

Sistemas de Informação e Bases de Dados 2020/2021

Class 07: Translating E-A to SQL

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Class Outline

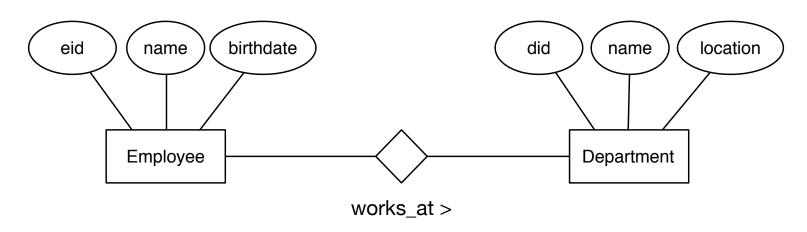
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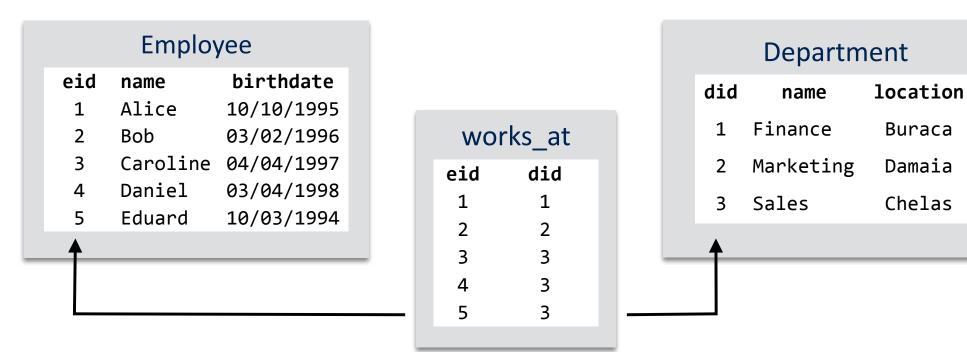


Motivation



Translation Example







Relations and Attributes

```
CREATE TABLE employee(
    eid INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    bdate DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (eid)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE department(
    did INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    location VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (did)
);
```

```
INSERT INTO employee VALUES(1, 'Alice', '1995-10-10');
INSERT INTO employee VALUES(2, 'Bob', '1996-03-02');
```

```
INSERT INTO department VALUES(1, 'Finance', 'Buraca');
INSERT INTO department VALUES(2, 'Marketing', 'Damaia');
```



Relations and Attributes

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    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    bdate DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE department (
    did INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    location VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(did)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE works_at(
    eid INTEGER,
    did INTEGER,
    PRIMARY KEY (eid, did)

FOREIGN KEY(eid) REFERENCES employee(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY(did) REFERENCES department(did)
);
```

Prevents inputing invalid eid or did values

```
INSERT INTO works_at VALUES(1, 1);
INSERT INTO works_at VALUES(2, 1);
INSERT INTO works_at VALUES(2, 99);
```



Referential Integrity



Table Relationships

A foreign key connects two tables

Foreign Key

Employee



	ID	Name	Tax id	T-Shirt	DID	
	001	João Guilherme Silva da Cunha	12345678	М	EN	
	002	Tomás Pinto dos Santos	91234567	М	EN	
	003	David Miguel Redwanz Duque	89012345	L	MK	
	004	Pedro Daniel Diz Pinela	67890123	М	HR	
	005	Guilherme de Queiróz Rebelo Brum Gomes	22394856	XL	EN	
	006	Marta Isabel de Almeida Cardoso	34562732	S	HR	
	007	Filipe Emanuel Lourenço Ramalho Fernandes	82533235	L	EN	
	800	Gabriel Filipe Queirós Mesquita Delgado Freire	23134539	M	EN	
	009	João Gomes Vultos Freitas	22231233	L	EN	
	010	Ricardo Afonso Rodrigues da Silva Oliveira	56372848	L	MK	

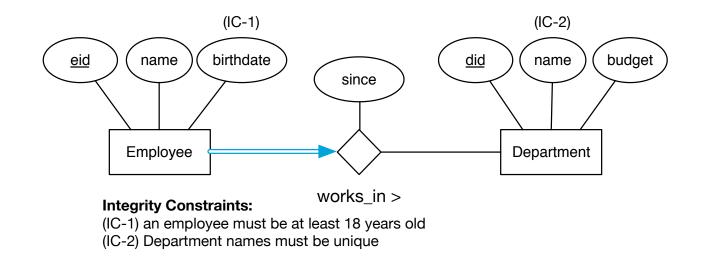
Department

DID	Name	Budget
HR	Human Resources	50 000
EN	Software Engineering	1 200 000
MK	Marketing	150 000

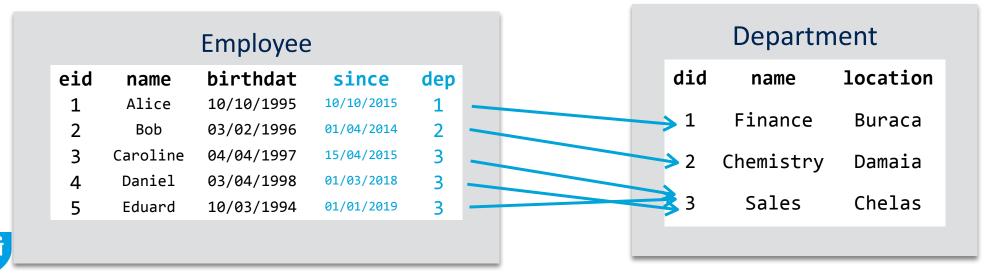




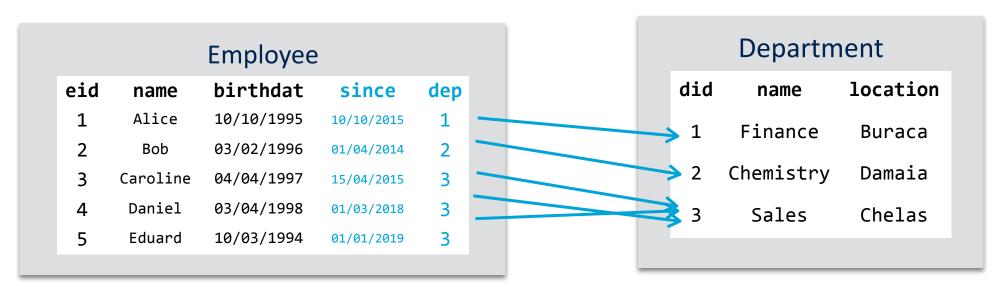
How to translate this case?



△ All VALUES in Employee.dep must exist as PRIMARY KEY the Department.did



Operations that violate Referential Integrity



- Removing lines from Department: We cannot remove departments to which employees are still associated
- Updating VALUES on Department: We cannot change VALUES on department that imply changing VALUES on employee
- Inserting lines on Employee: We cannot add employees on departments that do not exist

Referential Integrity Constraints (or Foreign Keys)

 The most common constraint involving two tables is the Referential Integrity constraint

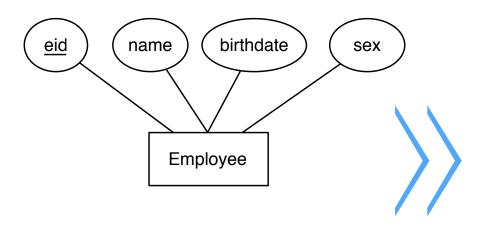
 Data in one table must be always coherent with the data of another table. A table is usually related to other tables.



Translating Entities and Attributes



Entities



```
CREATE TABLE employee (
    eid INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    bdate DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid)
);
```

- 1. **Entities** result in a table with corresponding attributes
- 2. PRIMARY KEY is the same
- 3. Constraints have also to be translated (will see how later on...)



Data Types and Values



Basic Datatype Families

Text Types

Varchar

Char

Text

'John Smith', 'R2D2', 'Red', ''

Numeric Types

Integer

Fixed Point

Floating Point

-1, 25, +6.34, 0.5, 25e-03

Date & Time

Date

Time

Timestamp

'2029-01-01', '08-JAN-2029 10:35:02'



Text Types

VARCHAR(n)

Variable length character string max size *n*

n < 4000

CHAR(n)

Character string with fixed size *n*

n < 4000

TEXT

Variable length text (multi-line) field (typically limited to 65535 characters)

length typically limited to 65535 characters



Integer Numeric Types

INTEGER

An integer with up to 9 digits

4 bytes

SMALLINT

An integer with up to 4 digits

2 bytes

-215
-32 768
to
+215-1
32 767

BIGINT

An integer with up to 18 digits

8 bytes



Fixed Point Number Types

NUMERIC(p, s)

A numeric value with arbitrary exact precision

 \approx (3+p/4) bytes

Up to 131072 digits before the decimal point
Up to 16383 digits after the decimal point

- Precision p: total number of digits, must be positive (p > 0)
- Scale s: number of digits to right of the decimal point, can be zero but must always be smaller than the precision (0 < s < p)

Whenever *s* is zero, we can write **NUMERIC(***p***)**



Floating Point Numeric Types

REAL

variableprecision, inexact 6 digits

4 bytes

1E-37 to 1E+37

DOUBLE

variableprecision,
inexact
15 digits

8 bytes

1E-307 to 1E+308



Fixed- vs. Floating Point

FIXED POINT

FLOATING POINT

Precision	Fixed precision	Variable-precision		
Storage	Stores numbers exactly	Stores numbers inexactly (as approximations)		
Retrieval	Retrieved valued never show any discrepancies	Retrieved values may show discrepancies from values stored		
Speed	Slower calculations (*)	Faster calculations		
Money Amounts	Can be safely used for monetary values	Should never be used for monetary values		

(*) In practice, this difference is often neglectable



Behaviour of Fixed and Float



Behaviour of Fixed Point

```
CREATE TABLE teste(
    x NUMERIC(1,0) -- same as NUMERIC(1)
);
```



⚠ Inserting in a NUMERIC with a precision or scale larger than specified will result in an error or in a warning; the value is often truncated.

Behaviour of Fixed Point



Behaviour of Float

```
CREATE TABLE test(
  x float,
  y float
);

INSERT INTO test VALUES(1.2, 1.2);

SELECT x+y FROM test;
```

2.4000000953674316

SELECT (1.0/3.0)*3.0;



Date Types

DATE

Stores dates
with a resolution
of
1 day

4 bytes

4713 BC to 5874897 AD

TIME

Stores a time
with a resolution
of
1 microsecond

8 bytes

00:00:00 to 24:00:00

TIMESTAMP

Stores instant timestamps with resolution of 1 microsecond

8 bytes

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Intervals

INTERVAL

the difference between dates, times, or timestamps

4 bytes

-178 000 000 yrs to 178 000 000 yrs

- Dates and times cannot be added (only subtracted)
- Intervals can be added to a date or to a time



Behaviour of Interval

```
CREATE TABLE test(
    a DATE,
    b TIME,
    c TIMESTAMP
);
INSERT INTO test VALUES ('2020-12-12', '09:00', '2020-12-12 10:30');
```

```
SELECT * FROM test;
```



Indicative Field Sizes



Person/Organisation

Field	Database Type	Max Size	Min Size	Validation		
PERSON/ORGANIZATION DETAILS						
Person Full Name	VARCHAR	80				
Company Name	VARCHAR	200				
Street Address	VARCHAR	255				
City	VARCHAR	30				
Postal Code	VARCHAR	12	2			
Phone Number	VARCHAR	15	3	<u>ITU E.16</u>		
Phone Extension	VARCHAR	11		<u>ITU E.16</u>		
Language	CHAR	3		ISO 639		
Country Name	VARCHAR	70		ISO 3166-1		
Latitude	NUMERIC	9,6				
Longitude	NUMERIC	8,6				

Finance

Field	Database Type	Max Size	Min Size	Validation			
	FINANCE						
VAT ID	VARCHAR	20	1				
IBAN	VARCHAR	30					
Credit Card Number	NUMERIC	16					
Money	NUMERIC	16,4					

Electronic Commerce

Field	Database Type	Max Size	Min Size	Validation	
ELECTRONIC					
E-mail Address	VARCHAR	254	6	IETF RFC 3696 Checking email addresses	
Domain Name	VARCHAR	253	4		
URL	VARCHAR	2083	11		
IP address (incl V6)	VARCHAR	45	11		
GUID	char	36			

Social Networks

Field	Database Type	Max Size	Min Size		
SOCIAL NETWORK					
Facebook max name length	VARCHAR	50			
Youtube channel	VARCHAR	20			
Twitter max name length	VARCHAR	15			

NULL Values



NULL VALUES

NULL is a special value that means, simultaneously, unfilled / unknown / not applicable

Suppose that Daniel did not specify his birthdate, we could write the INSERT statement:

```
INSERT INTO employee VALUES(11, 'Daniel', null);
```

and then query the database for his record:

```
SELECT * FROM employee
WHERE eid=11;
```

riangle The use of NULL is ambiguous and should be avoided.



NOT NULL Constraint

- In SQL all columns (not part of the key) by default may have null VALUES.
- To prevent columns from taking null VALUES, we must add the NOT NULL constraint in front of the data type:

<field> <type> NOT NULL

```
CREATE TABLE employee(
    ssn NUMERIC(11),
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    birthdate DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(ssn)
);
```

- Most columns (most often all columns) should be NOT NULL
- Any columns that participate in the PRIMARY KEY are already NOT NULL (because they null is never a valid value on a key)



Translating Column and Domain Constraints

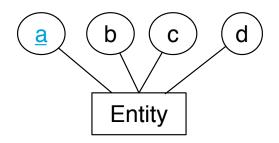


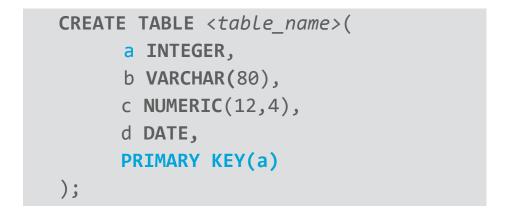
Column Constraints



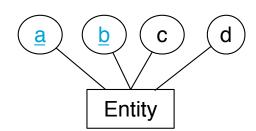
PRIMARY KEY Constraints

One Attribute





Multiple atributes



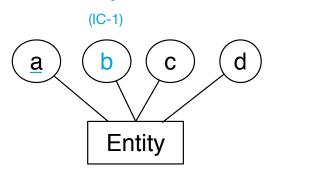


A PRIMARY KEY constraint is specified as

PRIMARY KEY(col_1 , ..., col_n)

Uniqueness Constraints

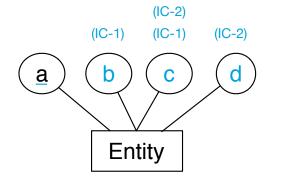
One "unique" attribute

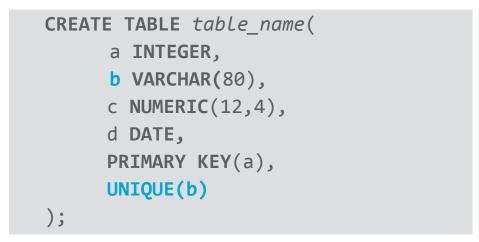


Integrity Constraints:

(IC-1) b is unique

Combination of "unique"





```
CREATE TABLE table_name(
    a INTEGER,
    b VARCHAR(80),
    c NUMERIC(12,4),
    d DATE,
    PRIMARY KEY(a),
    UNIQUE(b, c),
    UNIQUE(c, d)
);
```

Integrity Constraints:

(IC-1) (b,c) is unique (IC-2) (c,d) is unique

A uniqueness constraint is specified as:



UNIQUE(col₁, ..., col_n)

Domain Constraints



Domain Constraint Checking

The CHECK clause can be used to specify the verification of the VALUES of any field of a record every time the record is <u>inserted</u> ou <u>updated</u>:

CHECK(condition)

```
CREATE TABLE products (
    product_no INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(80),
    price NUMERIC,
    discounted_price NUMERIC,
    CHECK (price > 0),
    CHECK (discounted_price > 0),
    CHECK (price > discounted_price)
);
```

Domain Constraints

A Domain constraint guarantees that the VALUES of a column (field VALUES) are within the intended domain

```
CREATE TABLE employee(
    ssn NUMERIC(11),
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    birthdate DATE NOT NULL,
    gender CHAR(1),
    PRIMARY KEY(ssn),
    CHECK (length(name) > 3),
    CHECK (birthdate > '1920-01-01'),
    CHECK (gender in ('M', 'F'))
);
```



Domain Constraint validation using a Technical Table

Whenever the domain is too large, the valid VALUES can be validated against a technical table

```
CREATE TABLE employee
  (ssn NUMERIC(11),
   name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
  birthdate DATE NOT NULL,
  birth_country CHAR(80),
  PRIMARY KEY(ssn),
  CHECK(birth_country
   IN (SELECT name FROM country))
);
```



Record/Line Constraints

A record (row or line) constraint is one that guarantees that the data of the record (row or line) is correct coherent

```
CREATE TABLE employee(
    eid NUMERIC(9),
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    birthdate DATE NOT NULL,
    graduation DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid),
    CHECK (LENGTH(name) > 3),
    CHECK (birthdate > '1920-01-01'),
    CHECK (extract(year FROM age(birthdate)) > 18),
    CHECK graduation > birthdate
);
```





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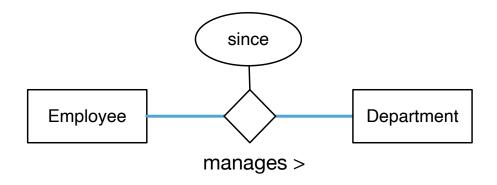
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Translating Associations



M:N Associations



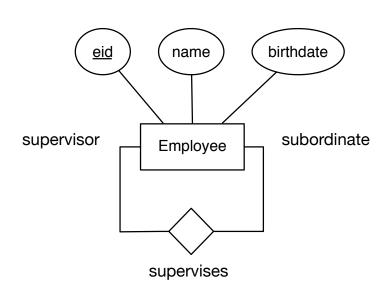
```
CREATE TABLE manages (
    eid INTEGER,
    did INTEGER,
    since DATE,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid, did),
    FOREIGN KEY (eid) REFERENCES employee(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY (did) REFERENCES department(did)
);
```

Captures any valid combination of (eid, did)



M:N Auto Association

Special case of the self-association



```
CREATE TABLE supervises (

sup_eid INTEGER,

sub_eid INTEGER,

PRIMARY KEY(sup_eid, sub_eid)

FOREIGN KEY(sup_eid) REFERENCES

Employee(eid),

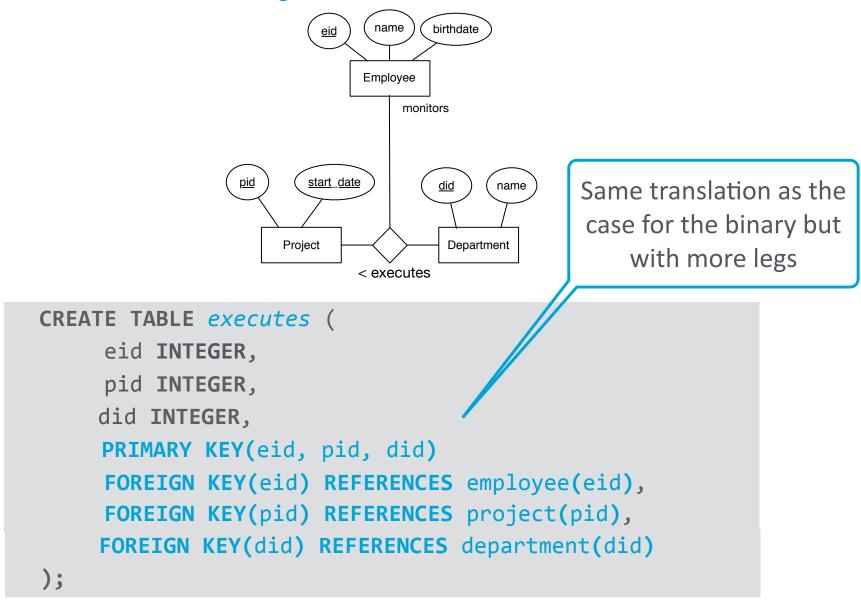
FOREIGN KEY(sub_eid) REFERENCES

Employee(eid)

);
```

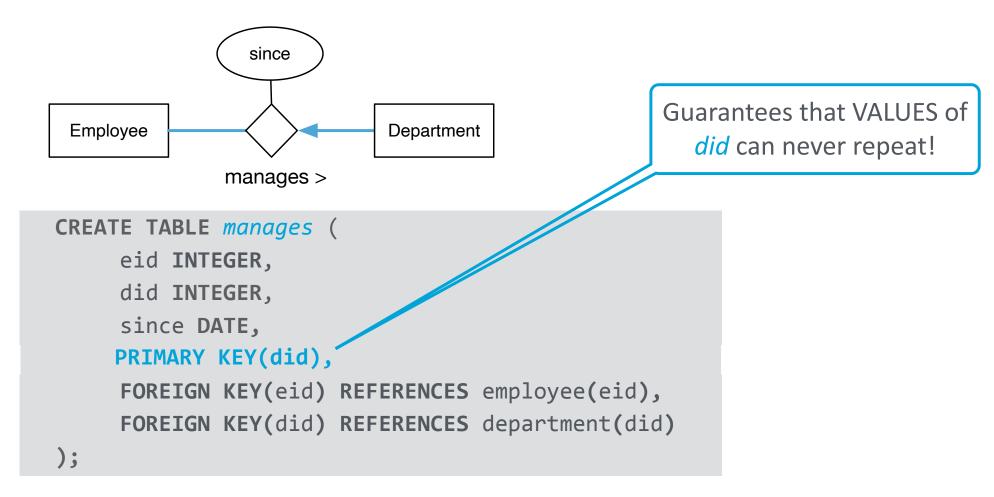
- Field names cannot repeat
- The fields sup_eid and sub_eid capture any valid combination of \(\)eid, eid \(\)

Ternary Associations



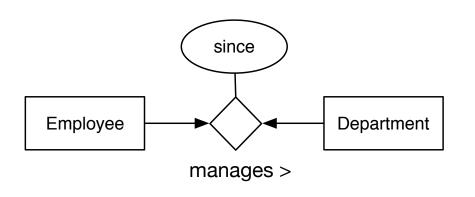
Captures any valid combination of (eid, pid, did)

M:1 Associations



- Once a department is associated to an employee, it cannot be associated again (to another employee)
- We encode this by guaranteeing that each did appears only once in the table that represents the association (i.e., that did it is associated only once)

1:1 Associations



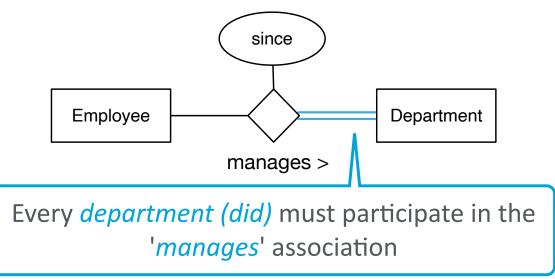
Neither did nor did repeat
Therefore: Once a
'department' (or an 'employee')
exists in the table 'manages', no
other can exist

```
CREATE TABLE manages (
    eid INTEGER,
    did INTEGER,
    since DATE,

PRIMARY KEY(eid)
    UNIQUE (did),
    NOT NULL(did),
    FOREIGN KEY(eid) REFERENCES employee(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY(did) REFERENCES department(did)
);
```

- Both a Department and a Employee can only be associated once
- We encode this by guaranteeing that both eid and did appear only once₄

M:N Mandatory Participation



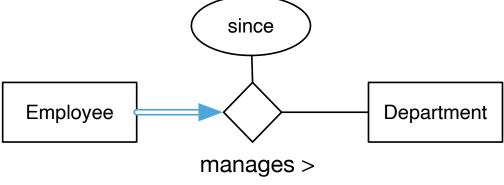
```
eid INTEGER,
did INTEGER,
since date,
PRIMARY KEY(eid, did),
FOREIGN KEY(eid) REFERENCES
employee(eid),
FOREIGN KEY(did) REFERENCES
department(did)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE department(
    did INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    location VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (did)
    -- Every department must exist
    in the table 'manages'
);
```

△There is no simple DBMS implementation for this constraint. Must often ensured by the application code.

M:1 Mandatory Participation

Special Case



```
CREATE TABLE employee (
    eid INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    birthdate DATE NOT NULL,
    since DATE NOT NULL,
    manages_did INTEGER NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid)
    FOREIGN KEY(manages_did) REFERENCES department(did)
);
```

- Instead of creating a table for the 'manages' association, we extend the table employee with the reference (a foreign key) to the department.
- Every record on employee must be connected to (in this case managing some) department

Translating Generalisations



Simple Specialisation

```
CREATE TABLE employee (
    eid INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    birthdate DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(empid)
);
```

```
eid birthdate

Employee

Freelancer Permanent
```

```
CREATE TABLE freelancer (
    eid INTEGER,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY(eid) REFERENCES
    employee(eid)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE contracted (
    eid INTEGER,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY (eid) REFERENCES
    employee(eid)
);
```

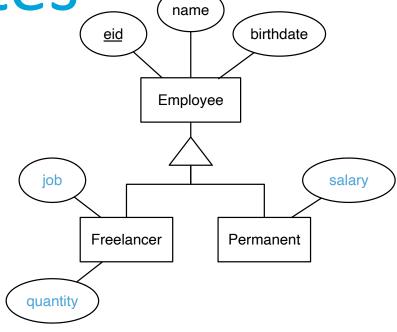


Encodes the subset of all Freelancers

Encodes the subset of all Contracted

Specialisation with attributes

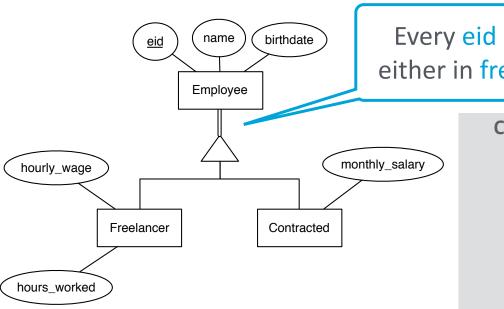
```
CREATE TABLE employee (
    eid INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    birthdate DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(empid)
);
```



```
CREATE TABLE freelancer (
    eid INTEGER,
    hourly_wage NUMERIC(12,4),
    hours_worked INTEGER,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY(eid) REFERENCES
    employee(eid)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE contracted (
    eid INTEGER,
    salary NUMERIC(12,4),
    PRIMARY KEY(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY (eid) REFERENCES
    employee(eid)
);
```

Mandatory Specialisation



Every eid of employee must exist either in freelancer or in contracted

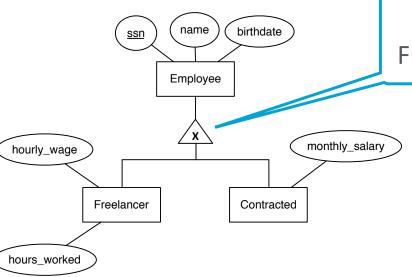
```
CREATE TABLE employee (
    eid INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    birthdate DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(empid)
    -- Every employee must exist either
        in the table 'freelancer' or in
        the table 'permanent'
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE freelancer (
    eid INTEGER,
    hourly_wage NUMERIC(12,4),
    hours_worked INTEGER,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY(eid) REFERENCES
        employee(eid)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE contracted (
    eid INTEGER,
    monthly_salary NUMERIC(12,4),
    PRIMARY KEY(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY (eid) REFERENCES
    employee(eid)
);
```



Disjoint Specialisation



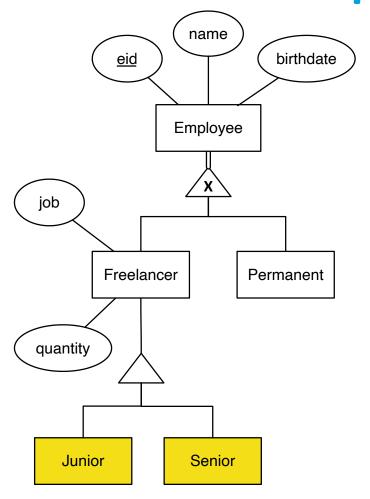
The eid of an Employee cannot exist in Freelancer and Contracted at the same time

```
CREATE TABLE employee (
    eid INTEGER,
    name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
    birthdate DATE NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY(empid)
    -- No employee can exist at the same
        time in the both the table
        'freelancer' or in the table
        'permanent'
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE freelancer (
    eid INTEGER,
    hourly_wage NUMERIC(12,4),
    hours_worked INTEGER,
    PRIMARY KEY(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY(eid) REFERENCES
        employee(eid)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE contracted (
    eid INTEGER,
    monthly_salary NUMERIC(12,4),
    PRIMARY KEY(eid),
    FOREIGN KEY (eid) REFERENCES
        employee(eid)
);
```

Nested Specialisation



```
create table junior (
     eid INTEGER,
     PRIMARY KEY (eid),
     FOREIGN KEY (eid) REFERENCES
          freelancer(eid)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE employee (
       eid INTEGER,
       name VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL,
       bdate DATE NOT NULL,
       PRIMARY KEY(empid)
       -- <Mandatory constraint...>
       -- <Disjoint constraint...>
 );
 CREATE TABLE freelancer(
       eid INTEGER,
       hourly wage money,
        hours_worked INTEGER,
        PRIMARY KEY(eid),
        FOREIGN KEY(eid) REFERENCES
           employee(eid)
 );
 CREATE TABLE contrated(
       eid INTEGER,
       monthly salary money,
        PRIMARY KEY (eid),
CREATE TABLE senior (
      eid INTEGER,
      PRIMARY KEY (eid),
       FOREIGN KEY (eid) REFERENCES
          freelancer(eid)
```

Mapping Generalisations/ Specialisations

- 1. Map the super-entity in a table
- 2. Map sub-entities into distinct tables where:
 - The key of each table corresponding to a sub-entity is the key of the super-entity (enforced with the corresponding FK constraint)
- 3. Disjoint or Mandatory specialisation constraints are identified as comments (they will mapped through ICs over the super-entity using advanced database programming or application code)

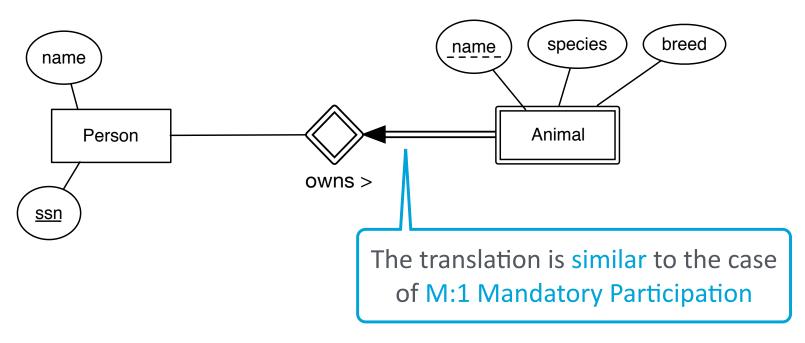
⚠There is no simple DBMS implementation for Disjoint and Mandatory constraints. This will be explained later in the course.



Translating Weak Entities



Weak Entities



```
CREATE TABLE person(
                                 CREATE TABLE animal(
     name VARCHAR(80),
                                    ssn NUMERIC(9)
     ssn NUMERIC(9)
                                    name VARCHAR(80),
     PRIMARY KEY(ssn)
                                    species VARCHAR(20),
                                    breed VARCHAR(20),
);
                                    PRIMARY KEY(ssn, name),
    The PRIMARY KEY is the
                                    FOREIGN KEY(ssn) REFERENCES person(ssn)
 combination of the key of the
                                 );
strong entity with the partial key
```

Weak Entities

The **Weak Entities** originate a table that has a key composed by:

- 1. The <u>association key</u> that corresponds to the strong entity
- 2. The <u>specified</u> <u>partial</u> <u>key</u>
- 3. Any attributes of the weak entity (if they exist)

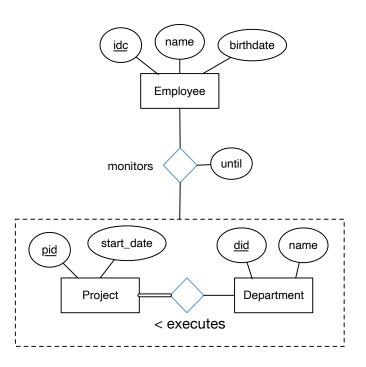
The association is not converted into a table



Translating Aggregations



Aggregation



```
CREATE TABLE executes(
    pid INTEGER,
    did INTEGER,
    PRIMARY KEY (pid, did)
    FOREIGN KEY (pid) REFERENCES project(pid)
    FOREIGN KEY (did) REFERENCES department(did)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE monitors(
    eid INTEGER,
    pid INTEGER,
    did INTEGER,
    until date,
    PRIMARY KEY (eid, pid, did),
    FOREIGN KEY (pid, did) REFERENCES executes(pid, did)
    FOREIGN KEY (eid) REFERENCES employee(eid)
);
```

Aggregation

An Aggregation is mapped as an association where:

- 1. The interior of the aggregation is mapped to a table
- 2. The association with the aggregation is mapped into a table

