INFO 210: Database Management Systems

Homework 3 solutions

- This assignment covers
 - The entity-relationship (ER) model
 - Translating ER models to relational schemas

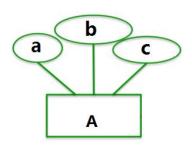
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 - Relationship with constraint:
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 - A ...X... at least one B
 - A ...**X**... exactly one B
 - Translating from ER to relational:
 - Without constraint
 - With only key constraint(s)
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- Refer to more example questions with solutions in topic4 and topic5 lecture notes

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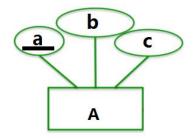
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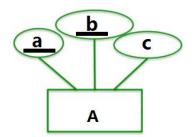


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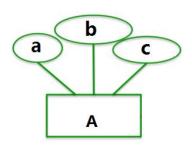
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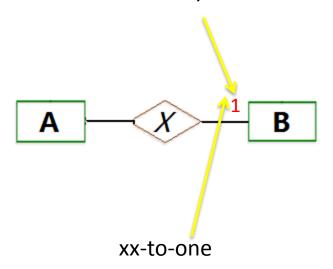
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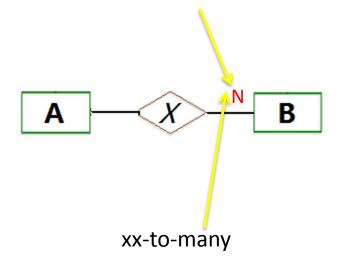
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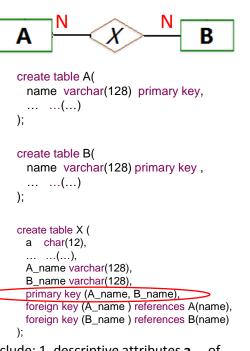
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With only key constraint(s)

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... ...(...)
);
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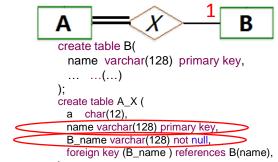
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For <u>several key constraints</u> in X, choose one to treat as the entity set A here, and then make keys from other entity sets as <u>unique</u> in A X.

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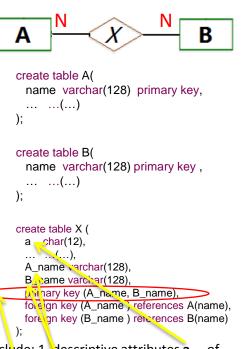
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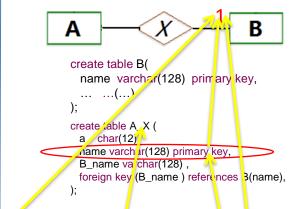


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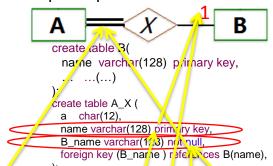
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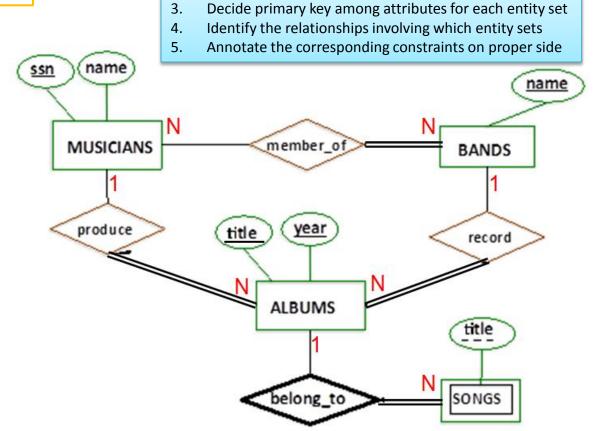
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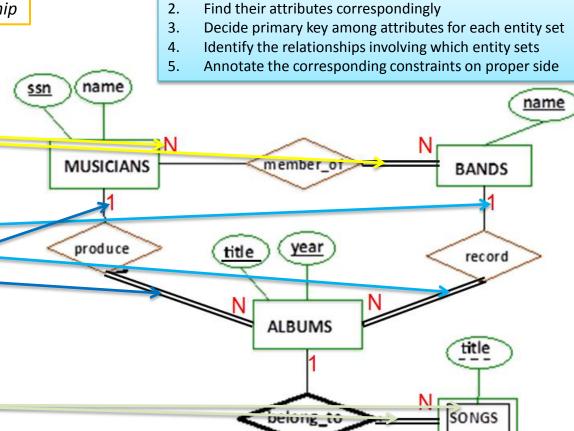
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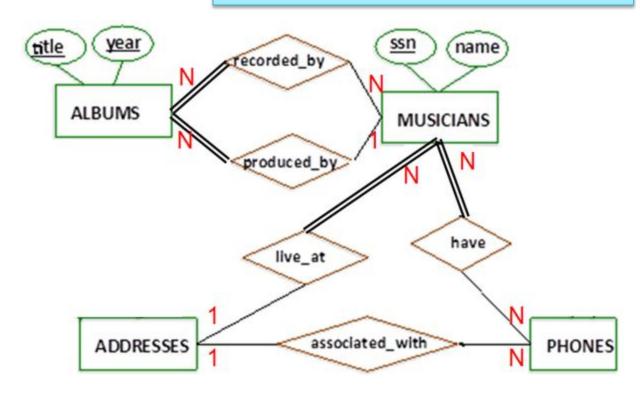
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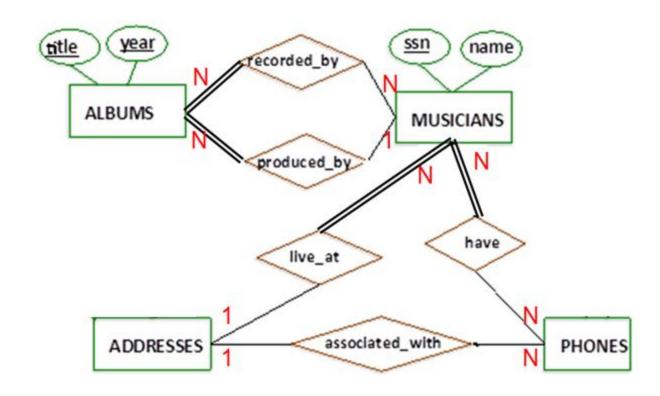


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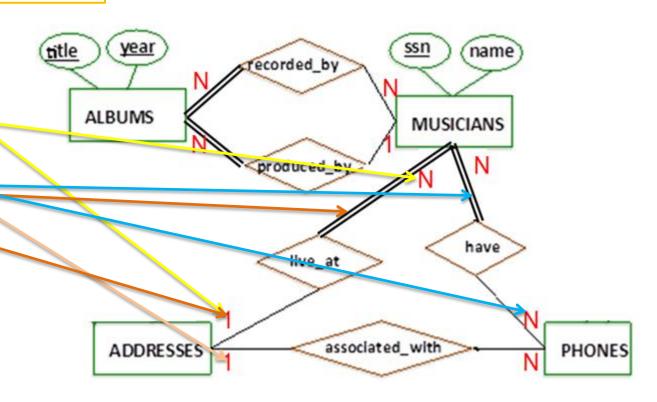


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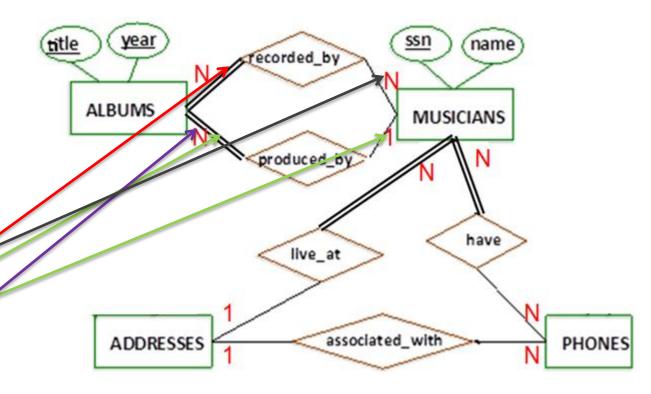


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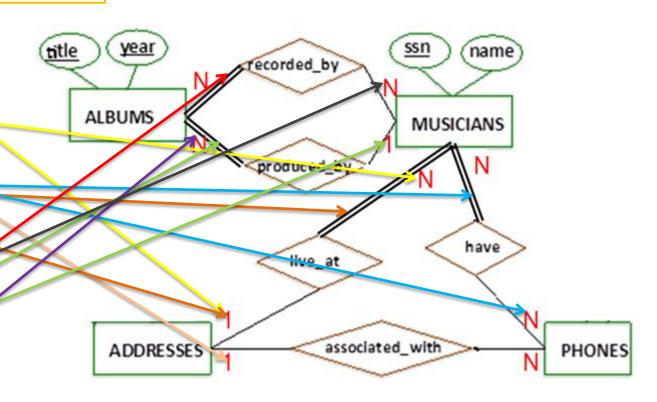


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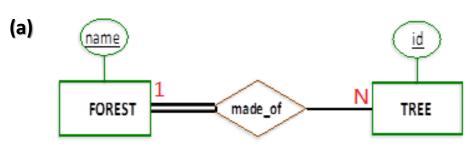
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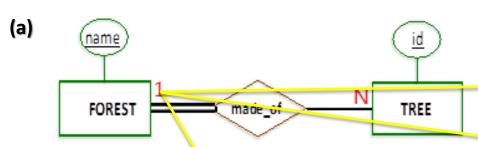
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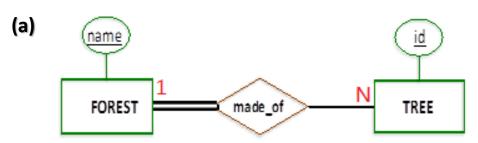
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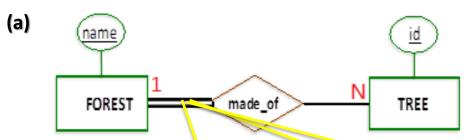
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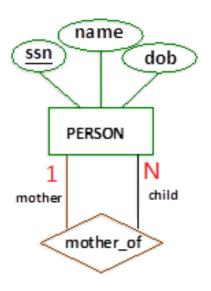
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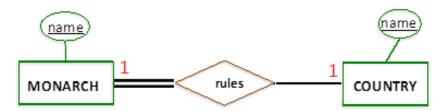
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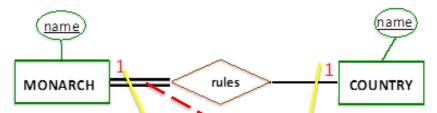
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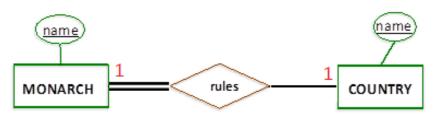
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```
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  name    varchar(128) primary key
);

create table Monarch_Rule (
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    country_name varchar (128) not null unique,
    foreign key (country_name) references Country(name)
);
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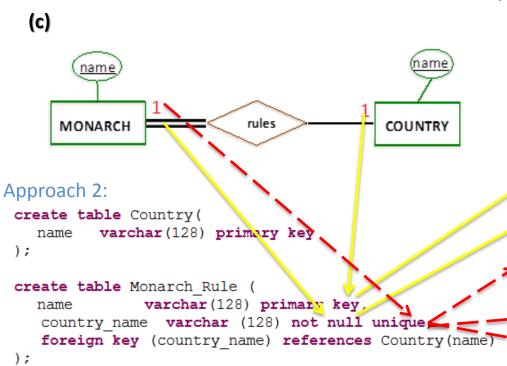
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