Lesson 5.1: E/ER-to-Relational Model Mapping

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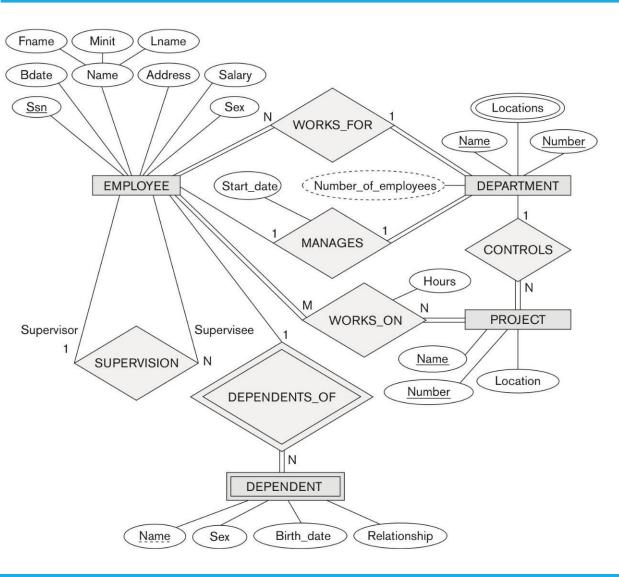
MAPPING ALGORITHM STEPS

- Step 1: Mapping of regular entity types.
- Step 2: Mapping of weak entity types.
- Step 3: Mapping of binary 1:1 relationship types.
- Step 4: Mapping of binary 1:N relationship types.
- Step 5: Mapping of binary M:N relationship types.
- Step 6: Mapping of multivalued attributes.
- Step 7: Mapping of n-ary relationship types.
- Step 8: Mapping of specializations and generalizations.
- Step 9: Mapping of union types (categories).

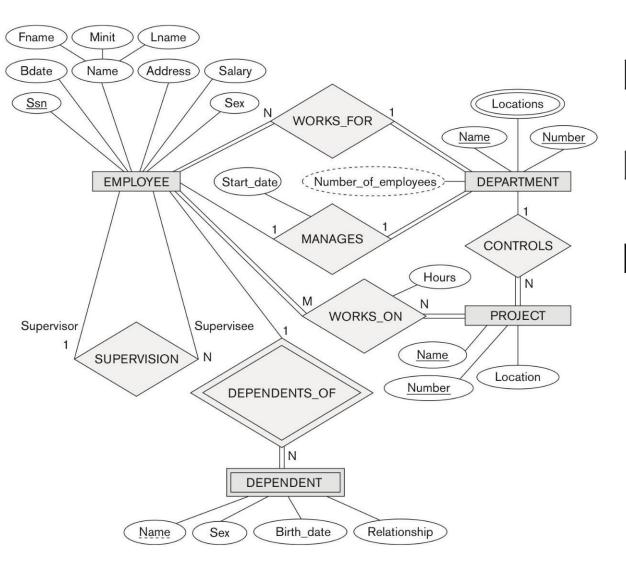
STEP 1: MAPPING OF REGULAR ENTITY TYPES

- •For each **regular** (*strong*) **entity type** *E* in the ER schema, create a **relation** *R* that includes **all** the **simple attributes** of *E*.
- •Choose one of the **key attributes** of *E* as the **primary key** for *R*.
 - If the chosen key of *E* is **composite**, the **set of simple attributes** (that form it) will together form the **primary key** of *R*.

STEP 1: MAPPING OF REGULAR ENTITY TYPES



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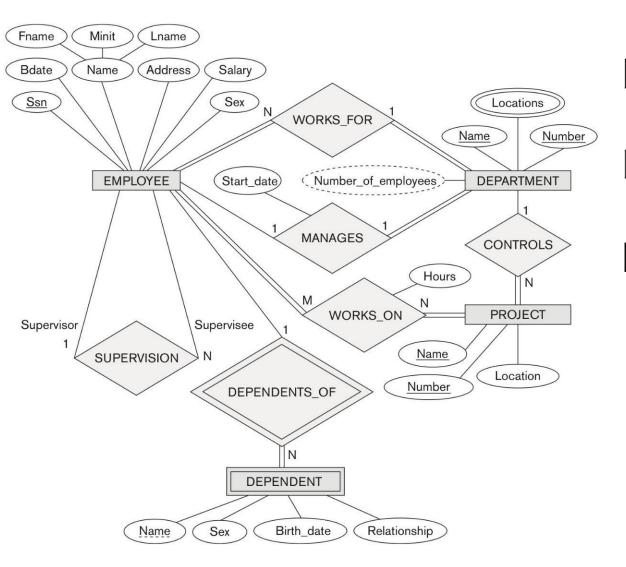
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STEP 2: MAPPING OF WEAK ENTITY TYPES

- •For each weak entity type W in the ER schema with owner entity type E, create a relation R and include all simple attributes of W as attributes of R.
- •Also, include as **foreign key attributes** of *R* the **primary key attribute(s)** of the **relation** that correspond to the **owner entity type.**
- •The **primary key** of *R* is the **combination** of the **primary key(s)** of the **owner(s)** and the **partial key** of the **weak entity type** *W*, if any.

STEP 2: MAPPING OF WEAK ENTITY TYPES



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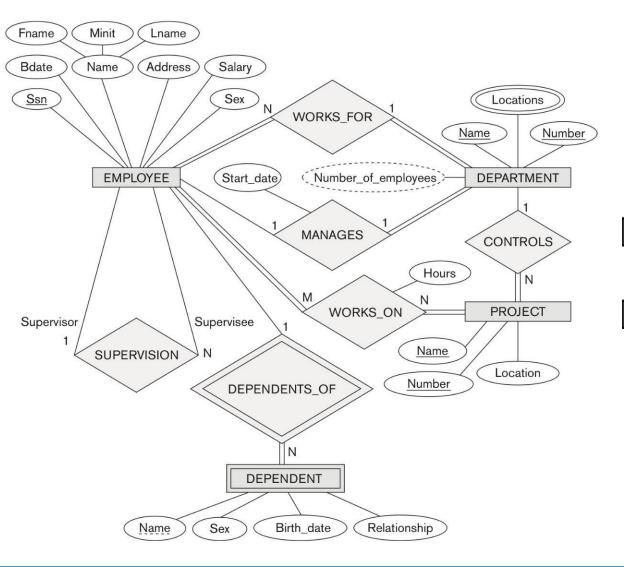
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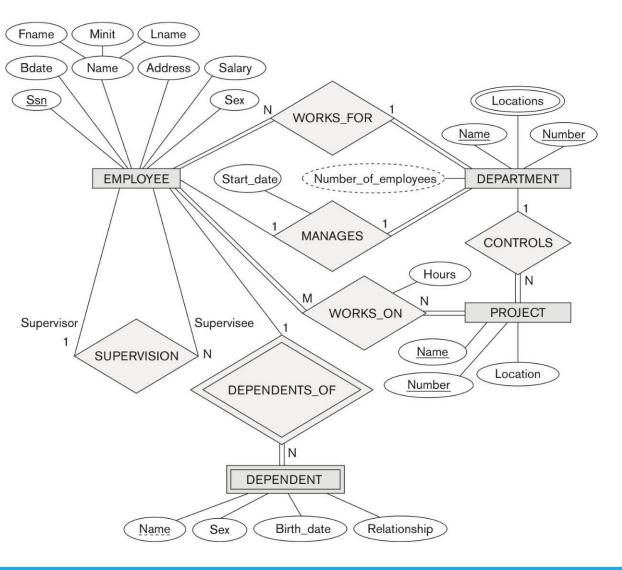
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STEP 3: MAPPING OF BINARY 1:1 RELATIONSHIPS

- •Three possible options:
- Foreign Key (2 relations − S, T).
 - Choose one of the relations S and include as a foreign key in S the primary key of T.
 - It is better to choose an **entity type** with **total participation** in *R* in the role of *S*.
- •Merged relation (1 relation).
 - Merging the two entity types and the relationship into a single relation.
 - Appropriate when both participations are total.
- •Cross-reference or relationship relation (3 relations R, S, T).
 - Set up a third **relation** *R* for the purpose of **cross-referencing** the **primary keys** of the two **relations** *S* and *T* representing the **entity types**.
 - The **relation** R will include the **primary key** attributes of S and T as **foreign keys** to S and T.
 - The **primary key** of *R* will be one of the two **foreign keys**, and the other **foreign key** will be a **unique key** of *R*.

STEP 3: MAPPING OF BINARY 1:1 RELATIONSHIPS



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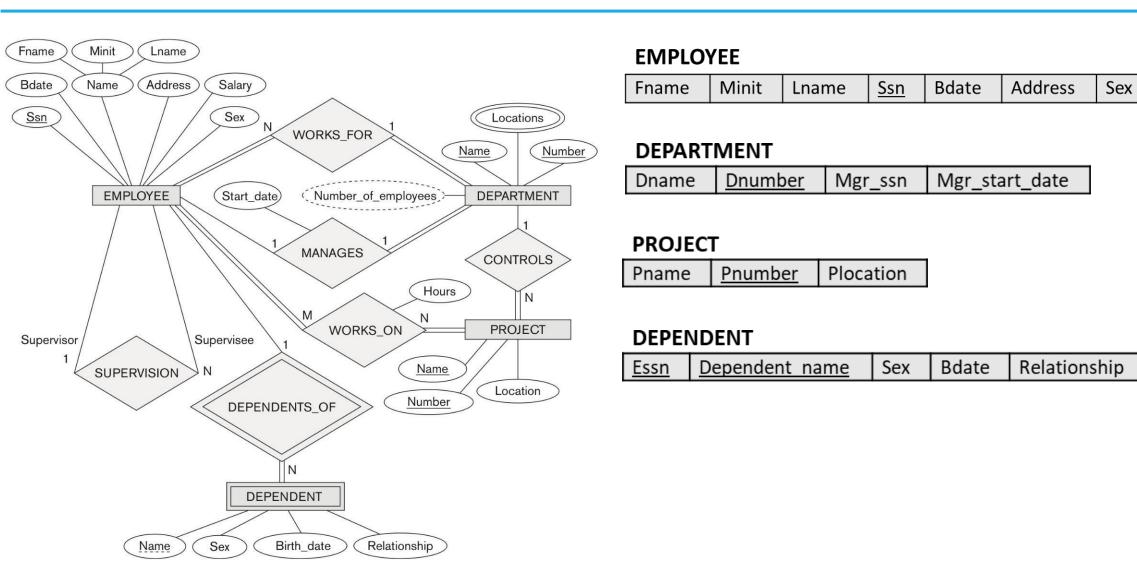
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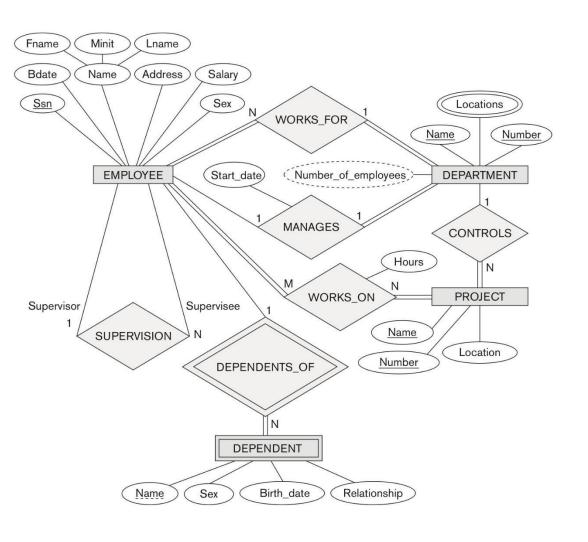
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STEP 4: MAPPING OF BINARY 1:N RELATIONSHIPS

- •For each **binary 1:N relationship type** *R*, identify the **relation** *S* that represent the participating **entity type** at the **N-side** of the **relationship** type.
 - Include as **foreign key** in *S* the **primary key** of the **relation** *T* that represents the **other entity type** participating in *R*.
 - Include any **simple attributes** of the **1:N relation** type as **attributes** of *S*.

STEP 4: MAPPING OF BINARY 1:N RELATIONSHIPS



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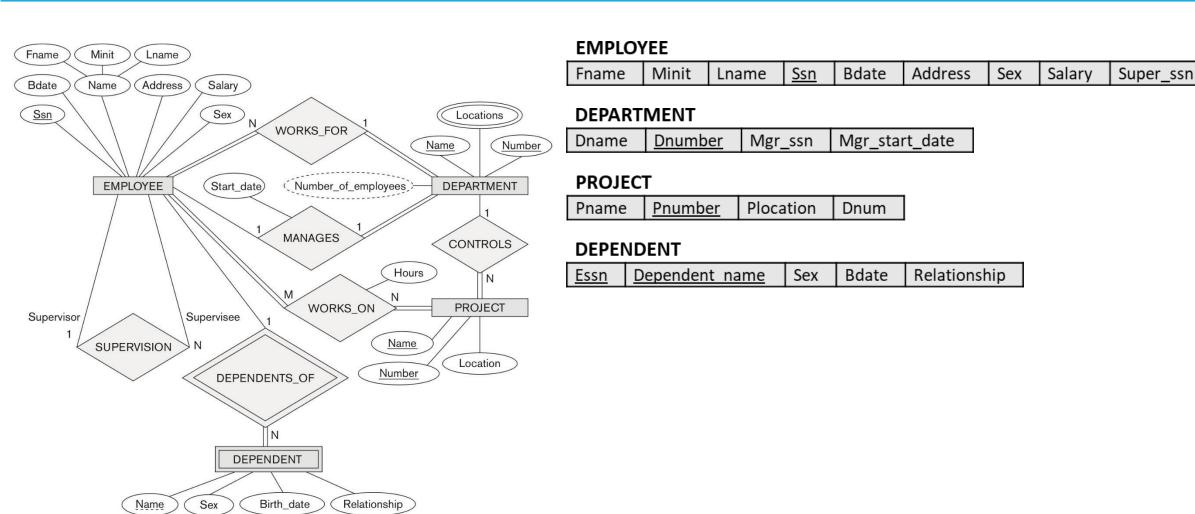
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STEP 4: MAPPING OF BINARY 1:N RELATIONSHIPS

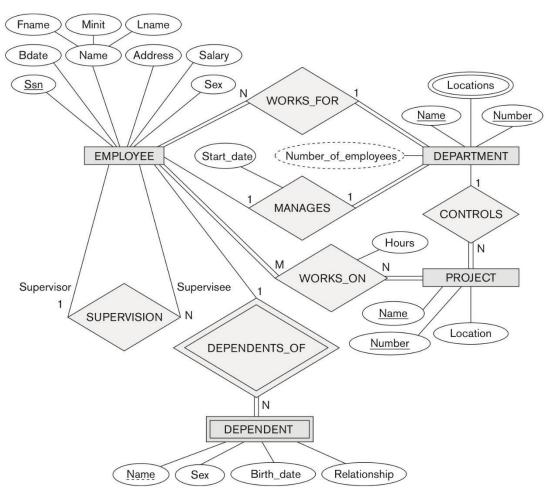
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STEP 5: MAPPING OF BINARY M:N RELATIONSHIPS

- •For each binary M:N relationship type R, create a new relation S to represent R.
 - This is a relationship relation.
- •Include as **foreign key attributes** in *S* the **primary key attributes** of the **relations** that represent the participating **entity types** their **combination** will form the **primary key** of *S*.
- •Also, include any **simple attributes** of the **M:N relationship type** as attributes of *S*.

STEP 5: MAPPING OF BINARY M:N RELATIONSHIPS



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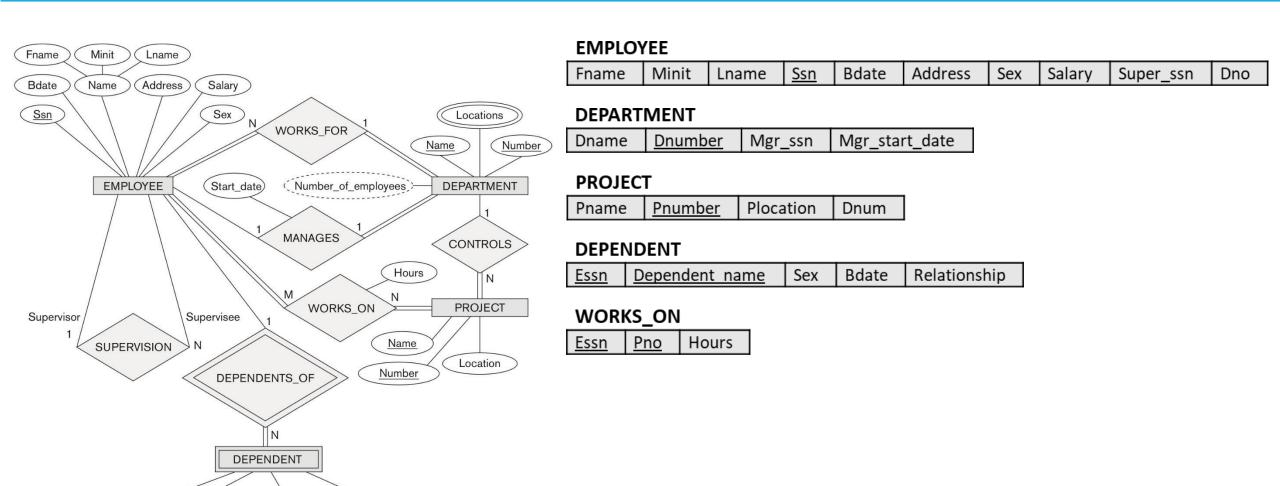
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STEP 5: MAPPING OF BINARY M:N RELATIONSHIPS



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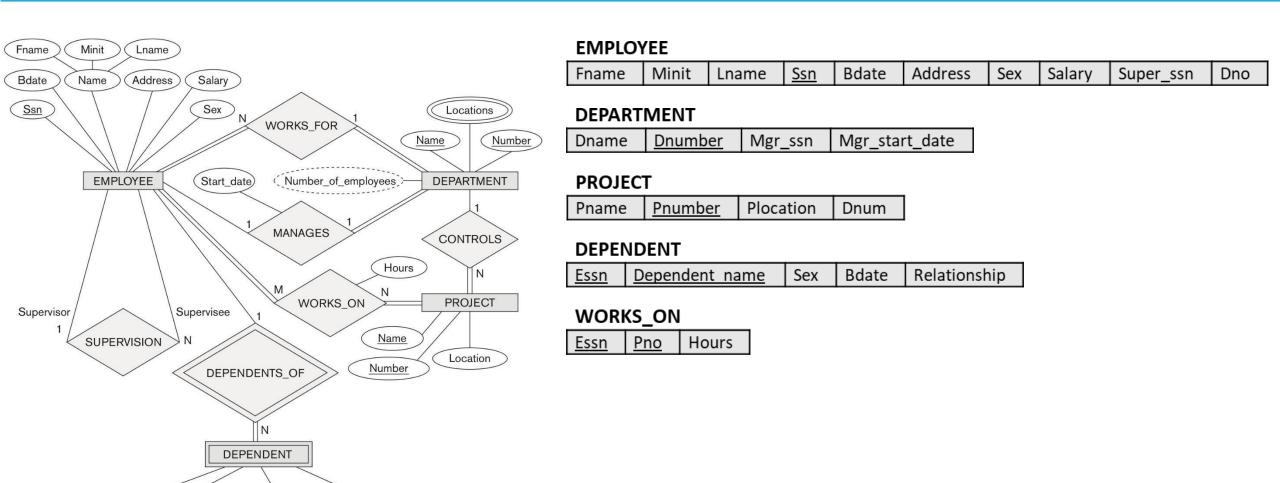
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STEP 6: MAPPING OF MULTIVALUED ATTRIBUTES

- For each multivalued attribute A, create a new relation R.
 - Relation R will include an attribute corresponding to A, plus the primary key attribute K as a foreign key in R of the relation that represents the entity or relationship type that has A as an attribute.
 - The **primary key** of *R* is the **combination** of *A* and *K*.
 - If the multivalued attribute is composite, include all its simple components.

STEP 6: MAPPING OF MULTIVALUED ATTRIBUTES



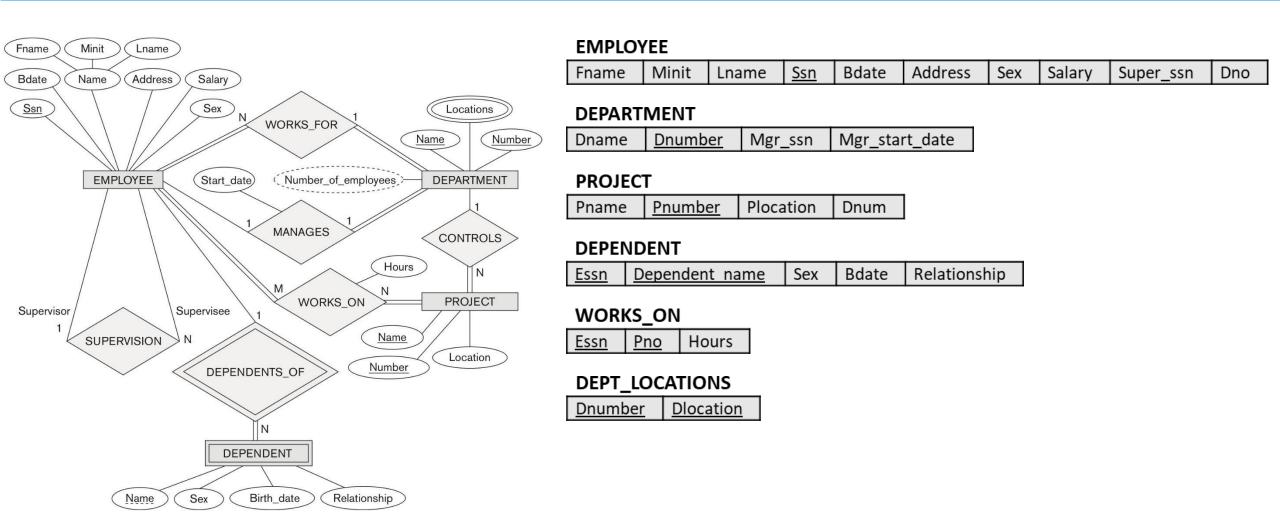
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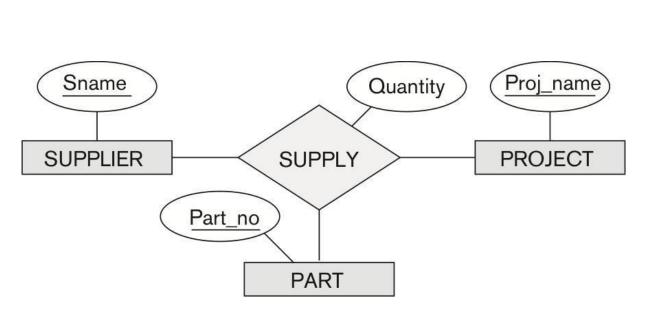
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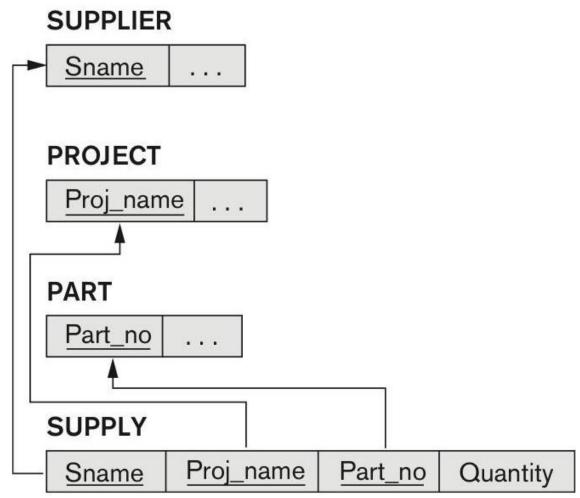


STEP 7: MAPPING OF N-ARY RELATIONSHIPS

- •For each **n-ary relationship type** R (n>2), create a new **relationship** S to represent R.
 - Include as **foreign key attributes** in *S* the **primary key attributes** of the **relations** that represent the **participating entity types**.
 - Also, include any simple attributes of the n-ary relationship type as attributes of S.
 - The **primary key** of *S* is a combination of all the **foreign keys** that reference the **relations** representing the participating entity types.

STEP 7: MAPPING OF N-ARY RELATIONSHIPS





MAPPING BETWEEN ER AND RELATIONAL CONCEPTS

ER Model

Relational Model

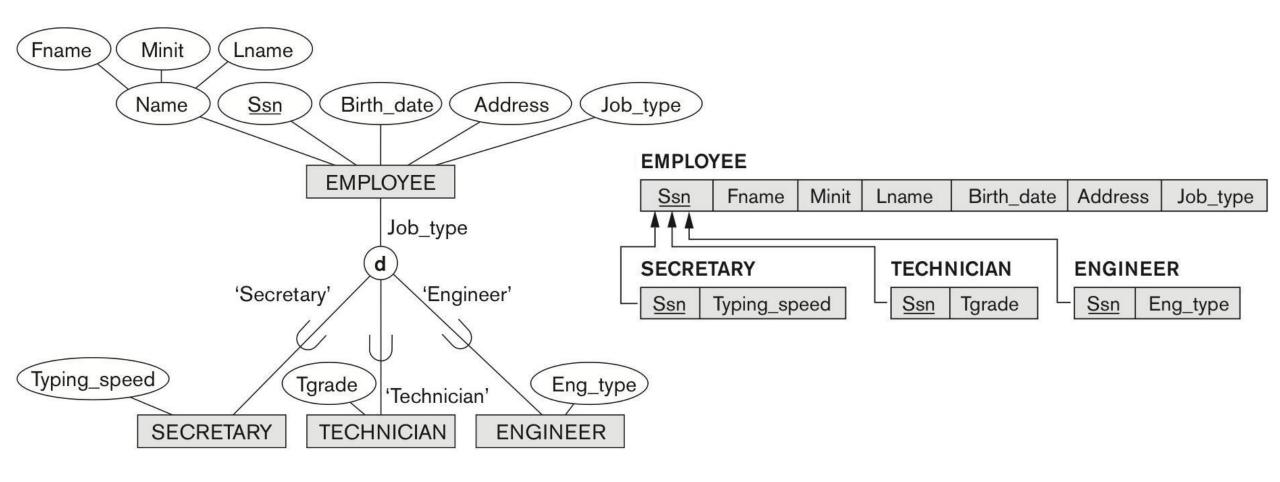
Entity type	Entity relation				
1:1 or 1:N relationship type	Foreign key (relationship relation)				
M:N relationship type	Relationship relation and two foreign keys				
N-ary relationship type	Relationship relation and n foreign keys				
Simple attribute	Attribute				
Composite attribute	Set of simple component attributes				
Multivalued attributes	Relation and foreign key				
Value set	Domain				
Key attribute	Primary (or secondary) key				

ER and relational models concepts

STEP 8: MAPPING OF SPECIALIZATIONS & GENERALIZATIONS (1)

- •Convert each **specialization** with m subclasses $\{S_1, S_2, ..., S_m\}$ and generalized **superclass** C, where the **attributes** of C are $\{k, a_1, ..., a_n\}$ and k is the **primary key**, into **relational schemas** using one of the four following options:
 - Option 8A: Multiple relations superclass and subclasses relations.
 - Create a relation L for C with attributes $Attrs(L) = \{k, a_1, ..., a_n\}$ and L[PK] = k.
 - Create a relation L_i for each subclass S_i with the attributes $Attrs(L_i) = \{k\} \ U \ \{attributes \ of \ S_i\}$ and $L_i[PK] = k$.
 - Works for any specialization (total or partial, disjoint or overlapping).

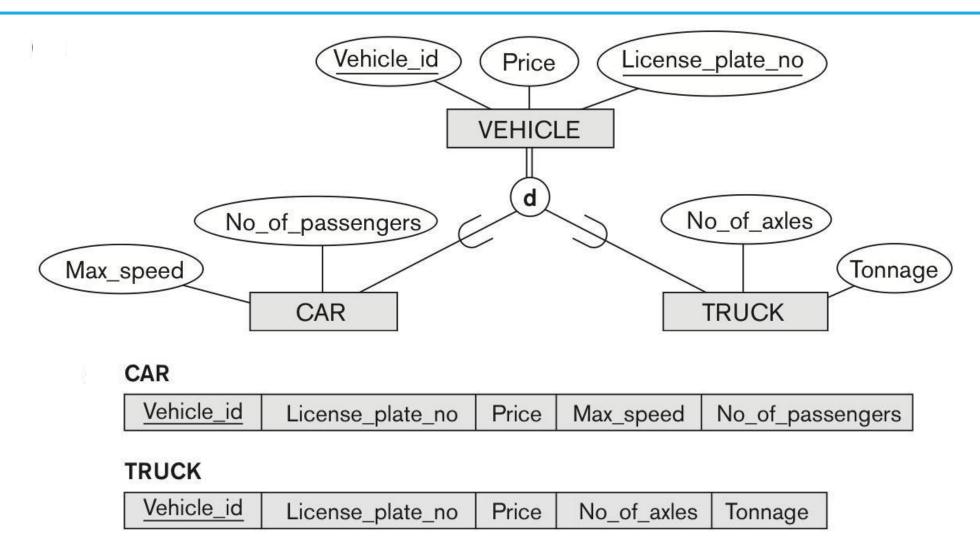
STEP 8: MAPPING OF SPECIALIZATIONS & GENERALIZATIONS (1)



STEP 8: MAPPING OF SPECIALIZATIONS & GENERALIZATIONS (2)

- •Convert each **specialization** with m subclasses $\{S_1, S_2, ..., S_m\}$ and generalized **superclass** C, where the **attributes** of C are $\{k, a_1, ..., a_n\}$ and k is the **primary key**, into **relational schemas** using one of the four following options:
 - Option 8B: Multiple relations subclass relations only.
 - Create a relation L_i for each subclass S_i with the attributes $Attr(L_i) = \{attributes \ of \ S_i\} \ U \ \{k, \ a_1, \dots, \ a_n\}$ and $L_i[PK] = k$.
 - Works for a total & disjoint specialization.

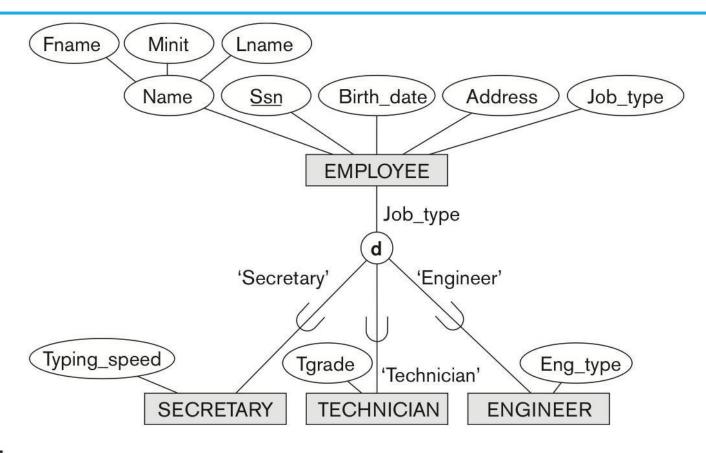
STEP 8: MAPPING OF SPECIALIZATIONS & GENERALIZATIONS (2)



STEP 8: MAPPING OF SPECIALIZATIONS & GENERALIZATIONS (3)

- •Convert each **specialization** with m subclasses $\{S_1, S_2, ..., S_m\}$ and generalized **superclass** C, where the **attributes** of C are $\{k, a_1, ..., a_n\}$ and k is the **primary key**, into **relational schemas** using one of the four following options:
 - Option 8C: Single relation with one type attribute.
 - Create a single relation L with attributes $Attrs(L) = \{k, a_1, ..., a_n\} \cup \{attributes \ of \ S_1\} \cup ... \cup \{attributes \ of \ S_m\} \cup \{t\} \ and \ L[PK] = k.$
 - The attribute t is called a type (or discriminating) attribute that indicates the subclass to which each tuple belongs.
 - Works for a disjoint specialization.

STEP 8: MAPPING OF SPECIALIZATIONS & GENERALIZATIONS (3)



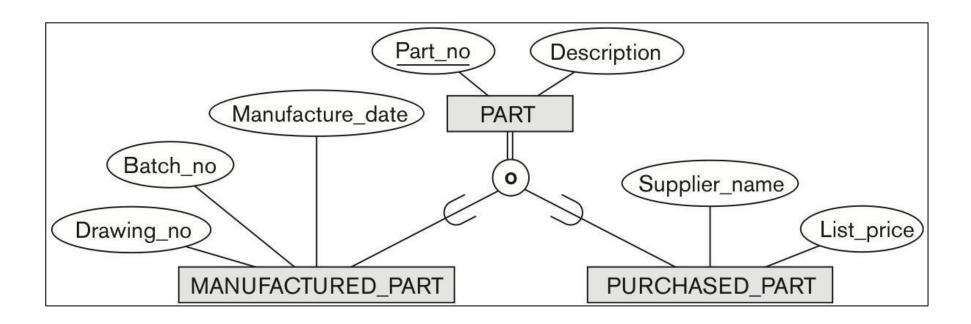
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STEP 8: MAPPING OF SPECIALIZATIONS & GENERALIZATIONS (4)

- •Convert each **specialization** with m subclasses $\{S_1, S_2, ..., S_m\}$ and generalized **superclass** C, where the **attributes** of C are $\{k, a_1, ..., a_n\}$ and k is the **primary key**, into **relational schemas** using one of the four following options:
 - Option 8D: Single relation with multiple type attributes.
 - Create a single relation schema L with attributes $Attrs(L) = \{k, a_1, ..., a_n\}$ U {attributes of S_1 } U...U {attributes of S_m } U { $t_1, t_2, ..., t_m$ } and L[PK] = k.
 - Each t_i is a Boolean type attribute indicating whether a tuple belongs to the subclass S_i .
 - Works for an overlapping and disjoint specialization.

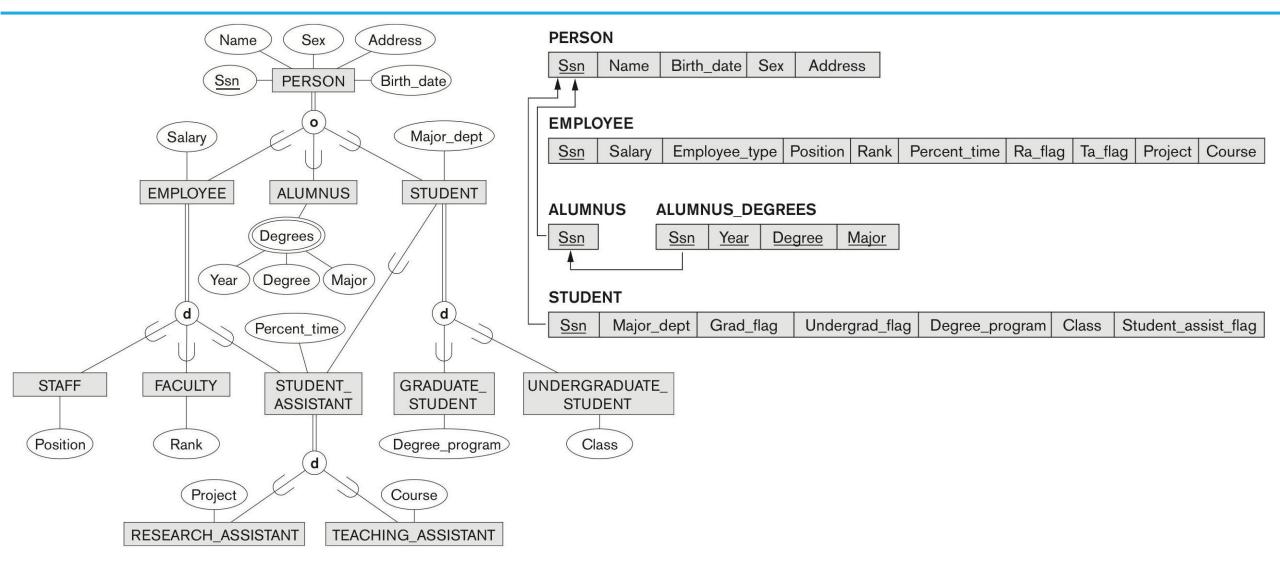
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STEP 8: MAPPING OF SPECIALIZATIONS & GENERALIZATIONS (5)



STEP 9: MAPPING OF UNION TYPES (CATEGORIES)

•For mapping a category whose defining superclass has different keys, it is customary to specify a new key attribute, called a surrogate key, when creating a relation to correspond to the category.

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