:1 Relationship Types
 - For each binary 1:1 relationship type
 - Include primary key of one side as foreign key of the other side.
 - Include other attributes of the relationship as attributes to the relation.
 - Be aware of total/partial dependency.

ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm



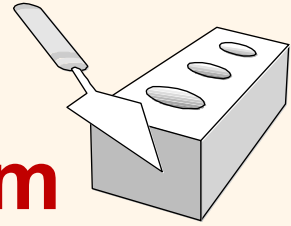
- Step 4: Mapping of Binary 1: N Relationship Types
 - For each regular binary 1: N relationship type
 - Identify relation that represents participating entity type at N -side of relationship type
 - Include primary key of other entity type as foreign key in S
 - Include simple attributes of 1: N relationship type as attributes of S
 - *Sometimes 1: N relationship produces a table*

ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm



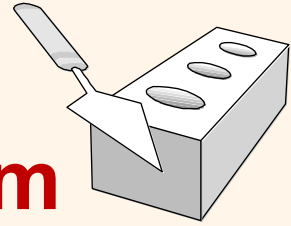
- Step 5: Mapping of Binary $M:N$ Relationship Types
 - For each binary $M:N$ relationship type
 - Create a new relation S
 - Include primary key of participating entity types as foreign key attributes in S
 - Include any simple attributes of $M:N$ relationship type

ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm

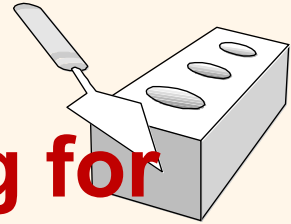


- Step 6: Mapping of Multivalued Attributes
 - For each multivalued attribute
 - Create a new relation
 - Primary key of R is the combination of A and K
 - If the multivalued attribute is composite, include its simple components

ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm



- Step 7: Mapping of N -ary Relationship Types
 - For each n -ary relationship type R
 - Create a new relation S to represent R
 - Include primary keys of participating entity types as foreign keys
 - Include any simple attributes as attributes

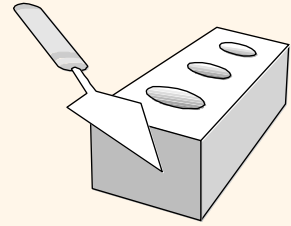


Discussion and Summary of Mapping for ER Model Constructs

Table 9.1 Correspondence between ER and Relational Models

ER MODEL	RELATIONAL MODEL
Entity type	<i>Entity</i> relation
1:1 or 1:N relationship type	Foreign key (or <i>relationship</i> relation)
M:N relationship type	<i>Relationship</i> relation and <i>two</i> foreign keys
<i>n</i> -ary relationship type	<i>Relationship</i> relation and <i>n</i> foreign keys
Simple attribute	Attribute
Composite attribute	Set of simple component attributes
Multivalued attribute	Relation and foreign key
Value set	Domain
Key attribute	Primary (or secondary) key

Mapping of Specialization or Generalization



- Step 8: ISA
 - Option 8A: Implemented (INHERIT)
 - Option 8B: 1:N relationship

