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# Database System Concept (CSE 3103)

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# Reduction to Relation Schemas

- Entity sets and relationship sets can be expressed uniformly as *relation schemas* that represent the contents of the database.
- A database which conforms to an E-R diagram can be represented by a collection of schemas.
- For each entity set and relationship set there is a unique schema that is assigned the name of the corresponding entity set or relationship set.
- Each schema has a number of columns (generally corresponding to attributes), which have unique names.

# Representing Entity Sets

- A strong entity set reduces to a schema with the same attributes

*student(ID, name, tot\_cred)*

- A weak entity set becomes a table that includes a column for the primary key of the identifying strong entity set

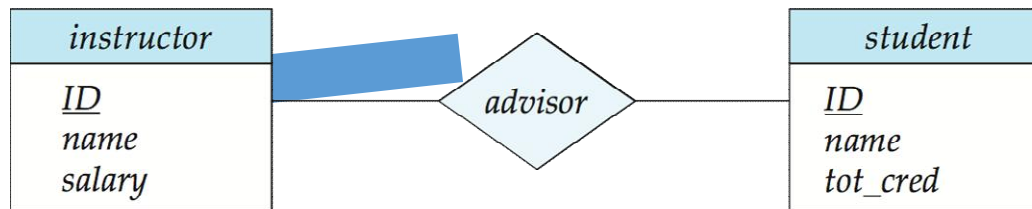
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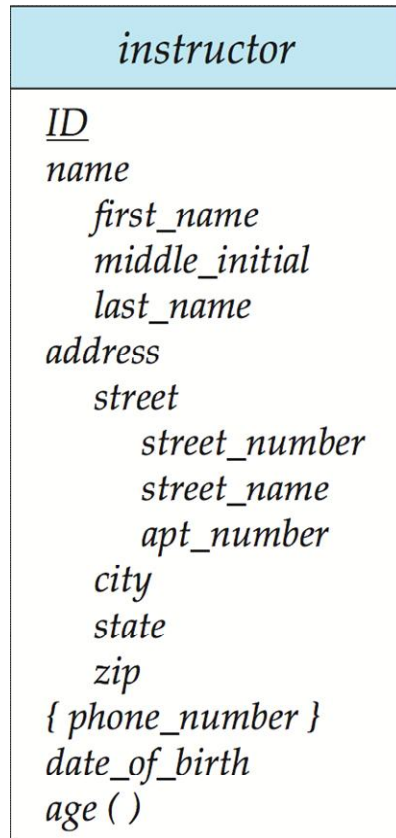
# Representing Relationship Sets

- A many-to-many relationship set is represented as a schema with attributes for the primary keys of the two participating entity sets, and any descriptive attributes of the relationship set.
- Example: schema for relationship set *advisor*

*advisor* = (*s\_id*, *i\_id*)



## Representation of Entity Sets with Composite Attributes



- Composite attributes are flattened out by creating a separate attribute for each component attribute
  - Example: given entity set *instructor* with composite attribute *name* with component attributes *first\_name* and *last\_name* the schema corresponding to the entity set has two attributes *name\_first\_name* and *name\_last\_name*
    - Prefix omitted if there is no ambiguity (*name\_first\_name* could be *first\_name*)
- Ignoring multivalued attributes, extended instructor schema is
  - *instructor*(ID, *first\_name*, *middle\_initial*, *last\_name*, *street\_number*, *street\_name*, *apt\_number*, *city*, *state*, *zip\_code*, *date\_of\_birth*)

## Representation of Entity Sets with Multivalued Attributes

- A multivalued attribute  $M$  of an entity  $E$  is represented by a separate schema  $EM$
- Schema  $EM$  has attributes corresponding to the primary key of  $E$  and an attribute corresponding to multivalued attribute  $M$
- Example: Multivalued attribute *phone\_number* of *instructor* is represented by a schema:  
 $inst\_phone = ( \underline{ID}, \underline{phone\_number} )$
- Each value of the multivalued attribute maps to a separate tuple of the relation on schema  $EM$ 
  - For example, an *instructor* entity with primary key 22222 and phone numbers 456-7890 and 123-4567 maps to two tuples:  
(22222, 456-7890) and (22222, 123-4567)