Information Management (L3)
ER Diagrams (cont)

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Conceptual Design

- 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 (business rules) that hold?
- We represent this information pictorially in E/R diagrams (and then map these to a relational schema later).

Recap: ER

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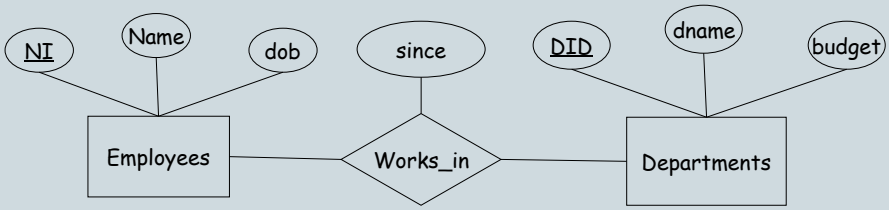
- Entities are real world objects
  - Entity Types: definitions for real-world objects, with attributes, including key attributes
- Relationships between entities, modelled as relationship types
  - Uniquely identified by entities, but can have attributes. Usually binary, can be N-ary



Relationship Types

- Captures how two or more entities are related
- Can be thought of as verbs, linking two or more nouns
- Examples:
  - an *owns* relationship between a company and a computer
  - a *supervises* relationship between an employee and a department
  - a *performs* relationship between an artist and a song
  - a *proved* relationship between a mathematician and a theorem

Recap: Types & Sets?

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- Entity Type:
  - Employees, Departments
- Entity Set of "Employees":
  - {Jane Doe, Jack Willis}
- Relationship Type:
  - Works_in
- Relationship Set of "Works_In":
  - {Jane Doe works_in Accounting,
    Jack Willis works_in IT}

Cardinality Constraints on Relationship Types

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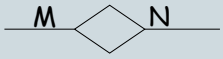
- For example:
  - An employee can work in many departments; a department can have many employees
  - In contrast, each department has at most one manager
- The cardinality specifies the number of entity instances that can participate from each side of the relationship of a binary relationship
  - One to one (1:1)
  - One to many (1:N)
  - Many to Many (N:M)

M:N



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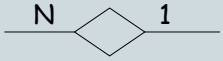

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Note: Sometimes this is denoted using different arrowheads

Example of 1 to N cardinality

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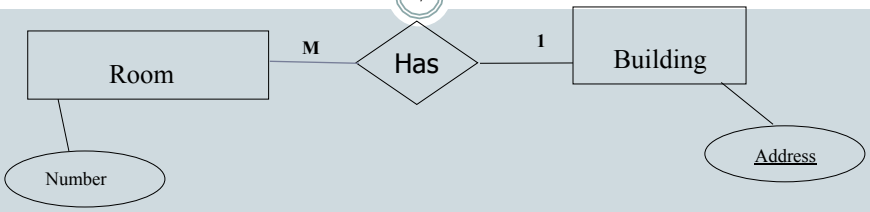

For every ONE room, there is ONE building

For every ONE building, there are ANY NUMBER of rooms

Example of M to N cardinality

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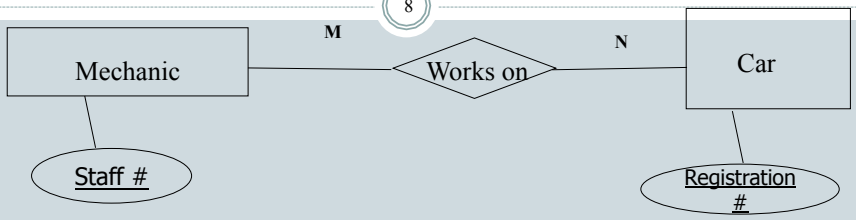

For every ONE car, there are ANY NUMBER of mechanics

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Participation Constraints on Relationships

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Every department must have a manager

- A double line indicates a *participation constraint* - totality
  - ALL entities in the entity set must participate in *at least one* relationship in the relationship set;

Cardinality + Participation Constraints = Structural Constraints

Total Participation

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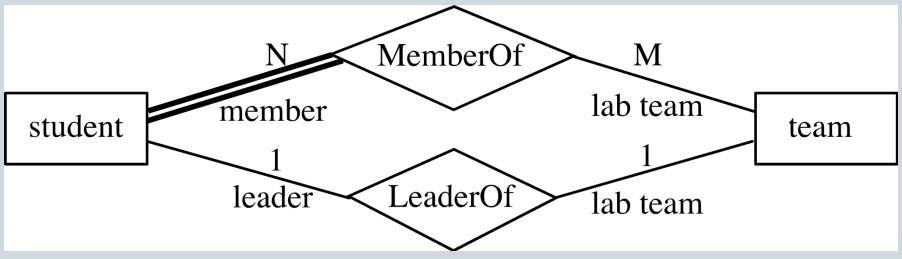

Every student **must** be a member of a team

A double line indicates the total participation constraint in an ER model

Note - the participation of *student* in *LeaderOf* is **partial**, because a student *might* be a team leader

Weak Entity Types

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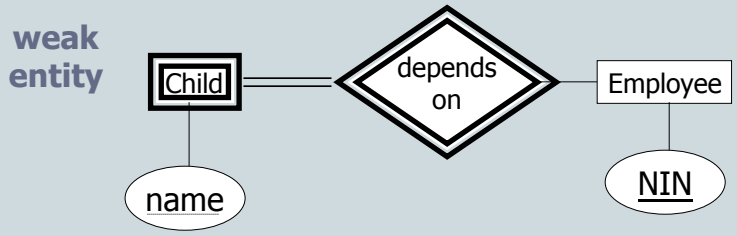

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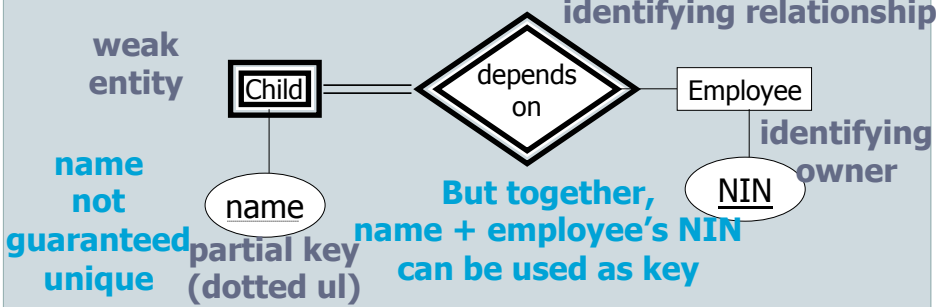

- Weak entity set must have total participation in this identifying relationship set.

More on relationships - 1

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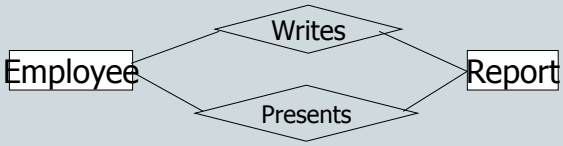
- There may be more than one relationship between entity types



More on relationships - 2

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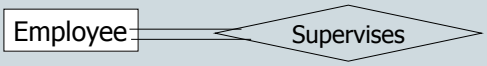
- An entity type may be in a relationship with itself
  - this is a recursive relationship



More on relationships - 3

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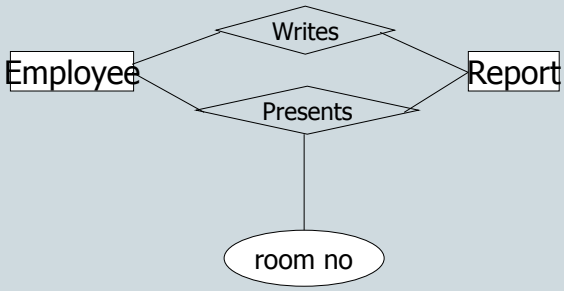
Recall: relationships may themselves have attributes



Essential Reading

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- After this lecture
  - Rolland, Chapter 2
    - 2.1, 2.3.1
- Before next lecture
  - Rolland, Chapter 3
    - 3.1, 3.2
  - Rolland, Chapter 4
    - 4.1

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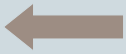

From a written scenario to an ER Model

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- Identify the **Entities**, their **Attributes**, and all **Relationships** involved in any given scenario
- Represent this in an Entity-Relationship Diagram
- ER Diagram (and model) can then be used to implement the actual relationship tables in the database itself (we will do this in the lab in week 3)

Constructing an ER diagram

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1. Identify the entity types (in boxes)
2. Identify each entity types' properties
3. Decide which properties are attributes (connected to entity in oval)
4. Decide which attributes could be keys
5. Select primary key (underlined attribute)
6. Determine which properties infer relationships (labelled diamond between the participating entities)
7. Decide on the cardinality and participation of the relationship (numbers at entities involved in relationship; single line Vs double line at entity)

(1) Identify **Entities** in the 'Company' Scenario

Entities

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Set up a database about movies, stars and studios. Movies have a title, and may be released many times. Releases have a year, length and film type. Stars have a name and address. Studios have a name and address. Movies can be sequels of other movies. Stars have contracts with specific studios with an associated salary, and get a cash bonus for specific releases. Stars act in releases and studios own movies.

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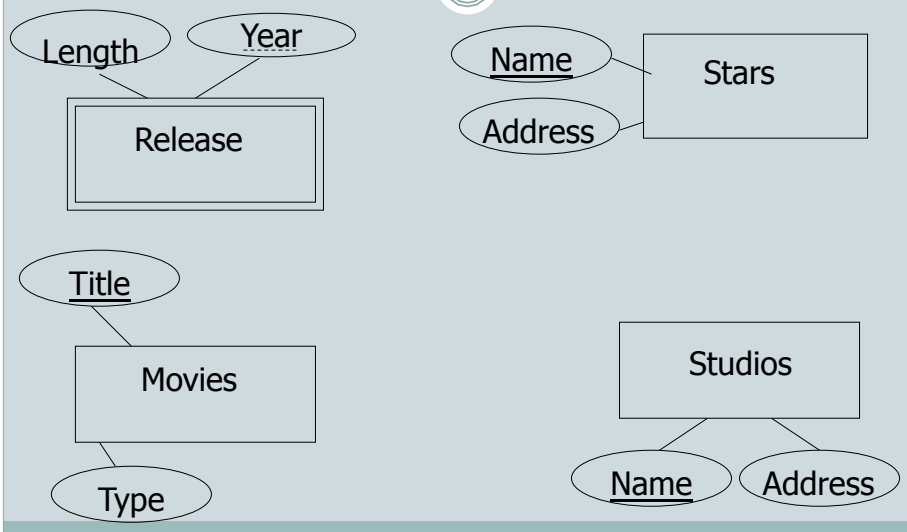

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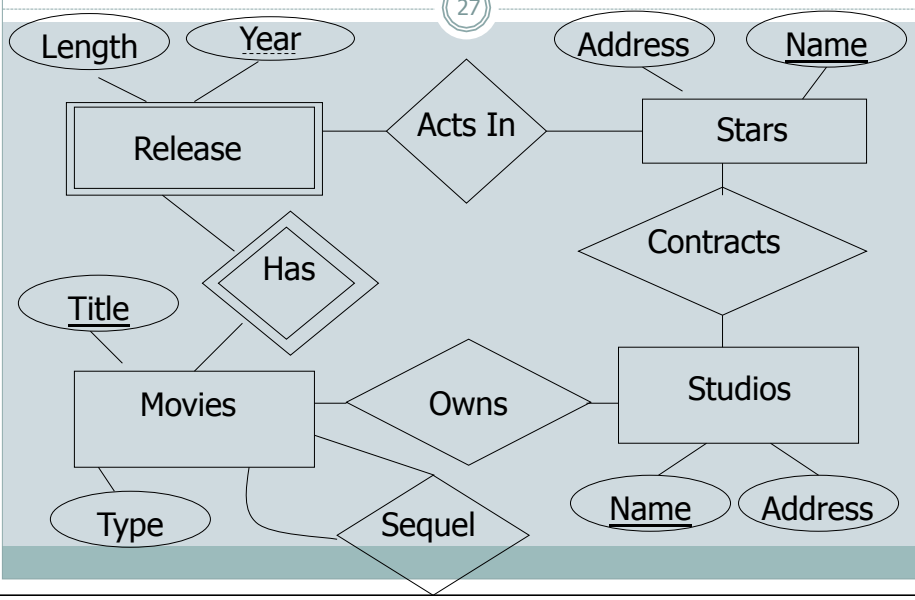

Relationship Attributes

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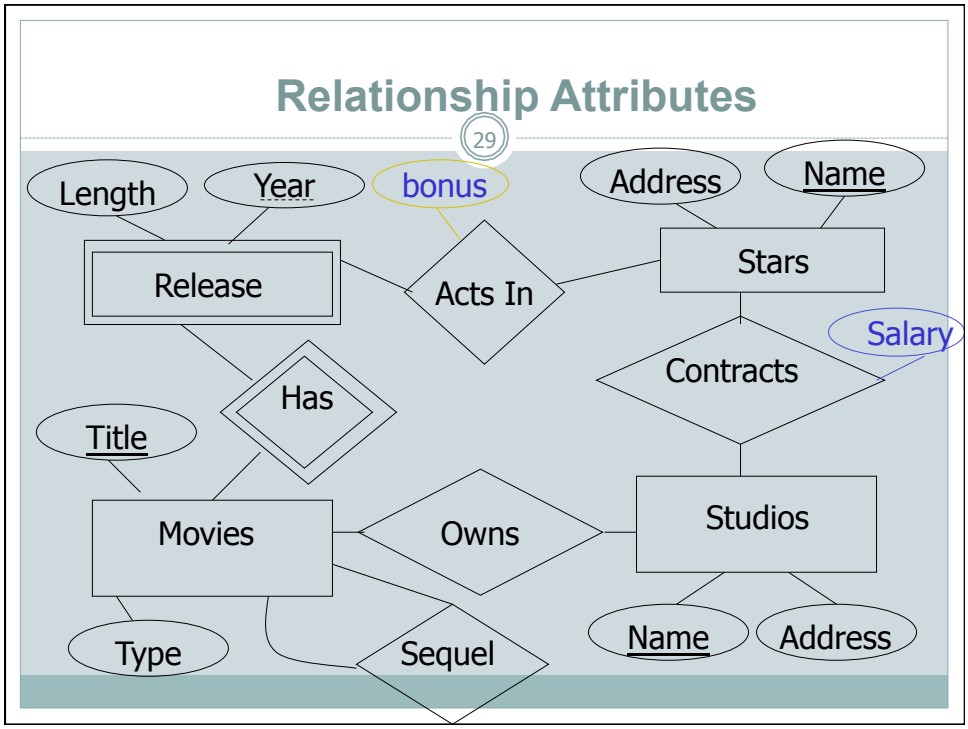
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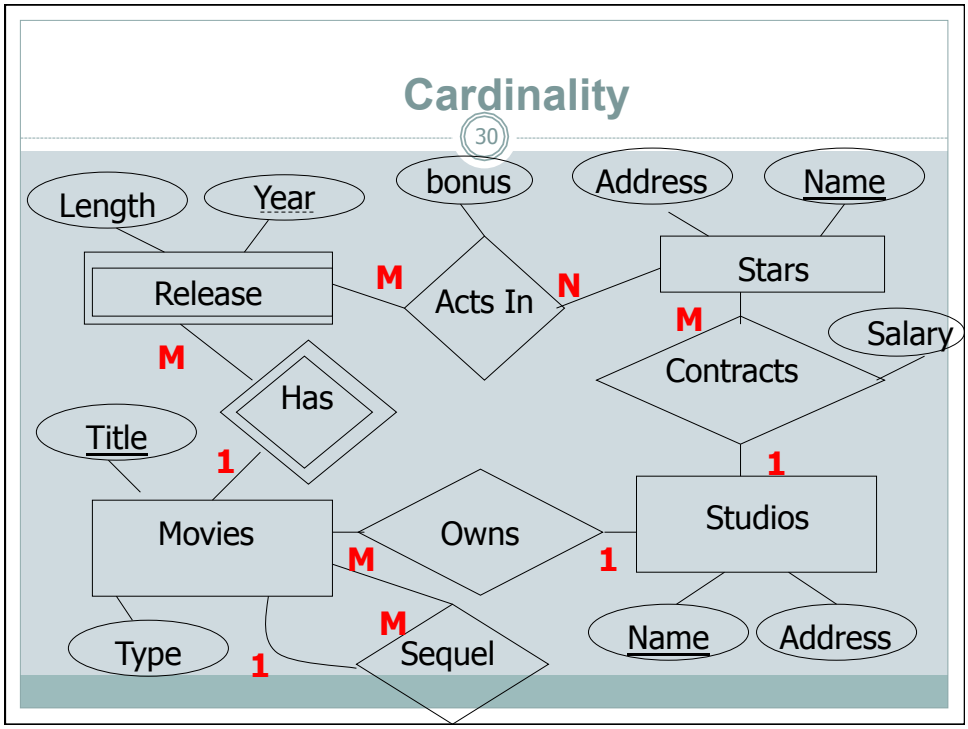
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Participation

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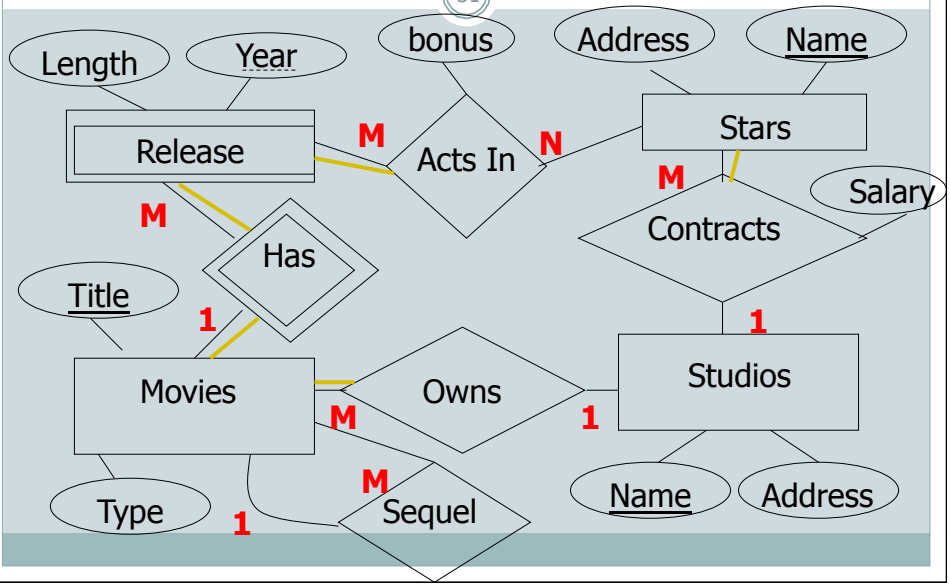

Second Example Scenario

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SELF STUDY

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Entities in the Company Scenario

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Departments, Employees, Projects, Dependants

Notes

- Company is **not** an entity type - it is the whole database
- Some things are relationships rather than entities themselves
  - Managers ? "The **manager** *is an* **employee** "
  - Supervisors ? "Each **employee** has a **supervisor**"

Entities in Company Scenario

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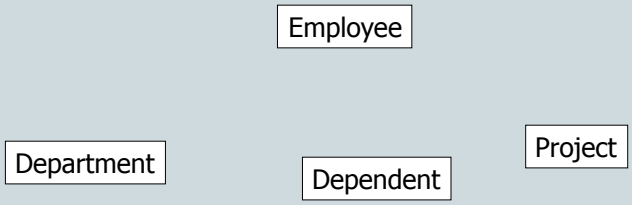
- How to represent an entity in an ER diagram



(2) Identify **Attributes** in Company Scenario

The Example Scenario

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Attributes in the Company Scenario

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- The attributes of the company database are:
  - Department - name, number, {locations}
  - Employee - National Insurance Number, **name**, **address**, salary, sex, birthdate,
  - Project - name, number, location
  - Dependent - **name**, sex, DofB, relationship

Note – again – watch out – don't simply make everything an attribute....some things are relationships, or attributes of relationships – not the entity itself

Attributes in the Company Scenario

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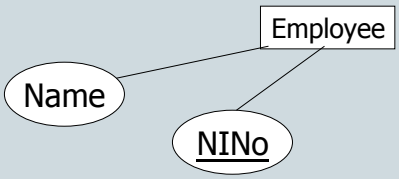
- How to represent attributes of an entity in an ER diagram:



(3) Identify Relationships in Company Scenario

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Relationships in the Company Scenario

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Relationships with their own attributes

- Each **employee** *has a* set of **dependants**, each with a **name, date-of-birth, sex and familial relationship** to the **employee**.
- The **manager** *is an* **employee** and *started managing* the **department** on a given date

Representing Relationships in an ER Diagram

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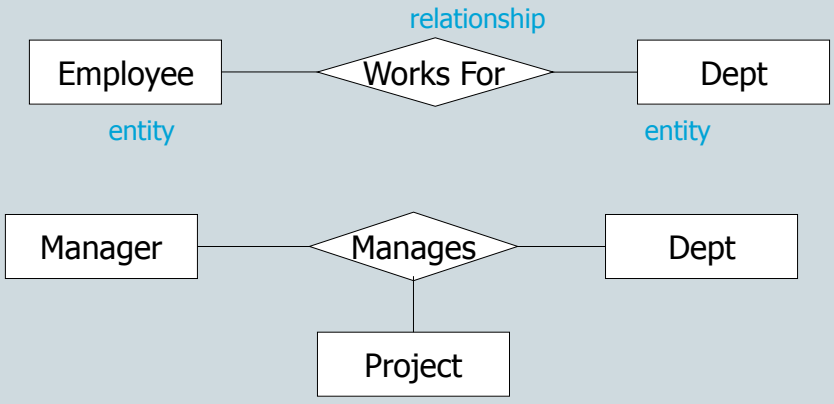
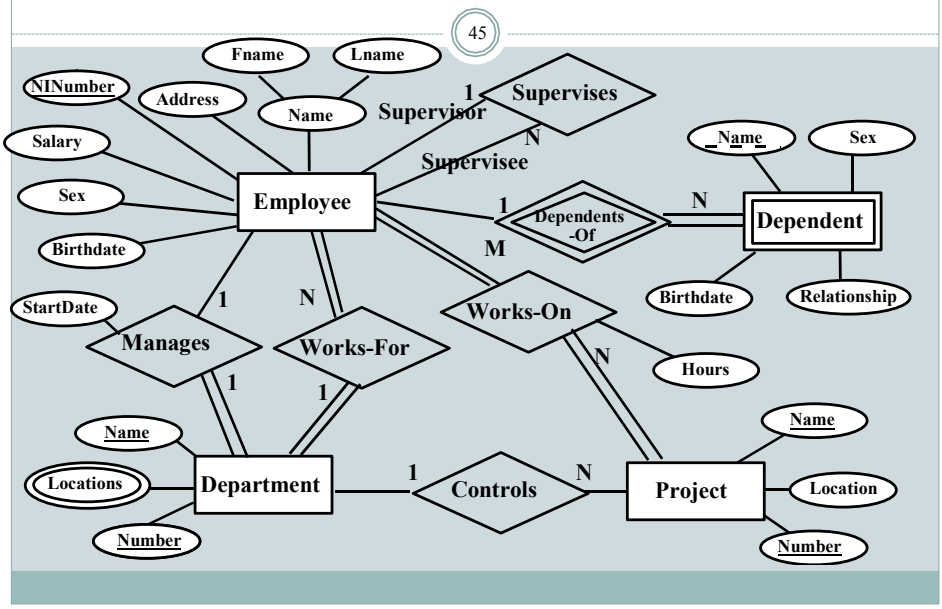
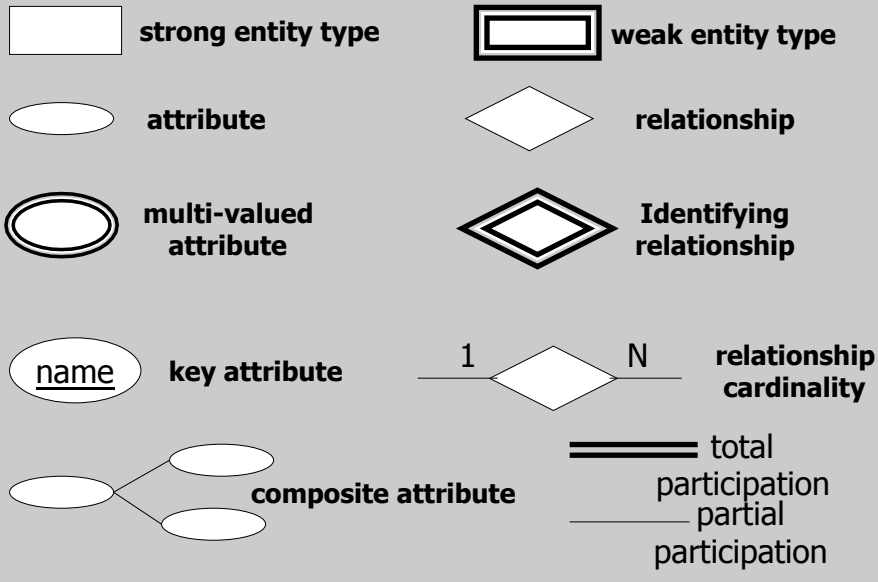


ER Diagram for the Company Database



ER Diagram Notation



The Relational Model
From ER model to Tables

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Overview

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- The Relational Model
- Understanding Entities & Relationships as 'Tables' in a database
- Converting your diagram into tables

- Thursday
  - Enforcing integrity
  - More on the relational model

Reminder - Data Modelling

- ER Model allowed us to establish the relationships and dependencies amongst the information

- We now need to arrange the data into a **logical structure**

- The logical structure can then be mapped into the storage objects supported by the database - for example **tables**

The Relational Data Model

- Introduced by E.F. Codd in 1970
- Most commonly supported form used in s/w industry
- Simple means of representing & manipulating data
- Has a good theoretical/mathematical grounding
  - More on this later (lecture 7 and 8)

Entities → Tables

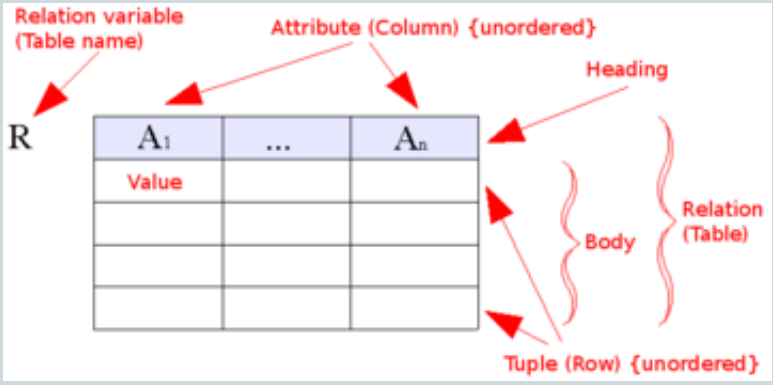
A table (relation) is constructed for each item of interest in a DB

A relation equates (approximately) to an entity type or en in the ER diagram

All relations must have a HEADING and a BODY

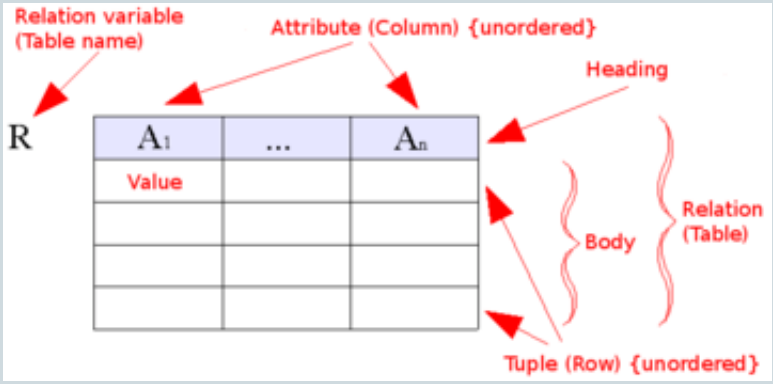
Structure of Data Objects in the Relational Model

- Data is represented in two dimesional TABLES (relations)



Structure of Data Objects in the Relational Model

- Each table has ROWS (tuples) and COLUMNS (attributes)



The Heading

- All relations must have a heading
  - Name of relation
    - Student
  - Names of columns of relation (the attributes)
    - Name, student ID, exam1, exam2

STUDENT (Name, Student ID, exam1, exam2)

The number of attributes determines the DEGREE of the relation

The Body

- The rows of a relation comprise its body
  - These are referred to as TUPLES
- A tuple is an ordered list of values
- The meaning of each value is determined by it's position in the tuple
- The number of tuples in a relation determines it's CARDINALITY

Degree and Cardinality

STUDENT

name	matric	exam1	exam2
Gedge	891023	12	58
Kerr	892361	66	90
Fraser	880123	50	65

- The relation student has:
  - Degree of 4 (number of attributes/columns)
  - Cardinality of 3 (number of rows/tuples)

Relations → Schema

- A **tuple** (record) is a row of a relation, i.e. a set of values which are instances of the attributes
  - < 'Fraser', 880123, 66, 90 >

Relations → Schema

- A **relation schema** is a set of attributes
  - written R (A_1, $A_{2,...}$ A_n) e.g.
  - Student (name: Text, matric: Number, ex1: Number, ex2: Number)
- A **relational database schema** is a set of these relation schemas

Relational Schema

CUSTOMER

ConsID	Name	Address	SSN	TelINr	ShipAddress	Email

PURCHASE

ConsID	MoneySpent	NrItems

Figure 5.1 The original evaluator's database schema

CUSTOMER

ConsID	Name	Address	SSN	TelINr	ShipAddress	Email

PURCHASE

ConsID	MoneySpent	NrItems

BUSINESS_PURCHASE

ConsID	BusinessMoney

RESIDENT_PURCHASE

ConsID	PurchaseTime	ResidentMoney

Summary of a Table

- The STUDENT relation may be thought of as a 2-D table

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- A relation has
  - a **name - STUDENT**
  - an unchanging set of **columns** which are named and typed
  - a time varying set of **rows**, which are the current set of **records** for the relation

Converting your ER Diagram to Tables

Translating E-R to relational schema

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1. **Entities and their simple attributes**
2. Weak entities and their simple attributes
3. 1-1 relationships (and their attributes)
4. 1-M relationships (and their attribute)
5. M-N relationships (and their attributes)
6. Composite attributes
7. Multivalued attributes