

INTERLIS Relations in QGIS

How INTERLIS associations and inheritances are handled as QGIS relations

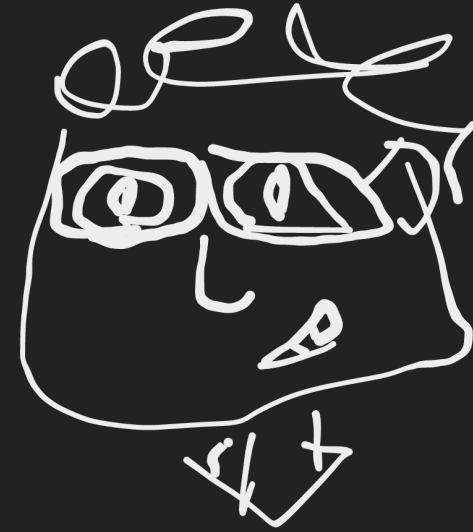
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Workshop

- INTERLIS Classes
- INTERLIS Associations
- Check the INTERLIS Model
- Inheritances in Physical Models
- Associations in QGIS

INTERLIS Classes



Classes

Syntax

```
ClassDef =  'CLASS' Class-Name '='  
           { AttributeDef }  
           'END' Class-Name ';'.
```

Example

```
CLASS Building =  
    Name : TEXT*20;  
    Nr_of_Floors : MANDATORY 1 .. 100;  
END Building;
```

Structures

Syntax

```
StructureDef =  'STRUCTURE' Struct-Name '='  
                { AttributeDef }  
                'END' Struct-Name ';'.
```

Example

```
STRUCTURE Address =  
    StreetName : TEXT*40;  
    Number : TEXT*12;  
END Address;
```

```
CLASS Building =  
    Position : Address;  
END Building;
```

```
CLASS Building =  
    Position : BAG {0..*} OF Address;  
END Building;
```

Types of classes

- Concrete
- Abstract
- Final
- Derivate/Extended

Concrete Classes

```
CLASS Building =  
END Building;
```

```
CLASS Office_Building  
    EXTENDS Building =  
END CLASS Office_Building;
```


Abstract Classes

```
CLASS Building (ABSTRACT) =  
END Building;
```

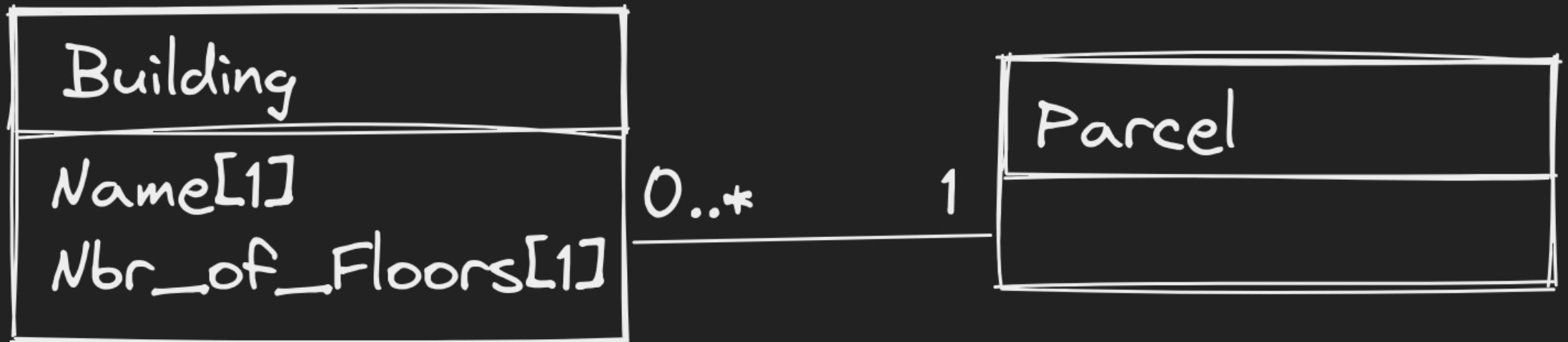
```
CLASS Office_Building  
    EXTENDS Building =  
END CLASS Office_Building;
```

Final Classes

```
CLASS Building (FINAL) =  
END Building;  
  
CLASS Office_Building  
    EXTENDS Building =  
END CLASS Office_Building;
```

```
!! Error: Building cannot be extended
```

INTERLIS Associations



Cardinality

one-to-many

A building belongs to exactly one parcel. A parcel can have multiple buildings.

```
ASSOCIATION =  
    local_buildings -- {0..*} Building;  
    parcel -- {1} Parcel;  
END;
```

many-to-many

A building belongs to exactly one parcel. A parcel can have multiple buildings.

```
ASSOCIATION Property =  
    Person -- {1..*} Person;  
    Parcel -- {0..*} Parcel;  
END;
```

Strength

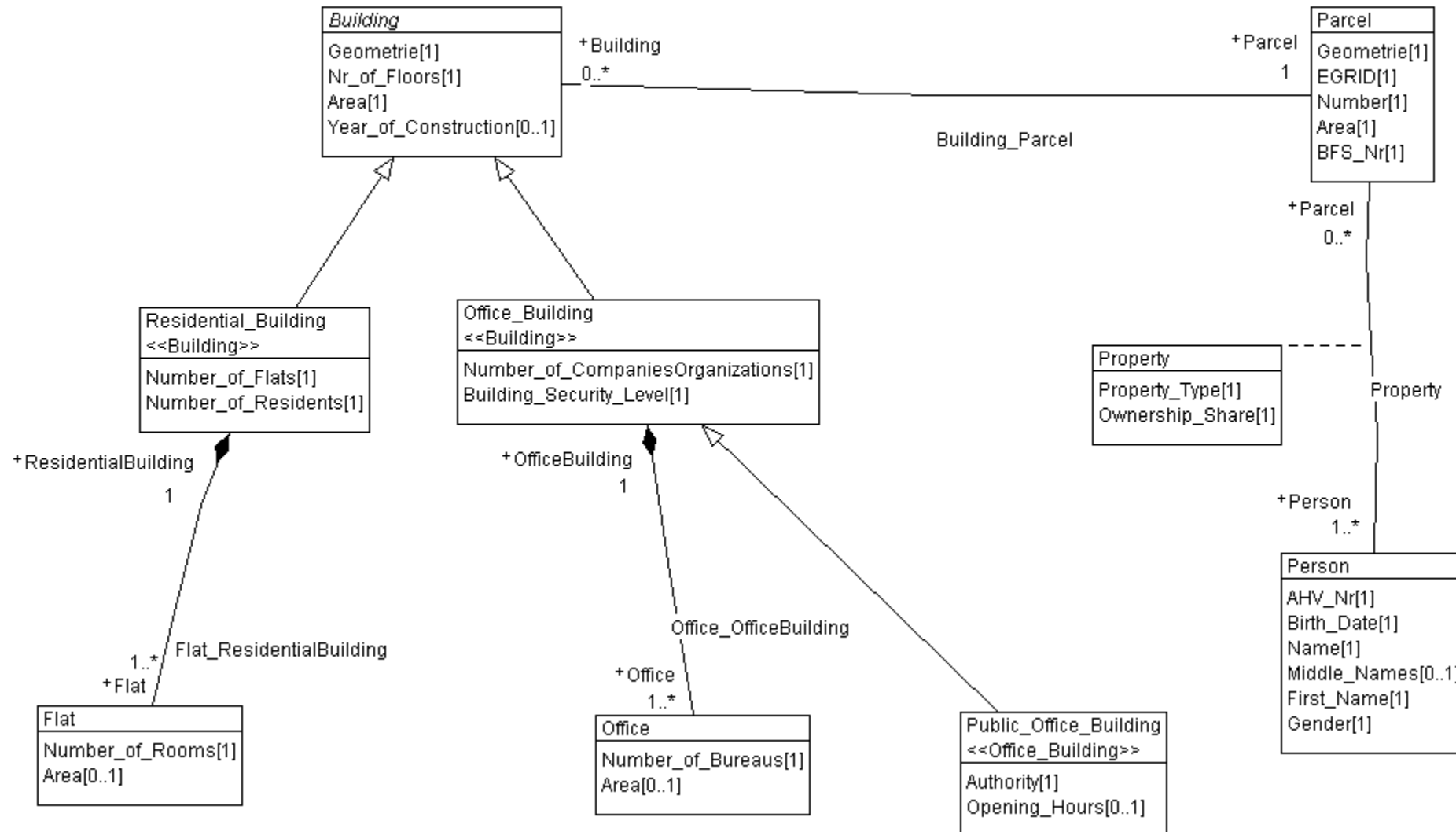
- Association `--`: Relationship between independent objects.
- Aggregation `-<>`: Relationship between parts and a whole. A part can be part of multiple wholes.
- Composition `-<#>`: Relationship between parts and a whole. A part can only be part of a single whole.

Attributes

An association can contain attributes as well.

```
ASSOCIATION Property =  
    Person -- {1..*} Person;  
    Parcel -- {0..*} Parcel;  
    Ownership_Share : 0 .. 100;  
END;
```

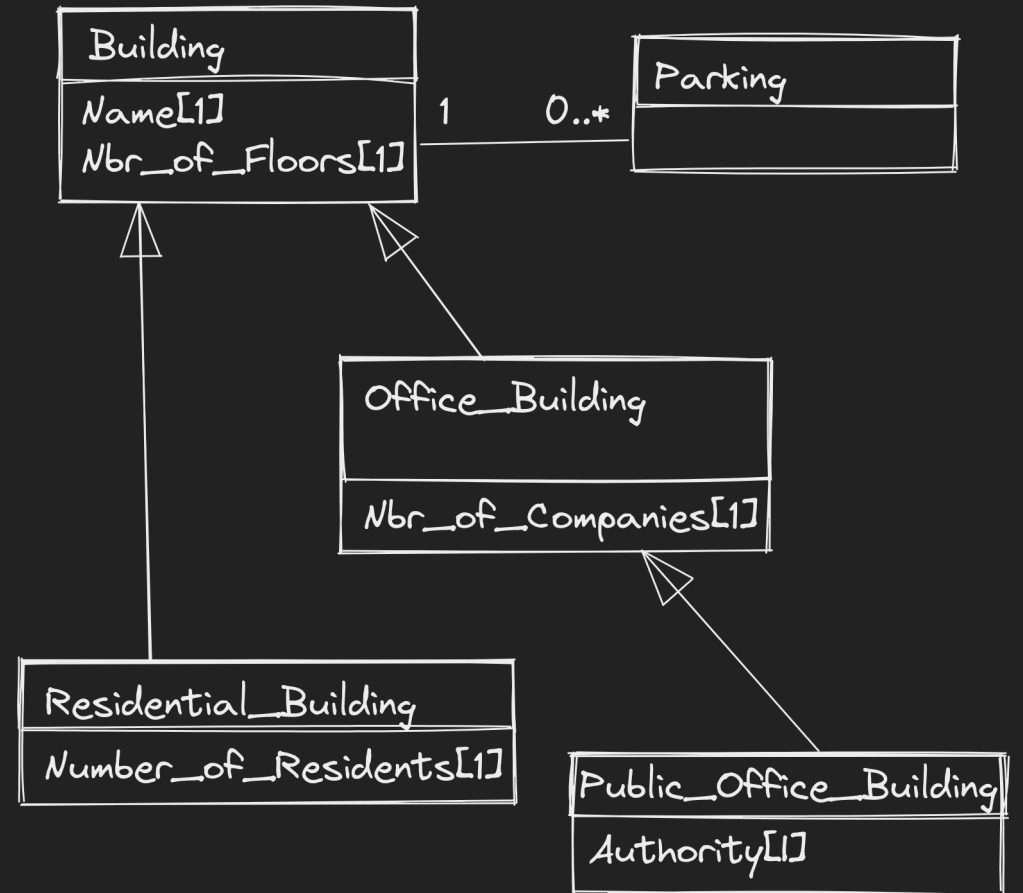
Example Model **Building_Parcel_Property**



Inheritance mapping

- New Class
- Super Class
- Sub Class
- New+Sub Class

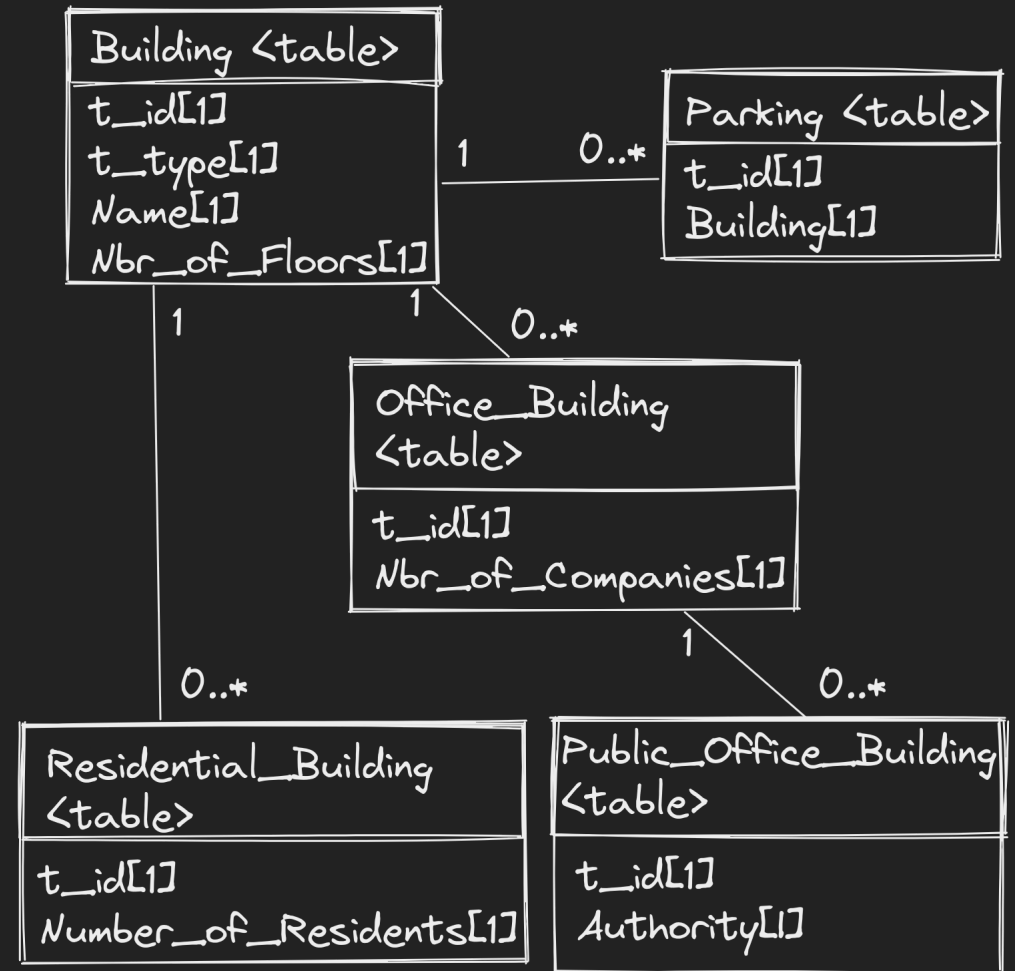
Sample Model



New Class

```
Building.t_type: (  
    Residential_Building,  
    Office_Building,  
    Public_Office_Building  
)
```

- Specializations are mapped as associations
- Multiple inserts and updates required per object
- Not null attributes can be setted
- Referential integrity is respected



Super Class

```
Building.t_type: (  
    Residential_Building,  
    Office_Building,  
    Public_Office_Building  
)
```

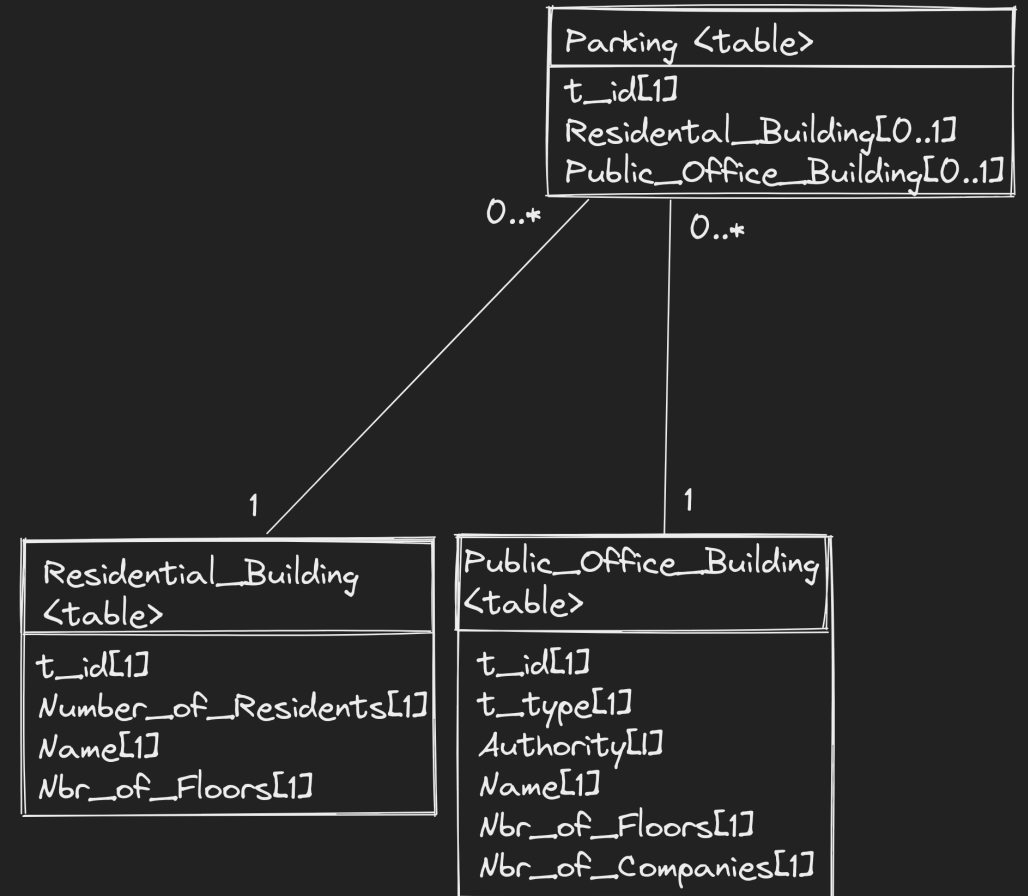
- Missing not null constraints
- Less tables and associations
(easy to use)



Sub Class

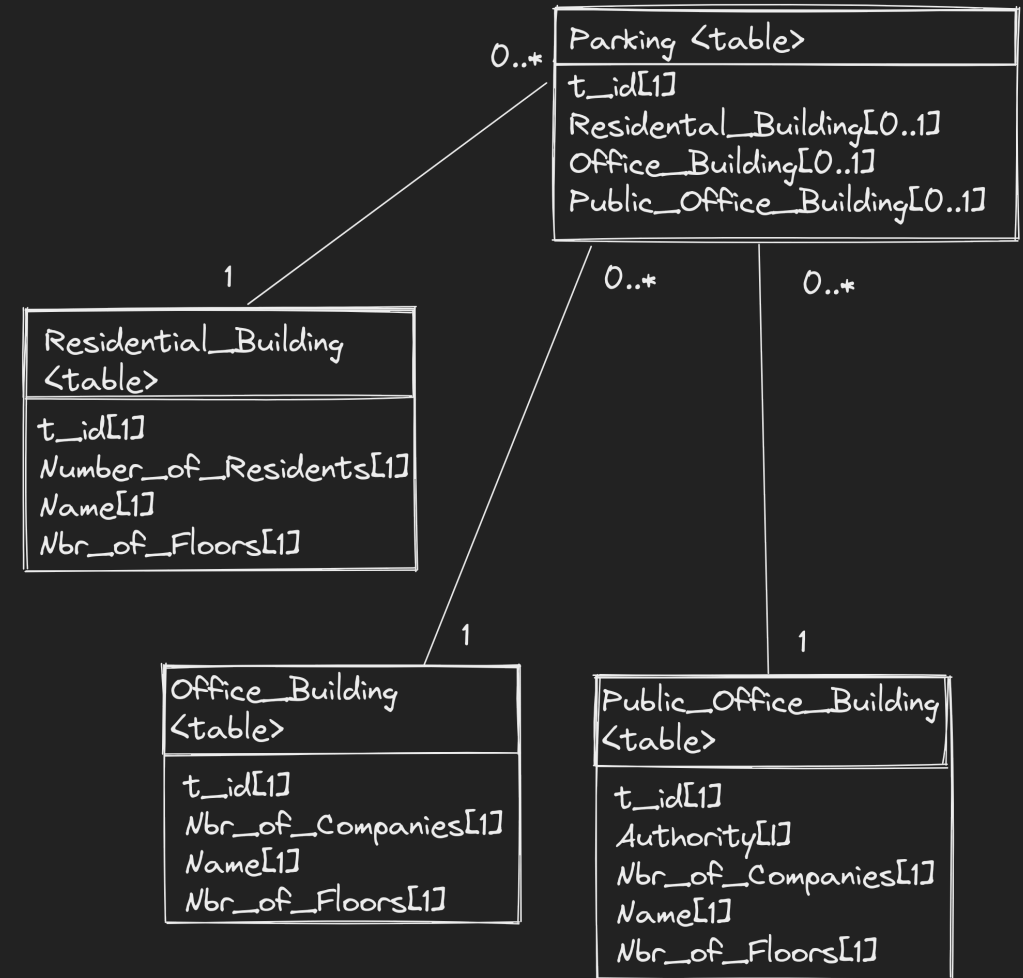
```
Public_Office_Building.t_type: (  
    Office_Building,  
    Public_Office_Building  
)
```

- Missing not null constraints



New + Sub Class

- Missing not null constraints
- Referential integrity is respected



Smart Mapping in ili2db

noSmartMapping

- All classes are mapped using *New Class* strategy

smart1Inheritance

- Abstract classes without associations -> *Sub Class* strategy
- Abstract classes with associations and no concrete super class -> *New Class* strategy
- Concrete classes without concrete super class -> *New Class* strategy
- All other classes -> *Super Class* strategy

smart2Inheritance

- Abstract classes -> *Sub Class* strategy
- All concrete classes -> *New + Sub Class* strategy

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