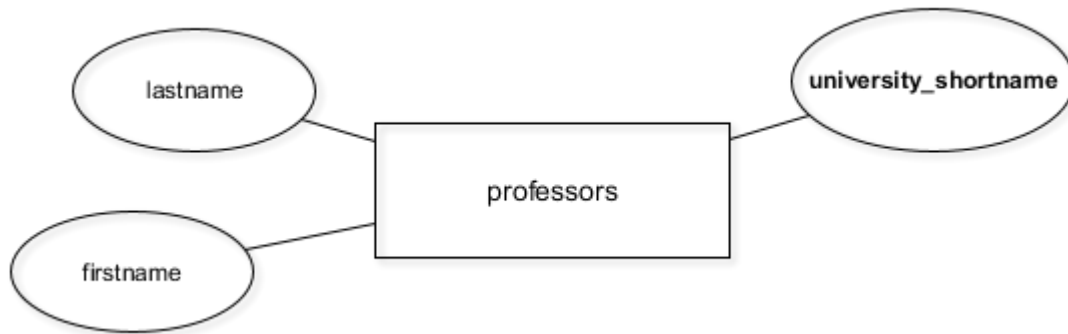# ADD a COLUMN with ALTER TABLE

Oops! We forgot to add the `university_shortname` column to the `professors` table. You've probably already noticed:

In chapter 4 of this course, you'll need this column for connecting the `professors` table with the `universities` table.

However, adding columns to existing tables is easy, especially if they're still empty.

To add columns you can use the following SQL query:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name
ADD COLUMN column_name data_type;
```

Alter `professors` to add the text column `university_shortname`.

-- Add the university_shortname column

ALTER TABLE professors

ADD university_shortname text;

-- Print the contents of this table

SELECT *

FROM professors