

Conceptual Model

CE3101 - Databases

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Database Design Process

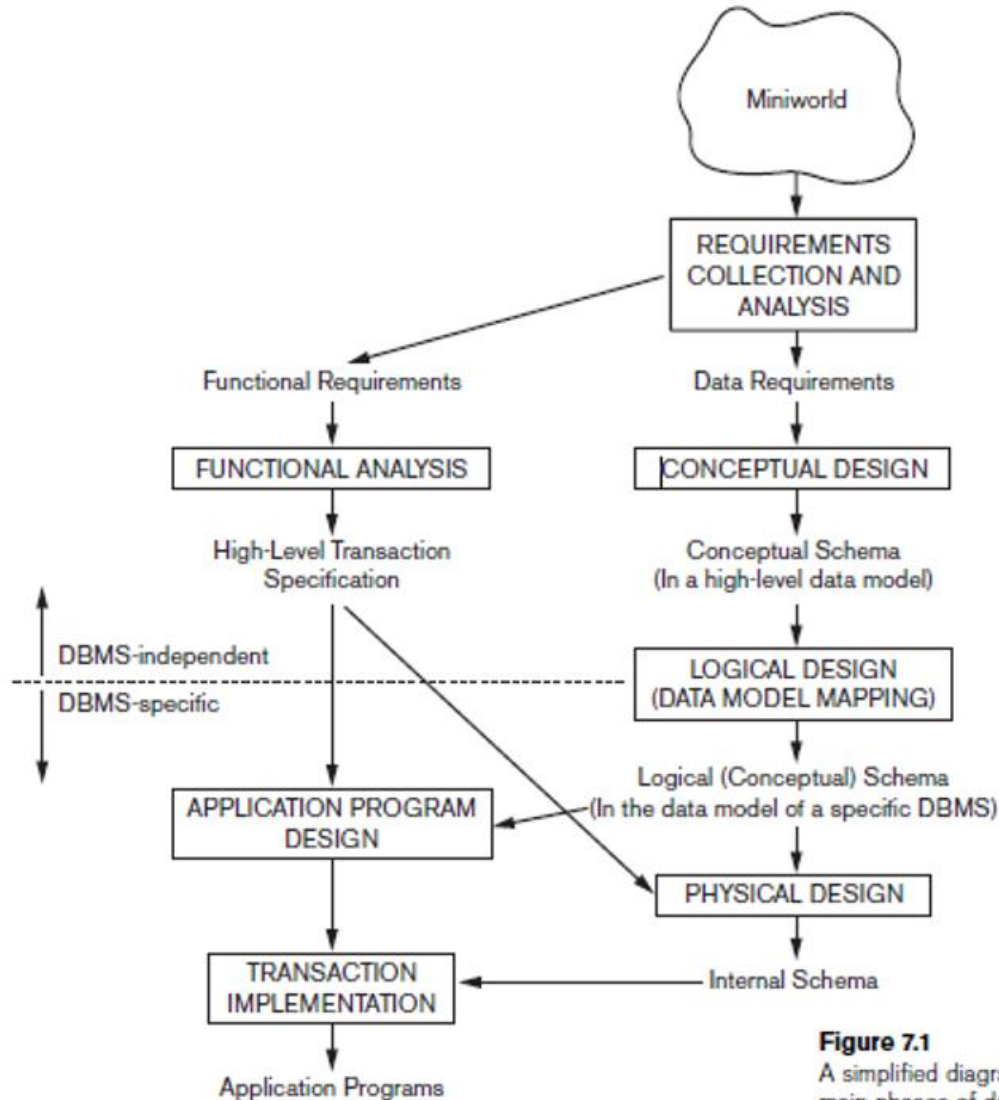


Figure 7.1

A simplified diagram to illustrate the main phases of database design.

Think about a car...



→ The car **is**:

- ◆ Black
- ◆ Has doors that open upward
- ◆ Lamborghini
- ◆ Made of metal
- ◆ Heavy
- ◆ Expensive
- ◆ Not a Hyundai
- ◆ The same I have in my garage!

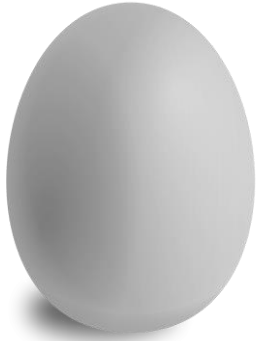


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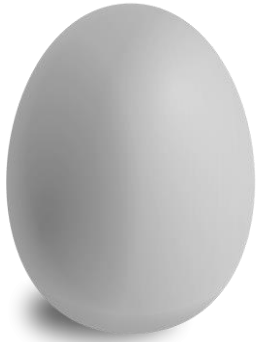
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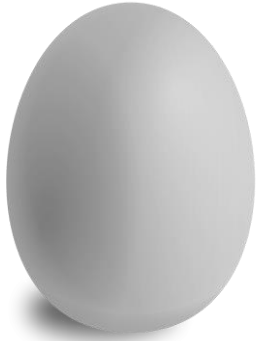
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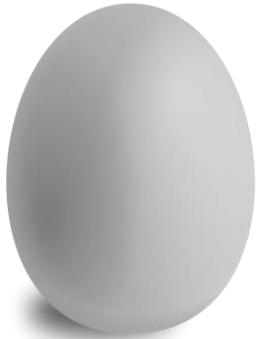
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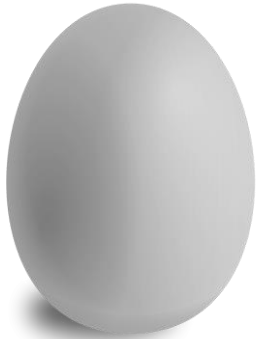
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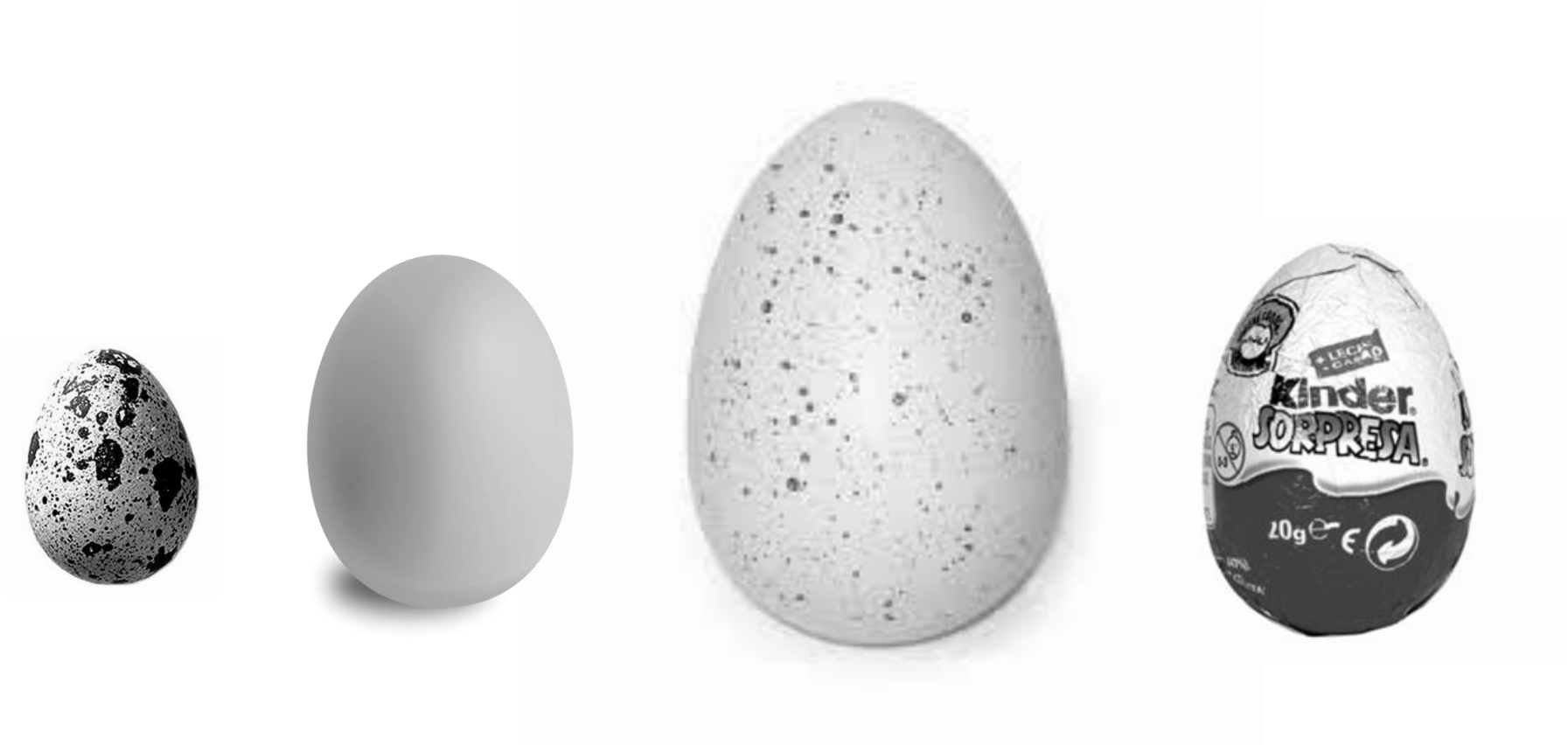


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Ejercicio Modelado del Contexto de un Problema

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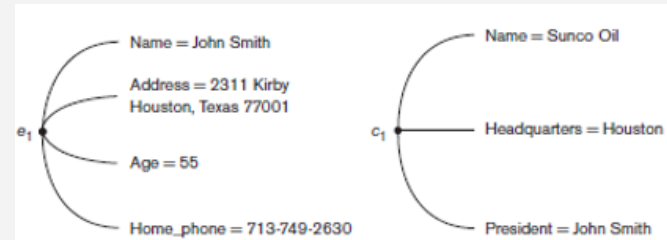
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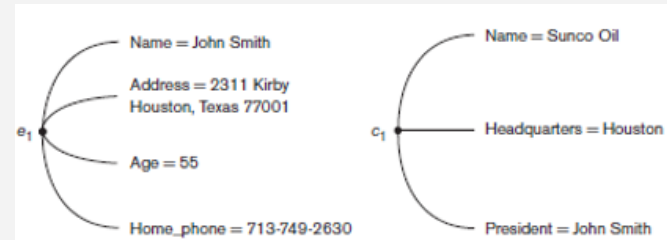
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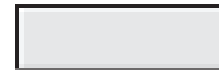
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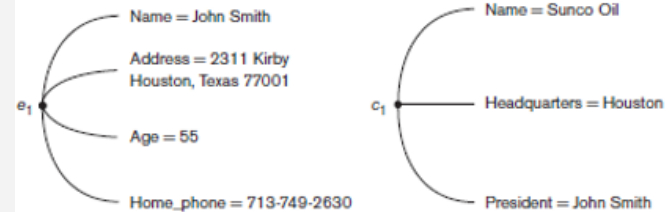
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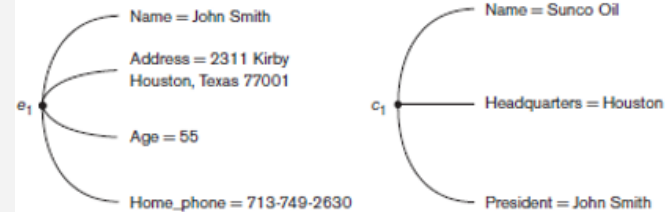
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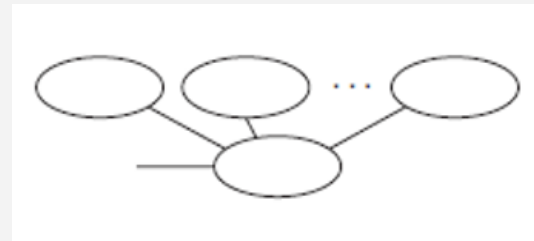
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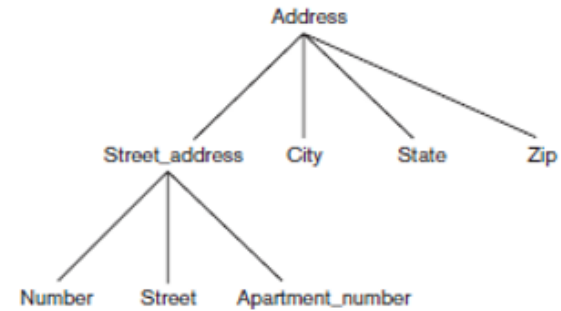
→ Attribute divided into smaller parts. Represents more basic attributes with independent meanings.



Attributes

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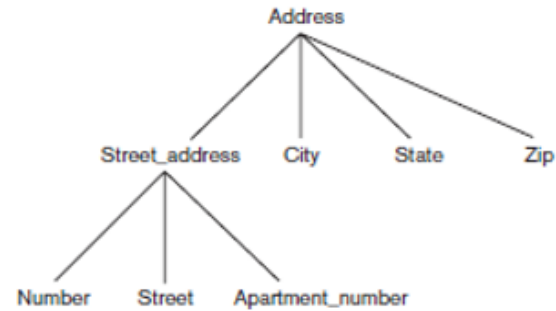


Attributes

Are useful to model situations on which a user sometimes refers to the composite attribute as a unit but at other times refers specifically to its components.

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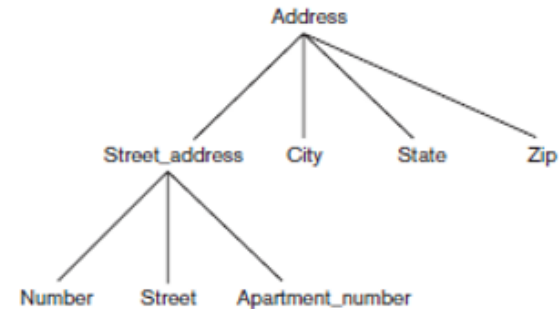
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SINGLED-VALUED ATTRIBUTES

→ Has a single value for particular entity.



Attributes

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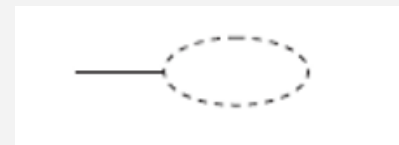
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→ For a particular person entity, the value of Age can be determined from the current (today's) date and the value of that person's Birth date. The Age attribute is hence called a derived attribute and is said to be derivable from the Birth date attribute, which is called a stored attribute.

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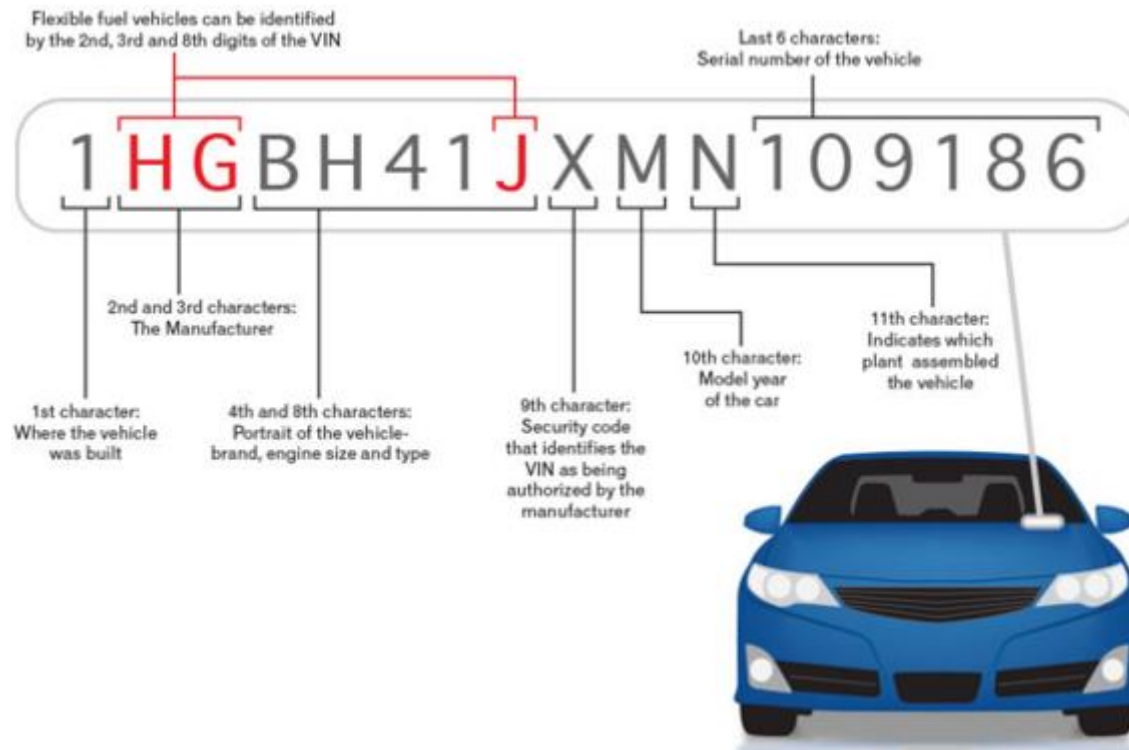


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Key Attributes of an Entity Type

- An important constraint on the entities of an entity type is the **key** or **uniqueness constraint** on attributes.
- An entity type usually has one or more attributes whose values are distinct for each individual entity in the entity set. Such an attribute is called a key attribute.

Value Sets (Domains) of Attributes

- Each simple attribute of an entity type is associated with a value set (or domain of values), which specifies the set of values that may be assigned to that attribute for each individual entity.

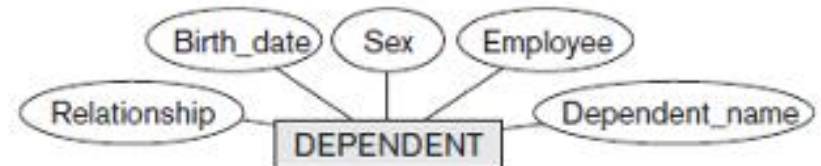
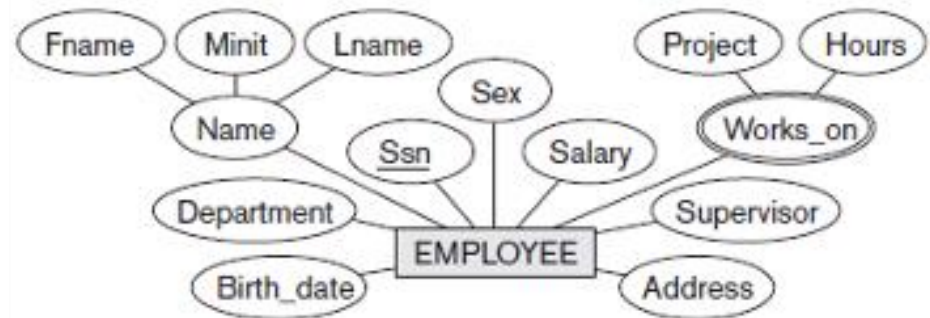
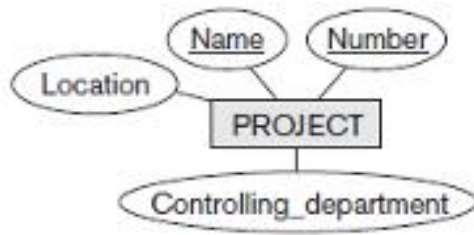
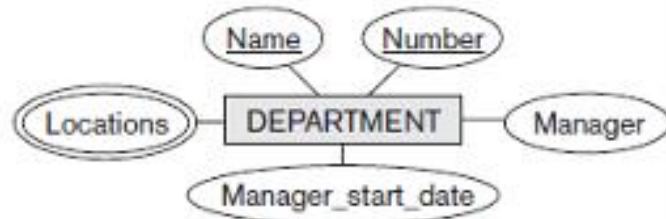
Pregunta inicial

Cuál es el único animal que solo tiene un oído?

Study Case

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Study Case



Respuesta a pregunta inicial

La mantis religiosa. Situado en el torax y no en la cabeza.

Pregunta inicial

Aparte de las huellas dactilares qué otras partes del cuerpo humano sirven como marca de identidad?

Relationship Types, Relationship Sets, Roles and Structural Constraints

Entity Type, Instances and Entity Sets

Entity Type Name:

EMPLOYEE

COMPANY

Name, Age, Salary

Name, Headquarters, President

Entity Set:
(Extension)

e_1 •

(John Smith, 55, 80k)

e_2 •

(Fred Brown, 40, 30K)

e_3 •

(Judy Clark, 25, 20K)

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c_1 •

(Sunco Oil, Houston, John Smith)

c_2 •

(Fast Computer, Dallas, Bob King)

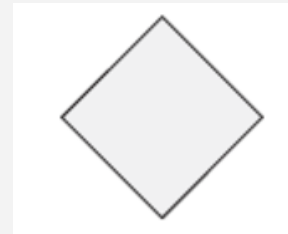
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Relationship

DEFINITION

- Whenever an attribute of one entity refers to another entity type, some relationship exists.
- In the ER model, these references should not be represented as attributes but as **relationships**.

SYMBOL



Relationship Types

→ A relationship type R among n entity types defines a set of associations among entities from these entity types.

$E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_n$

→ **Formally.** Relationship set is a mathematical relation on

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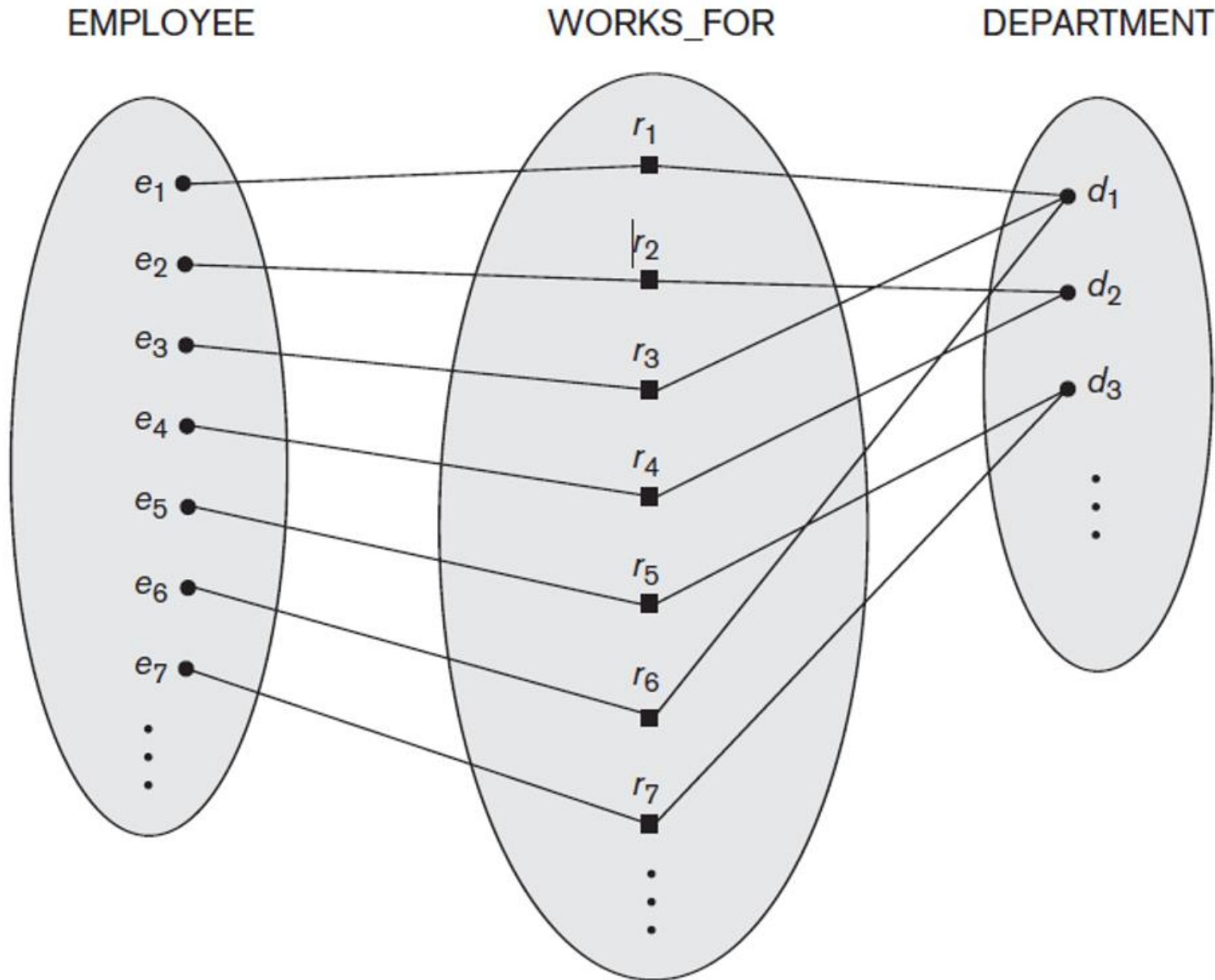
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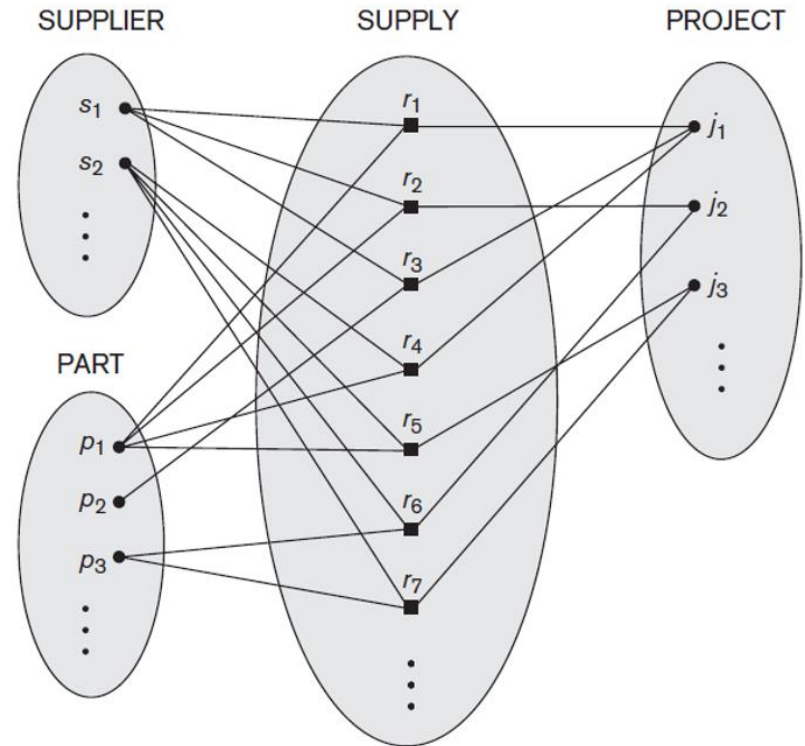
(Informally) Each relationship instance r_i in R is an association of entities, where the association includes exactly one entity from each participating entity type.

Relationship Types



Degree of a Relationship Type

- The degree of a relationship type is the number of participating entity types.
- A relationship type of degree two is called **binary**, and one of degree three is called **ternary**.



Role Name and Recursive Relationships

ROLE NAME

→ Helps to explain what the relationship means. Role that participating entity plays in relationship instance.

RECURSIVE RELATIONSHIP

→ The same entity participates more than once in a relationship.

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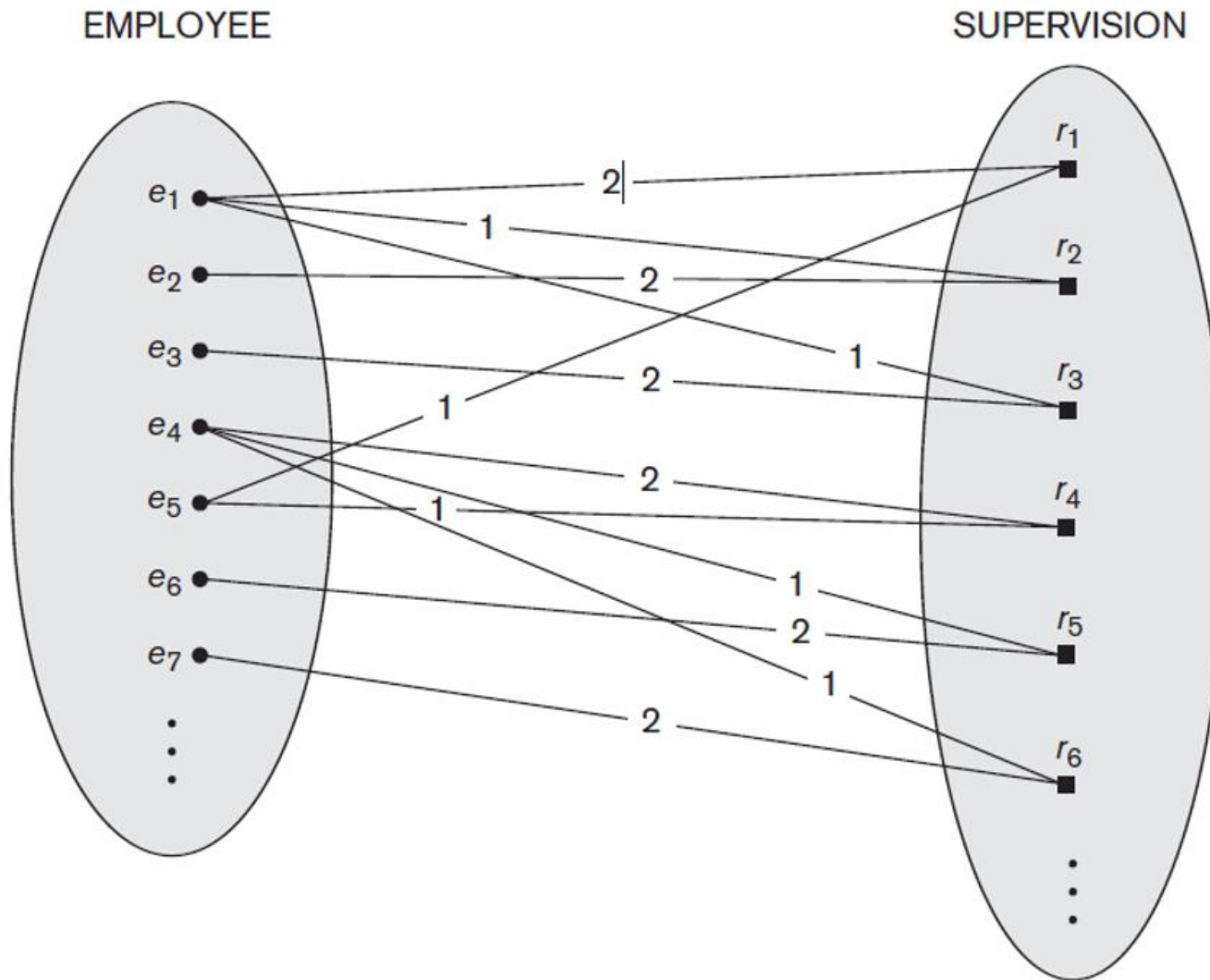


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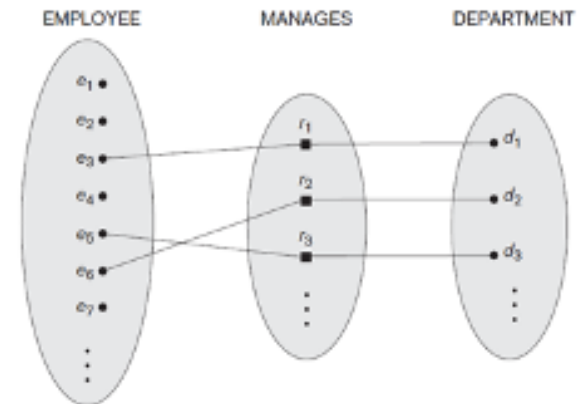
A recursive relationship SUPERVISION between EMPLOYEE in the *supervisor* role (1) and EMPLOYEE in the *subordinate* role (2).

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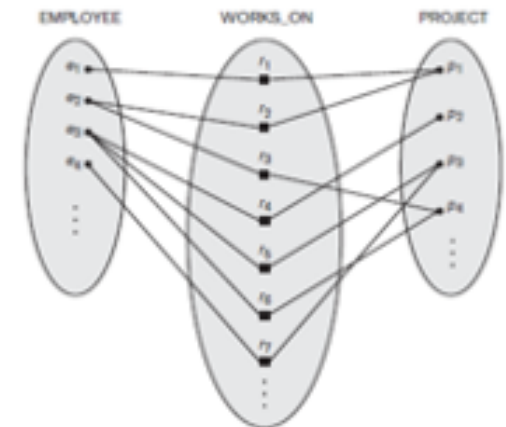
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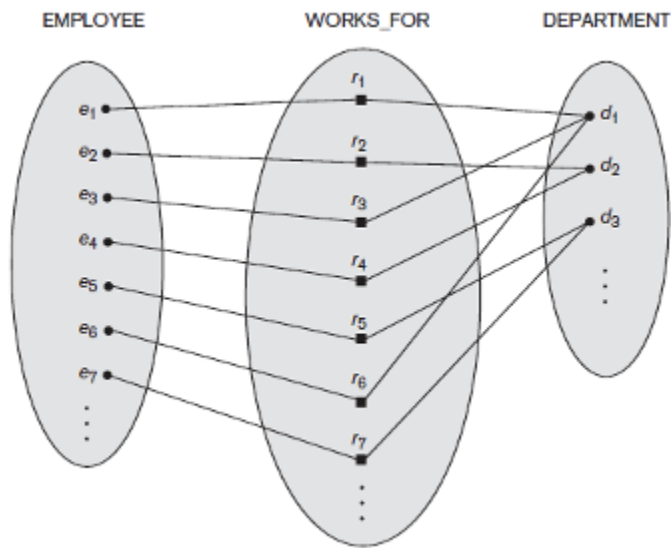
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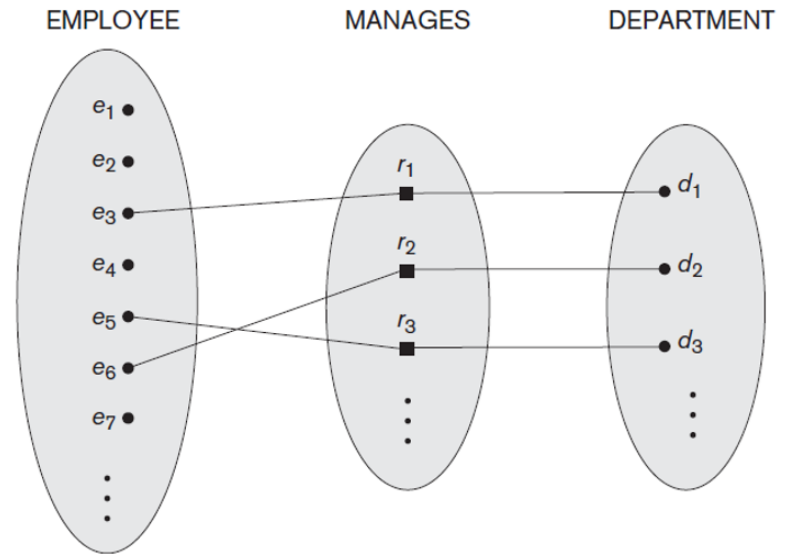


Participation Constraints and Existence Dependencies

- Specifies when the existence of an entity depends on being related to another entity.
- There are two types of participation constraints:



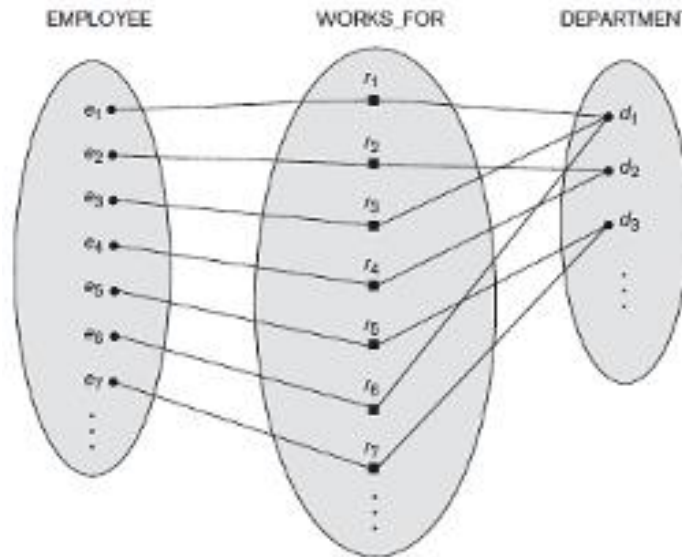
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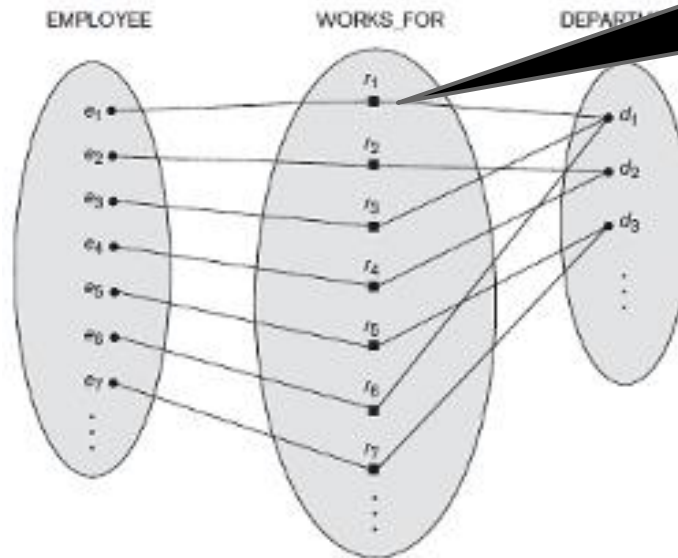
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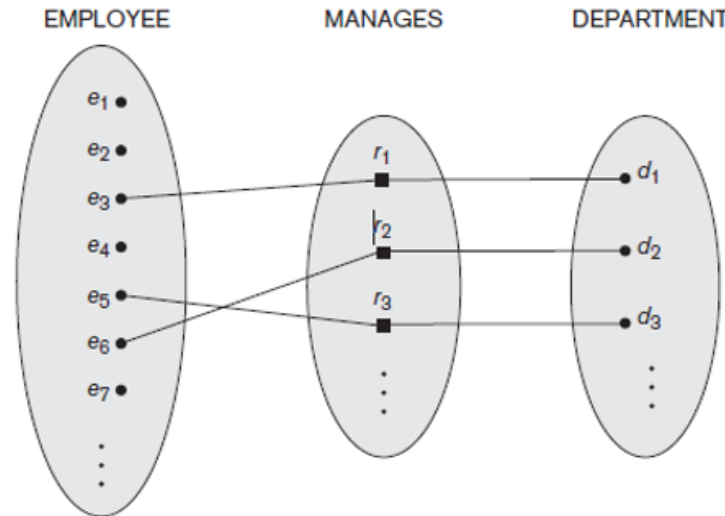
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Example: Number of hours per week that an employee works on a particular project

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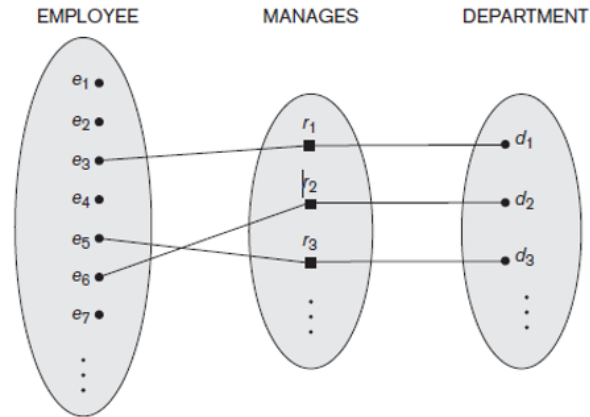
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Notice that attributes of 1:1 or 1:N relationship types can be migrated to one of the participating entity types.

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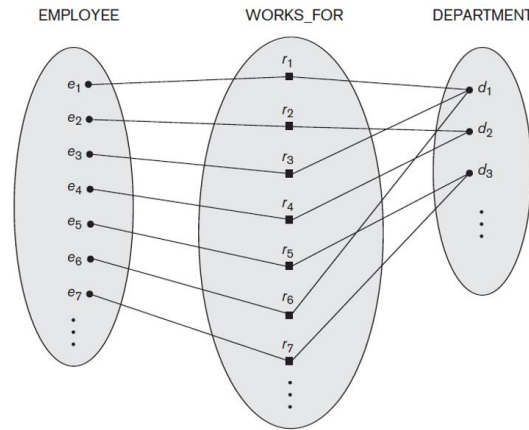
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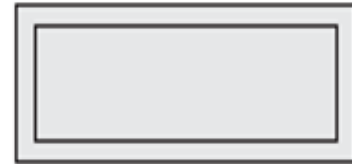
→ Attribute can be migrated only to the entity type on the N-side of the relationship.

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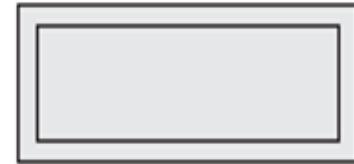
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Proper Naming of Schema Constructs

- We choose to use singular names for entity types, rather than plural ones, because the entity type name applies to each individual entity belonging to that entity type.
- In our ER diagrams, we will use the convention that entity type and relationship type names are uppercase letters, attribute names have their initial letter capitalized.

Proper Naming of Schema Constructs

- As a general practice, given a narrative description of the database requirements:
 - ◆ The nouns appearing in the narrative tend to give rise to entity type names.
 - ◆ The verbs tend to indicate names of relationship types.
 - ◆ Attribute names generally arise from additional nouns that describe the nouns corresponding to entity types.

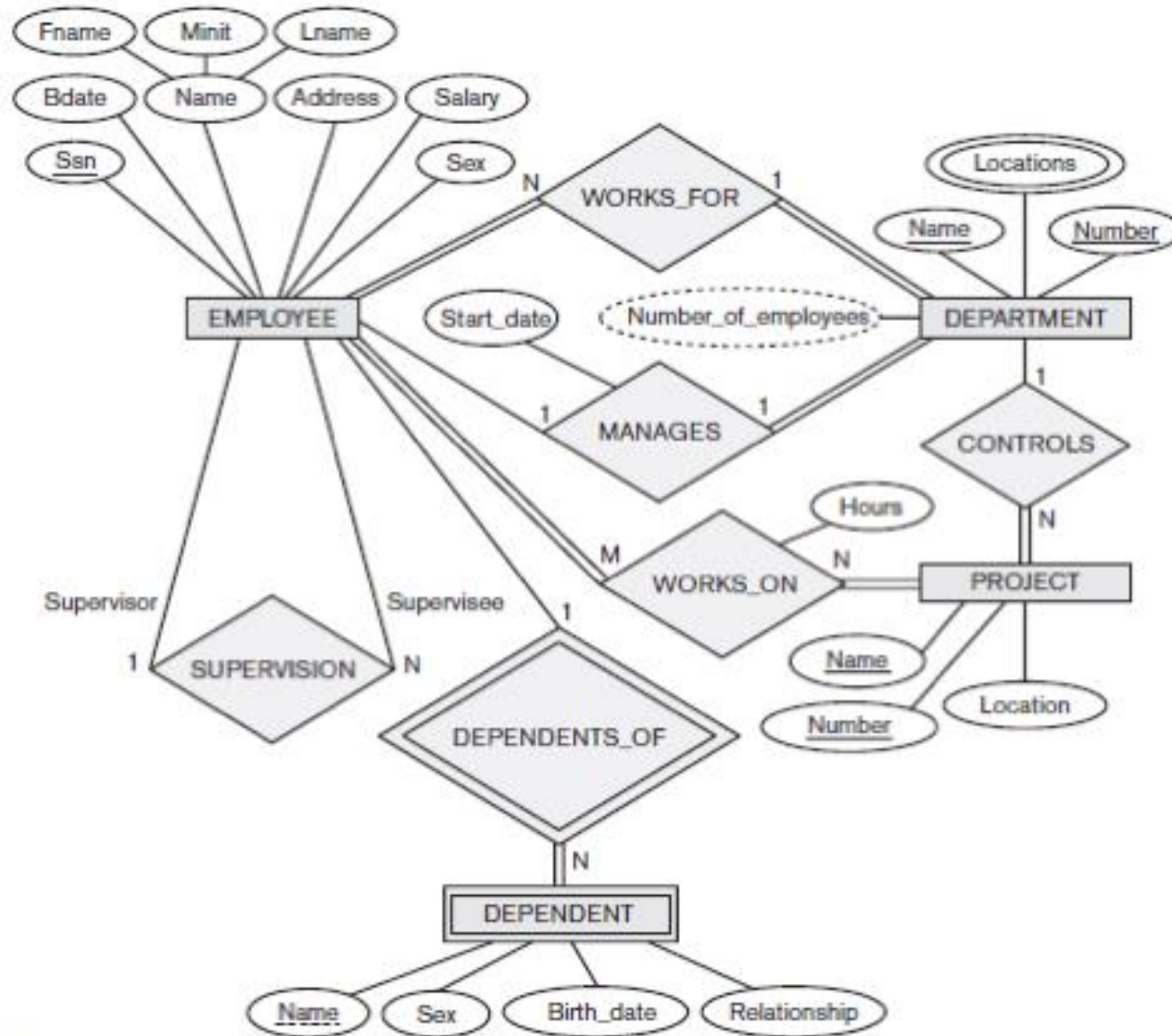
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