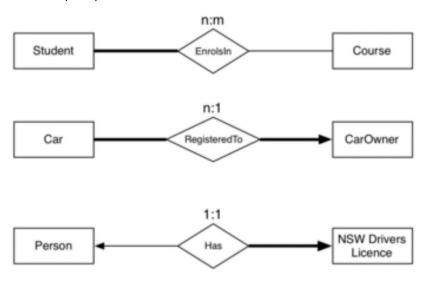
# COMP3311 WEEK 02 LECTURE

## ER MODEL (cont)



- Entities + Relationships + Attributes
- Relationship constrains: total / partial, n:m/1:n/1:1

(inheritance hierarchies, weak entities)

## **RELATIONAL DATA MODEL**

- A collection of inter-connected relations (or tables)
  - o Simple, general data modelling formalism
  - Maps easily to file structures (like implementable)
- Mathematical (relation, tuple, attribute) + data-oriented (table, record, field/column)
- In relational model, ROWs represent records + COLUMNs represent attributes.
- RELATION = Name (unique within a given relation) + A set of attributes (column headings)
  - a. Each relation has a KEY (subset of attributes unique for each tuple)

A relation is nothing but a table of values.

Every row in the table represents a collection of related date values (these rows in the table denote a real-world entity or relationship)

The data are represented as a set of relations.

- 2. ATTRIBUTES = Name + An associated domain
  - a. Attribute values are ATOMIC (no composite or multi-valued attributes)
  - b. a distinguished value NULL belongs to all domains

Attribute is each column in a table. They are the properties which define a relation.

1. Many students can enroll in many courses, all the student must enroll in at least one courses.

- 2. Many cars registered to car owner, one car owner can have many cars (but at least one car). Each car has only one car owner.
- 3. One person has one drivers license, each license must be owned by one person.

SUMMARY OF ER

# Table also called Relation Domain **Primary Key** © guru99.com CustomerID CustomerName Status 1 Google Active Tuple OR Row 2 Amazon Active 3 Apple Inactive Total # of rows is Cardinality Column OR Attributes Total # of column is Degree

Database schema = a collection of RELATION SCHEMAS

Database (instance) = a collection of relation instances

## DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

(Database management system is system software for creating and managing databases. The DBMS provides users and programmers with a systematic way to create, retrieve, update and manage data)

- 1. Relational model is a mathematical construct
  - i. giving a representation for data structures
  - ii. with constrains as logic formulae on relations/tuples
  - iii. an algebra for manipulating (handle or control) relations/tuples
- 2. Relational Database Management systems (RDBMSs)
  - i. RDBMSs is a collection of programs and capabilities that enable IT teams and others to create, update, administer and otherwise interact with a "relational model". Mostly use Structured query language (SQL) to access the database.
  - ii. Provide an implementation of the relational model
  - iii. Using SQL as language for: data definition, query, update
- Approximations made by SQL
  - i. Relations are not required to have a key
  - ii. Relations are bags rather than sets

### **DBMS TERMINOLOGY**

Many DBMSs have multiple namespaces:

- o DBMS-level database names must be unique
- o Database-level schema names must be unique
- Schema-level table names must be unique
- o Table-level attribute name must be unique

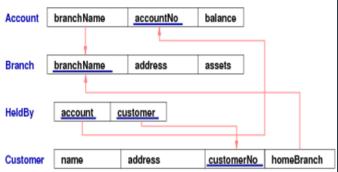
Sometimes it is convenient to use same name in several tables.

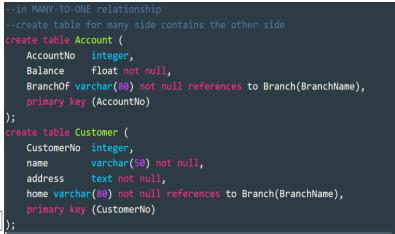
->so we distinguish which attribute we mean using qualified names

(eg. Account.branchname && Branch.branchname)

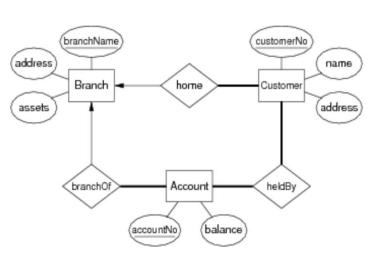
# **Example Database Schema**

Schema with 4 relations:





# **Example Database (Instance)**



Account			Branch		
branchName	accountNo	balance	branchName	address	as
Downtown	A-101	500	Downtown	Brooklyn	900
Mianus	A-215	700	Redwood	Palo Alto	210
Perryridge	A-102	400	Perryridge	Horseneck	170
Round Hill	A-305	350	Mianus	Horseneck	40
Brighton	A-201	900	Round Hill	Horseneck	800
Redwood	A-222	700	North Town	Rye	370
			Brighton	Brooklyn	710
Redwood	A-222	700			
Customer				Depositor	
name	address	customerNo	homeBranch	account	С
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## INTEGRITY CONSTRAINSTS

- Relations are used to represents ENTITIES and RELATIONSHIPS
- Domain limits the set of values that attributes can take
- To represents real-world problems, need to describe:
  - What values are/ are not allowed
  - What combinations of values are/ are not allowed
- Constraints are logical statements that do this:
  - Domain, key, entity integrity, referential integrity...
- 1. NOT NULL ensures that a column cannot have a NULL value
- 2. UNIQUE ensures that all values in a column are different
- 3. PRIMARY KEY not null + unique. Uniquely identifies each row in a table
- 4. FOREIGN KEY uniquely identifies a row/record in another table
- 5. CHECK ensures that all values in a column satisfies a specific condition
- 6. DEFAULT sets a default value for a column when no value is specified
- 7. INDEX used to create and retrieve date from the database very quickly

- 1) Domain constraints example:
  - a. "Employee.age" attribute is typically defined as integer
  - b. Better modeled by adding extra constraint (15<age<66)

```
create table Employee (
   age integer,
   age integer check (between 15 to 66),
);
```

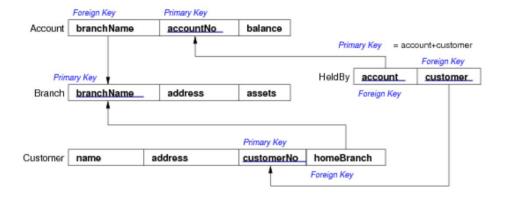
- c. NULL satisfies all domain constraints (except (not null))
- 2) Key constraints example:
  - a. Student (id, ...) is guaranteed unique

```
create table students (
   ID integer not null unique,
   lastName varchar(255) not null,
   firstName varchar(255),
   primary key(ID) --primary key is unique and not null
);
```

- b. Class (..., day, location, time, ...) is unique
- 3) Entity integrity example:
  - a. Class (..., mon, 2pm, lyre, ...) is well defined
  - b. Class (..., NULL, 2pm, lyre, ...) is not well defined

# REFERENTIAL INTEGRITY

- Describe references between relations (tables)
- Are related to notion of a foreign key.
  - The foreign key may be null and may have the same value but:
    - The foreign key value must match a record in the table it is referring to
  - o Tables that do not follow this are violating the referential integrity rule



A set of attributes F in relation R1 is a foreign key for R2 if:

- the attributes in F correspond to the primary key of R2
- the value of F in each tuple of R1
   Either occurs as a primary key in
   in R2
   Or is entirely NULL

## **RELATIONAL DATABASES**

A relational database schema is

- A set of relation schemas {R1, R2, ..., Rn}, and
- A set of integrity constraints

## A relational database instance is

- A set of relation instances {r1(R1), r2(R2), ...}
- Where all of the integrity constraints are satisfied

One of the MOST important functions of relational DBMS: ensure that all data in the database satisfies constraints

# DESCRIBING RELATIONAL SCHEMAS

We need a formalism to express relational schemas

SQL provides a Data Definition Language (DDL) for this.

```
CREATE TABLE TableName (

attrName1 domain1 constraints1,

attrName2 domain2 constraints2,

...

PRIMARY KEY (attr1, attr2, ...)

FOREIGN KET (attr5, attr6, ...) REFERENCES OtherTable(attr8, attr9)

);
```