# **ENTITY-RELATIONSHIP MODEL**

## E- R DATA MODELING

- An entity is an object that exists and is distinguishable from other objects.
  - Example: specific person, company, event, plant
- Entities have attributes
  - Example: people have names and addresses

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- An entity set is a set of entities of the same type that share the same properties.
  - Example: set of all persons, companies, trees, holidays

## **ATTRIBUTES**

- An entity is represented by a set of attributes, that is descriptive properties possessed by all members of an entity set.
  - Example:

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instructor = (ID, name, street, city, salary )
course= (course_id, title, credits)
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- Domain the set of permitted values for each attribute
- Attribute types:
  - Simple and composite attributes.
  - Single-valued and multivalued attributes
  - Derived attributes

# Types of Attributes

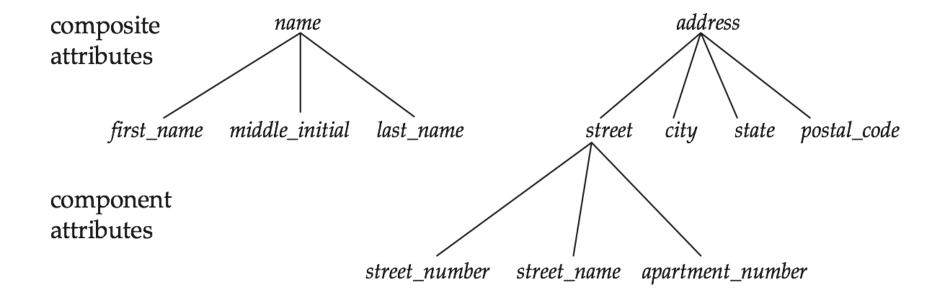
**Simple Attribute**: Attribute that consist of a single atomic value.

Example: Salary

**Composite Attribute**: Attribute value not atomic.

Example: Address: 'House \_no:City:State

Name: 'First Name: Middle Name: Last Name'



# Types of Attributes

**Single Valued Attribute**: Attribute that hold a single value

Exampe1: City

Example2:Customer id

Multi Valued Attribute: Attribute that hold multiple values.

Example1: A customer can have multiple phone numbers, email id's etc

Example2: A person may have several college degrees

**Derived Attribute**: An attribute that's value is derived from a stored attribute.

Example: age, and it's value is derived from the stored attribute Date of Birth.

# ENTITY SETS INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENT

instructor\_ID instructor\_name

76766	Crick
45565	Katz
10101	Srinivasan
98345	Kim
76543	Singh
22222	Einstein

instructor

student-ID student\_name

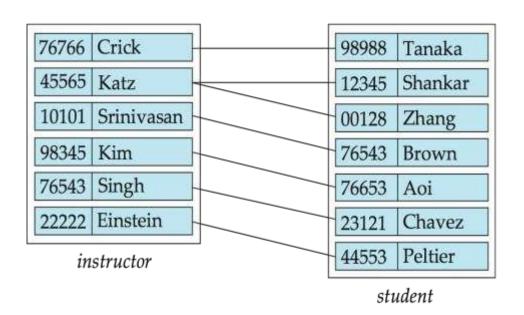
98988	Tanaka
12345	Shankar
00128	Zhang
76543	Brown
76653	Aoi
23121	Chavez
44553	Peltier

student

# RELATIONSHIP SETS

A relationship is an association among several entities
 Example:

44553 (Peltier) <u>advisor</u> 22222 (<u>Einstein</u>) student entity relationship set instructor entity



# Representing entities

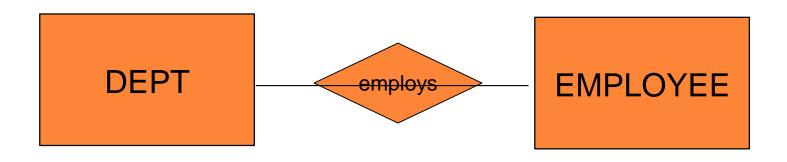
- we represent an entity by a named rectangle
- use a singular noun, or adjective + noun
- refer to one instance in naming

**CUSTOMER** 

PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

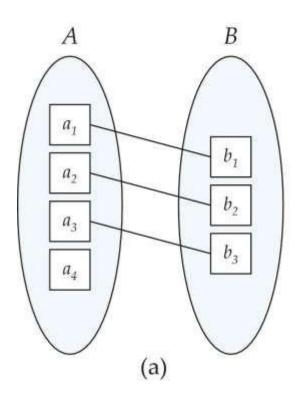
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# o Representing relationship

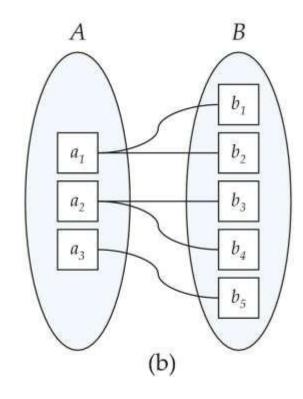


# o Types of Relationships

- Three types of relationships can exist between entities
- One-to-one relationship (1:1): One instance in an entity (parent) refers to one and only one instance in the related entity (child).
- One-to-many relationship (1:M): One instance in an entity (parent) refers to one or more instances in the related entity (child)



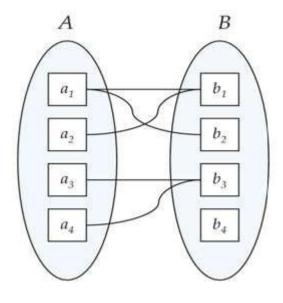
One to one



One to many

# Types of Relationships

• Many-to-many relationship (M:N): exists when one instance of the first entity (parent) can relate to many instances of the second entity (child), and one instance of the second entity can relate to many instances of the first entity.



Many to many

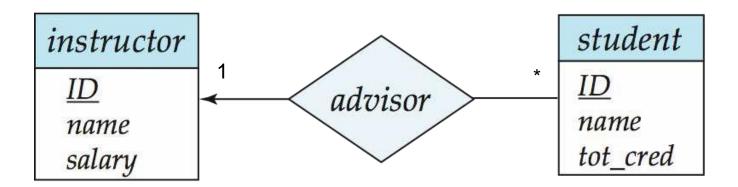
#### CARDINALITY CONSTRAINTS

- We express cardinality constraints by drawing either a directed line (→), signifying "one," or an undirected line (—), signifying "many," between the relationship set and the entity set.
- Or, by numbering each entity. \* or, m for many.
- One-to-one relationship:
  - A student is associated with at most one instructor via the relationship advisor
  - A student is associated with at most one department via stud\_dept



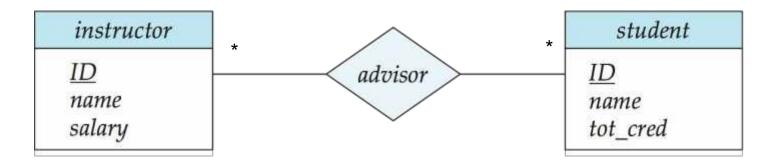
# ONE-TO-MANY RELATIONSHIP

- o one-to-many relationship between an *instructor* and a *student* 
  - an instructor is associated with several (including 0) students via advisor
  - a student is associated with at most one instructor via advisor,



#### MANY-TO-MANY RELATIONSHIP

- An instructor is associated with several (possibly 0) students via advisor
- A student is associated with several (possibly 0) instructors via advisor



# DIFFERENT TYPES OF KEYS

- A candidate key of an entity set is a minimal super key
  - ID is candidate key of instructor
  - course\_id is candidate key of course

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Studentid	firstName	lastName	courseld
L0002345	Jim	Black	C002
L0001254	James	Harradine	A004
L0002349	Amanda	Holland	C002
L0001198	Simon	McCloud	5042
L0023487	Peter	Murray	P301
L0018453	Anne	Norris	5042

#### PRIMARY KEY

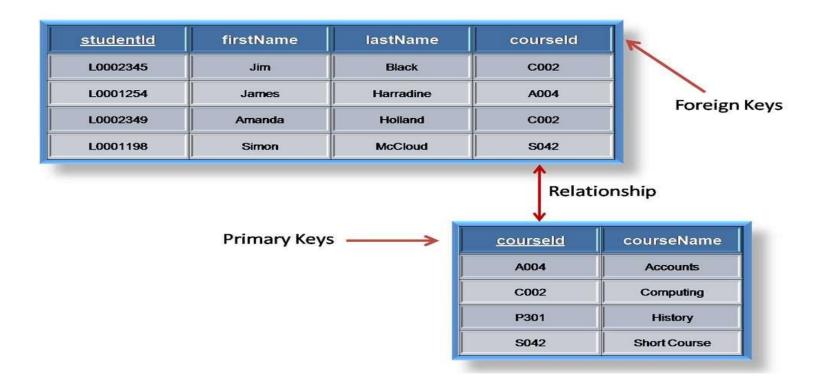
- A primary key is a candidate key that is most appropriate to be the main reference key for the table. As its name suggests, it is the primary key of reference for the table and is used throughout the database to help establish relationships with other tables.
- The primary key must contain unique values, must never be null and uniquely identify each record in the table



Studentld	firstName	lastName	courseld				
L0002345	Jim	Black	C002				
L0001254 L0002349 L0001198 L0023487	James Amanda Simon Peter	Harradine Holland McCloud Murray	A004 C002 S042 P301				
				L0018453	Anne	Norris	5042

## FOREIGN KEY

 A foreign key is generally a primary key from one table that appears as a field in another where the first table has a relationship to the second. In other words, if we had a table A with a primary key X that linked to a table B where X was a field in B, then X would be a foreign key in B



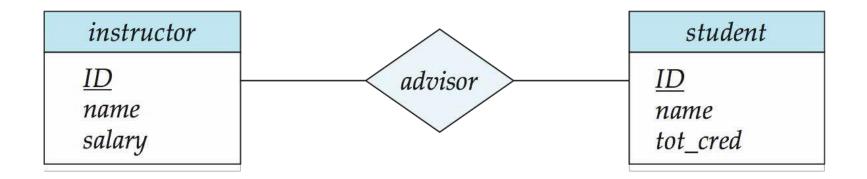
# DIFFERENT TYPES OF KEYS

A **super key** of an entity set is a set of one or more attributes whose values uniquely determine each entity.

#### Example:

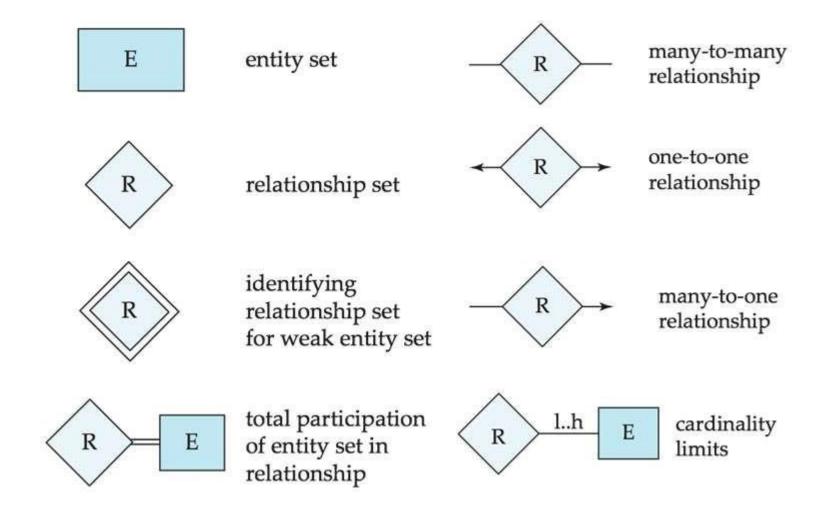
- {Student ID,FirstName }
- {Student ID, LastName }
- Student ID,FirstName,LastName

# E-R DIAGRAMS



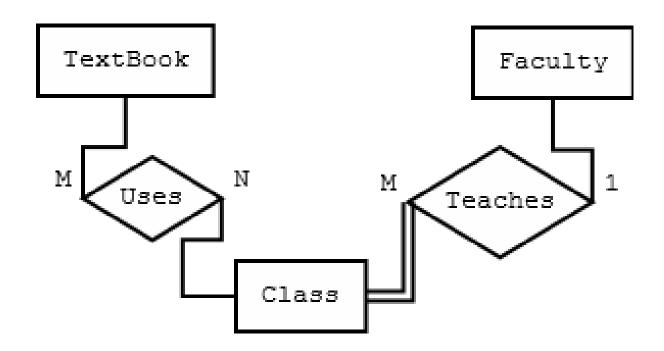
- Rectangles represent entity sets.
- Diamonds represent relationship sets.
- Attributes listed inside entity rectangle. Or, as oval shape along with the rectangle.
- Underline indicates primary key attributes

# SUMMARY OF SYMBOLS USED IN E-R NOTATION

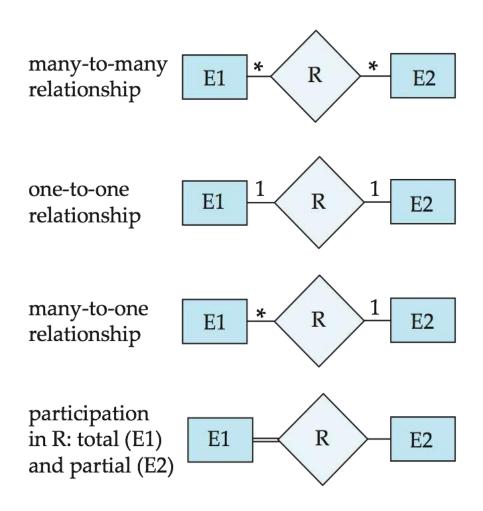


# TOTAL PARTICIPATION OF ENTITY SET

• E.g., A *Class* entity cannot exist unless related to a *Faculty* member entity

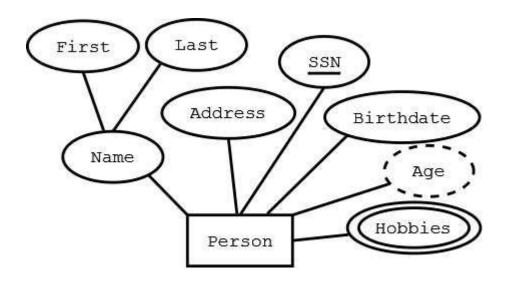


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# Representing attributes



- Rectangle -- Entity
- Ellipses -- Attribute (<u>underlined</u> attributes are [part of] the primary key)
- Double ellipses -- multi-valued attribute
- Dashed ellipses-- derived attribute, e.g. age is derivable from birthdate and current date.

# SUMMARY OF SYMBOLS USED IN E-R NOTATION

# Representing attributes

A1 A2 A2.1 A2.2 {A3} A40

attributes: simple (A1), composite (A2) and multivalued (A3) derived (A4)

E \_A1\_

primary key

E A1 discriminating attribute of weak entity set

# E-R DIAGRAM FOR A UNIVERSITY

