

Part 1

Task 1.1 Relation A - Employee

1) A superkey is any set of attributes that uniquely identifies a tuple. Based on the sample data, here are six examples:

- {EmpID, SSN, Email, Phone, Name, Department, Salary} (The entire relation)
- {EmpID}
- {SSN}
- {Email}
- {SSN, Phone}
- {EmpID, Email}
- {Email, Name} (Assuming Name is not unique, this may not be a superkey in a larger dataset. A safer superkey would be {SSN, Department})

2) A candidate key is a minimal superkey.

EmpID: Unique in the sample data.

SSN: Unique by definition (Social Security Number).

Email: Unique in the sample data (company email is typically unique per employee).

These are all single-attribute keys, so they are minimal.

3) I would choose **EmpID** as the primary key.

4) Based on the data shown, all phone numbers are unique. However, the sample size is very small. In a real-world scenario, it's entirely possible for two employees to share a phone number (e.g., a shared office line or a household with multiple employees). Therefore, **Phone cannot be considered a candidate key** based on this limited sample. The business rules would need to specify if this is allowed or not.

Task 1.1 Relation B - Course Registration

1) StudentID, CourseCode, Section, Semester & Year

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StudentID: Identifies *which* student.

CourseCode: Identifies *which* course.

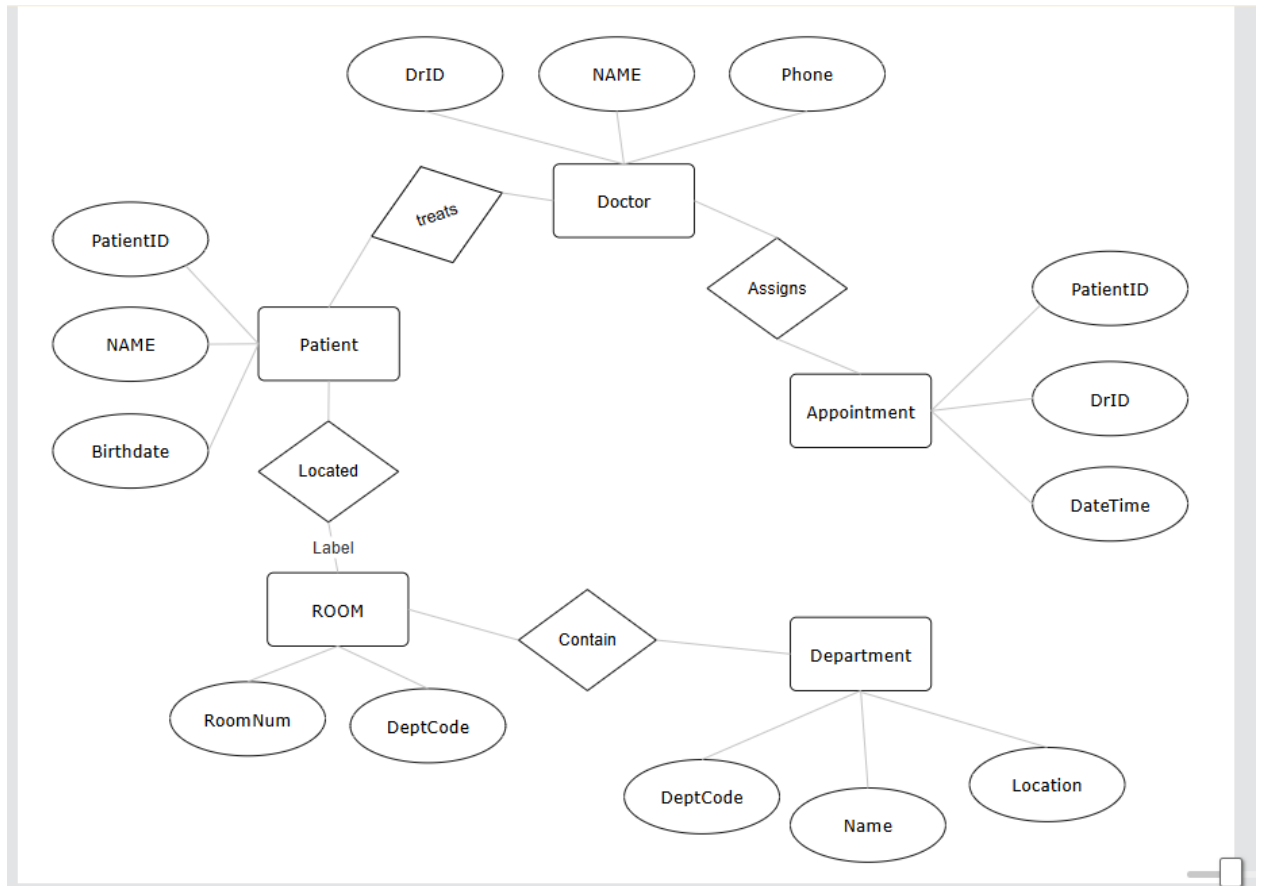
Section: Necessary because a course can have multiple sections (e.g., Lecture 1, Lab 3) in the same semester.

Semester & Year: Necessary because a student can re-take the same course (and section) in a future term. Without these, the combination of (StudentID, CourseCode, Section) would not be unique over time.

3) Another potential candidate key could be a synthetic key like RegistrationID. However, based on the given attributes, the composite key {**StudentID, CourseCode, Section, Semester, Year**} is the only natural candidate key.

Part 2

Task 2.1



Patient (Strong)

Doctor (Strong)

Department (Strong)

Appointment (Weak)

Prescription (Weak)

Room (Strong)

Phone (Weak, Multi-valued)

Attribute Classification:

Composite: Patient Address -> {Street, City, State, Zip}

Multi-valued: Doctor.Specialization. This would be modeled as a separate weak entity Specialization(DoctorID, Specialization).

Derived: (Possible) Patient.Age (derived from Birthdate).

Relationships & Cardinalities:

Patient *makes* Appointment (1:N) (*A patient can have many appointments, an appointment is for one patient*)

Doctor *has* Appointment (1:N) (*A doctor can have many appointments, an appointment is with one doctor*)

Doctor works_in Department (N:1) (*A doctor works in one department, a department has many doctors*)

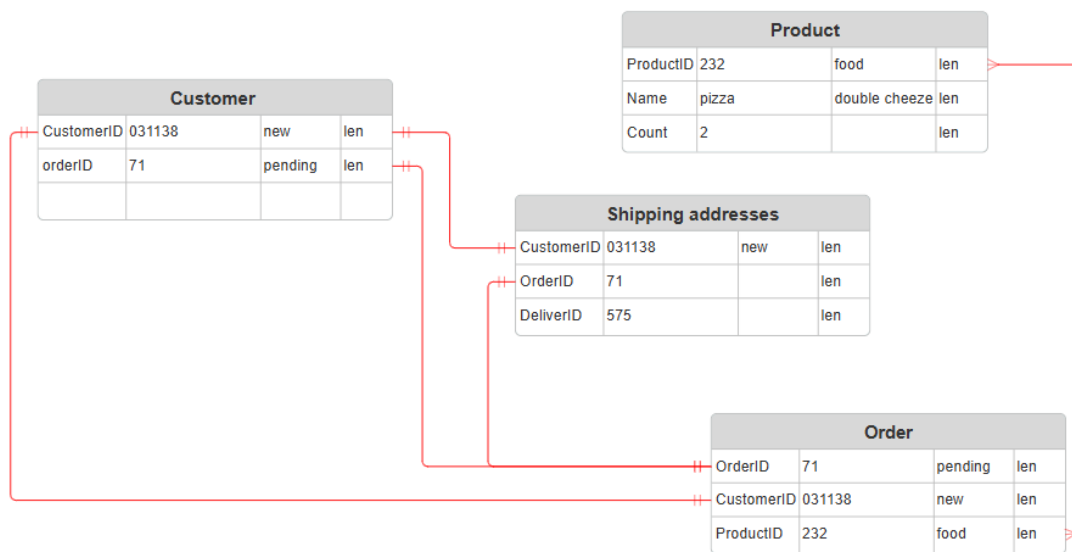
Doctor prescribes Prescription (1:N)

Patient is_prescribed Prescription (1:N)

Room is_located_in Department (N:1) (*A room belongs to one department, a department has many rooms*)

Patient has Phone (1:N) (*Modeling the multi-valued attribute as an entity*)

Task 2.2



Weak Entity: OrderItem. It is weak because its existence is dependent on the Order entity. An OrderItem cannot exist without an Order. Its primary key would be a composite of OrderID (from its owner, Order) and ProductID or a line item number.

Many-to-Many with Attributes: The relationship between Order and Product is M:N. This relationship itself has attributes Quantity and PriceAtTimeOfOrder. This is precisely why we create the associative entity OrderItem to hold these attributes.