

### The Entity-Relationship Model ER model

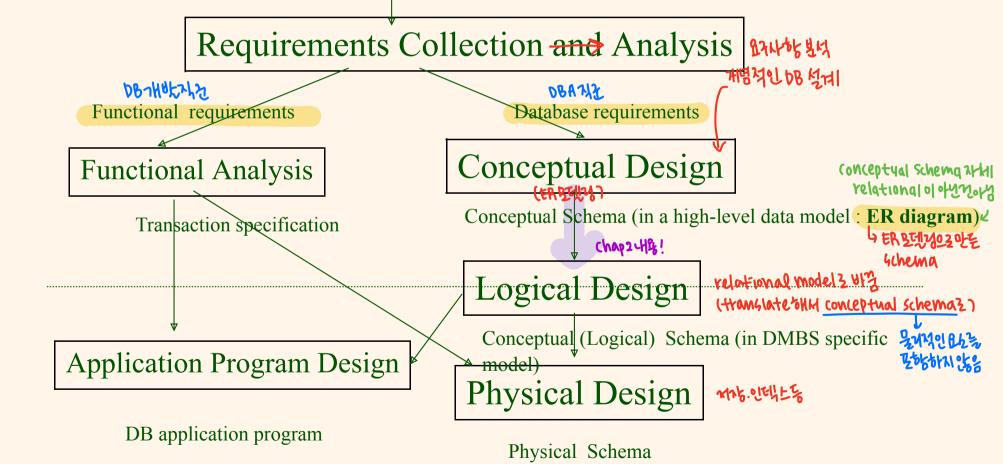
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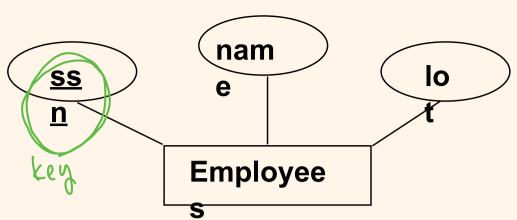
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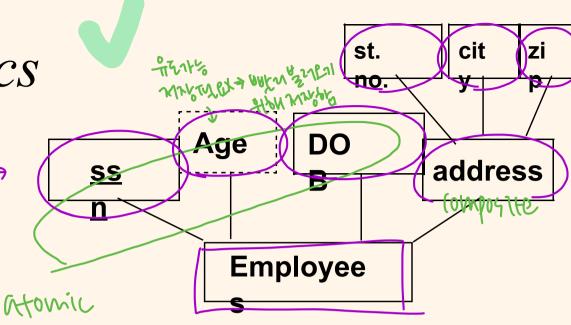
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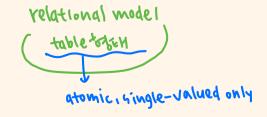
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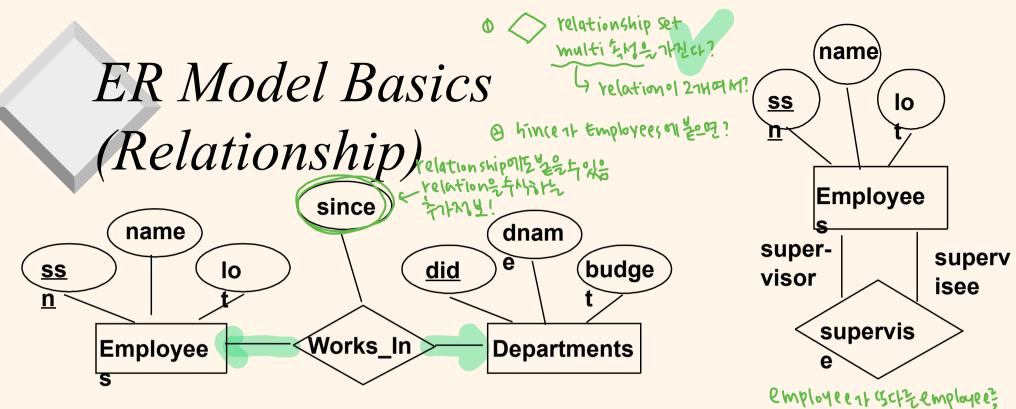
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ER Model Basics
(Entity Cont'd)



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- Stored vs Derived
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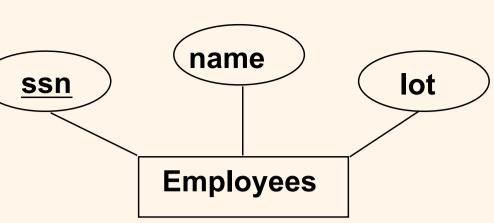
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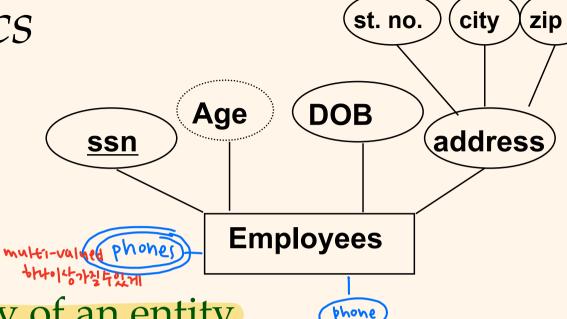
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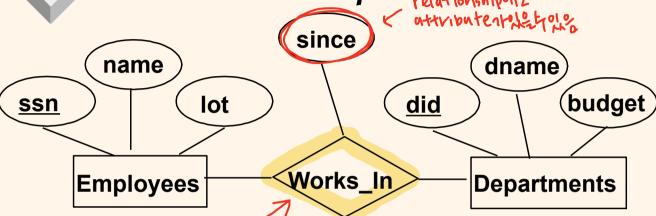


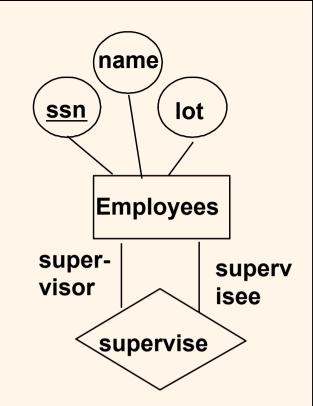


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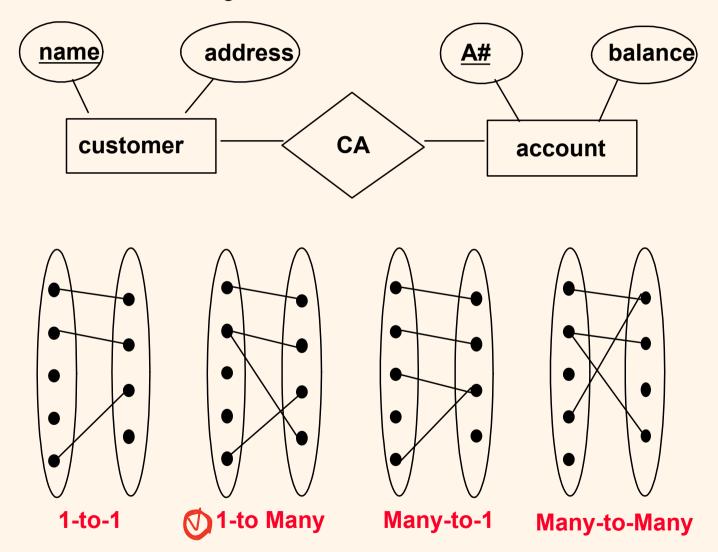
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# Mapping Constraints (Cardinality Ratio): binary

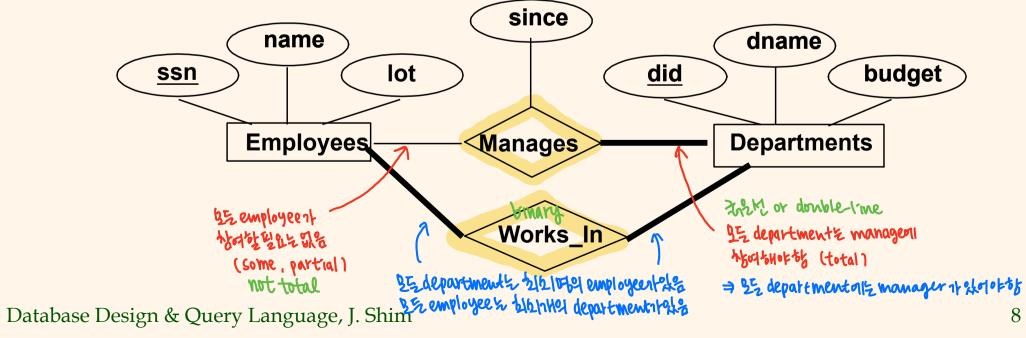


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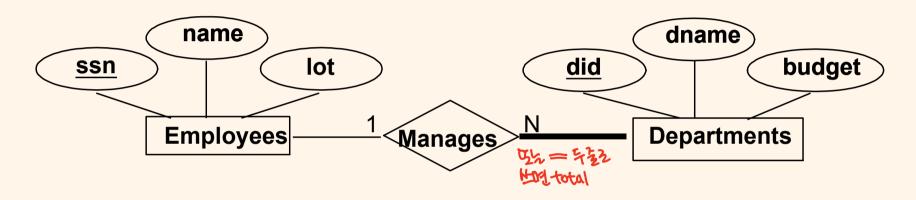
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- Does every department have a manager?
  - If so, this is a <u>participation constraint</u>: the participation of Departments in Manages is said to be total (vs. partial).
    - □ Total participation is represented in thick (double) line.
    - Every did value in Departments table must appear in a row of the Manages table (with a non-null *ssn* value!)

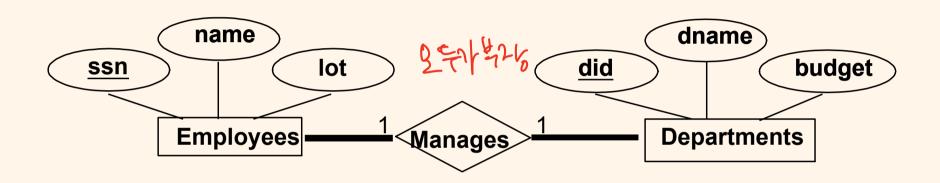


## Exercise of Mapping Constraints and Participation Constraints



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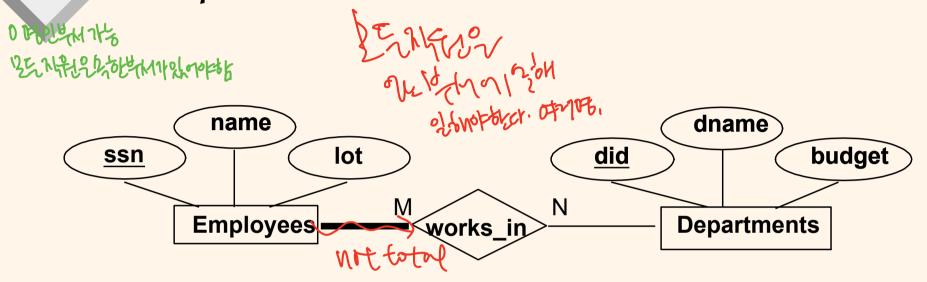
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 Every employee must manage exactly one department, while each department must also have exactly one manager.

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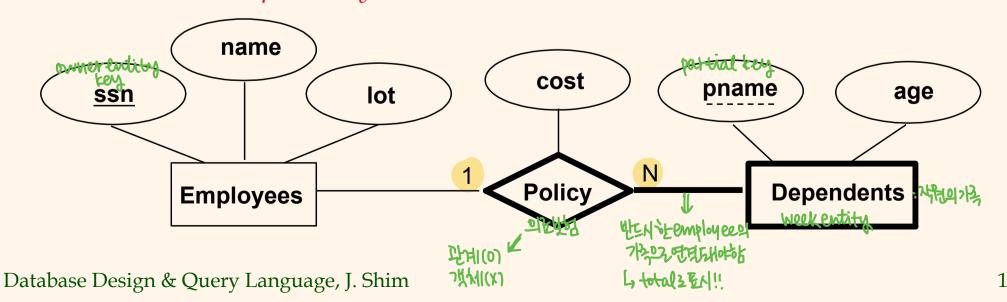
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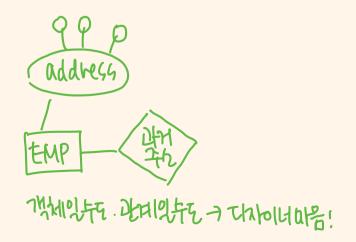
- A weak entity can be identified uniquely only by considering the primary key of another (owner) entity.
  - Key of weak entity : key of owner entity + partial key বিশালী চিম্বান্ধ কিন্তু বিশালী কিন্তু বিশা
  - Owner entity set and weak entity set must participate in a one-tomany relationship set (one owner, many weak entities).
  - Weak entity set must have total participation in this *identifying* relationship set.
  - Removing owner entity results in removing its all weak entities : *existence dependency*.



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## Conceptual Design Using the ER Model

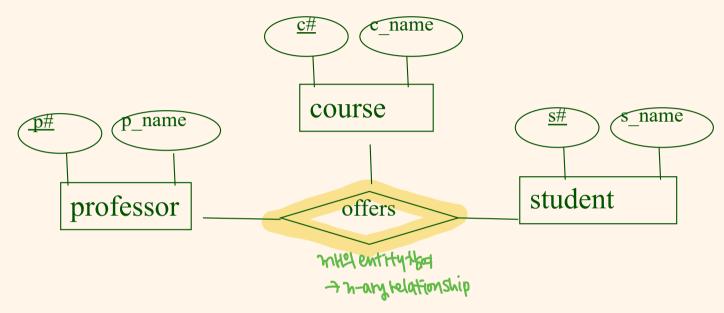
- Design choices:
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- Should a concept be modeled as an entity or an attribute?
- Should a concept be modeled as an entity or a relationship?
- Identifying relationships: Binary or ternary?
- Constraints in the ER Model:
  - A lot of data semantics can (and should) be captured.
  - But some constraints cannot be captured in ER diagrams.



## Entity vs. Attribute : entity 2 but data

- □ Should *address* be an attribute of Employees or an entity (connected to Employees by a relationship)?
- Depends upon the use we want to make of address information, and the semantics of the data:
  - If the structure (city, street, etc.) is important, e.g., we want to retrieve employees in a given city, *address* can be modeled as an entity (since attribute values are atomic).

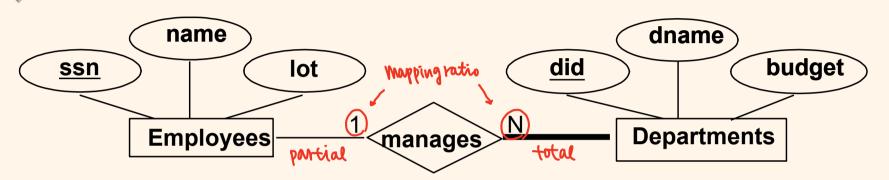
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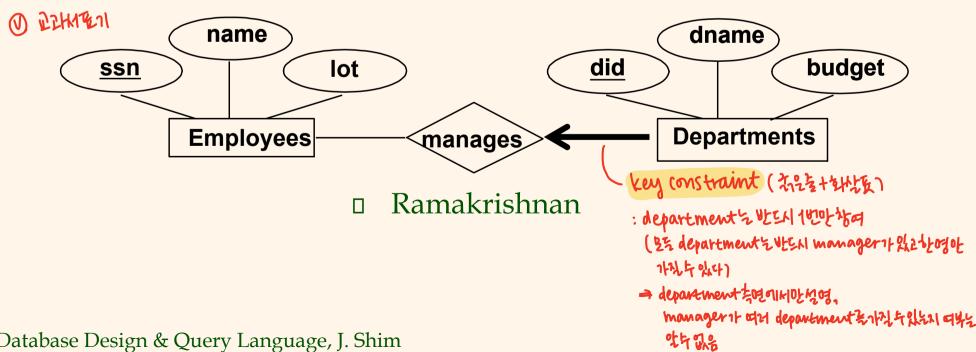
- An example of n-ary relationship
- □ Types of cardinality: (M:N2 1:N2+N:1 発音のな
  - 1:1:1, 1:1:N, 1:M:N, M:N:P

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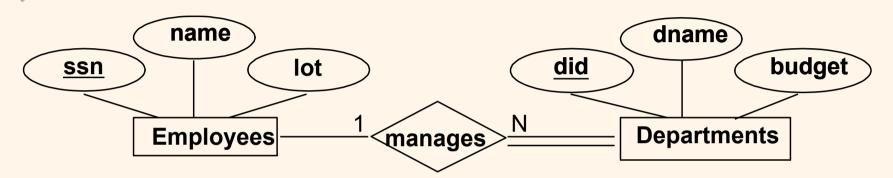
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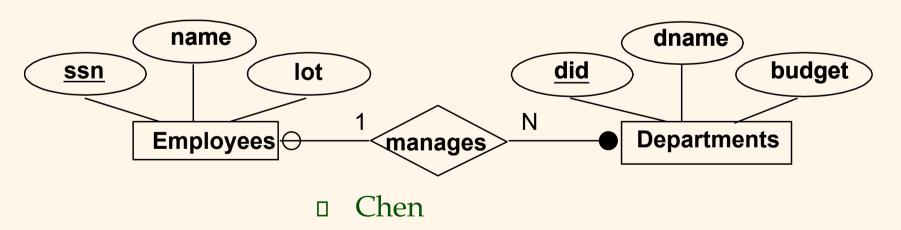
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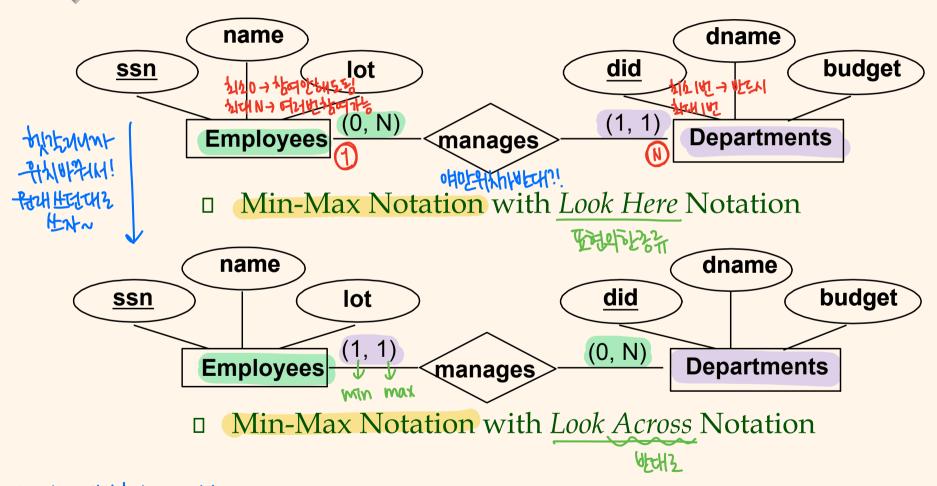
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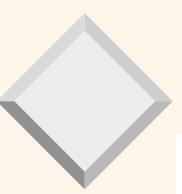
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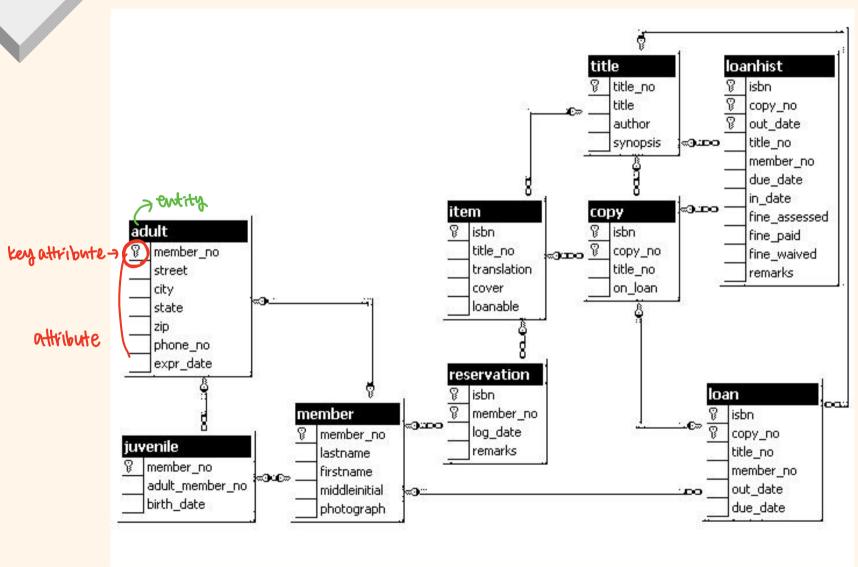


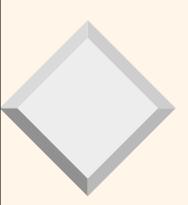
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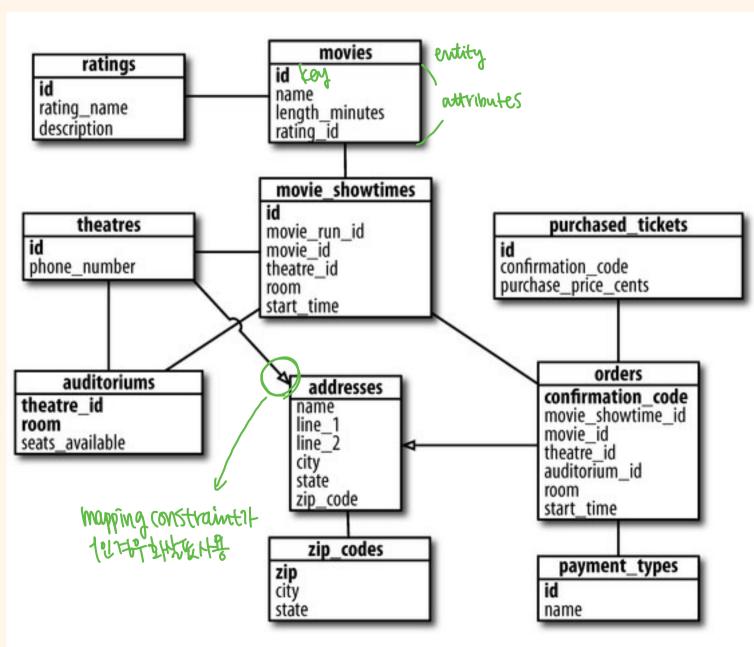
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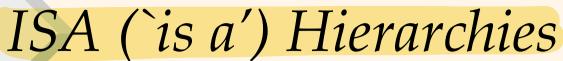


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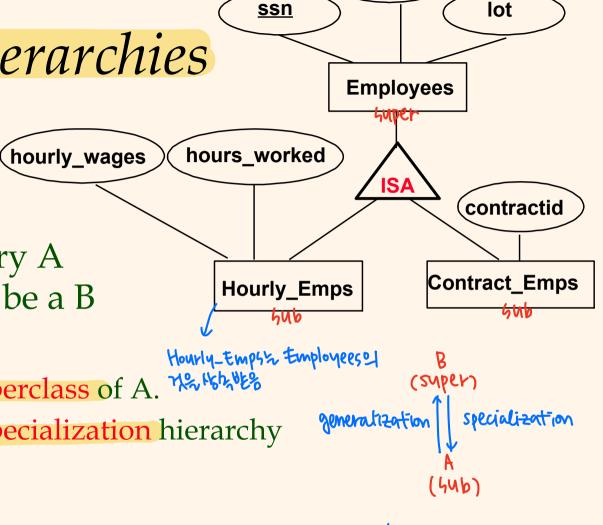




□As in C++, or other PLs, attributes are inherited.

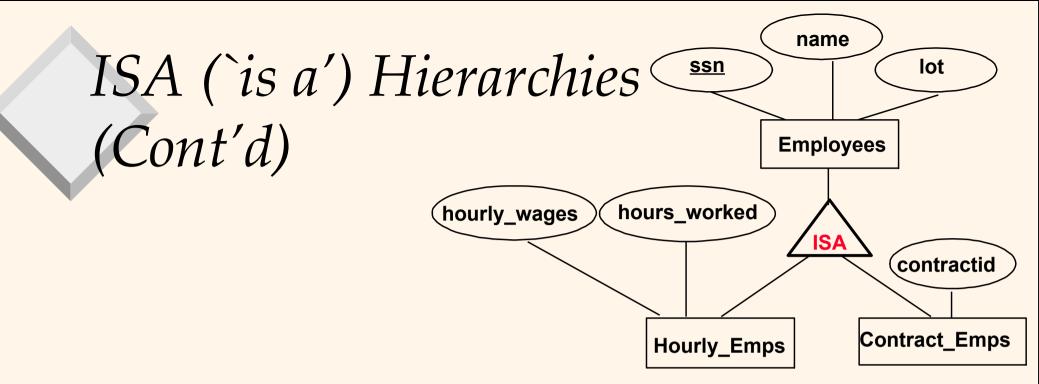
□If we declare A ISA B, every A entity is also considered to be a B entity

- □ A is a **subclass** of B. B is a **superclass** of A.
- Also called generalization/specialization hierarchy
  - Generalization: bottom up
  - Specialization: top-down
- Reasons for using ISA:
  - To add descriptive attributes specific to a subclass.
  - To identify entities that participate in a relationship.

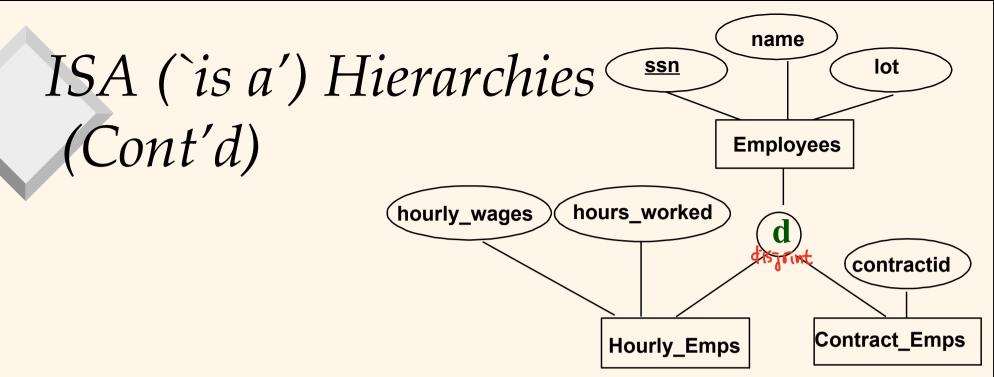


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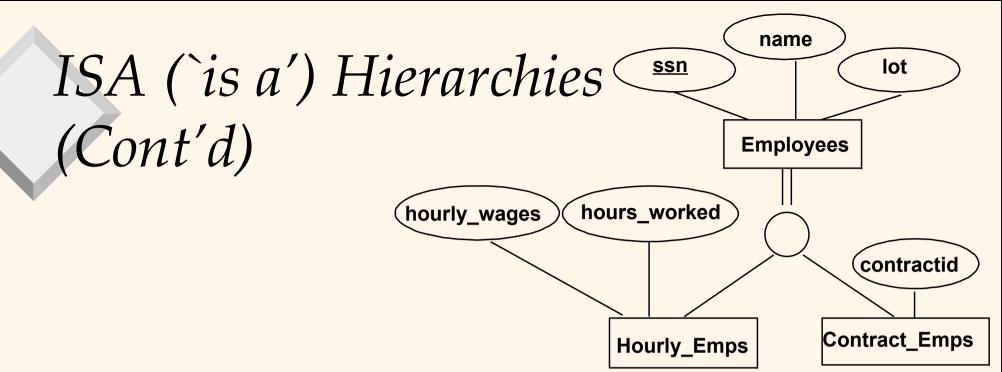
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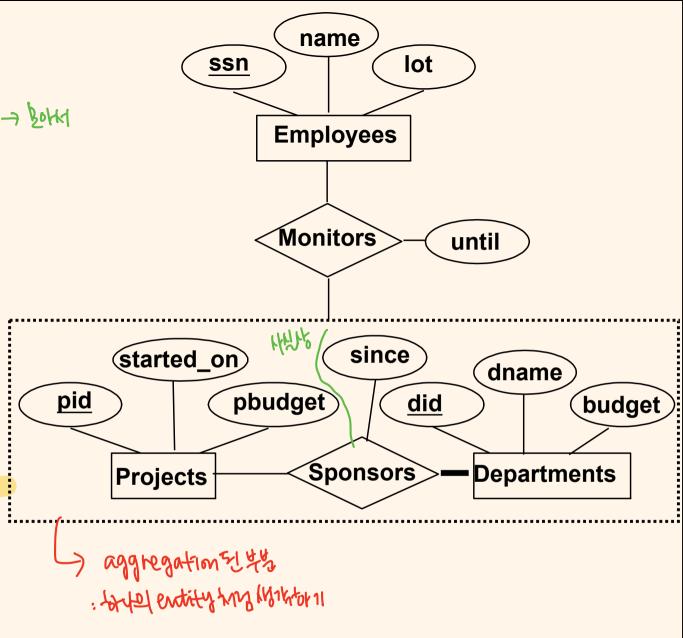
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Used when we have to model a relationship involving (entitity sets and) a relationship set.

- Aggregation allows us to treat a relationship set as an entity set for purposes of participation in (other) relationships.

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## Summary of Conceptual Design

- Conceptual design follows requirements analysis,
  - Yields a high-level description of data to be stored
- □ ER model popular for conceptual design
  - Constructs are expressive, close to the way people think about their applications.
- □ Basic constructs: *entities, relationships,* and *attributes* (of entities and relationships).
- □ Some additional constructs: weak entities, ISA hierarchies, and aggregation.
- □ Note: There are many variations on ER model.

## Summary of ER (Contd.)

- Several kinds of integrity constraints can be expressed in the ER model: mapping cardinality constraints, participation constraints, and overlap/covering constraints for ISA hierarchies. Some <u>foreign key</u> constraints are also implicit in the definition of a relationship set.
  - Some constraints (notably, *functional dependencies*) cannot be expressed in the ER model.
  - Constraints play an important role in determining the best database design for an enterprise.

## Summary of ER (Contd.)

- □ ER design is *subjective*. There are often many ways to model a given scenario! Analyzing alternatives can be tricky, especially for a large enterprise. Common choices include:
  - Entity vs. attribute, entity vs. relationship, binary or nary relationship, whether or not to use ISA hierarchies, and whether or not to use aggregation.
- Ensuring good database design: resulting relational schema should be analyzed and refined further.