

Introduction to Data Management *** The "Flipped" Edition ***



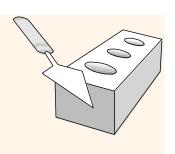
Lecture #2 E-R Database Design

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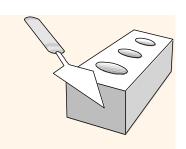








- Frequently check the course wiki page:
 - https://grape.ics.uci.edu/wiki/asterix/wiki/cs122a-2021-fall
- And totally camp out on the Piazza page:
 - http://piazza.com/uci/fall2021/cs122aeecs116/home
- Also get yourselves buddied up!
 - We'll share the purpose in the first HW assignment
- Quizzes will be open until Fridays at start of class time
 - Don't miss them they're free points!
- Any questions?
 - Just kidding... sort of (**)



The Database Design Process

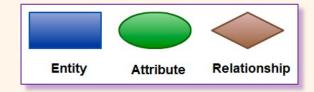
- Essentially a top-down process.
 - 1. Requirements gathering (interviews)
 - 2. Conceptual design (using E-R model)
 - 3. Platform selection (which DBMS?)
 - 4. Logical design (for target data model)
 - 5. Physical design (for target DBMS & workload)
 - 6. Implement (and test, of course 😊)

* Notes:

- Expect backtracking, iteration, and then incremental changes over time
- Our targets: Relational model & RDBMSs

Steps 1 & 2 in Database Design

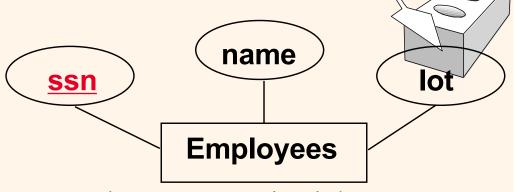
- * Conceptual design (ER-based):
 - What are the *entities* and *relationships* in the enterprise?
 - What information about these entities and relationships should we store in the database?
 - What are the *integrity constraints* or *business rules* that hold?



- A database schema in the ER Model can be represented pictorially (using an *ER diagram*).
- Can map an ER diagram into a relational schema (manually or using a design tool's automation).

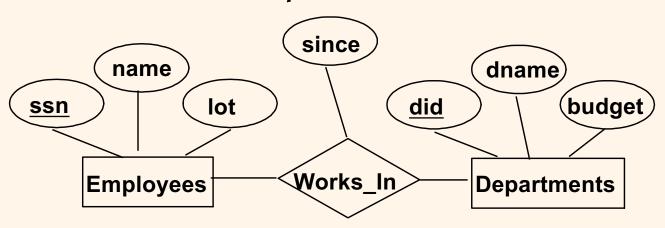


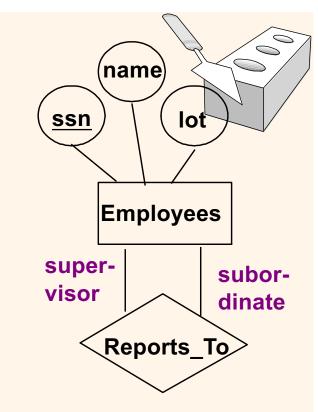
ER Model Basics (Entities)



- * <u>Entity</u>: Real-world object, distinguishable from all other objects. An entity is described (in DB-land) using a set of <u>attributes</u>.
- * <u>Entity Set</u>: A collection of similar entities. E.g., all employees.
 - All entities in an entity set have the <u>same</u> set of attributes. (Until we get to ISA hierarchies...)
 - Each entity set has a *key* (a unique identifier); this can be either one attribute (an "atomic" key) or several attributes (called a "composite" key)
 - Each attribute has a *domain* (similar to a data type).

ER Model Basics (Relationships)

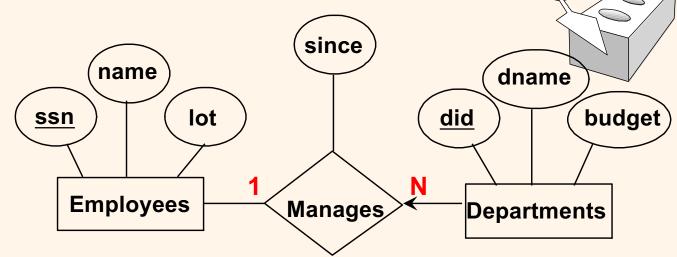




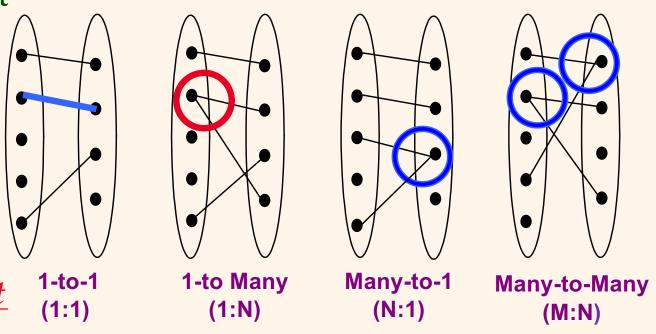
- * *Relationship*: Association among two or more entities. E.g., Santa Claus works in the Toy department.
- * Relationship Set: Collection of similar relationships.
 - An n-ary relationship set R relates n entity sets E1 ... En; each relationship in R involves entities e1:E1, ..., en:En
 - One entity set can participate in different relationship sets or in different "roles" in the same set.

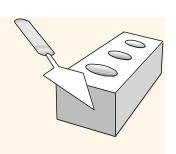
Cardinality Constraints

- Consider Works In: An employee can work in many departments; a dept can have many employees.
- In contrast, each dept has at most one manager, according to the <u>cardinality constraint</u> on Manages above.

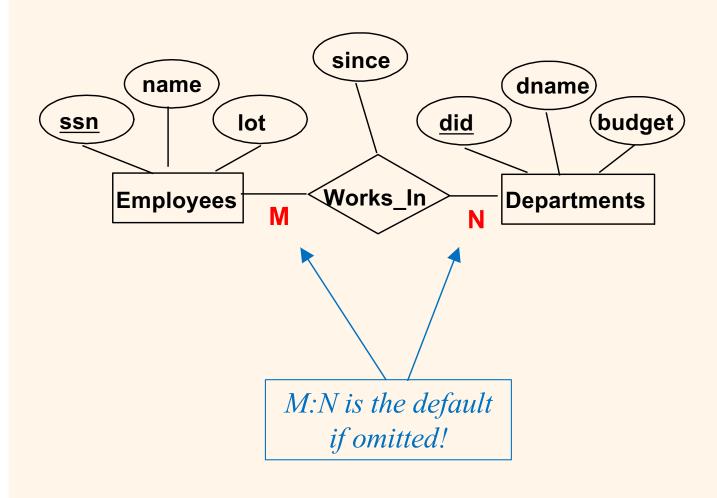


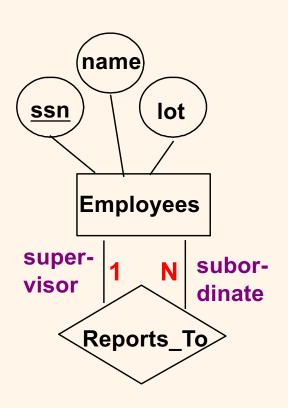
(Note: A given employee can manage several departments)





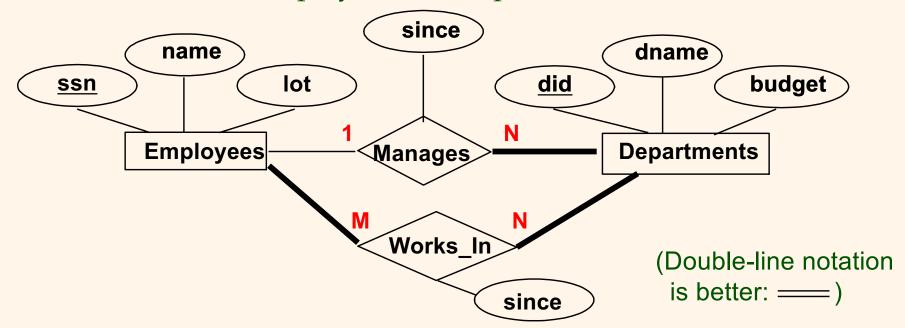
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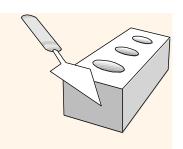




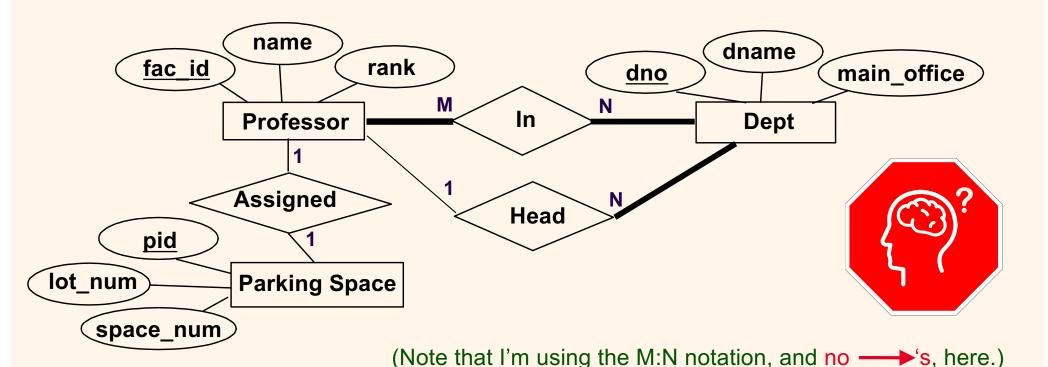
Participation Constraints

- Does every department have a manager?
 - If so, this is a *participation constraint*: the participation of Departments in Manages is said to be *total* (vs. *partial*).
 - Every Departments entity below *must* appear in an instance of the Manages relationship
 - Ditto for *both* Employees and Departments for Works_In

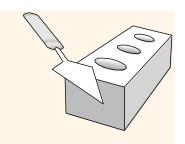




ER Basics: Another Example



- ❖ Let's see if you can read/interpret the ER diagram above...! (☺)
 - What attributes are unique (i.e., identify their associated entity instances)?
 - What are the rules about (the much coveted) parking spaces?
 - What are the rules (constraints) about professors being in departments?
 - And, what are the rules about professors heading departments?



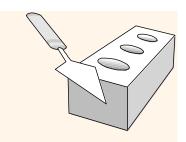
Another Example (Answers)

- Unique attributes:
 - Professor.fac_id, Dept.dno, Parking Space.pid
- Faculty parking:
 - 1 space/faculty, one faculty/space
 - Some faculty can bike or walk (②)
 - Some parking spaces may be unused

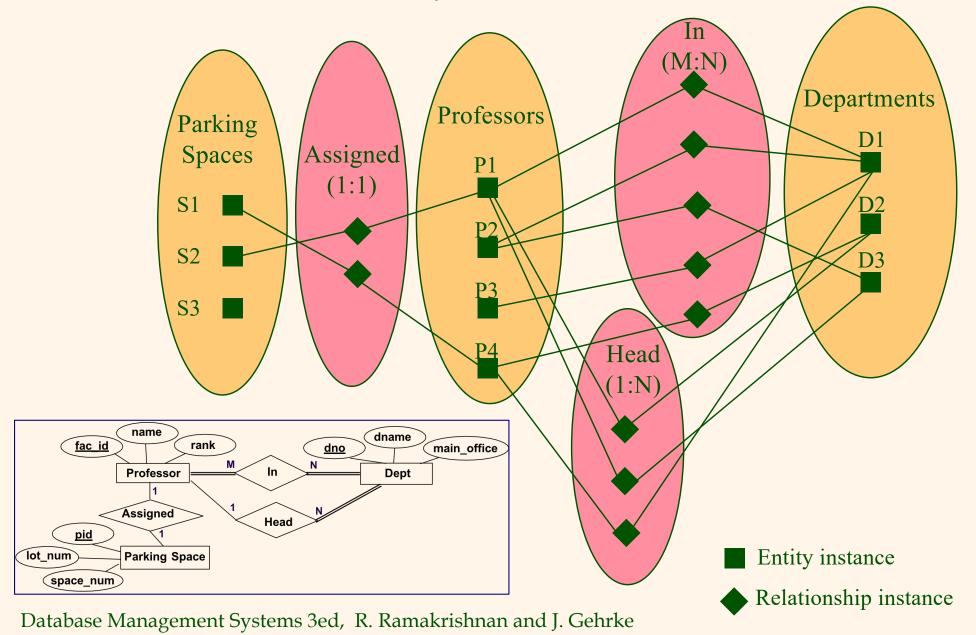
NOTE: These things are all "rules of the universe" that are just being *modeled* here!

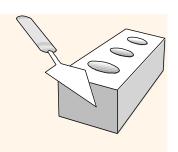
- Faculty in departments:
 - Faculty may have appointments in multiple departments
 - Departments can have multiple faculty in them
 - No empty departments, and no unaffiliated faculty
- Department management:
 - One head per department (exactly)
 - Not all faculty are department heads

Q: Can a faculty member head a department that he or she isn't actually in?



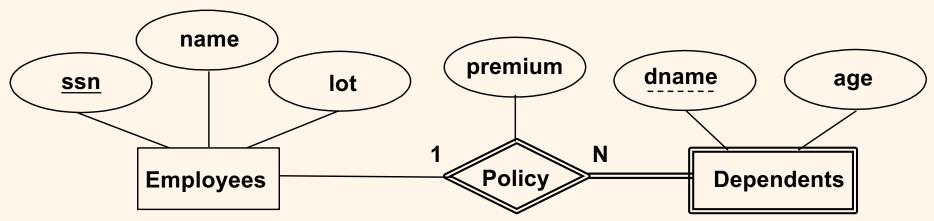
Another Example (E's & R's)

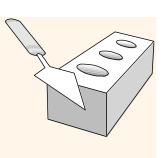




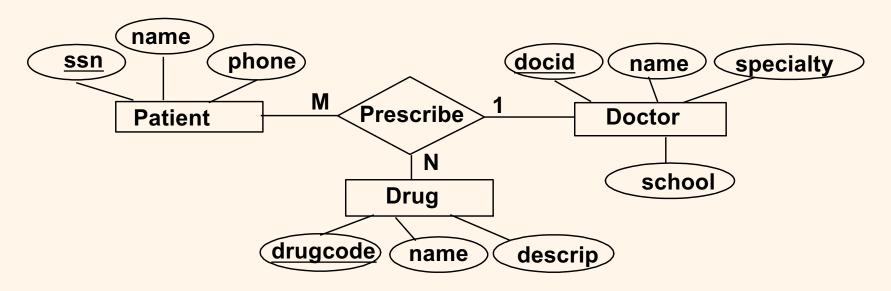
Weak Entities

- * A *weak entity* can be identified uniquely only by considering the primary key of some other (*owner*) entity.
 - 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.
 - Dependent identifier is unique only within owner context (_____), so its fully qualified key here is (ssn, dname)

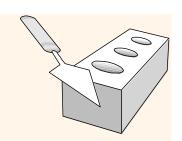




Ternary Relationships (and beyond)



- * A prescription is a 3-way relationship between a patient, a doctor, and a drug; with the cardinality constraints above:
 - A given patient+drug will be associated with one doctor (1)
 - A given patient+doctor may be associated with several drugs (N)
 - A given doctor+drug may be associated with several patients (M)
- ❖ General note: Relationship key ≤ (entity keys)



To Be Continued...