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# Logical & Physical Modelling

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# So far: Introduction to Modelling

Basic ER modeling concepts

- Entities (strong, weak)
- Relationships (non-identifying/weak, identifying/strong)
- Attributes (Key Attributes)

Constraints

- Connectivity Constraints M:M, 1:M, 1:1
- Participation/Cardinality Constraints
  - Mandatory
  - Optional

# Good / Bad Entity Selection

- Entity
    - Will have many instances in the database
    - Is composed of many attributes
    - Is something needed for the system to work (something we are trying to model)
  - Examples
    - Person: EMPLOYEE, STUDENT, PATIENT
    - Place: STORE, WAREHOUSE, STATE
    - Object: MACHINE, BUILDING, VEHICLE
    - Event: SALE, REGISTRATION, BROADCAST
    - Concept: ACCOUNT, COURSE, ROLE
  - An Entity IS NOT
    - A user of the system
    - An output of the system (i.e. a report)
- A **Kooyong Road medical practice** needs a database to store details of patients, doctors and appointments.
- Questions
1. Is **Kooyong Road medical practice** an entity in the database? **No**
  2. Will a **receptionist** who will be adding patients to the database and recording appointments become an entity in this database? **No**

# Relational Data Model

**Data Model** allows us to translate real world things into structures that a computer can store

(diagram)

Many models: Relational, ER, O-O, etc.

**Customer**

Customer ID	Surname	First name	Address	Postcode	Credit card
C2045	Smith	Fred	1 John St, Hawthorn	3122	1234234534564567
C2048	Nguyen	Vincent	2/7 Oak Ave, Altona	3018	4554123423457899
C2146	Davis	Liz	32 Lyle St, Toorak	3142	4564564578970022

**Relational Model:**

- Rows (or Tuples) and Columns (Attributes/fields)
- Primary Keys and Foreign Keys to link Relations

**Order**

Order No	Customer ID	Date	Time	Delivery
3224	C2045	1/09/2021	17:35	The b...
3228	C2045	3/09/2021	18:42	The b...
3236	C2048	3/09/2021	21:05	
3248	C2045	4/09/2021	15:20	The b...

# Terminology

Every system has its own terminology:

Relational Model terminology	MS Access RDBMS terminology	MySQL, Oracle RDBMS terminology
Relation	Table	Table
Attribute	Field	Column
Tuple or Row	Record	Row

# Relational Database: Definitions

**Relational database**: a set of *relations*.

**Relation**: made up of 2 parts:

- **Schema** : specifies name of relation, plus name and type of each column (attribute).

Example:

$\text{Pizza}(pID: \text{string}, \text{pizzaName}: \text{string}, \text{price}: \text{real})$

- **Instance** : a **table**, with rows and columns.

Number of rows = *cardinality*      *are rows are distinct*

Number of columns/fields = *degree (or arity)*

You can think of a relation as a *set of rows or tuples*.

- *all rows are distinct* like student ID which is unique

- *no order among rows* we don't know the order that data store

but you can decide how the data order

# Example Instance of Pizza Relation

## Pizza

Code	Pizza name	Price
P1	Mario's Supreme Pizza	6.95
P2	Vegetarian Pizza	6.95
P3	Hawaiian Pizza	6.95
P4	Hot 'n' spicy Pizza	6.95
B1	Garlic Bread	4.95
B2	Herb Bread	4.95
D1	2 Litre Cola	2.50
D2	2 Litre Lemonade	2.50

Cardinality = 8 (many), degree (arity) = 3, all rows distinct

number of row

number of column

These two are  
↗ different ^

# Logical Design: ER to Logical Relation

In logical design **entity** set becomes a **relation**. Attributes become attributes of the relation.

**Conceptual Design:**



Building	
PK	<u>bCode</u>
	bName

Customer	
PK	<u>CustomerID</u>
	Surname FirstName Email

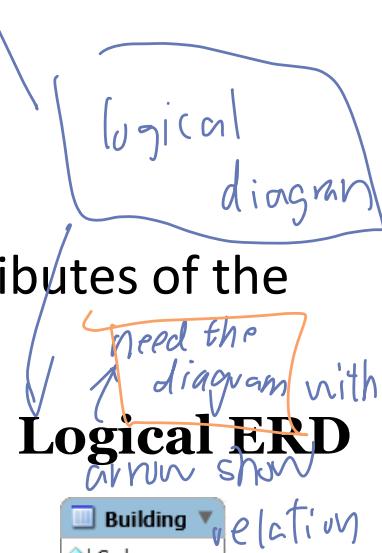
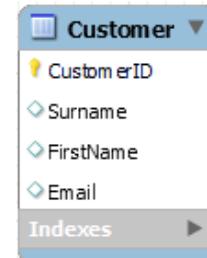
**Logical Relation:**  
*only word  
save space*

Building (bCode, bName)

*primary key should  
be underlined.*

Customer (customerID, Surname,  
FirstName, Email)

PK is underlined



# ER to Logical to Physical

In physical design we specify data types

→ how much memory space cost  
 how long it take

(in word)

## 1. Conceptual Design:

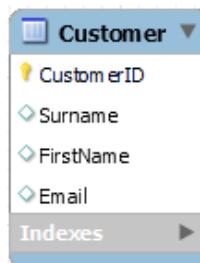
Building	
PK	bCode
bName	

## 2. Logical Relation:

Building (bCode, bName)

add the data type

## Or Logical Design Diagram:



## 3. Physical Relation:

Building

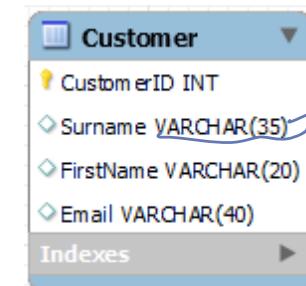
(bCode CHAR(2), bName

VARCHAR(25)

)

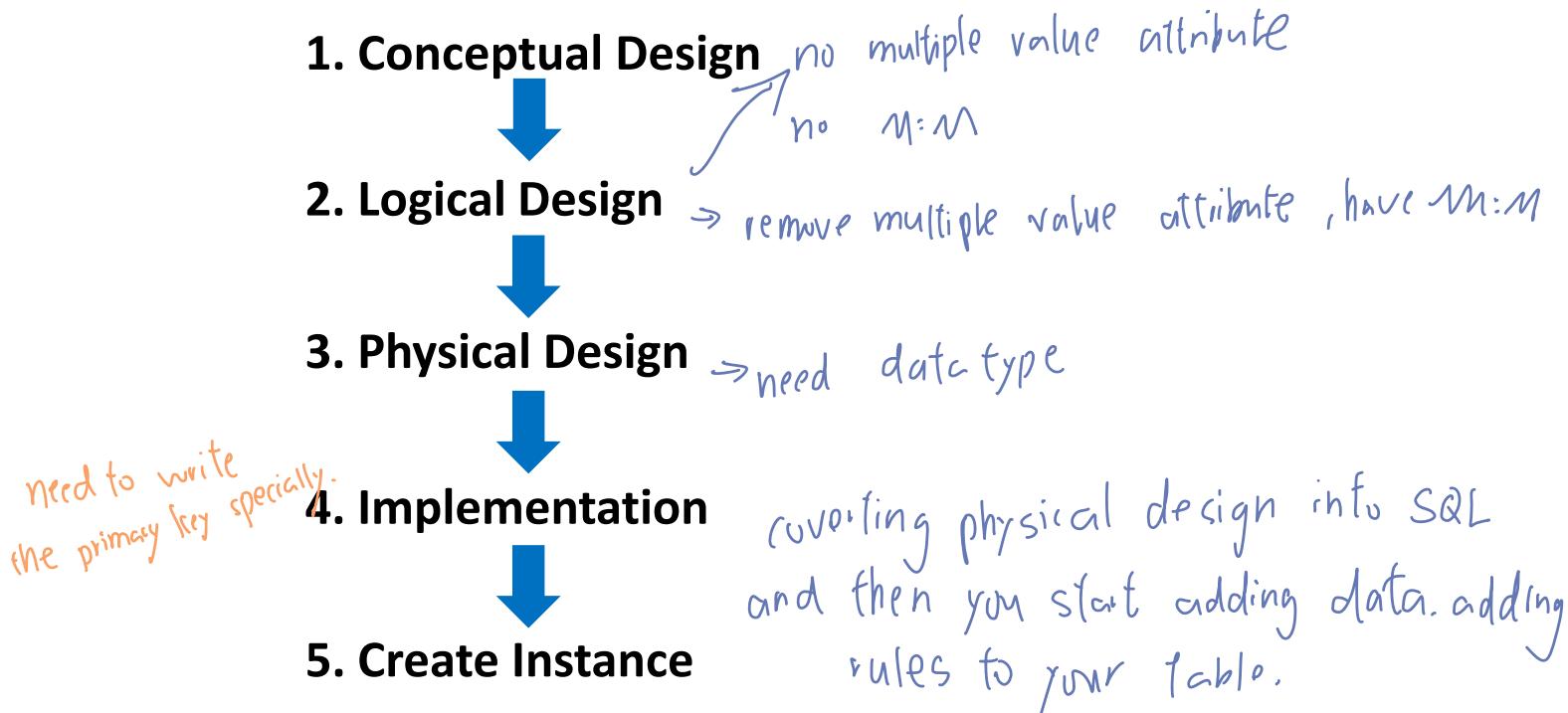
→ different is its has datatype.

## Or Physical Design Diagram:



datatype  
 (cost time and  
 space)  
 in computer

# The Entire Cycle



# The Entire Cycle

## 1. Conceptual Design:

Customer	
PK	<u>CustomerID</u>
	Surname
	FirstName
	Email

## 2. Logical Relation:

Customer (customerID, Surname, FirstName, Email)

## 3. Physical Relation:

Customer  
(customerID CHAR(11),  
 Surname VARCHAR(35),  
 FirstName VARCHAR(20),  
 Email VARCHAR(40))

## 4. Implementation:

CREATE TABLE Customer

customerID CHAR(11),

Surname VARCHAR(35),

FirstName VARCHAR(20),

Email VARCHAR(40),

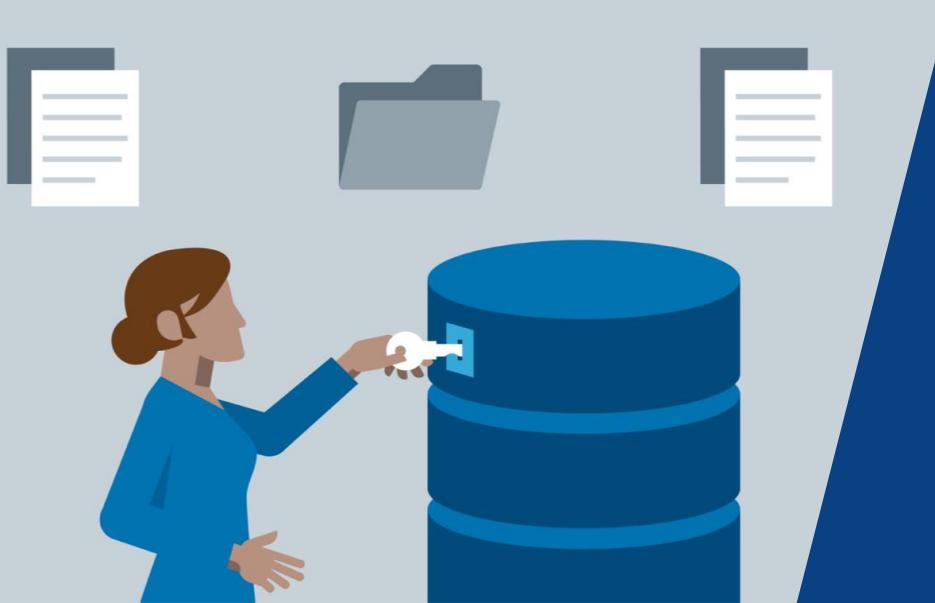
★ PRIMARY KEY (customerID)

specific classify the underline

## 5. Instance:

CUSTOMER

<u>CustomerID</u>	Surname	FirstName	Email
0983763423	Ellis	John	ellisj@xyz.com
9384392483	Lee	Jane	jane@aa.com
3743923483	Smith	Jill	js@gmail.com



# Keys and Integrity Constraints

# Keys

Keys are a way to associate tuples in different relations

Keys are one form of integrity constraint (IC)

**Example:** Only customers can place orders.

Each Foreign Key value in the Order table references a Primary Key value in the Customer table

## Customer

Customer ID	Surname	First name	Address	Postcode	Credit card
C2045	Smith	Fred	1 John St, Hawthorn	3122	1234234534564567
C2048	Nguyen	Vincent	2/7 Oak Ave, Altona	3018	4554123423457899
C2146	Davis	Liz	32 Lyle St, Toorak	3142	4564564578970022

**PRIMARY Key**

In human logic: order is weak entity  
need the foreign key

In logic; order can be strong entity, some store not need the customer name. order number is it primary key.

is foreign key for order

Order No	Customer ID	Date	Time	Delivery
3224	C2045	1/09/2021	17:35	The be
3228	C2045	3/09/2021	18:42	The be
3236	C2048	3/09/2021	21:05	
3248	C2045	4/09/2021	15:20	The be

**FOREIGN Key**

could be one of business rule  
create the order number,

# Superkey

A set of fields is a **superkey** if no two distinct tuples can have same values in all key fields

The set of **all** attributes is always a superkey.

Example {CustomerID, Surname, Firstname, Address, Postcode, CreditCard}

Other superkeys are combination of CustomerID and any other fields, e.g.

- {CustomerID, Surname, Firstname, Address, Postcode}
- {CustomerID, Surname, Firstname, Address}
- {CustomerID, Surname, Firstname}, ...

Q, A set of fields is a **key** for a relation if it is a superkey and no subset of the fields is a super key (minimal subset, can't be made smaller)

A minimal superkey is a superkey that can't be reduced to a simpler superkey by removing an attribute

Customer ID	Surname	First name	Address	Postcode	Credit card
C2045	Smith	Fred	10 John St, Hawthorn	3122	1234234534564567
C2048	Nguyen	Vincent	3/1 Oak Ave, Altona	3018	4554123423457899
C2146	Davis	Liz	32 Lyle St, Toorak	3142	4564564578970022

# Primary Keys

We can't wt choose the attributes that will change to be primary key.

Out of all keys *one* is chosen to be the ***primary key*** of the relation.

Other keys are called ***candidate keys***. sid and login

Each *relation* has a ***primary key***.

↳ choose the attribute that will not be changed

Your turn:

1. Is sid a key for Student? yes
2. What about name? No (many same name)
3. Is the set {sid, gpa} a superkey? Is the set {sid, gpa} a primary key?
4. Find a primary key from this set {sid, login} sid

not primary key

this one will change

primary key sid	name	login	age	gpa
53666	Jones	jones@cs	18	3.4
53688	Smith	smith@cs	18	3.2
53650	Smith	smith@math	19	3.8

student id is primary key

Because any combination of fields which define the records unique is a super key.

# Selecting the Primary Key

## Superkeys

- Superkey – a set of fields that contains the key



## Candidate Keys

- Candidate keys are all the possible key combinations that could be the Primary Key



## Primary Key

- Of all candidate keys the database designer identifies the primary key. The primary key is the fewest number of columns that can uniquely identify a key. It should be an attribute that will not change throughout the life of the entity.
- N.B.\* Not all relations will have a candidate key. In cases when there is no candidate key, the database designer will add a surrogate key

\*N.B. means Nota Bena, Latin for "Note well" or in simple terms "This information is important!"

# Surrogate Keys

A surrogate key is *ID is automatic generate*

- A key that has no real world / business meaning
- Is usually numeric
- Is often a sequential number supplied by the RDBMS  
(e.g. AUTO\_INCREMENT in MySQL, AutoNumber in MS Access)

four or five attributes to create your primary key.  
~~\* too many primary key, you may need the surrogate key~~

Many databases around the world have been created with all their tables using surrogate keys.

When modelling business requirements

- You **speak to clients**
- You use terms **applicable to their business**
- You **do not invent** terms / fields that **do not match** their business
- You use **Natural Keys**



# Surrogate vs Natural Keys

## Example:

If a small college teaches 20 subjects, that business **may not** have/use subject codes. When identifying a subject, they simply use **natural keys** such as **Subject Name**.

While Subject Name may seem obviously **inadequate** for a large database, it may be sufficient for Modelling requirements.

**Forcing** a term such as Subject Code into the conversation may **confuse** clients.

Question: college management decided that staff work email or mobile phones are sufficiently unique to use as identifiers for staff members. Is this a good design decision for a real database? *No, email and mobile phones number will change*

# Modelling with Natural Keys

## Modelling typically uses Natural Keys

Modelling is sometimes the **end of the process**.

- The **ER Model** that is produced may be the **final product**
  - There is **no database**
  - Both the **client** and the **modeler** learn about the business and its requirements via the modelling process.

If a Database is required:

- Database **implementers** can choose to **add surrogate keys**.
  - When adding a **surrogate key** – **you do not lose any data**.
  - The **natural key** data is **not removed**. It's just not chosen to be a primary key.



The original PK might be changed to FK, but not disappear



# Foreign Keys and Referential Integrity

*It must exist in another table*

Foreign key : A set of fields in one relation that is used to ‘refer’ to a tuple in another relation. The foreign key must correspond to the primary key of the other relation, i.e. the PK must exist!

If all foreign key constraints are enforced in a DBMS, we say a referential integrity is achieved.



# Foreign Keys in SQL

**Example:** Only customers listed in the Customer relation should be allowed to place Orders.

In Order *customerID* is a foreign key referring to Customer table

schema

```
CREATE TABLE Order
(orderNo CHAR(5),
customerID CHAR(8) NOT NULL,
...,
PRIMARY KEY (orderNo),
FOREIGN KEY (customerID) REFERENCES Customer (customerID))
```

Customer

Customer ID	Surname	First name	Address	Postcode	Credit card
C2045	Smith	Fred	1 John St, Hawthorn	3122	1234234534564567
C2048	Nguyen	Vincent	2/7 Oak Ave, Altona	3018	4554123423457899
C2146	Davis	Liz	32 Lyle St, Toorak	3142	4564564578970022

Order

Order No	Customer ID	Date	Time	Delivery
3224	C2045	1/09/2021	17:35	The best
3228	C2045	3/09/2021	18:42	The best
3236	C2048	3/09/2021	21:05	The best
3248	C2045	4/09/2021	15:20	The best

# Enforcing Referential Integrity

Consider *Customer* and *Order*:

- *customerNo* in *Order* is a foreign key that references *Customer*.

What should be done if an Order tuple with a non-existent customerNo is inserted? (Reject it!) *order should not be placed (the customerID is the primary key in the order table)*

What should be done if a Customer tuple is deleted?

- Also delete all Order tuples that refer to it? *no. (may be move to inactive table)*
- Disallow deletion of a Customer tuple that is referred to?
- Set customerNo in Order tuples that refer to it to a *default customerNo*?
- (In SQL, also: Set customerNo in Order tuples that refer to it to a special value *null*, denoting '*unknown*' or '*inapplicable*' )

Note: Similar issues arise if primary key of Customer tuple is updated.



# Integrity Constraints (ICs)

**IC:** condition that must be true for *any* instance of the database; e.g., *domain constraints*.

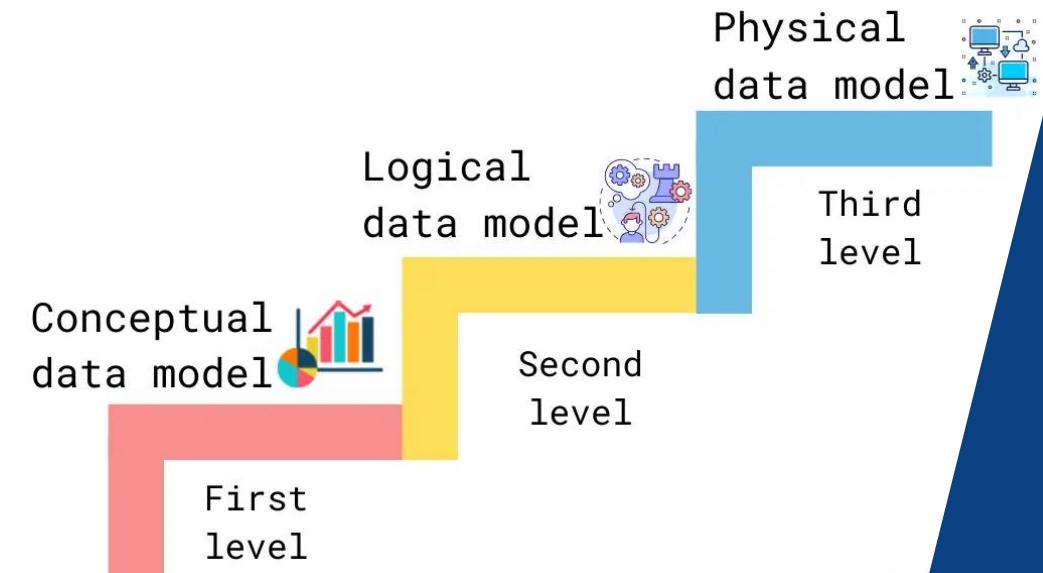
- ICs are specified when schema is defined.
- ICs are checked when relations are modified.

A *legal* instance of a relation is one that satisfies all specified ICs.

- DBMS should not allow illegal instances.

This is also known as **Schema on Write**

- The schema table structure is known in advance of the data to be inserted into it



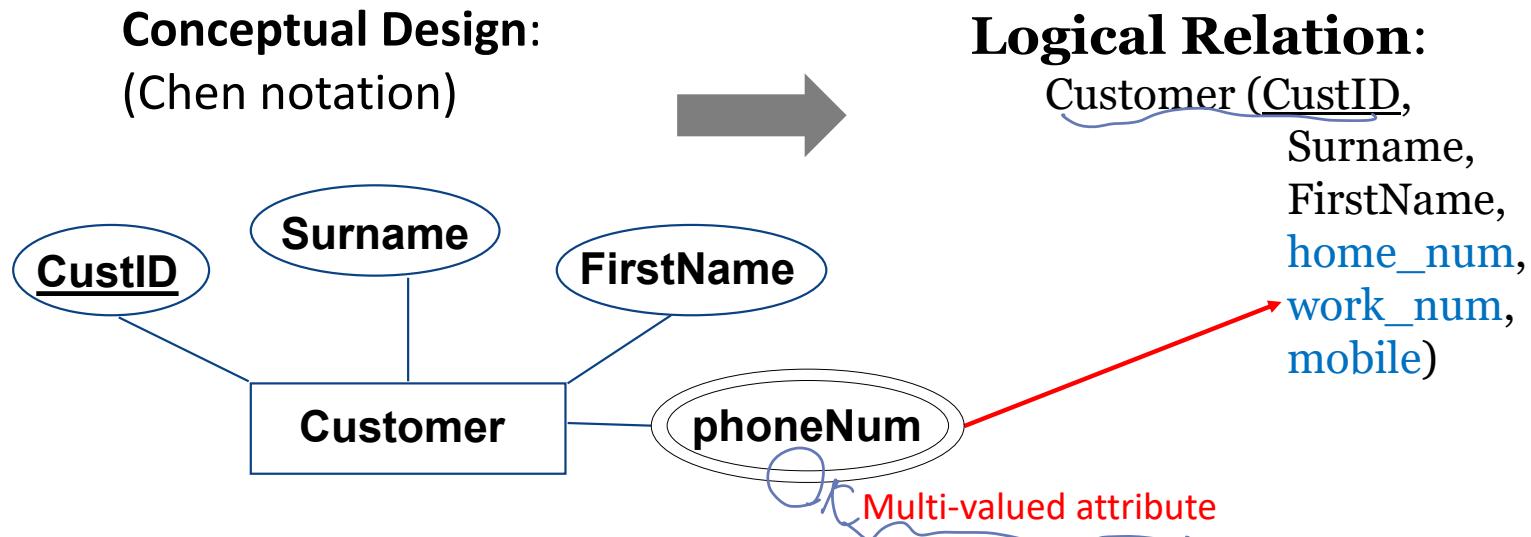
# From Conceptual to Logical and to Physical

# Multi-valued attributes in logical design

Multi-valued attributes need to be unpacked (flattened) when converting to logical design.

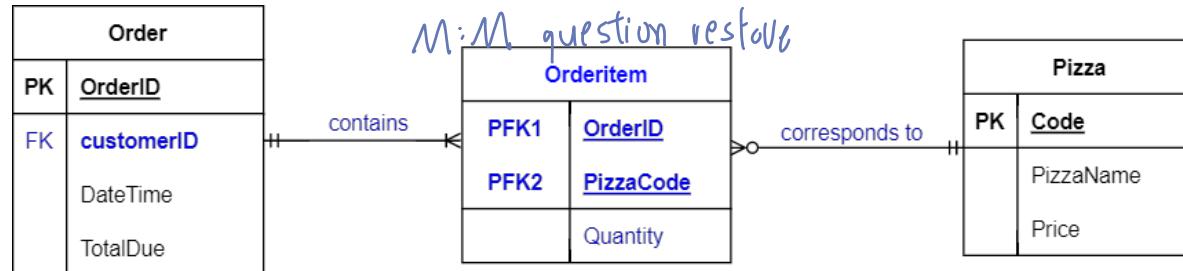
**Example:**

*For a customer a bank needs to capture home phone number, work phone number and mobile.*



# ER to Logical Design

**Conceptual/Logical  
Design Diagram:**



**Logical Relations:**

Pizza (Code,  
PizzaName,  
Price)  
  
 OrderItem (OrderID,  
PizzaCode,  
Quantity)  
  
 Note, PFK name does **not** have to  
 match PK name of the parent entity

Order (OrderID,  
*CustomerID*,  
DateTime,  
TotalDue)

Keys from connecting entities become PFK

Note:  
 Underline = PK,  
 Italic = FK,  
 Underline + Italic = PFK

# Logical to Physical Design

## Logical Relations:

Pizza (Code, PizzaName, Price)

Order (OrderID, *CustomerID*, DateTime, TotalDue)

OrderItem (OrderID, PizzaCode, Quantity)

↓ add datatype

## Physical Relations:

Pizza (  
  Code CHAR(6),  
  PizzaName VARCHAR(15),  
  Price DECIMAL(5,2)  
)

Order (  
  OrderID INTEGER,  
  *CustomerID* INTEGER,  
  OrderDateTime DATETIME,  
  TotalDue DECIMAL(6,2)  
)

Note:

Underline = PK,

Italic = FK,

Underline + Italic = PFK

OrderItem (  
  OrderID INTEGER,  
  PizzaCode CHAR(6),  
  Quantity INTEGER  
)



# Implementation (CREATE TABLE)

Note:  
Underline = PK,  
Italic = FK,  
Underline + Italic = PFK

## Physical Relations:

```
Pizza (
    Code CHAR(6),
    PizzaName VARCHAR(15),
    Price DECIMAL(5,2)
)
```

```
Order (
    OrderID INTEGER,
    CustomerID INTEGER,
    OrderDateTime DATETIME,
    TotalDue DECIMAL(6,2)
)
```

```
OrderItem (
    OrderID INTEGER,
    PizzaCode CHAR(6),
    Quantity INTEGER
)
```

**Implementation:** (like create table specify primary key and foreign key and reference S -

```
Pizza (
    Code CHAR(6),
    PizzaName VARCHAR(15),
    Price DECIMAL(5,2),
    PRIMARY KEY (Code)
)
```

Order (
 OrderID INTEGER,
 CustomerID INTEGER,
 OrderDateTime DATETIME,
 TotalDue DECIMAL(6,2),
 PRIMARY KEY (OrderID),
 FOREIGN KEY (CustomerID)
 REFERENCES Customer
)

OrderItem (
 OrderID INTEGER,
 PizzaCode CHAR(6),
 Quantity INTEGER,
 PRIMARY KEY (OrderID, PizzaCode),
 FOREIGN KEY (OrderID)
 REFERENCES Order,
 FOREIGN KEY (PizzaCode)
 REFERENCES Pizza(Code)
)

PFK have both

# Sample Instances *put the value in*

**Order**

Order No	Customer ID	Date	Time	Delivery Instructions	Total
3224	C2045	1/09/2021	17:35	The bell does not work,	59.55
3228	C2045	3/09/2021	18:42	The bell does not work,	28.35
3236	C2048	3/09/2021	21:05		51.45
3248	C2045	4/09/2021	15:20	The bell does not work,	13.90

**Pizza**

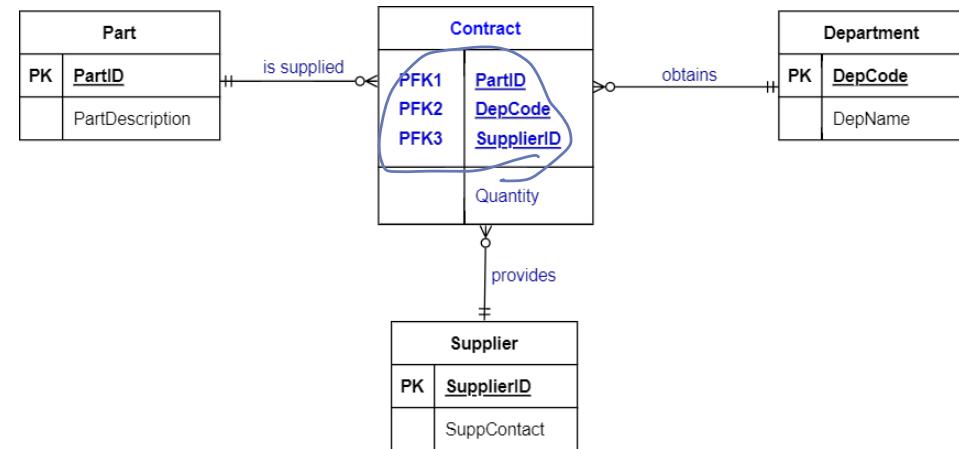
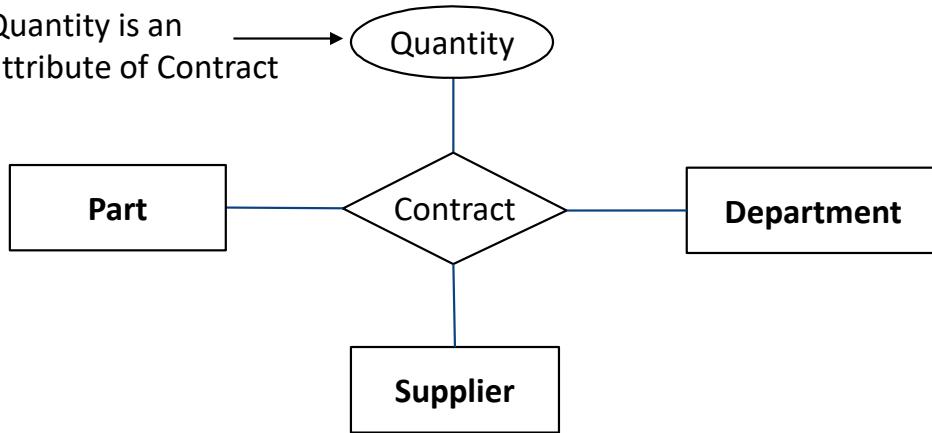
Code	Pizza name	Price
P1	Mario's Supreme Pizza	6.95
P2	Vegetarian Pizza	6.95
P3	Hawaiian Pizza	6.95
P4	Hot 'n' spicy Pizza	6.95
B1	Garlic Bread	4.95
B2	Herb Bread	4.95
D1	2 Litre Cola	2.50
D2	2 Litre Lemonade	2.50

**OrderItem**

Order No	Line Item	Quantity
3224	P1	2
3224	P3	1
3228	P4	1
3228	B1	4
3228	D1	2

# Ternary Relationships to Logical Relation

Quantity is an attribute of Contract



## Logical Relation:

Contract (

SupplierID, PFK  
PartID,  
DepCode,  
 Quantity

)

In translating an n-ary relationship set to a logical relation, attributes of the relation must include:

- PKs for each participating entity set (as foreign keys). This set of attributes is likely to form a **superkey** for the relation.
- All descriptive attributes.

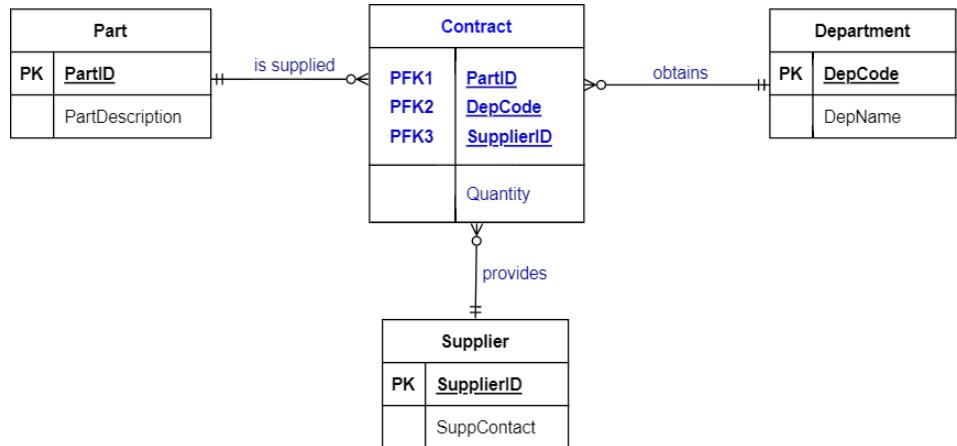
# ER to Logical to Implementation Example

## Logical Relation:

Contract (

- SupplierID,
- PartID,
- DepCode,
- Quantity

)



## Implementation:

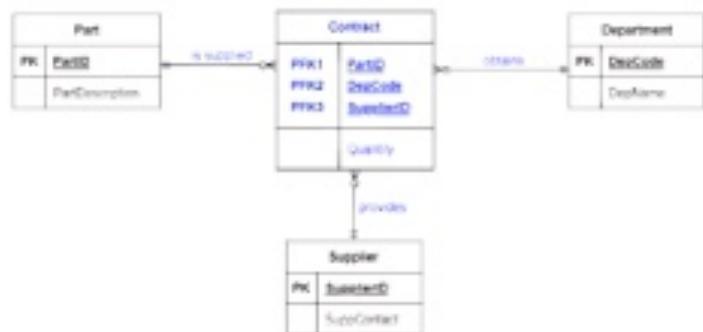
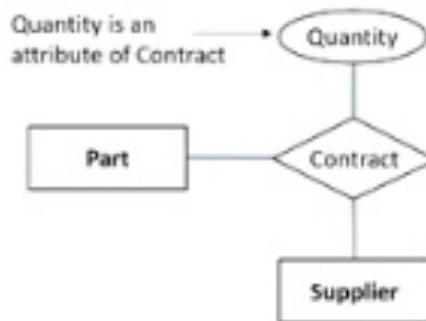
```

CREATE TABLE Contract (
    SupplierID INTEGER,
    PartID INTEGER,
    DepCode CHAR(3),
    PRIMARY KEY (SupplierID, PartID, DepCode),
    FOREIGN KEY (SupplierID) REFERENCES Supplier,
    FOREIGN KEY (PartID) REFERENCES Part(PartID),
    FOREIGN KEY (DepCode) REFERENCES Department)
  
```

*for individual primary key and fK references.*



# Ternary Relationships to Logical Relation



## Logical Relation:

```

Contract (
    SupplierID,
    PartID,
    DepCode,
    Quantity
)
    
```

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- All descriptive attributes.

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# ER to Logical to Implementation Example

## Logical Relation:

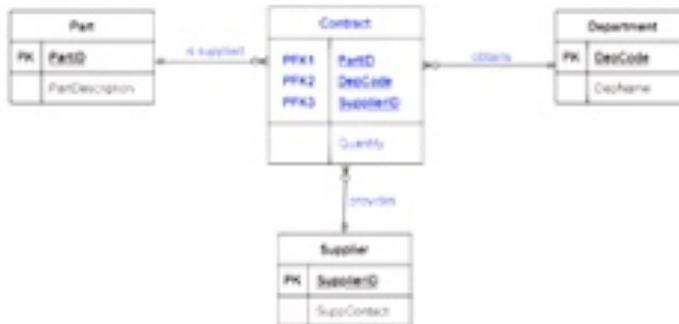
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    PartID,
    DepCode,
    Quantity
)
    
```

## Implementation:

```

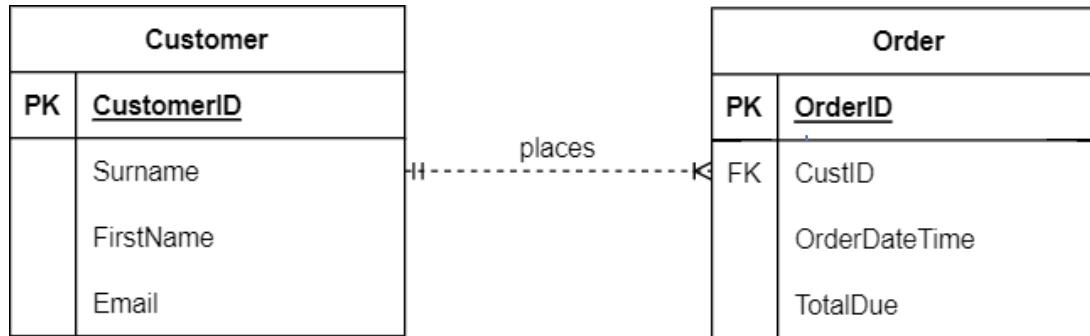
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    PartID INTEGER,
    DepCode CHAR(3),
    PRIMARY KEY (SupplierID, PartID, DepCode),
    FOREIGN KEY (SupplierID) REFERENCES Supplier,
    FOREIGN KEY (PartID) REFERENCES Part(PartID),
    FOREIGN KEY (DepCode) REFERENCES Department
)
    
```



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# Connectivity Constraints: Logical design

Each order belongs to one Customer. A customer can place many orders.



**Logical Design:**

Customer (CustID, Surname, FirstName, Email)

Order (orderID, ordDateTime, TotalDue)

Placement (CustID, orderID)

**VS.**

Customer (CustID, Surname, FirstName, Email)

Order (orderID, *CustID*, ordDateTime, TotalDue)

**Legend:**

Underline = PK,

Italic = FK,

Underline + Italic = PFK

# Connectivity Constraints in SQL

## Implementation:

Customer	
PK	<u>CustomerID</u>
	Surname
	FirstName
	Email

↓  
won't need associate entity

places  
H-----K

Order	
PK	<u>OrderID</u>
FK	CustID
	OrderDateTime
	TotalDue

```
CREATE TABLE Placement(
  CustID CHAR(11),
  orderID INTEGER,
  PRIMARY KEY (CustID, orderID),
  FOREIGN KEY (CustID) REFERENCES Customer,
  FOREIGN KEY (orderID) REFERENCES Order)
```

VS.

```
CREATE TABLE Customer
(CustID CHAR(11),
 Surname VARCHAR(35),
 FirstName VARCHAR(25),
 Email VARCHAR(30),
 PRIMARY KEY (CustID))
```

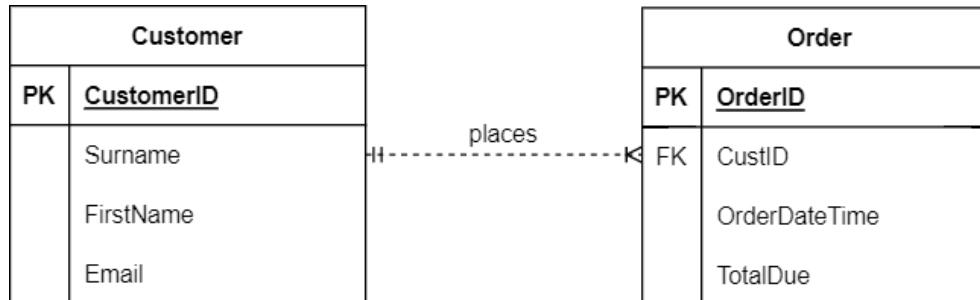
```
CREATE TABLE Order
(orderID INTEGER,
 CustID CHAR(11),
 orderDateTime DATETIME,
 TotalDue DECIMAL(6,2),
 PRIMARY KEY (orderID),
 FOREIGN KEY (CustID) REFERENCES
 Customer)
```

Which one is better?

# Connectivity Constraint rule

RULE: Primary key from the **one** side becomes a foreign key on the **many** side

This is the way to ensure 1:M



```
CREATE TABLE Order
(orderID INTEGER,
 CustID CHAR(11),
 orderDateTime DATETIME,
 TotalDue DECIMAL(6,2),
 PRIMARY KEY (orderID),
 FOREIGN KEY (CustID) REFERENCES Customer)
```

Each order belongs to  
a *single* customer

# Participation/Cardinality Constraints in SQL

We specify mandatory participation with key words NOT NULL

- NOT NULL = this field cannot be empty

```
CREATE TABLE Order
(orderID INTEGER,
 CustID CHAR(11) NOT NULL,
 orderDateTime DATETIME,
 TotalDue DECIMAL(6,2),
 PRIMARY KEY (orderID),
 FOREIGN KEY (CustID) REFERENCES Customer
          ON DELETE NO ACTION)
```

or it will delete whole

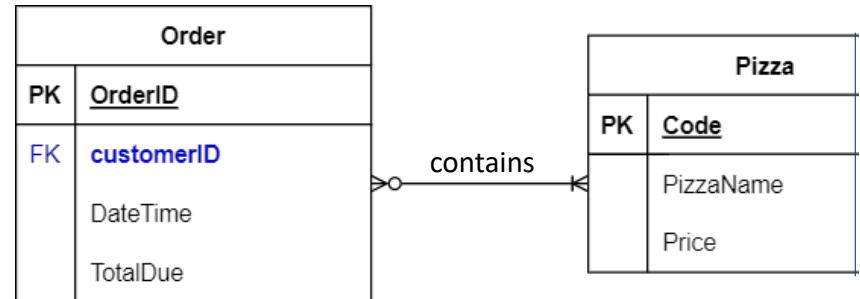
Note, **NO ACTION** specification (vs CASCADE)

It is the default and need not be explicitly specified; it ensures that a Customer tuple cannot be deleted while it is pointed to by an Order tuple. If we wish to delete such a Customer tuple, we must first change the Customer FK value (e.g. many years down the track it could be some default value).

# Review: Weak Entities

A ***weak entity*** can be identified uniquely only by considering the primary key of another (*owner*) entity.

Order and Pizza were M:M with the relationship “Contains” which is mapped onto a weak entity OrderItem when M:M is resolved



In this case when an owner entity is deleted, we want all owned weak entities to be deleted.

# Translating Weak Entity Sets

Weak entity set and identifying relationship set are translated into a single table.

- Contains is not the best entity name when we convert a relationship into an entity
- When the owner entity is deleted, all owned weak entities must also be deleted.

In weak entity

## Logical Design:

OrderItem (pizzaID, qty, orderNo)

## Implementation:

```
CREATE TABLE OrderItem (
    pizzaCode CHAR(3) NOT NULL,
    qty INTEGER,
    orderNo INTEGER NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (pizzaCode, orderNo),
    FOREIGN KEY (orderNo) REFERENCES Order(orderNo) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    FOREIGN KEY (pizzaCode) REFERENCES Pizza ON DELETE CASCADE)
```

Note:

Underline = PK,

Italic = FK,

Underline + Italic = PFK



# What's examinable\*

**Be able to model a case study from conceptual to instance and all stages in between (conceptual, logical, physical, implementation and instance)**

**Translate conceptual (ER) into logical & physical design**

**Physical Crow's foot with MySQL Workbench**

**Understand integrity constraints**

**Use DDL of SQL to create tables with constraints**

\* All material is examinable – these are the suggested key skills you would need to demonstrate in an exam scenario



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# Thank you