

E-A Modeling

Lab companion slides

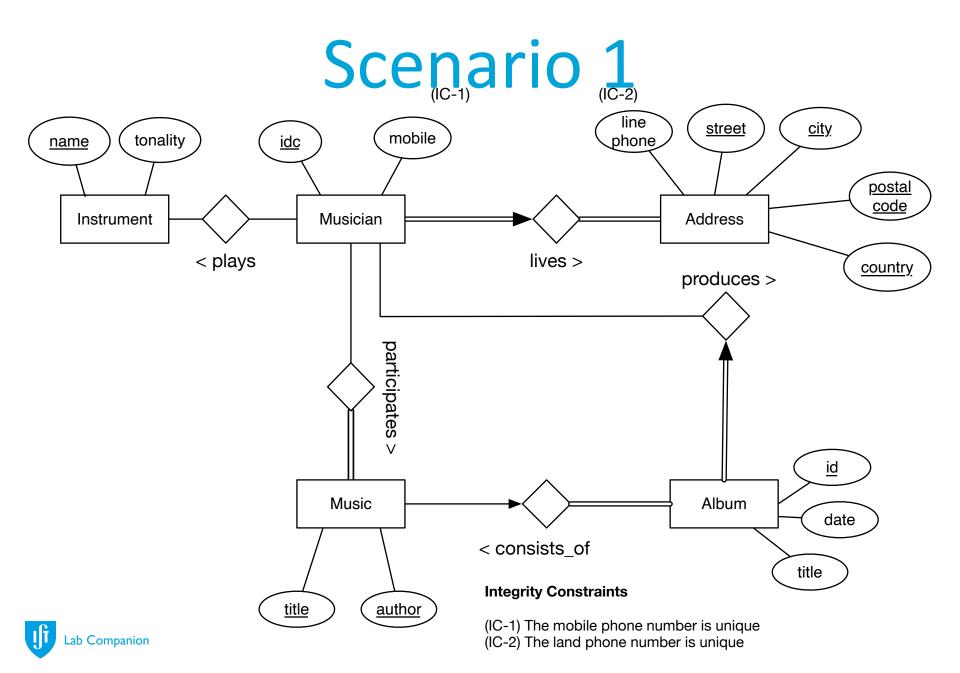




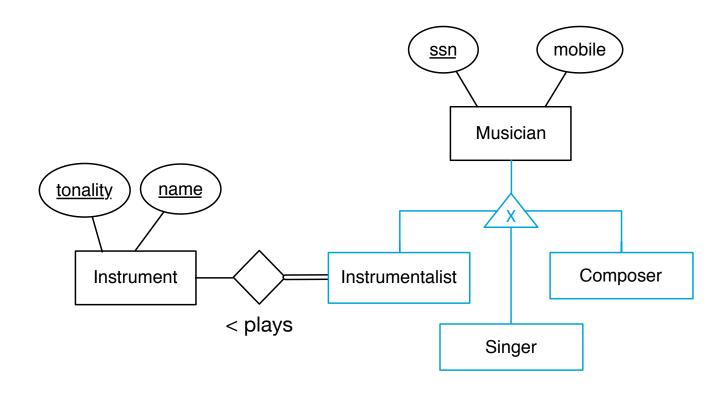
Atribute vs. Entity

- Create an entity from an attribute whenever:
 - There is more than one value for the attribute for each instance of the Entity
 - The attribute has its own structure (sub-attributes)
 - The value of the attribute must be shared by multiple entities
- Example: address as attribute
 - Employees have more than one address
 - An address consists of the attributes: Street, city, country ...
 - Some Employees share the same address





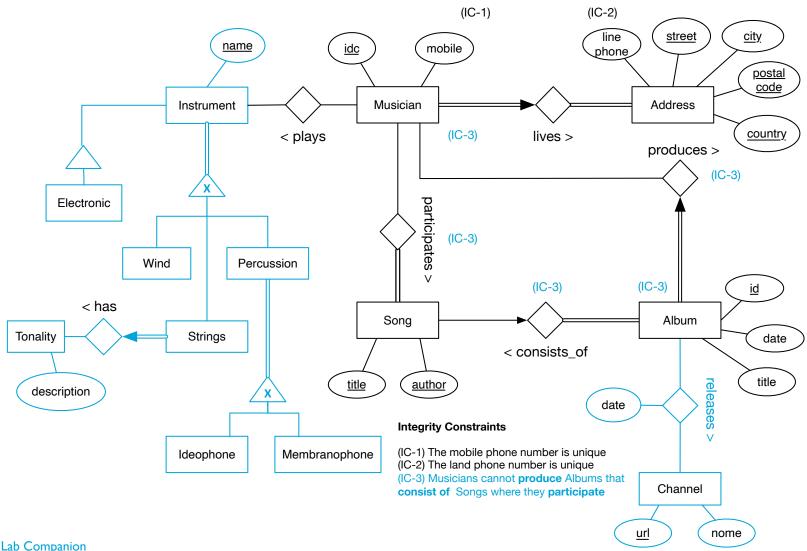
Scenario 1: Alternative







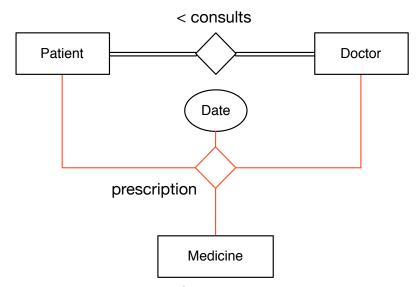
Scenario 2







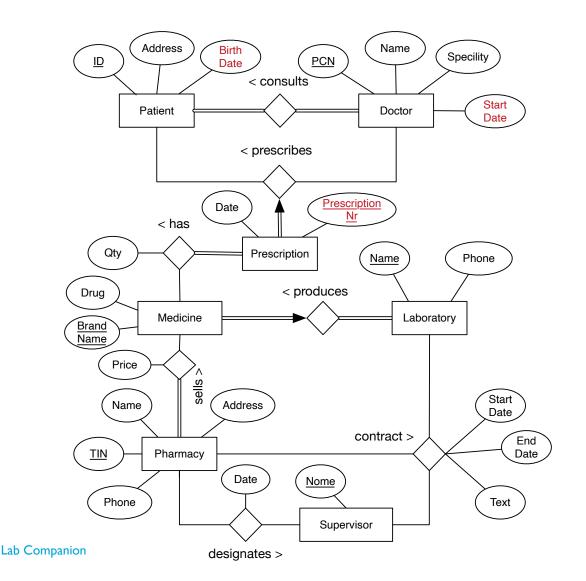
Can a receipt be Ternary?



- Prescription cannot be ternary association because, if that is the case, then each recipe can only have one Medicine associated.
- Prescribing multiple medicines would require instantiating the association several times, therefore implicitly creating multiple prescriptions



Scenario 3



Depending on the interpretation of the problem, the attributes in red could be added to the entities

What is missing?

ICs are missing



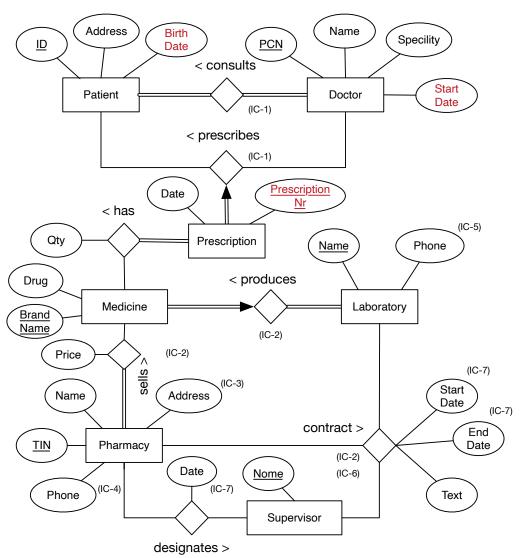
- IC-1: A Prescription can only be prescribed to a Patient by a Doctor who consults it
- IC-2: A Pharmacy can only sell Medicines manufactured by Laboratories with which it has contracts
- IC-3: The address of a Pharmacy is unique
- IC-4: The phone number of a Pharmacy is unique
- IC-5: The phone number of the Laboratory is unique



- IC-6: A Supervisor may only be designated by a Pharmacy for contracts established with the Pharmacy
- IC-7: The start date of the designation can not be earlier than the start date of the contract nor later than the end date of the contract



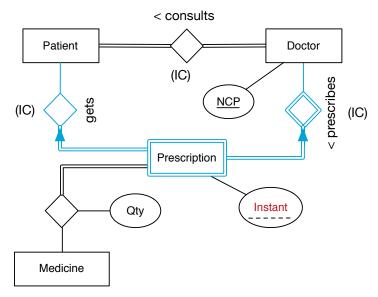
Solution with ICs



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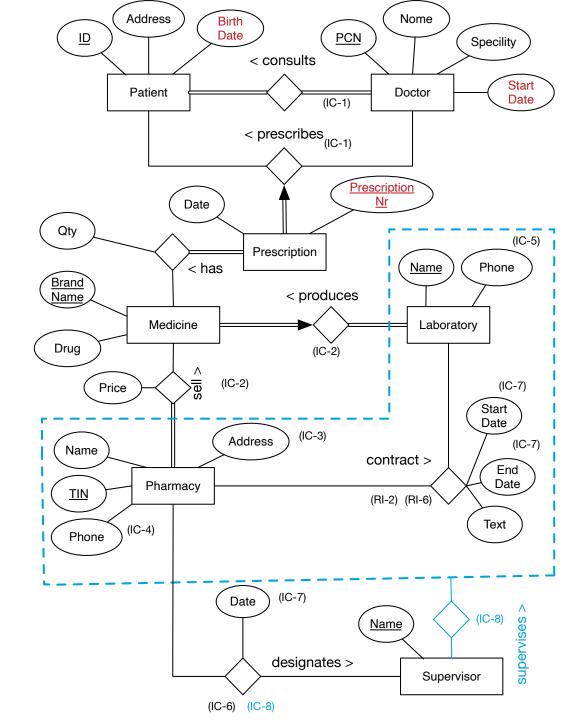
Receipt as a Weak Entity



- The prescription is "comes" from a doctor
- The prescription can be a weak entity of Doctor because no doctor can prescribe two prescriptions at the same time
- The date is actually date + time (instant)
- IC: A Patient can only receive a prescription form the a doctor who follows it



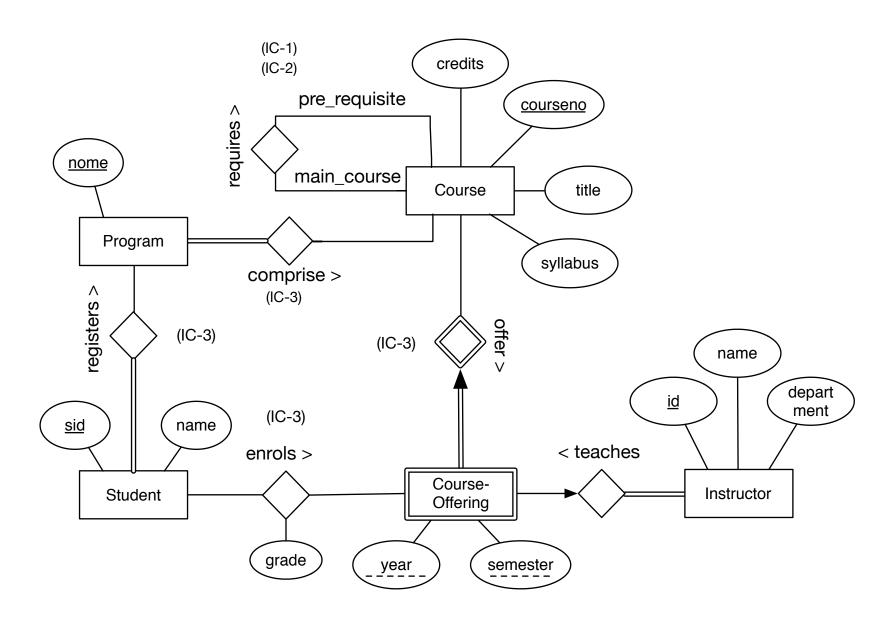






 IC-8: A Supervisor may only supervise contracts for Pharmacy for which he/she has been designated.





- IC-1: A Course cannot require itself
- IC-2: Courses cannot require one another circularly
- IC-3: A Student can only enrol in Course
 Offerings offered from Courses comprised by the Program where he/she is registered.

