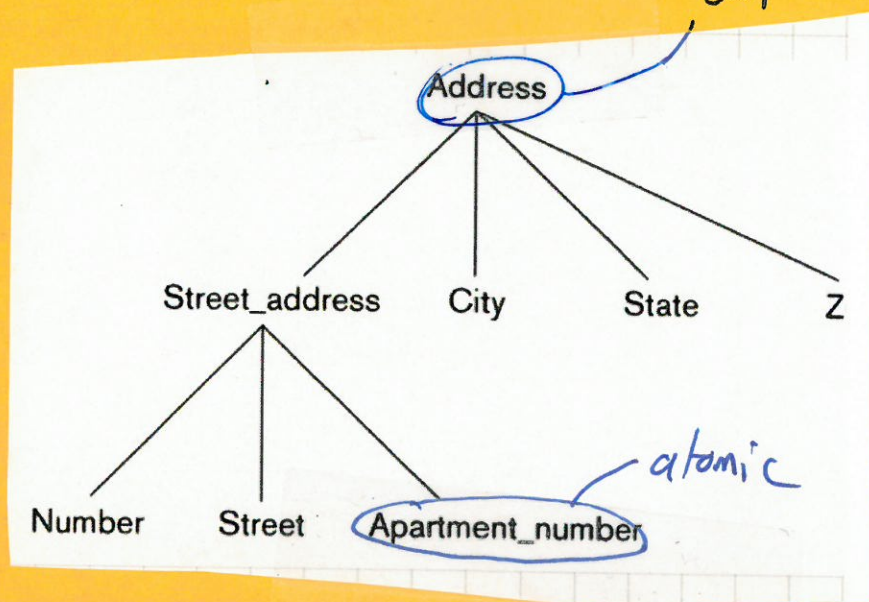


# Attributes

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- Composite: divisible into subparts w/ independent meaning
- atomic (simple): not divisible (zip code)



- Single valued: 1 value (age)
- multi-valued: many values (color) <sup>for shirt</sup>

Stored - value is stored (birthdate)

Derived - comes from other values (age) <sup>if birthday is stored</sup>

Nullable - not applicable (apartment\_number or Number)

Complex: nesting of attributes



# Entity

entity type: collection (or set) of  
entities w/ some attributes

entity set: collection of all entities  
of a particular type in database

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)

⋮

$c_1$  ●

(Sunco Oil, Houston, John Smith)

$c_2$  ●

(Fast Computer, Dallas, Bob King)

⋮



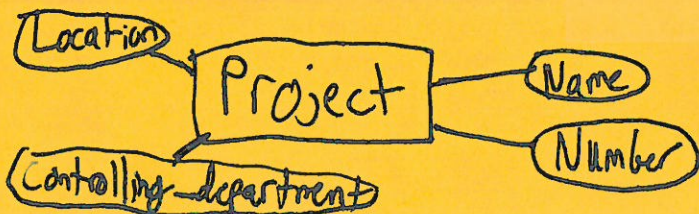
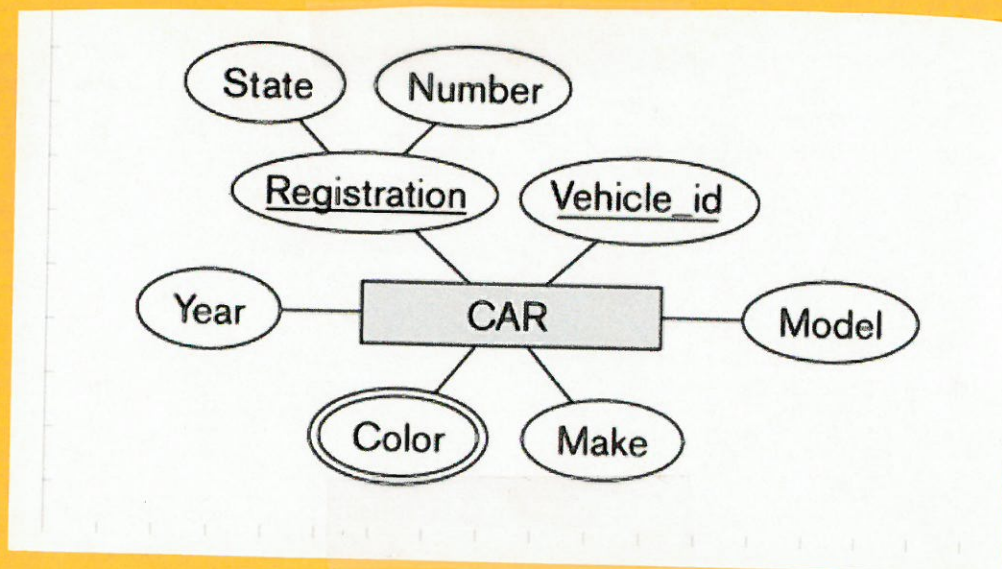
Represent w/ ER-diagram

- entity type: rectangle w/ name of entity type inside

- attribute types: oval attached to entity <sup>type</sup> w/ line

\* composite attribute: attaching attributes to attributes

\* multivalued: display w/ ~~double~~ oval double





# Keys

key (uniqueness constraint): one or more attributes whose values are distinct for an entity

eg. PROJECT Number is unique  
SSN unique for person

composite key: collection of attributes

Company w/ street-name, street-number  
and zip unique

should be minimal: no superfluous information



# Value Sets

value set (domain): all possible values for a simple attribute

eg. EMPLOYEE Age integer between 16, 123

values come from  $\{a, b, c, d\}$

What is size of domain!

(1) Single valued

possible answers

4 or 5

(2) multi-valued

possible answers

~~4~~ ~~4~~ ~~4~~ (15)  
2<sup>4</sup>

if nullable  
↙