

# UNIT – I

## Chapter ER Diagrams

# Introduction:

- Definition of ER Diagram
- Entity Types
- Entity Sets
- Attributes and Keys
- Relationships, Relationship types
- Roles and Structural Constraints
- Weak Entity Types
- Notations
- Naming Conventions and Design Issues
- An Example Database Application;

# ER MODEL

- It is a popular high level conceptual data model.
  - It is used to relate one database with another.
  - Here a design is created to understand the connection between two or more databases.
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- Example : Student database
  - College database
  - **Relation is :Students studies in college.**

# ER MODEL

- Example : Employee database
  - Company database
  - Relation is :Employee works in college.
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- Example : Patient database
  - Hospital database
  - Relation is :Patient is admitted in hospital.

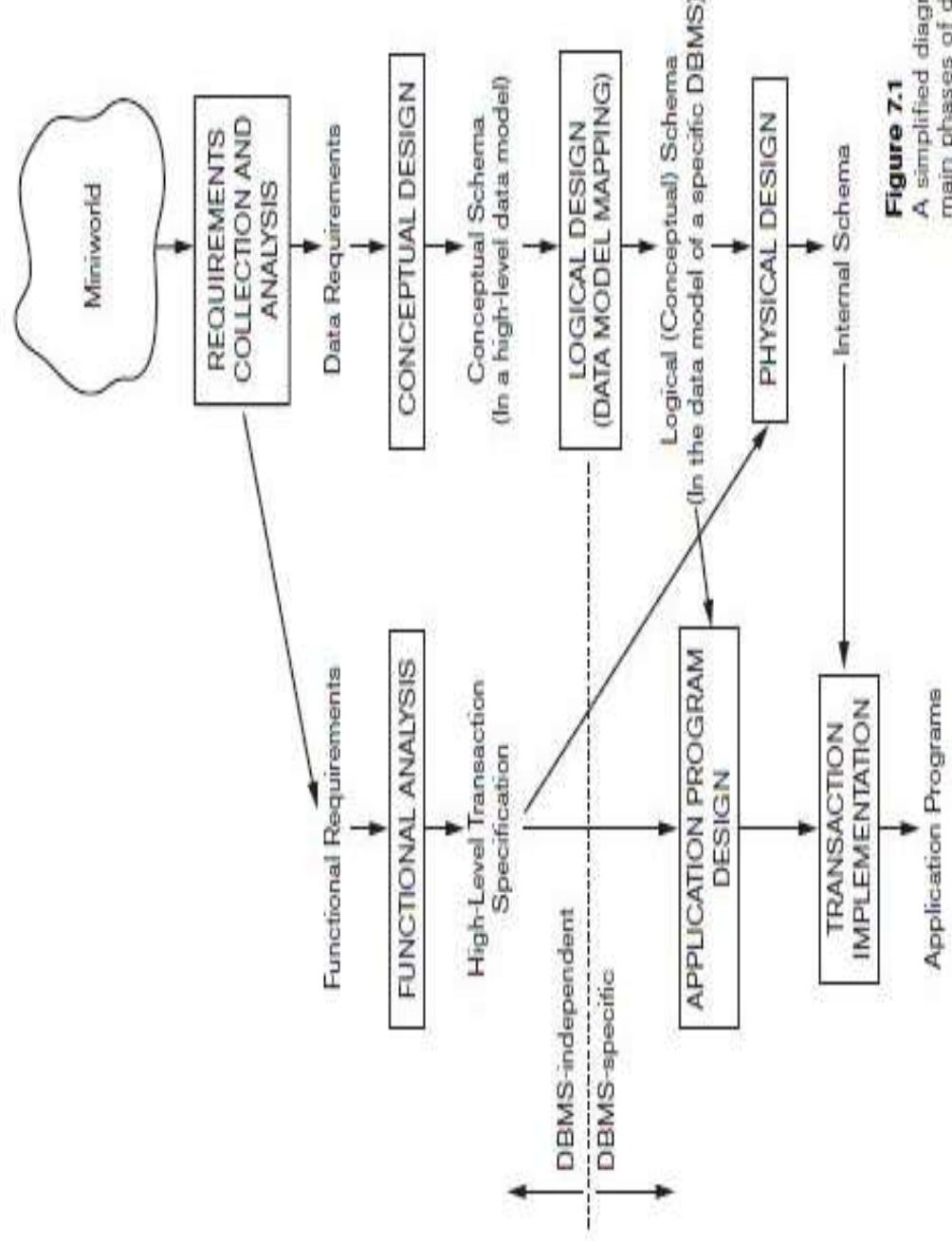
# ER MODEL

- Example : Doctor database
- Hospital database
- Relation is :?????.
- Example : Subject database
- Staff database
- Relation is :??????.

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- Relation is :**Subject is taught by Staff.**

## Using High-Level Conceptual Data Models for Database Design



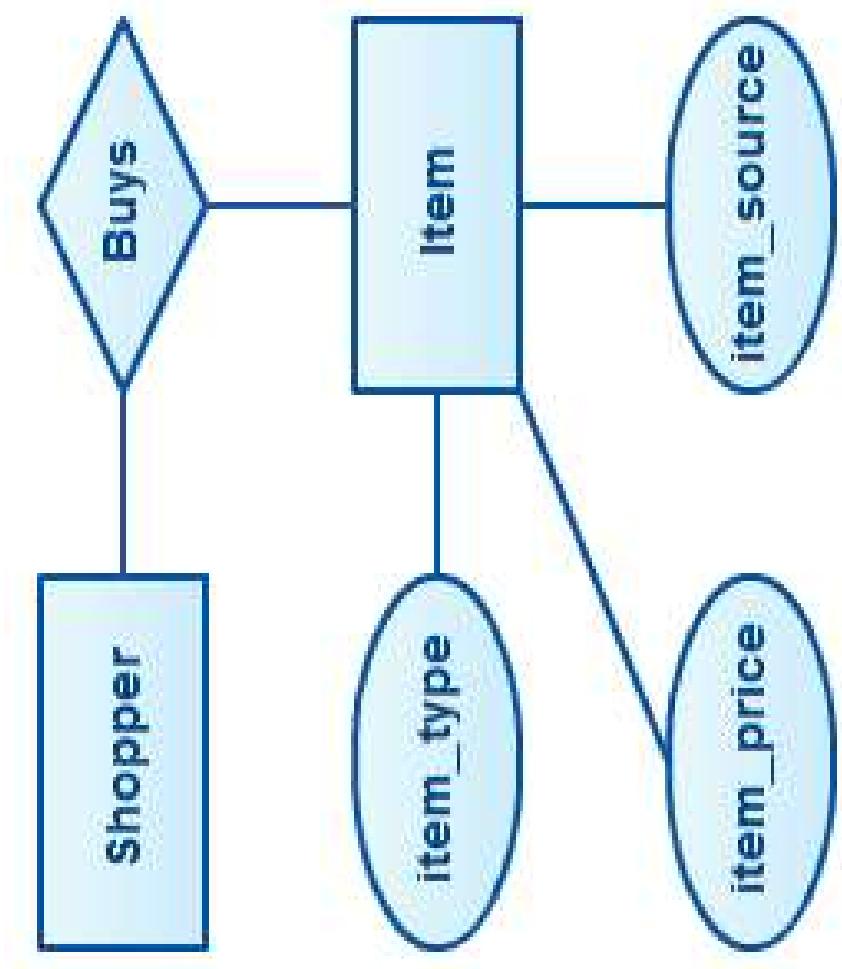
**Figure 7.1**  
A simplified diagram to illustrate the main phases of database design.

# ER diagram for small shop

- Shopper
- Shop
- Items in Shop

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- **Entity**

An entity can be a real-world object, either animate or inanimate, that can be easily identifiable. For example, in a school database, students, teachers, classes, and courses offered can be considered as entities. All these entities have some attributes or properties that give them their identity.

- **Attributes**

Entities are represented by means of their properties, called **attributes**. All attributes have values. For example, a student entity may have name, class, and age as attributes.

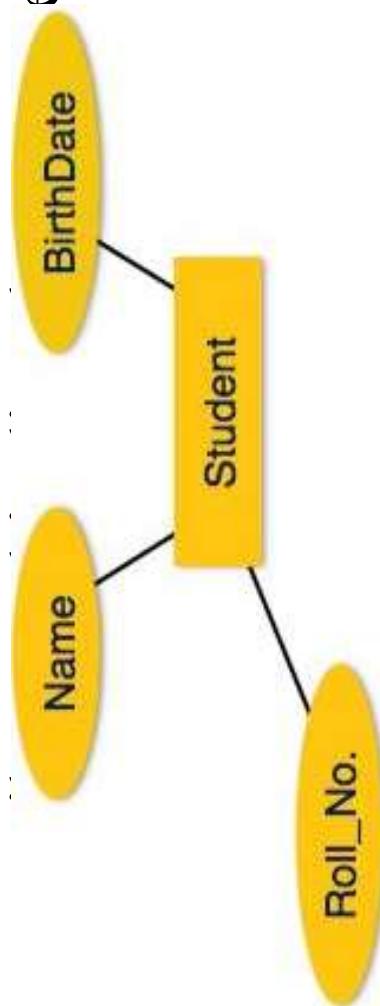
## ● Entity

Entities are represented by means of rectangles.  
Rectangles are named with the entity set they represent.



## • Attributes

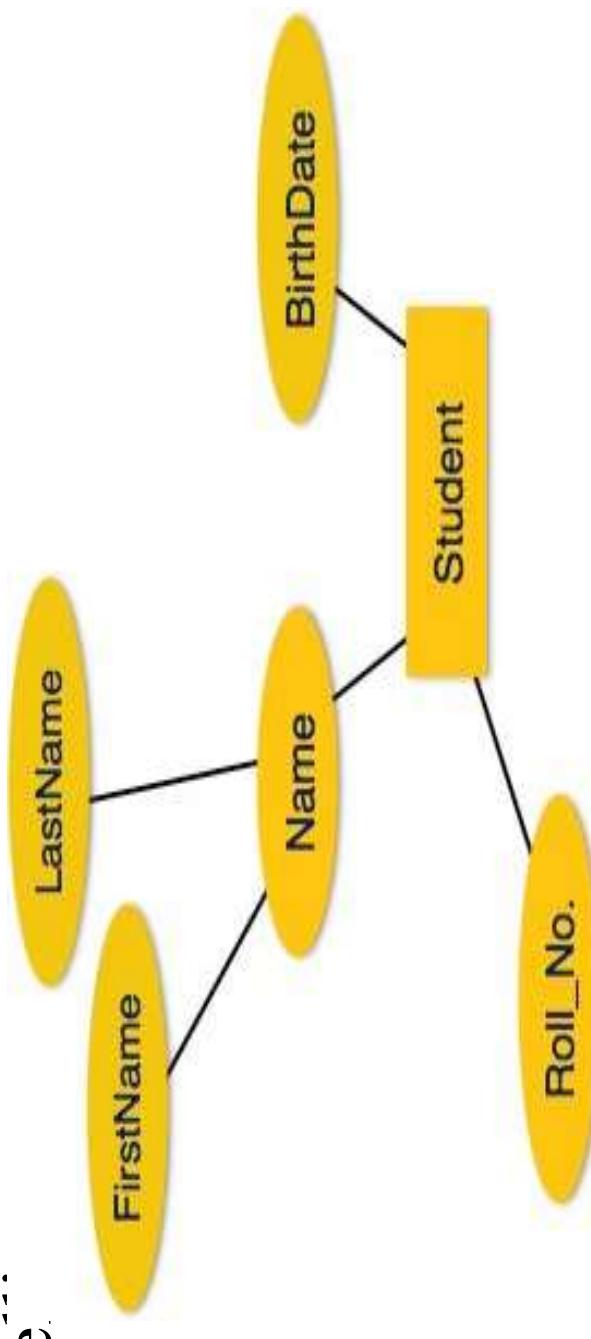
Attributes are the properties of entities. Attributes are represented by means of ellipses. Every ellipse represents an attribute of the entity (rectangle).



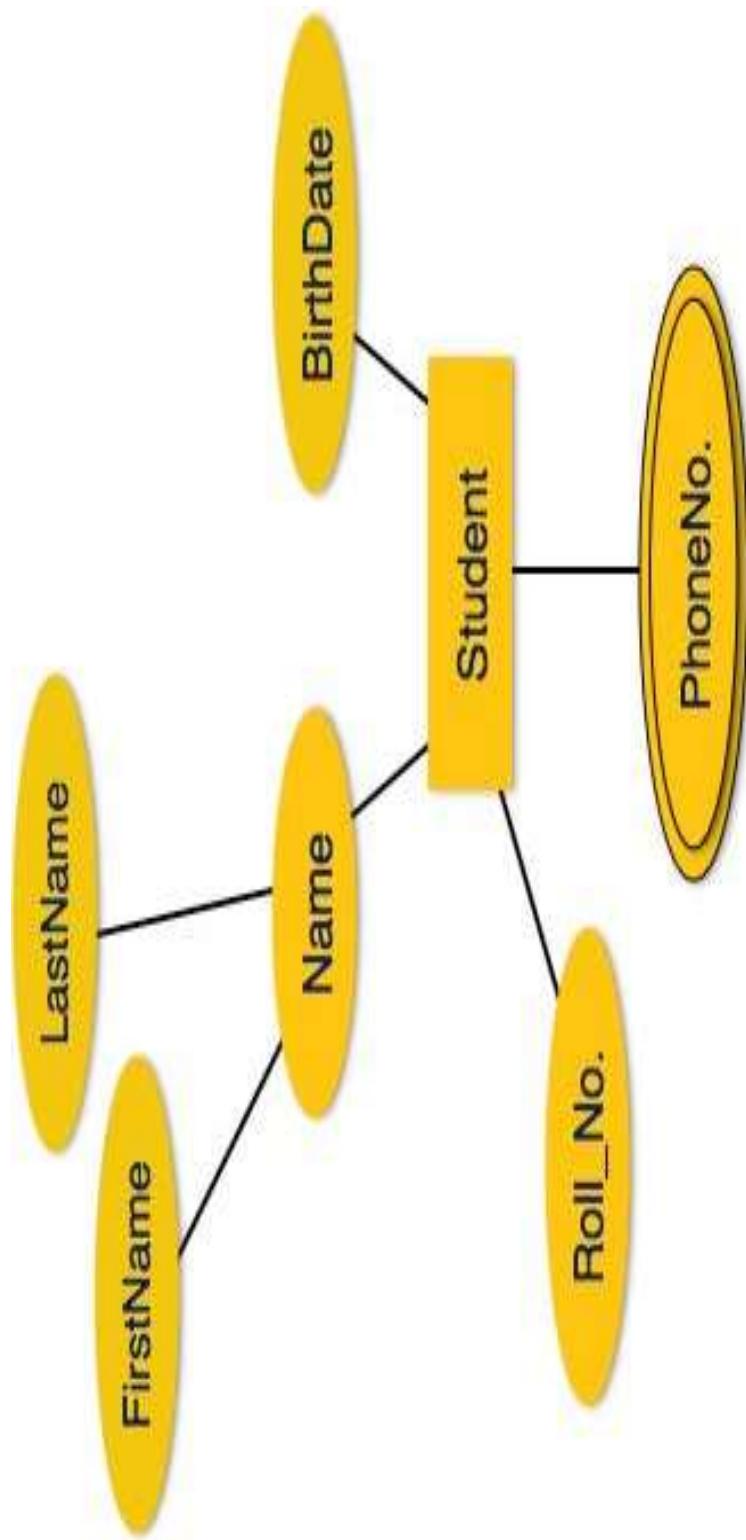
- **Types of Attributes**

- **Simple attribute** – Simple attributes are atomic values, which cannot be divided further. For example, a student's phone number is an atomic value of 10 digits.
- **Composite attribute** – Composite attributes are made of more than one simple attribute. For example, a student's complete name may have `first_name` and `last_name`.
- **Derived attribute** – Derived attributes are the attributes that do not exist in the physical database, but their values are derived from other attributes present in the database. For another example, age can be derived from `date_of_birth`.
- **Single-value attribute** – Single-value attributes

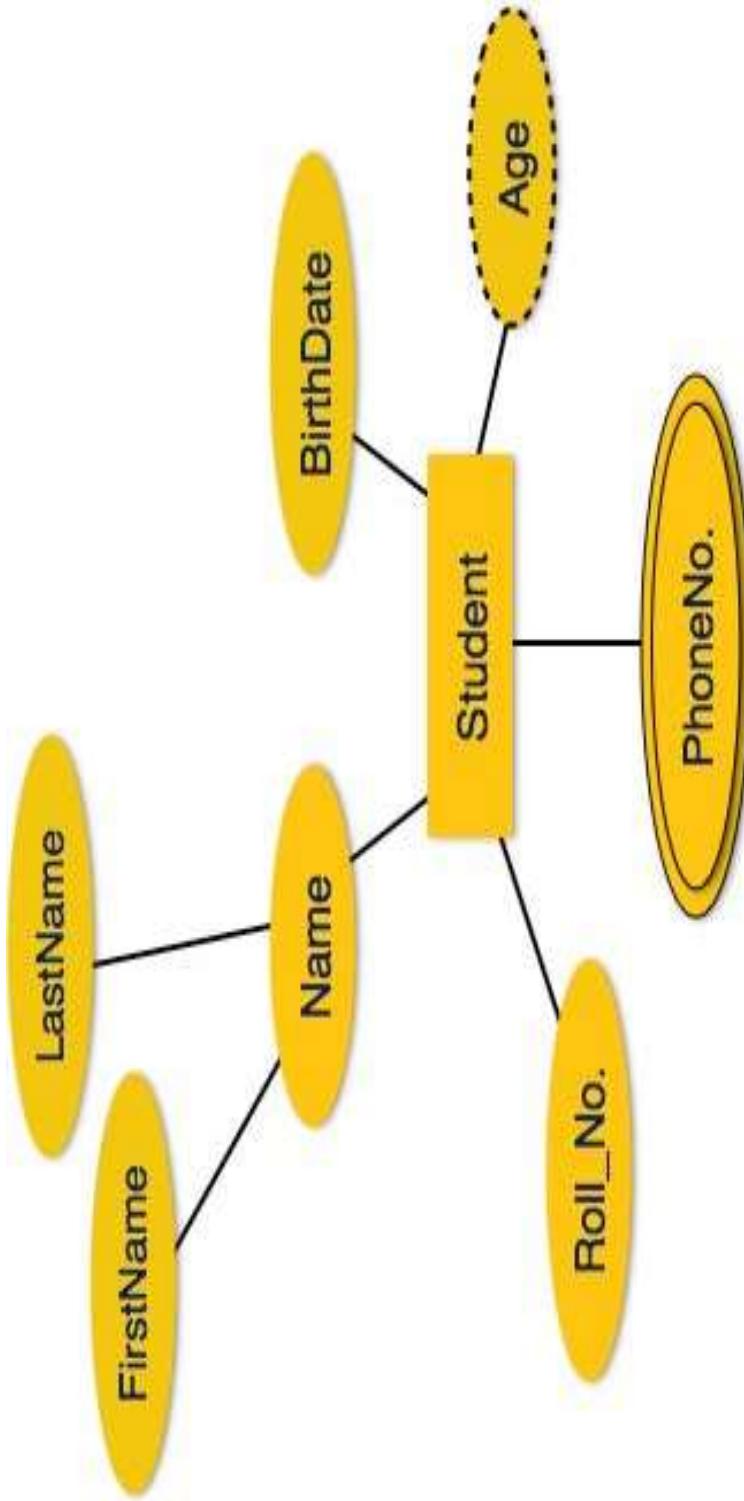
- If the attributes are **composite**, they are further divided in a tree like structure. Every node is then connected to its attribute. That is, composite attributes are represented by ellipses that are connected with an ellipsis.



- Multivalued attributes are depicted by double ellipse.



- Derived attributes are depicted by dashed ellipse



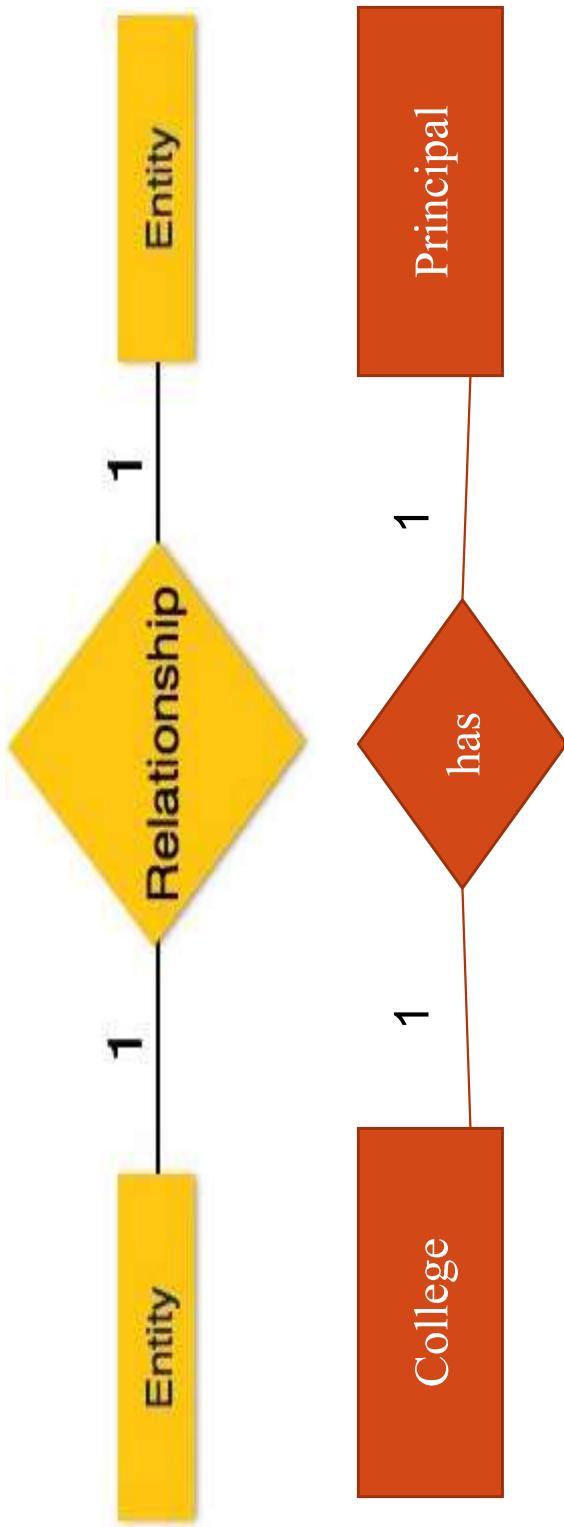
# Relationship

- Relationships are represented by diamond-shaped box. Name of the relationship is written inside the diamond-box. All the entities (rectangles) participating in a relationship, are connected to it by a line.
- Different types of relationship:
  - **One-to-one** –
  - **One-to-many** –
  - **Many-to-one** –
  - **Many-to-many** –

- **One-to-one** – When only one instance of an entity is associated with the relationship, it is marked as '1:1'. The following image reflects that only one instance of each entity should be associated with the relationship. It depicts one-to-one relationship.



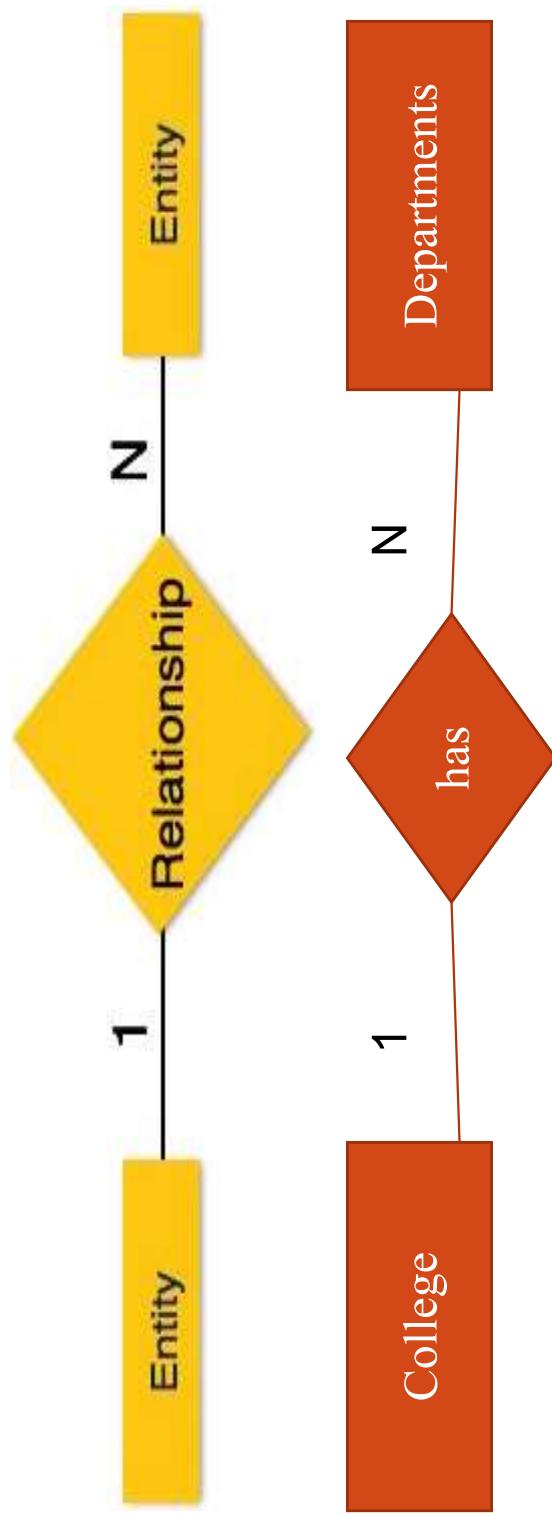
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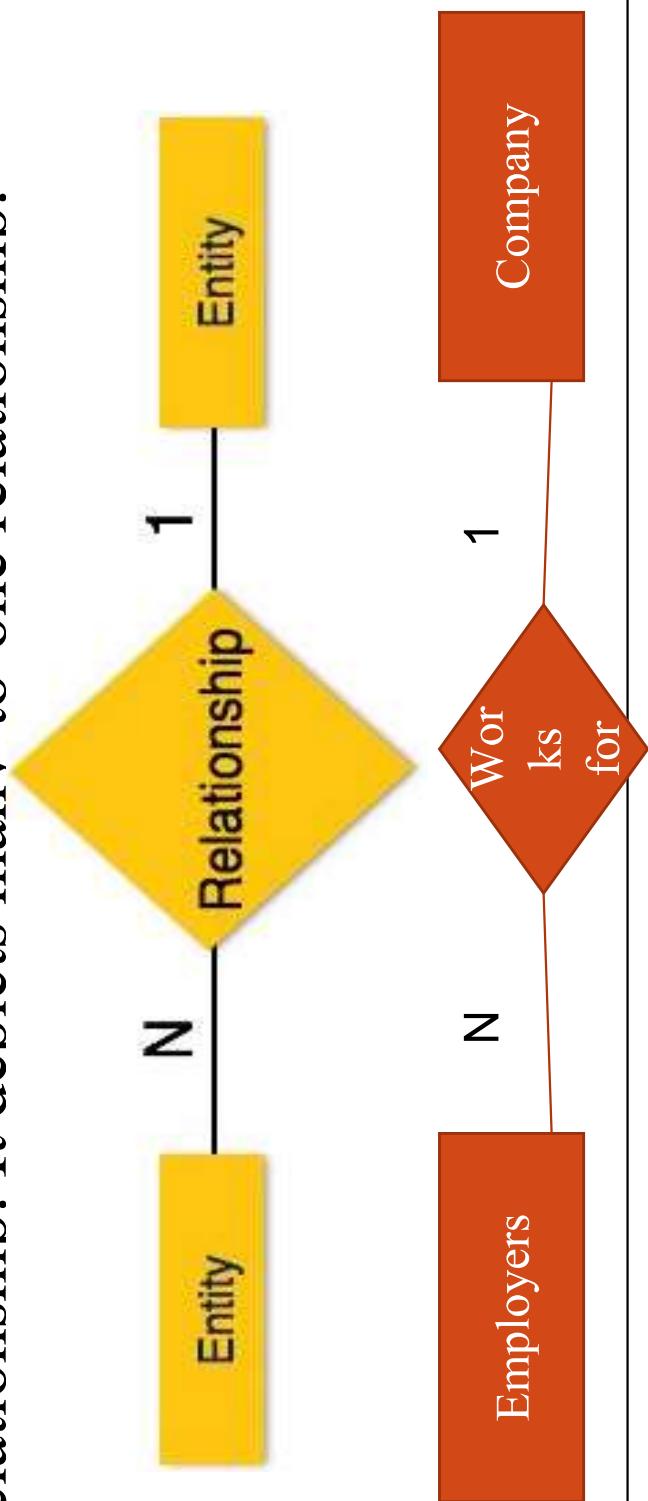
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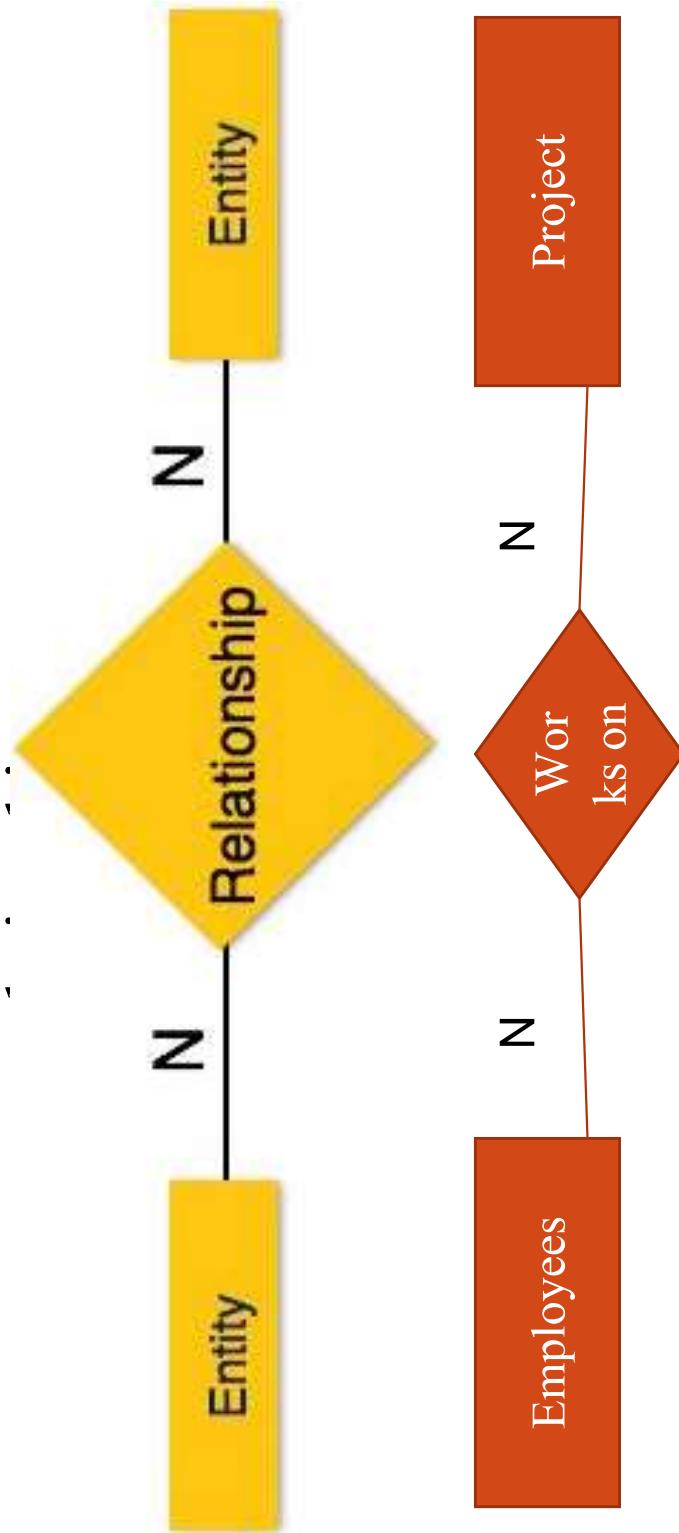
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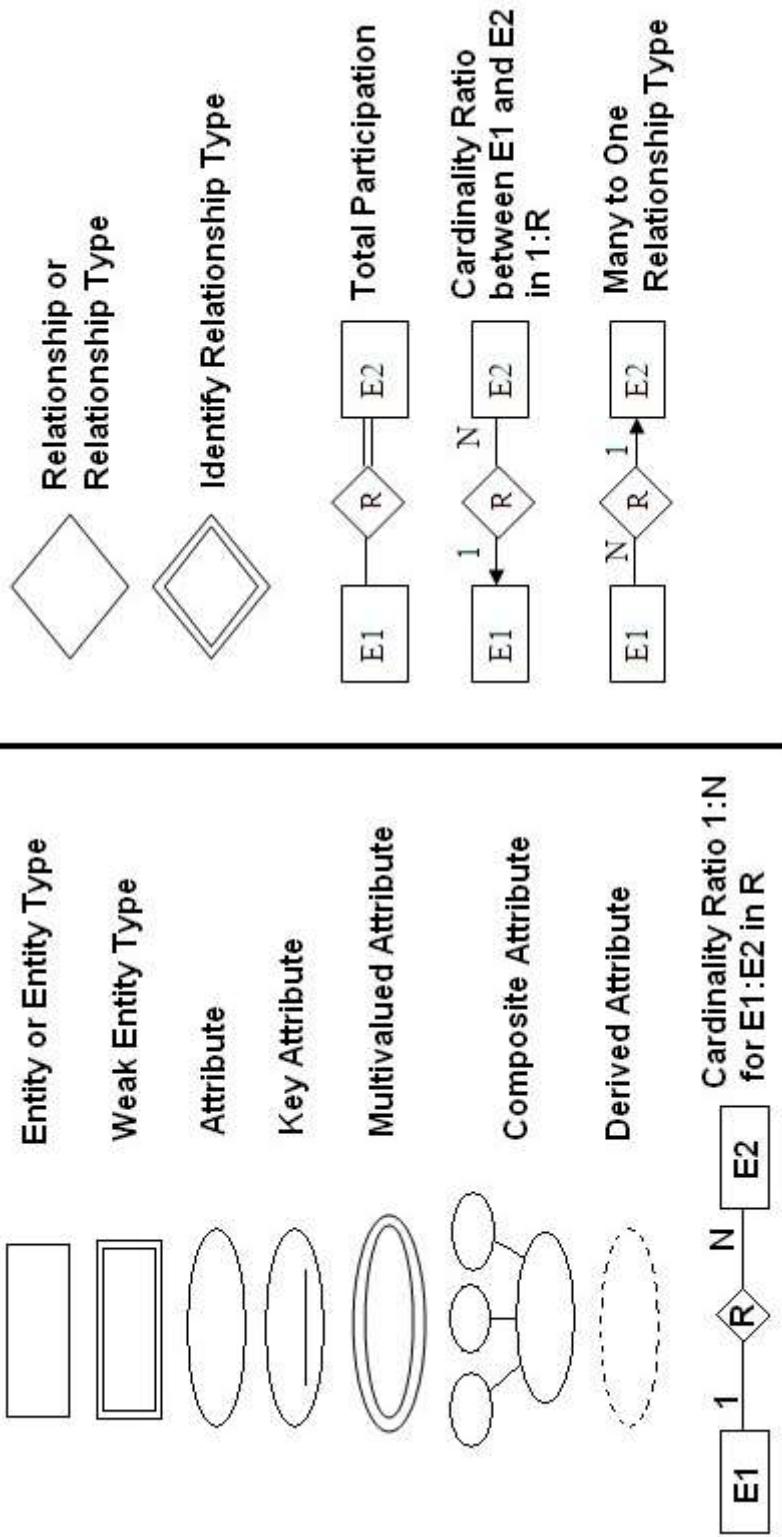
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# Symbols and Notations



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- Example..
  - Company has Employee
  - Company has department
  - Company has projects

# First step . . .

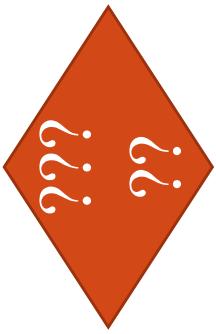
- Place the entities properly

Employee

Department

Project

- Try building relationship among entities



Employee

Department

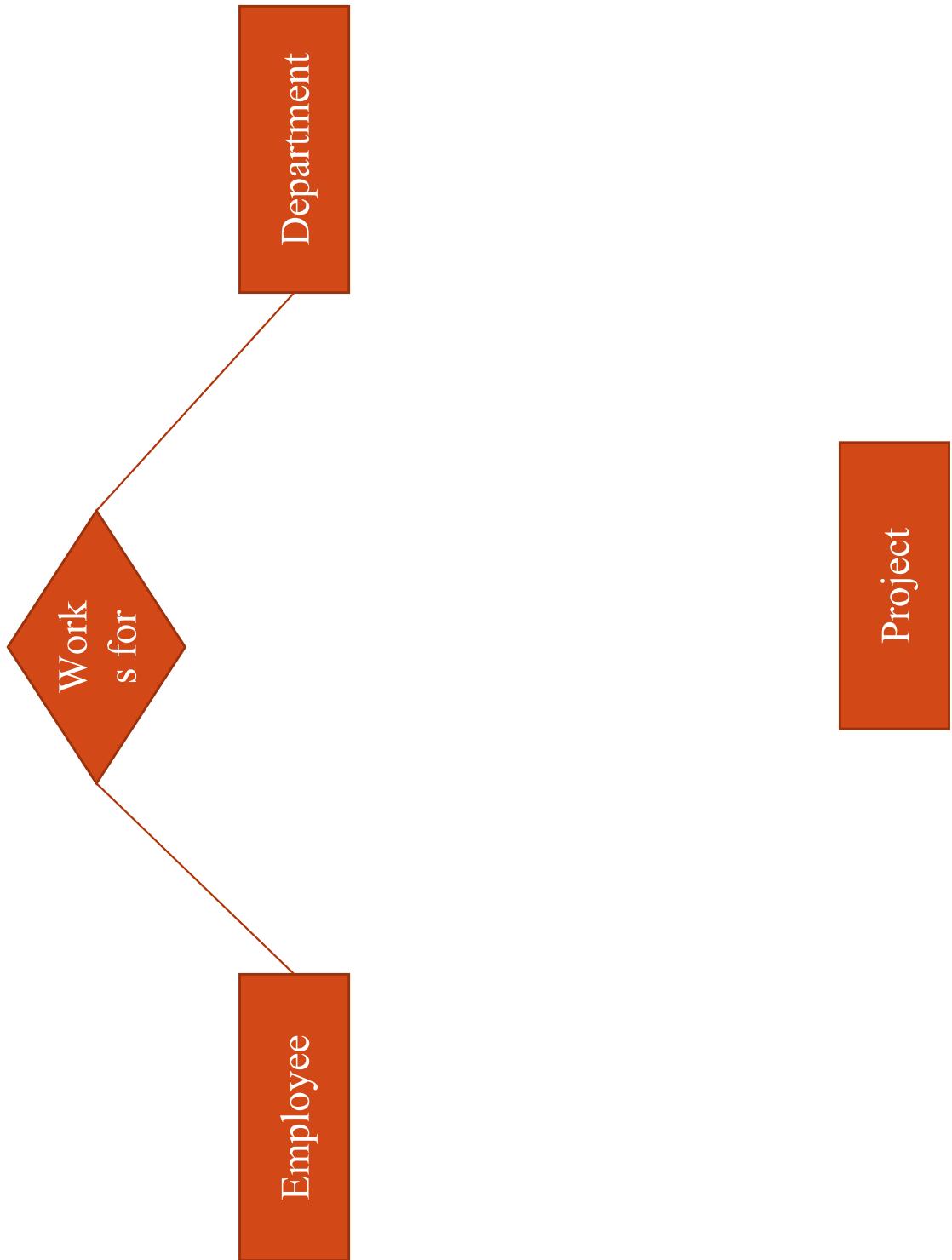
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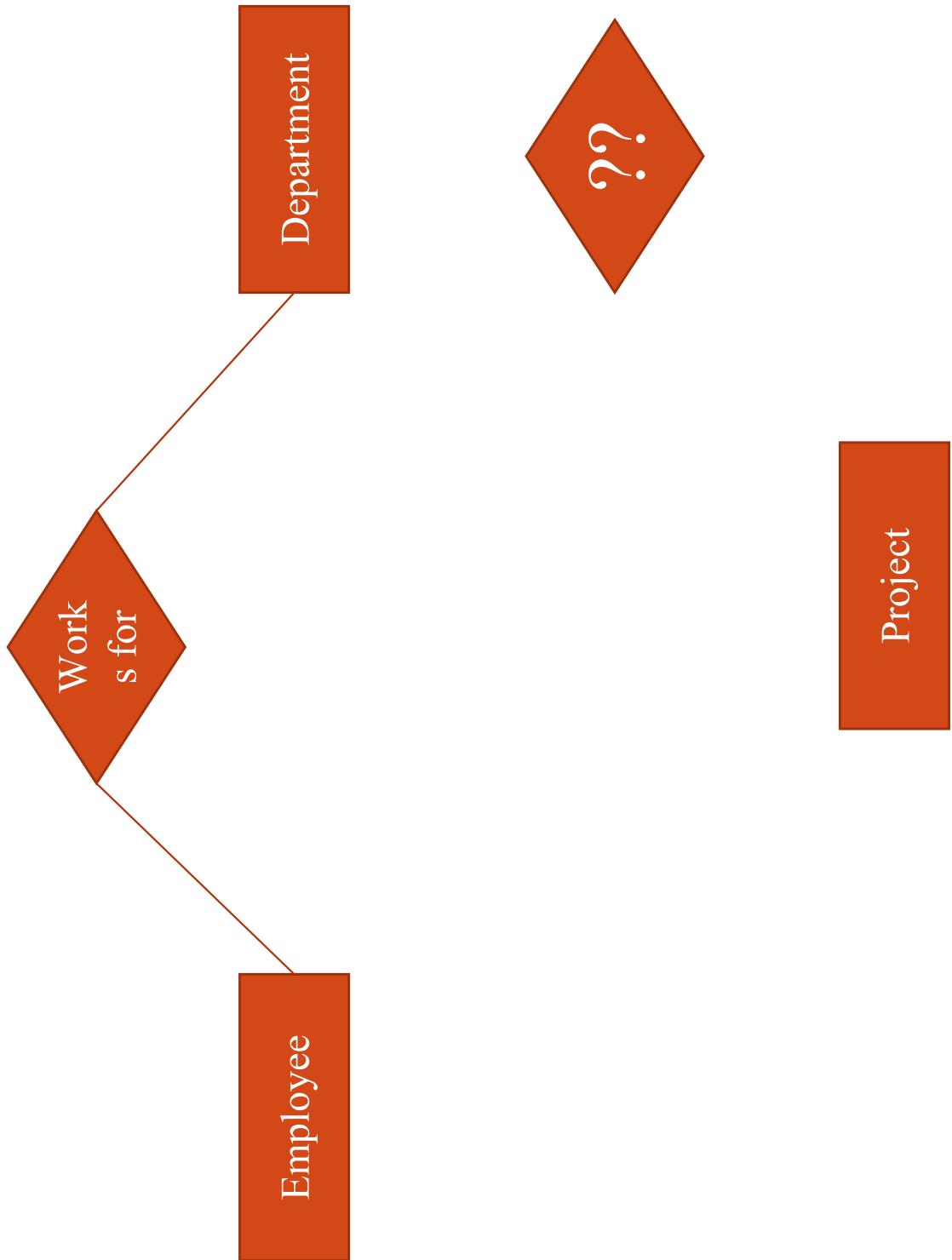
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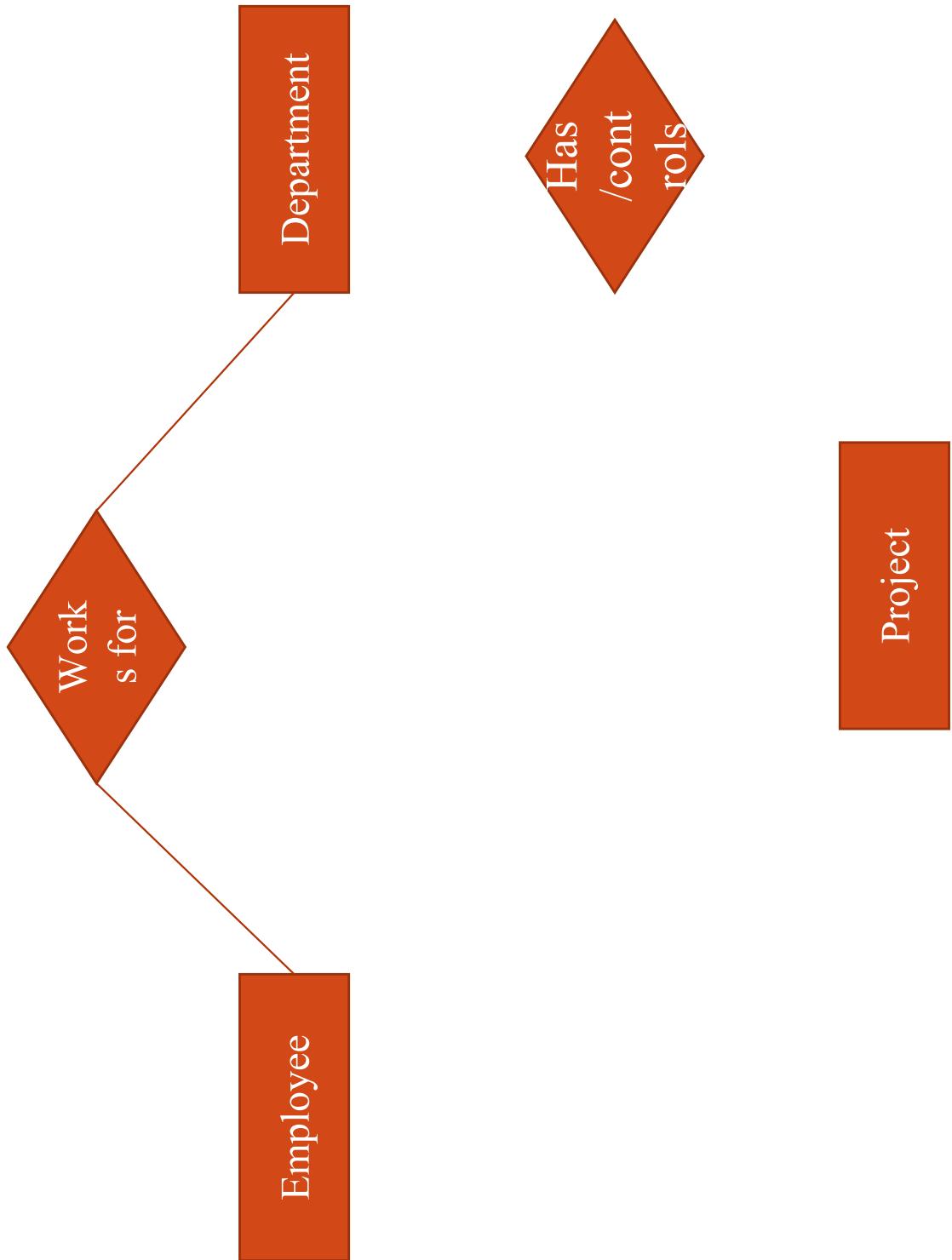
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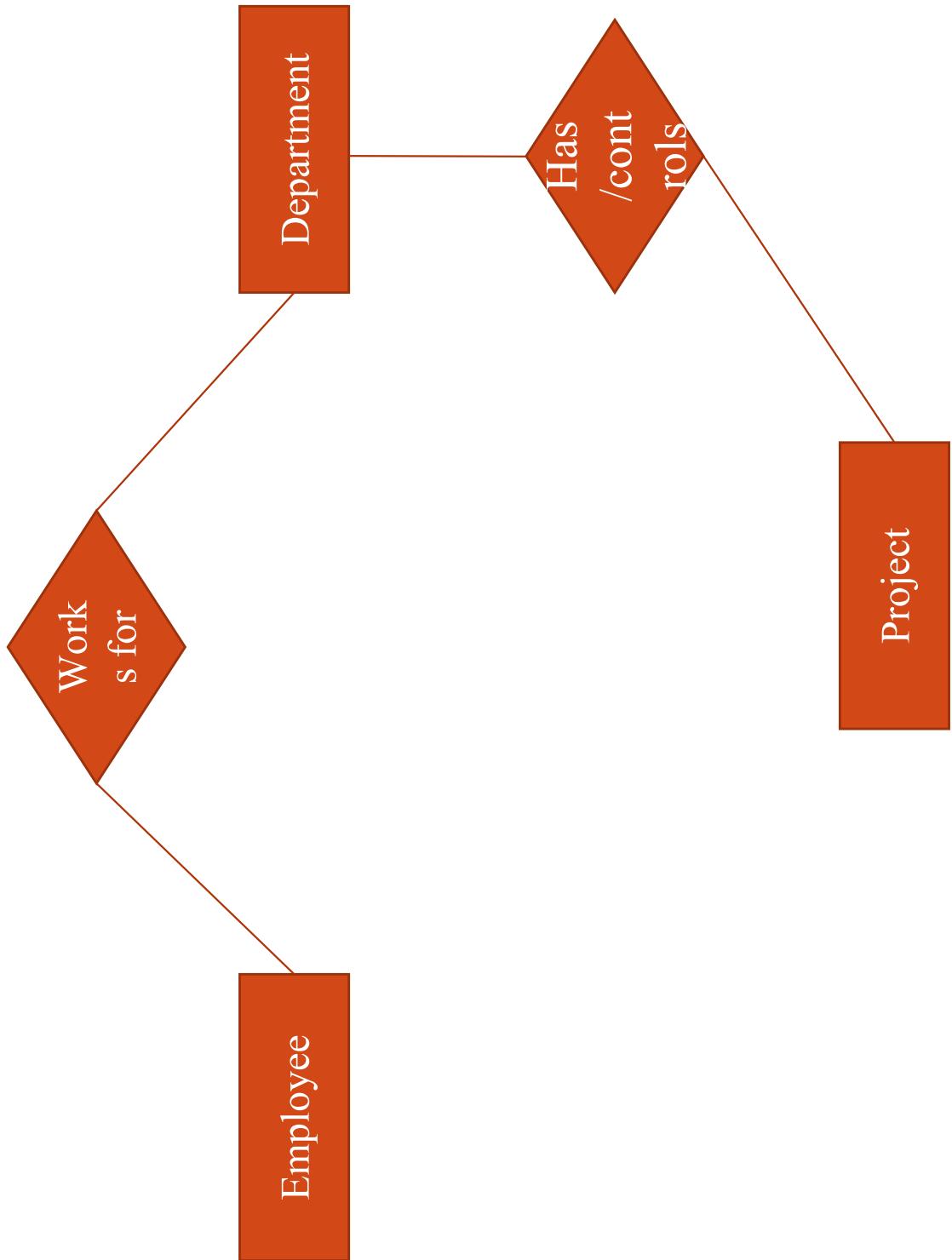
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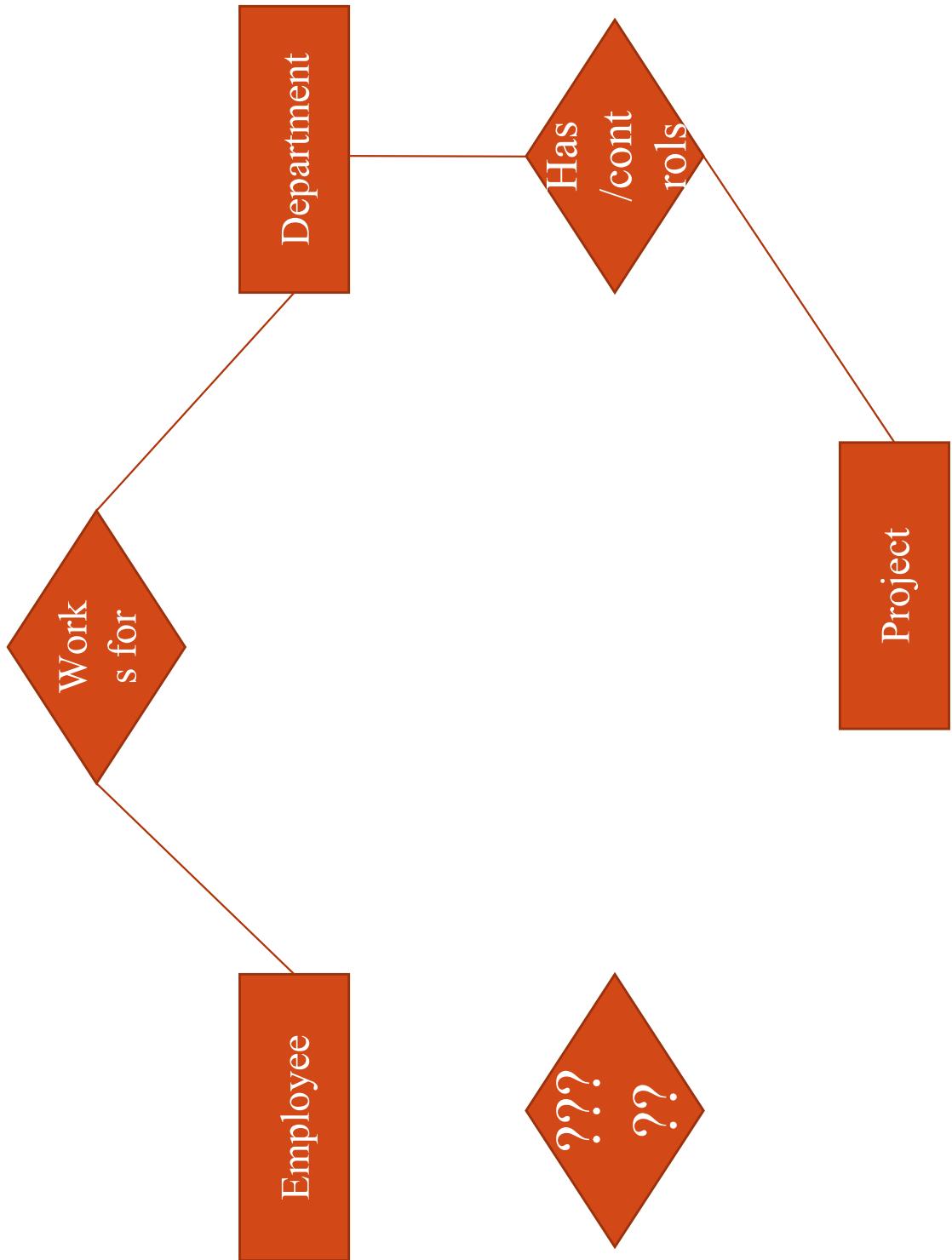
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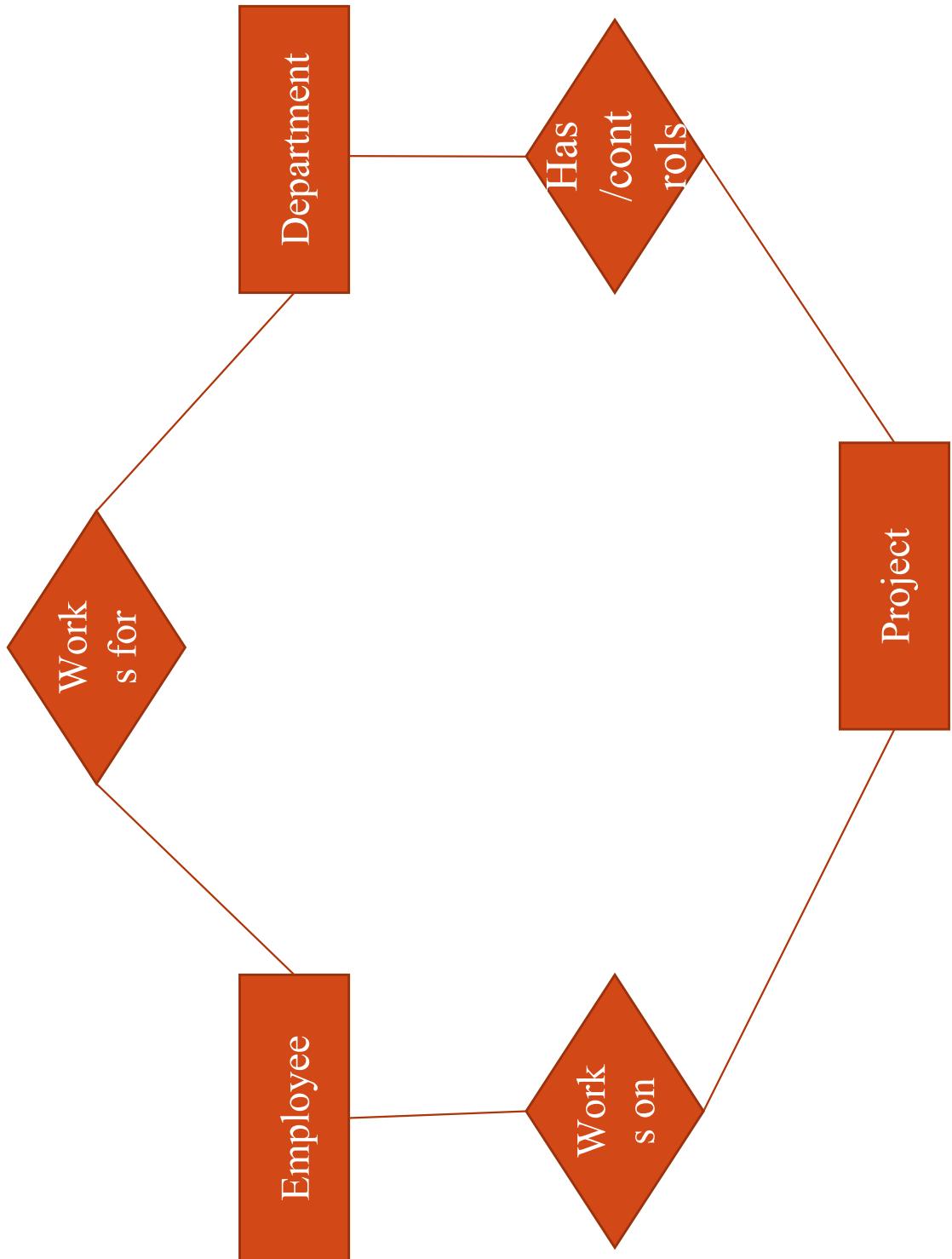




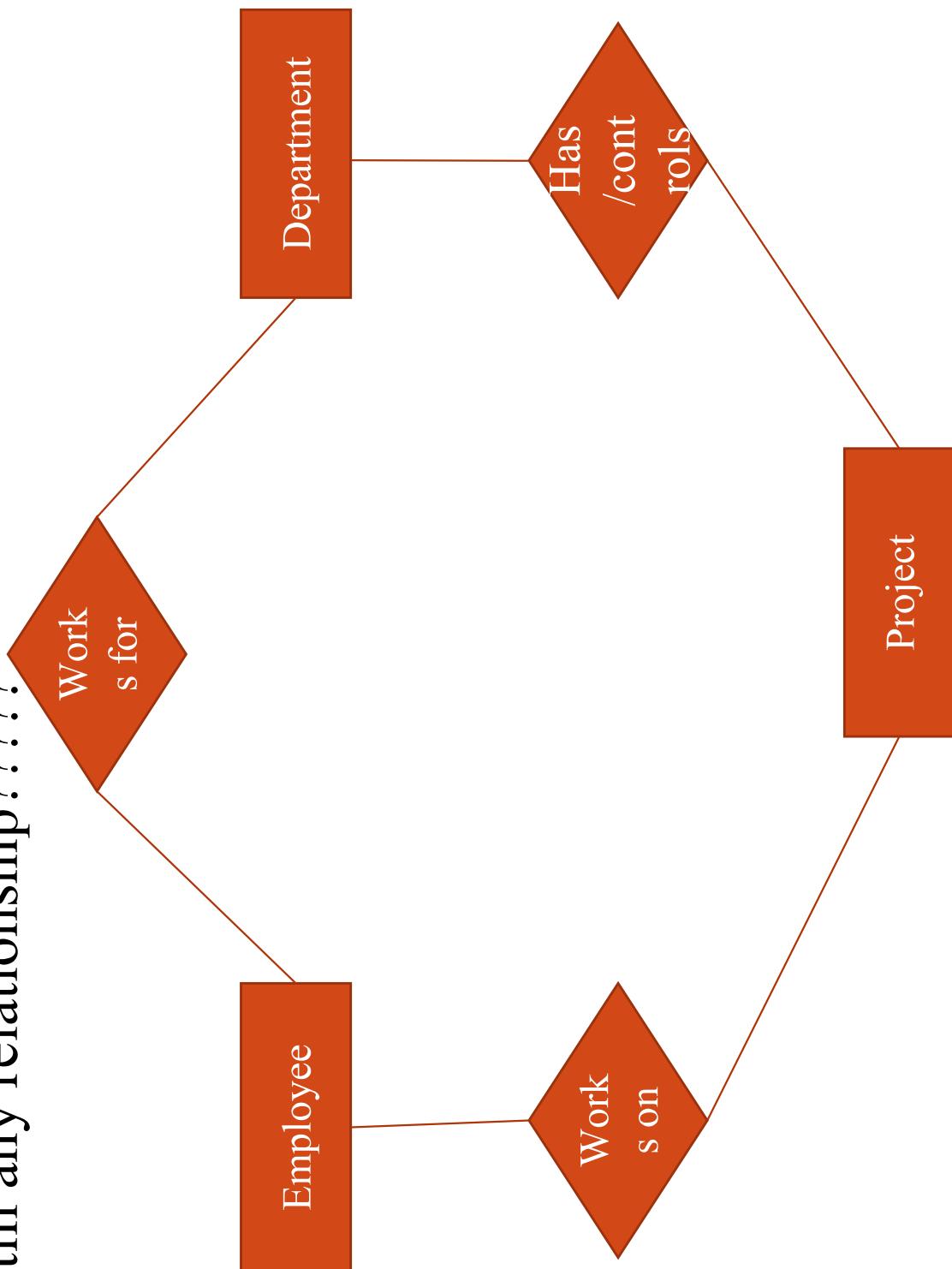




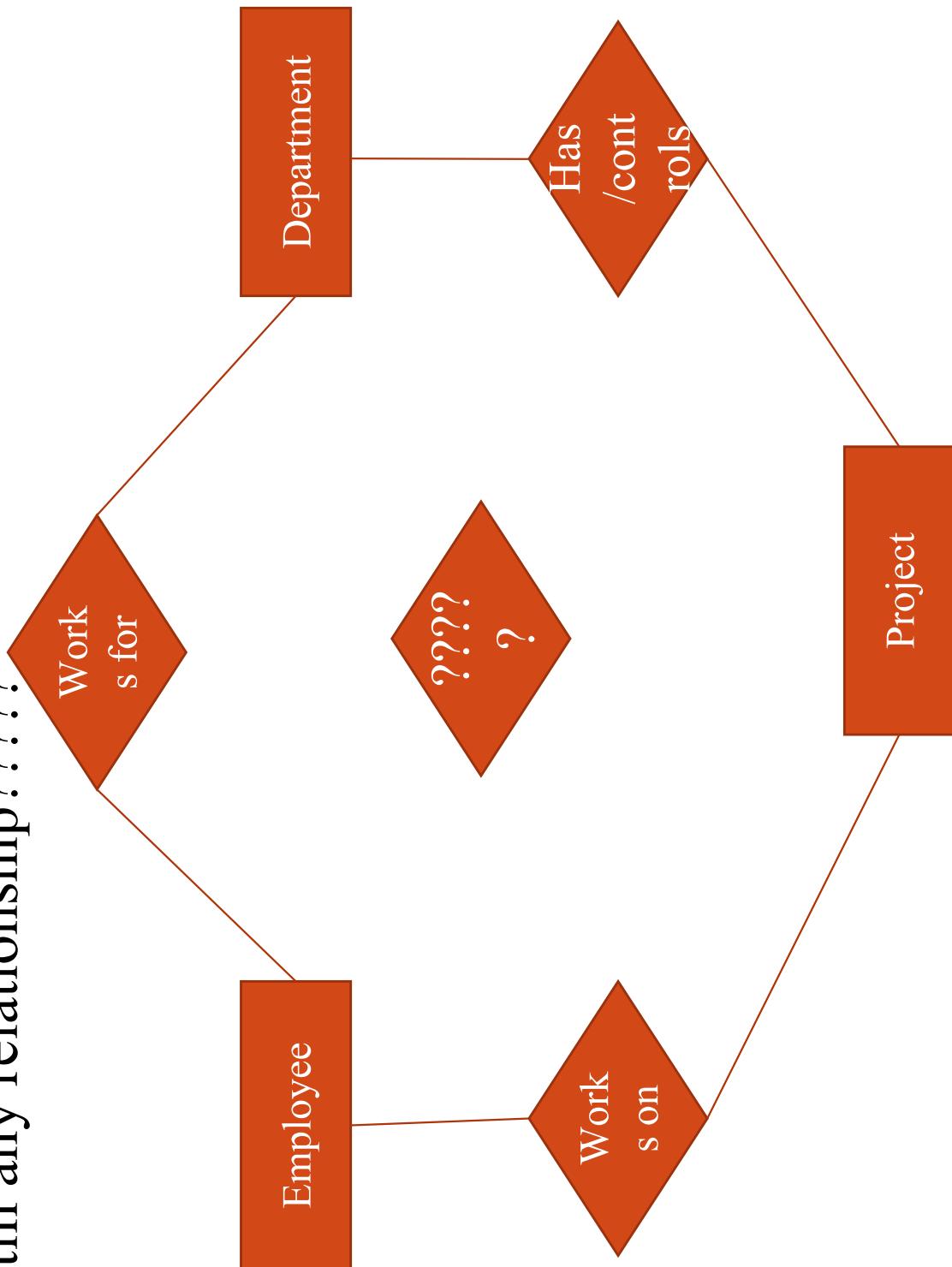


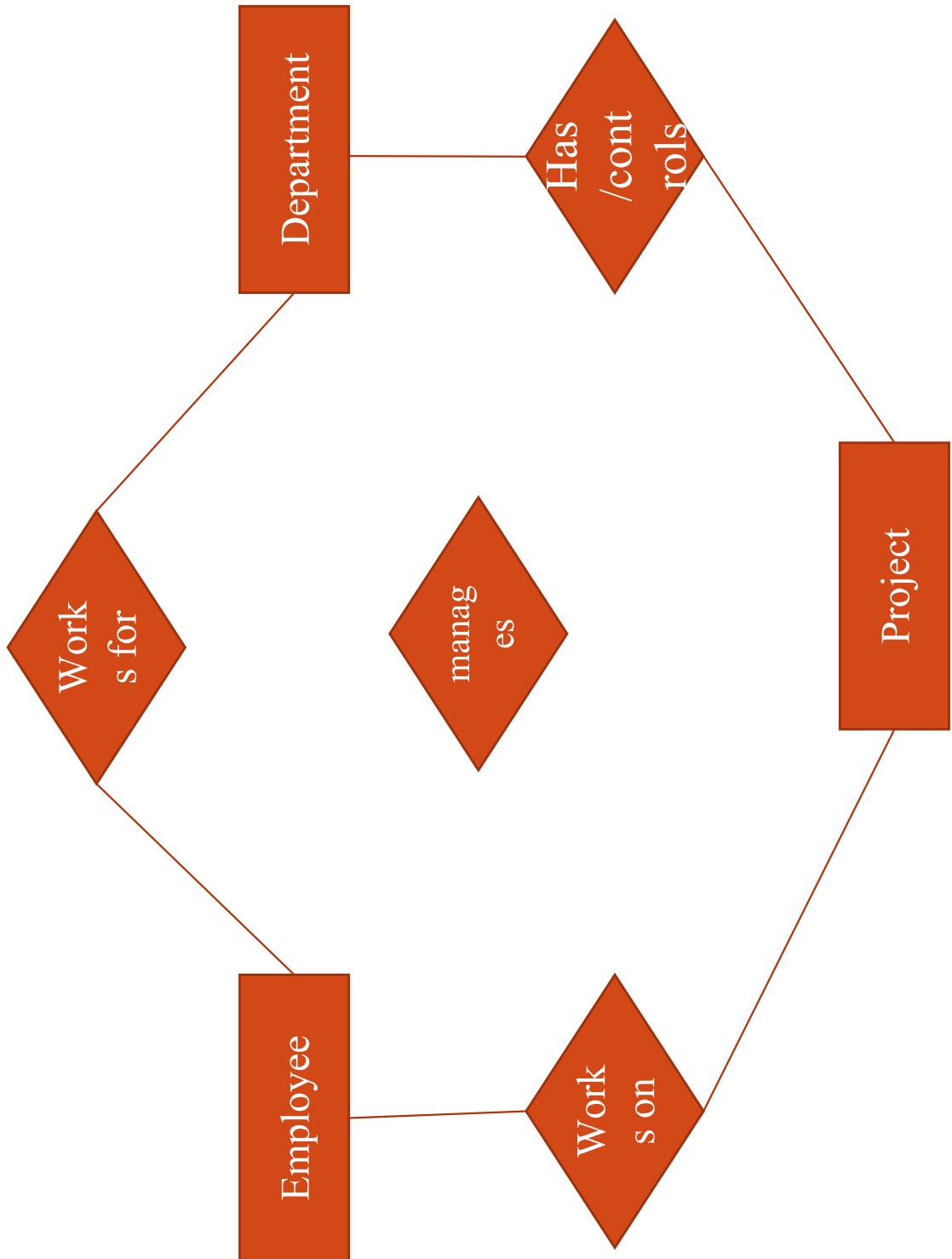


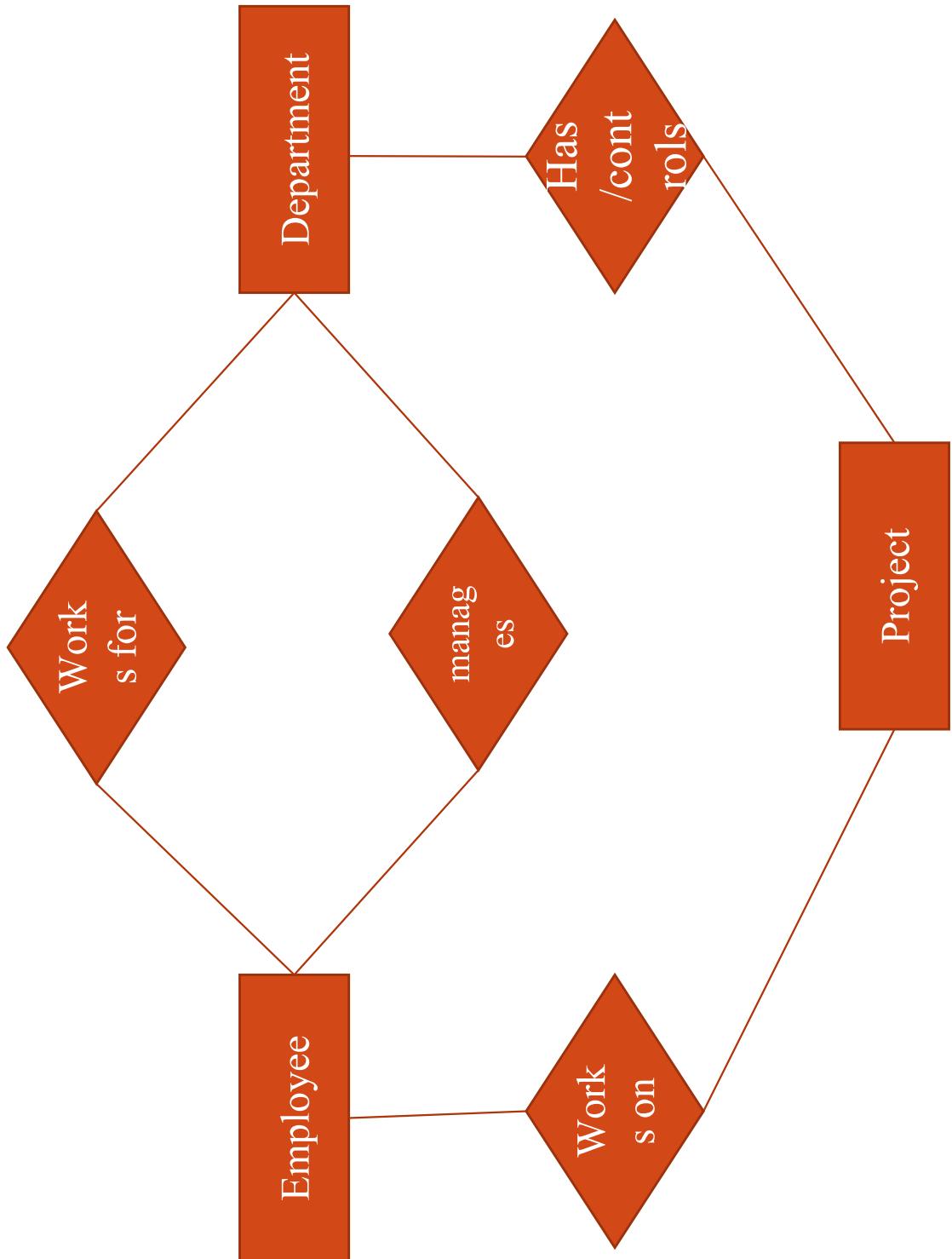
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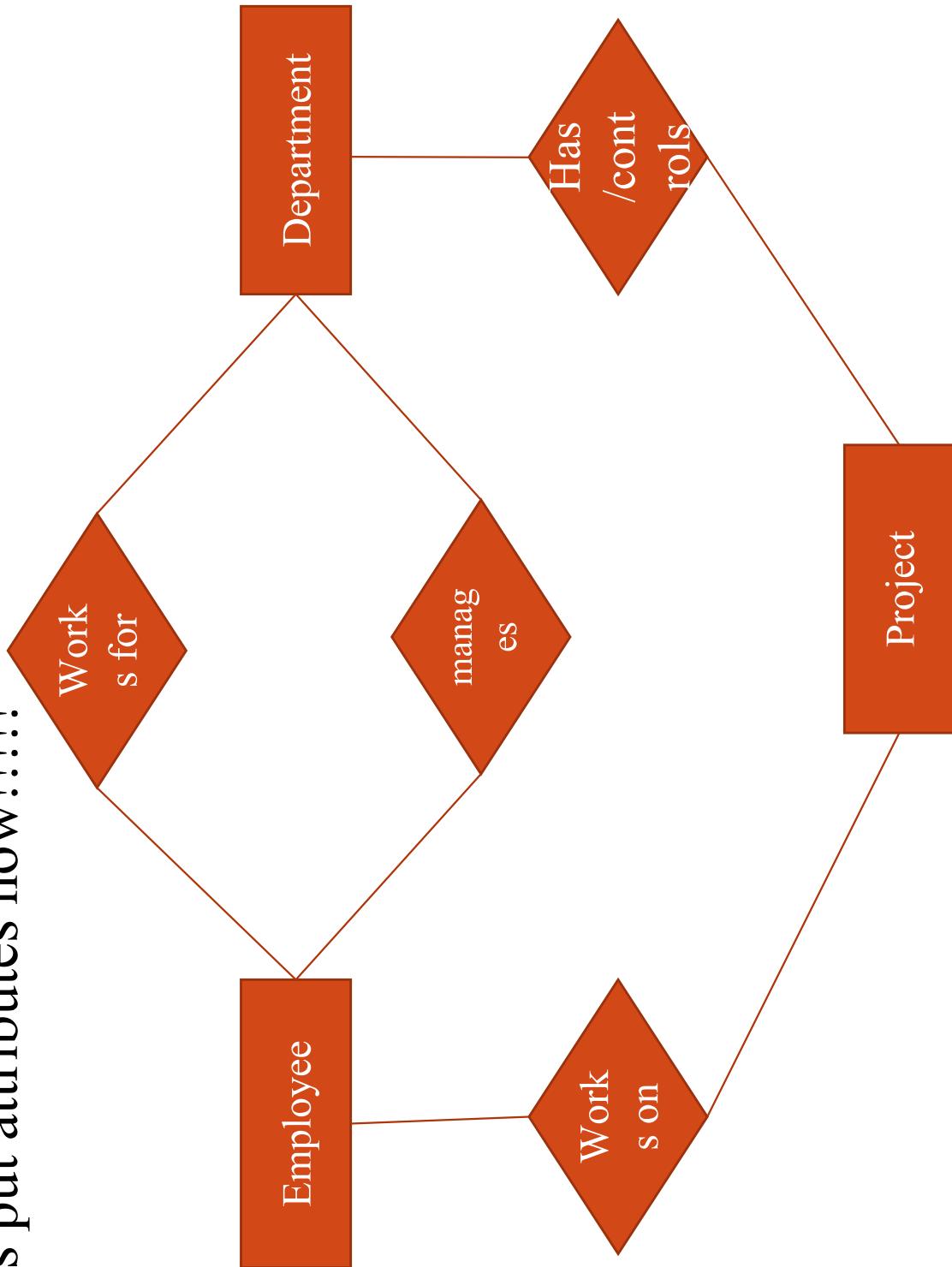
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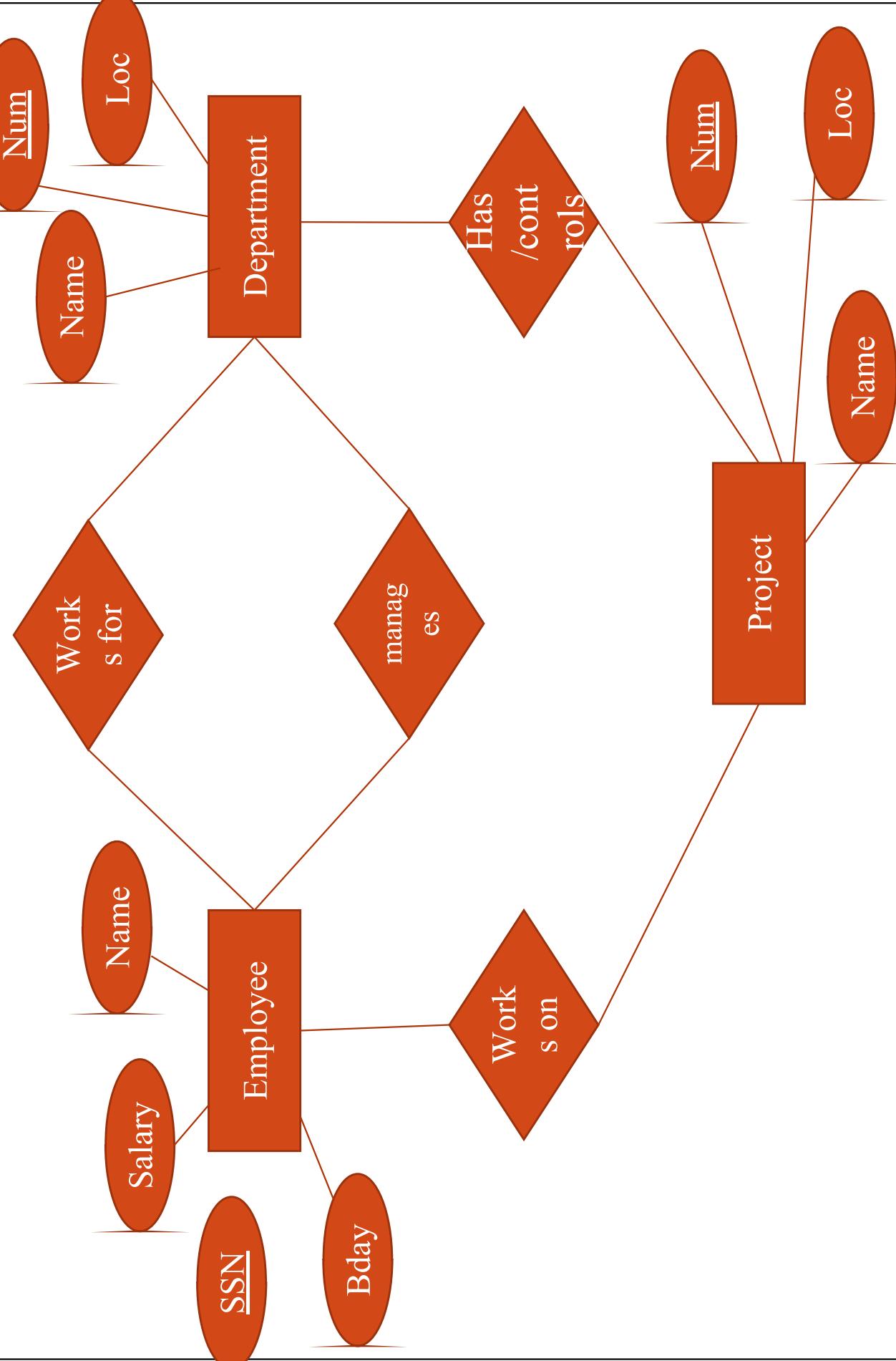




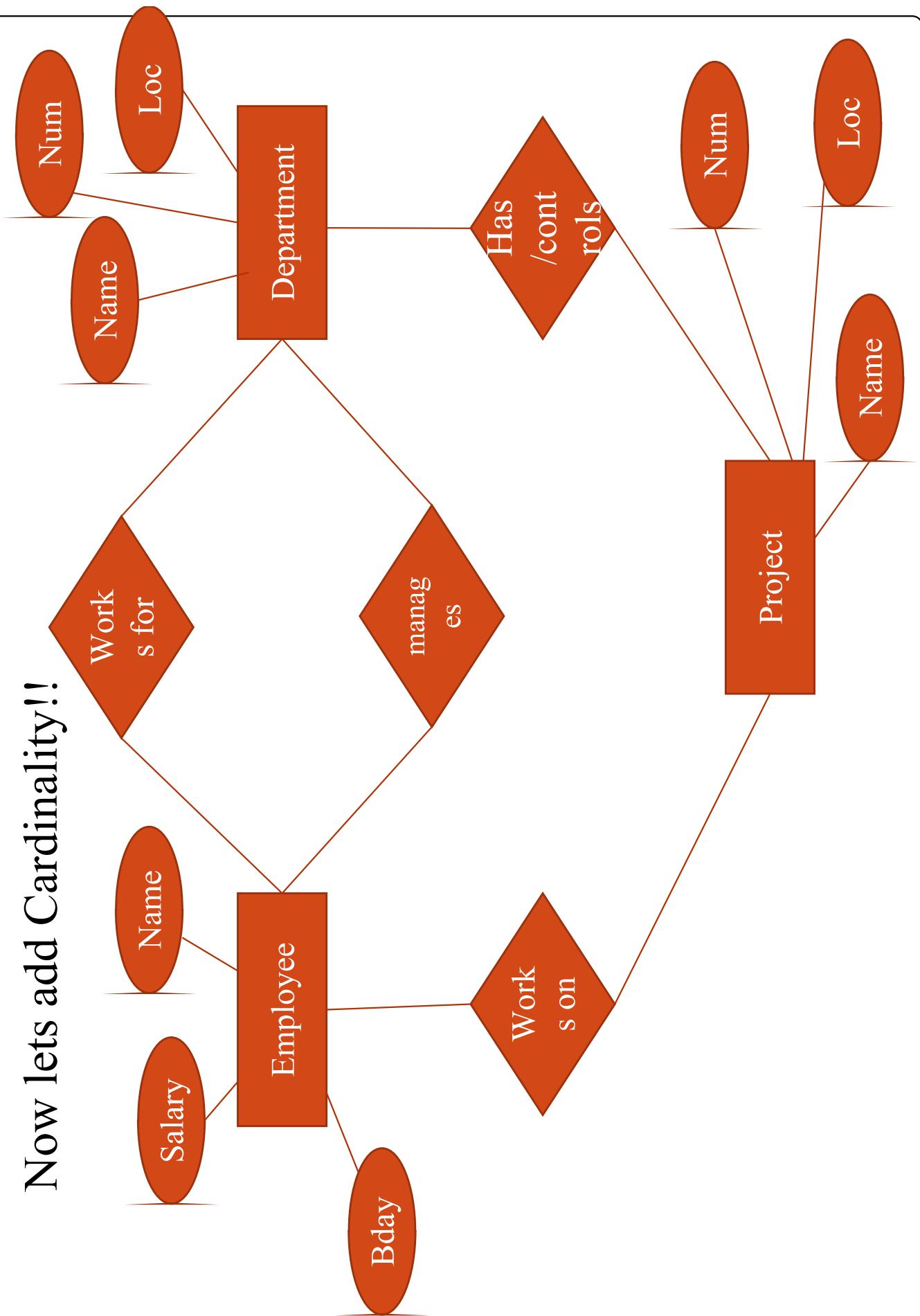


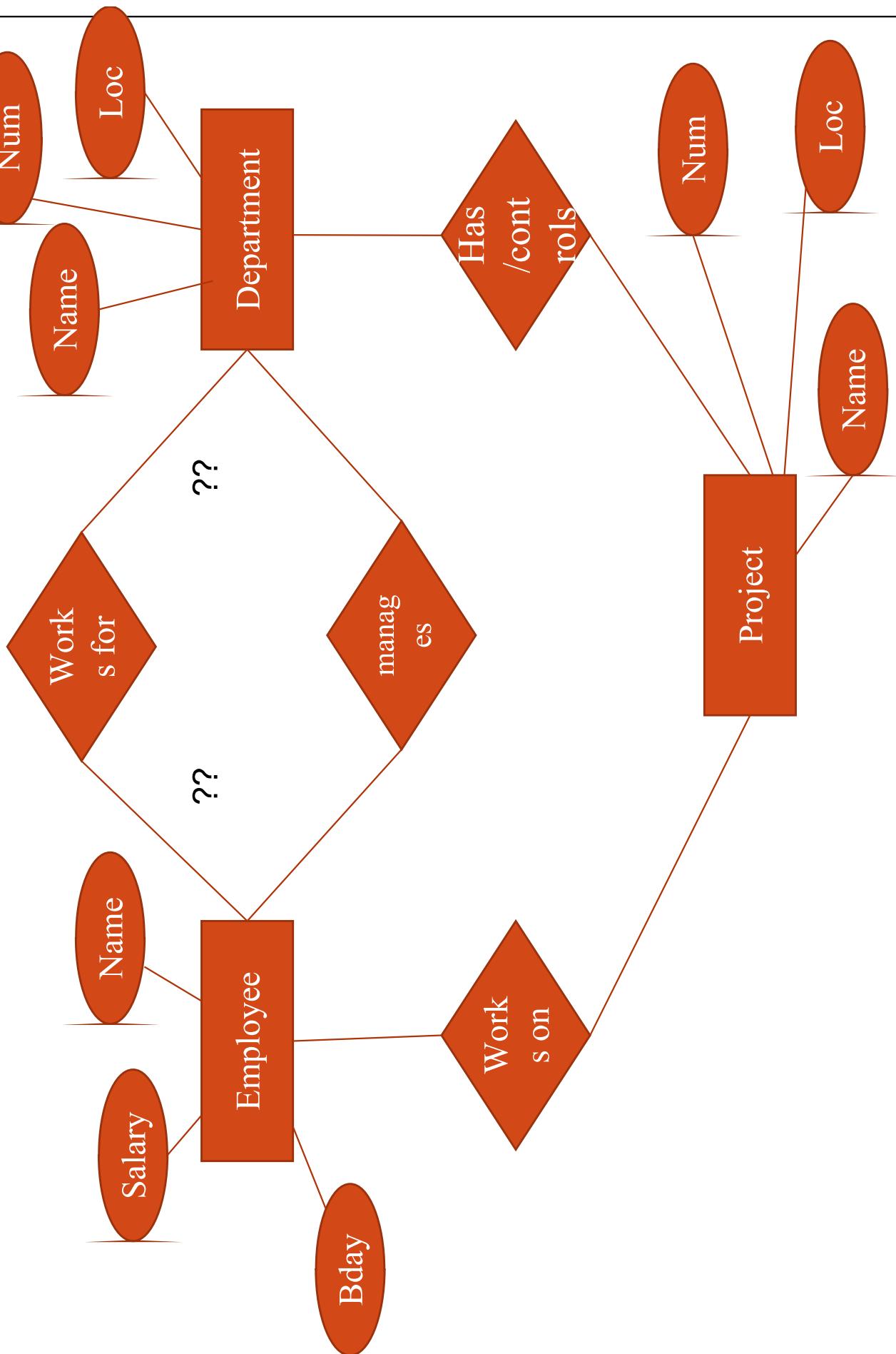
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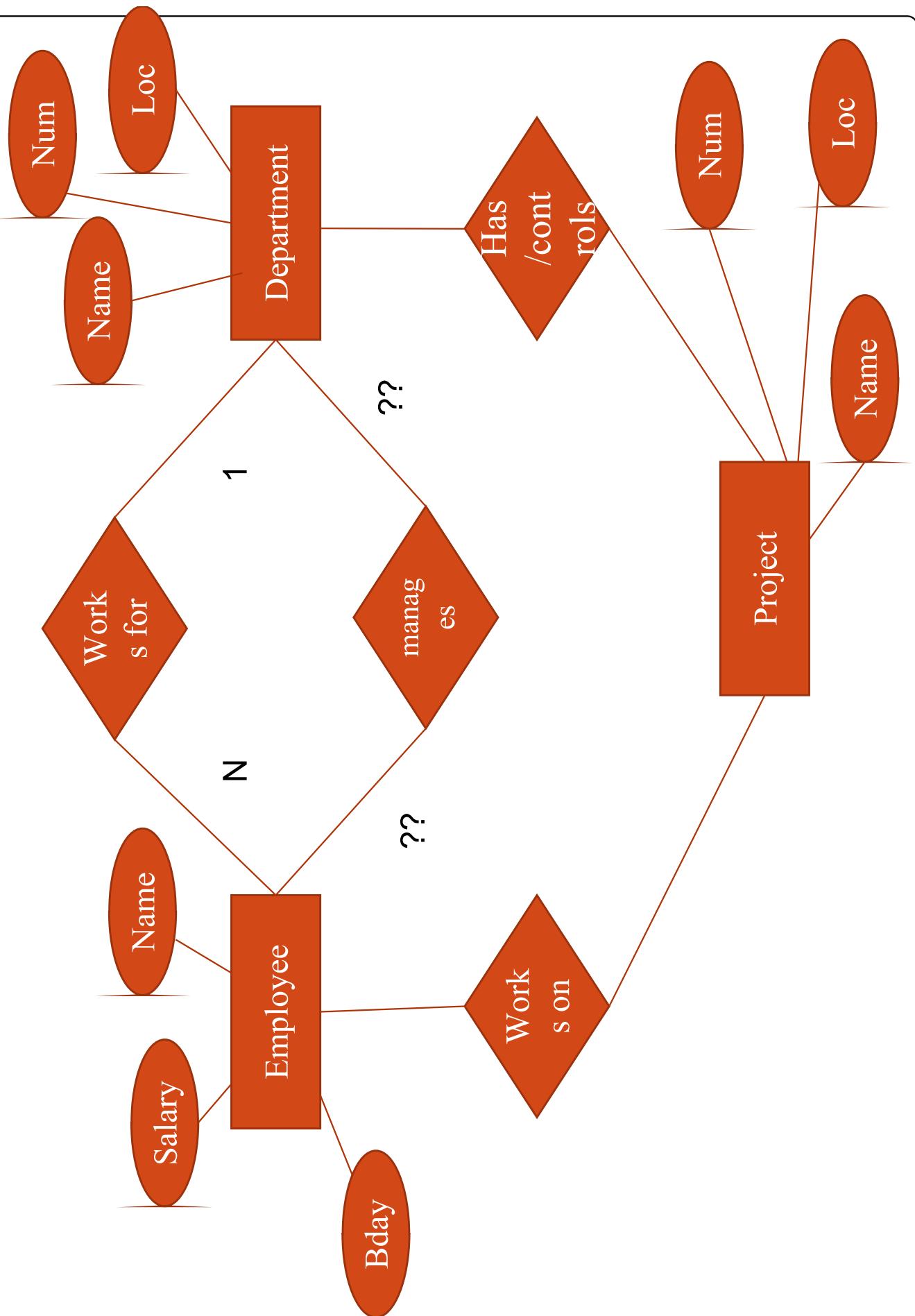


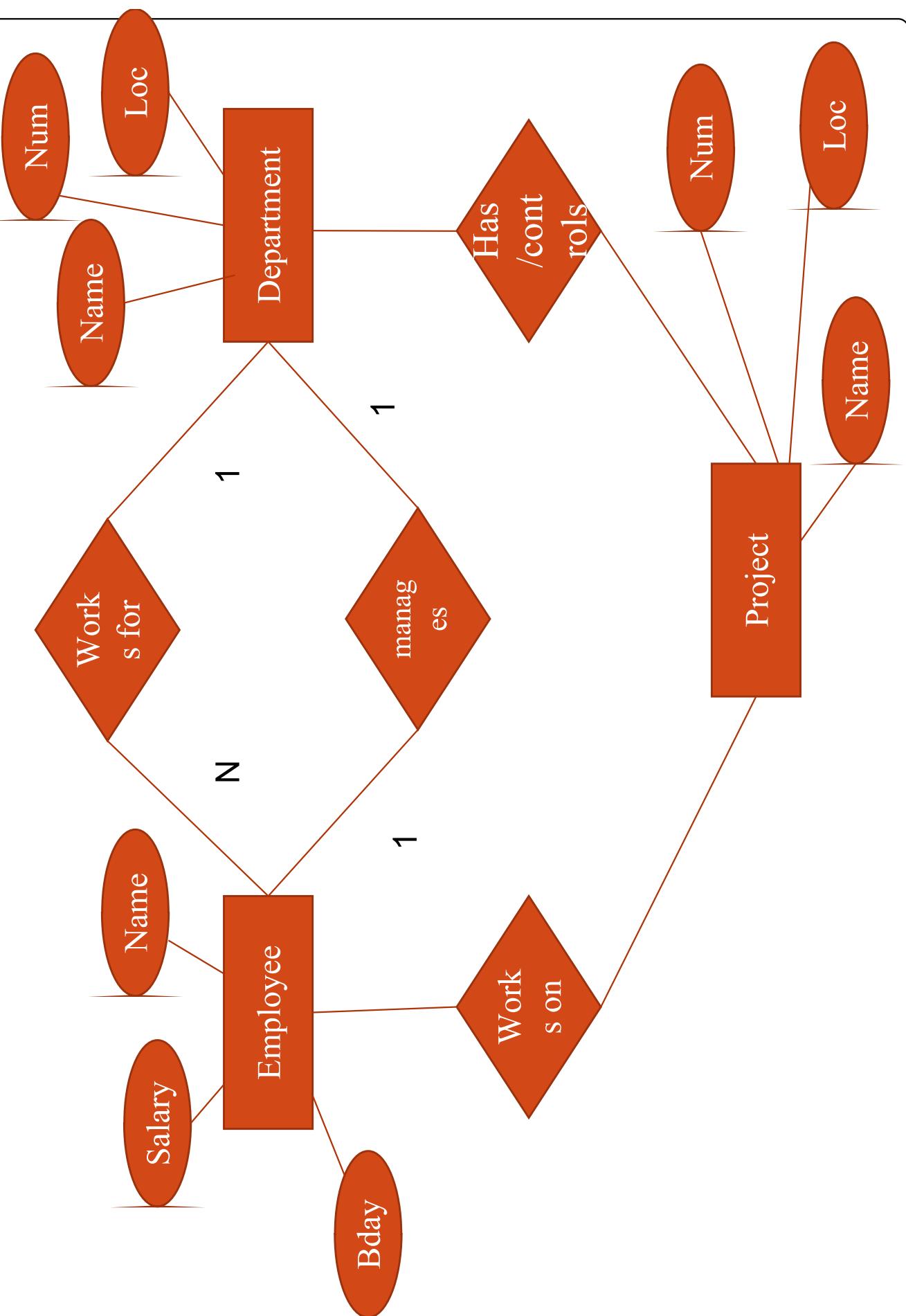


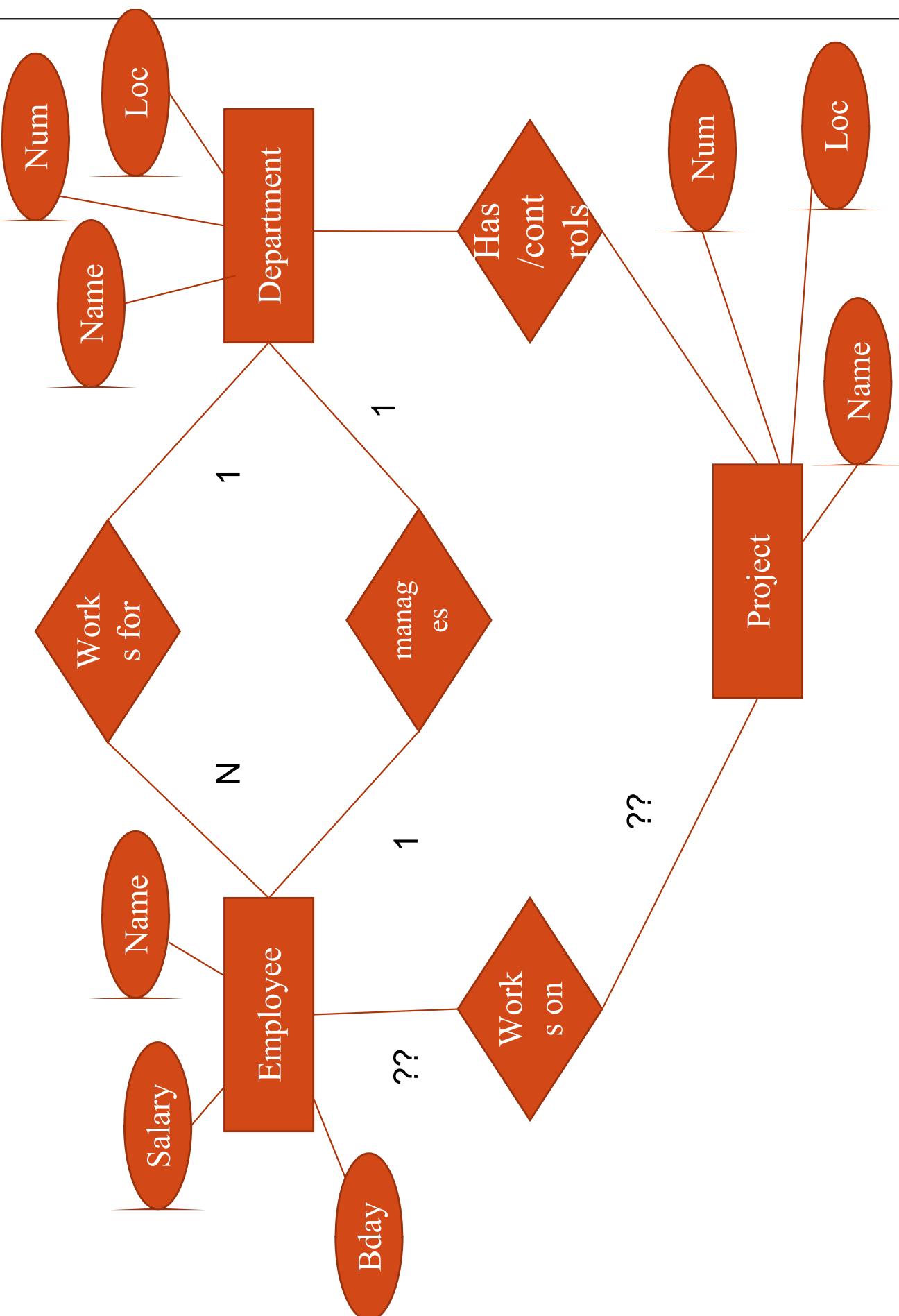
Now lets add Cardinality!!

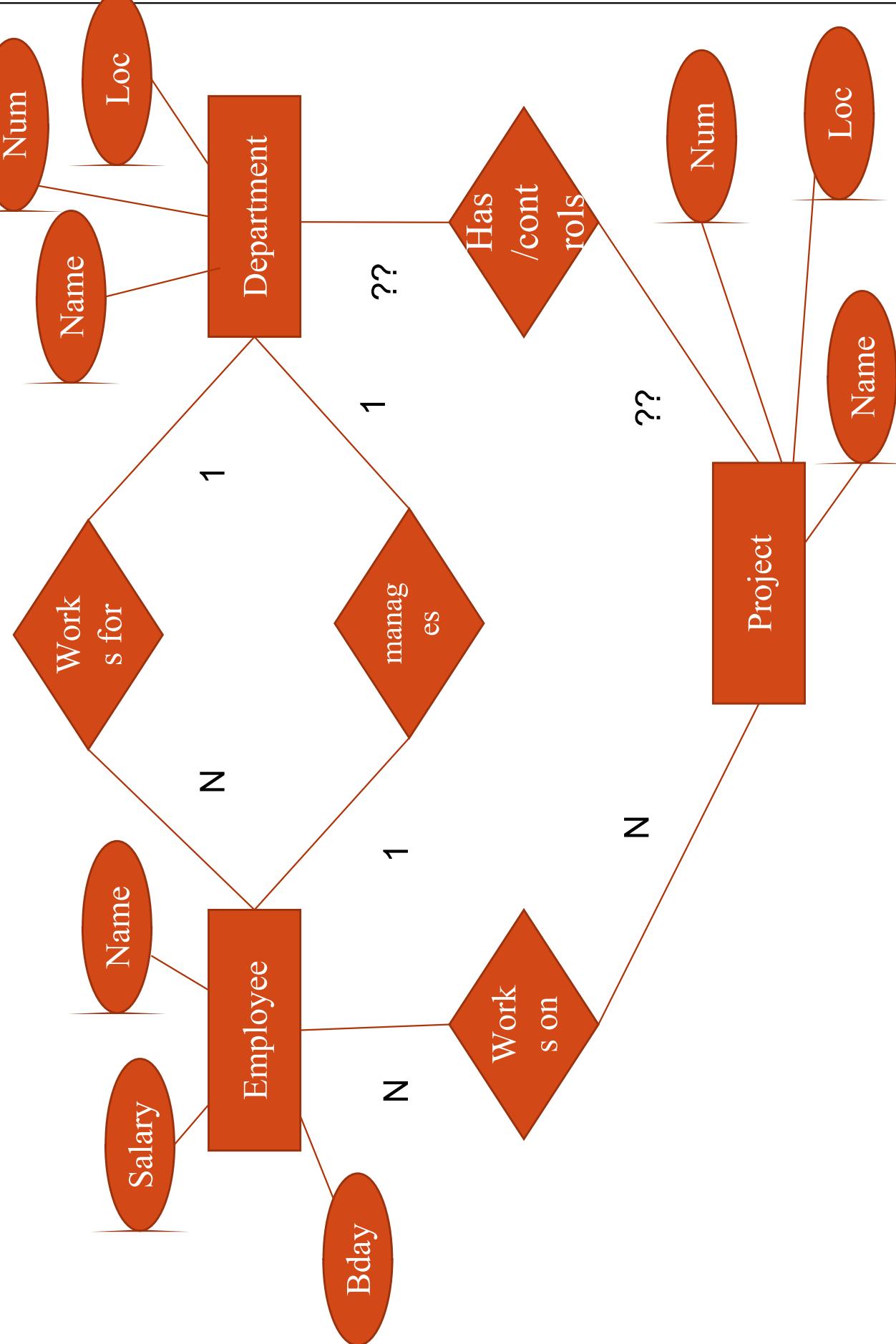


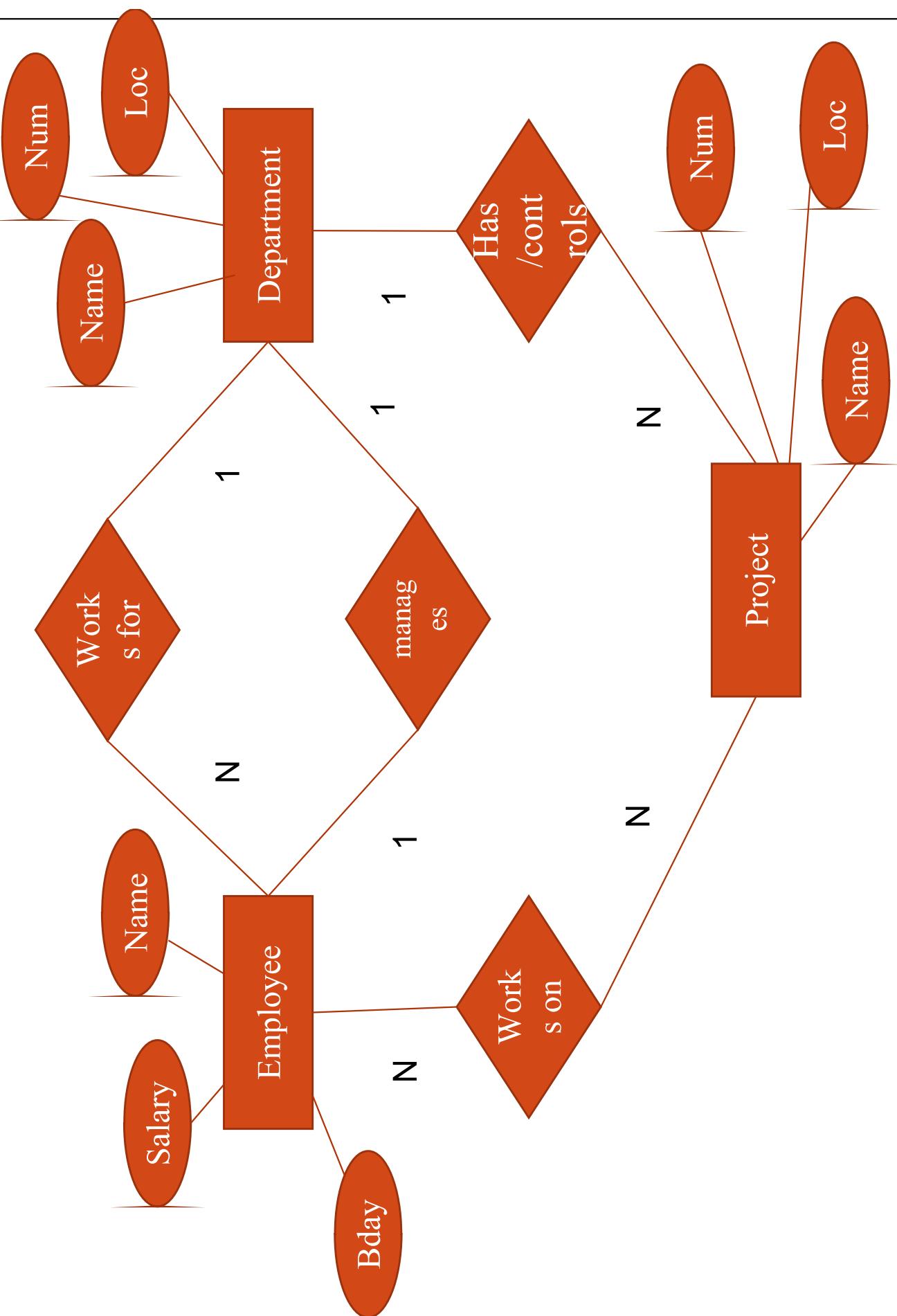


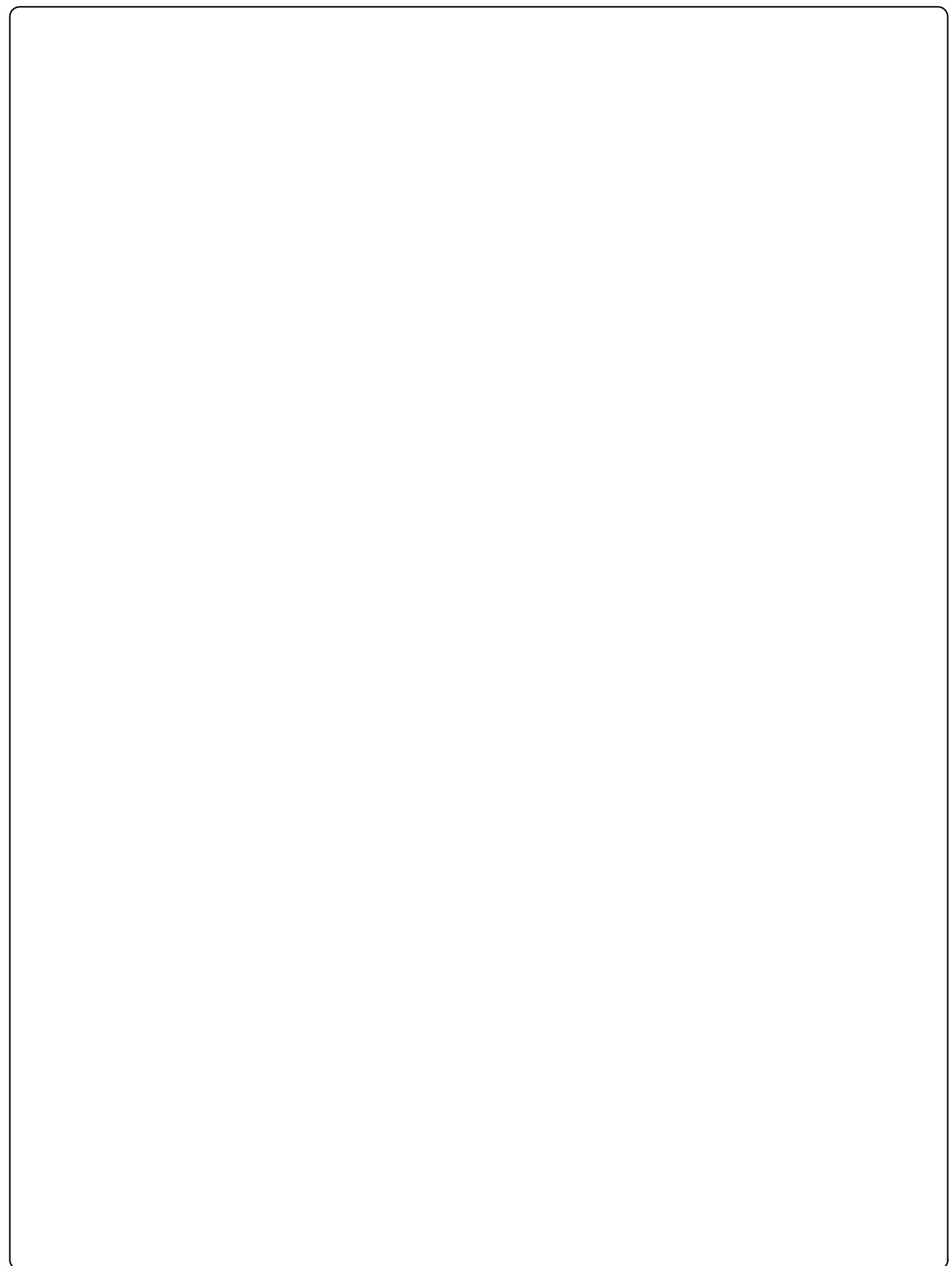












Understood just the basics at least  
???????

Lets try one more now!!!

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- Identify the entities!!!!!!

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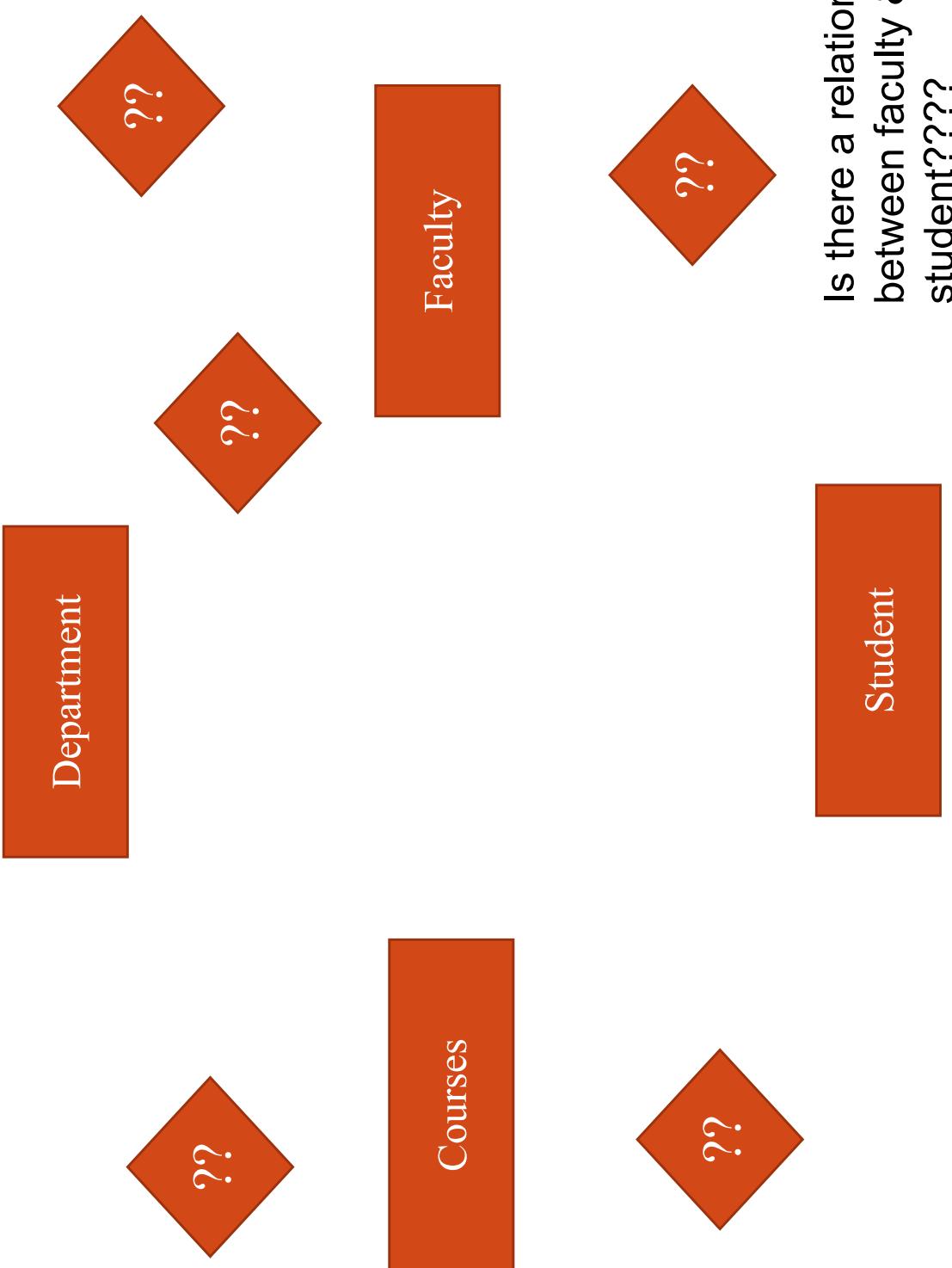
- Draw an ER Diagram for College Database!!!!
- Identify the entities!!!!!!
  - Department
  - Courses
  - Faculty
  - Students

Department

Faculty

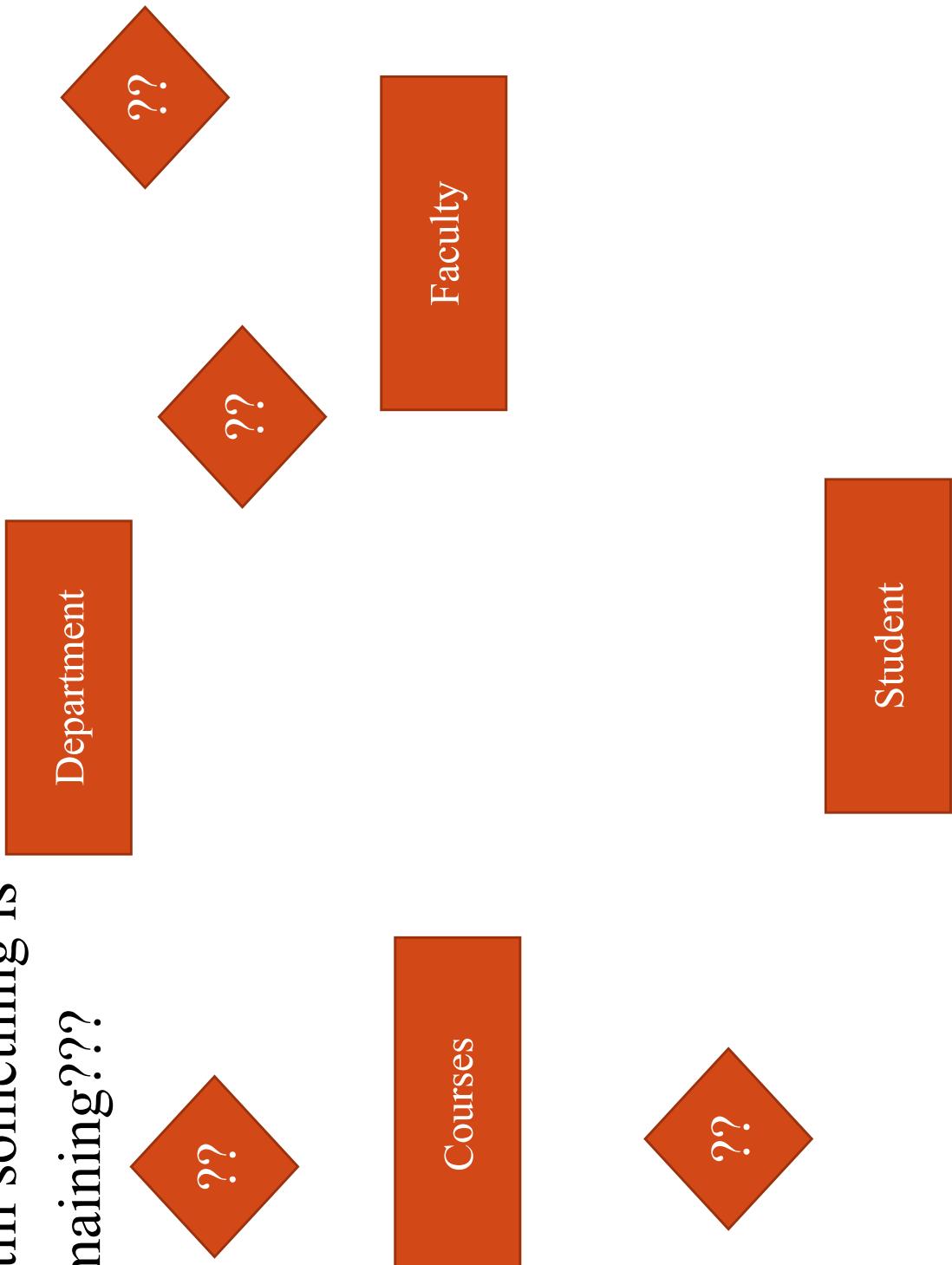
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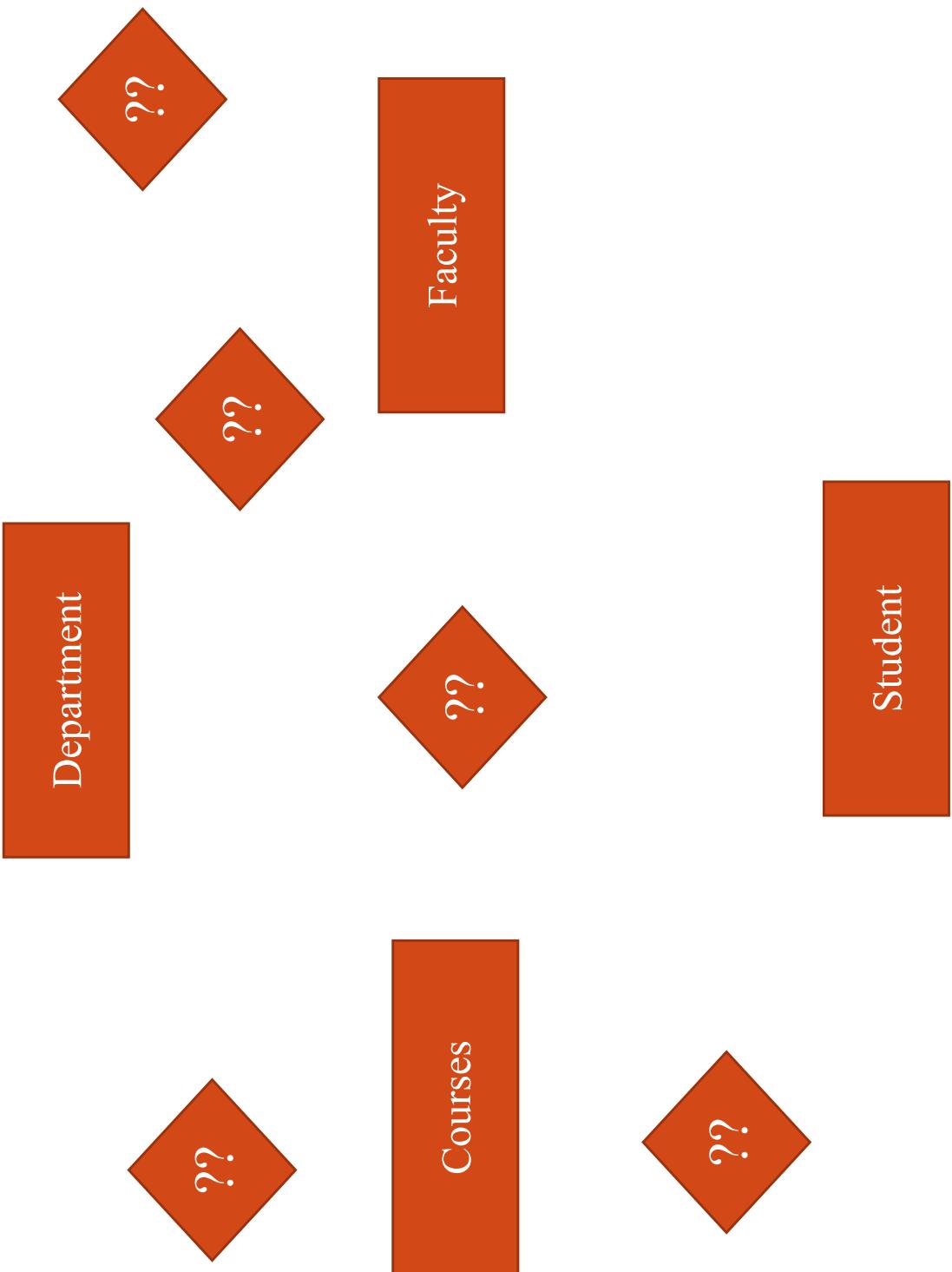
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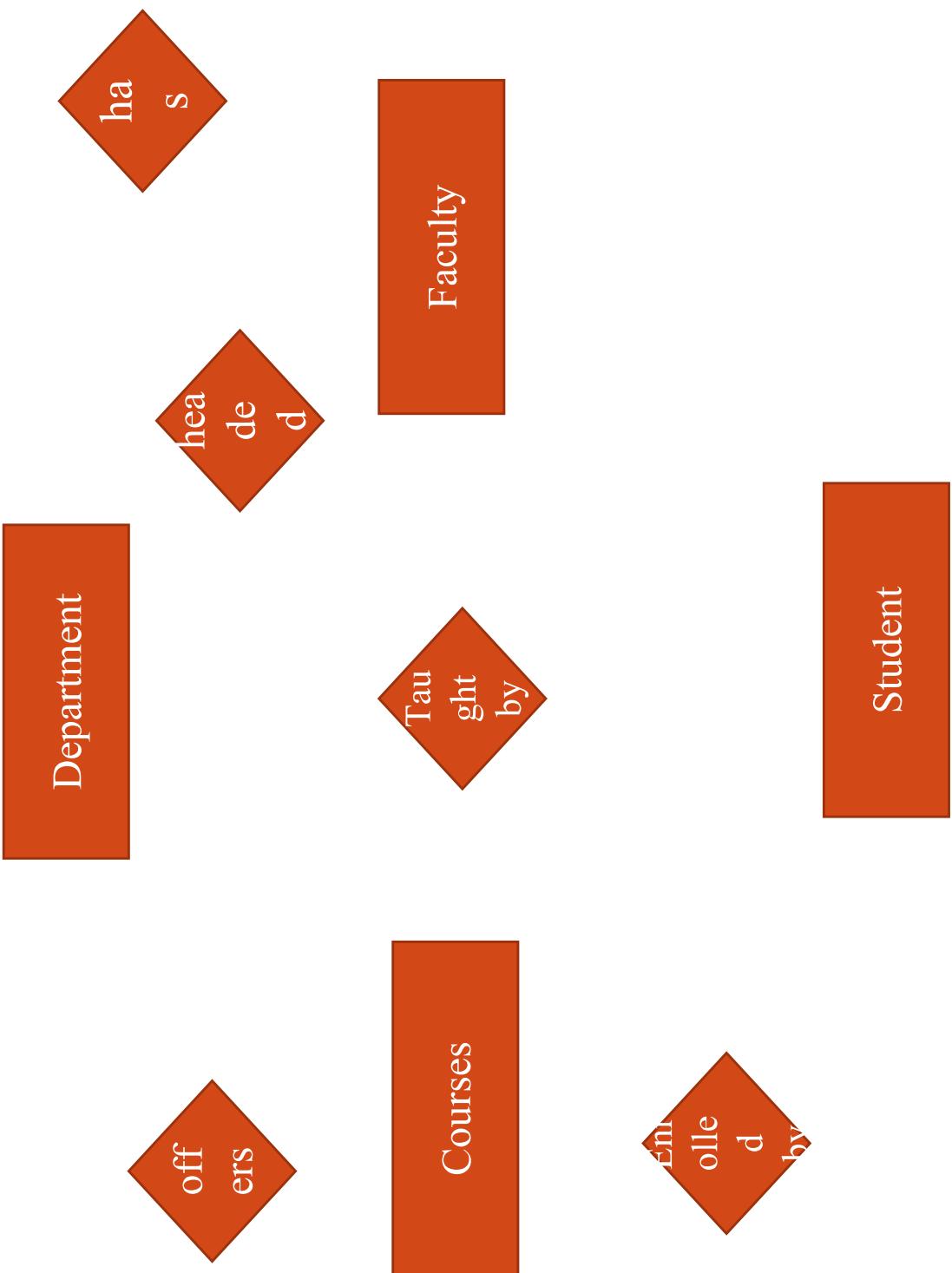


Is there a relation  
between faculty &  
student???

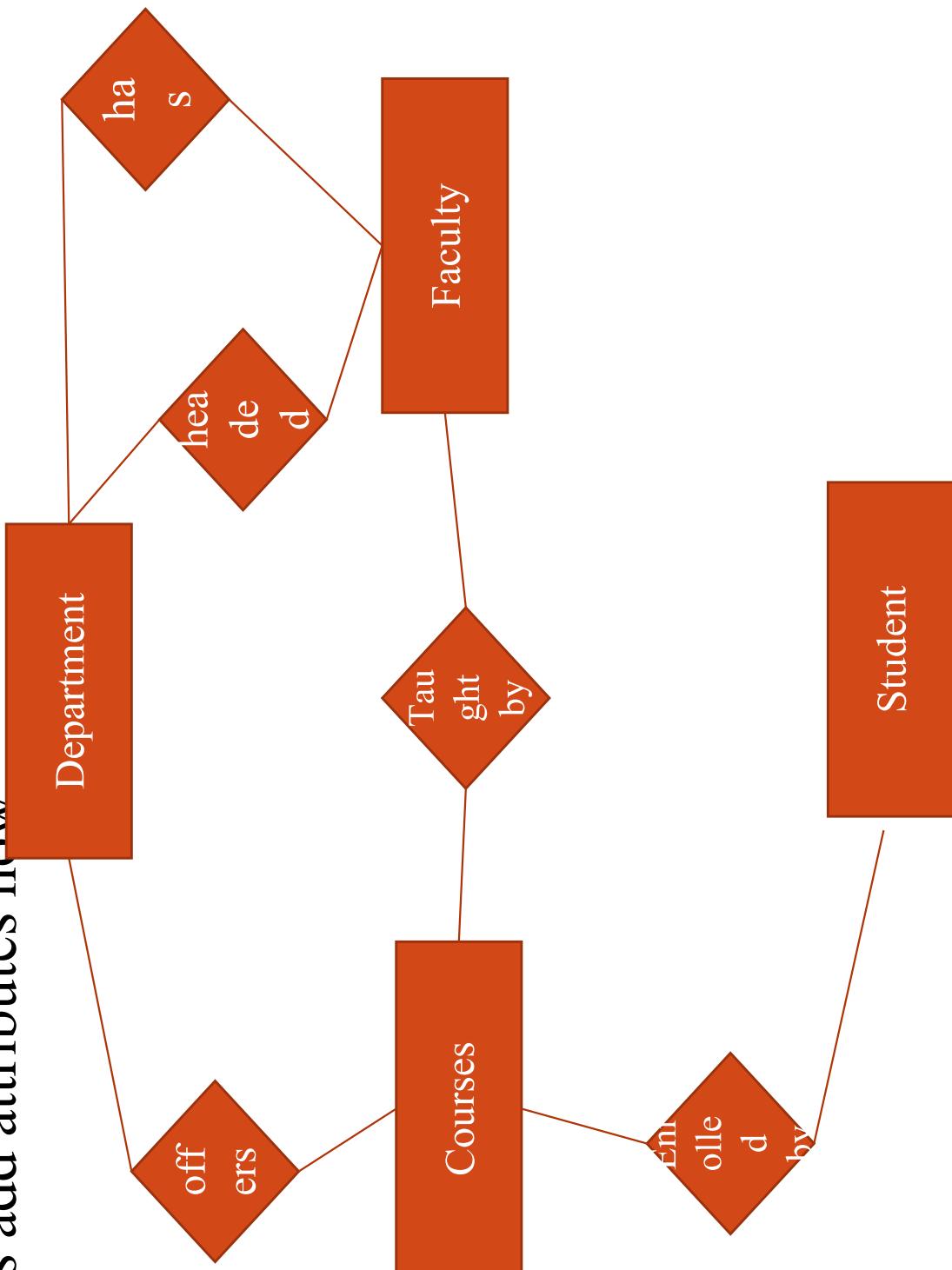
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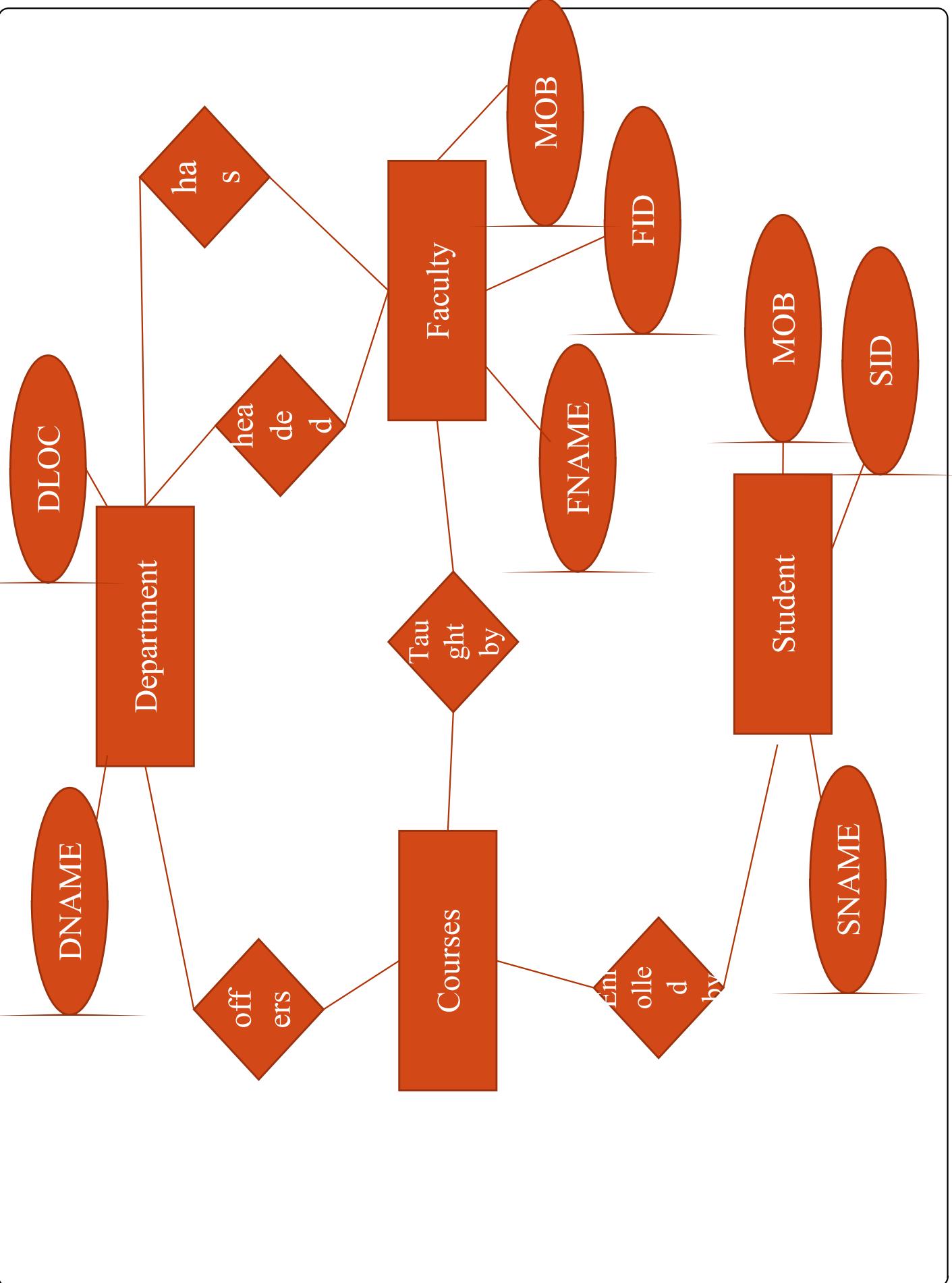




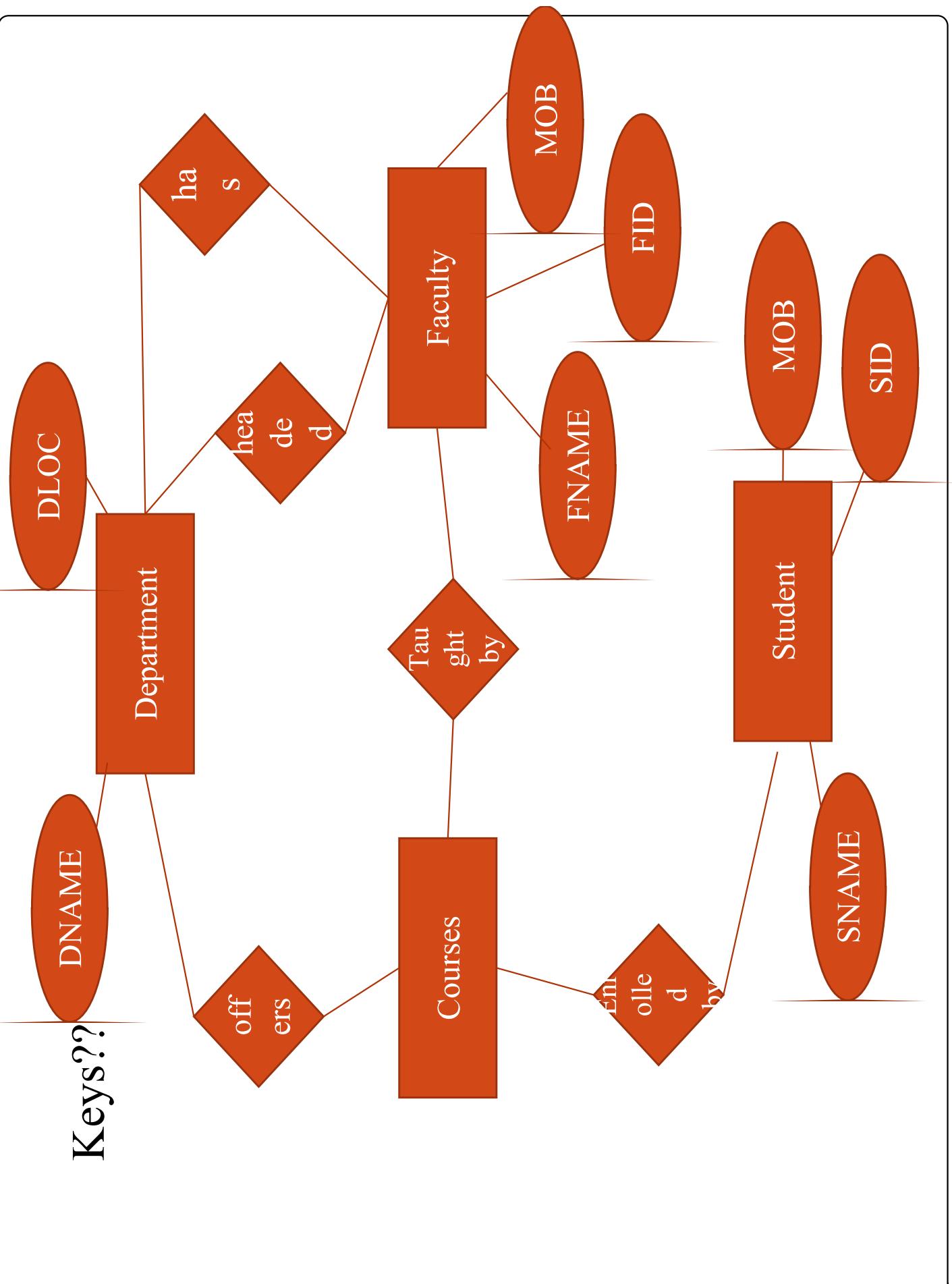


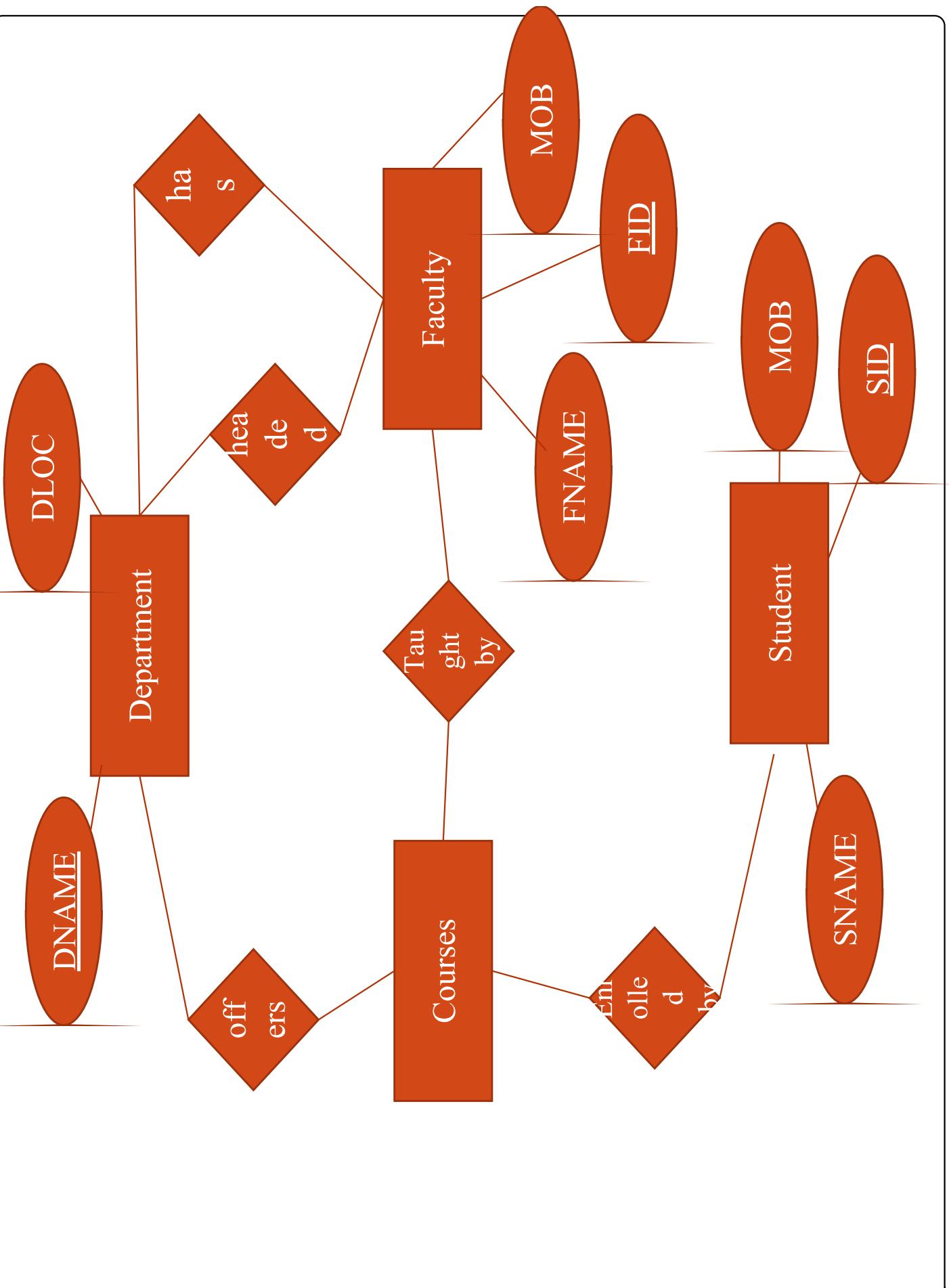
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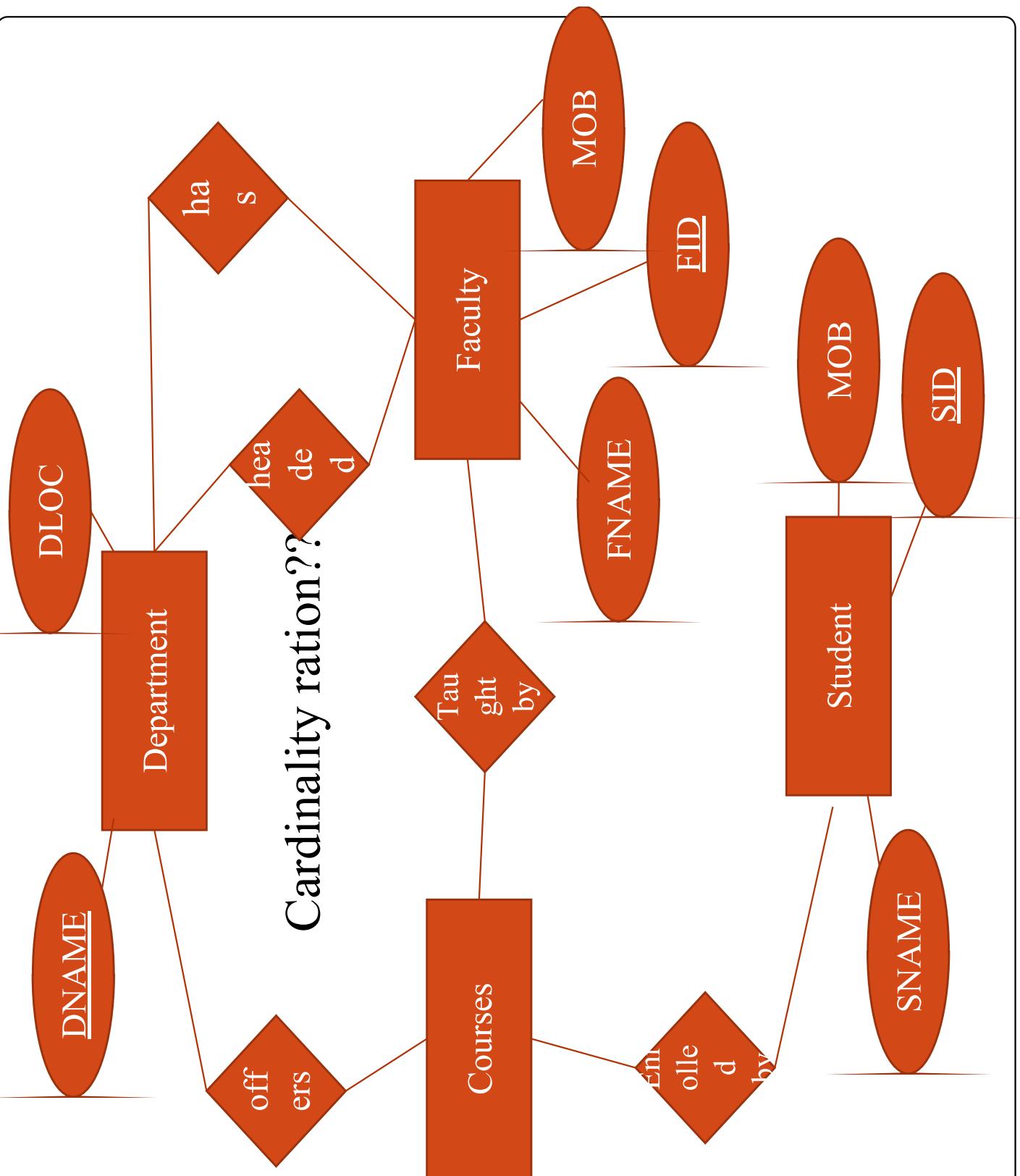


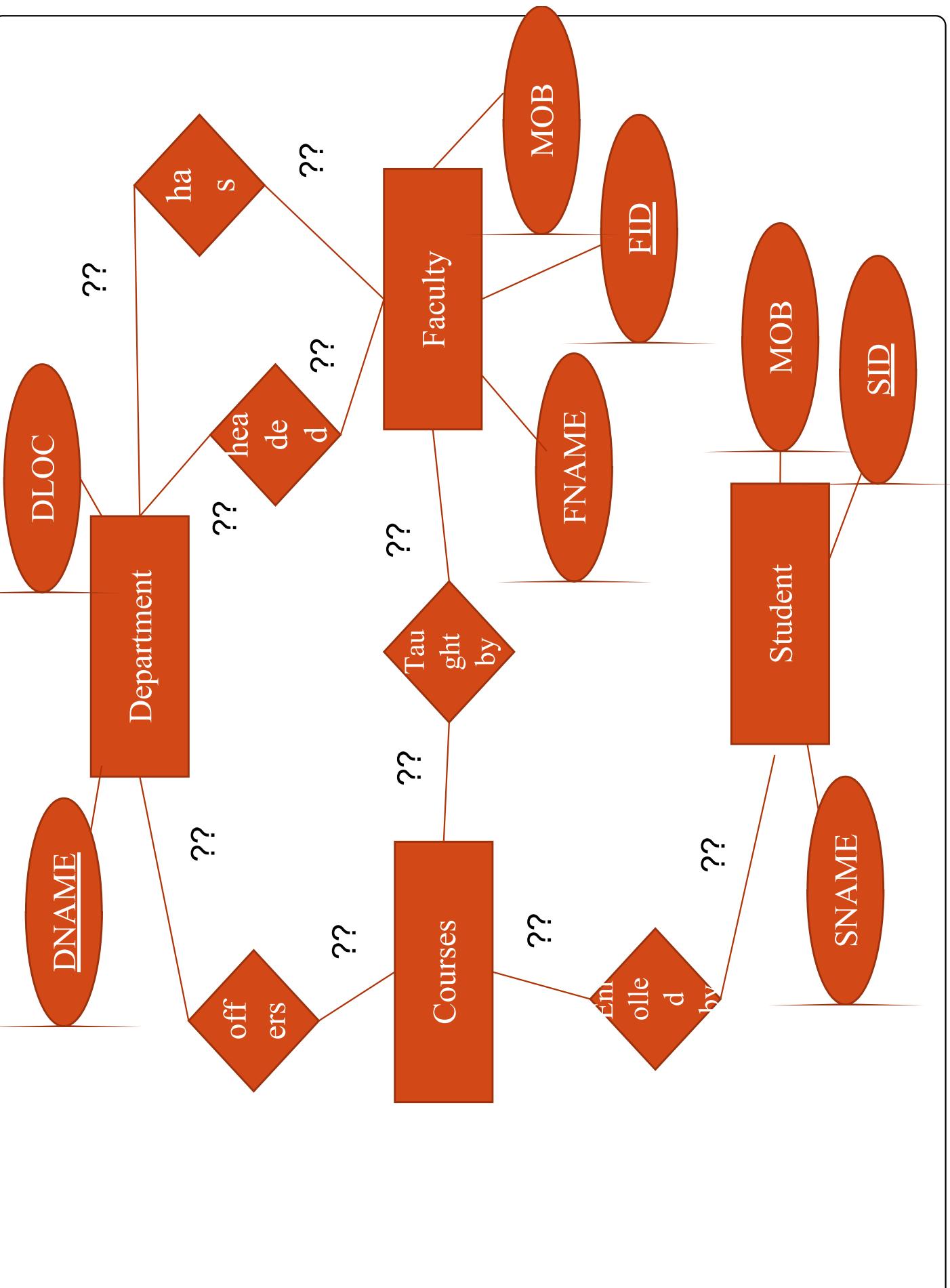
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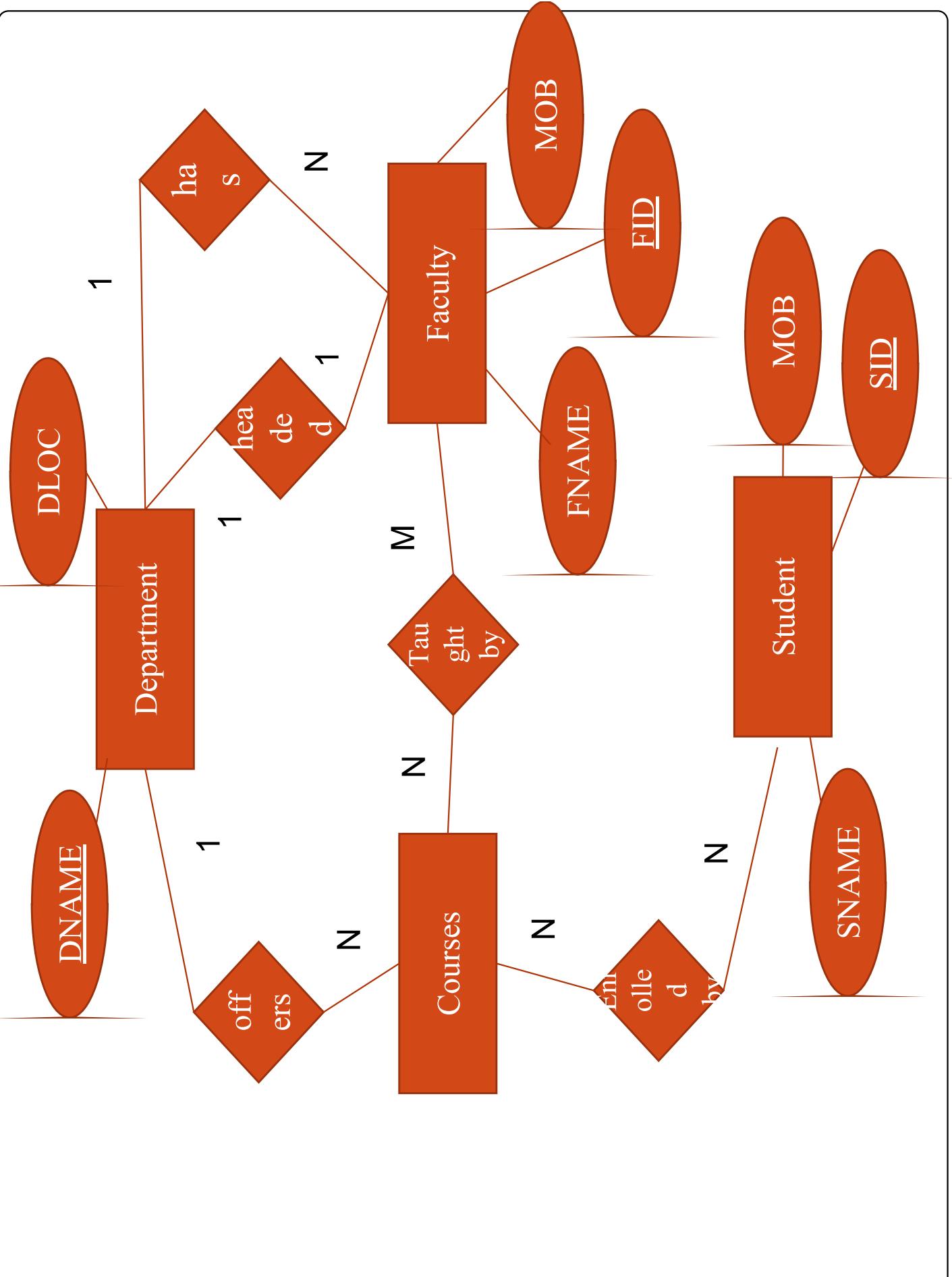




## Cardinality ratios?







# Constructing an ER model

- Before beginning to draw the ER model, read the requirements specification carefully. Document any assumptions you need to make
1. **Identify entities** - list all potential entity types. These are the object of interest in the system. It is better to put too many entities in at this stage and then discard them later if necessary.

**2. Remove duplicate entities** - Ensure that they really separate entity types or just two names for the same thing.

Also do not include the system as an entity type  
e.g. if modelling a library, the entity types might be books, borrowers, etc.

**3. List the attributes of each entity** (all properties to describe the entity which are relevant to the application).

- Ensure that the entity types are really needed.
- are any of them just attributes of another entity type?
- Do not have attributes of one entity as attributes of another entity!

**4. Mark the primary keys.**

- Which attributes uniquely identify instances of that entity type?
- This may not be possible for some weak entities.

**5. Define the relationships**

- Examine each entity type to see its relationship to the others.

**6. Describe the cardinality and optionality of the relationships**

- Examine the constraints between participating entities.

**7. Remove redundant relationships**

- Examine the ER model for redundant relationships

# ER Diagram for Bus Database

- Entities.....

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- Entities.....
- **Bus** - Company owns busses and will hold information about them.
- **Route** - Buses travel on routes and will need described.
- **Town** - Buses pass through towns and need to know about them
- **Driver** - Company employs drivers, personnel will hold their data.
- **Stage** - Routes are made up of stages
- **Garage** - Garage houses buses, and need to know where they are.

# ER Diagram for Bus Database

- Entities and attributes
- **Bus** -(b-no, b-name,b-colour,b-type)
- **Route** -(r-no,r-name,r-distance,r-type)
- **Town** -(t-name,t-loc)
- **Driver** -(d-no,d-name,d-age)
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- Some of the towns have a garage
- A bus is garaged in garage.

**Find out the relation words**

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Place the entities

BUS

ROUTE

GARAGE

STAGE

TOWN

DRIVER

Place the entities.. Add relations

ROUTE

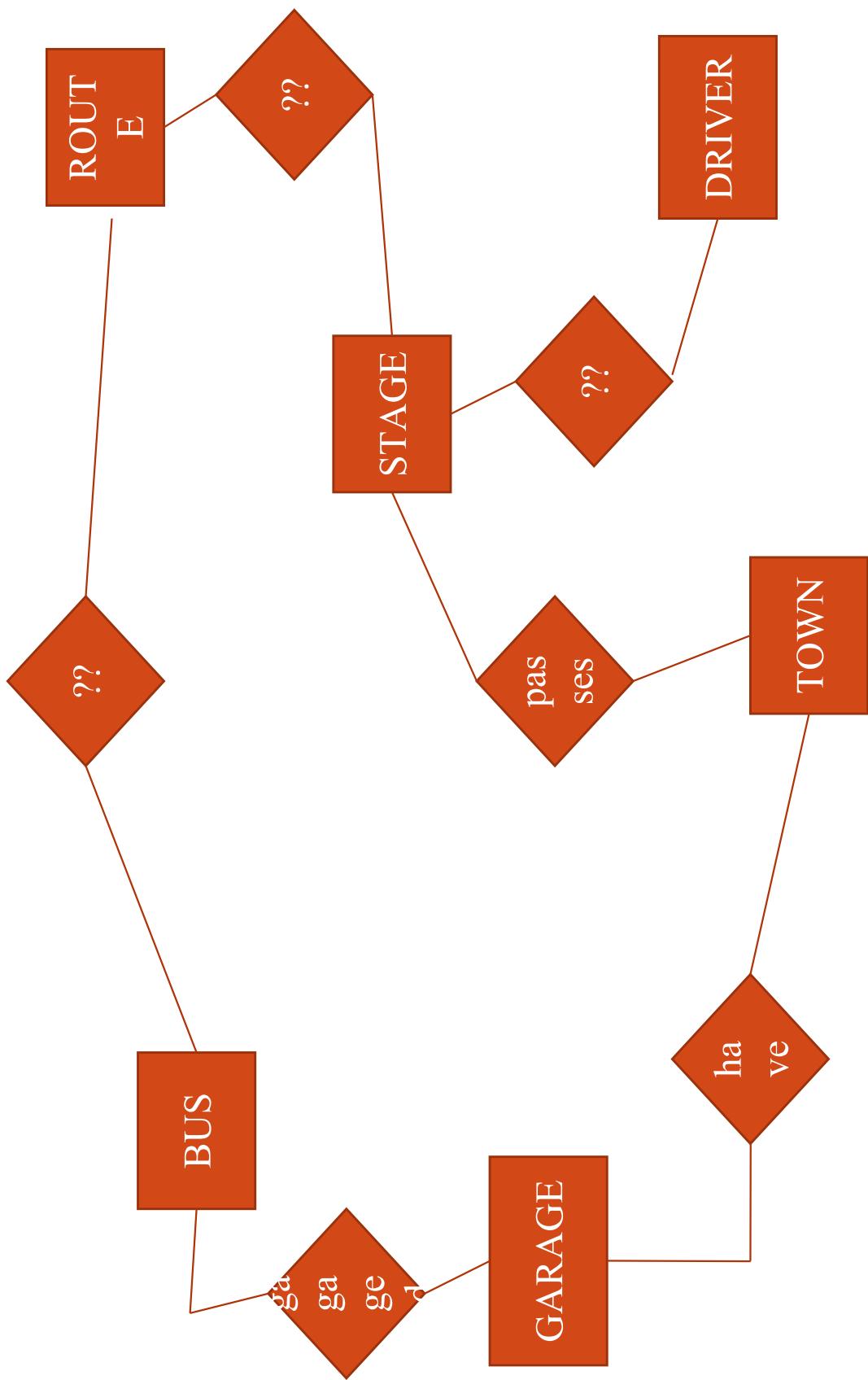
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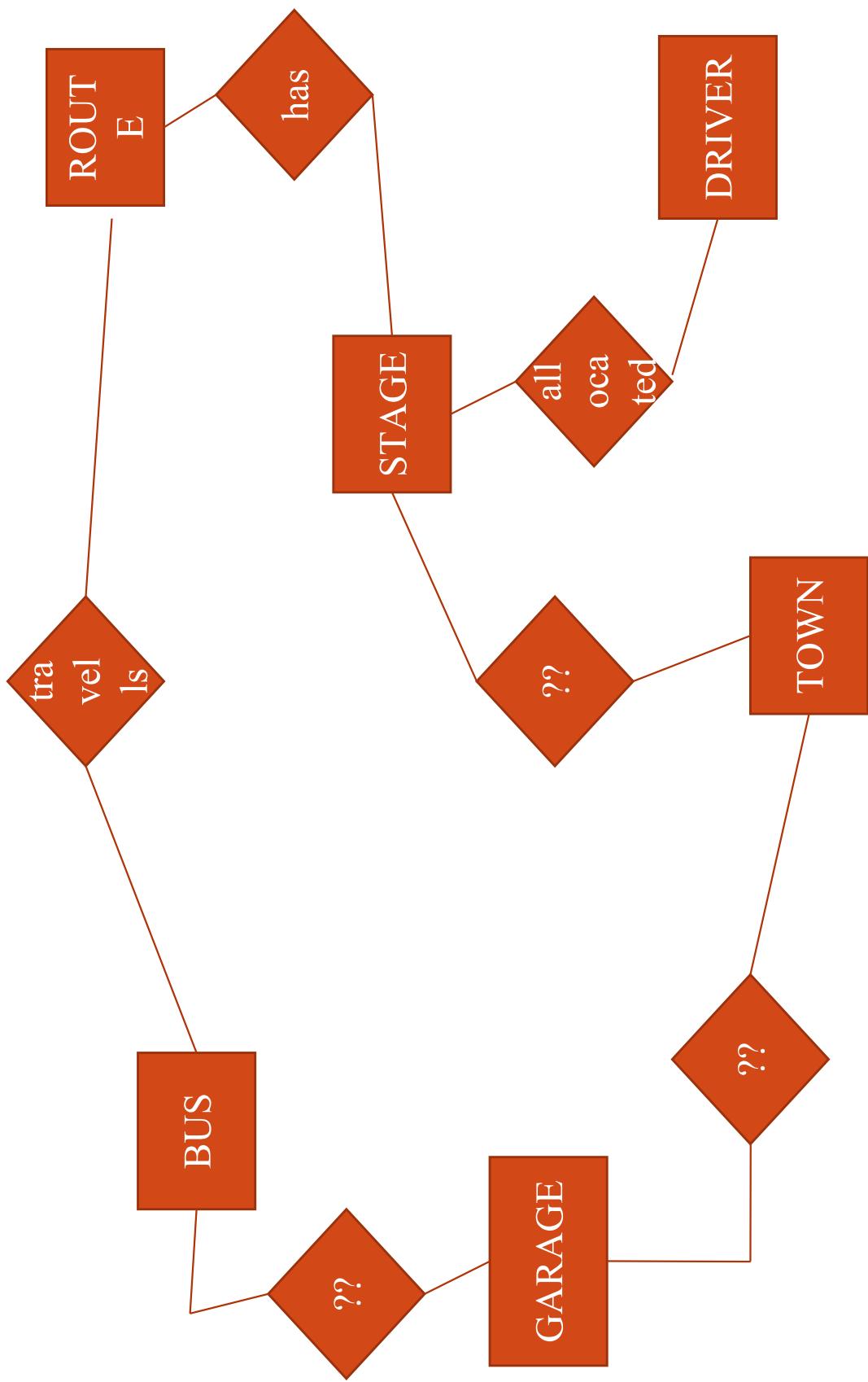
GARAGE

BUS

TOWN

DRIVER





- Entity and Relationship sets for the hospital called General Hospital
- Entity with attributes:
  - Doctor: Specialist, num, addr, mob
  - Patient: name, id, address, gender,
  - Beds: room number, type, bed number, status, price
  - Accounts: maintains date in date out and bill

# Logical part! :

- Beds are assigned to patients....
- Doctor examines patient
- Patient has account

**you people draw it now !!!!!!!**

# An ER Diagram for FACEBOOK

- Entities
- LIST the entities !!!!!

# An ER Diagram for FACEBOOK

- **Entities**

- Users
- School/College
- Location
- Album
- Photos
- Events

# Listing of attributes

- Users ( uid, fname,lname,gender,dob)
- School/College( collegeid,college\_name)
- Location (loc\_id,city,state,country)
- Album(aid,ownerid,createtime,aname,visible)
- Photos(pid,link,caption,ptime)
- Events(eid,estartdate,eenddate,loc,ename,cid,desp)

# Mark key attributes now

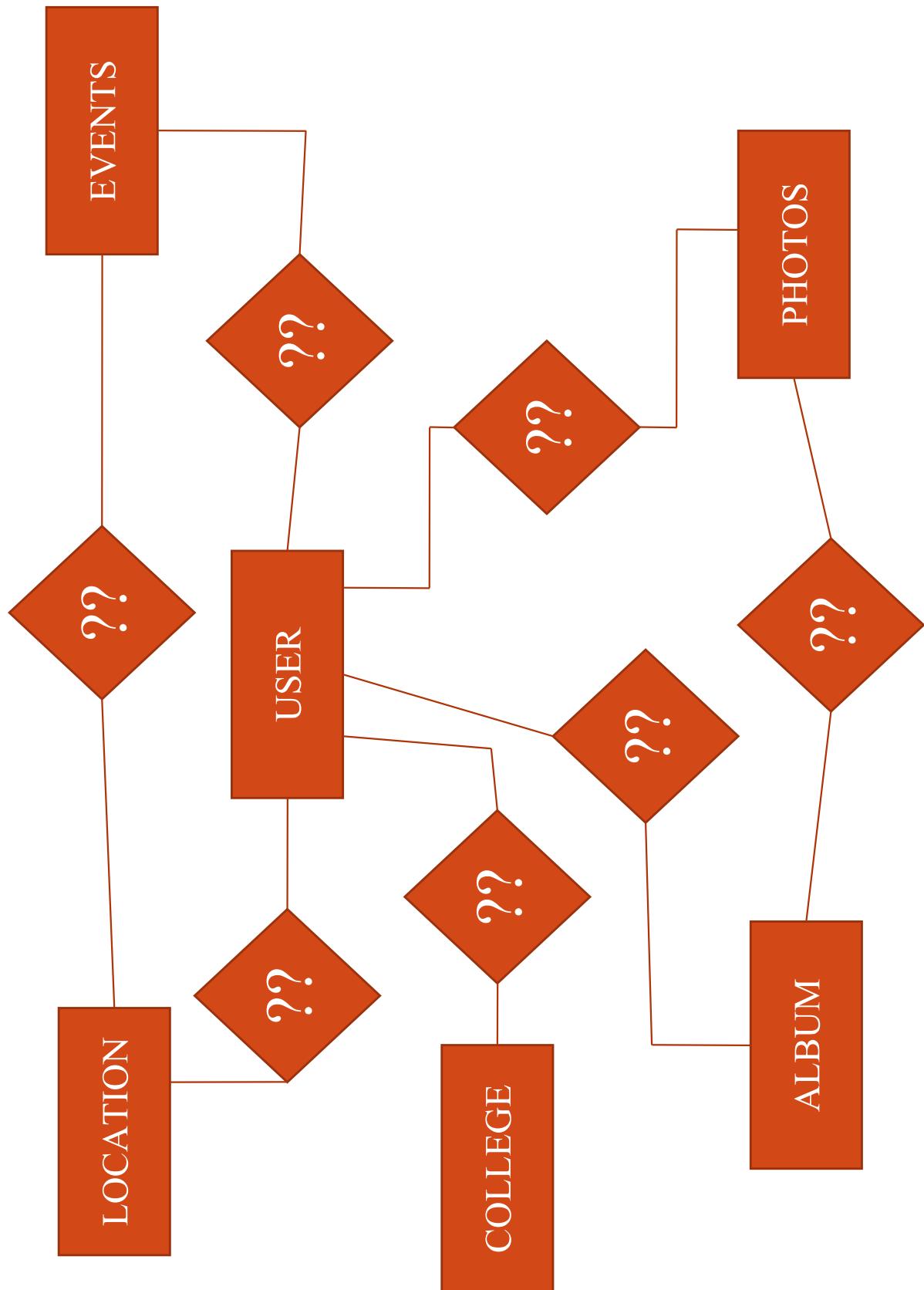
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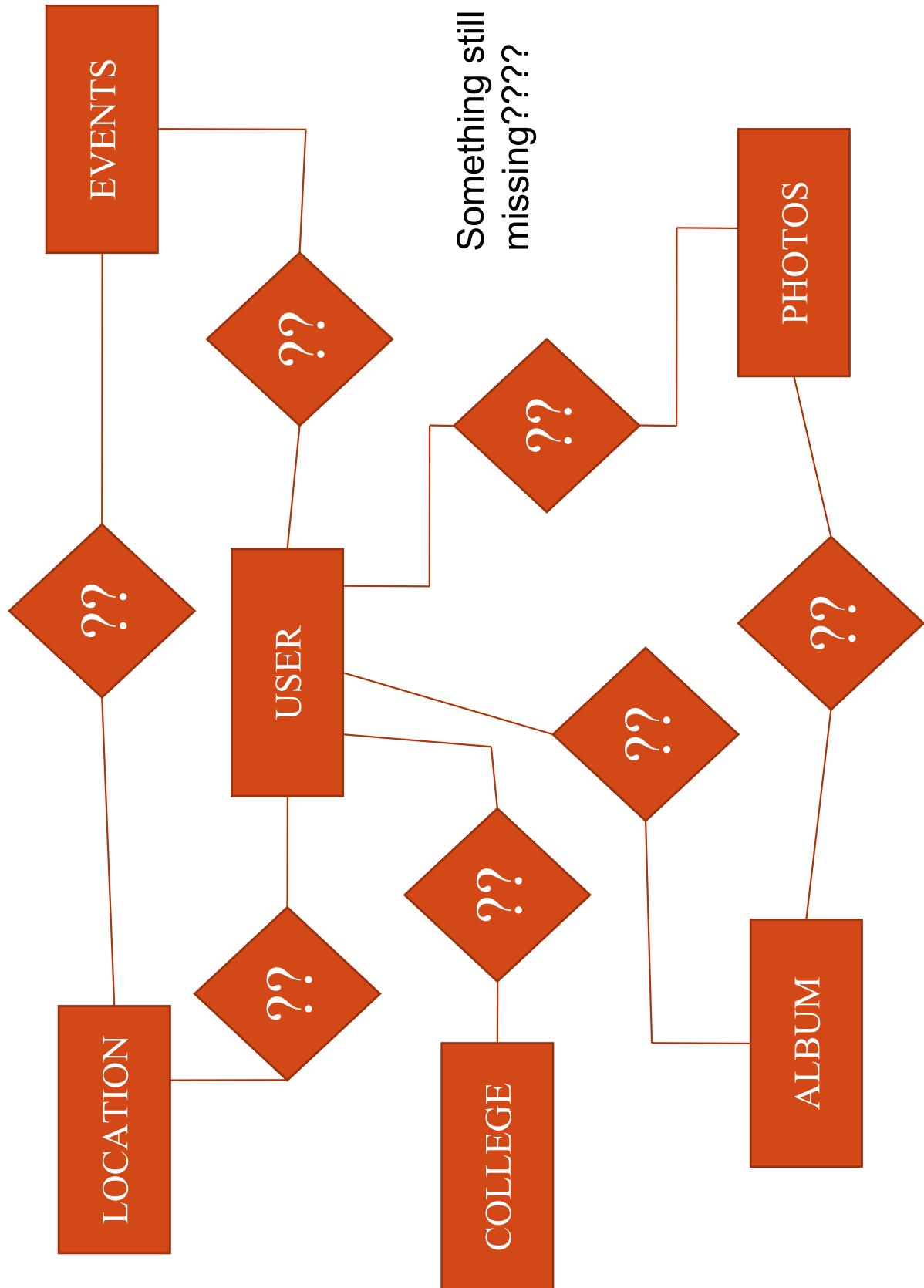
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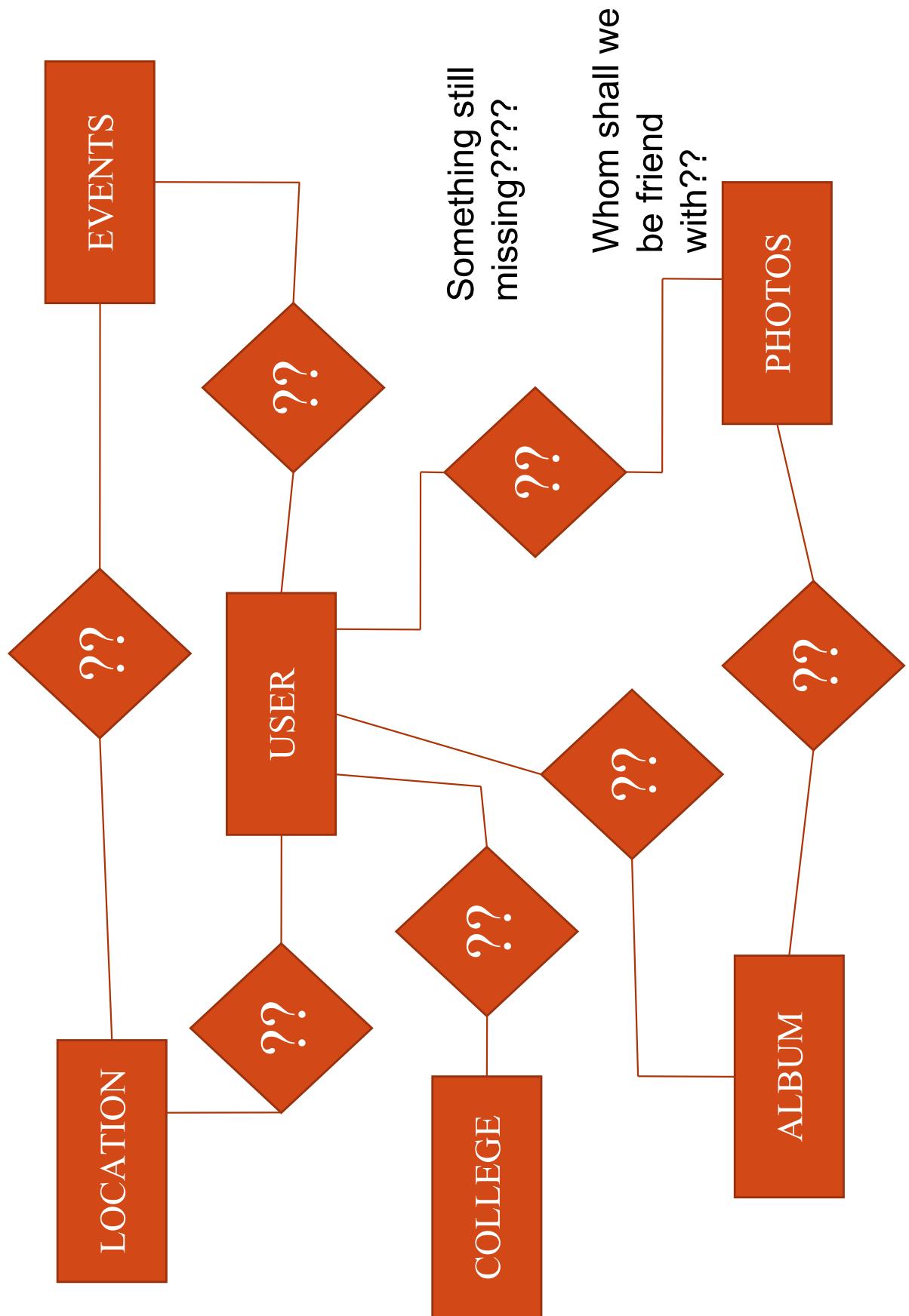
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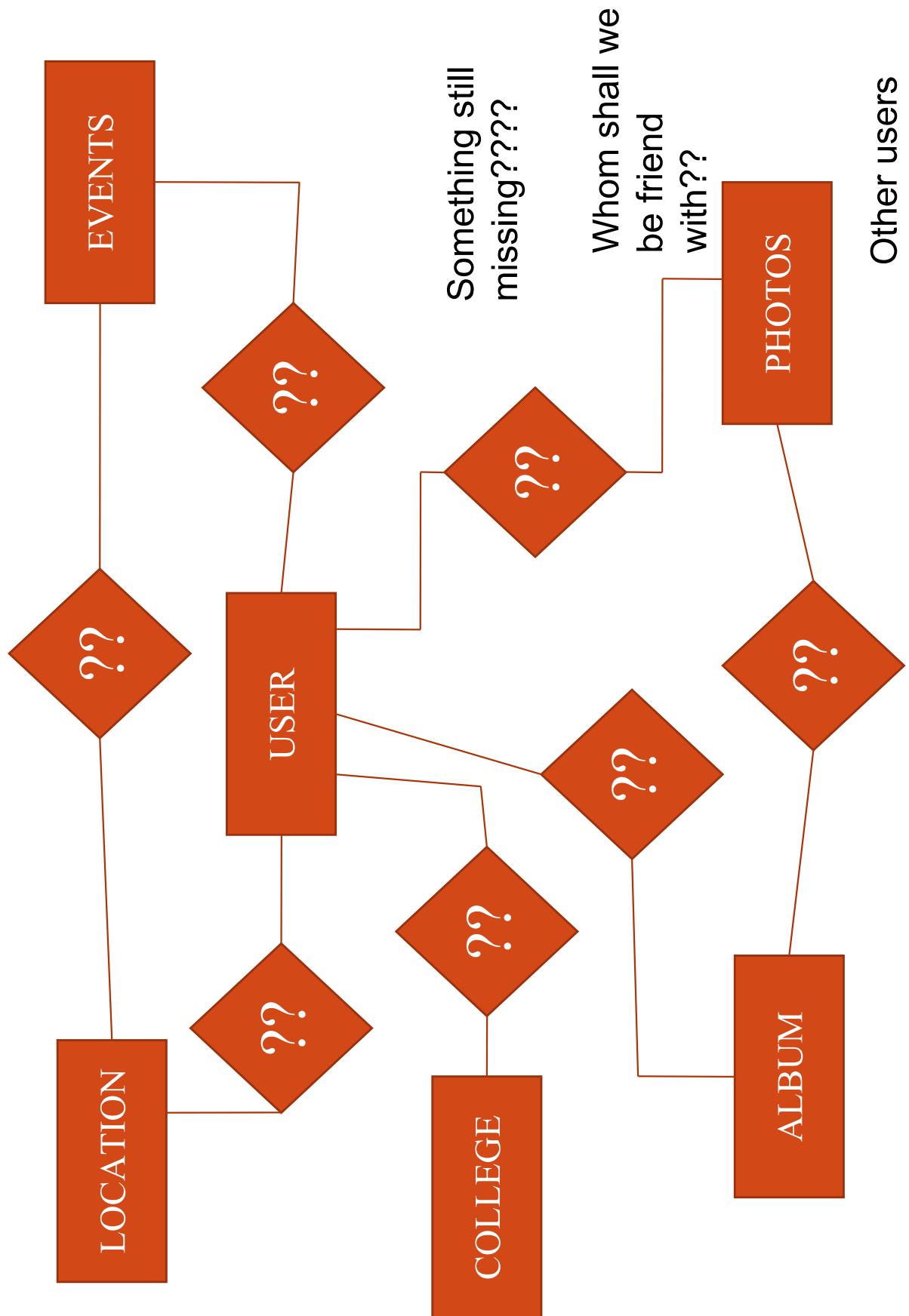
# Relationship now

- User **stays at** Location
- User **attended** College
- User **owns** Album
- Album **contains** Photos
- User **Tagged in** Photos
- User **creates** Events
- Events **occur at** Location



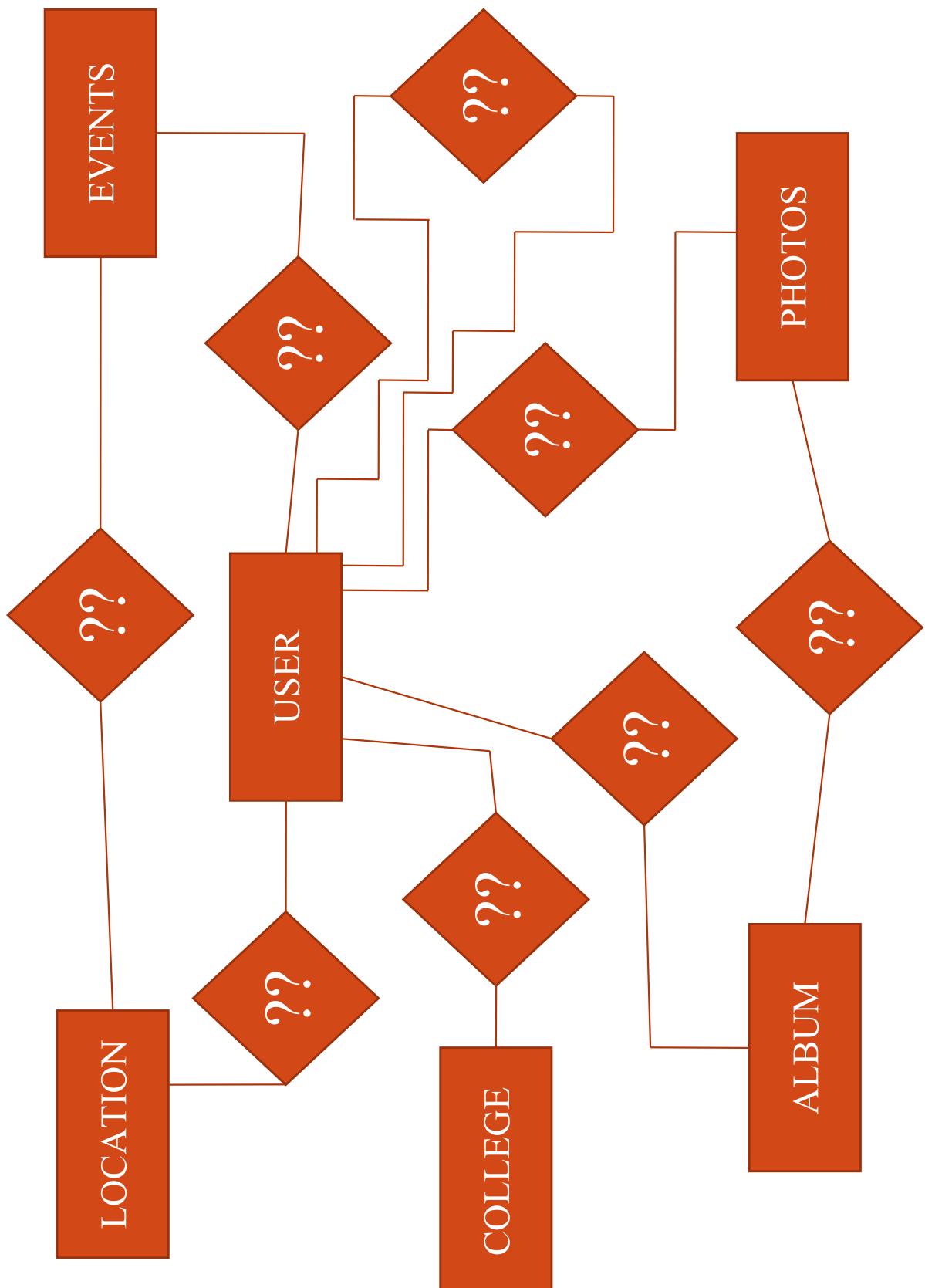


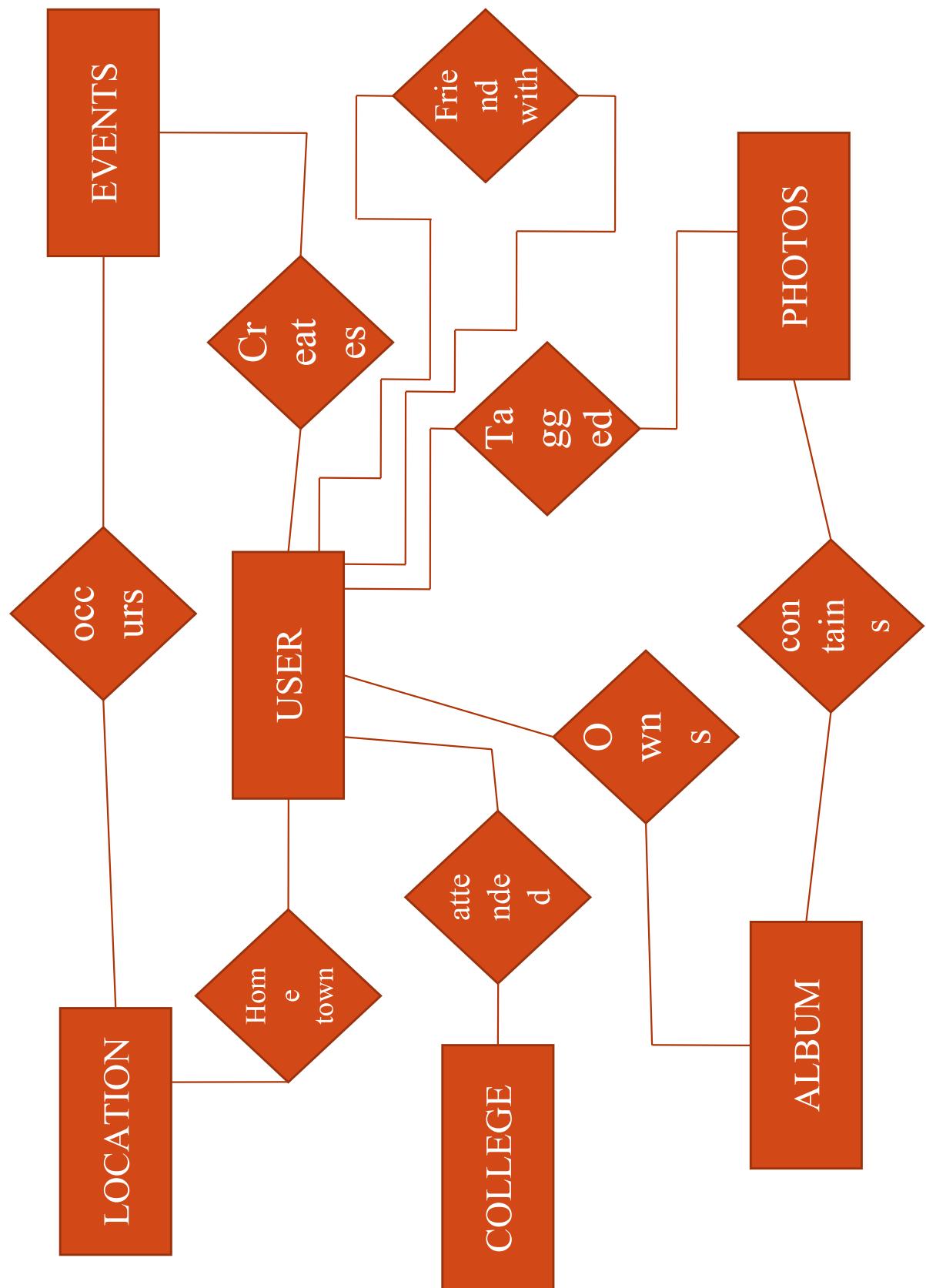




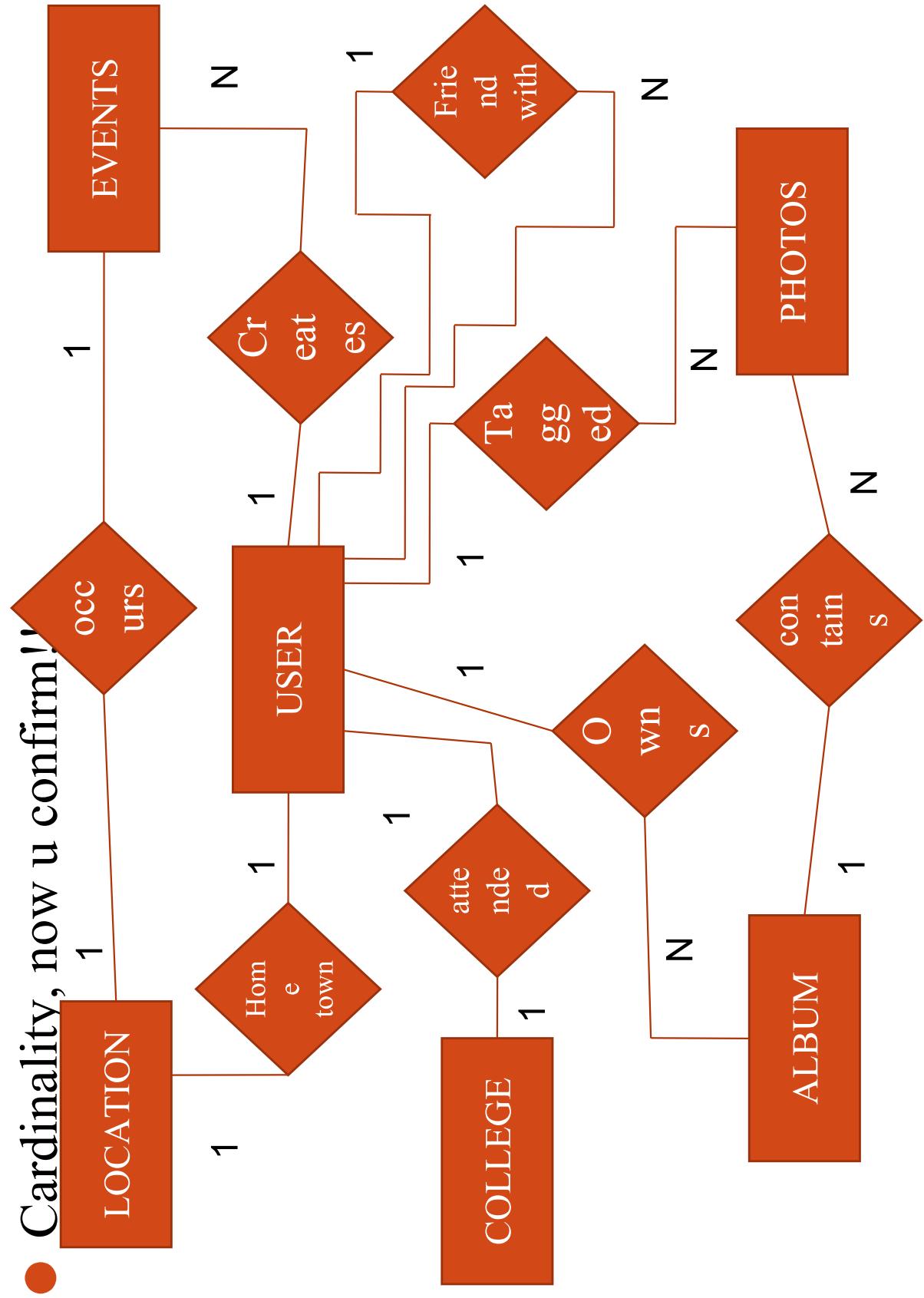
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- Events **occur at** Location
- User **friendwith** User





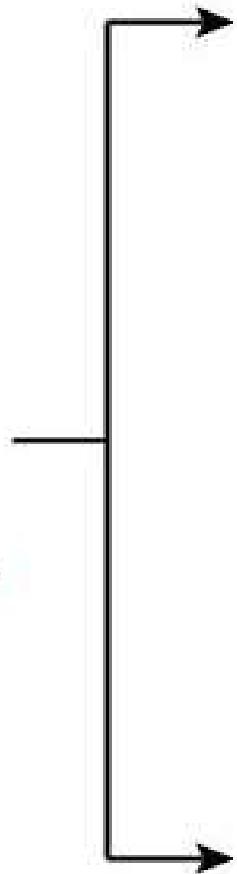
- Cardinality, now u confirm!



# Types of Participation Constraints

There are two types of participation constraints-

**Participation Constraints**



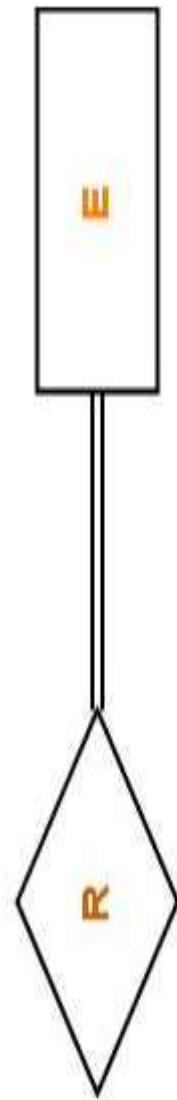
**Total Participation**

**Partial Participation**

1. Total participation
2. Partial participation

## 1. Total Participation-

- It specifies that each entity in the entity set must compulsorily participate in at least one relationship instance in that relationship set.
- That is why, it is also called as **mandatory participation**.
- Total participation is represented using a double line between the entity set and relationship set.



**Total Participation**

- Example-



- Here,
- Double line between the entity set “Student” and relationship set “Enrolled in” signifies total participation.
- It specifies that each student must be enrolled in at least one course.

## 2. Partial Participation-

- It specifies that each entity in the entity set may or may not participate in the relationship instance in that relationship set.
- That is why, it is also called as **optional participation**.
- Partial participation is represented using a single line between the entity set and relationship set.



**Partial Participation**

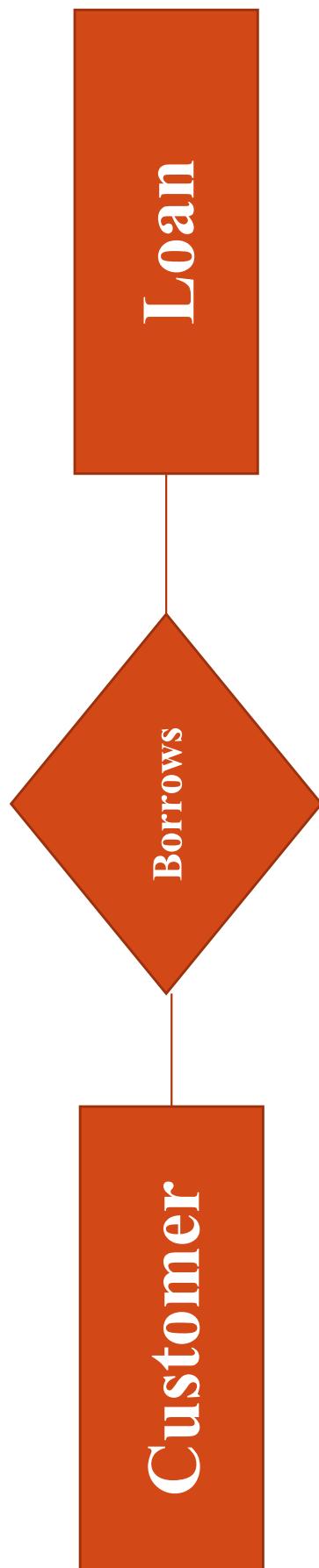
- **Example-**



- Here,
- Single line between the entity set “Course” and relationship set “Enrolled in” signifies partial participation.
- It specifies that there might exist some courses for which no enrollments are made.

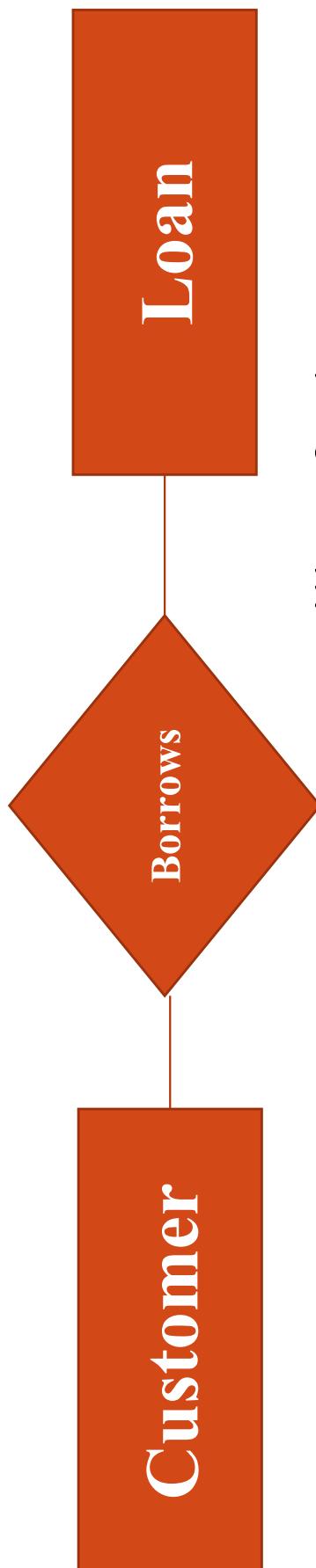
## Few more examples: Example - 1

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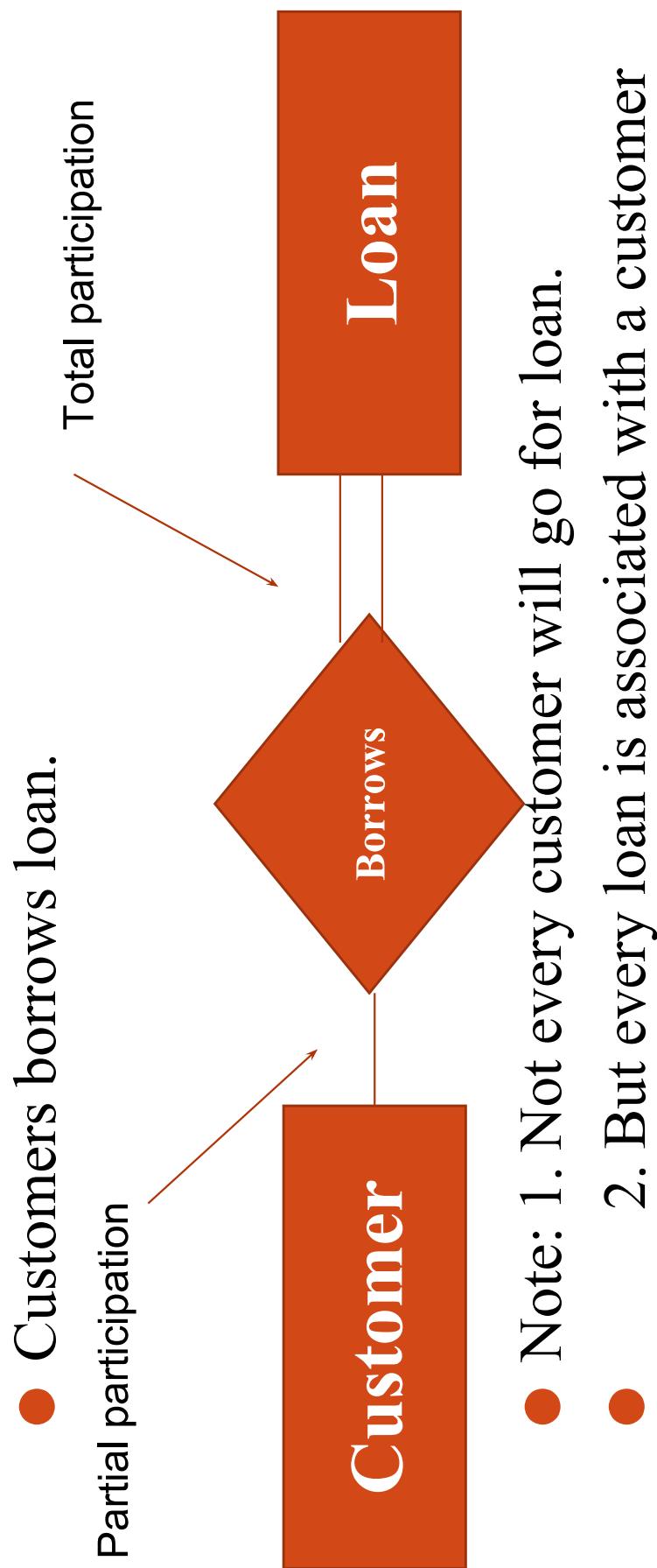
## Few more examples : Example - 1

- Customers borrows loan.



- Note: 1. Not every customer will go for loan.  
● 2. But every loan is associated with a customer

## Few more examples: Example - 1



## Example:2

- Consider the relationship owns between FACULTY and CAR.

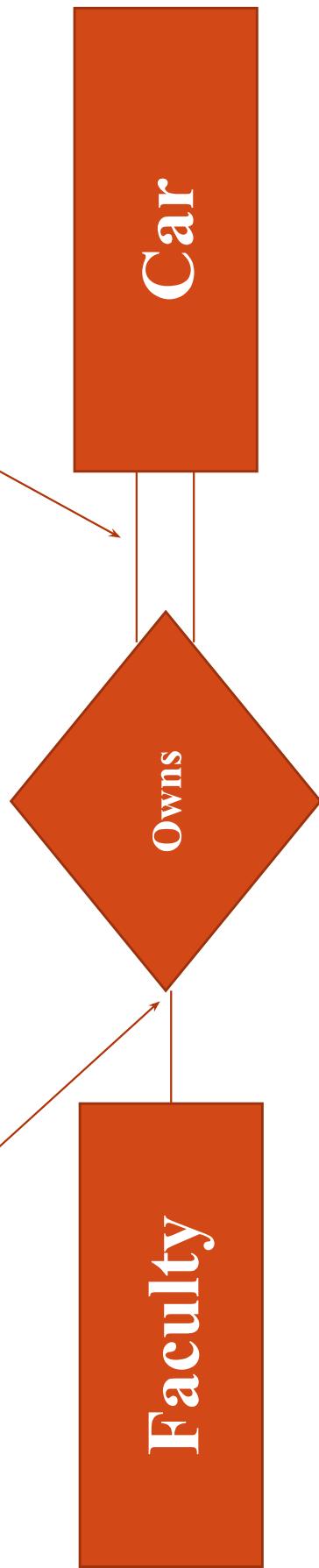


## Example:2

- The CAR entity *totally participate* in the relationship indicated by double line from CAR to relationship and the FACULTY is *partially participate* in the relationship indicated by single line from FACULTY to relationship.
- Total participation indicates that a CAR must associated to atleast one FACULTY. If a CAR is in database then there must be a FACULTY associate with it.

## Example:2

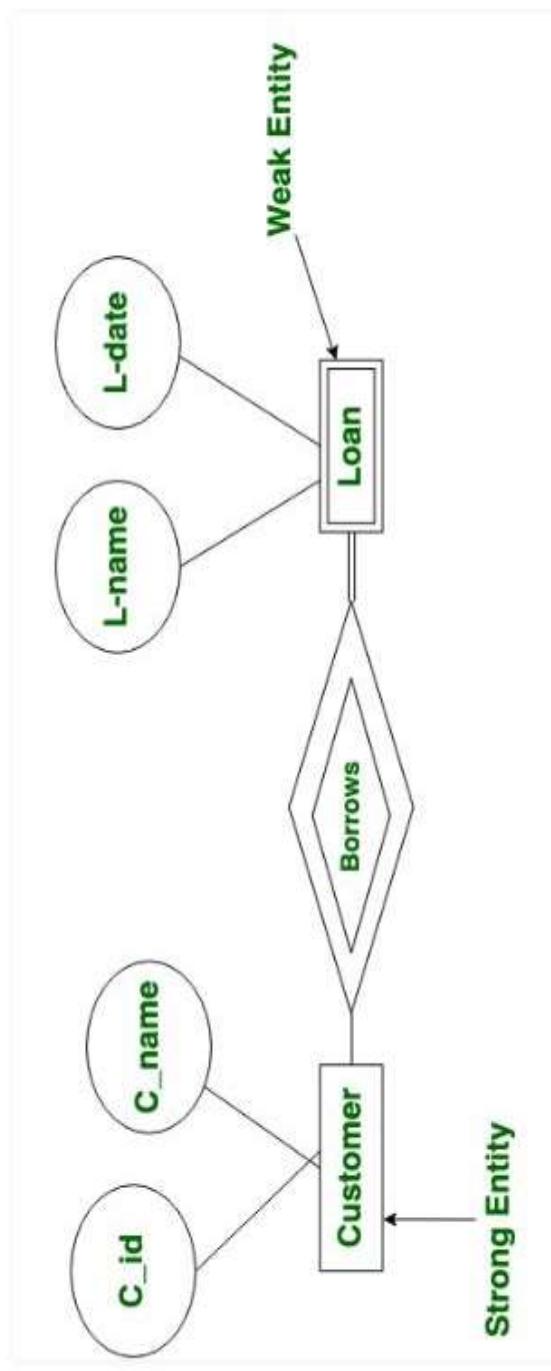
- Consider the relationship **owns** between **FACULTY** and **CAR**.  
Total participation  
Partial participation



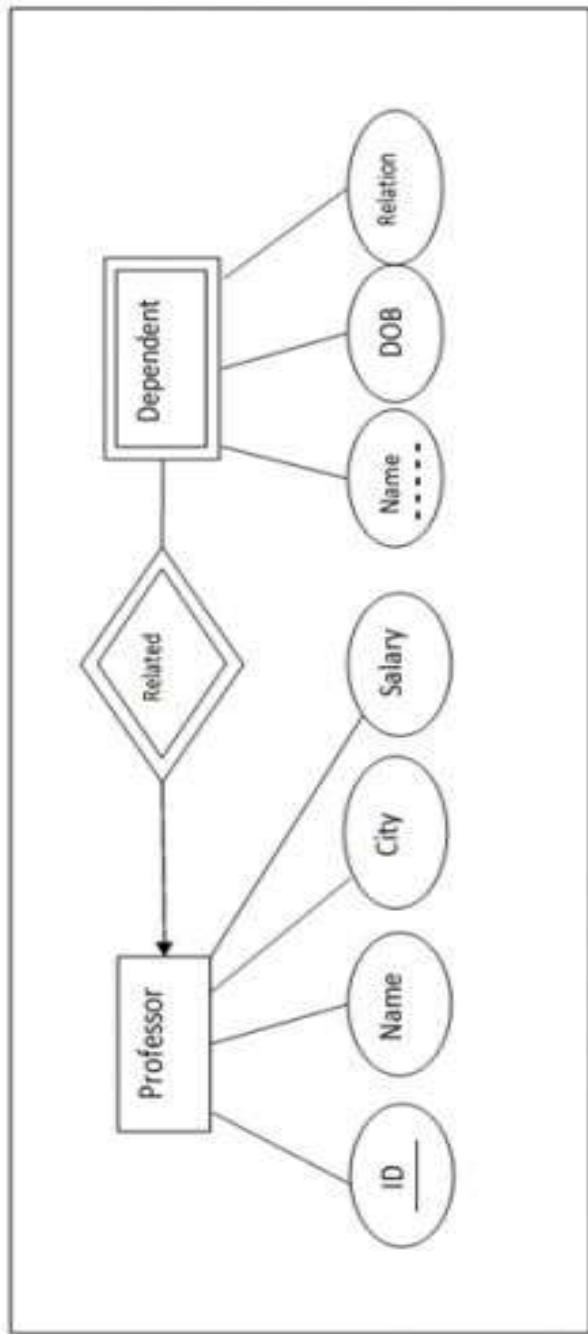
# Weak Entity

- A weak entity is an entity that depends on the existence of another entity. In more technical terms it can be defined as an entity that cannot be identified by its own attributes.
- E.g. A weak entity is represented by a double rectangle.

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- Professor is a strong entity, and the primary key is Professor\_ID. However, another entity is Professor\_Dependents, which is our Weak Entity.
- This is a weak entity since its existence is dependent on another entity Professor



# ER Diagram for placing Amazon Order

- Entities
  - Customer
  - Orders
  - Order items
  - Products

# ER Diagram for placing Amazon Order

- Entities & Attributes
  - Customer(Cust\_no, C\_Name, C-Addr, Email, Mob)
  - Orders(Order\_n0,Order\_date, Payment\_info,Shipp\_addr)
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# ER Diagram for placing Amazon Order

- Relations
  - Customer **places** Order
  - Order **contains** Order items
  - Order items **contains** products

● Entities



Customer



Order



Order item



Product

● Entities

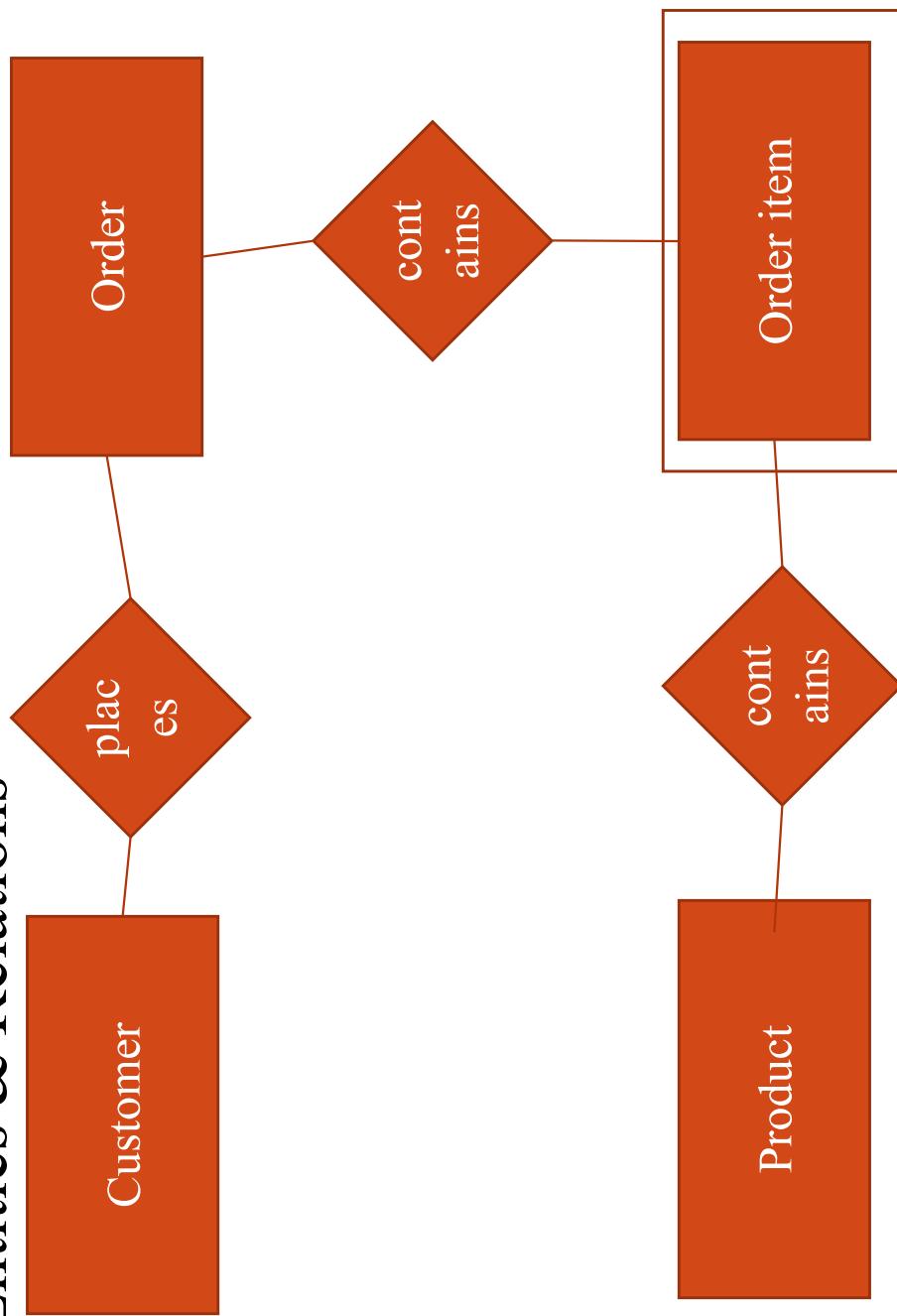
Customer

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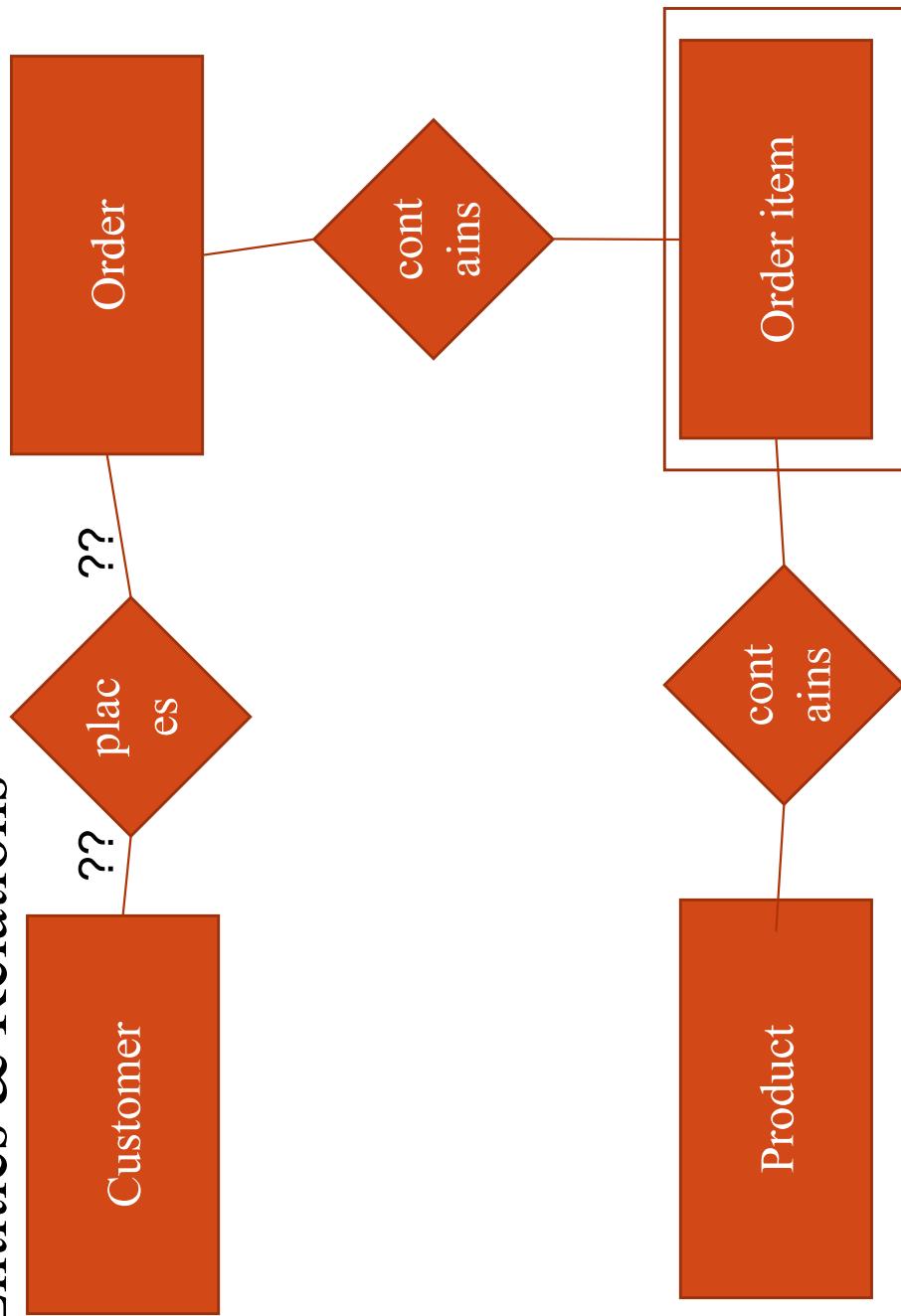
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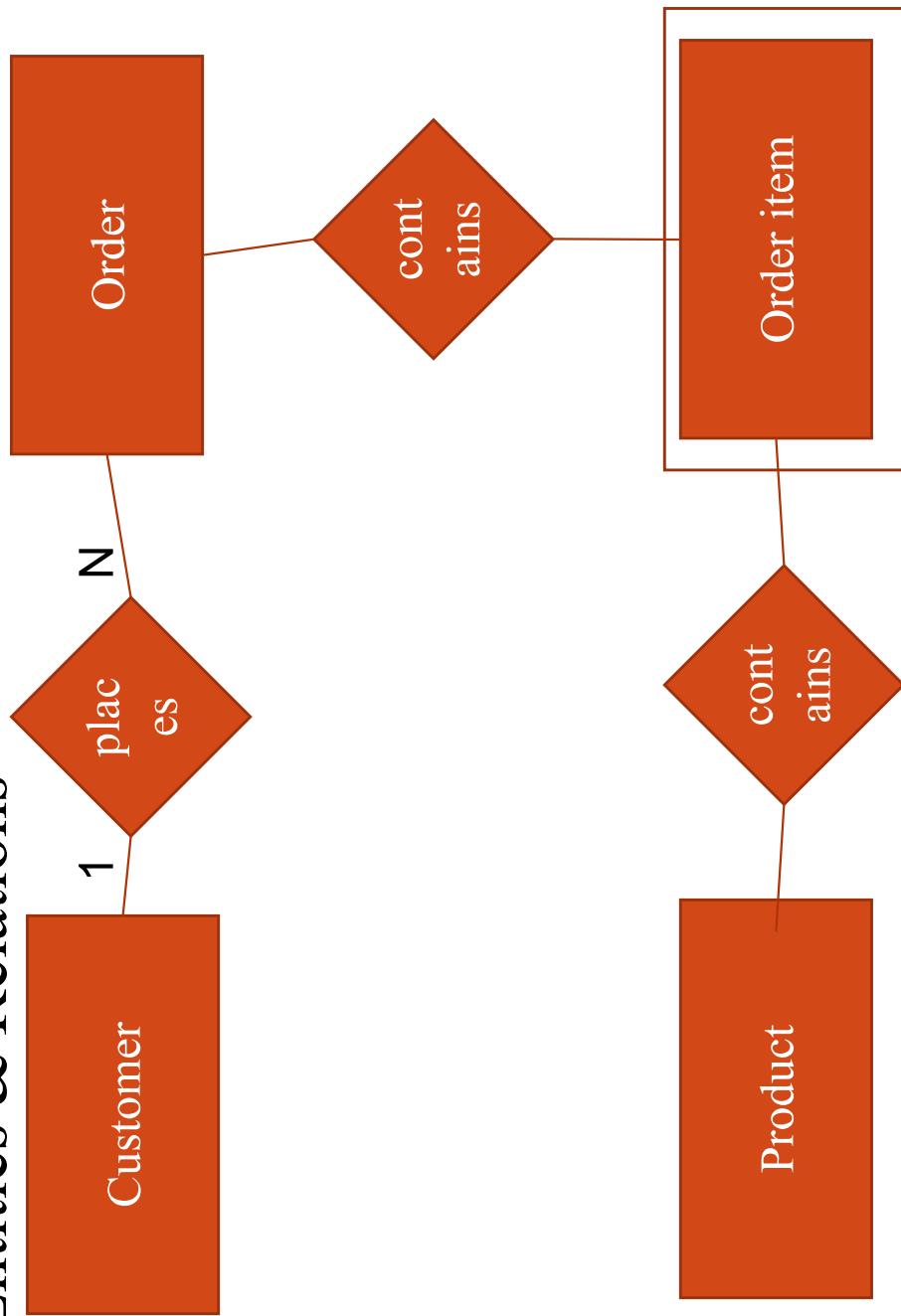
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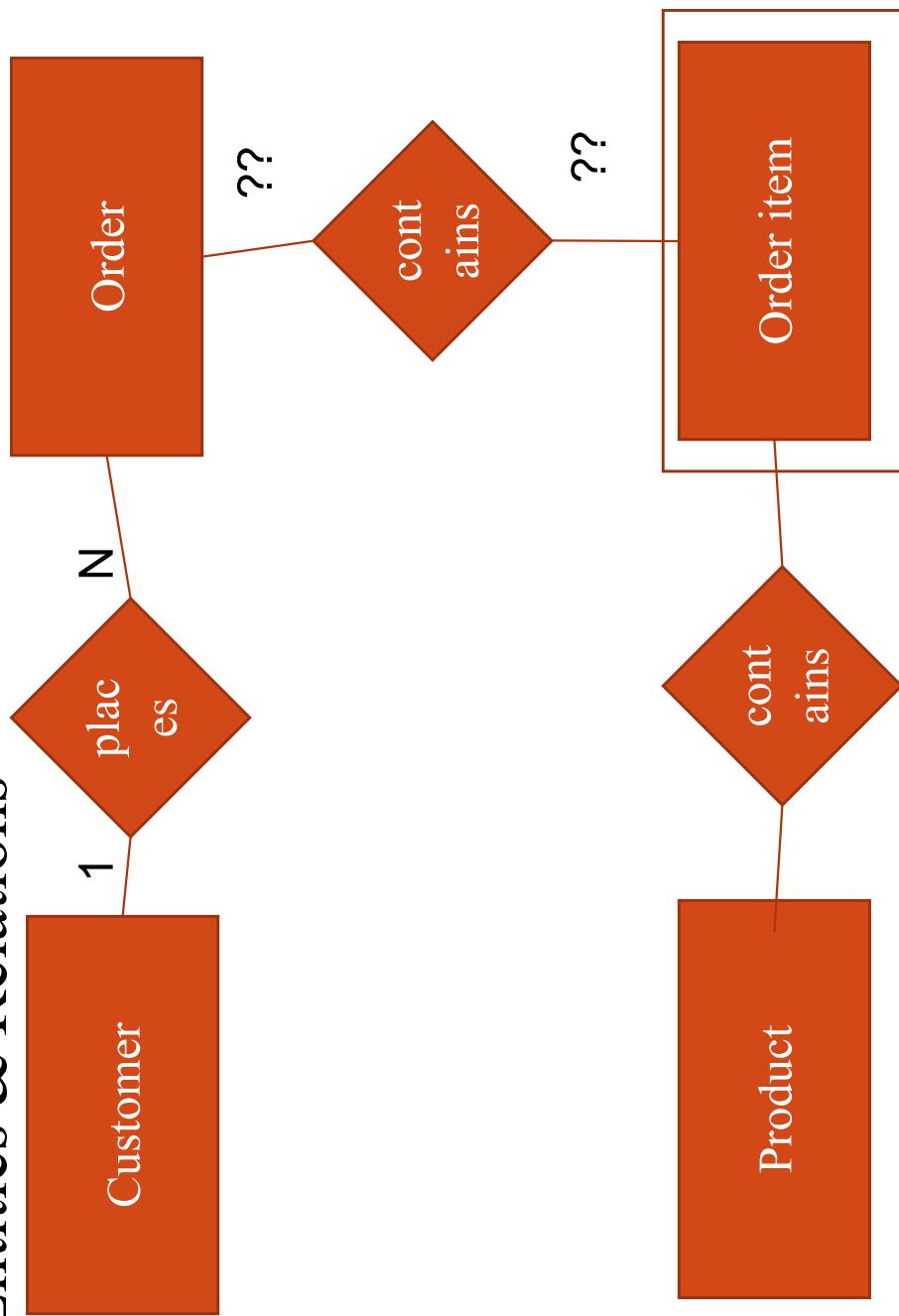
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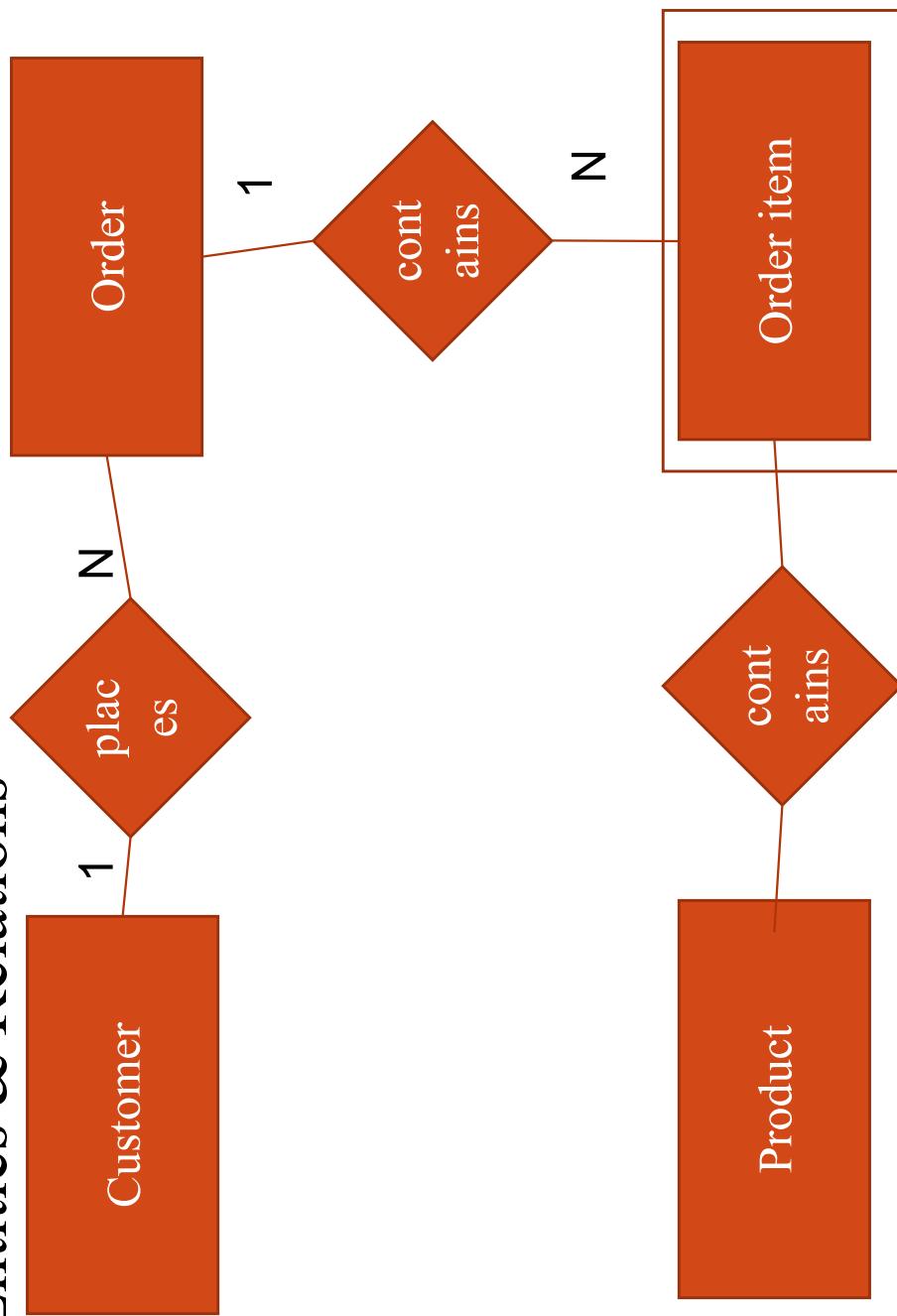
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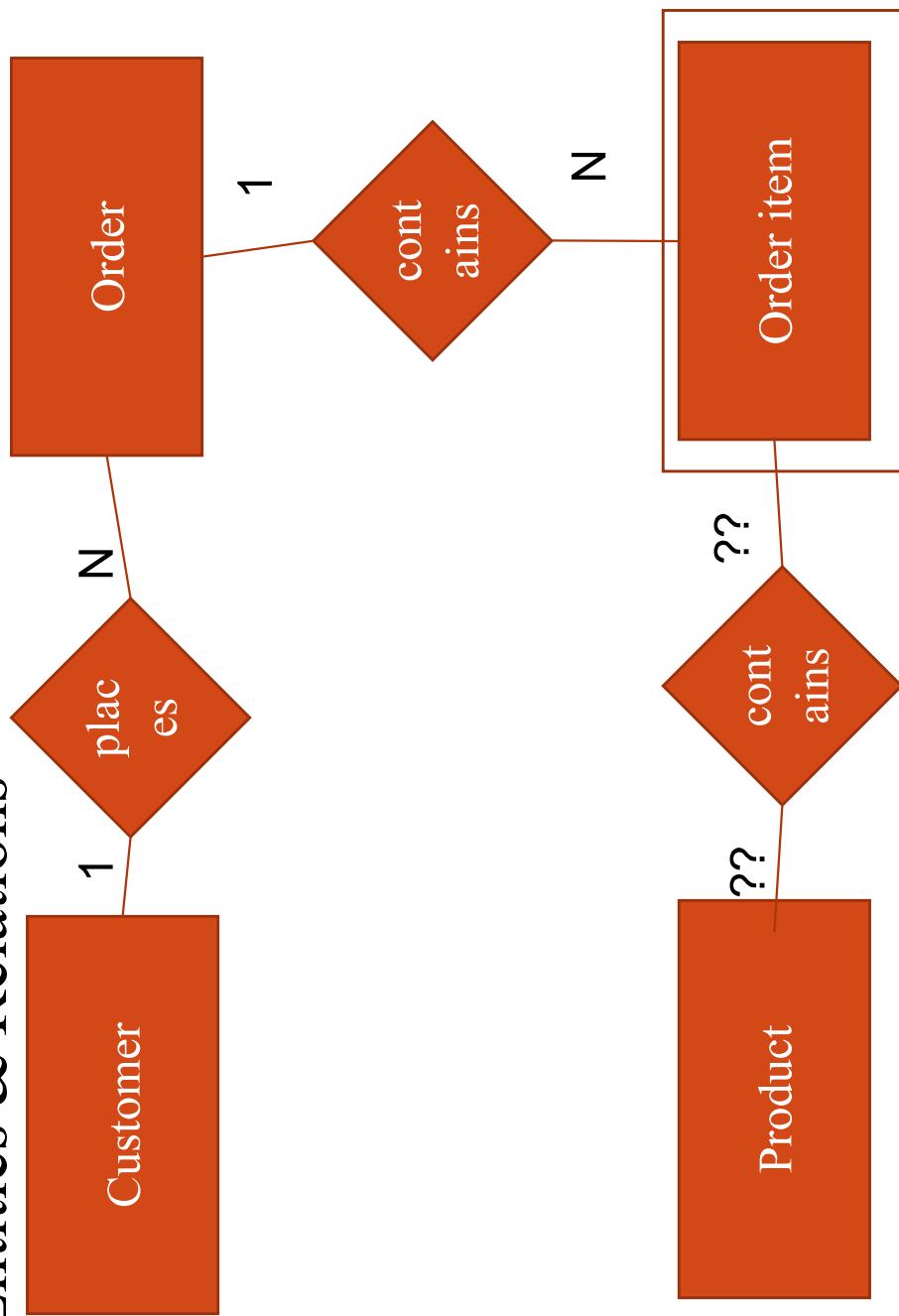
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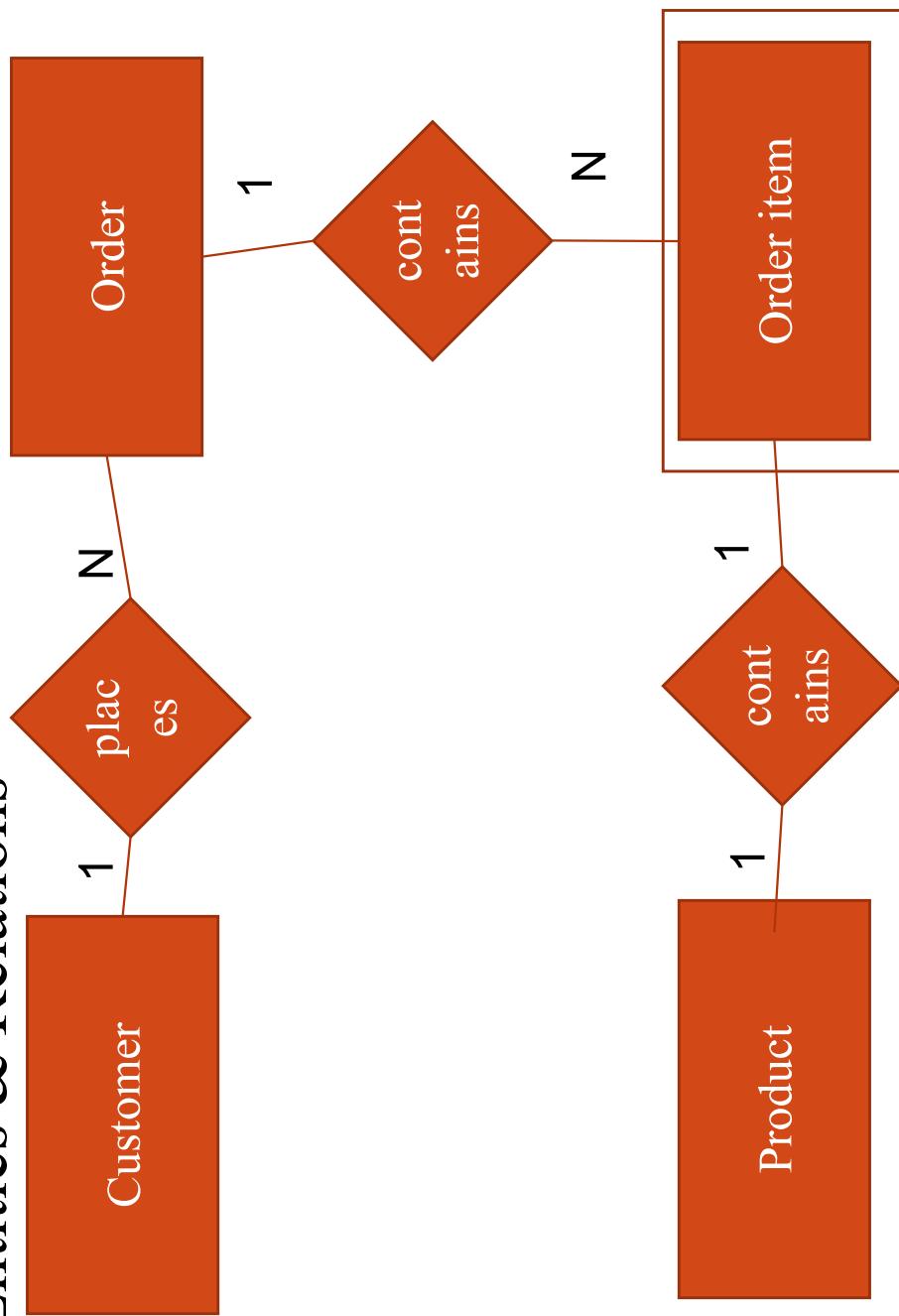
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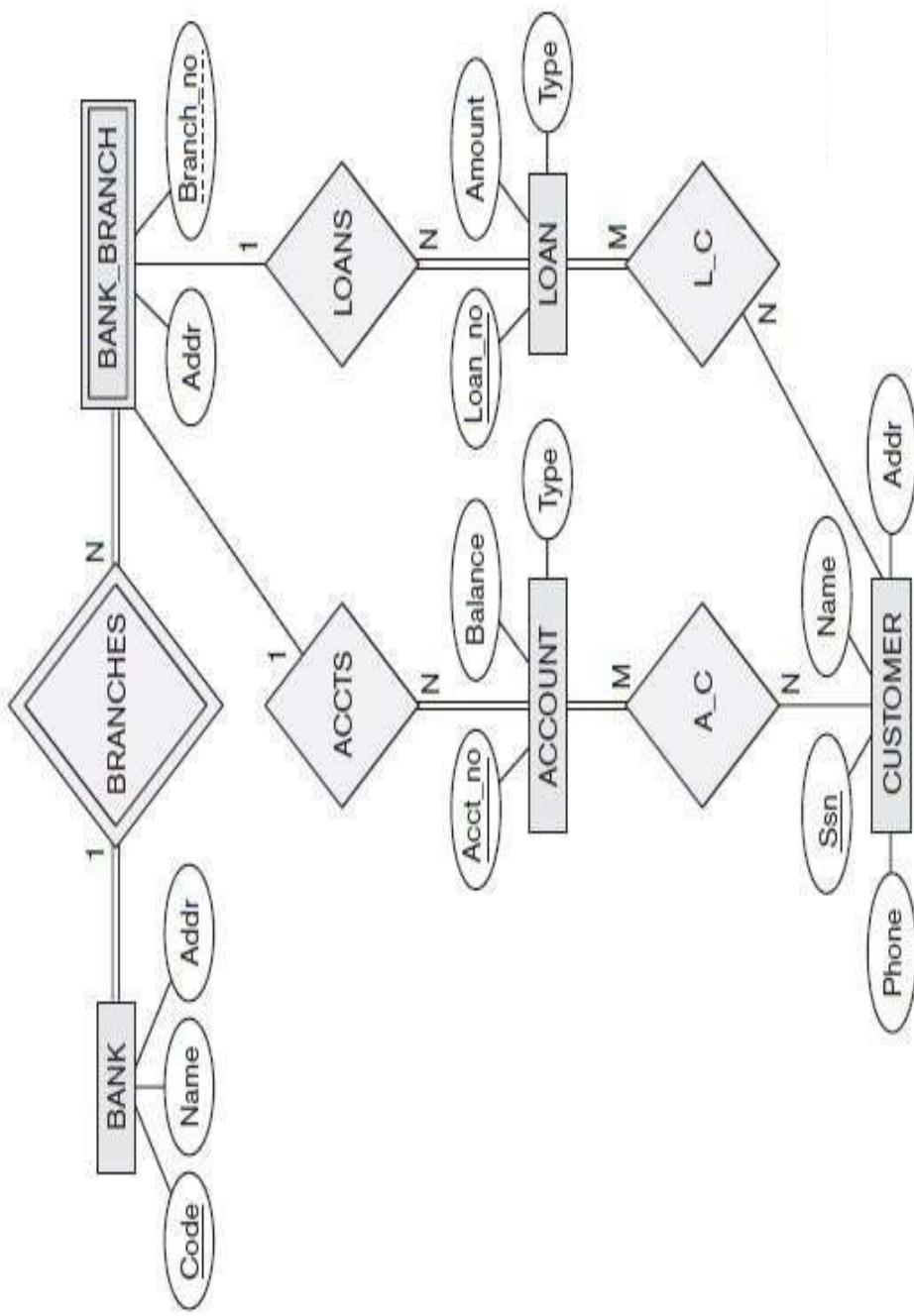
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# ER Diagram for Bank Database



# **ER DIAGRAM FOR LIBRARY DATABASE**

# ER DIAGRAM FOR LIBRARY DATABASE

- List the entities

- Books

- Author

- Publisher

- Student

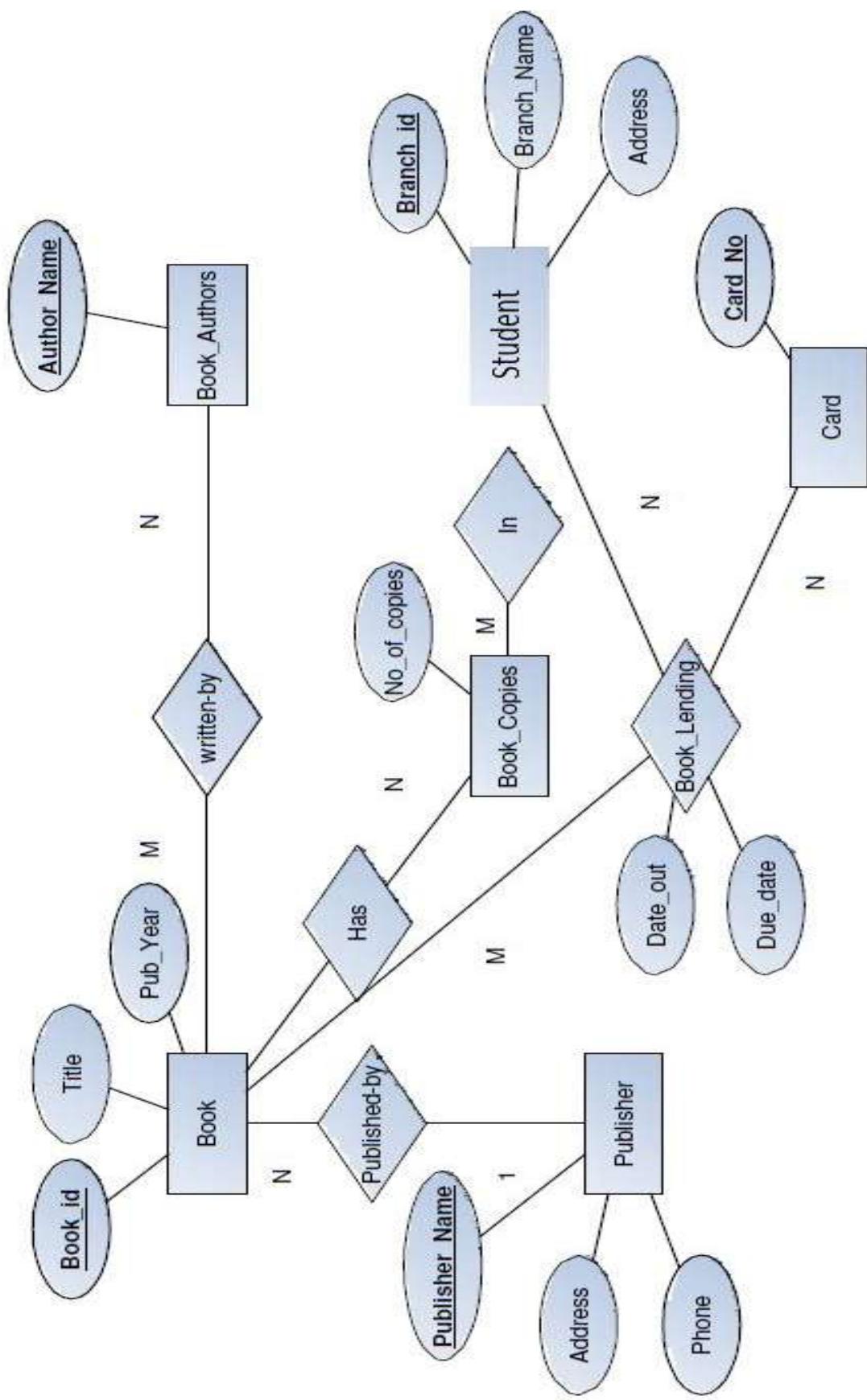
- Card

- Copies

# ER DIAGRAM FOR LIBRARY DATABASE

- List the Relations
  - Book written by author
  - Book published by publisher
  - Book has copies
  - Book lending to student
  - Book lending on card
- Books borrowed by student / book issued to student
  - Book given on card

## Entity-Relationship Diagram for LIBRARY DATABASE



# ER diagram for Train database

- Entities
  - Passengers
  - Train
  - Train Status
  - Stations
  - Routes

# ER diagram for Train database

- Entities with attributes
  - Passengers(PNR, Pname, Age, Gender, reserve\_Status)
  - Train (trainid, Tname, Ttype, Class)
  - Train Status(Status\_id, wait\_seat, Booked\_seat, Avl\_seat)
  - Stations(St\_id, St\_name)
  - Routes(Stop\_no, A\_time, D\_time)

# ER diagram for Train database

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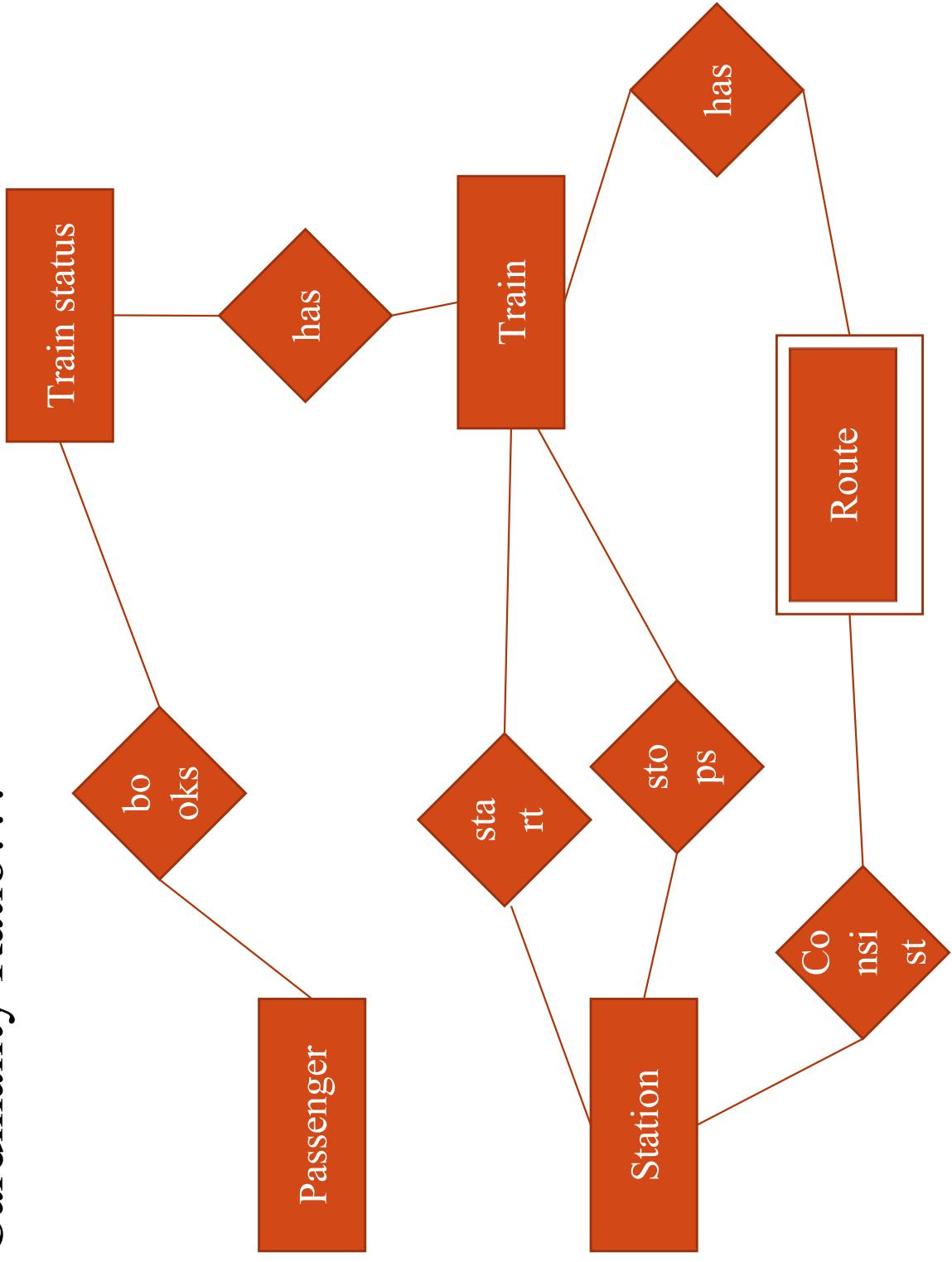
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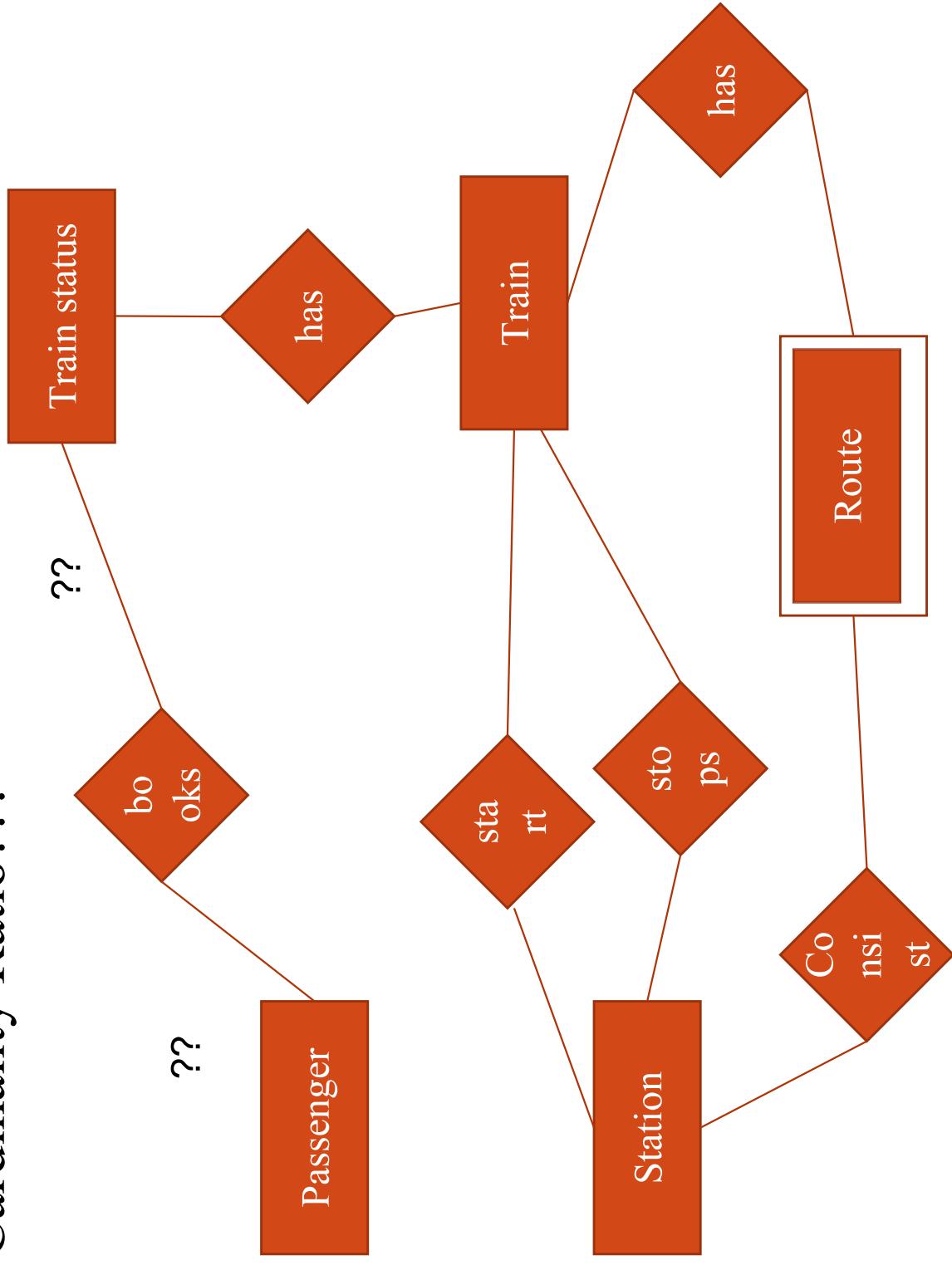
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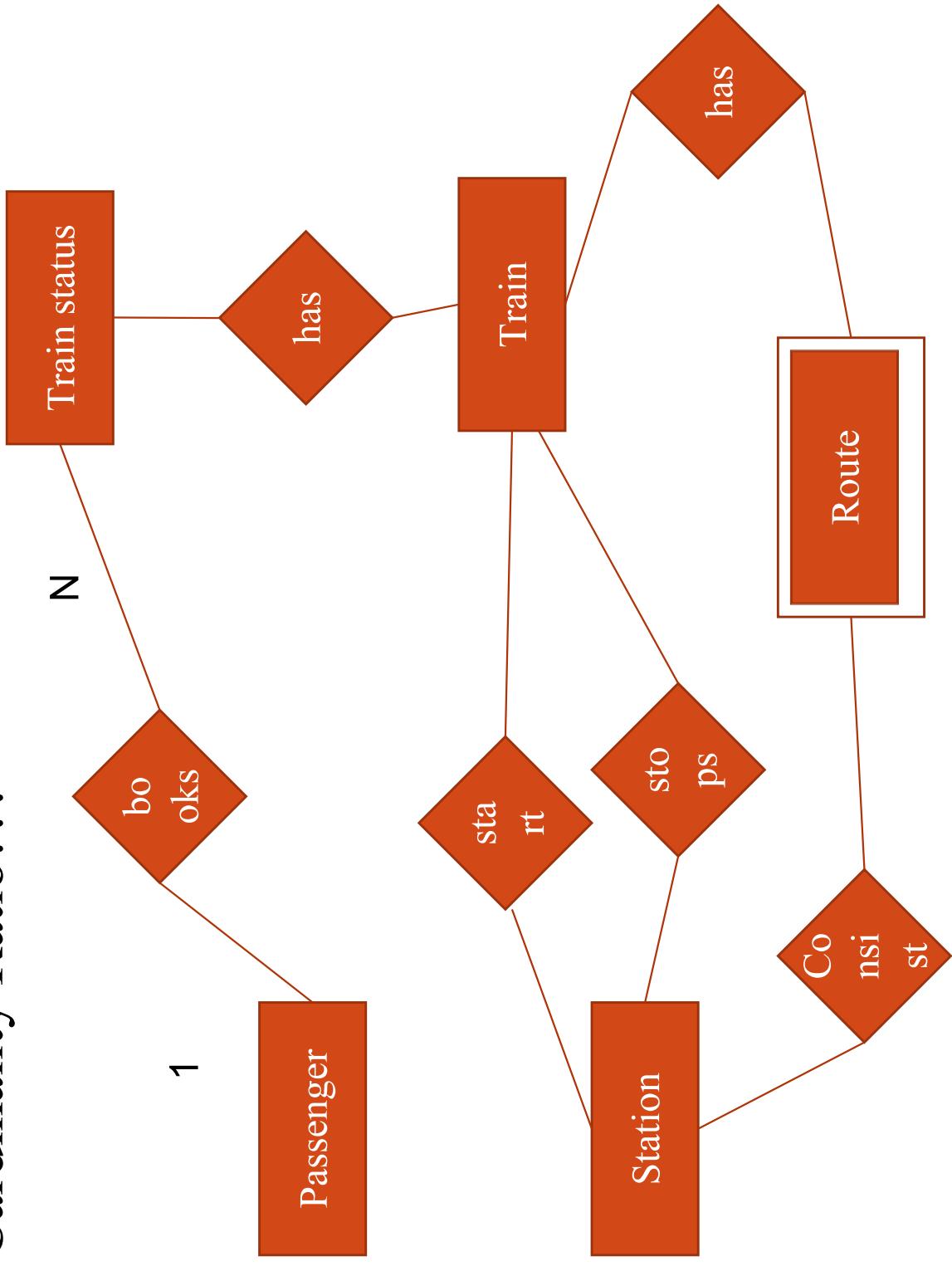
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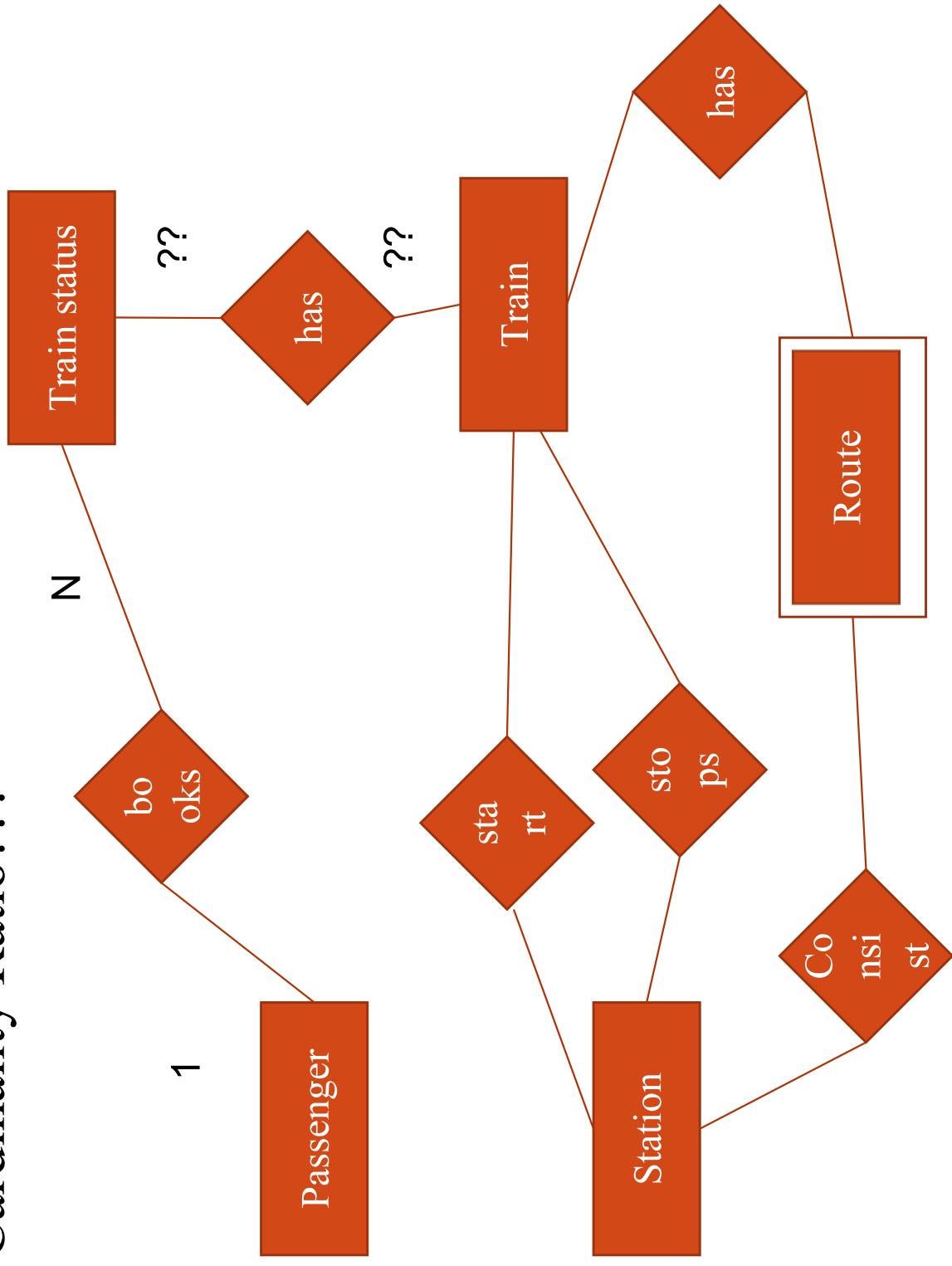
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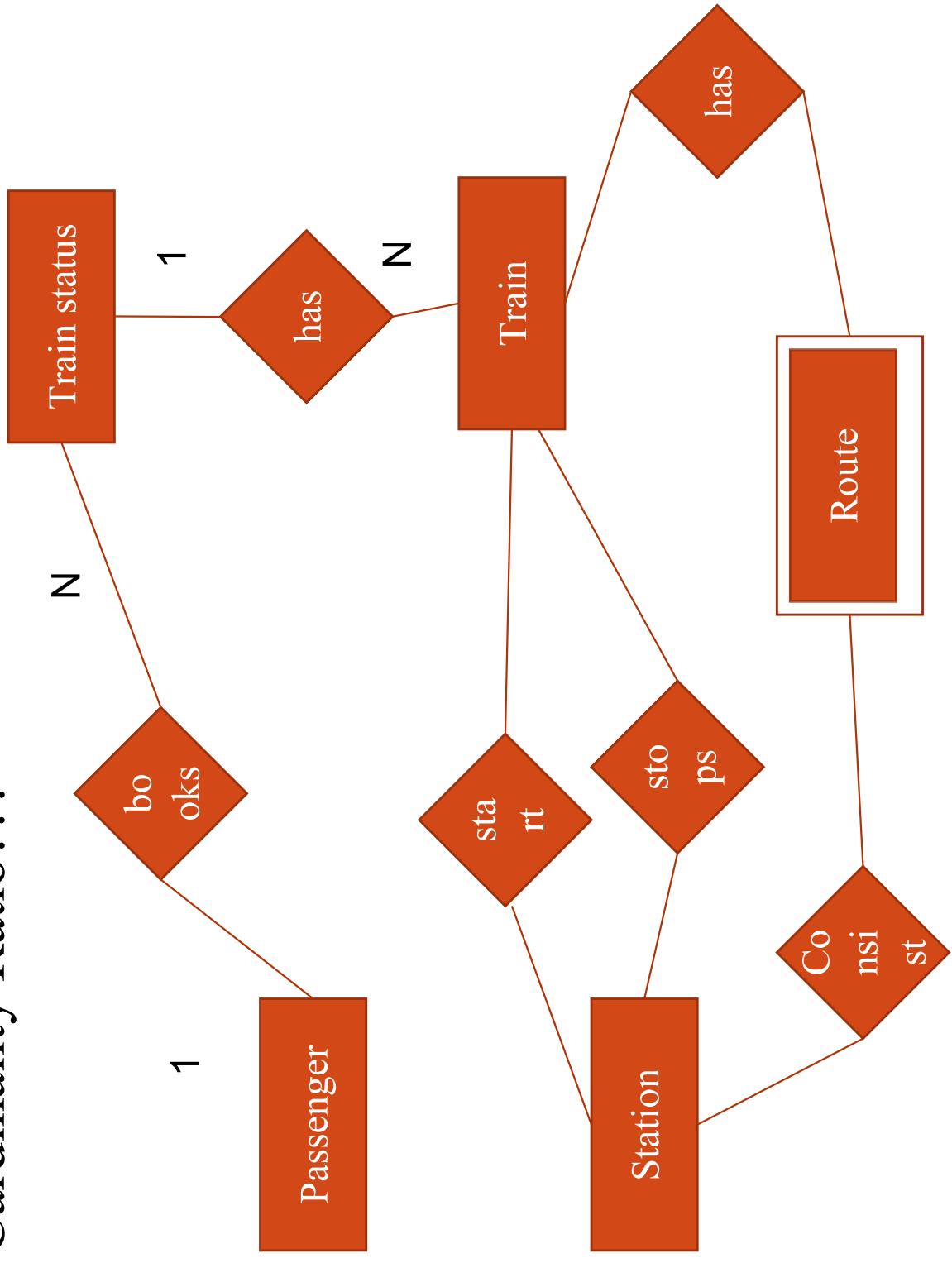
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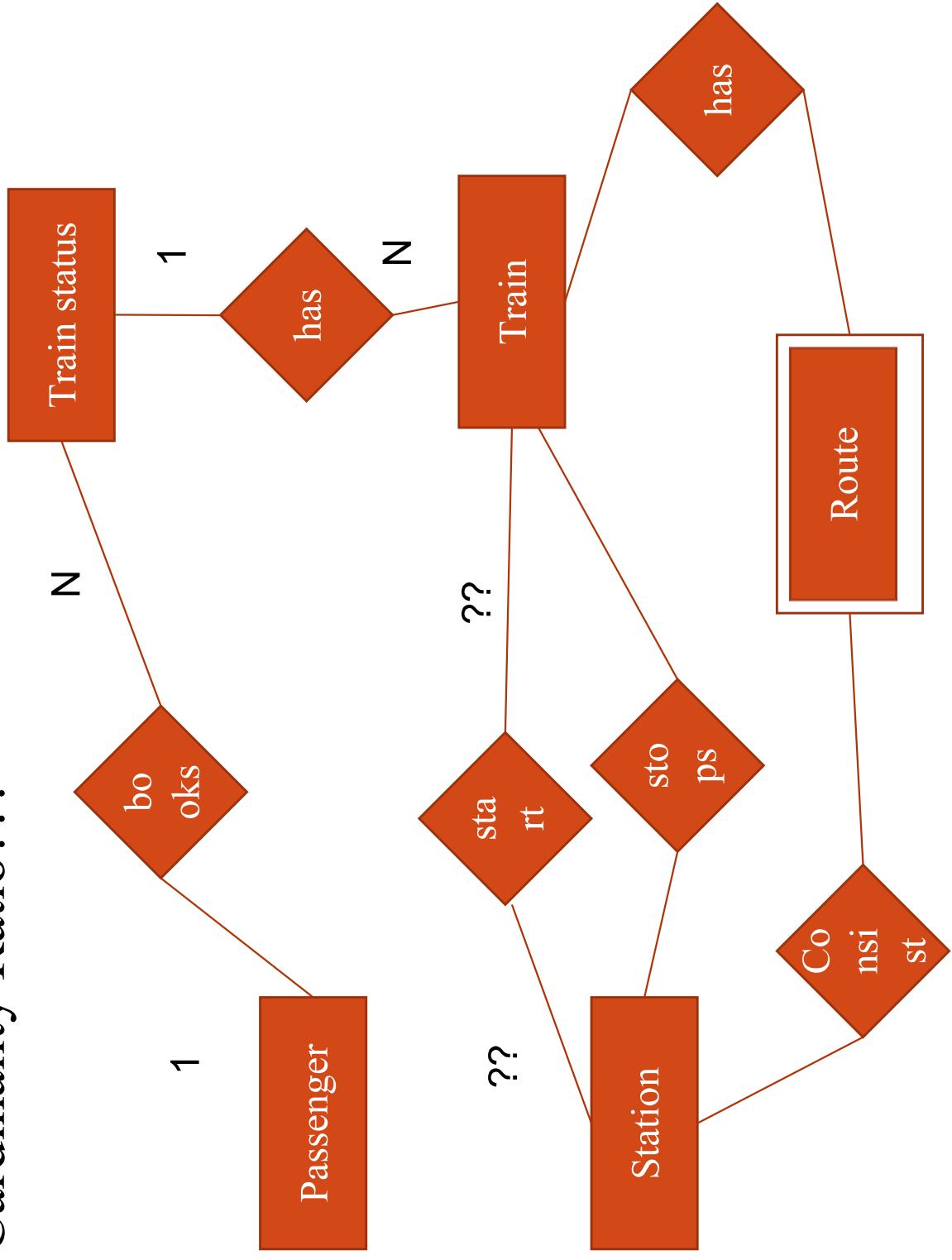
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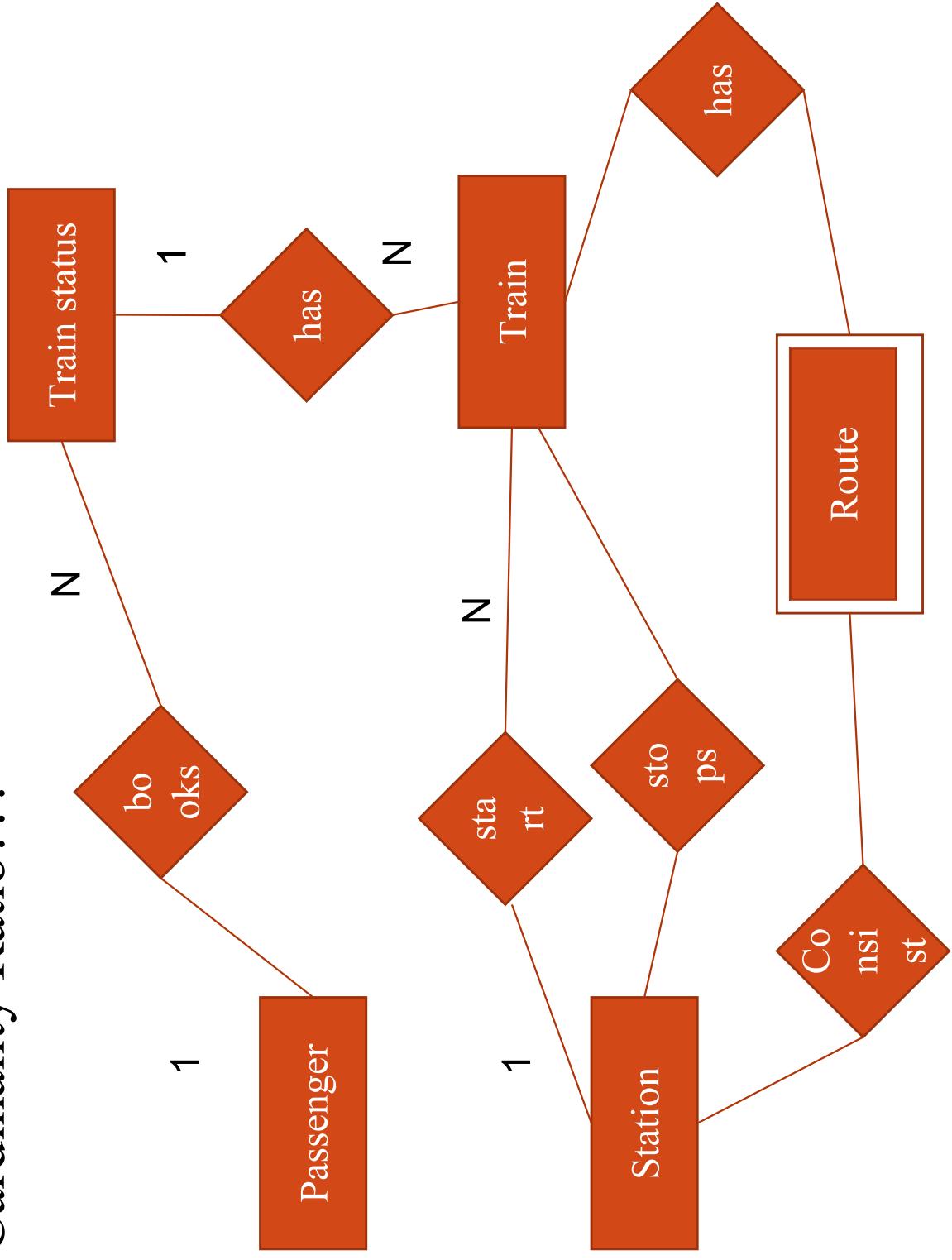
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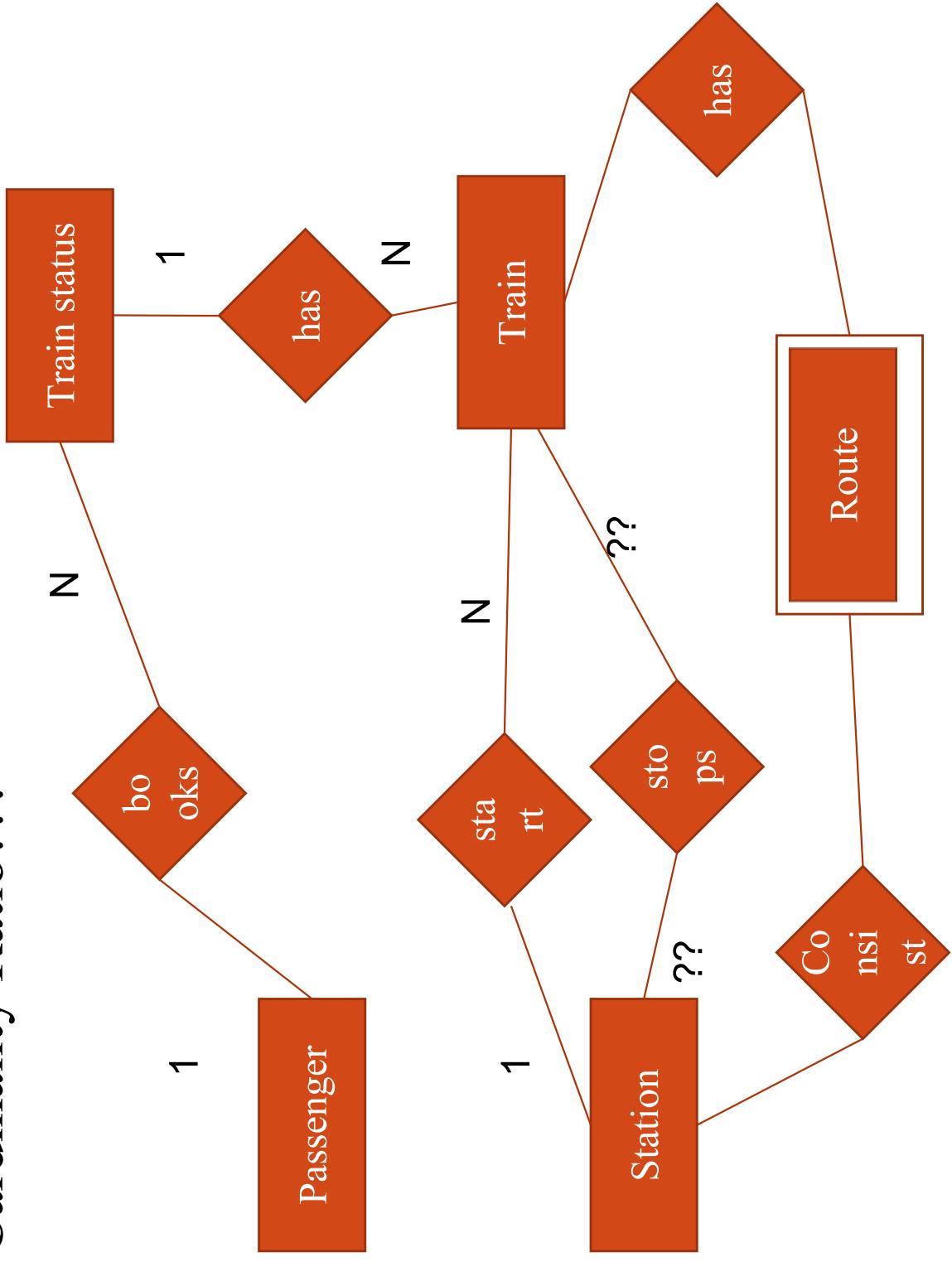
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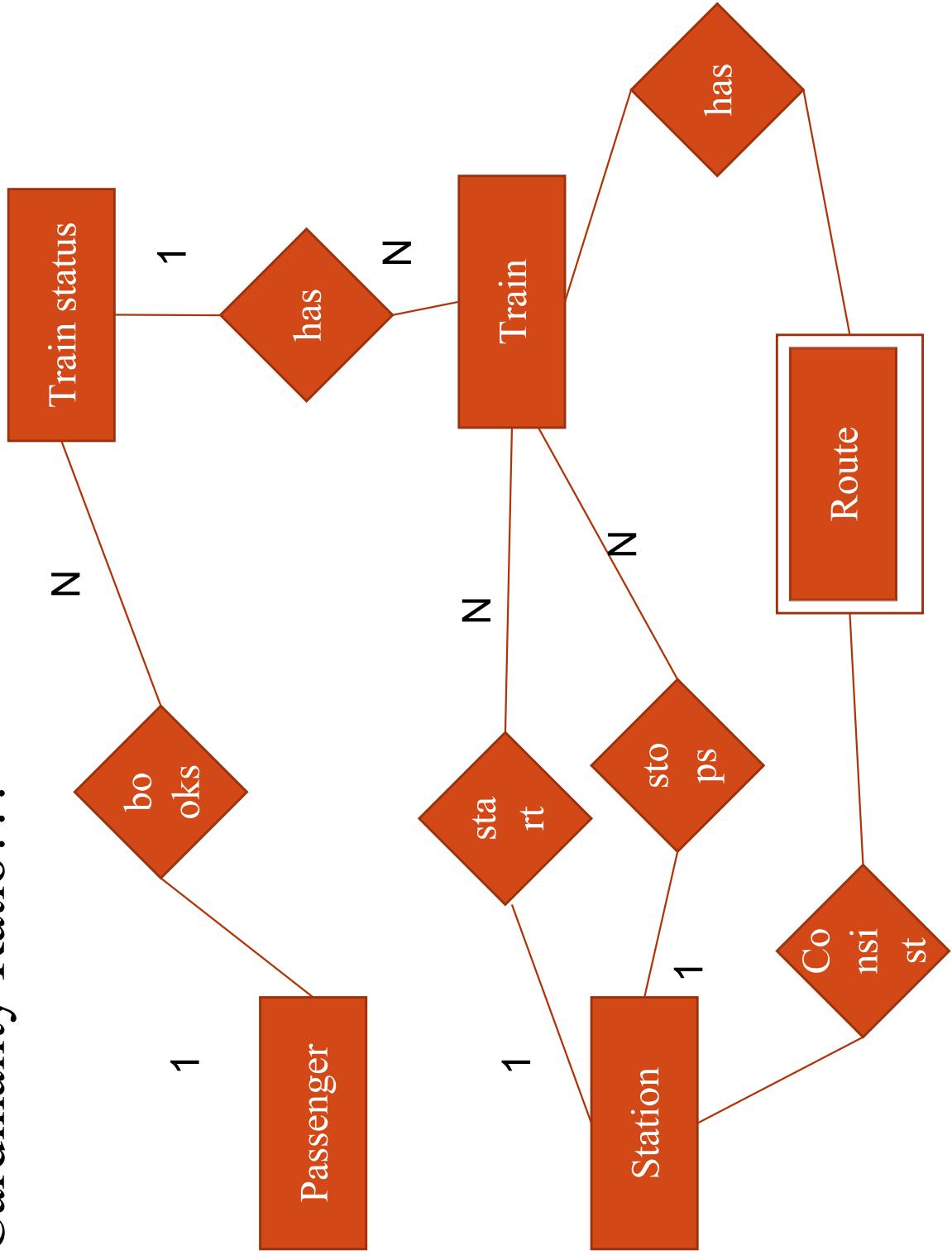
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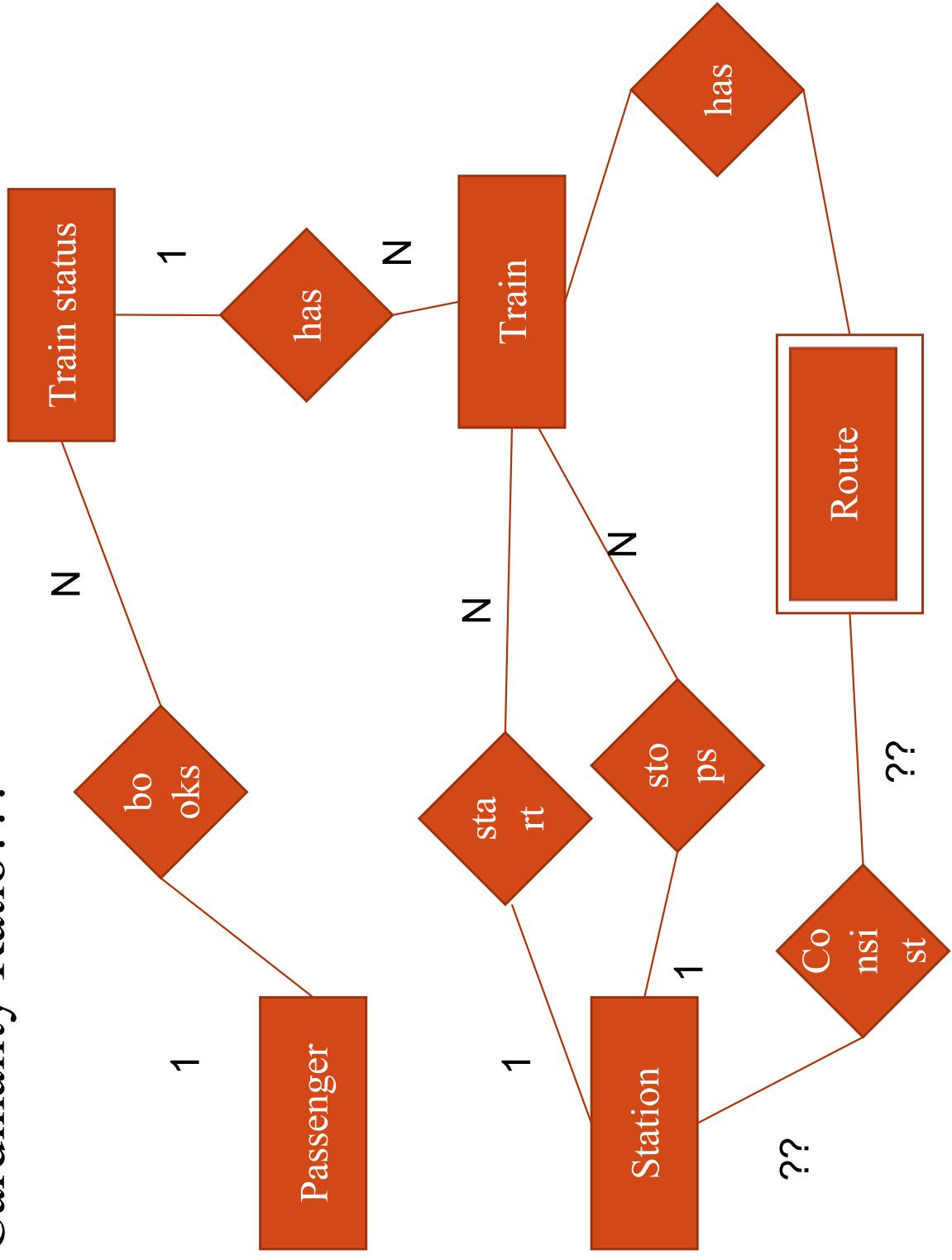
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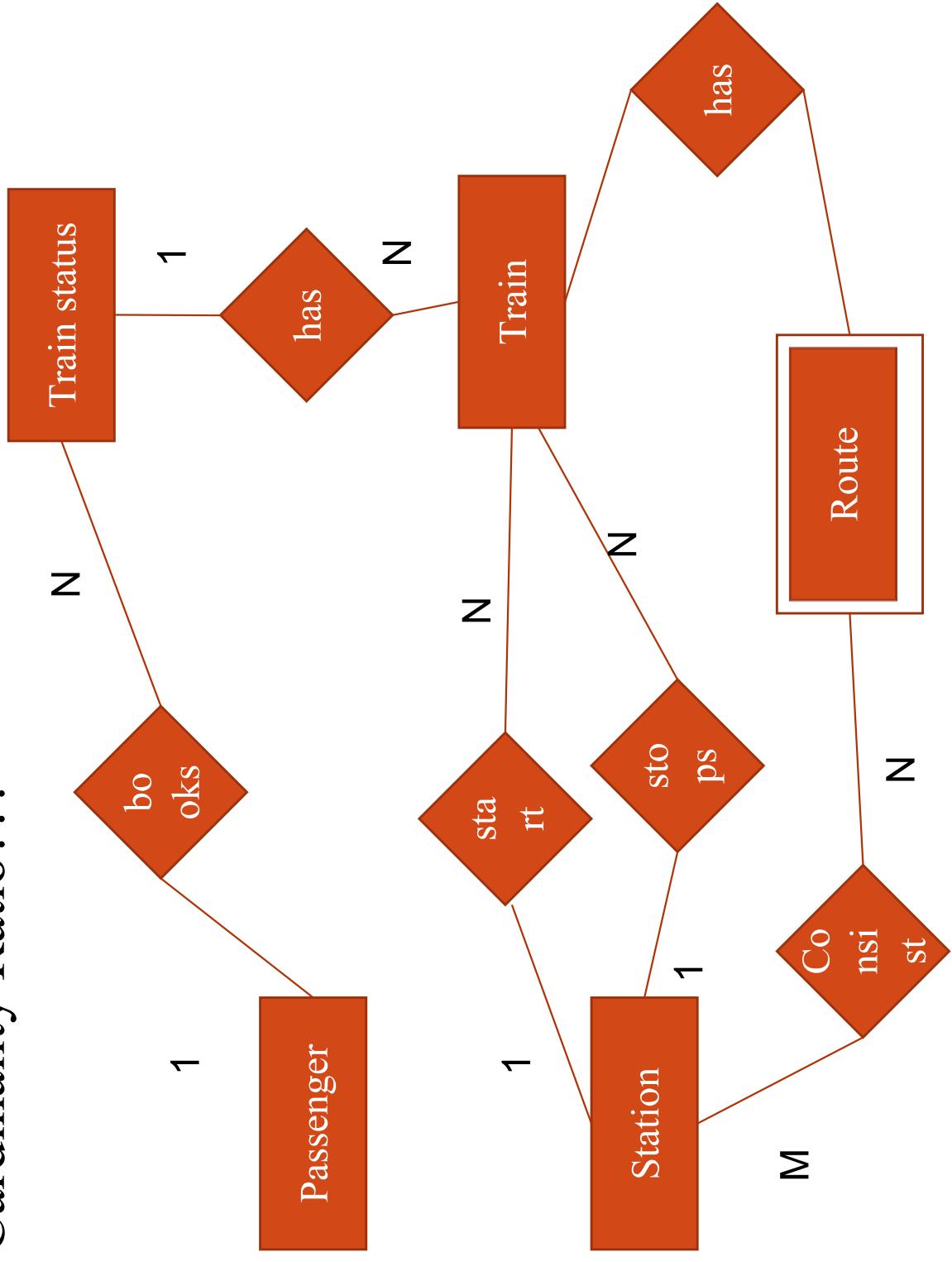
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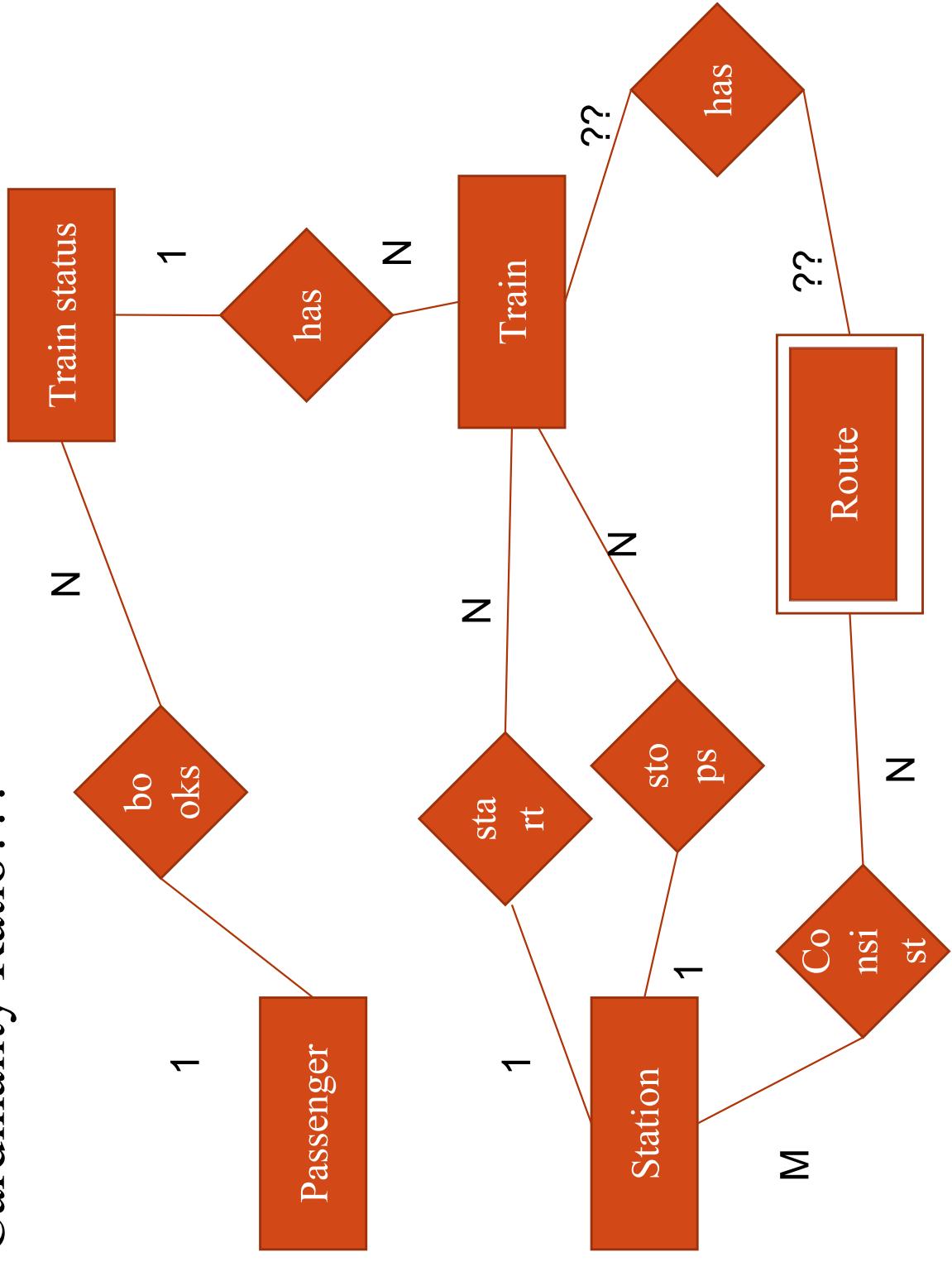
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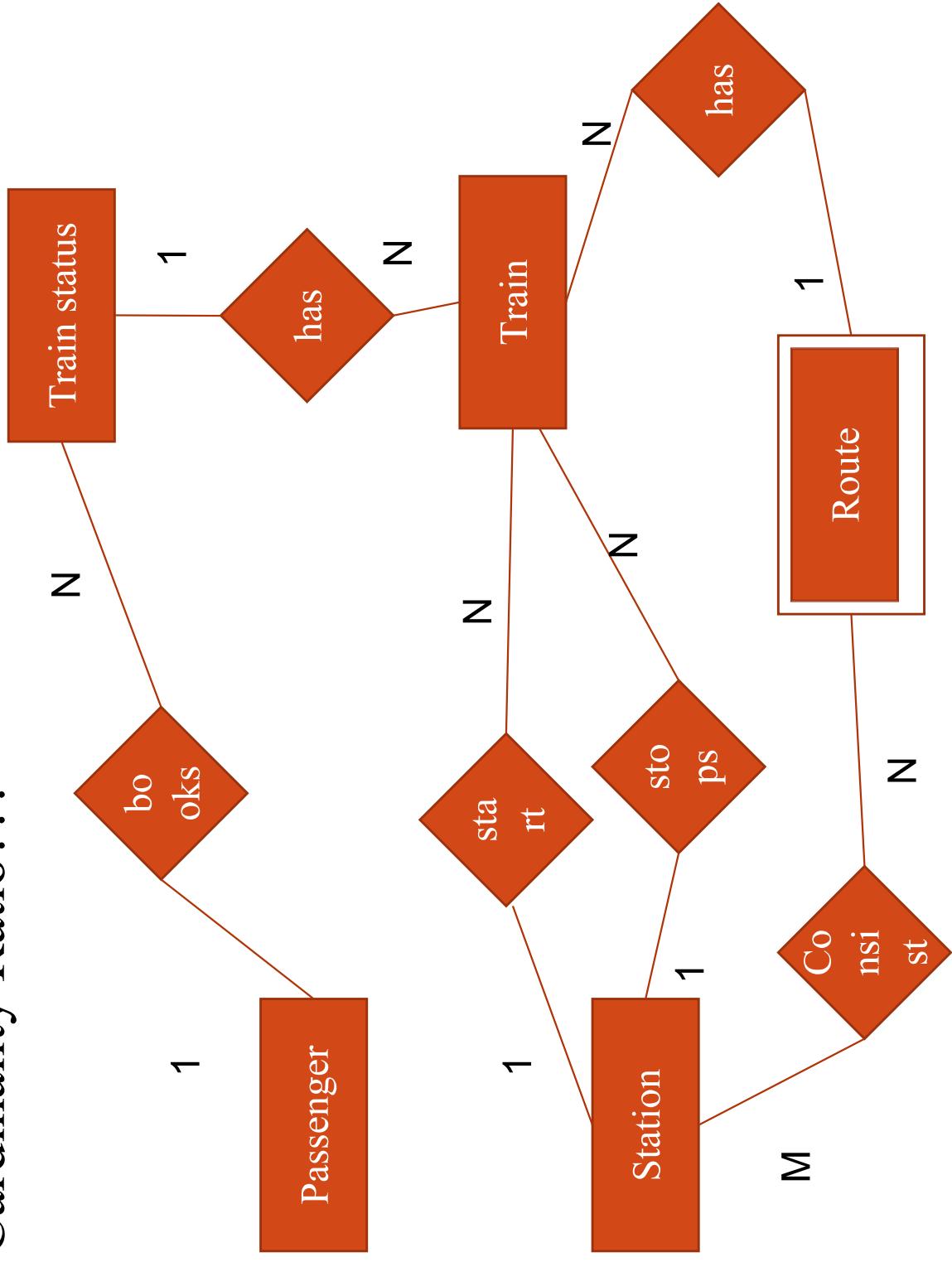
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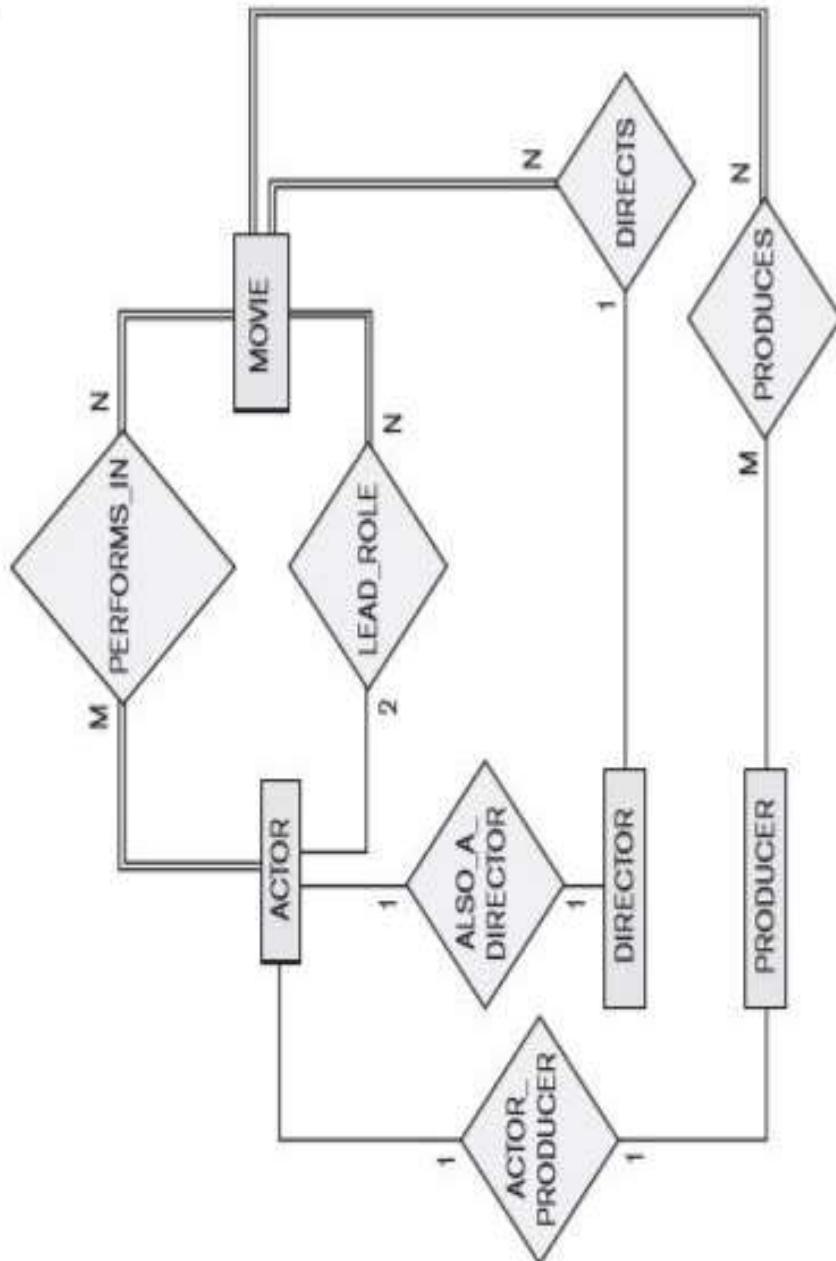
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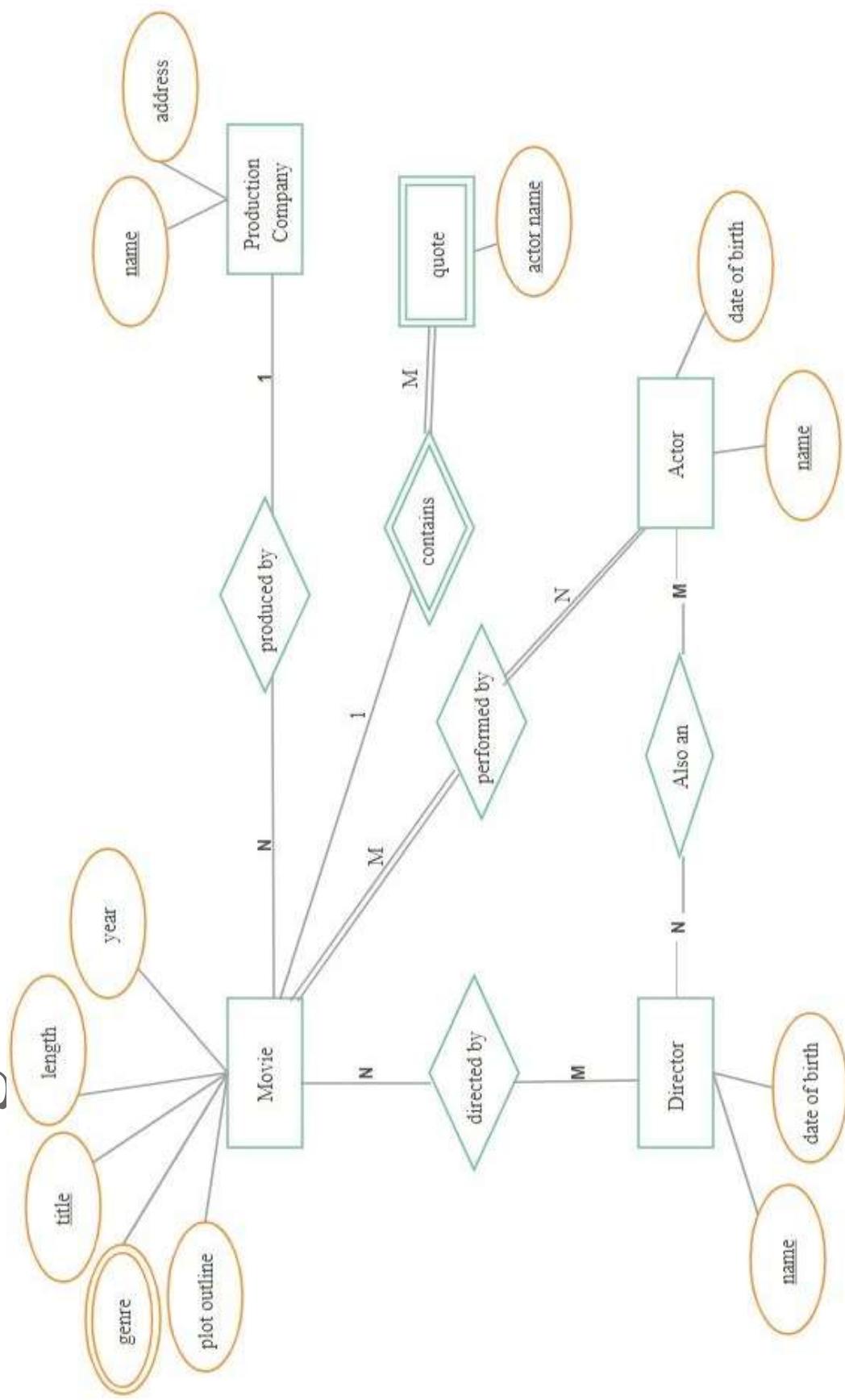
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# ER diagram for Movie Database

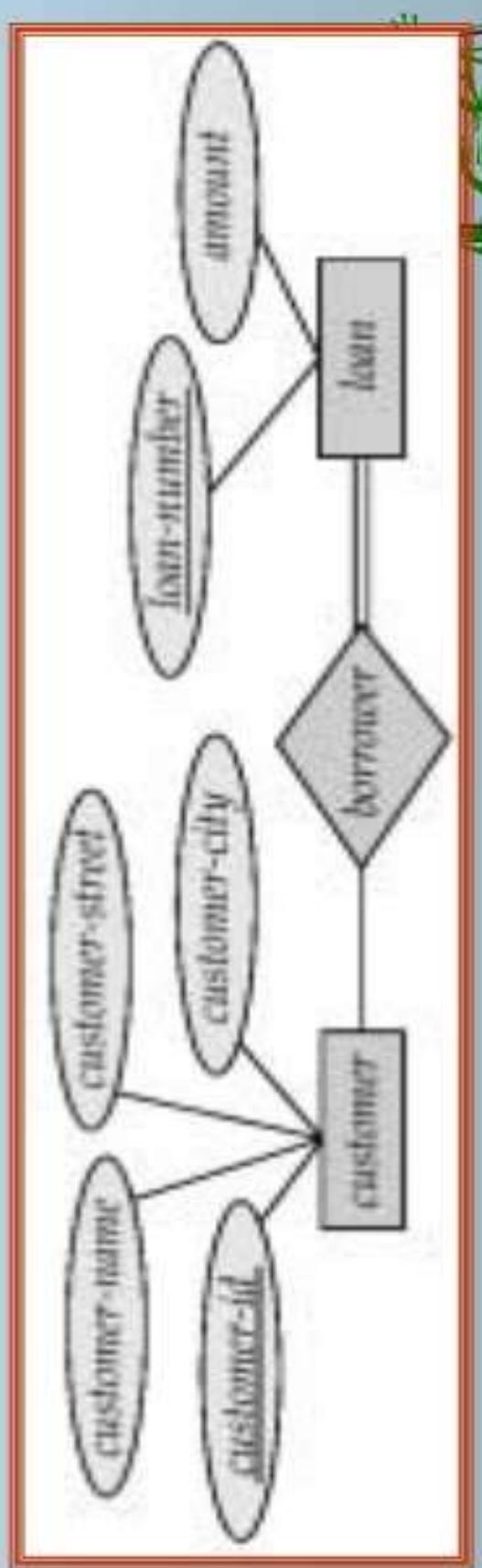


# ER diagram for Movie Database



# Participation of an Entity Set in a Relationship Set

- Total participation (indicated by double line): every entity in the entity set participates in at least one relationship in the relationship set
  - E.g. participation of *loan* in *borrower* is total
    - every loan must have a customer associated to it via borrower
- Partial participation: some entities may not participate in any relationship in the relationship set
  - E.g. participation of *customer* in *borrower* is partial



# Most Frequently asked Questions

1. Explain the various notations in ER modeling.
2. List different types of attributes with example.
3. Explain the various types of relationship with an example.
4. Explain the main phases of database design with a diagram.
5. ER modeling for a given scenario.
6. Define entity, entity type and entity set.
7. What is an weak entity with an example explain.
8. Explain total and partial participation.