COMP23111 - Lab Exercise 2

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1 Part 1 - Questions

1.1 Q: What kind of attribute is the telephone attribute of the Manager entity type?!

A: multivalued

1.2 Q: What kind of entity type is ContractInfo? What condition causes an entity type to be categorised as being of this kind?

A: Weak entity, a weak entity dosent have a single unique identifying key. It is only unique when in the context of an identifying relationship.

1.3 Q: What kind of relationship type is HasContract? What condition causes a relationship type to be categorised as being of this kind?!

A: It is an identifying relationship. An identitying relationship is one that allows a weak entity to be uniquely specified. I.e. it is a relationship that encompases and defines the weak entity.

1.4 Q: What kind of attribute is the period attribute of the ContractInfo entity type? What does the dashed underline underneath it mean?

A: The attribute is a compound attribute with composite sub parts (date_from, date_to). The underline symbolises this attribute as a weak key for the entity.

1.5 Q: What kind of attribute is the duration attribute of the ContractInfo entity type? What does the dashed oval that encircles it mean?

A: A derived attributed the value of which is not saved but calculated from other attributes

1.6 Q:MasterTrack entity

A master track is an initial recording described with a working_title, working_length and a unique identifying track_id. Each track has one or more assiciated artists that produced it. The master track also has a sound engineer that helped produce the track. A master track also can have many finished tracks assiciated with it of different versions specific for this MasterTrack

2 Part 2 - Example ER-diagram

A Dia diagram is included below:

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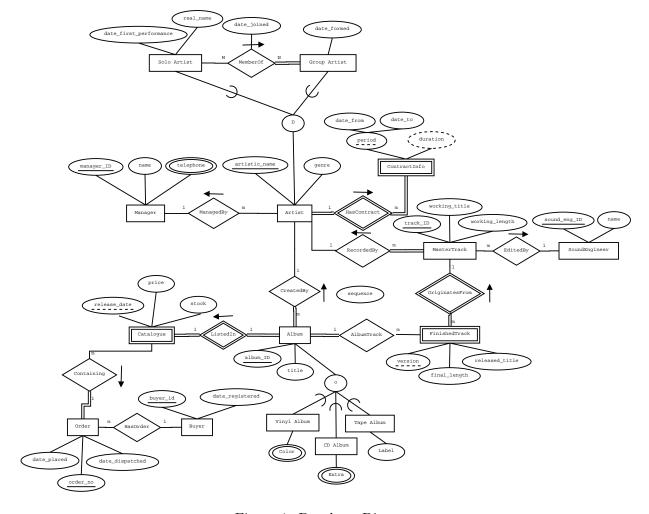


Figure 1: Database Diagram