
CS3402

Database Systems

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Course Overview

- Course Format:

- ◆ Regular lectures

- ◆ Class timetable:

- ◆ Tuesday 5:00pm - 6:50PM lectures (LT-8)

- ◆ Tutorial and lab classes

- ◆ One-hour tutorial **or** lab class every week

- ◆ Patterns:

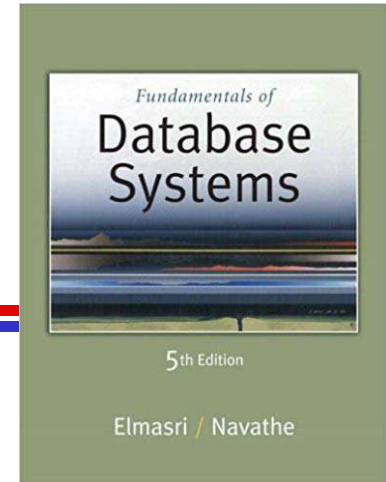
- w2-3, w7-9, w12-13: tutorial classes;

- w4-6, w10-11: lab classes (@MMW1411)

Assessment

- Coursework -- 40% :
 - ◆ Tutorial and lab attendance -- 5%
 - ◆ *Proportional to number of attendances*
 - ◆ *5% for at least 10 attendances*
 - ◆ Mid-term -- 20%
 - ◆ Homework assignments -- 15%
- Final examination -- 60%
 - ◆ *Get 30 out of 100 to pass*

Course Materials



■ Text books

- ◆ “Fundamentals of Database Systems”, 4th/5th edition (*or later*), by R. Elmasri, S.B. Navathe, Addison-Wesley.
- ◆ “Database System Concepts”, 5th edition (*or later*), by A. Silberschatz, H. Korth, S. Sudarshan, McGraw-Hill Companies Inc.

- Notations may vary in different books. Please stick to the ones used in this lecture notes!

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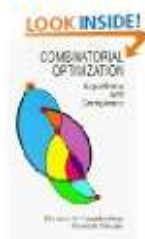


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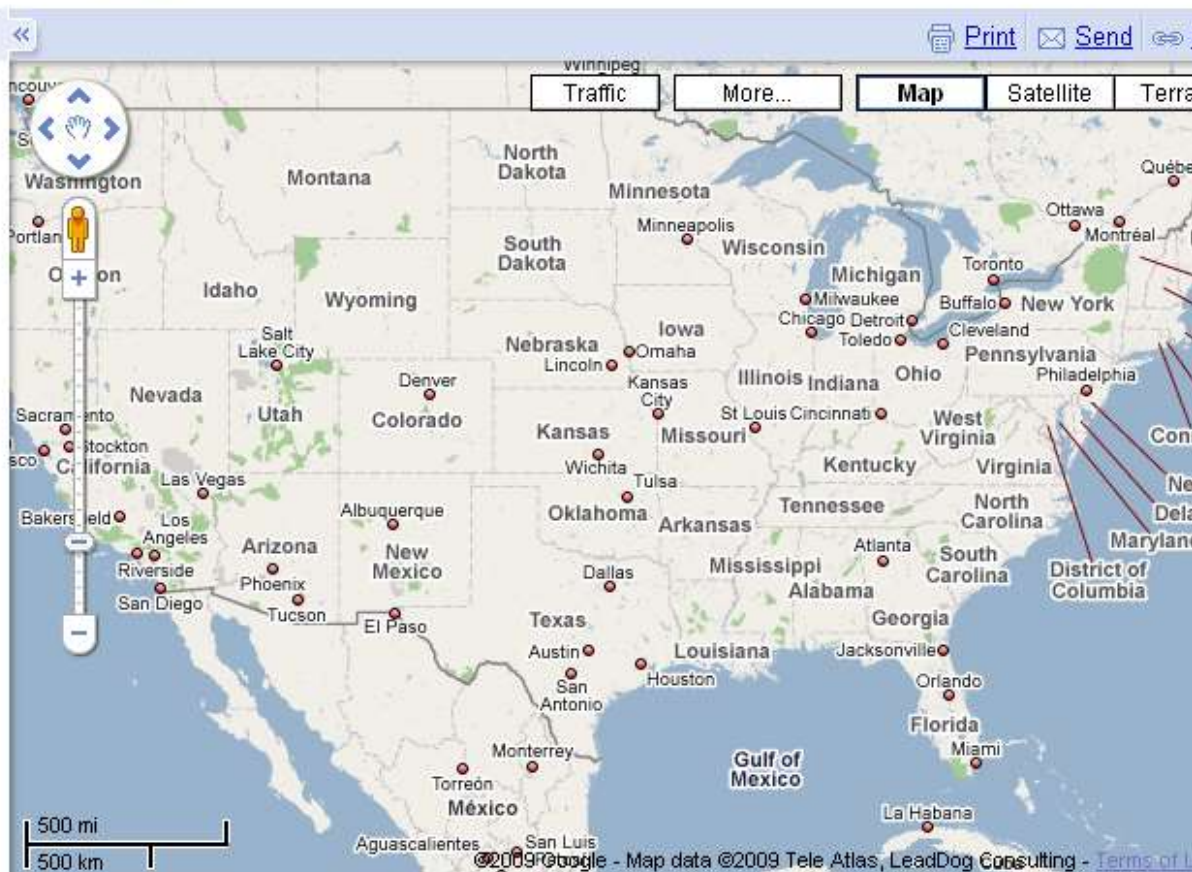
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Motivating Example

Data: in Computer system, Data is any sort of information which is stored in computer memory.

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- This way of storing data good?
- How to improve?

Introduction to DB Systems

■ Motivations

◆ File-processing Systems

- ◆ permanent records stored in various files
- ◆ application programs written to extract & add records

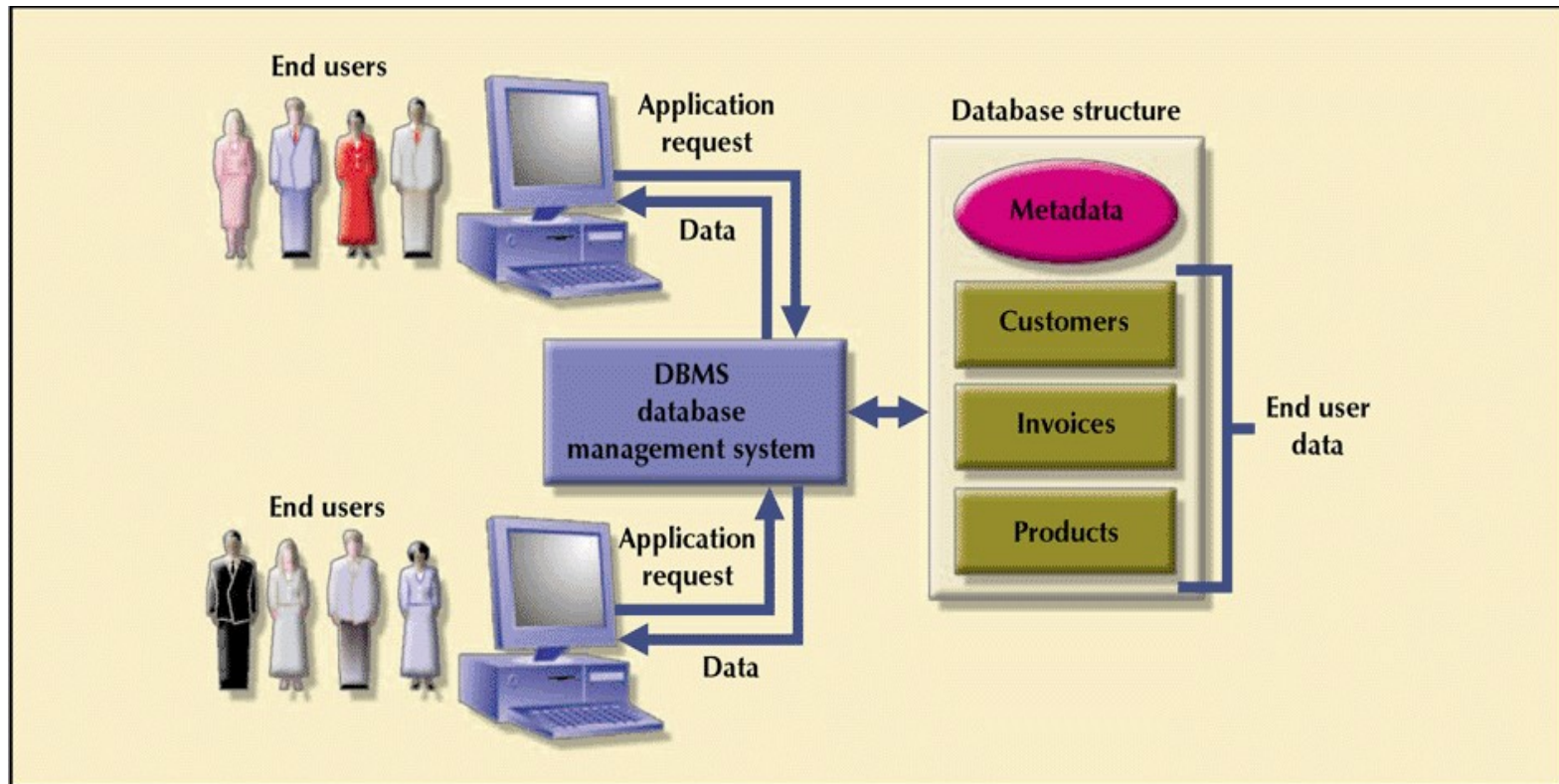
◆ Disadvantages of traditional file-processing systems

- ◆ data redundancy & inconsistency
- ◆ difficulty in accessing data
- ◆ data isolation & different data formats
- ◆ concurrent access anomalies
- ◆ security problem
- ◆ integrity problem

Introduction to DB Systems

- What is a Database (DB)?
 - ◆ A non-redundant, persistent collection of logically related records/files that are structured to support various processing and retrieval needs
- Database Management System (DBMS)
 - ◆ A set of software programs for creating, storing, updating, and accessing the data of a DB.
- Database System
 - ◆ an **integrated system** of hardware, software, people, procedures, and data
 - ◆ that define and regulate the collection, storage, management, and use of data within a database environment

Database Management System



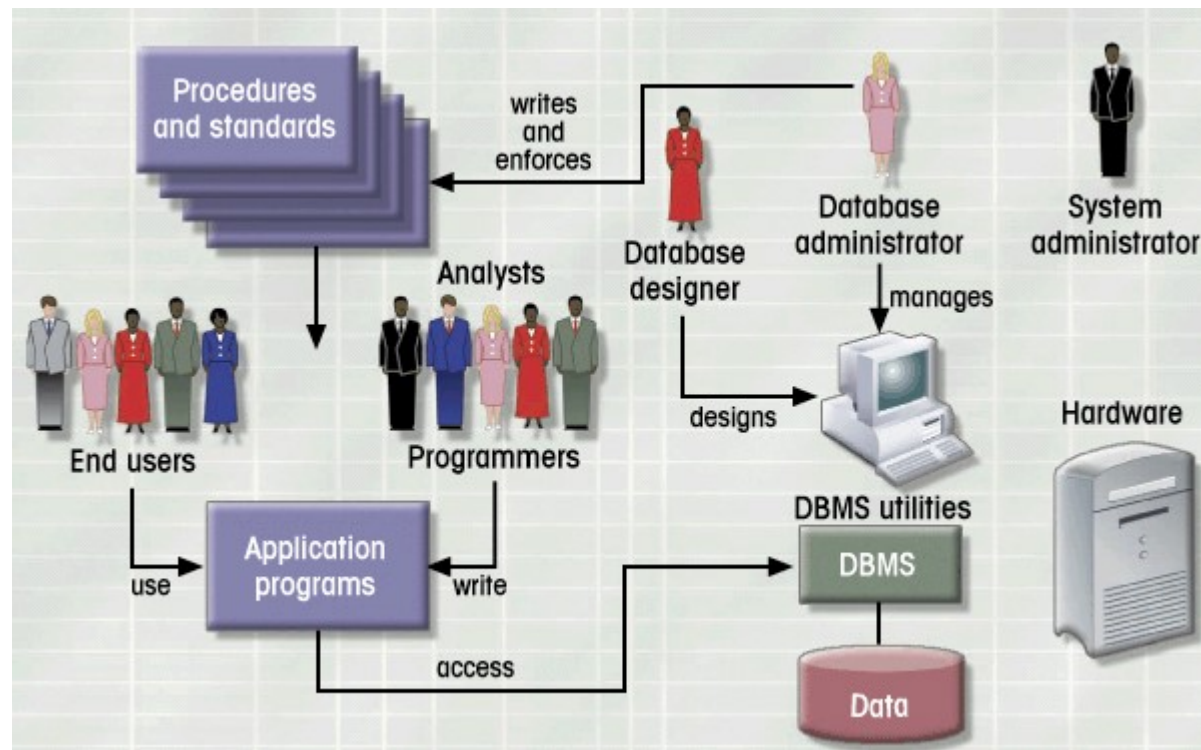
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- manages interaction between end users and database

Database Management System

- Difference between DBMS & other programming systems
 - ◆ the ability to manage persistent data
 - ◆ primary goal of DBMS: to provide an environment that is convenient, efficient, and robust to use in retrieving & storing data
- Other DBMS capabilities
 - ◆ data modeling
 - ◆ high-level languages to define, access and manipulate data
 - ◆ transaction management & concurrency control
 - ◆ access control
 - ◆ recovery

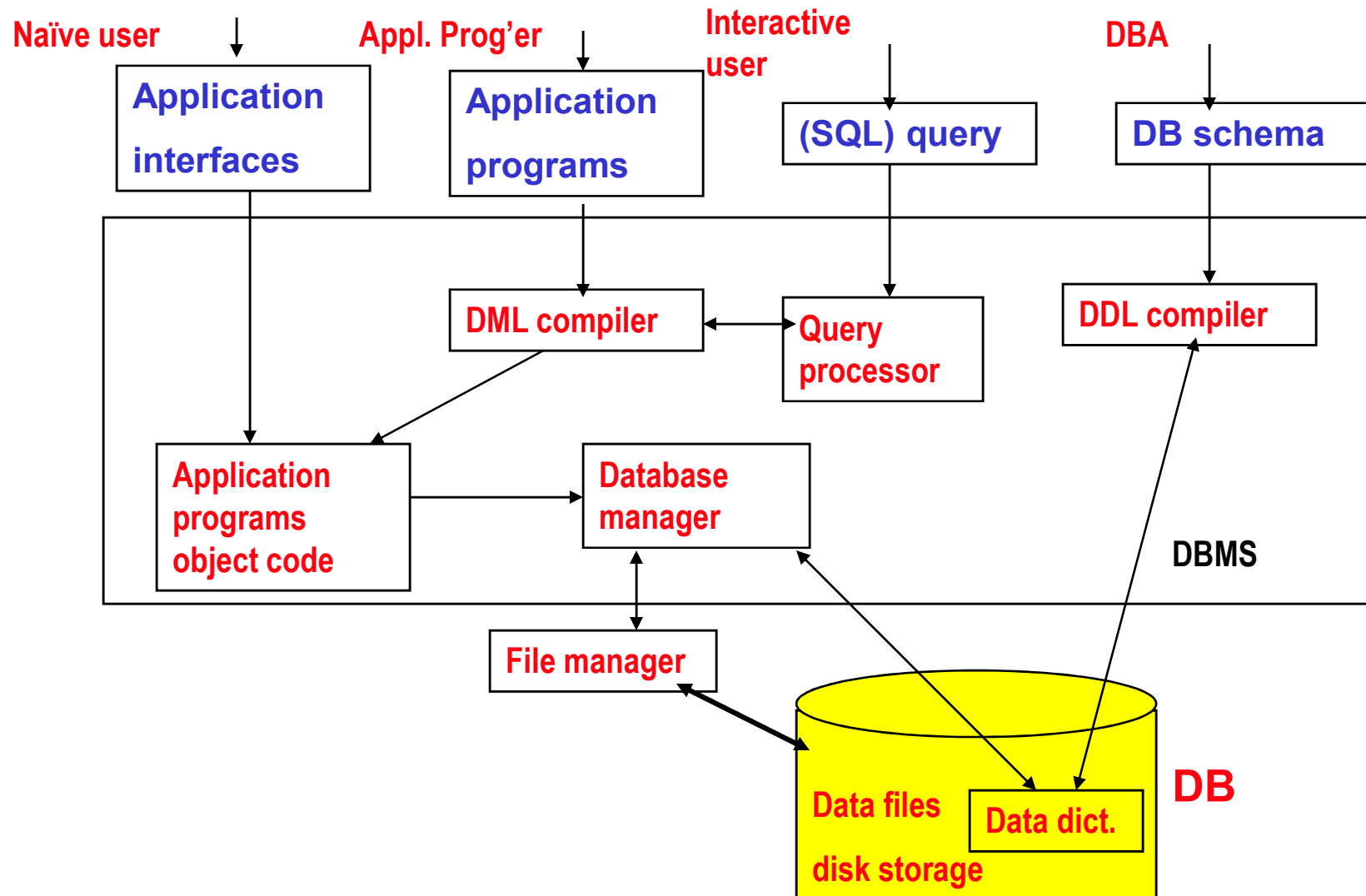
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- Hardware
- Software
 - OS
 - DBMS
 - Applications
- People
- Procedures
- Data

DB System Architecture



DB System Architecture

- *Data Definition Language (DDL)*
 - a language for defining DB schema
 - DDL statements compile to a **data dictionary** which is a file containing **metadata** (data about data), e.g., descriptions about the tables
- *Data Manipulation Language (DML)*
 - a language that enables users to manipulate data
 - an important subset for retrieving data is called **Query Language**
 - two types of DML: **procedural** (specify “what” & “how”) vs. **declarative** (just specify “what”)

DB System Architecture

- *Database Administrator (DBA)*
 - ◆ DBA is the person who has central control over the DB
 - ◆ Main functions of DBA:
 - ◆ schema definition
 - ◆ storage structure and access method definition
 - ◆ schema and physical organization modification
 - ◆ granting of authorization for data access
 - ◆ integrity constraint specification

DB System Architecture

- *Database Users*

- ◆ Application Programmers

- ◆ Writing embedded DML in a host language

- ◆ Interactive Users:

- ◆ Using query languages

- ◆ Naive Users:

- ◆ Running application programs

DB System Architecture

- File Manager

- ◆ allocation of space
- ◆ operations on files

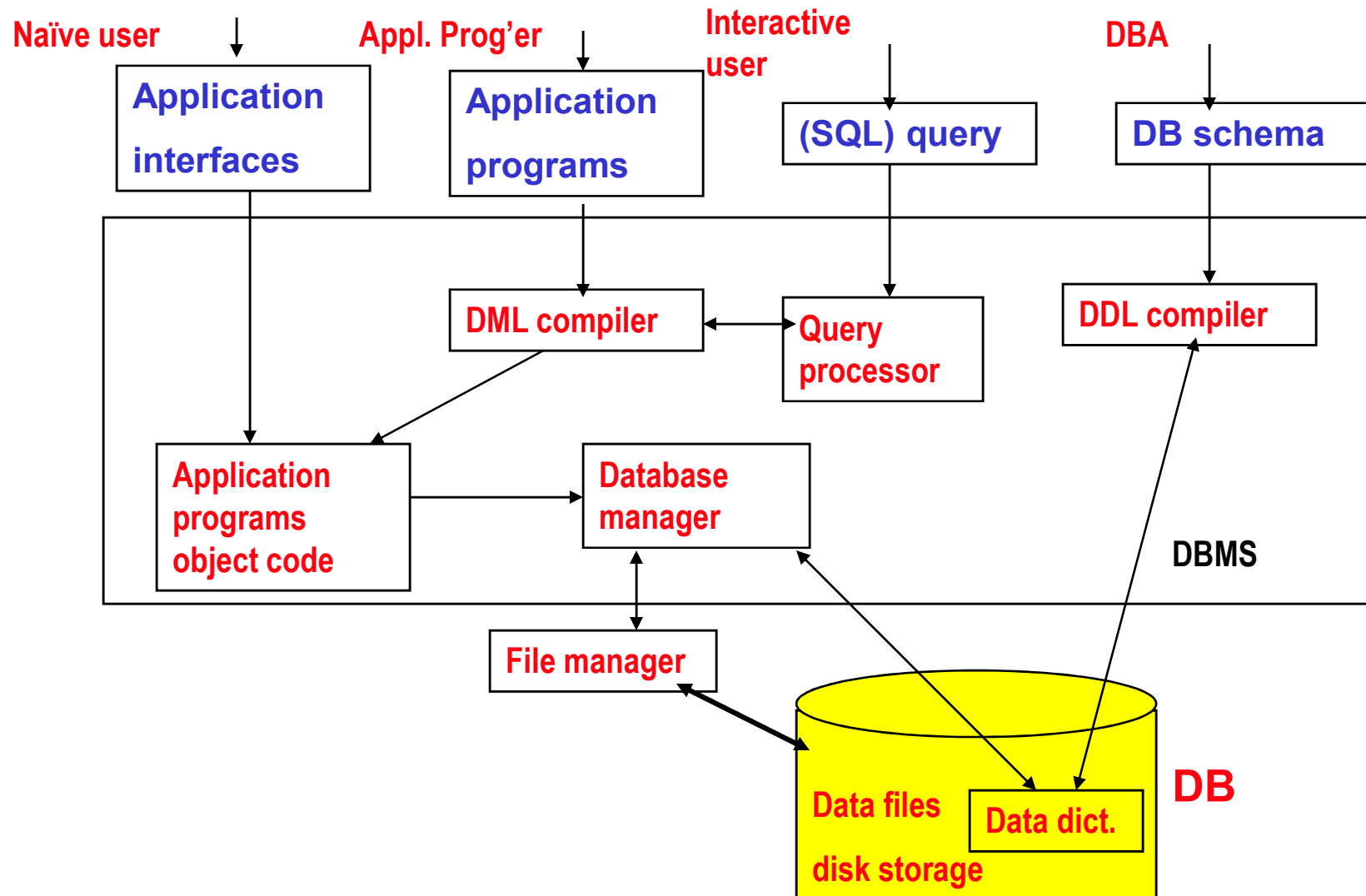
- DB Manager

- ◆ interface between stored data and application programs/queries
- ◆ translate conceptual level commands into physical level ones
- ◆ responsible for
 - ◆ access control
 - ◆ concurrency control
 - ◆ backup & recovery
 - ◆ integrity

DB System Architecture

- Query Processor
 - ◆ translate high-level queries into low-level instructions
 - ◆ query optimization
- DML (Pre)compiler
 - ◆ translates DML statements embedded in application program into procedure calls
- DDL (Pre)compiler
 - ◆ converts DDL statements to data dictionary items (eg, table descriptions)

DB System Architecture



Data Abstraction

■ Data Abstraction

◆ Abstract view of the data

- ◆ simplify interaction with the system

- ◆ hide details of how data is stored and manipulated

◆ Levels of abstraction

- ◆ view/external level: partial schema

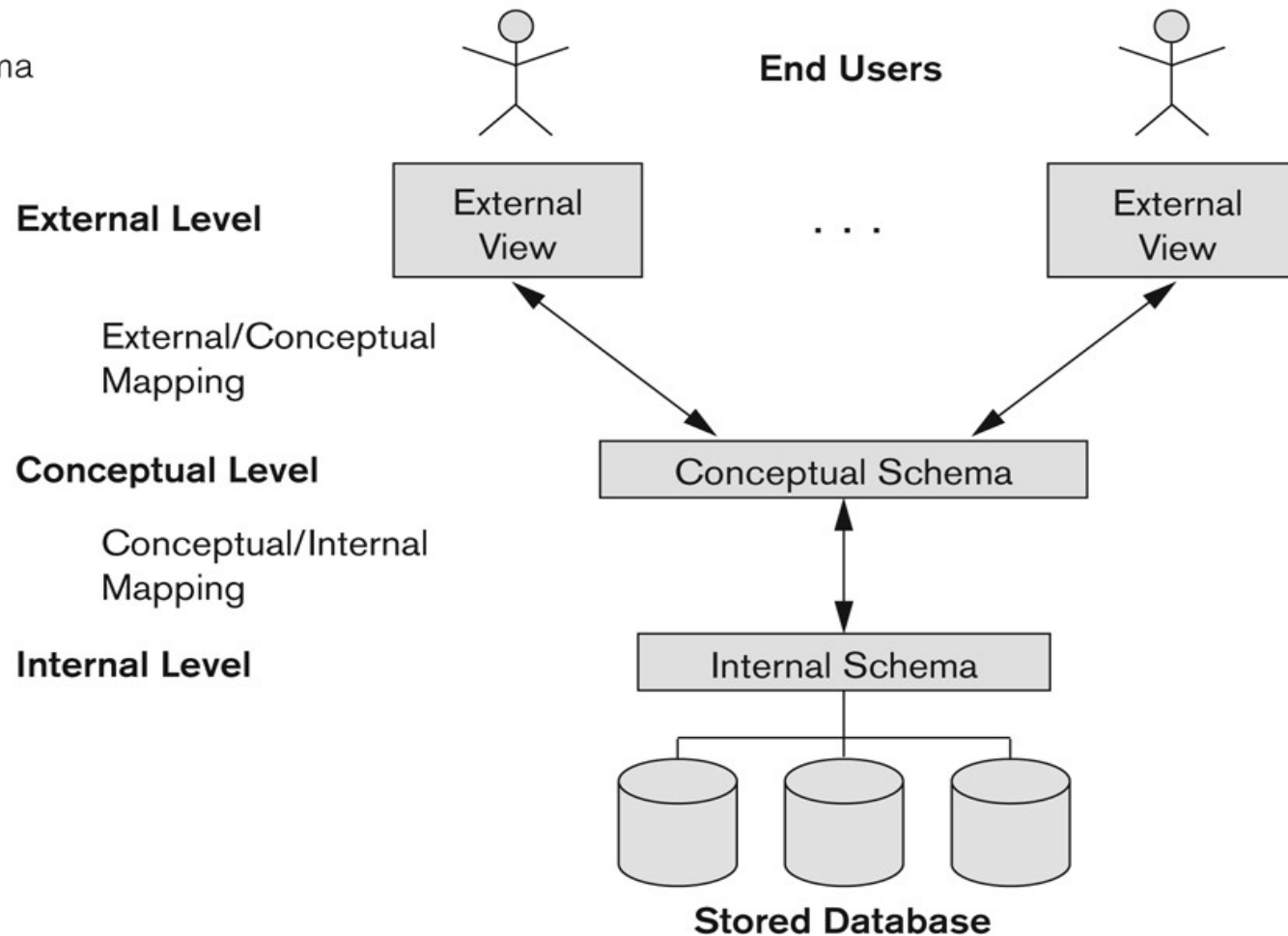
- ◆ conceptual level: schema, **what** data are actually stored

- ◆ physical/internal level: data structures; **how** data are actually stored

Data Abstraction: 3-level architecture

Figure 2.2

The three-schema architecture.



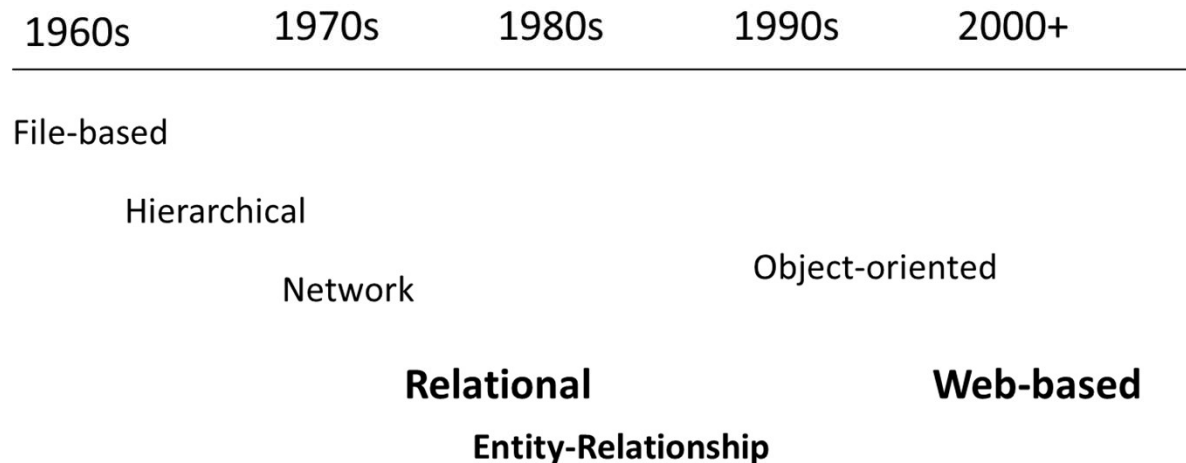
Data Models

■ Data Model (conceptual level)

- ◆ A collection of conceptual tools for describing data, data relationships, operations, and consistency constraints
- ◆ the “core” of a database

Evolution of Data Models

- Timeline



Data Independence

- ◆ the ability to modify a schema definition in one level without affecting a schema in the next higher level
- ◆ there are two kinds (a result of the 3-level architecture):
 - ◆ **physical data independence**
 - *the ability to modify the physical schema without altering the conceptual schema and thus, without causing the application programs to be rewritten*
 - ◆ **logical data independence**
 - *the ability to modify the conceptual schema without causing the application programs to be rewritten*

Course Objectives

- ER model: characterize relationships among entities
- Relational model: transform from ER diagram to tables
- SQL: language for writing queries
- Relational Algebra: logical way to represent queries
- Normal Forms: how to design good tables
- File Organization: provide file level structure to speed up query
- Query Optimization: transform queries into more efficient ones
- Transactions and Concurrency Control: handle concurrent operations and guarantee correctness of the database

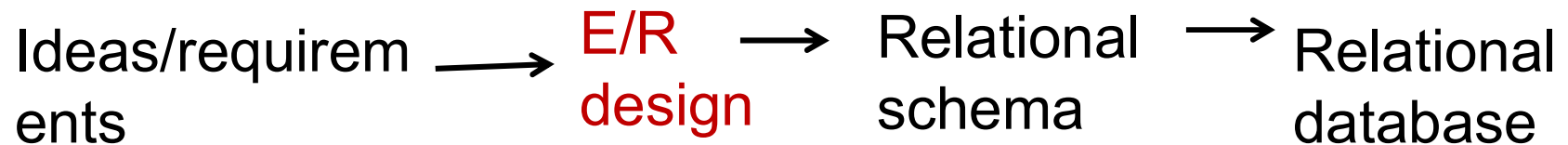
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The Entity-Relationship Model

■ Preliminaries

- ◆ Proposed by P. Chen in 1976
- ◆ Direct, easy-to-understand graphical notation
- ◆ Translates readily to relational schema for database design



■ Three basic concepts:

Entity, Attribute, Relationship

ER Model Concepts

■ Entity

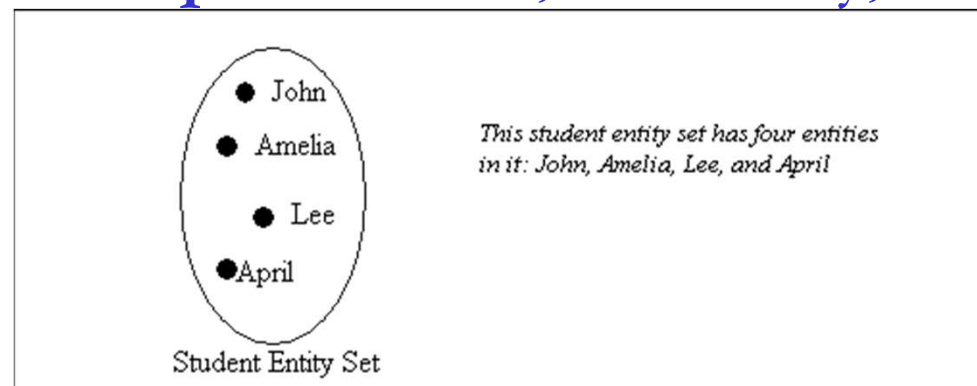
- ◆ a distinguishable object with an independent existence

Example: John Chan, CityU, HSBC, ...

■ Entity Set

- ◆ a set of entities of the same type

Example: Student, University, Bank, ...



ER Model Concepts

- **Attribute**(Property) -- a piece of information describing an entity

- ◆ Example: Name, ID, Address, DoB are attributes of a student entity

- ◆ Each attribute can take a **value** from a **domain**

Example: Name \in Character String,

ID \in Integer, ...

- ◆ Formally, an attribute **A** is a function which maps from an entity set **E** into a domain **D**:

$$\mathbf{A}: \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$$

Types of Attributes

■ Simple

- ◆ Each entity has a single **atomic value** for the attribute. For example, SSN or Sex, name...

■ Composite

- ◆ The attribute may be composed of several components. For example:
 - ◆ Address(Flat, Block, Street, City, State, Country)
 - ◆ Composition may form a **hierarchy** where some components are themselves composite

■ Multi-valued

- ◆ An entity may have multiple values for that attribute. For example, Color of a CAR or PreviousDegrees of a STUDENT
 - ◆ Denoted as {Color} or {PreviousDegrees}
 - ◆ E.g., {{BSc, 1990}, {MSc, 1993}, {PhD, 1998}}

Example of a composite attribute

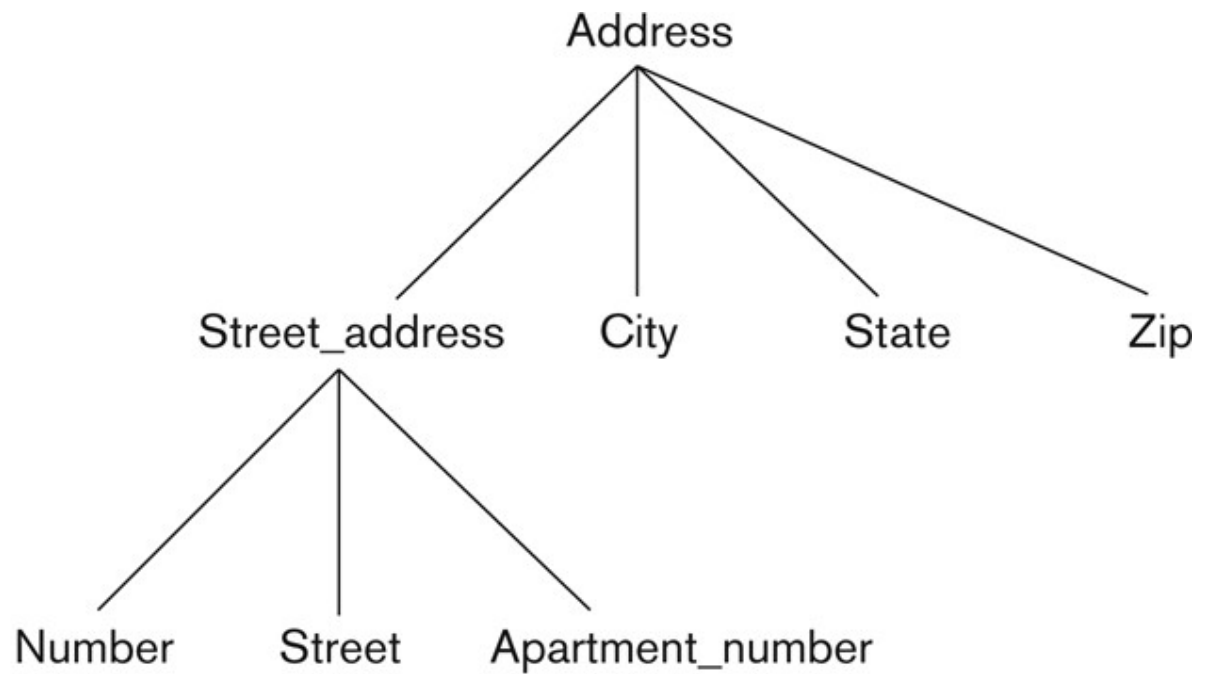


Figure 3.4

A hierarchy of composite attributes.

Types of Attributes

- In general, composite and multi-valued attributes may be **nested** to any number of levels
 - ◆ For example, PreviousDegrees of a STUDENT is a composite multi-valued attribute denoted by {PreviousDegrees (College, Year, Degree, Field)}
 - ◆ Multiple PreviousDegrees values can exist
 - ◆ Each has four subcomponent attributes:
 - ◆ College, Year, Degree, Field

ER Model Concepts

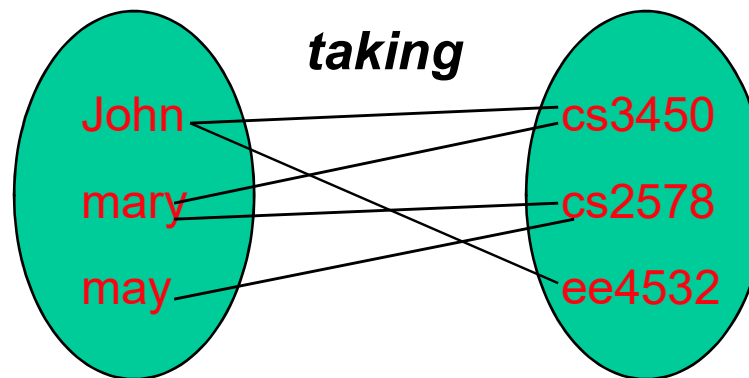
- **Relationship** -- an association among several entities

◆ Example: Patrick and Eva are friends

Patrick is taking cs3450

- **Relationship Set** -- a set of relationships of the same type

◆ Example:



◆ Formally, a relationship **R** is a subset of:

$\{ (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k) \mid e_1 \in E_1, e_2 \in E_2, \dots, e_k \in E_k \}$

ER Model Concepts

■ **Relationship vs. Attribute**

- ◆ an attribute **A**: $E \rightarrow D$ is a “simplified” form of a relationship:
 - ◆ If we allow **D** to be an Entity Set, then **A** becomes a relationship
- ◆ a relationship can carry attributes
 - ◆ properties of the relationship
 - ◆ Example: Patrick takes cs2450 with a grade of B+
Supplier S supplies item T with a price of P

ER Model Concepts

■ Entity Set vs. Attribute

◆ When to use attribute, and when to use entity set?

◆ Example: Employee and Phone

1) *employee* entity set with attribute *phone#*

2) *empPhn* relationship set with entity sets *employee* and *phone#*

◆ No simple answer, depending on

- what we want to model
- meaning of attributes

ER Model Concepts

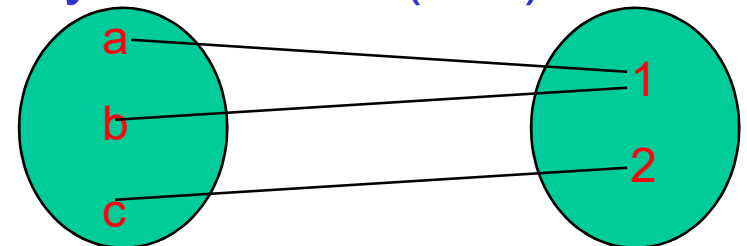
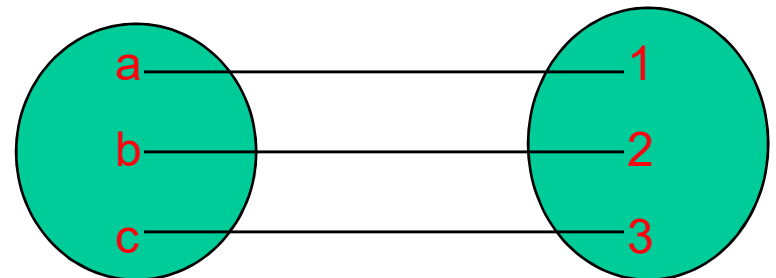
- Integrity Constraints: are the requirements (i.e., rules) imposed by a relationship that must be met when updating the database.

- ◆ Mapping Cardinalities

- ◆ One - to - One (1:1)

- ◆ One - to - Many (1:M) / Many - to - One (N:1)

- ◆ Many - to - Many (M:N) ?



ER Model Concepts

■ Integrity Constraints (cont'd)

- ◆ Keys: to distinguish individual entities or relationships

- ◆ **superkey** -- a set of one or more attributes which, taken together, identify uniquely an entity in an entity set

- ◆ Example: {student ID, Name} identify a student

- ◆ **candidate key** -- *minimal* set of attributes which can identify uniquely an entity in an entity set

- ◆ a superkey for which no proper subset is a superkey

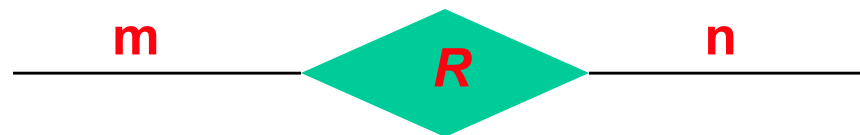
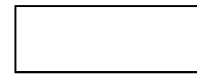
- ◆ Example: student ID identify a student,
but Name is not a candidate key (WHY?)

- ◆ **primary key** -- a candidate key chosen by the DB designer to identify an entity in an entity set

ER Model Diagram

■ ER Diagram

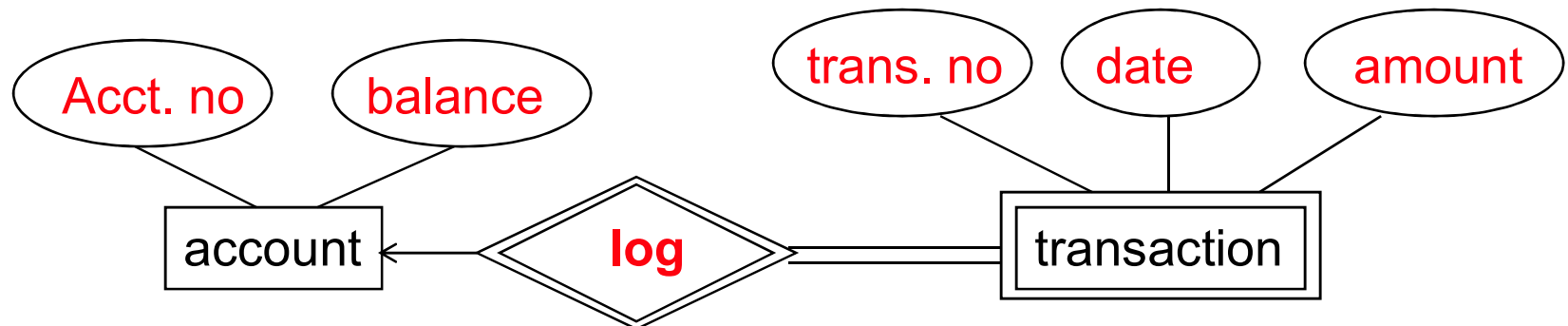
- ◆ Rectangles: Entity Sets
- ◆ Ellipses: Attributes
- ◆ Diamonds: Relationship Sets
- ◆ Lines: Attributes to Entity/Relationship Sets
or, Entity Sets to Relationship Sets



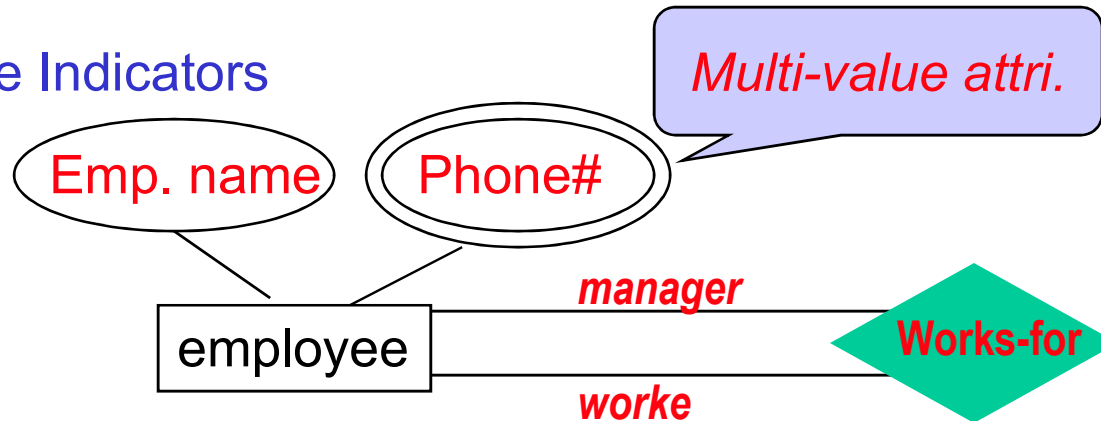
ER Model Diagram

■ Weak Entity Set

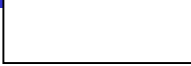
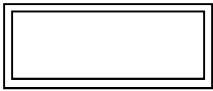

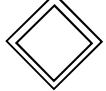



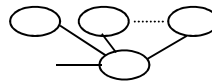

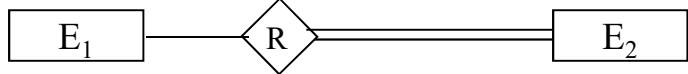

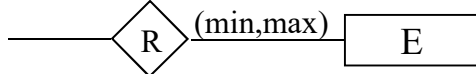
- ◆ an entity set that does NOT have enough attributes to form a primary/candidate key



■ Role Indicators



Summary of ER-Diagram Notation

Symbol	Meaning
	ENTITY TYPE
	WEAK ENTITY TYPE
	RELATIONSHIP TYPE
	IDENTIFYING RELATIONSHIP TYPE
	ATTRIBUTE
	KEY ATTRIBUTE
	MULTIVALUED ATTRIBUTE
	COMPOSITE ATTRIBUTE
	DERIVED ATTRIBUTE
	TOTAL PARTICIPATION OF E_2 IN R
	CARDINALITY RATIO 1:N FOR $E_1:E_2$ IN R
	STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINT (min, max) ON PARTICIPATION OF E IN R

Example COMPANY Database

- We need to create a database schema (definition) based on the following (simplified) application requirements of the COMPANY Database
- Refer to textbook for more detailed description of requirements:
 - ◆ The company is organized into DEPARTMENTS
 - ◆ Each DEPARTMENT has a name, number and an EMPLOYEE who *manages* the department
 - ◆ We keep track of the start date of the department manager. A department may have several locations
 - ◆ Each DEPARTMENT controls/has a number of PROJECTs
 - ◆ Each project has a unique name, unique number and is located at a single location

Example COMPANY Database

- The database will store each EMPLOYEE's social security number (ssn), address, salary, sex, and birthdate
 - ◆ Each employee *works for* one department but may *work on* several projects
 - ◆ The DB will keep track of the number of hours per week that an employee currently works on each project
 - ◆ It is required to keep track of the *direct supervisor* of each employee

- Each employee may *have* a number of DEPENDENTS
 - ◆ For each dependent, the DB keeps a record of name, sex, birthdate, and relationship to the employee

Initial Conceptual Design of Entity Sets for the COMPANY Database Schema

- Based on the requirements, we can identify four initial entity sets in the COMPANY database:
 - ◆ DEPARTMENT
 - ◆ PROJECT
 - ◆ EMPLOYEE
 - ◆ DEPENDENT
- The initial attributes shown are derived from the requirements description

Initial Design of Entity Sets:

EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT, PROJECT, DEPENDENT

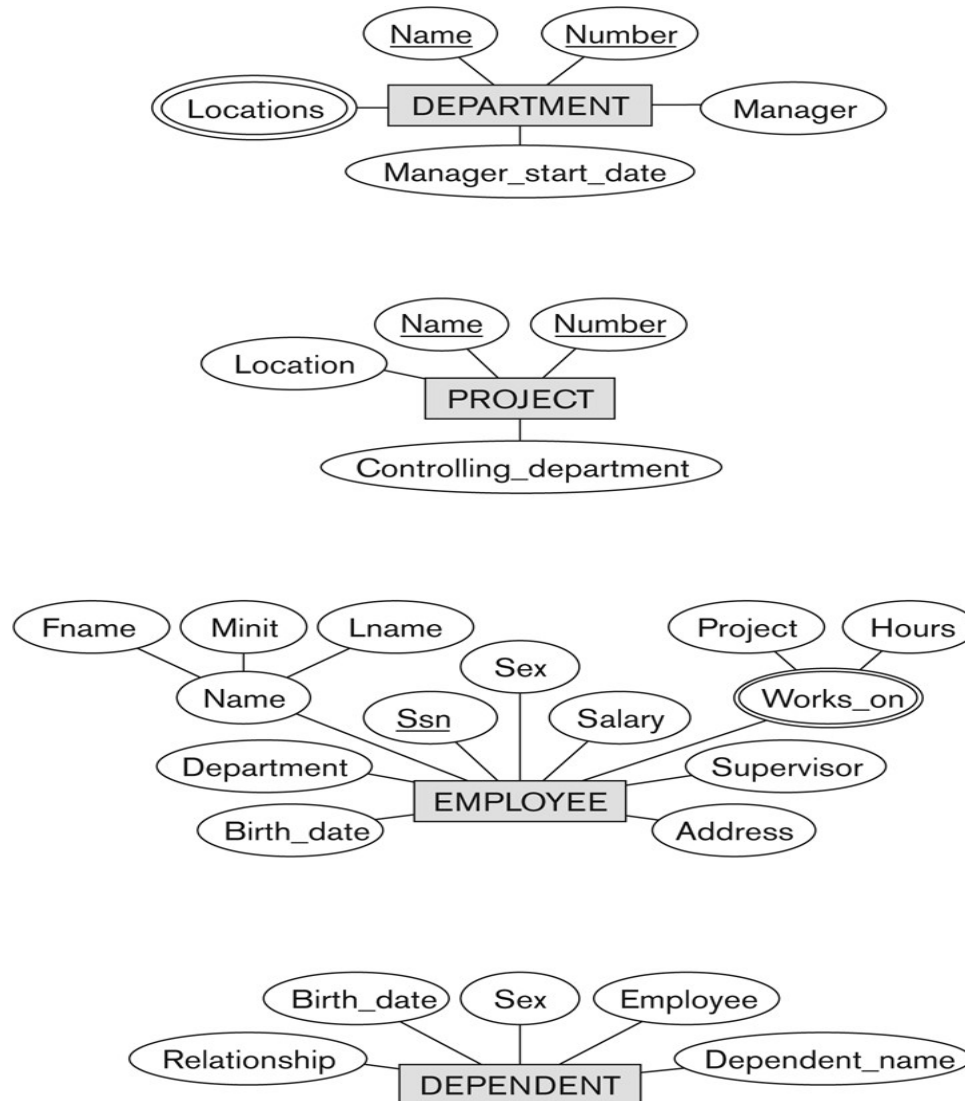


Figure 3.8

Preliminary design of entity types for the COMPANY database. Some of the shown attributes will be refined into relationships.

Relationship instances of the WORKS_FOR N:1 relationship between EMPLOYEE and DEPARTMENT

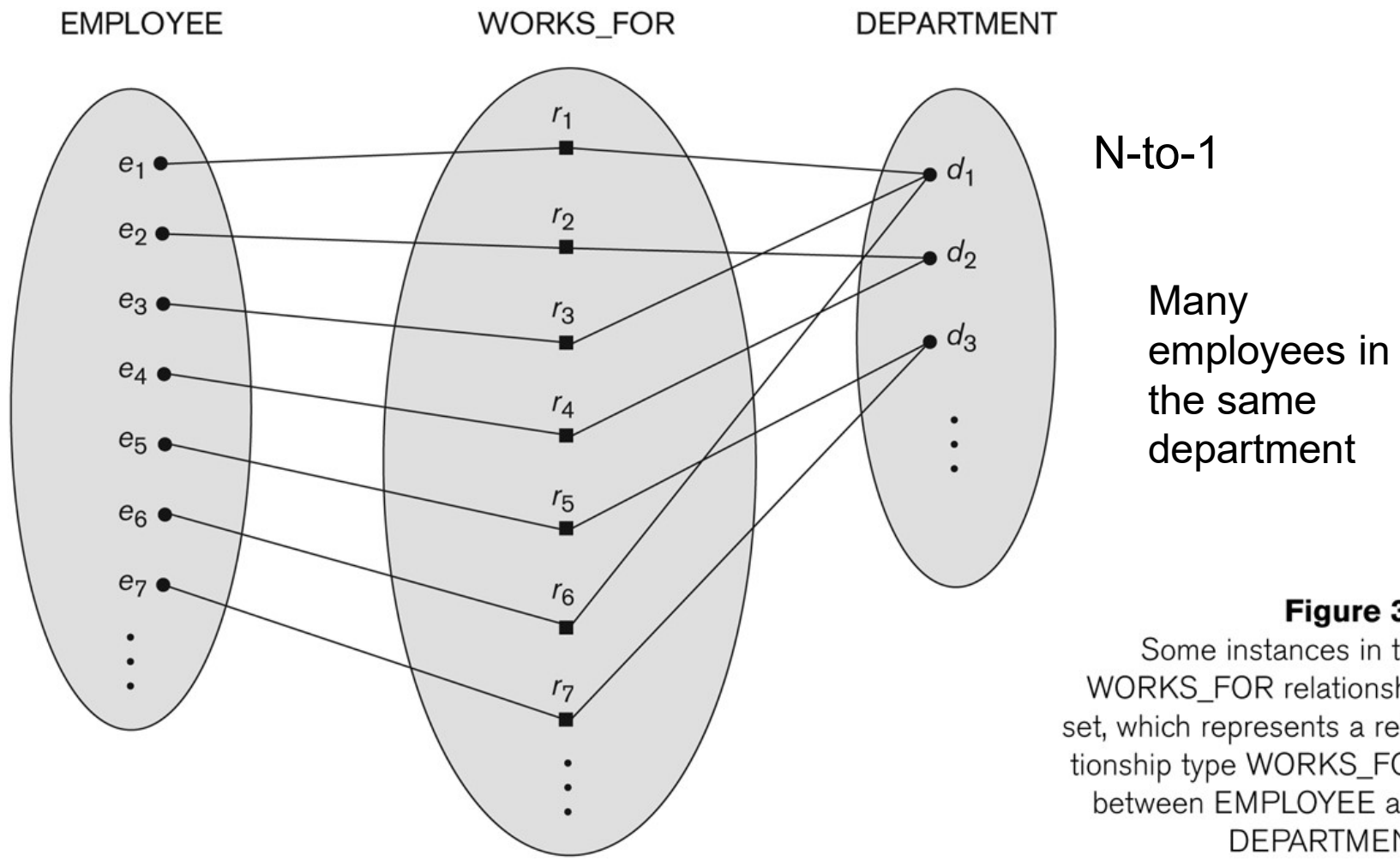
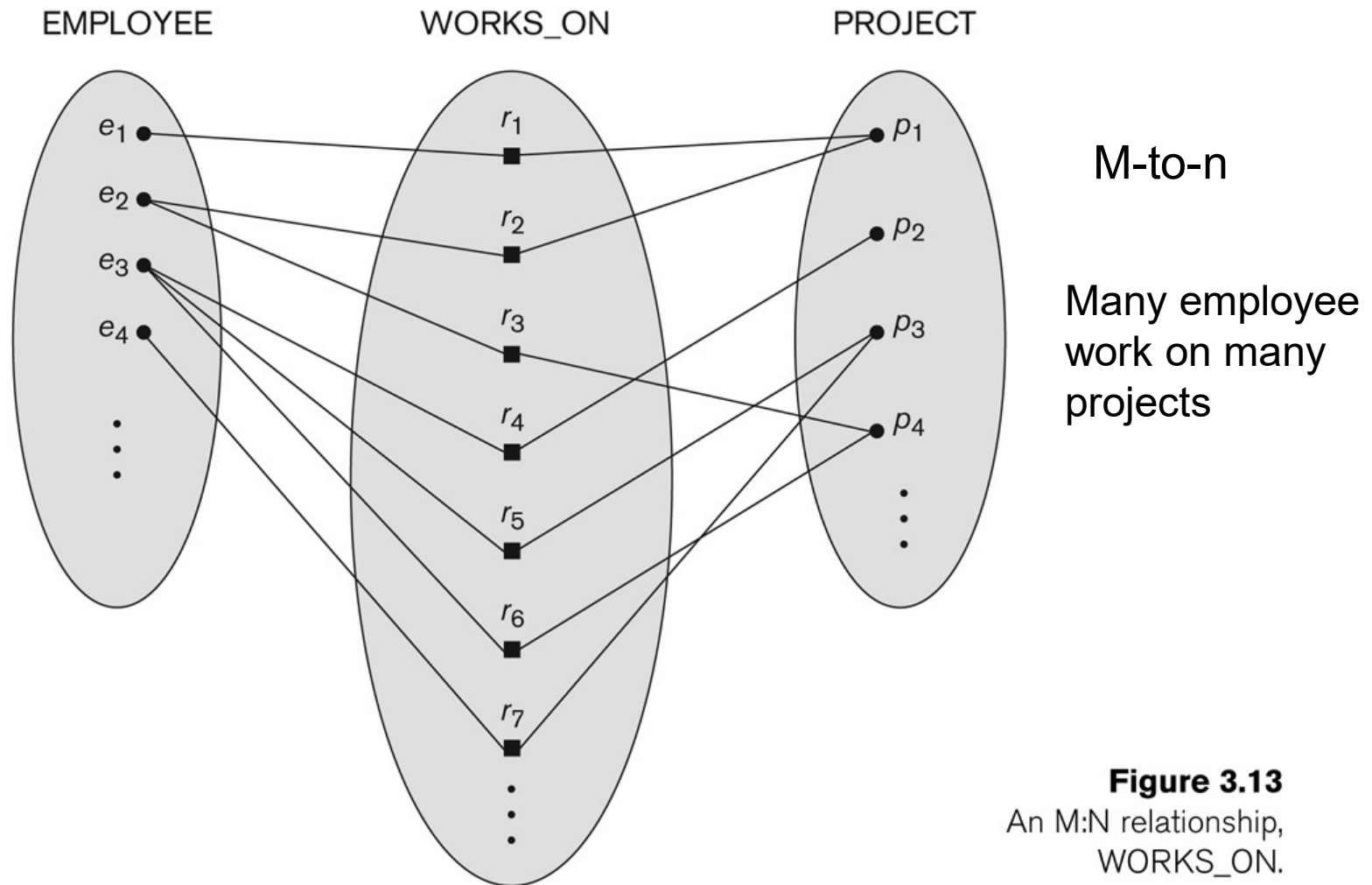


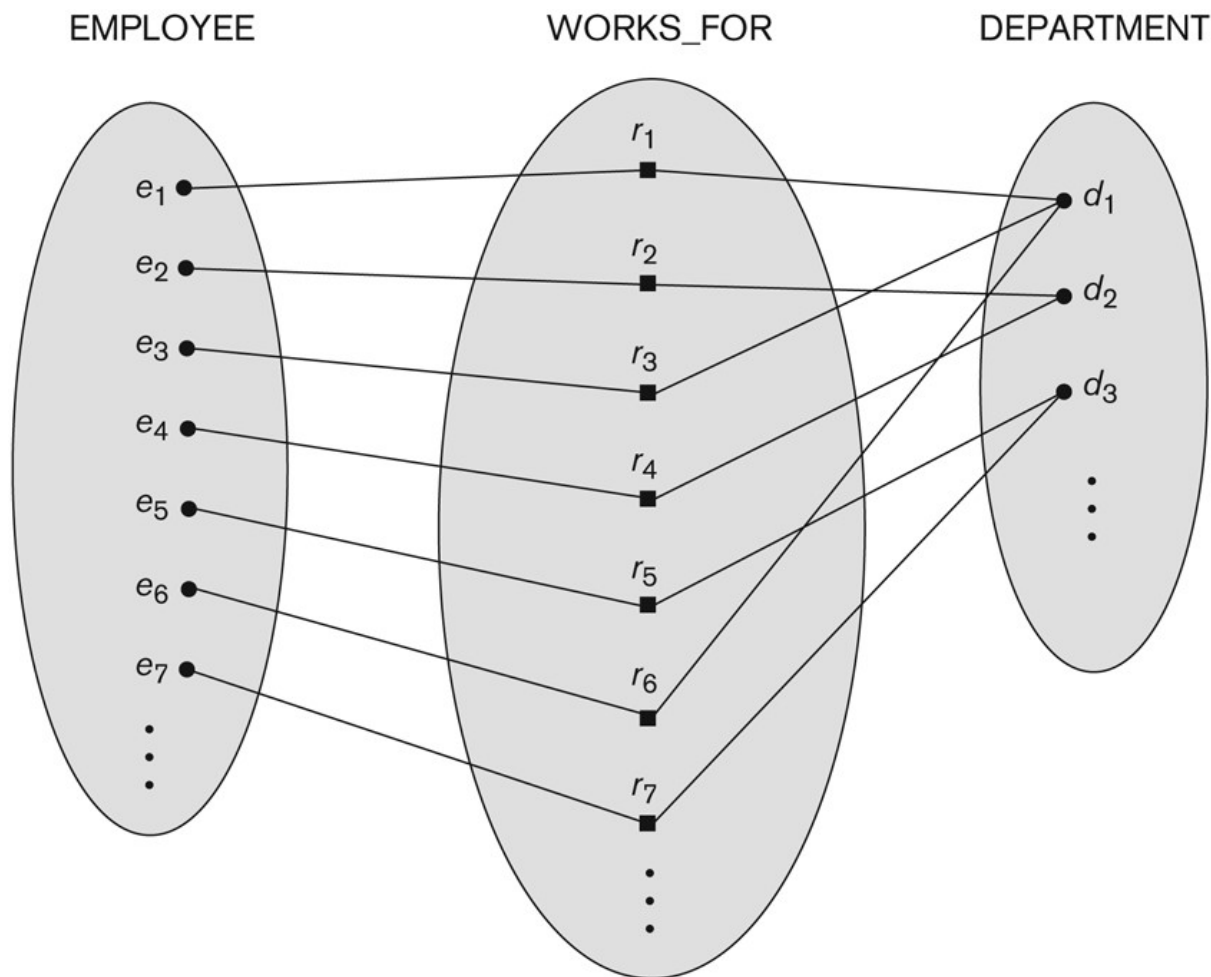
Figure 3.9

Some instances in the **WORKS_FOR** relationship set, which represents a relationship type **WORKS_FOR** between **EMPLOYEE** and **DEPARTMENT**.

Relationship instances of the M:N WORKS_ON relationship between EMPLOYEE and PROJECT



Many-to-one (N:1) Relationship



**Select anyone in
EMPLOYEE, one can be
identified in DEPARTMENT**

**One-to-one is special case
of Many-to-one**

Figure 3.9

Some instances in the WORKS_FOR relationship set, which represents a relationship type WORKS_FOR between EMPLOYEE and DEPARTMENT.

Many-to-many (M:N) Relationship

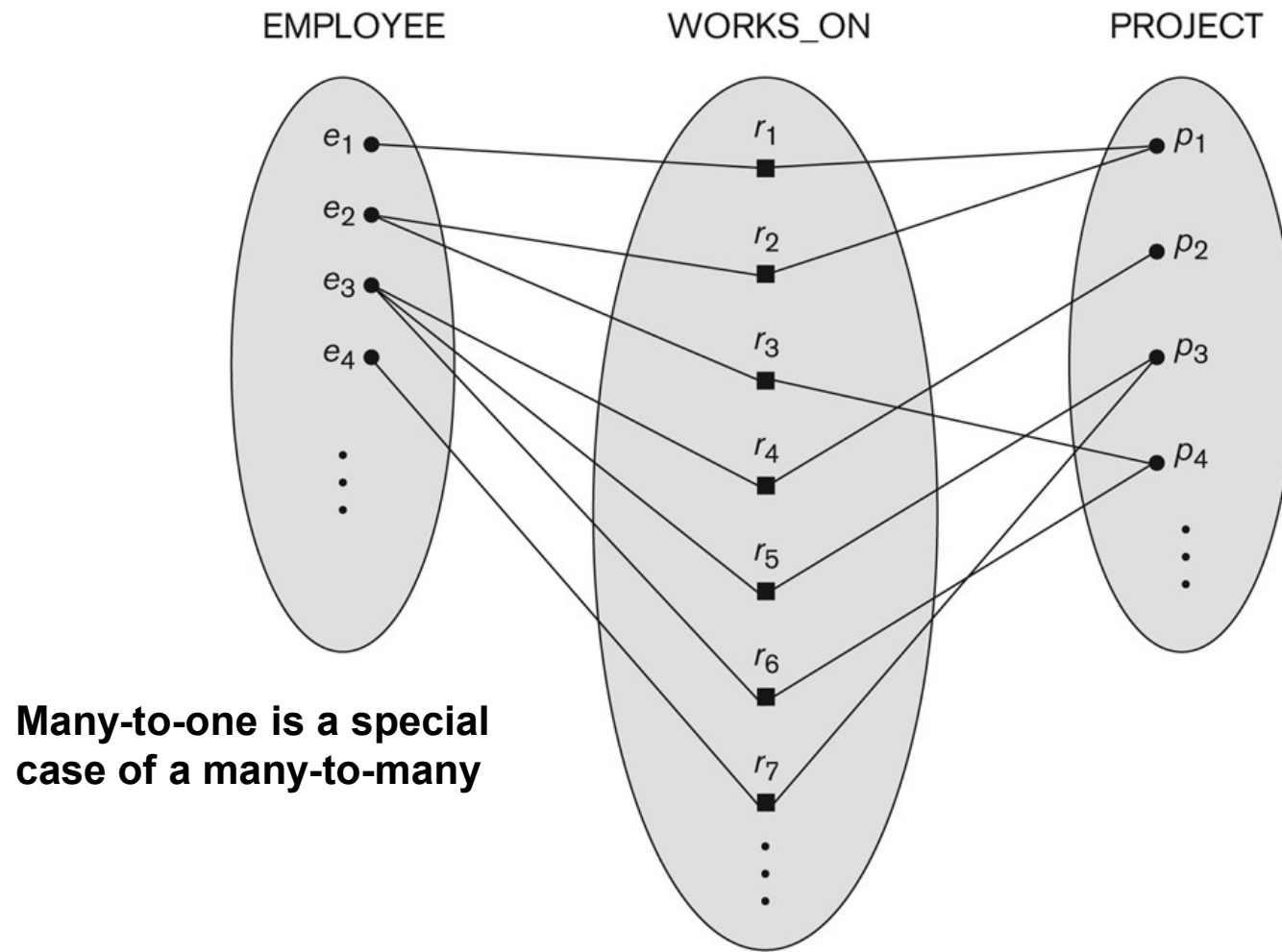


Figure 3.13
An M:N relationship,
WORKS_ON.

ER DIAGRAM – Relationship Types are:

WORKS_FOR, MANAGES, WORKS_ON, CONTROLS, SUPERVISION, DEPENDENTS_OF

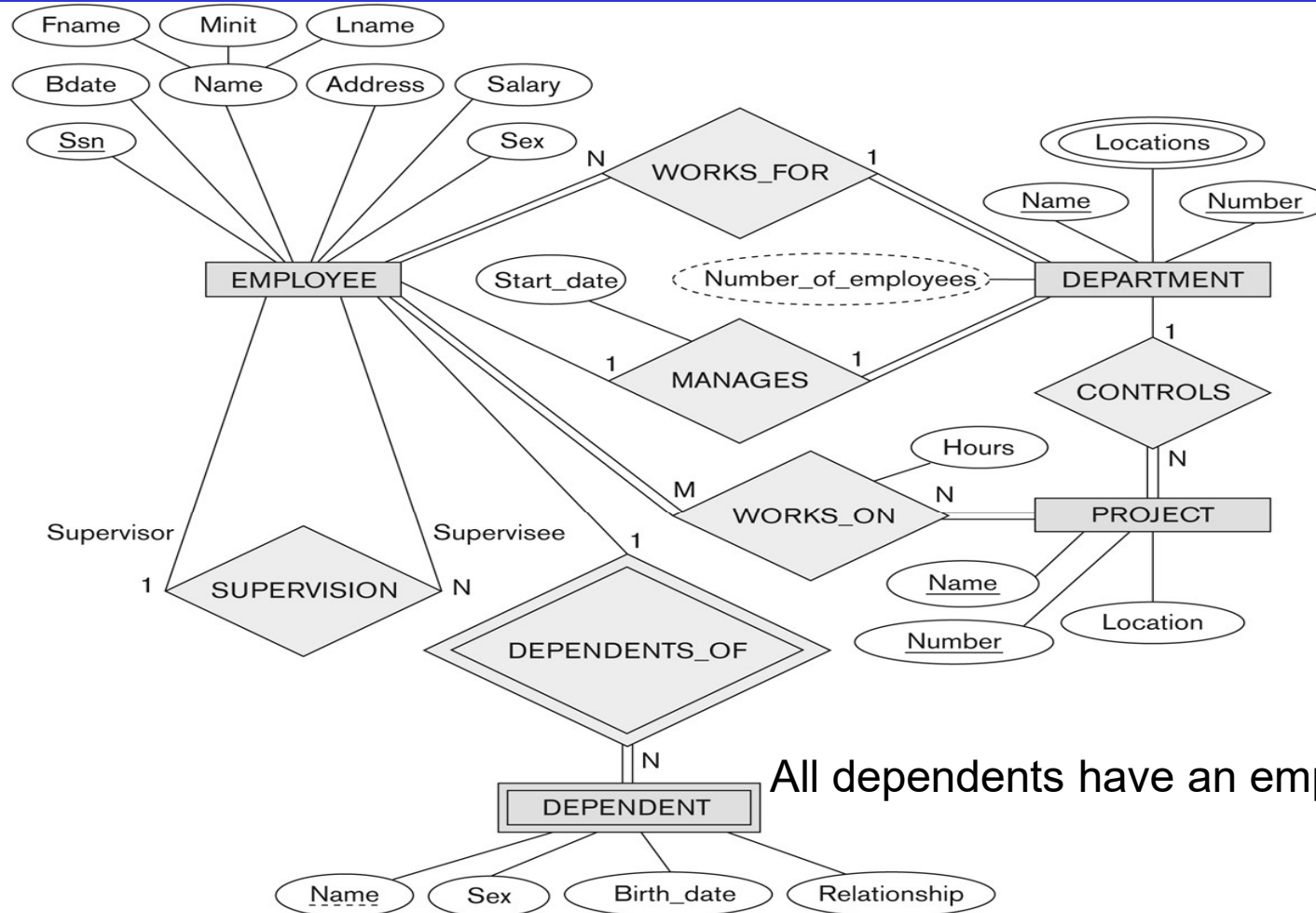


Figure 3.2

An ER schema diagram for the COMPANY database. The diagrammatic notation is introduced gradually throughout this chapter.

Summary

- ◆ The ER Model is regarded as the 1st “conceptual/semantic” model centered around relationships, not attributes
- ◆ It combines successfully the best features of the previous data models
- ◆ simple and easy to understand
- ◆ can be mapped to tables (relational model) in a straightforward manner
(to be studied in the coming lecture series)