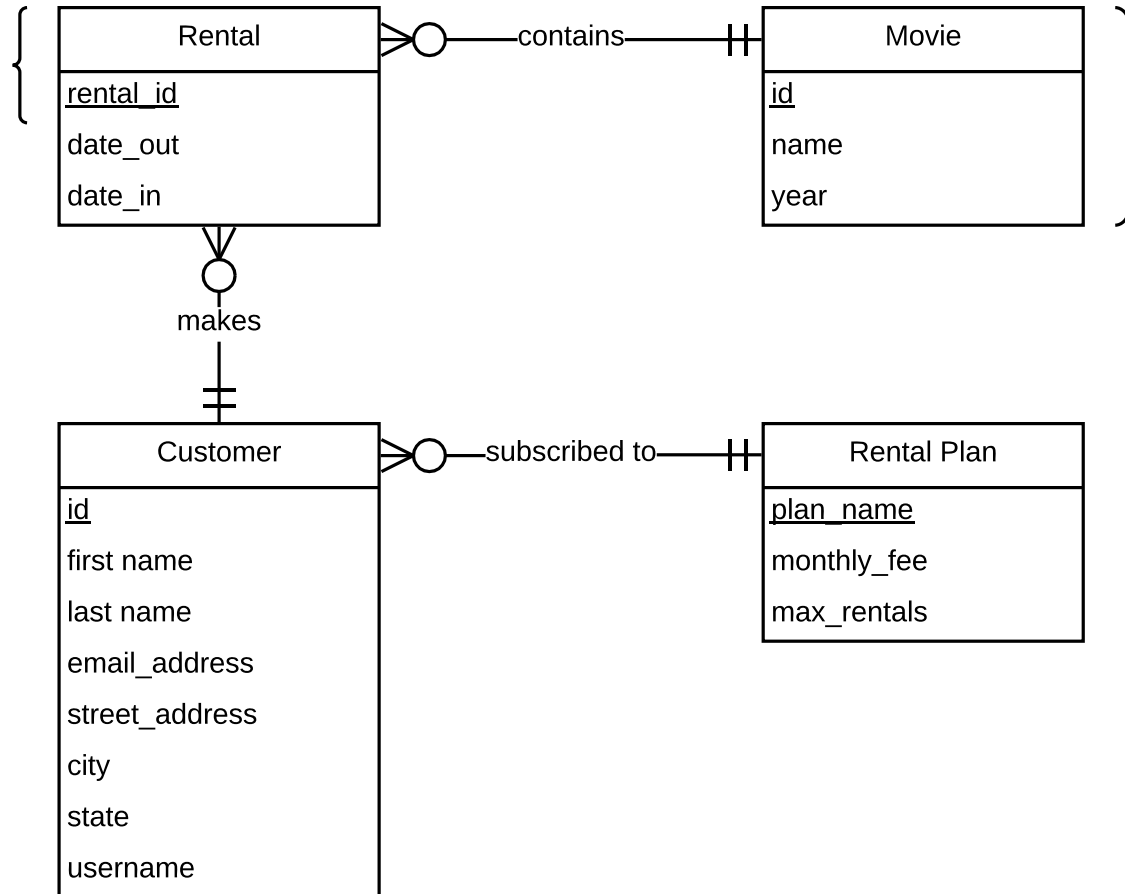


A rental is **active** if it has no date\_in, i.e. its date\_in is NULL. However, a rental cannot have a NULL date\_out.



In practice, a movie can only be rented if there are no active rentals containing that movie. This ensures that there can be multiple rentals of a movie in the history of rentals, but only one active rental of the movie at a time.