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Introduction to Databases for Business Analytics

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Week 1 Entity Relationship (ER) Modelling Part 1

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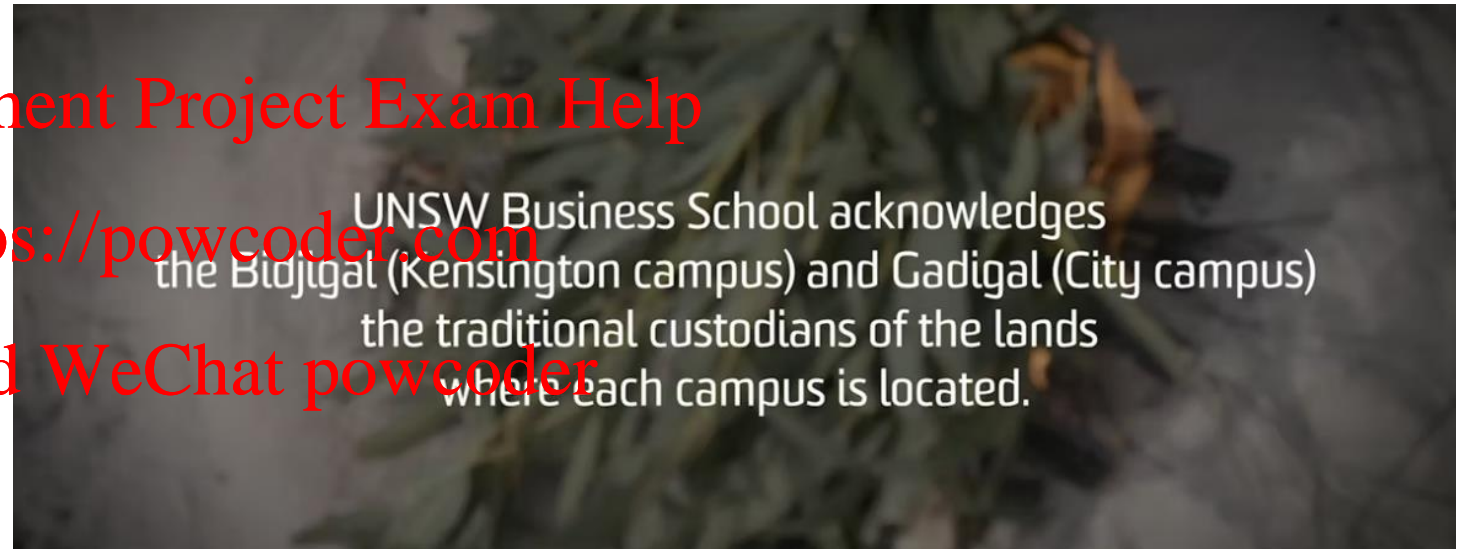
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Agenda

- **Data Modelling**

- ☐ Data model as a (relatively) simple abstraction of the complex real-world (for the purpose of creating a DB).
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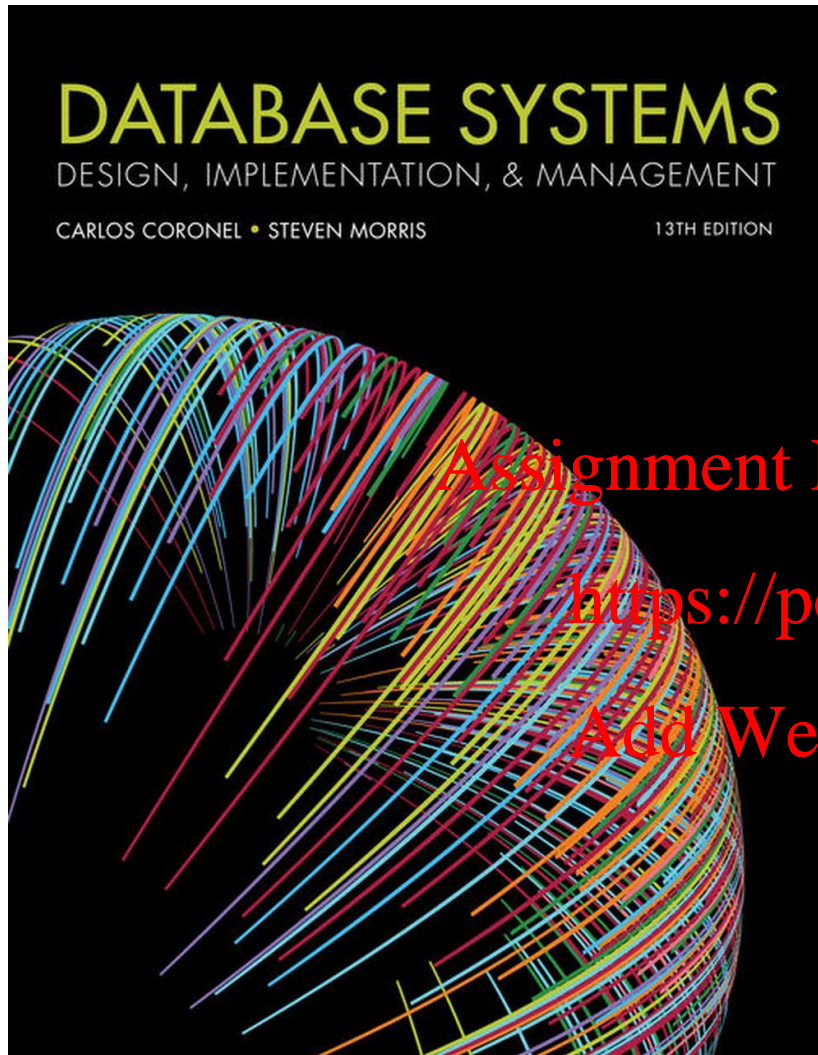
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- ☐ Entity Types and Entity Instances
- ☐ Attributes and Values
- ☐ Keys
- ☐ Relationships
- ☐ Connectivity
- ☐ Cardinality

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Data Modeling and Data Models

- **Model** - Abstraction of a real-world object or event
- **Data modeling:** Iterative and progressive process of creating a specific data model for a determined problem domain


To model and translate the business requirements into a data model they can be used to store data which business can use
- **Data models:** Simple representations of complex real-world data structures
 - Useful for supporting a specific problem domain

What would be the data model like for UNSW?

Importance of Data Models

Are a communication tool

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Give an overall view of the database

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Organize data for various users

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Are an abstraction for the creation of good database

Data Model Basic Building Blocks

- **Entity:** Unique and distinct **object** used to collect and store data

e.g., people, thing, event, ...

- ☐ **Attribute:** Characteristic of an entity

- **Relationship:** Describes an **association** among entities

- ☐ **One-to-many (1:M)**

- ☐ **Many-to-many (M:N or M:M)**

- ☐ **One-to-one (1:1)**

Consider the following entities: professors, students, courses, departments, research centres, etc.

- **Constraint:** Set of rules to ensure **data integrity**

Violation examples:

- Enter an SID to STUDENT table, it finds two students (Entity integrity)
- STUDENT table says that student X's department code is Y. But in the DEPARTMENT Table, there is no code Y. (Referential integrity)

Business Rules – Design a Data Model

Brief, precise, and unambiguous description of a policy, procedure, or principle

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Enable defining the basic building blocks

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Describe main and distinguishing characteristics of the data

Translating Business Rules into Data Model Components

- **Nouns** translate into entities
Each **student** can **take** at most 3 **courses** each semester.
Each **research student** must **have** two **supervisors** at UNSW.
- **Verbs** translate into relationships among entities
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- Relationships are bidirectional
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Each **student** can **take** at most 3 **courses** each semester.
Each **course** may **have** up to 300 **students** at UNSW.
- Questions to identify the **relationship type: 1:1, 1:M or M:N**
 - ☐ How many instances of B are related to one instance of A?
 - ☐ How many instances of A are related to one instance of B?

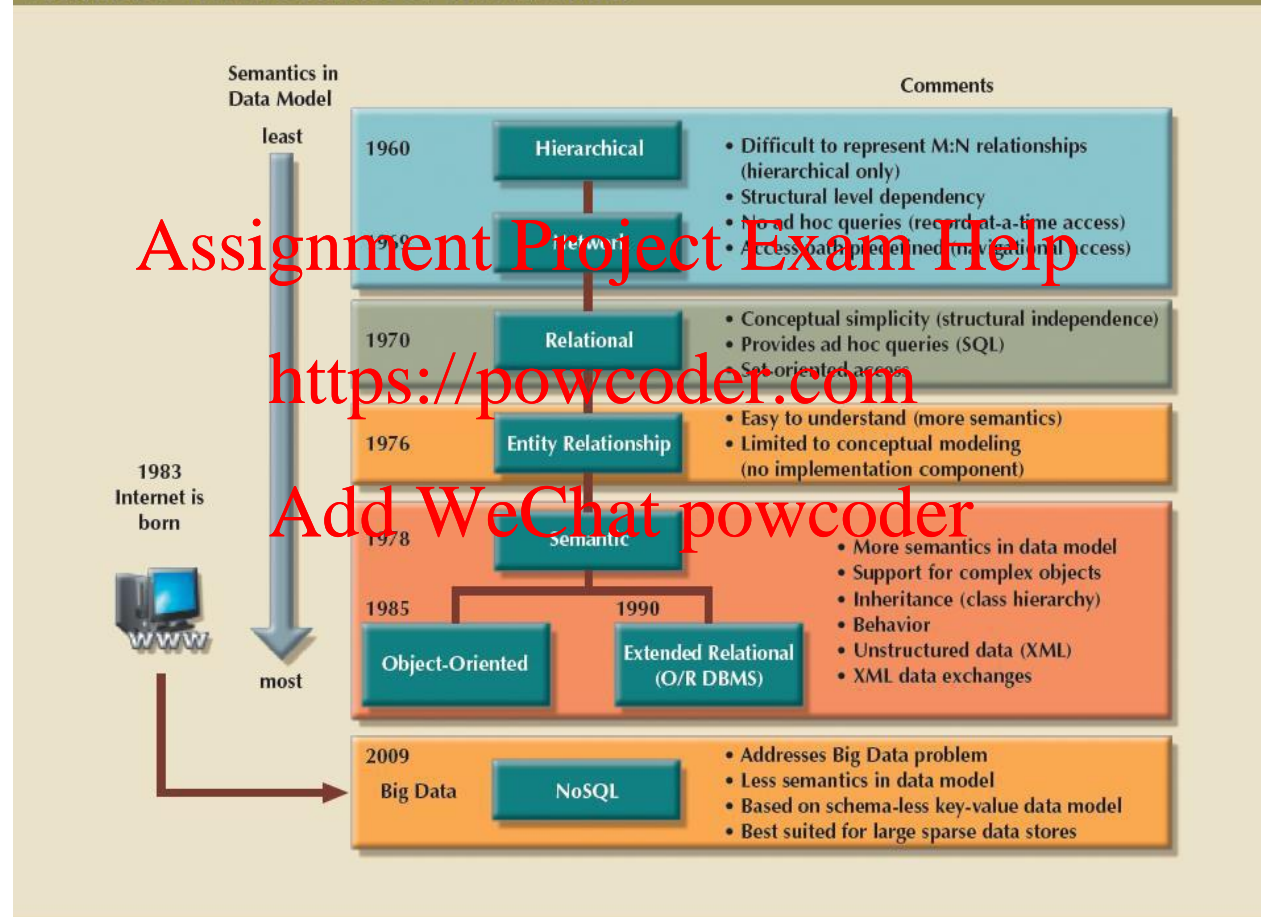
Naming Conventions

- Entity names - Required to STUDENT, EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT, ...
 - ☐ Be descriptive of the objects in the business environment
 - ☐ Use terminology that is familiar to the users
- Attribute name - Required to be descriptive of the data represented by the attribute STUDENT: SID, DOB, GENDER, FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, ...
- Proper naming
 - Facilitates communication between parties
 - Promotes self-documentation

Evolution of Data Models

We will focus and discuss more on relational, entity relationship, and NoSQL in the last few weeks.

FIGURE 2.6 THE EVOLUTION OF DATA MODELS



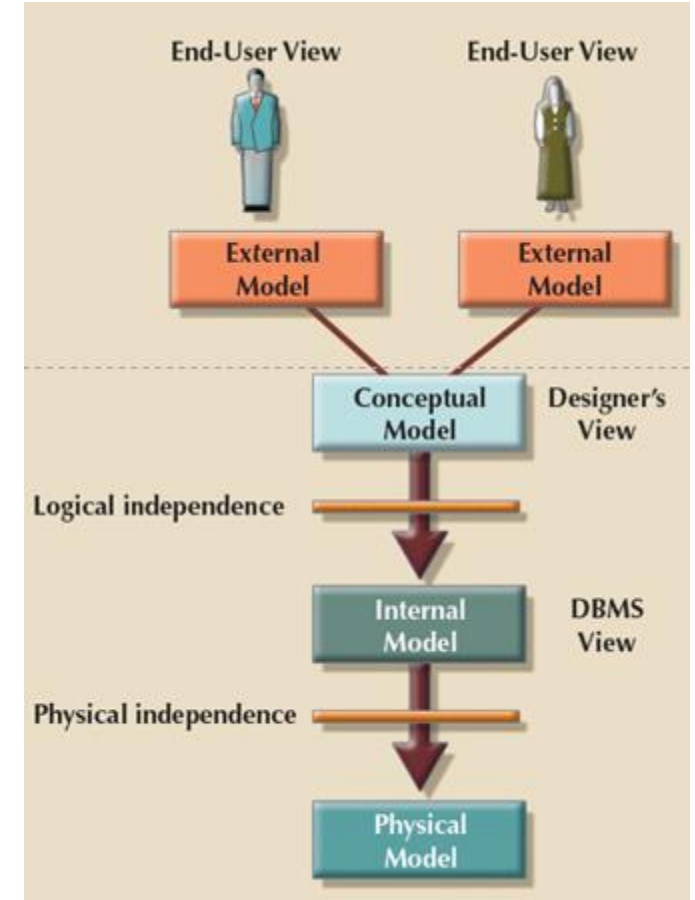
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Levels of Data Abstraction

Model	Degree of Abstraction	Focus	Independent of
External	<div>High</div> <div>↑</div> <div>↓</div> <div>Low</div>	End user views	Hardware and software
Conceptual		Global view of data (database model independent)	Hardware and software
Internal		Specific database model	Hardware
Physical		Storage and access methods	Neither Hardware nor software

Data abstraction is the **reduction** of a particular body of data to a **simplified** representation of the whole.

Abstraction, in general, is the process of taking away or removing characteristics from something in order to reduce it to a set of **essential** characteristic.



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Conceptual Data Modelling Techniques

Two common techniques:

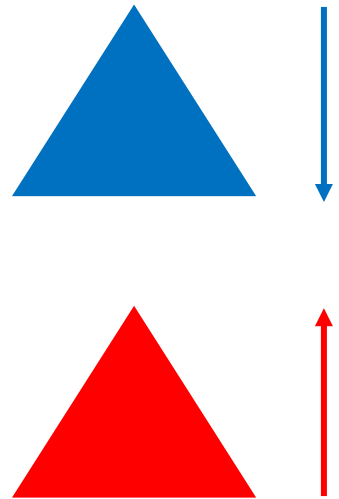
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- **Entity-Relationship (ER) modelling:** Top-down approach. Begins by looking for the data groups in the system.

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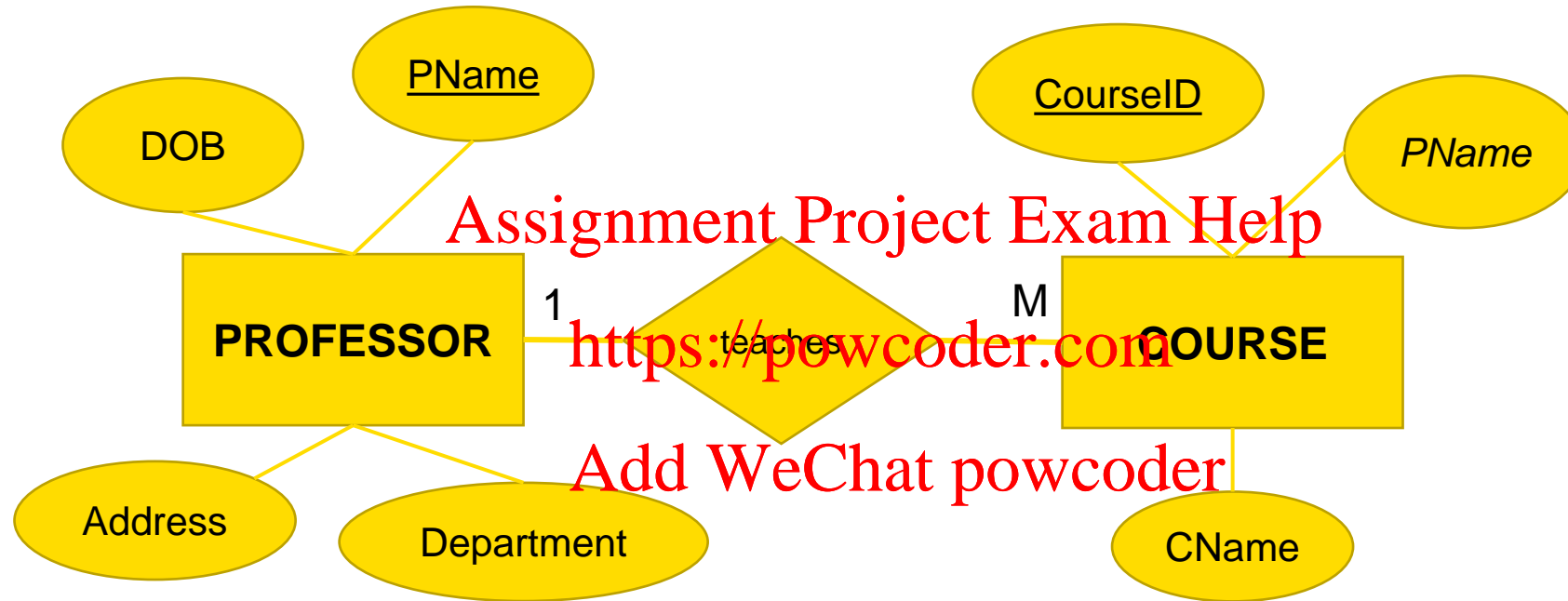
- **Normalization:** Bottom-up approach. Begins by looking at the smallest individual items of data recorded by the system.



Internal Model and Conceptual Model

- The internal model is the model that we used when database is **implemented**.
- The internal model maps the **conceptual model** to the **DBMS**.
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- The internal model depends on the **specific database software**.
- Hence, a change in DBMS software requires internal model be changed.
- **Logical independence**: you can change the internal model without affecting conceptual model!

Conceptual Model



Conceptual Model

PROFESSOR (PName, DOB, Address, Department)
COURSE (CourseID, CName, **PName**)

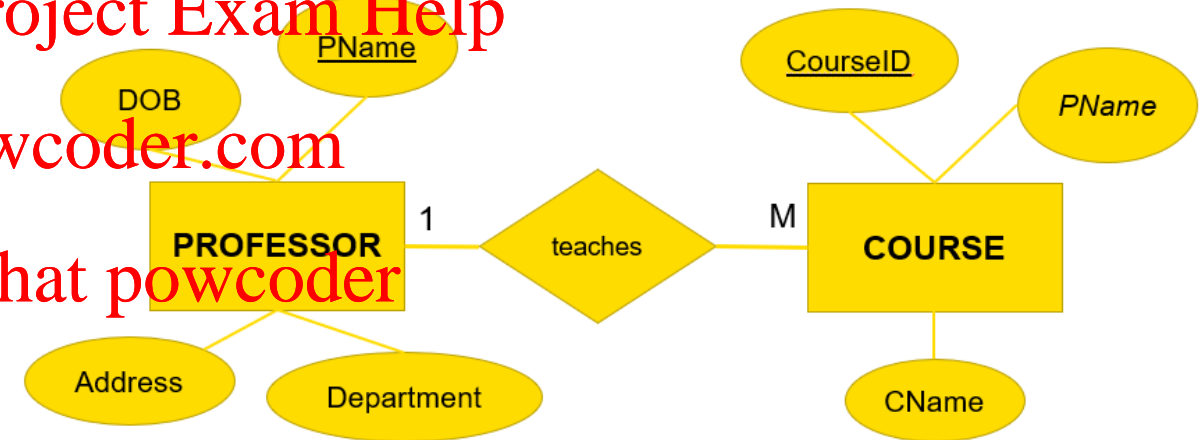
Internal Model

Conceptual Modelling: ER Model

- An **Entity-Relationship (ER) model** is a detailed, logical representation of the data for an organisation or for a business area.

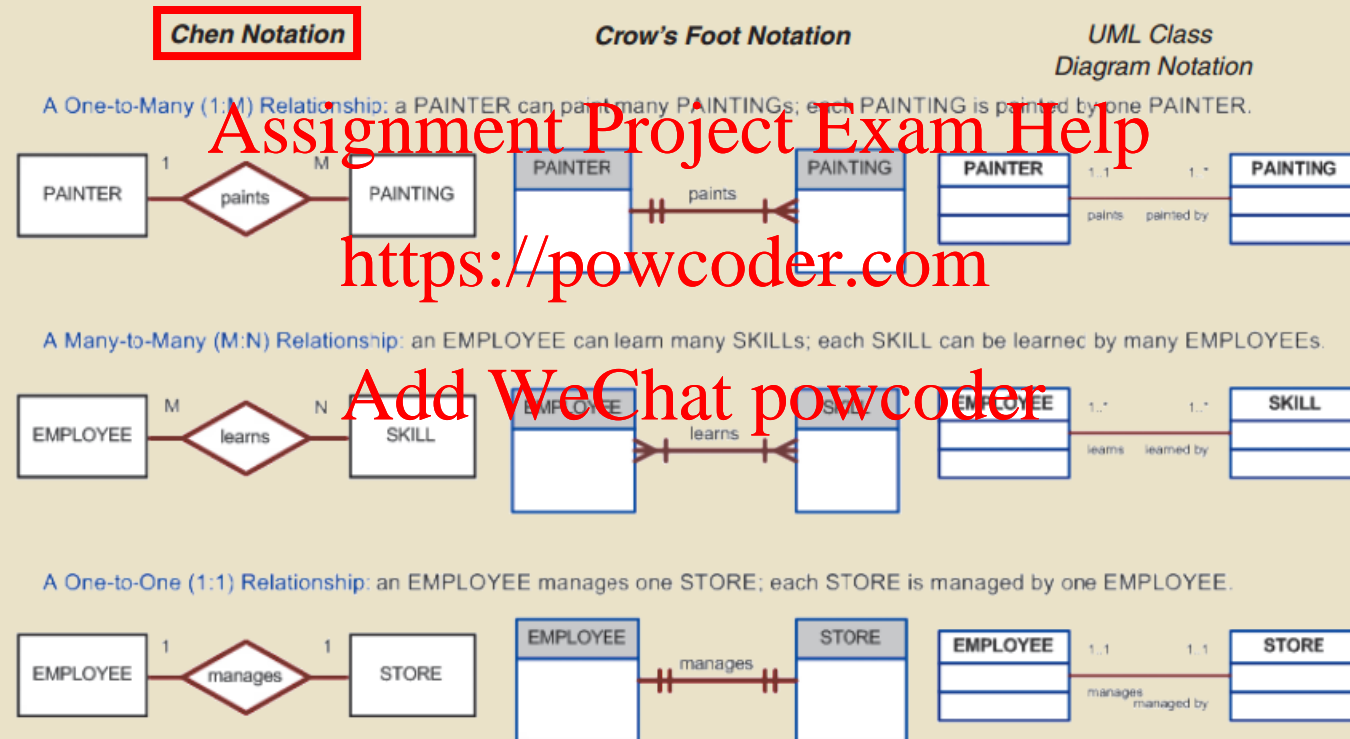
- The ER model is expressed in terms of **entities** in the business environment, the **relationships** or associations among those entities, and the **attributes** of both the entities and their relationships.

- An ER model is normally expressed as an **ER diagram**, which is a graphical representation of an ER model. In this course we will follow **Chen's notation**.



ER Model Notations

FIGURE 2.3 THE ER MODEL NOTATIONS



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Entity Relationship Modelling (ERM)

- Basis of an **entity relationship diagram (ERD)**

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- ERD depicts the:

- ☐ **Conceptual** database as viewed by end user

- ☐ Database's main components

- ☐ Entities (**Tables**)

- ☐ Attributes (**Columns of tables**)

- ☐ Relationships (**Associations between tables**)

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- Entity - Refers to the entity set and not to a single entity occurrence

Entity (Type) and (Entity) Instance

- **en-ti-ty** /'entitē/ (Noun)
 - ❑ A thing with distinct and independent existence.
 - ❑ Existence; being: "entity and nonentity".
- Synonyms: being - existence - essence - thing
- **in-stance** /'instəns/ (Noun)
 - ❑ An example or single occurrence of something: "an instance of corruption".
 - ❑ A particular case: "in this instance".
- Synonyms: example - case - sample - event - occurrence - exemplar
- One type of things is a Person. Joe is an instance of Person.
- One type of things is a Drink. Espresso an instance of Drink.

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Entity (Type) and (Entity) Instance

- **Entities:** “An **entity** is an object about which the system requires to hold data.”
- An **entity type** (entity class) is a collection of entities that share common **properties or characteristics** (similar to be grouped into one Entity Type).
- It is represented as a rectangle **box in the ER model** diagram with the name of the entity inside.
- An **entity instance** is a **single occurrence of an entity type**.



Entity Type

STUDENT

Entity Instances

z1234567
z1357926

Martin, S.
Fong, L.

BEng
BSc

ER Model with Only Appropriate Entities

A treasurer looks after researchers' research accounts. Each account pays more than one expenses. The treasure prints expense reports regularly, e.g., every month.

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Attribute

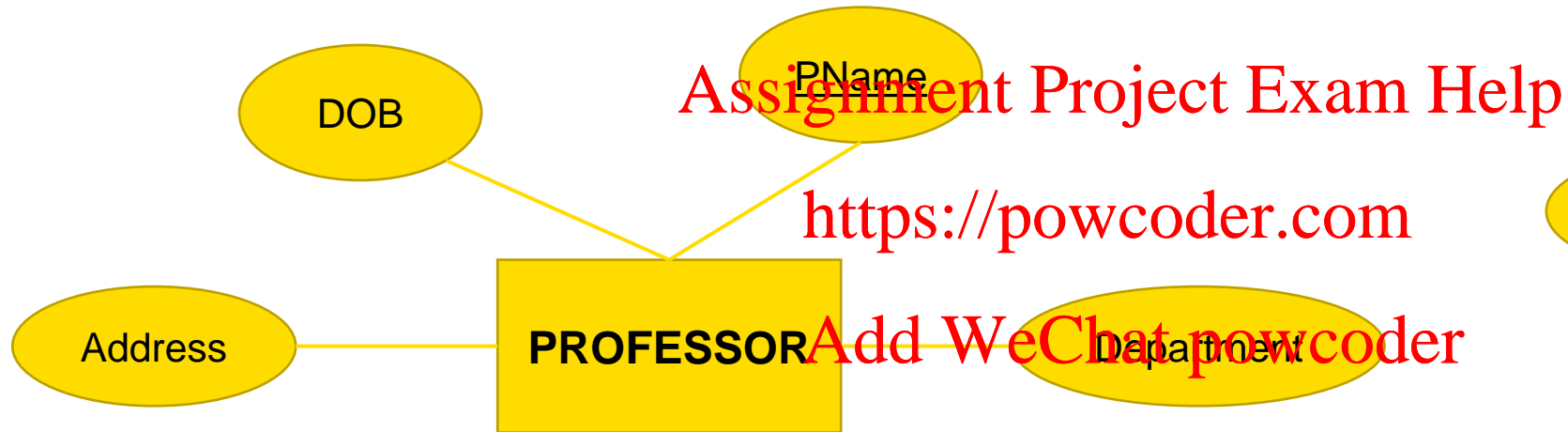
Characteristics of entities

- **Required attribute:** Must have a value, cannot be left empty
- **Optional attribute:** Does not require a value, can be left empty
- **Domain:** Set of possible values for a given attribute
- **Identifiers:** One or more attributes that uniquely identify each entity instance
called Keys in the relational model

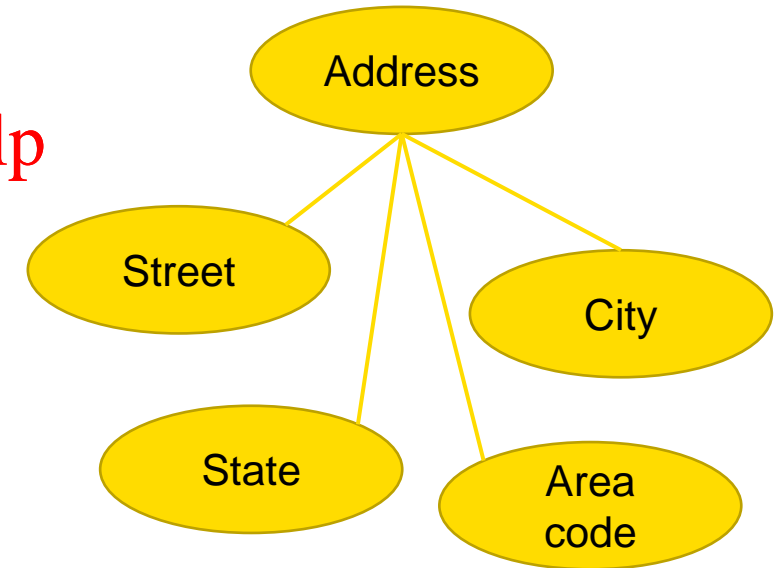
Attributes

- **Simple attribute:** Attribute that cannot be subdivided
 - ❑ Example: zID
- **Composite attribute:** Attribute that can be subdivided to yield additional attributes
 - ❑ Example: Address (= street, city, state, area code)
- **Single-valued attribute:** Attribute that has only a single value
- **Multivalued attribute:** Attribute that have many values
- **Derived attribute:** Attribute that derived using an algorithm
- **A Key attribute** is unique so to identify the entity.

Example of Attributes



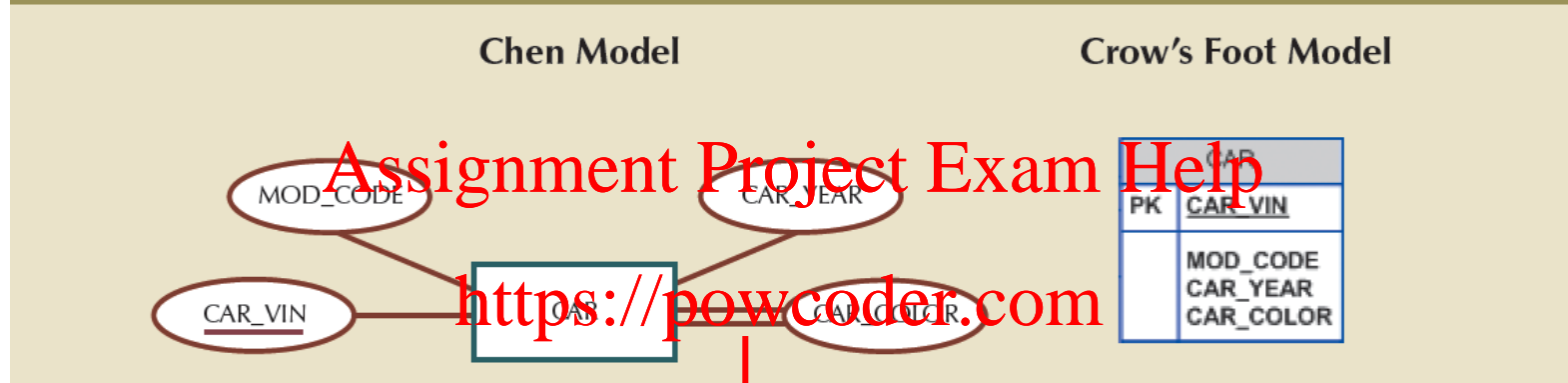
Entity: PROFESSOR
Attribute: PName, Department, Address, DOB



Composite attribute: Address

A Multivalued Attribute in an Entity

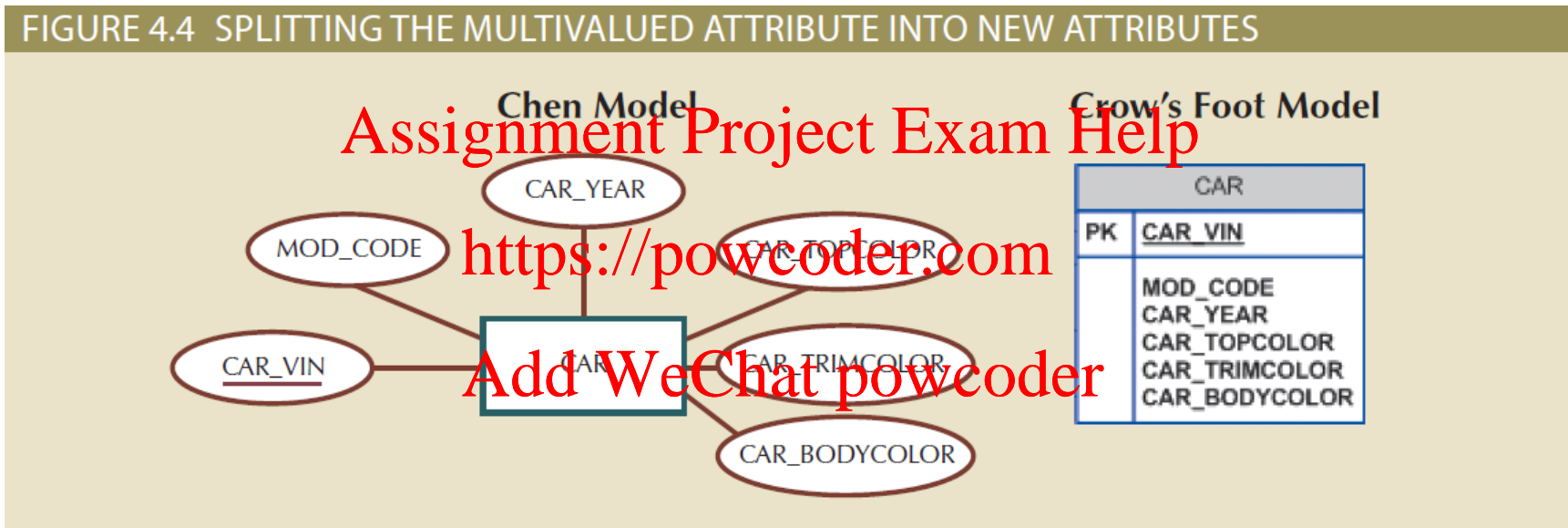
FIGURE 4.3 A MULTIVALUED ATTRIBUTE IN AN ENTITY



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multiple values



Splitting the Multivalued Attributes into New Attributes



Is this a good idea?

Depends on your design!

Depiction of a Derived Attribute

Derived attribute is when the value is calculated from other attributes.
e.g., EMP_AGE can be calculated from EMP_DOB.

FIGURE 4.6 DEPICTION OF A DERIVED ATTRIBUTE



Do we need EMP_AGE?

Technically, we do not store the employee's age because we can calculate from date of birth of the employee. Otherwise, you have to update the age every day.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Storing Derived Attributes

	Derived Attribute: Stored	Derived Attribute: Not Stored
Advantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saves CPU processing cycles• Saves data access time• Data value is readily available• Can be used to keep track of historical data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saves storage space• Computation always yields current value
Disadvantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires constant maintenance to ensure derived value is current, especially if any values used in the calculation change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses CPU processing cycles• Increases data access time• Adds coding complexity to queries

Keys

- Consist of one or more attributes that determine other attributes
- Used to
 - ❑ Ensure that each row in a table is uniquely identifiable
 - ❑ Establish relationships among tables and to ensure the integrity of the data
- **Primary key (PK):** Attribute or combination of attributes that uniquely identifies any given row

For example, STUDENTS table, the PK is zID; EMPLOYEES table, PK is employee ID.
A PK may contain more than one attribute.

Find the Primary Keys

Table: STUDENT	Example
zID	z1234567
Email	z1234567@student.unsw.edu.au
LastName	Bold
FirstName	Alice
DOB	28/02/2010

Table: COURSE	Example
CourseID	COMM1822
CourseName	Intro to DB for BusAn

Table: CLASS_ENR	Example
zID	z1234567
CourseID	COMM1822
TermID	2022T2
Lab	W16A
Lecture	M18A

Table: DEGREE	Example
zID	z1234567
ProgramID	3347

For simplicity, not all attributes are included in the tables. Also, I used COMM1822 as the course ID.

Answer for the Primary Keys

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Types of Keys

- **Composite key:** Key that is composed of more than one attribute

e.g., the CLASS_ENR table has (zID, CourseID, TermID) is a composite key

- **Key attribute:** Attribute that is a part of a key

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- **Superkey:** Key that can uniquely identify any row in the table

e.g., zID, {zID, Last_Name}, {zID, First_Name}, {zID, First_Name, Last_Name}, ... in STUDENT table

- **Candidate key:** Minimal superkey

e.g., zID in STUDENT table; mobile number can identify you if you forget your rewards card.

- **Entity integrity:** Condition in which each row in the table has its own unique identity

- ☐ All of the values in the primary key must be unique
- ☐ No key attribute in the primary key can contain a null

Types of Keys

- **Null:** Absence of any data value that could represent
 - ☐ An unknown attribute value
 - ☐ A known, but missing, attribute value
 - ☐ An inapplicable condition
- **Referential integrity:** Every reference to an entity instance by another entity instance is valid
- **Foreign key (FK):** Primary key of one table that has been placed into another table to create a common attribute
- **Secondary key:** Key used strictly for data retrieval purposes

e.g., people do not remember their membership no. (PK), the secondary key can be their name, which may not be unique.

Example of Foreign Key

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FirstName	Alice	
DOB	28/02/2010	

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Relationships

A relationship is a link between two entities which is significant for the system.

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- The **degree of a relationship** is the number of entity types that participate in that relationship.
- The most common relationships are **unary, binary, ternary, and quaternary**.
- The relationships between entities can be
 - ☐ One-to-One 1:1
 - ☐ One-to-Many 1:M
 - ☐ Many-to-Many M:N

Entity Relationships



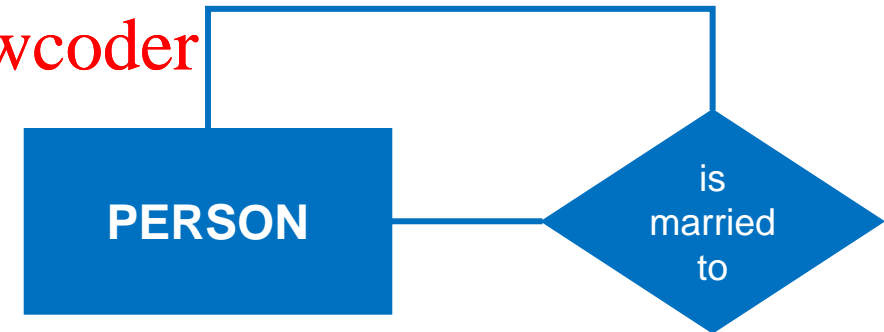
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Relationship

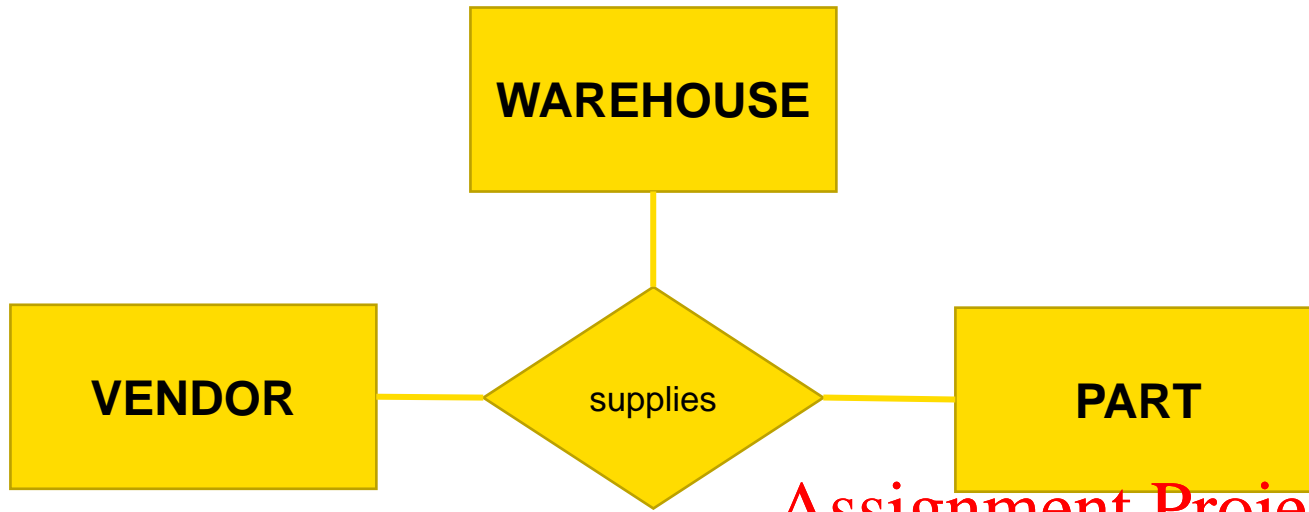
Entity 2

Binary Relationship (2 entities)

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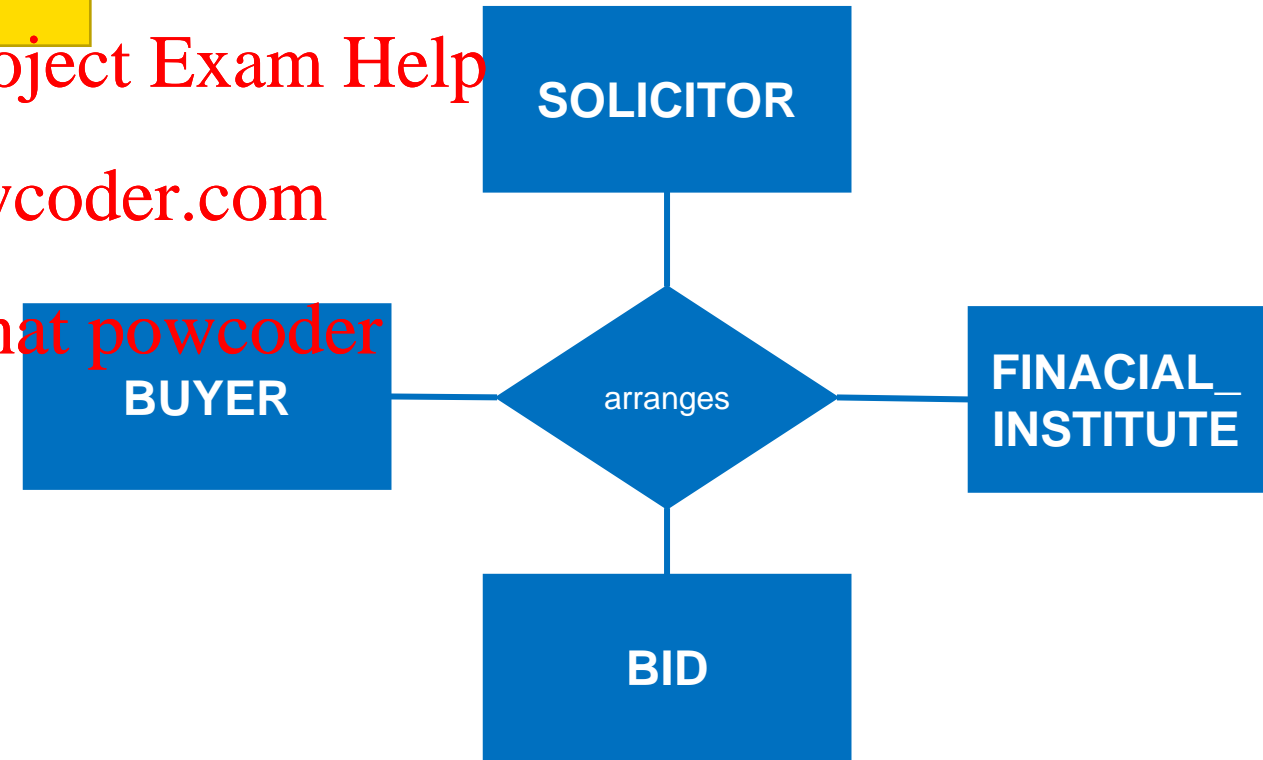


Unary Relationship (1 entity)



Ternary Relationship (3 entities)

Quaternary Relationship (4 entities)



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Connectivity

- **Connectivity** is used to describe the **relationship classification**.

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- The ER diagram indicates connectivity by using a **numeric** notation.

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Basic Relationship (One-to-One 1:1)



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State

Capital City

NSW

Sydney

Victoria

Melbourne

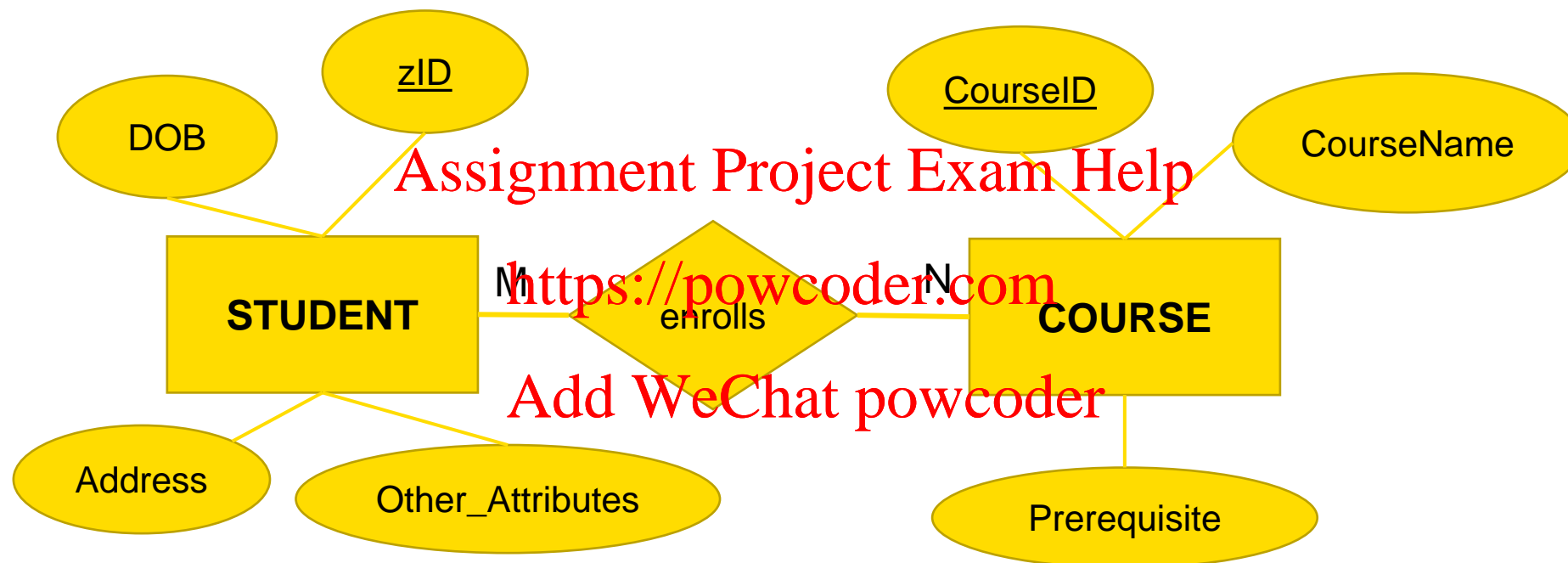
Basic Relationship (One-to-Many 1:M)



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- A movie (e.g., Avengers) can be stocked as several blurays (e.g., 30 copies)
- All blurays contain a film.
- There is “one-to-many” relationship between film and bluray.

Basic Relationship (Many-to-Many M:N)

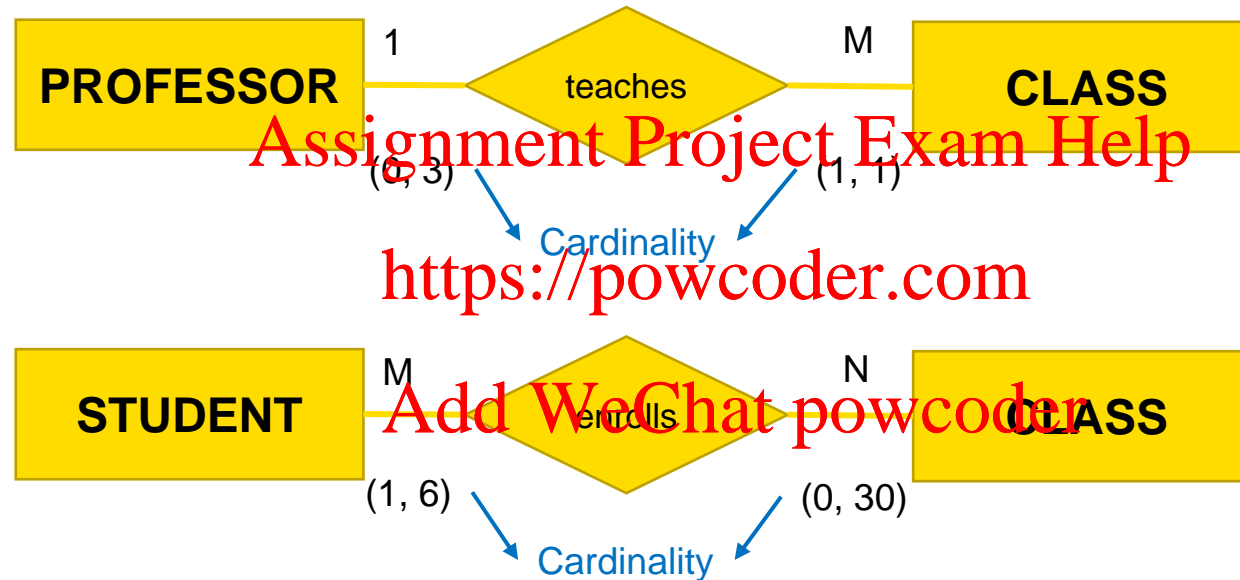


- A student enrolls many courses.
- Each course is enrolled by many students.

Cardinality

- **Cardinality** expresses the **specific number of entity occurrences associated with one occurrence of related entity**.
- A **cardinality constraint** specifies the **number of instances of entity A** that can be associated with **each instance of entity B**. Cardinality constraints are derived from business rules.
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- **Business rules:** They are derived from organisation's data environment.
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- **Minimum cardinality** is the **minimum number** of instances of one entity that may be associated with each instance of another entity.
- **Maximum cardinality** is the **maximum number** of instances of one entity that may be associated with each instance of another entity.

Examples of Cardinality



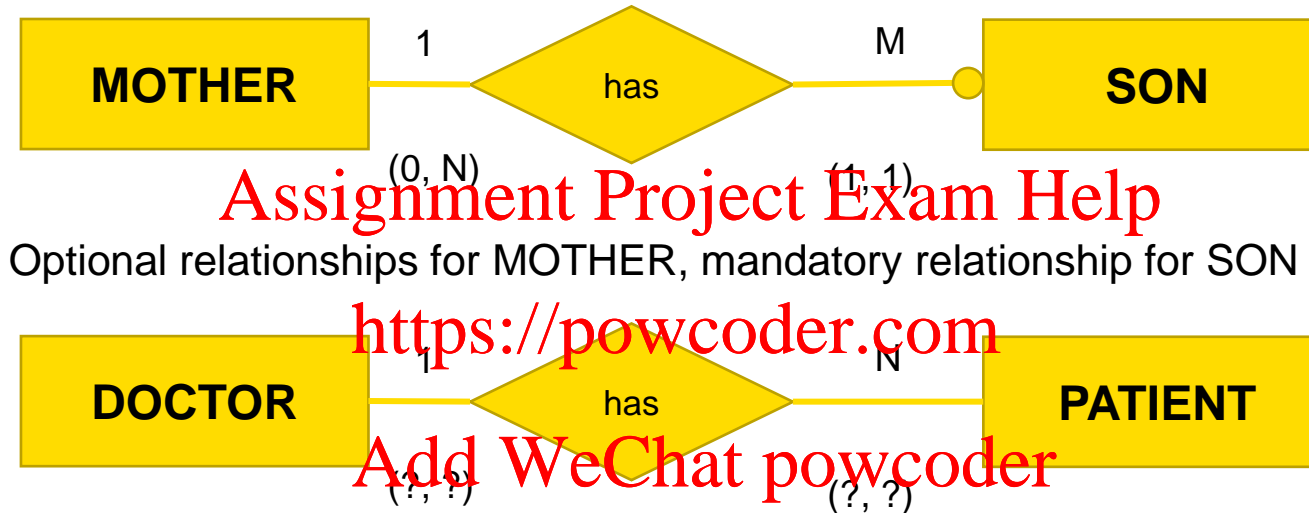
One-to-Many Relationship

Many-to-Many Relationship

How to read this?

- A professor teaches (0, 3) classes. A class is taught by (1, 1) professors.
- A student enrolls in (1, 6) classes. A class has enrolled in it (0, 30) students.

Relationship Participation

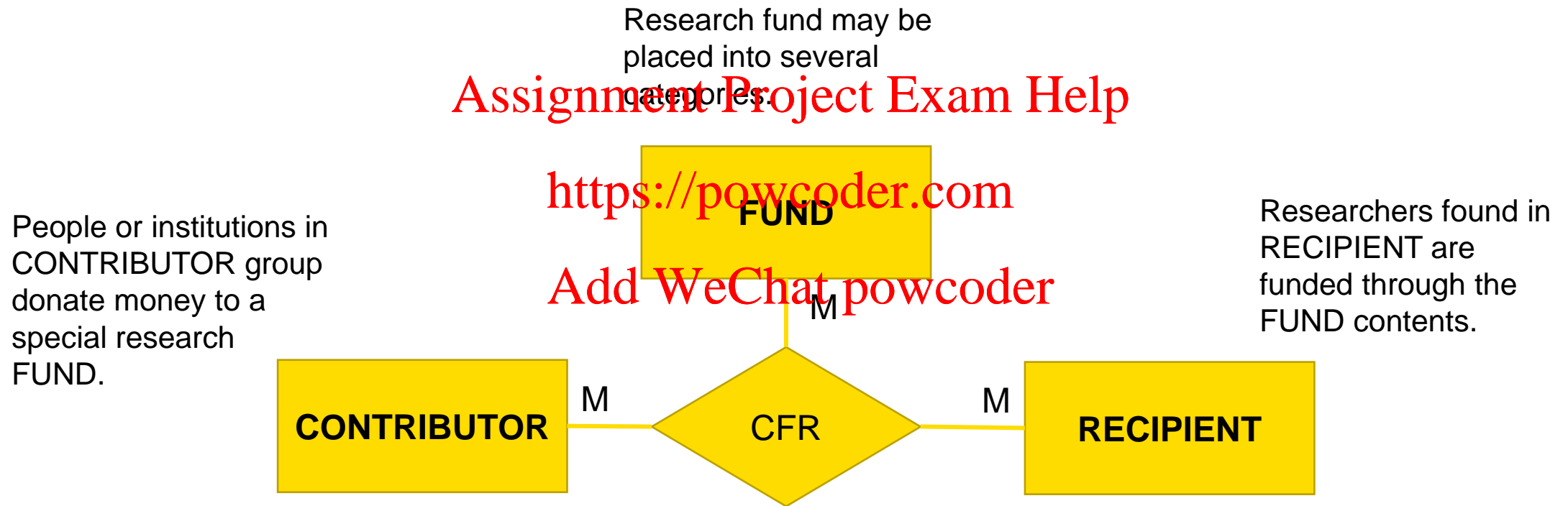


Optional relationships for MOTHER, mandatory relationship for SON

Mandatory relationship between DOCTOR & PATIENT

- A participating entity in a relationship can be either **optional** or **mandatory**.
- Determined by the **specific meaning of the terms used**.
 - ☐ Depends on context.
 - ☐ Need to state assumptions.

Ternary Relationships



Relationship, Connectivity, Cardinality

- **Relationship:** Association between entities that always operate in both directions

tables

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- **Participants:** Entities that participate in a relationship
- The most common relationships are unary, binary, ternary, and quaternary.

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- **Connectivity:** Describes the relationship classification

1:1, 1:M and M:N

- **Cardinality:** Expresses the minimum and maximum number of entity occurrences associated with one occurrence of related entity

e.g., how many classes at most one professor can teach.

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