



Data Modeling

Database Design

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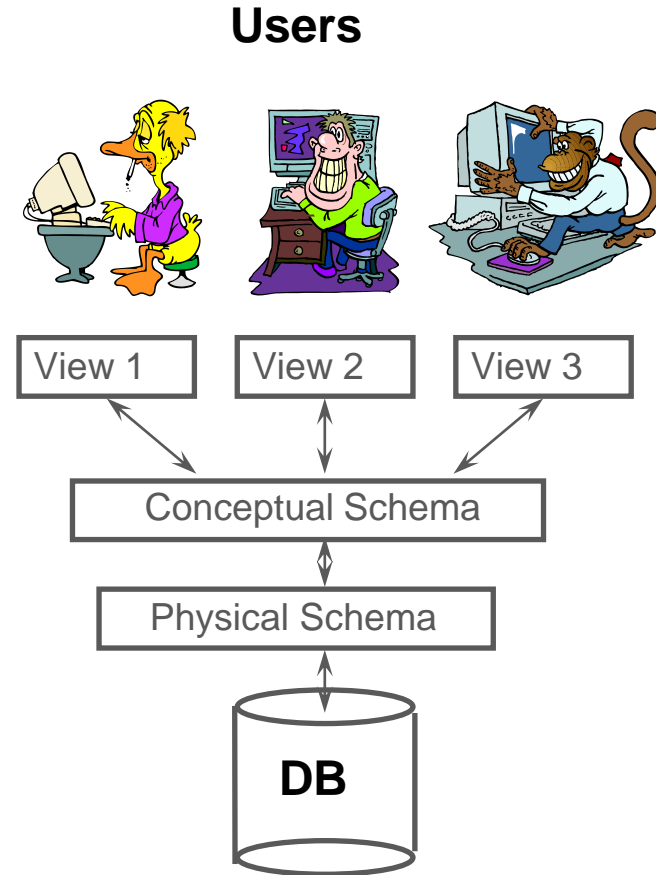


- ❑ Data Modelling
 - E-R
 - Relational
- ❑ Storing Data
 - File Indexes
 - Buffer Pool Management
- ❑ Query Languages
 - SQL
 - Relational Algebra
 - Relational Calculus
- ❑ Query Optimization
 - External Sorting
 - Join Algorithms
 - Query Plans, Cost Estimation

Levels of Abstraction



- ❑ Views describe how users see the data.
- ❑ Conceptual schema defines logical structure
- ❑ Physical schema describes the files and indexes used.





Conceptual database design

❑ Step 1 Build conceptual data model

- Step 1.1 Identify entity types
- Step 1.2 Identify relationship types
- Step 1.3 Identify and associate attributes with entity or relationship types
- Step 1.4 Determine attribute domains
- Step 1.5 Determine candidate, primary, and alternate key attributes
- Step 1.6 Consider use of enhanced modeling concepts (optional step)
- Step 1.7 Check model for redundancy
- Step 1.8 Validate conceptual model against user transactions
- Step 1.9 Review conceptual data model with user



Logical database design for the relational model

❑ Step 2 Build and validate logical data model

- Step 2.1 Derive relations for logical data model
- Step 2.2 Validate relations using normalization
- Step 2.3 Validate relations against user transactions
- Step 2.4 Define integrity constraints
- Step 2.5 Review logical data model with user
- Step 2.6 Merge logical data models into global model (optional step)
- Step 2.7 Check for future growth



Physical database design for relational database

❑ Step 3 Translate logical data model for target DBMS

- Step 3.1 Design base relations
- Step 3.2 Design representation of derived data
- Step 3.3 Design general constraints

❑ Step 4 Design file organizations and indexes














- Step 4.1 Analyze transactions
- Step 4.2 Choose file organization
- Step 4.3 Choose indexes
- Step 4.4 Estimate disk space requirements



- ☐ **Step 5 Design user views**
- ☐ **Step 6 Design security mechanisms**
- ☐ **Step 7 Consider the introduction of controlled redundancy**
- ☐ **Step 8 Monitor and tune the operational system**

Components of Database Environment

- Hardware
- Software
- User
- Data
 - User
 - System

- ▼  Tables
 -  Album
 -  Artist
 -  Customer
 -  Employee
 -  foo
 -  Genre
 -  Invoice
 -  InvoiceLine
 -  Playlist
 -  PlaylistTrack
 -  sqlite_schema
 -  Track

	type	name	tbl_name	rootpage	sql
1	view	test	test	0	CREATE VIEW test AS SELECT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP as ct
2	view	EmpView	EmpView	0	CREATE VIEW EmpView as tselect * from Employee
3	table	Album	Album	2	CREATE TABLE [Album]([Albumid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Title] NVARCHAR(160) NOT NULL,[Artistid] INTE
4	table	Artist	Artist	3	CREATE TABLE [Artist]([Artistid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Name] NVARCHAR(120),[Genre] NVARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
5	table	Customer	Customer	4	CREATE TABLE [Customer]([Customerid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[FirstName] NVARCHAR(40) NOT NULL,[Last
6	table	Employee	Employee	7	CREATE TABLE [Employee]([Employeeid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[LastName] NVARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,[Fir
7	table	Genre	Genre	9	CREATE TABLE [Genre]([Genreid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Name] NVARCHAR(120),[ParentGenreid] INTE
8	table	Invoice	Invoice	10	CREATE TABLE [Invoice]([Invoiceid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Customerid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[InvoiceDate] C
9	table	InvoiceLine	InvoiceLine	12	CREATE TABLE [InvoiceLine]([Invoiceid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[InvoiceLineid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Trackid] I
10	table	MediaType	MediaType	14	CREATE TABLE [MediaType]([MediaTypeId] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Name] NVARCHAR(120),[Genreid] INTE
11	table	Playlist	Playlist	15	CREATE TABLE [Playlist]([Playlistid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Name] NVARCHAR(120),[Trackid] INTE
12	table	PlaylistTrack	PlaylistTrack	16	CREATE TABLE [PlaylistTrack]([Playlistid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Trackid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Trackid]
13	table	Track	Track	19	CREATE TABLE [Track]([Trackid] INTEGER NOT NULL,[Name] NVARCHAR(200) NOT NULL,[Albumid] INTE
14	table	foo	foo	1,067	CREATE TABLE foo([bar int,[baz varchar(20)])
15	index	sqlite_autoindex_PlaylistTrack		17	[NULL]
16	index	IPK_Album	Album	21	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_Album] ON [Album]([Albumid])
17	index	IPK_Artist	Artist	22	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_Artist] ON [Artist]([Artistid])
18	index	IPK_Customer	Customer	23	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_Customer] ON [Customer]([Customerid])
19	index	IPK_Employee	Employee	24	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_Employee] ON [Employee]([Employeeid])
20	index	IPK_Genre	Genre	26	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_Genre] ON [Genre]([Genreid])
21	index	IPK_Invoice	Invoice	27	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_Invoice] ON [Invoice]([Invoiceid])
22	index	IPK_InvoiceLine	InvoiceLine	28	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_InvoiceLine] ON [InvoiceLine]([Invoiceid],[InvoiceLineid])
23	index	IPK_MediaType	MediaType	29	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_MediaType] ON [MediaType]([MediaTypeId])
24	index	IPK_Playlist	Playlist	30	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_Playlist] ON [Playlist]([Playlistid])
25	index	IPK_PlaylistTrack	PlaylistTrack	31	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_PlaylistTrack] ON [PlaylistTrack]([Playlistid],[Trackid])
26	index	IPK_Track	Track	32	CREATE UNIQUE INDEX [IPK_Track] ON [Track]([Trackid])
27	index	IFK_AlbumArtist	Album	33	CREATE INDEX [IFK_AlbumArtist] ON [Album] ([Artistid])
28	index	IFK_CustomerSupportRepId	Customer	34	CREATE INDEX [IFK_CustomerSupportRepId] ON [Customer] ([SupportRepId])
29	index	IFK_EmployeeReportsTo	Employee	36	CREATE INDEX [IFK_EmployeeReportsTo] ON [Employee] ([ReportsTo])
30	index	IFK_InvoiceCustomerId	Invoice	37	CREATE INDEX [IFK_InvoiceCustomerId] ON [Invoice] ([CustomerId])



- ❑ Pick an application
- ❑ Figure out what to model (**ER model**)
 - Output: **ER diagram**
- ❑ Transform the ER diagram to a **relational schema**
- ❑ Refine the relational schema (**normalization**)
- ❑ Now ready to implement the schema and load the data!



- ❑ What are the *entities* and *relationships* in the enterprise?
- ❑ What information about these entities and relationships should we store in the database?
- ❑ What are the *integrity constraints or business rules* that hold?
- ❑ A database 'schema' in the ER Model can be represented pictorially (*ER diagrams*).
- ❑ Can map an ER diagram into a relational schema.
 - Traditional ER models
 - Extended or Enhanced ER models



- ❑ Entity Relationship Diagram, also known as ERD, ER Diagram or ER model, is a type of **structural diagram** for use in database design.
- ❑ An **ERD** contains different symbols and connectors that visualize two important information: **The major entities within the system scope, and the inter-relationships among these entities.**

ER Model Basics



- **Entity:** **Thing** or **object** in the real world with an independent existence. Real-world object distinguishable from other objects.
 - “**Thing**” encompasses a wide range, including abstract and physical concepts, while “**Object**” usually refers to something tangible and physical.
 - physical existence (e.g: a particular person, car, house, or employee)
 - an object with a conceptual existence (e.g: a company, a job, or a university course).
 - **Example:**
 - a person/role (e.g. Student)
 - object (e.g. Invoice)
 - concept (e.g. Profile)
 - event (e.g. Transaction)



- ❑ **Attributes:** An entity is described (in DB) using a set of attributes.
 - The particular properties that describe it.
 - Example
 - A student with a particular student number is an entity.
 - A company with a particular registration number is an entity.
 - Types:
 - Composite
 - Simple (Atomic)
 - Single-Valued
 - Multivalued
 - Stored
 - Derived
 - Null
 - Complex

Types of Attributes of Entity in ER Model



Composite vs Simple (Atomic)

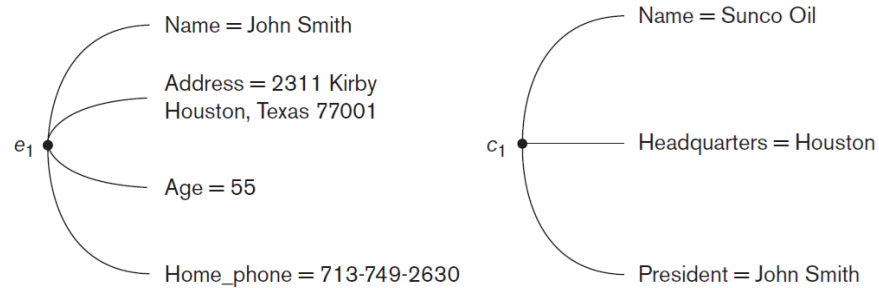
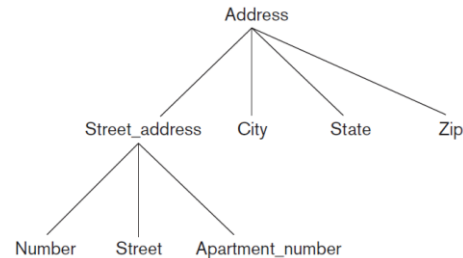


Figure 3.3

Two entities, EMPLOYEE e_1 , and COMPANY c_1 , and their attributes.

- Composite attributes can form a hierarchy.



- Note: If the composite attribute is referenced only as a whole, there is no need to subdivide it into component attributes



❑ Single-Valued vs Multivalued Attributes

- Example:
 - Age is a single-valued attribute of a person.
 - People can have different numbers of values for the College_degrees attribute.
 - Two-tone cars have two color values
- A multivalued attribute may have lower and upper bounds to constrain the number of values allowed for each individual entity.
 - The Colors attribute of a car may be restricted to have between one and two values, if we assume that a car can have two colors at most.



- ❑ **Stored vs Derived Attributes:** The **stored attribute** are those attribute which doesn't require any type of further update since they are stored in the database. In some cases, two (or more) attribute values **are related**.
 - Example: The Age attribute is hence called a derived attribute and is said to be derivable from the Birth_date attribute, which is called a stored attribute.
 - **Note: Some attribute values can be derived from related entities:**
 - Example
 - Total and average marks of a student
 - Number_of_employees of a DEPARTMENT entity can be derived by counting the number of employees related to (working for) that department.



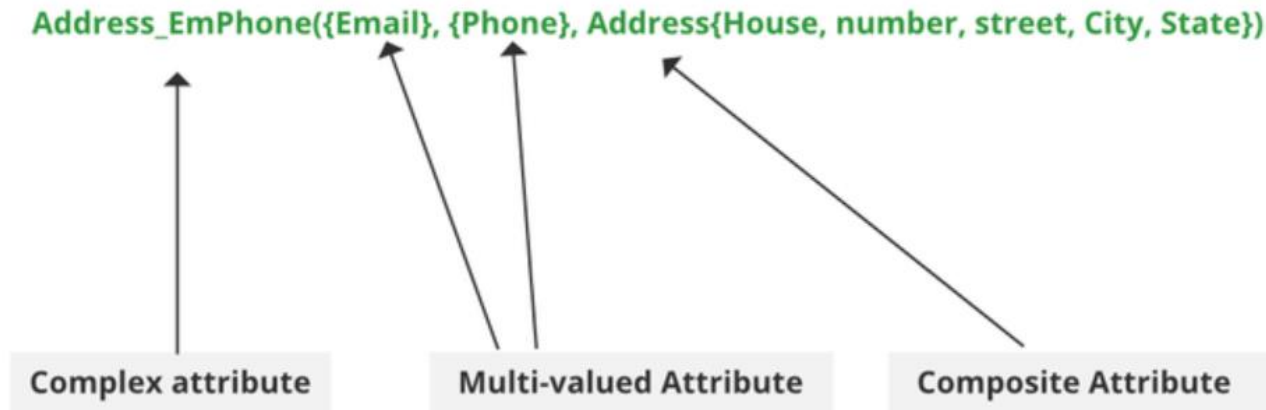
❑ Null Values

- Not applicable
 - Person's middle name. Not everyone has a middle name, so in that case, they can be made
- The attribute value exists but is missing or we don't know it.
 - Data cleaning in data science projects.
- Can not be known until a certain time
 - “date of death” in a people database

Types of Attributes of Entity in ER Model



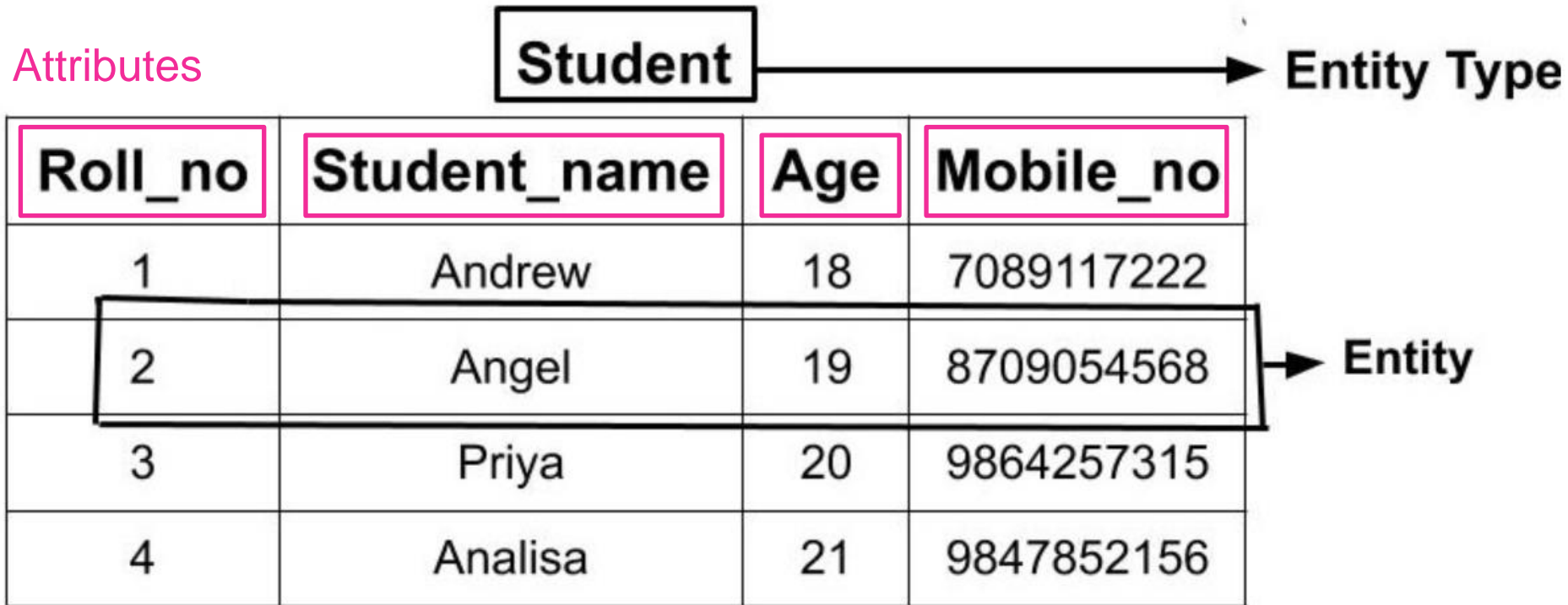
- ❑ **Complex Attributes:** **composite** and **multivalued** attributes can be nested arbitrarily. These components are grouped between parentheses ‘()’ and multi-valued attributes between curly braces ‘{ }’, Components are separated by commas ‘,’.
 - Note: Rarely used in DBMS(DataBase Management System). That’s why they are not so popular.





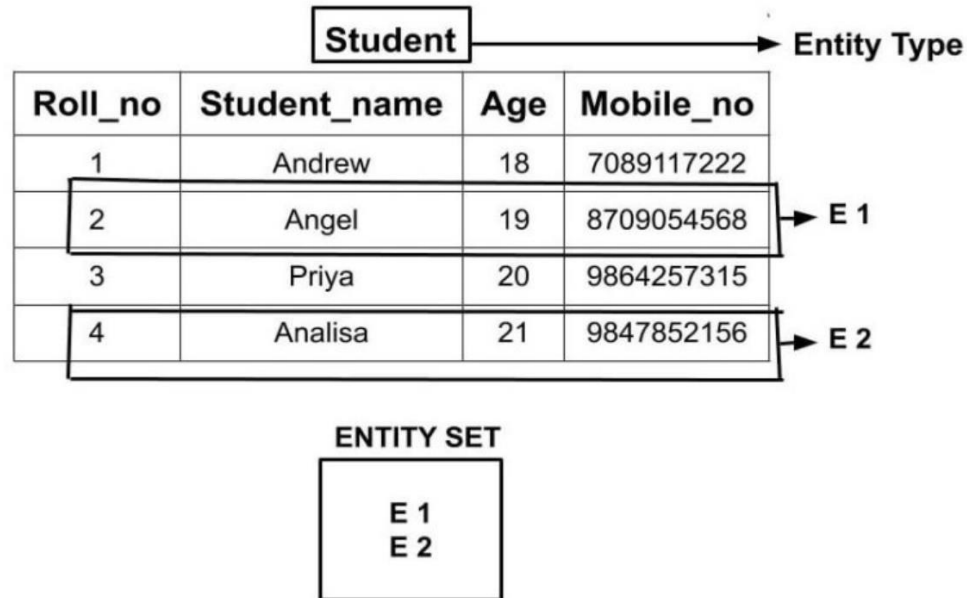
- ❑ Entity Type : It refers to the category that a particular entity belongs to. A collection of the entity having similar attributes
 - Example :
 - A table named student in a university database.
 - A table named employee in a company database.

Entity, Attribute, Entity Type



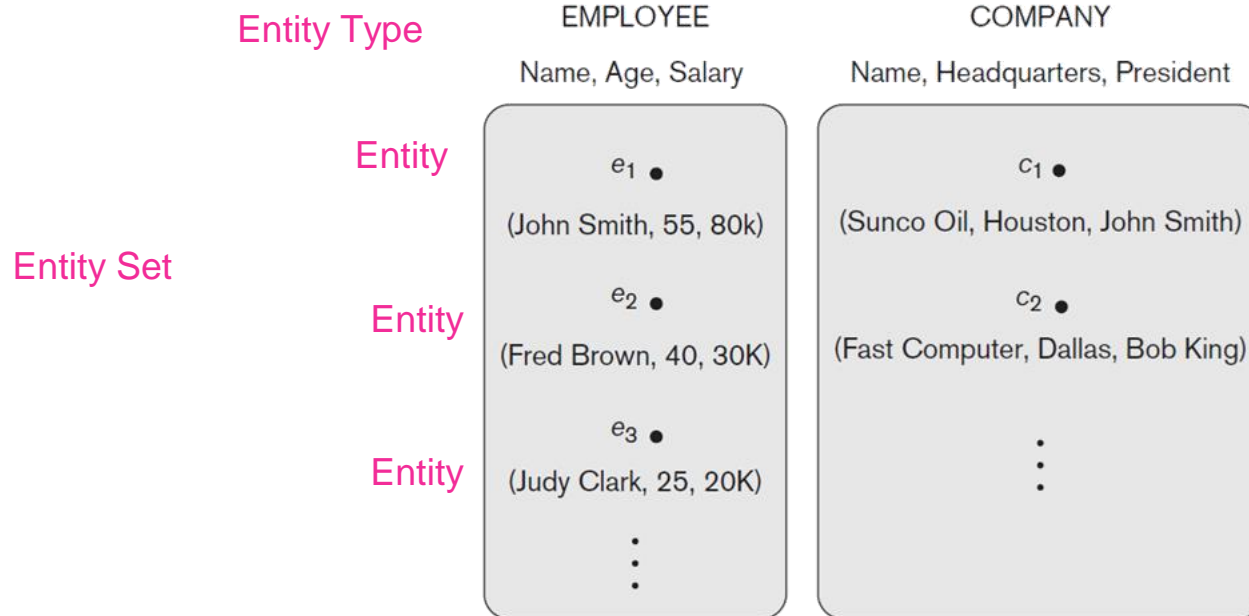


- ❑ **Entity Set**: A collection of entities of the same entity type. An entity set is a collection or set of all entities of a particular entity type at any point in time. The type of all the entities should be the same.





- All entities in an entity set have the same set of attributes



Entity, Entity Type, Entity Set



Entity	Entity Type	Entity Set
A thing in the real world with independent existence	A category of a particular entity	Set of all entities of a particular entity type.
Any particular row (a record) in a relation(table) is known as an entity.	The name of a relation (table) in RDBMS is an entity type	All rows of a relation (table) in RDBMS is entity set



- ❑ Each attribute has a **domain (Value Sets)**.
- ❑ Are similar to the basic data types available in most programming languages, such as integer, string, Boolean, float, enumerated type, subrange, and so on
- ❑ Additional data types to represent common database types, such as date, time, and other concepts, are also employed
- ❑ **Note: Value sets are not typically displayed in basic ER diagrams. Specified in UML class diagrams.**

Composite Attributes

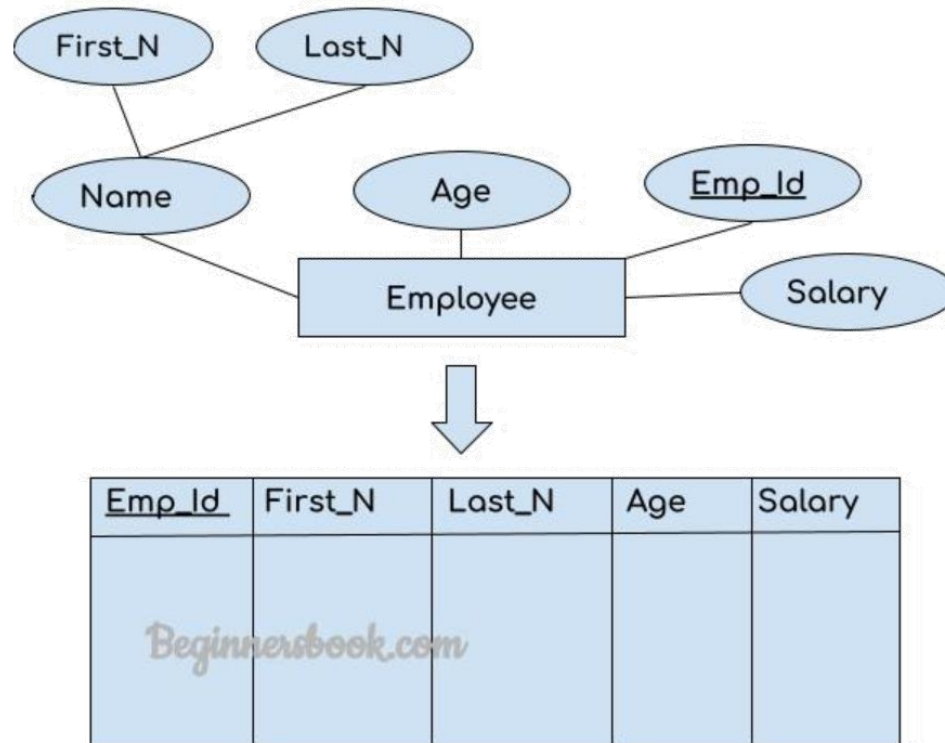


Table Schema: (Emp_id, First_N, Last_N, Age, Salary)

Multi-Valued Attributes




Department

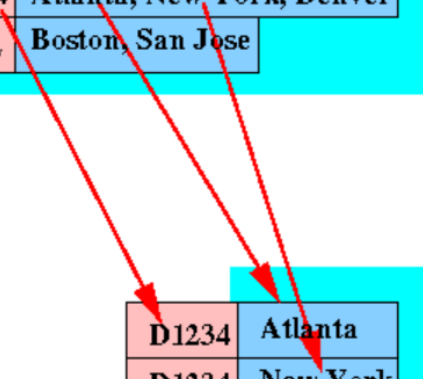
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Example content:

Manufacturing	D1234	Atlanta, New York, Denver
Research	D7652	Boston, San Jose



Manufacturing	D1234
Research	D7652



D1234	Atlanta
D1234	New York
D1234	Denver
D7652	Boston
D7652	San Jose



❑ Key Attributes of an Entity Type:

- An entity type usually has one or more attributes whose values are distinct for each individual entity in the entity set.
- Its values can be used to identify each entity uniquely.
- **Composite key**: Sometimes several attributes together form a key, meaning that the combination of the attribute values must be distinct for each entity.
 - Such a **composite key** must be minimal;



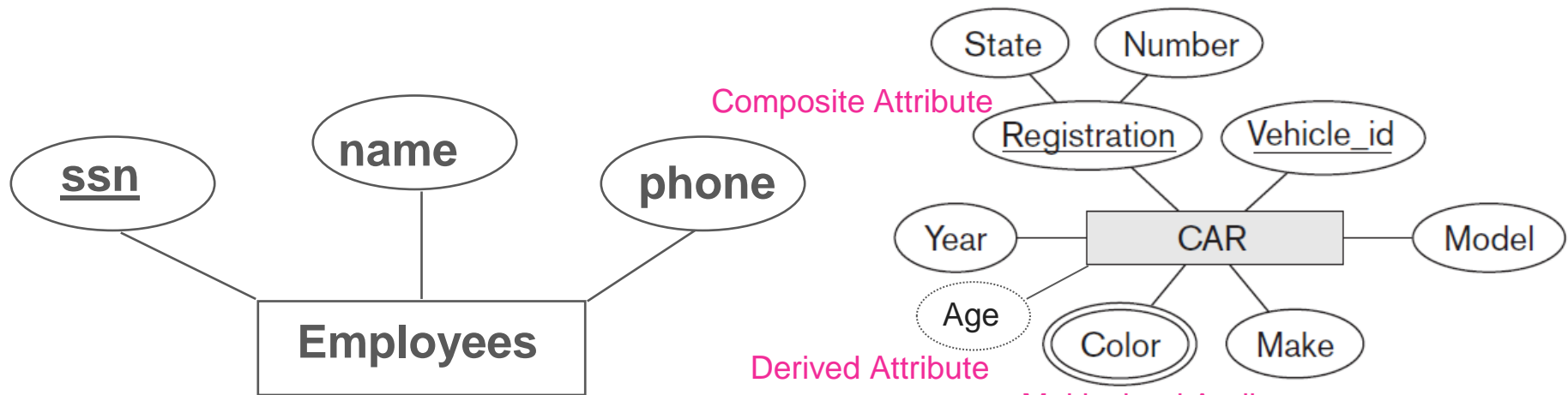
❑ Criteria for selecting Identifiers

- Will not change value
- Will not be null
- No intelligent identifiers (containing e.g. locations or people that might change)
- Substitute new, simple keys for long, composite key.

Entity Type in ER Diagram



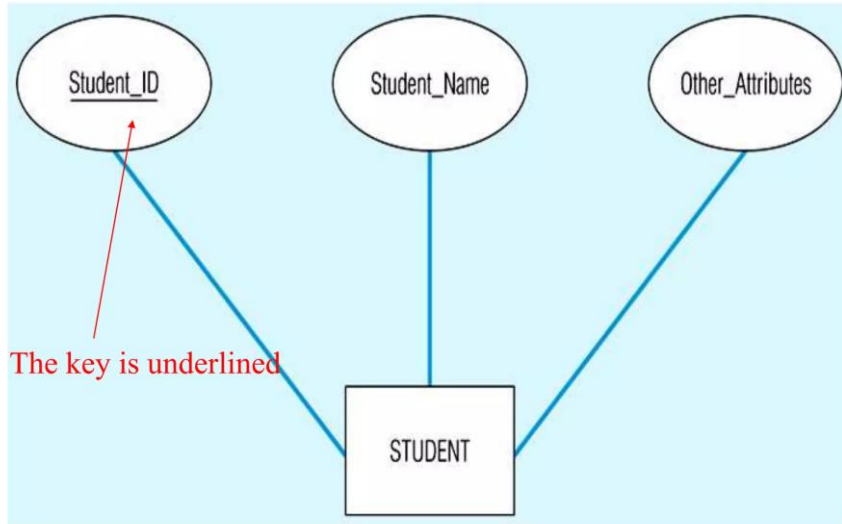
- ❑ **Entity Type** is represented by a **rectangle**.
 - **Note:** an entity type in the E-R diagram, not entity.
- ❑ **Attributes** of entity type is represented by **oval**.
- ❑ Each **key attribute** has its name **underlined** inside the oval.
- ❑ If two attributes are underlined separately, then each is a key on its own.



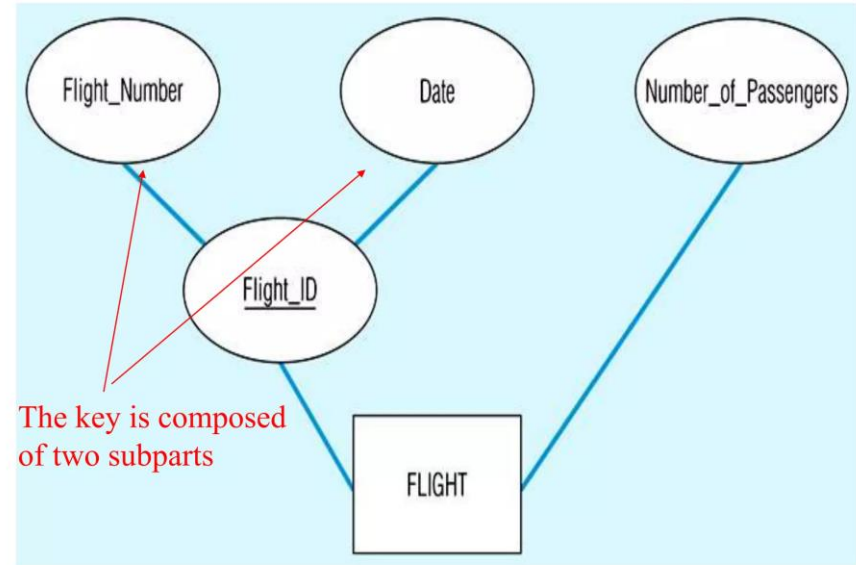
Key Attribute in ER Diagram



Simple key attribute



Composite key attribute





The company is organized into departments:

- ❑ Each **department** has a **unique name**, a **unique number**, and a **particular employee who manages the department**. We keep track of the **start date** when that employee began managing the department. A department may have **several locations**.
- ❑ A department **controls** a number of **projects**, each of which has a **unique name**, a **unique number**, and a **single location**.
- ❑ The database will store each **employee's name**, **Social Security number**, **address**, **salary**, **sex** (gender), and **birth date**. An employee **is assigned to one department**, but **may work on several projects**, which are not necessarily controlled by the same department. It is required to keep track of the current number of hours per week that an employee works **on each project**, as well **as the direct supervisor of each employee** (who is another employee).
- ❑ The database will keep track of the **dependents** of each employee for insurance purposes, including each **dependent's first name**, **sex**, **birth date**, and **relationship** to the **employee**.



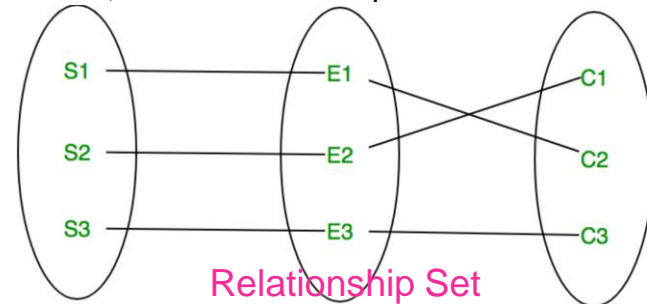
- ☐ A relationship indicated how one or more entity classes interact with one and another.
- ☐ Each entity plays a role in a relationship.

- ❑ Relationship Type: Association among two or more entities.
 - In ER diagram, the relationship type is represented by a **diamond** and connecting the entities with lines

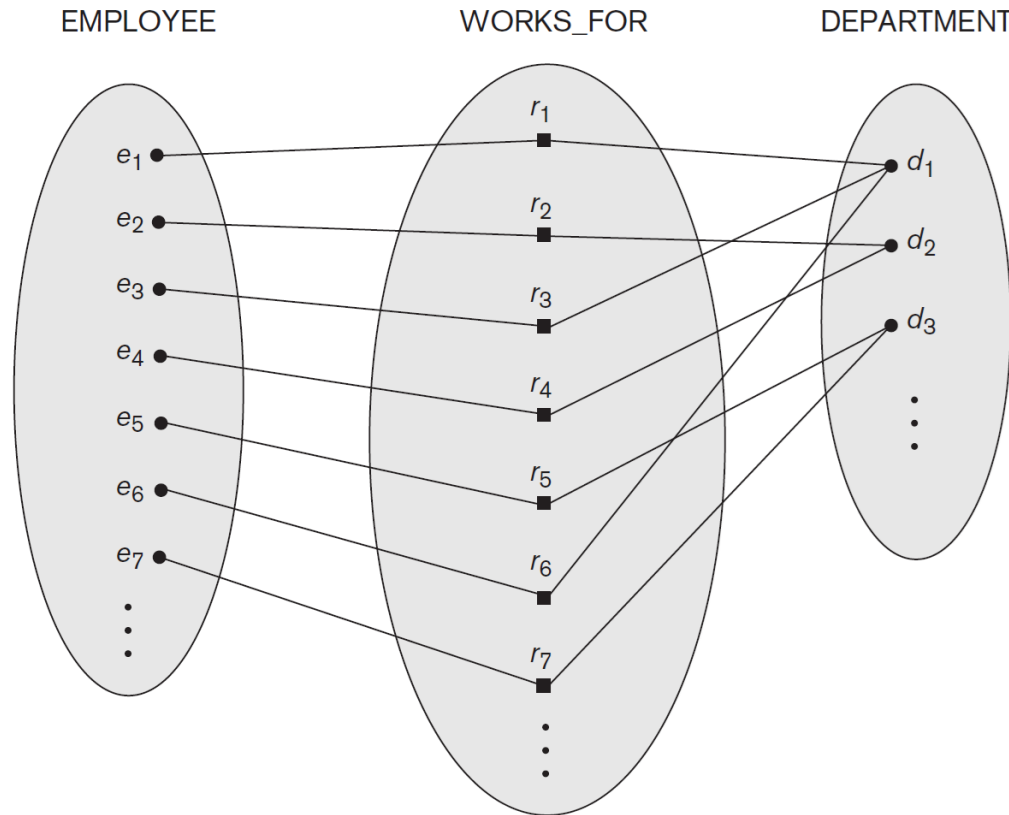


- ❑ Relationship Set: A set of relationships of the same type is known as a relationship set.

- An n -ary relationship set R relates n entity sets $E_1 \dots E_n$; each relationship in R involves entities e_1, \dots, e_n .

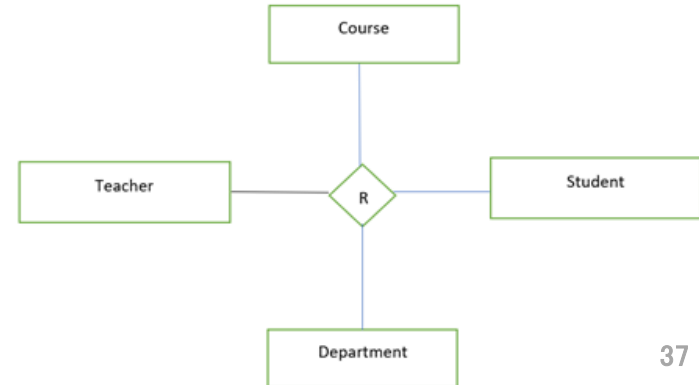
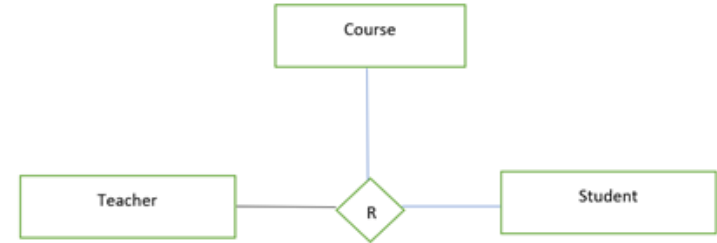
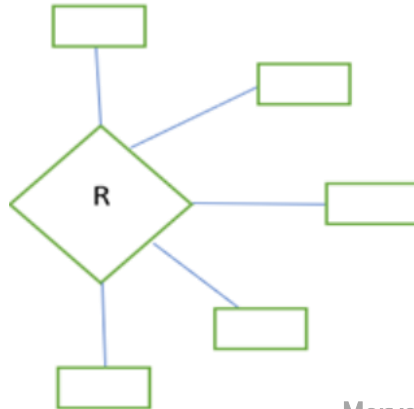
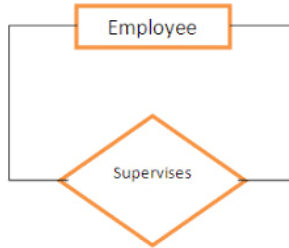


Relationship Set



- ❑ Degree of Relationship Type: The number of participating entity types

- Unary: degree one
- Binary: degree two
- Ternary: degree three
- Quaternary: degree four
- N-ary



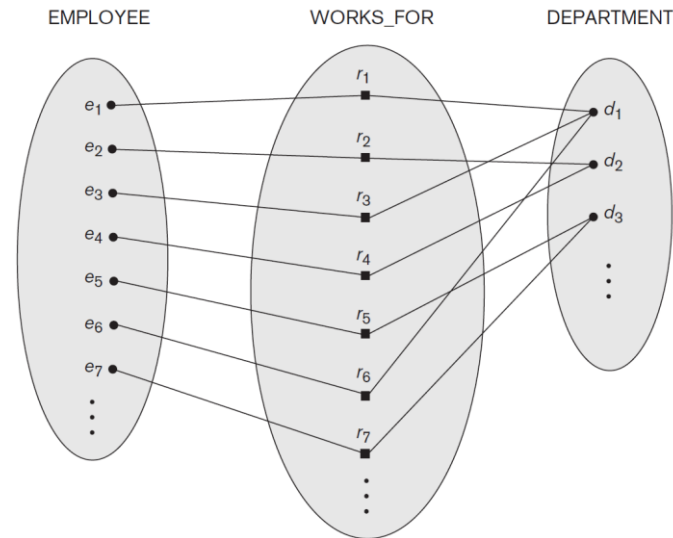
Constraints on Binary Relationship Types



- Relationship types usually have certain constraints that limit the possible combinations of entities that may participate in the corresponding relationship set. These **constraints are determined from the miniworld situation that the relationships represent.**

- We can distinguish two main types of binary relationship constraints:

- Cardinality ratio
- Participation

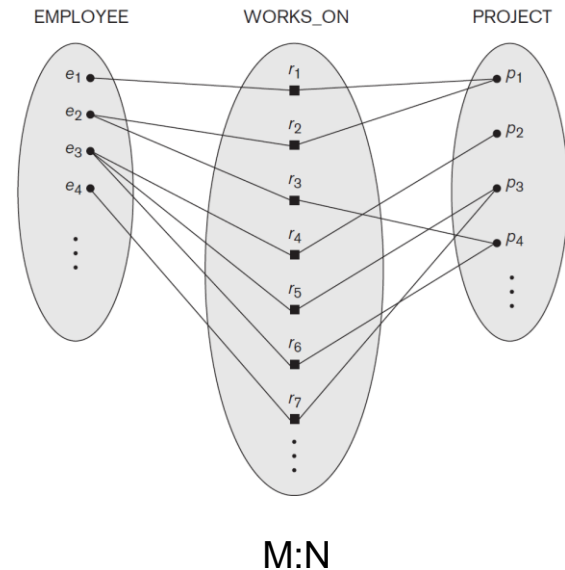
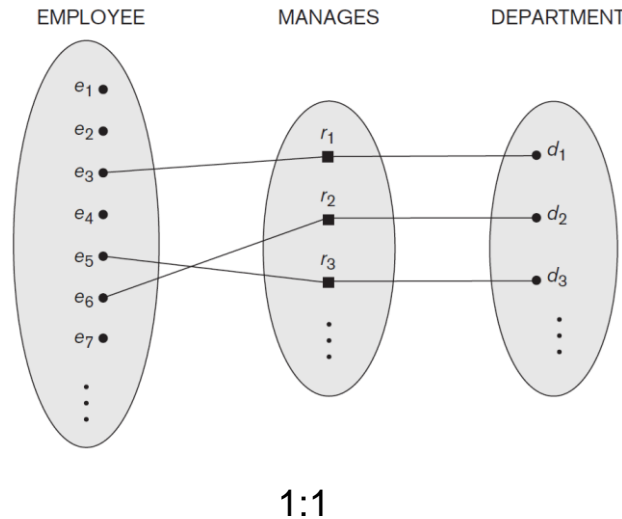


Cardinality Ratios



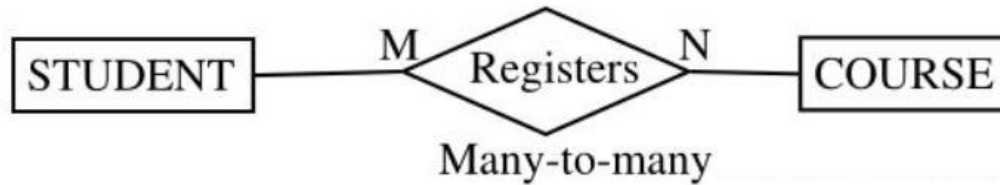
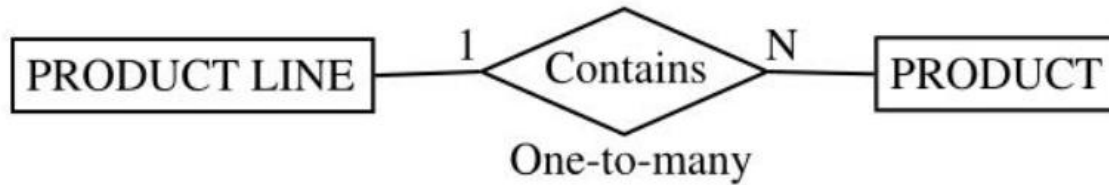
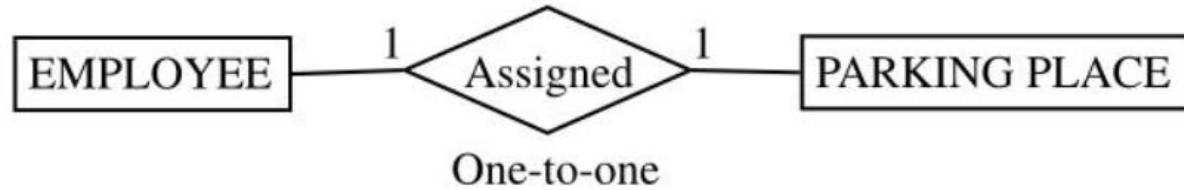
- ❑ **Maximum number** of relationship instances that an entity can participate in.
- ❑ The possible cardinality ratios for binary relationship types are:

- 1:1
- M:N
- 1:N
- N:1





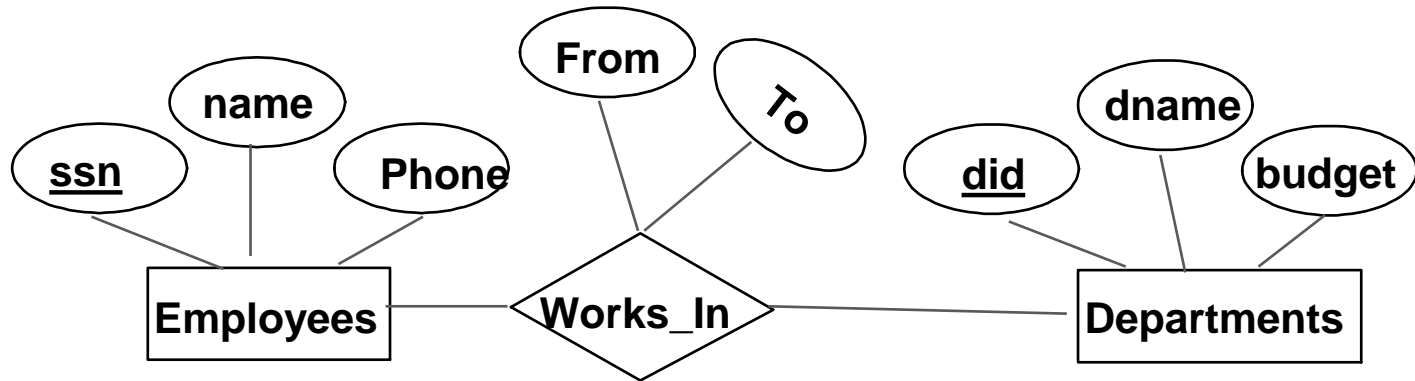
- ❑ Whether the existence of an entity depends on its being related to another entity via the relationship type.
 - **Total (existence dependency):**
 - If a company policy states that every employee must work for a department, then an employee entity can exist only if it participates in at least one WORKS_FOR relationship instance.
 - Meaning that every entity in the total set of employee entities must be related to a department entity via WORKS_FOR.
 - ER: double line connecting the participating entity type to the relationship. A minimum of one.
 - **Partial**
 - We do not expect every employee to manage a department, so the participation of EMPLOYEE in the most one department and a department can have at most one manager.
 - Meaning that some or part of the set of employee entities are related to some department entity via MANAGES, but not necessarily all.
 - ER: single line connecting the participating entity type to the relationship. No minimum.



Attributes of Relationship Types

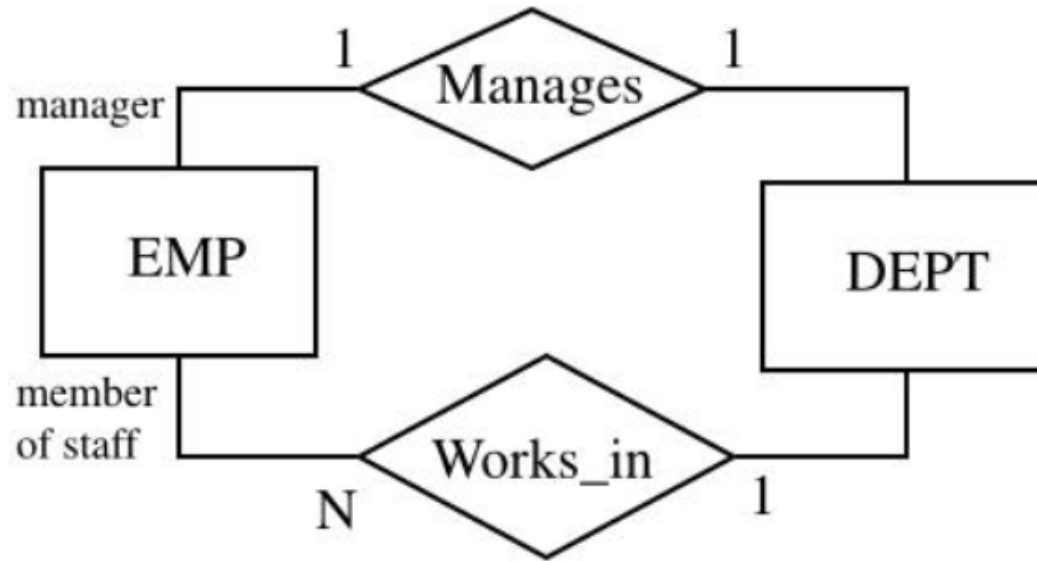


- Relationships can also have **attributes** associated to them. Generally it is not recommended to give attributes to the relationships if not required because while converting the ER model into Relational model, things may get complex and we may require to create a separate table for representing the relationship.





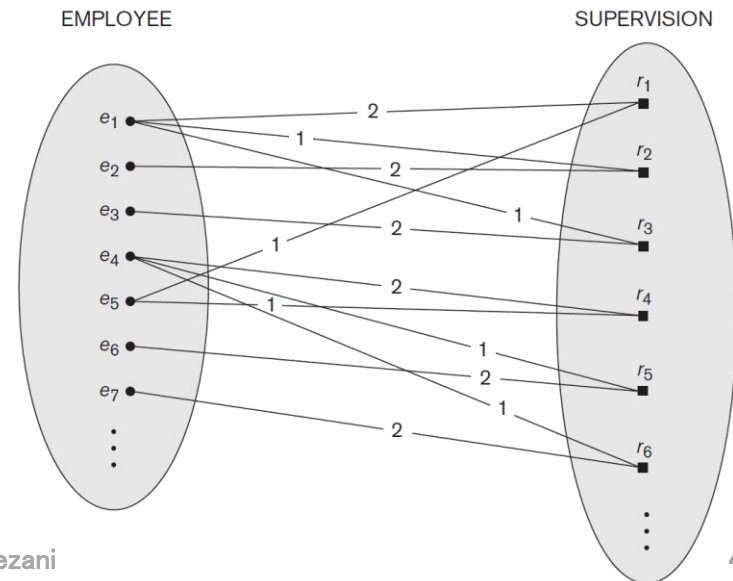
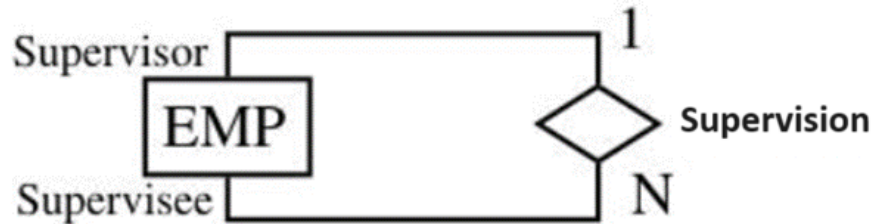
- Each entity type that participates in a relationship type plays a particular role in the relationship. Role names may also be used when two entity classes are associated through more than one relationships



Recursive Relationships (Self-Referencing)



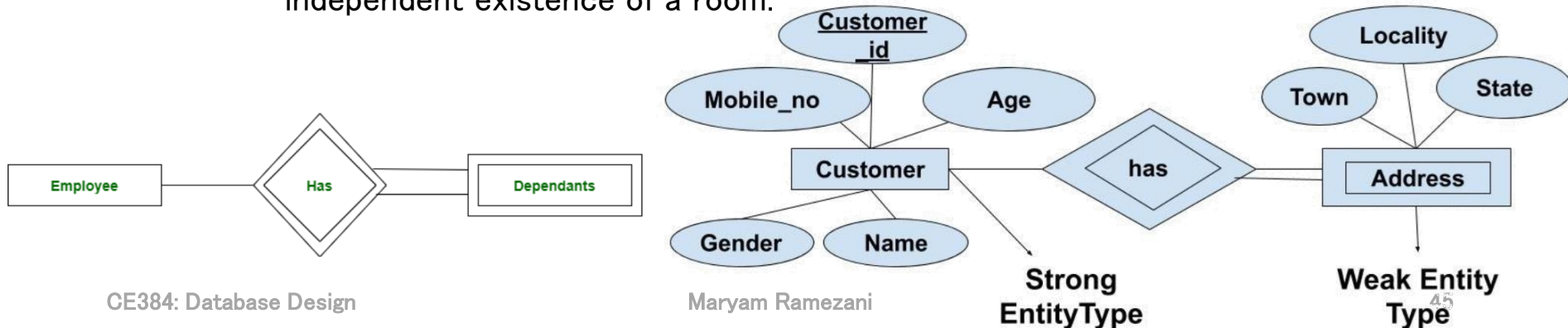
- ❑ In some cases the same entity type participates more than once in a relationship type in different roles.
 - The SUPERVISION relationship type relates an employee to a supervisor, where both employee and supervisor entities are members of the same EMPLOYEE entity set.
 - A recursive relationship SUPERVISION between EMPLOYEE in
 - (1) supervisor role
 - (2) supervisee role



Types of Entity Type



- ❑ **Strong Entity Type:** Has a **key attribute** which helps in **identifying each entity uniquely**. It is represented by a **rectangle** in ER model.
- ❑ **Weak Entity Type:** **Doesn't have a key attribute**. Weak entity type **can't be identified on its own**. It depends upon some other strong entity for its distinct identity. It is represented by a **double outlined rectangle** in ER model.
 - Relationship between the weak entity type and its identifying strong entity type is called **identifying relationship** and it is represented by a **double diamond**.
 - Example: There can be a room only if building exists. There can be no independent existence of a room.



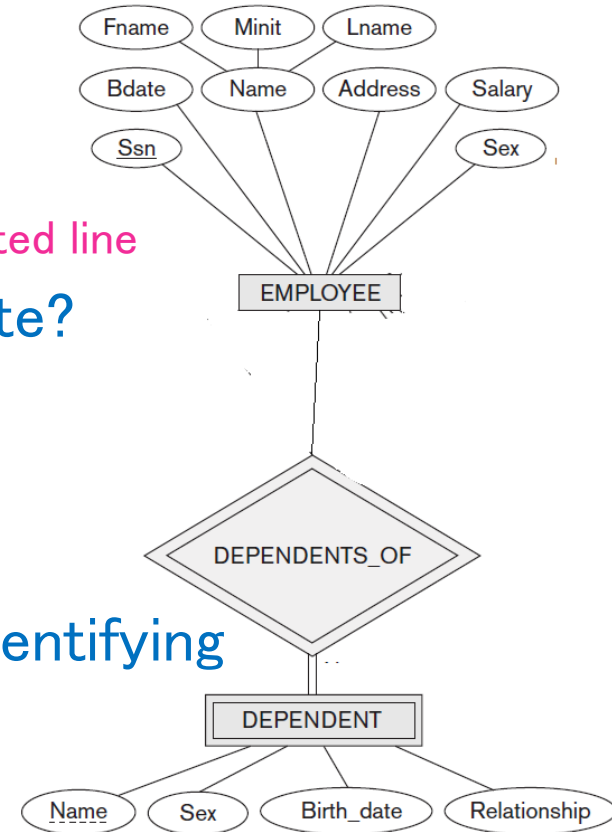
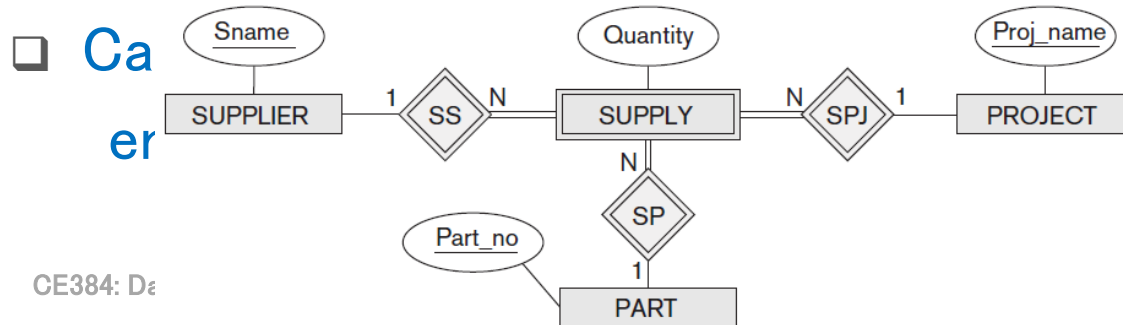


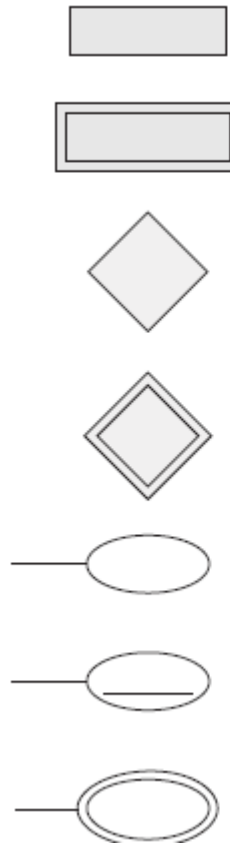
- ❑ **Not** every existence dependency results in a weak entity type.
 - Example: DRIVER_LICENSE entity cannot exist unless it is related to a PERSON entity, even though it has its own key (License_number) and hence is not a weak entity
- ❑ **Partial key** or **Discriminator**:
 - The attribute that can uniquely identify weak entities that are related to the same owner entity.
 - In the worst case, a composite attribute of all the weak entity's attributes will be the partial key.

Weak Entity Type in ER Model



- ❑ Weak entity type and its identifying relationship are represented by surrounding their boxes and diamonds with **double lines**
- ❑ Partial key attribute is underlined with **a dashed or dotted line**
- ❑ **When use weak entity or complex attribute?**
 - Data base designer choice
 - If the weak entity type participates independently in relationship types other than its identifying relationship type.





Entity

Weak Entity

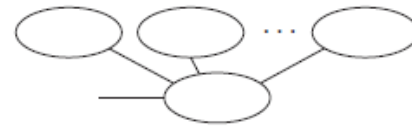
Relationship

Identifying Relationship

Attribute

Key Attribute

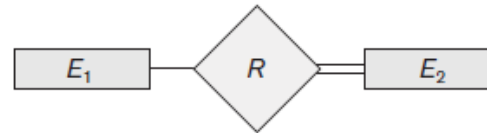
Multivalued Attribute



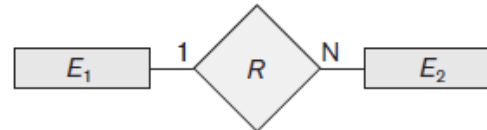
Composite Attribute



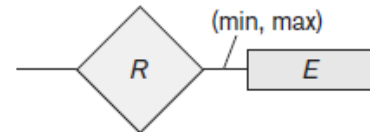
Derived Attribute



Total Participation of E_2 in R



Cardinality Ratio 1: N for $E_1 : E_2$ in R



Structural Constraint (min, max)
on Participation of E in R



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