MSiA-413 Introduction to Databases and Information Retrieval

Lecture 6
Extended ER Diagrams, SELECT Query Steps

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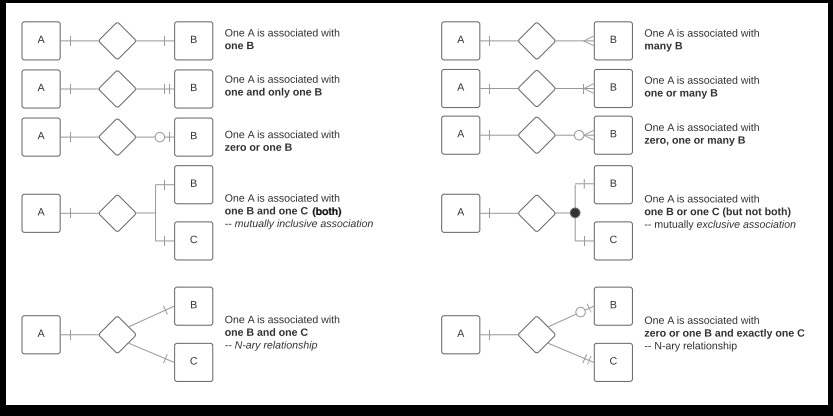
Last Lecture

- Three policies for handling deletion of foreign keys
  - Restrict, Cascade, set NULL
- Table relationships
  - One to Many: most foreign keys
  - One to One: primary key is foreign key. Used for *subset tables*
  - Many to Many: implemented with a *linking table*
- Introduced ER diagrams
  - Cardinality & participation constraints
  - Crow's foot notation
  - Schema vs. instance
- Introduced SQL
  - Syntax diagrams and grammars
  - SELECT queries with filtering, sorting, limiting, arithmetic, and grouping

Overview of Database Design

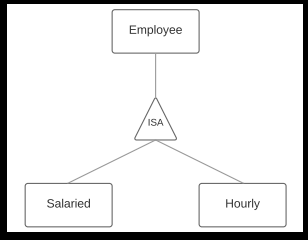
- Requirements analysis
- *Conceptual design*: (*ER Model* is used at this stage)
  - What are the *entities* and *relationships* (and *events*) in the system we are describing?
    - It is typical to define only entities and relationships; events can be considered as entities
  - What information about these entities and relationships should we store in the database?
    - These are the "*attributes*" of the entity or relationship
  - Which of the attributes are primary *keys*?
    - Uniquely distinguish items that belong to the same entity
    - Primary keys are indicted in ER diagrams by **underlying** them
  - What are the *integrity constraints* or rules of engagement that hold?
    - Cardinality? Participation?
  - A database *schema* in the ER Model can be represented pictorially (*ER diagrams*)
- Logical design
  - Can map an ER diagram into a relational schema (DBMS data model)
- Physical design
  - File types, indexes, disk layout

ER Diagrams cheat sheet

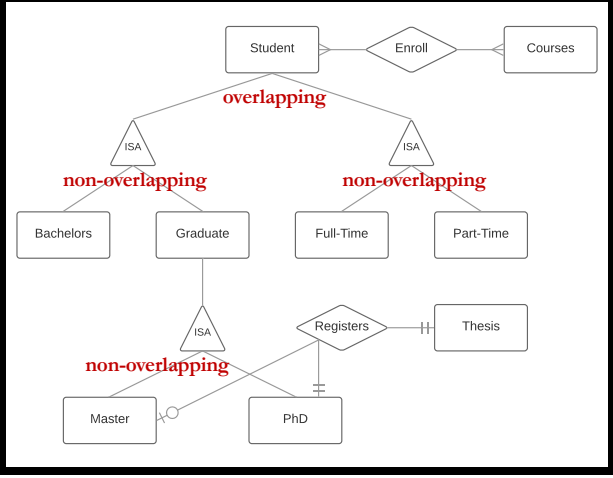


Extended ERDs: ISA ("is a") Hierarchies

- As in C++, or other programming languages, attributes are inherited
- If we declare A **ISA** B, every A entity is also considered to be a B entity
- Covering vs. overlapping constraints
  - *Covering constraints*: does every employee have to be either salaried or hourly?
  - *Overlapping constraints*: can Joe be a salaried employee as well as an hourly employee?

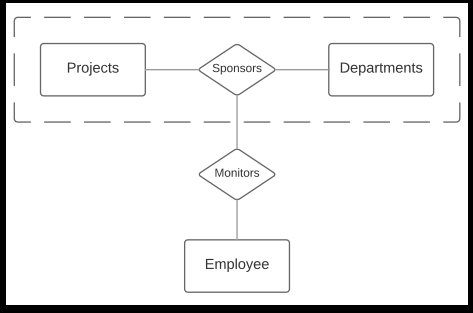


Complex ISA hierarchies



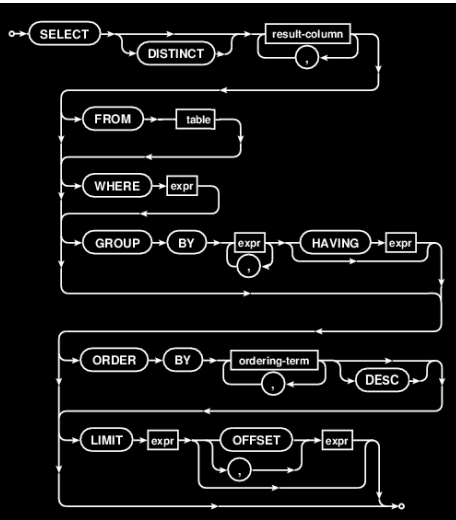
Aggregation

- Used to model a relationship involving another *relationship*
- Allows us to *treat a relationship as an entity* for purposes of participation in (other) relationships



Part 2: SELECT Query Steps

SQLite SELECT Syntax



For example:

```
SELECT FirstName, LastName
FROM customers
WHERE City = "Paris";
```


SELECT queries are series of filtering and manipulation steps

1. The `FROM` expression gives the starting point – a full table
   The final result will be a subset or aggregation of this
2. The `WHERE` expression keeps only those rows passing some test
   This expression can be very complex, but it must be something than can be evaluated on each row, one at a time
3. `GROUP BY` combines rows if something about them is the same
4. The `SELECT` result-columns are computed, including aggregation
   At this point we have thrown out the columns we don't need
5. `HAVING` expression keeps only the aggregated rows passing a test
6. `ORDER BY` sorts what's left
7. `LIMIT` truncates the results to just a certain number of rows

SELECT steps (abbreviated)

1. `FROM` chooses the table of interest
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Each step gets closer to the specific result you want

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```
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  FROM Products;
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3	Dog Ear Cyclecomputer	NULL	75	20	1
4	Victoria Pro All Weather Tires	NULL	54.95	20	4
5	Dog Ear Helmet Mount Mirrors	NULL	7.45	12	1
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We only need the bike rack products, so we filter on CategoryID = 5

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Grouping

The GROUP BY clause combines multiple rows and lets you perform aggregation math functions

```
SELECT AlbumId,
    SUM(Milliseconds/1000/60) AS AlbumMinutes
  FROM tracks GROUP BY AlbumId ORDER BY AlbumMinutes;
```

Result:

AlbumId	*AlbumMinutes*
340	0.86300000
345	1.11065000
318	1.68821667
…	…

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We want the RetailPrice column, and we want to aggregate all the rows with the average function

```
SELECT AVG(RetailPrice)
  FROM Products
  WHERE CategoryID = 5;
```

AVG(RetailPrice)
177.5

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The `GROUP BY` statement groups together all rows of the same product category

Note: syntax below only for illustration

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23	Ultra-Pro Rain Jacket	NULL	85	30	3
24	StaDry Cycling Pants	NULL	69	22	3

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We want the CategoryID and RetailPrice columns, and we want to aggregate the rows in each group with the average function

```
SELECT CategoryID,
       AVG(RetailPrice)
   FROM Products
   GROUP BY CategoryID;
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CategoryID	AVG(RetailPrice)
1	66.1916666666667
2	1321.25
3	51.25
4	79.7655555555556
5	177.5
6	29.0