DATABASE DESIGN – ER MODEL EXAMPLE

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2 DESIGNING ER DIAGRAM - STEPS

Steps to follow while designing ER Model

- I. Identifying entity sets
- 2. Primary key of entity sets, along with their attributes
- 3. Relationships between entity sets
 - a. Cardinality of entity sets in a relationship
 - b. Participation of entity sets in a relationship
 - c. Primary key of relationship sets
- 4. Identifying weak entity sets, and their primary keys

3 EXAMPLE - REQUIREMENTS

Requirements of an online store

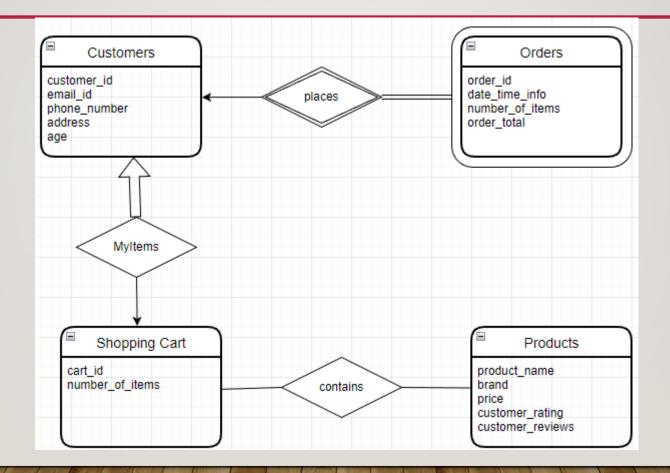
Customer can place zero or more orders, and an order has to belong to only one customer.

Customers can use only one (electronic) shopping cart to add their items.

• A shopping cart consist of zero or many products, and the same product can be part of zero or many shopping carts.

4 ONLINE STORE EXAMPLE (DEFAULT NOTATION)

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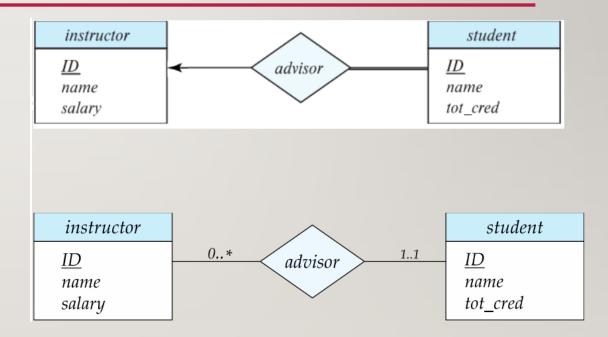


5 MIN, MAX (LOW..HIGH) NOTATION

- A line may have an associated minimum (low) and maximum (high) cardinality, shown in the form I..h
 - A minimum value of 0 indicates partial participation.
 - A minimum value of I indicates total participation.
 - A maximum value of I indicates that the entity participates in at most one relationship
 - A maximum value of * indicates no limit.
- For example:
 - 0..1 : entity can participate in at most one relationship
 - 0..*: entity can participate in none or many relationship
 - I..I: entity has to participate with exactly one relationship
 - I..*: entity has to participate in at-least one relationship

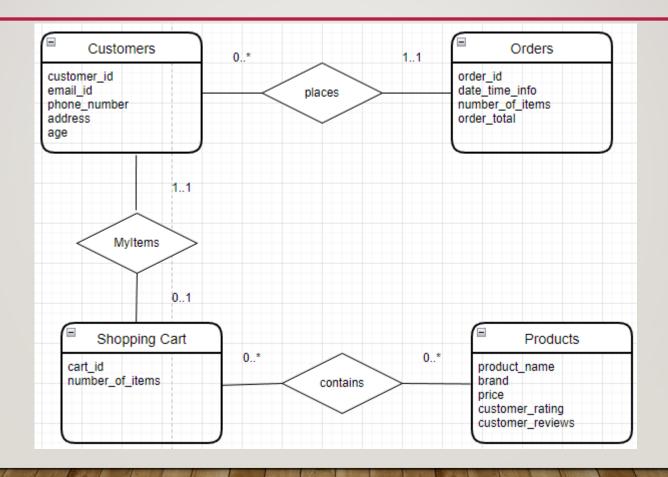
6 MIN, MAX (LOW..HIGH) NOTATION [CONT...]

- Min/low value indicates Participation
- Max/high value indicates Cardinality



Instructor can advise 0 or more students. A student must (at-least) have I advisor; and cannot have multiple (more than I) advisors

7 ONLINE STORE EXAMPLE (LOW..MIN NOTATION)



8 ONLINE STORE EXAMPLE (CROW-FOOT NOTATION)

