

#### Taken from Tut1

### Steps to create an ER diagram:

- Find all the entities (rectangles) and possible attributes (in oval), underline primary key(s)
- See if the entity is a weak entity (a weak entity must connect to another entity for it to be unique, e.g. an accident must involve at least a car, cannot exist without a car)
- Name the connection between entities (rhombus)
- If weak entity must add arrow to the entity that it relies to (e.g. accident -> car)
- Add multiplicity to the relationship (person owns n car, car can be owned by m persons, one car can involve in n accidents, accident can only refer to 1 car)

#### For Exercise 2:

Construct an ER diagram for a car insurance company with a set of <u>customers</u>, each of whom **owns** a number of <u>cars</u>. Each car has a number of recorded <u>accidents</u> associated with it.

- Find all the entities (rectangles) and possible attributes (in oval), underline primary key(s)
Person [customerld, name],

Car [license, brand, model, year ...],

Accident [date, driver, damage amount] \*weak entity\*

- Name the connection between entities (rhombus)

Person owns car

Accident relates/associates to car (logs accident... no absolute correct ans)

- If weak entity must add arrow to the entity that it relies to (e.g. accident -> car)
- Add multiplicity to the relationship

person owns n car, car can be owned by m persons one car can involve in n accidents, accident can only refer to 1 car

#### For exercise 3:

Construct an ER diagram for a hospital with a set of patients and a set of medical doctors. A log of the various conducted tests is associated with each patient.

- Find all the entities (rectangles) and possible attributes (in oval), underline primary key(s)

Patient [patientId, name, history ... ]

Doctors [DoctorId, name, speciality, department ...]

TestLog [date, test type, result]

Name the connection between entities (rhombus)

Patient associates TestLog

Patient consults Doctor

- If weak entity must add arrow to the entity that it relies to

TestLog -> Patient

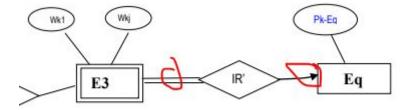
- Add multiplicity to the relationship

Patient associates n testLog, testLog relates 1 patient

Patient consults n Doctor, Doctor relates to m patient (many to many)

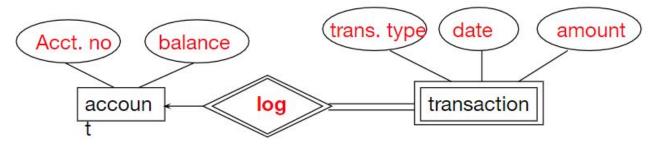
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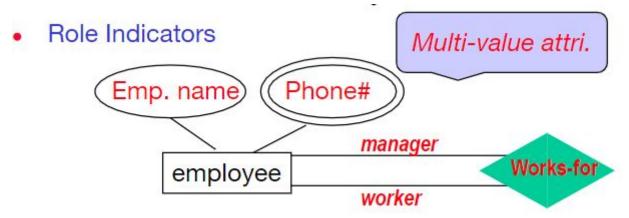
MUST use arrow for weak entity connection, also use double line



TestLog == < associates > ----> Patient

## More examples from lecture notes





An ER diagram for a BANK database schema.

BANK BRANCHES N BANK\_BRANCH

Addr Branch\_no

ACCTS LOANS

Balance

Name

Loan\_no

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Type

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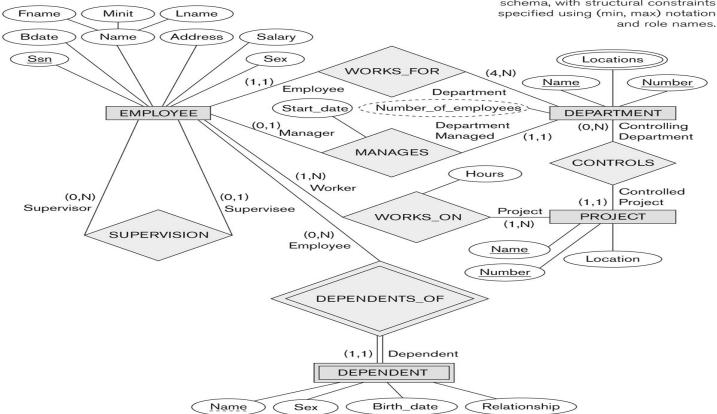
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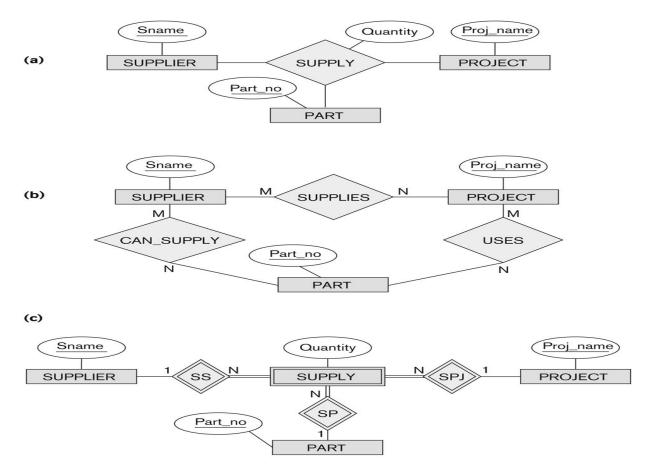
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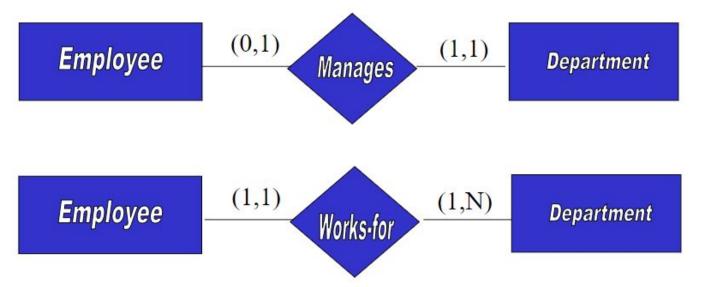
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Figure 3.15
ER diagrams for the company schema, with structural constraints specified using (min, max) notation





**Figure 3.17**Ternary relationship types. (a) The SUPPLY relationship. (b) Three binary relationships not equivalent to SUPPLY. (c) SUPPLY represented as a weak entity type.



The (min,max) notation "looks away" from the entity!

For example, one employee manages at least 0 at most 1 department

# Summary of ER-Diagram Notation

