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Schedule

	Date	Topic	Assigned	Due
L1	3-Sep	Intro and Overview	HW 0 Look for teammates	
L2	5-Sep	ER Models optional: Textbook Chapter 6 except for Sections 6.7, 6.10, and 6.11.	HW1 Part 1 Project 1 Part 1	HW0 (9/8 11:59PM EST. NO LATE DAYS)
L3	10-Sep	ER Models optional: Textbook Chapter 6 except for Sections 6.7, 6.10, and 6.11.		HW 1 Part 1 (9/11 11:59PM EST) Formed Project 1 Team (no submission)

Staff office hours will be up this weekend
Zoom links in discussion board

HW0 Due Soon!

Read the instructions

Course Expectations

Copy each of the following statements into the associated answer box to acknowledge that you will abide by these expectations.

Include the full statement but do NOT include the "*" at the end.

I understand that students can receive a failing grade in the course if the staff find evidence of academic dishonesty.

26 responses

HW I out today

Project I Part I out today

Find a project I teammate *ASAP!*

Finding Project Teammates Megathread #4



Eugene Wu **STAFF**

2 days ago in **Projects - P1Part1**


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Hi all,

Please use this Megathread to find the teammate for Project 1. You will design/build a database application together. Good luck!

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 - you are responsible for exam conflicts!

Course Overview

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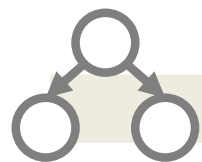
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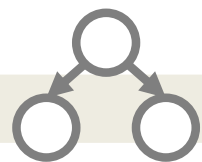
DBMS

Logical Schema



Logical
Query Plan

Query
Optimizer



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Memory

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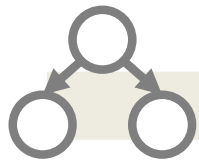
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DBMS

Logical Schema L1-5, 15-16

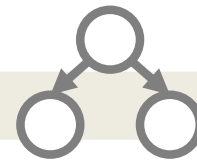
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Logical
Query Plan L6,7

Query
Optimizer
L19-20



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Recovery &
Concurrency Control
L21-23

Files and Access Methods L18

Buffer Pool to manage memory L17

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COMS W4111 - Intro to Databases

Prerequisites: CS3137 or CS3134; fluency in Python

Intro to DBMSes

Data Models

Relational Algebra

SQL

Applications + SQL

Normalization

Peek at DBMS internals:

- Storage and indexing
- Query optimization
- Transaction Processing

COMS W4112-Database Sys. Impl.

Prerequisites: CS3137 or CS3134; fluency in Python

Components of a Database System in Detail

Storage Methods and Indexing

Query Processing and Optimization

Materialized Views

Transaction Processing and Recovery

Parallel & Distributed DBMSes

Performance Considerations Beyond Disk I/Os

COMS E6111-Advanced Databases

Prerequisites: CS4111; fluency in Java or Python

Information Retrieval

Information Extraction

Web Search

Data Mining

Data Warehousing, OLAP, Decision Support

COMS E6xxx-Graduate Seminars

Prerequisites: CS4111; fluency in Java or Python

6113 Database Research Topics

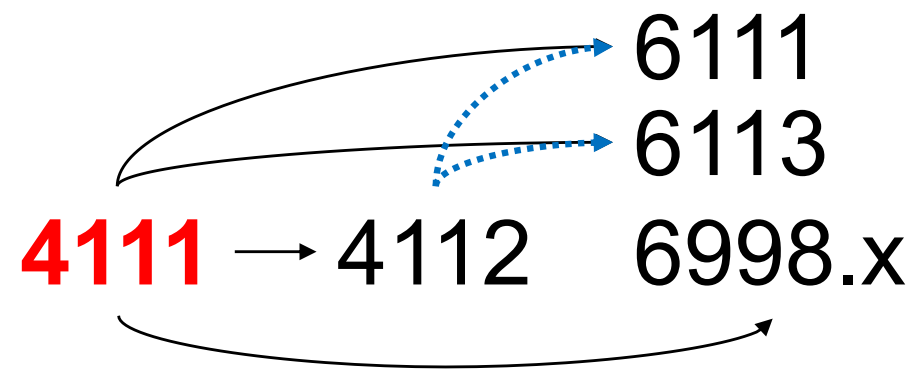
Topics vary e.g., modern databases, ML + Data

`w6113.github.io`

6998.002 Systems for Human Data Interaction

Topics combine HCI, visualization, and databases

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On-going Feedback

C O L U M B I A U N I V E R S I T Y C O M S W 4 1 1

INTRODUCTION TO DATABASES

Information

- Tues/Thurs
8:40-9:55AM
301 Uris Hall
3 units
- [Syllabus](#)
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Overview

The goal of this class is two-fold. First, to introduce you to core database concepts (design, SQL) so that you too can build a billion dollar application. Second, to teach internals (e.g., physical database design, query optimization, transaction processing) why queries may be running slowly/incorrectly. We will also discuss their relevance

The Data Management Seminar invites interesting database researchers and practitioners to give a talk in person or on zoom (if available). We will announce these periodical

Announcements

Schedule

Lecture 2

Entity-Relationship Model

Eugene Wu

Steps for a New Application

Requirements

what are you going to build?

Conceptual Database Design

pen-and-pencil description

Logical Design

formal database schema

Schema Refinement:

fix potential problems, normalization

Physical Database Design

use sample of queries to optimize for speed/storage

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Database Apps Are Complicated

Typical Fortune 100 Company

- ~10k different information (data) systems

- 90% relational databases (DBMSes)

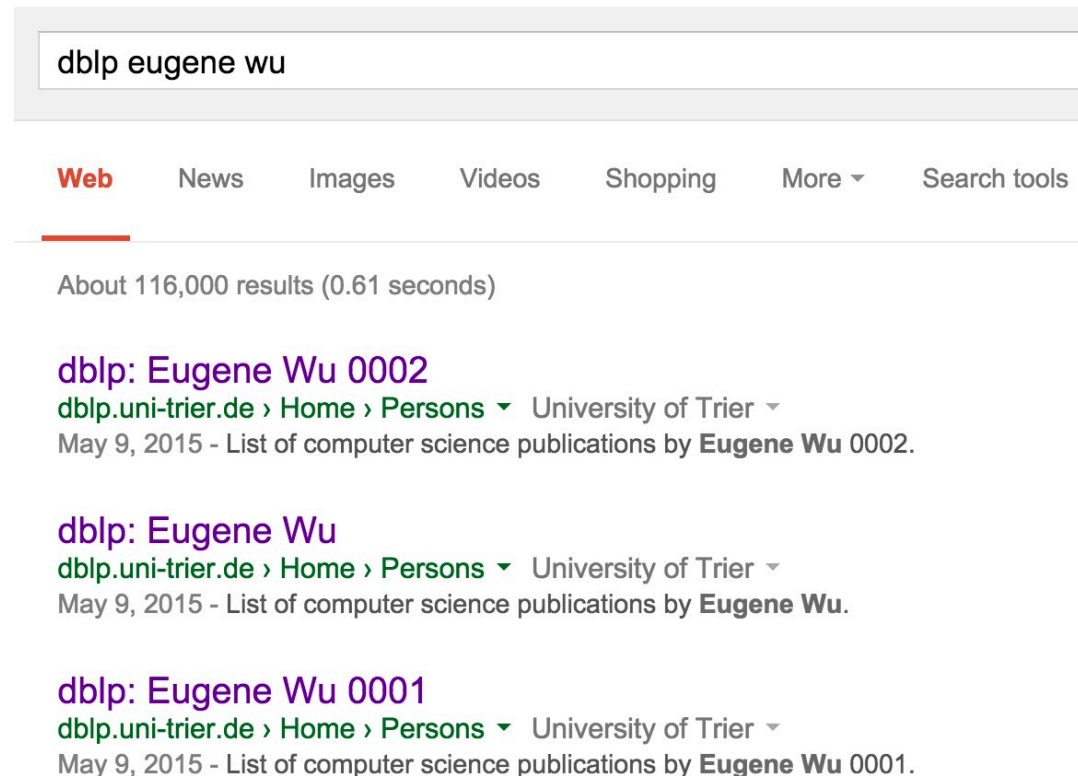
- Typical database has >100 tables

- Typical table has 50 – 200 attributes

Inconsistencies/Constraint Violations

Huge amount of effort to avoid inconsistencies
Can data model help us avoid automatically?

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computer science
publications



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Inconsistencies/Constraint Violations

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2014

- [j8]    Eugene Wu, Leilani Battle, Samuel R. Madden:
The Case for Data Visualization Management Systems. PVLDB 7(10): 903-906 (2014)
- [j7]    Alekh Jindal, Praynaa Rawlani, Eugene Wu, Samuel Madden, Amol Deshpande, Mike Stonebraker:
VERTEXICA: Your Relational Friend for Graph Analytics! PVLDB 7(13): 1669-1672 (2014)



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1994

- [c2]    James Hwang, Eugene Wu, Alan Bell, Andy Cordell, LeBarian Stokes, Scott Hankins:
Design of a SPDM-Like Robotic Manipulator System for Space Station on Orbit Replaceable Unit Ground Testing - An Overview of the System Architecture. ICRA 1994: 1286-1291
- [c1]    Eugene Wu, James Hwang, Scott Hankins:
Design of the Control System for a Robotic Manipulator for Space Station On-Orbit Replaceable Unit Ground Testing. ICRA 1994: 1415-1420



www.cs.columbia.edu > ~ewu

Eugene Wu - Columbia University

Eugene Wu received his Ph.D. from MIT, B.S. from Cal, and was a postdoc in the AMPLab. A profile, an obit. **Eugene Wu** has received the VLDB 2018 10-year test of time award, best-of-conference citations at ICDE and VLDB, the SIGMOD 2016 best demo award, the NSF CAREER, and the Google and Amazon faculty awards.

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Eugene Wu - Forbes

#39 **Eugene Wu** on the 2021 Taiwan's 50 Richest - **Wu** is the founder of Shin Kong Financial, one of Taiwan's largest private-sector financial companies. **Wu** stepped down as the firm's chairman in June ...

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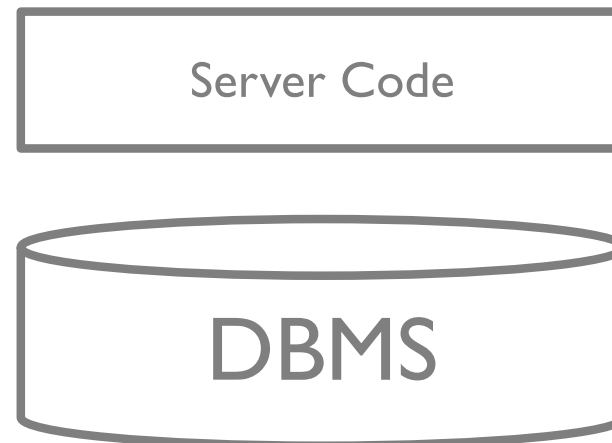
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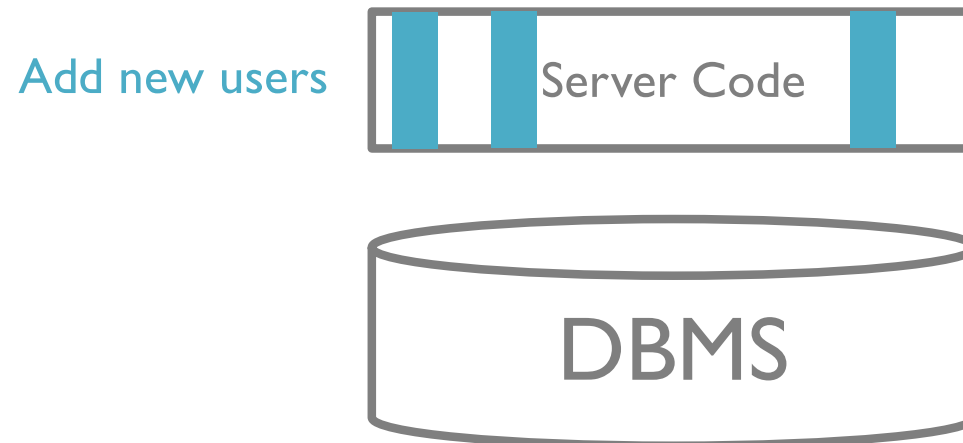
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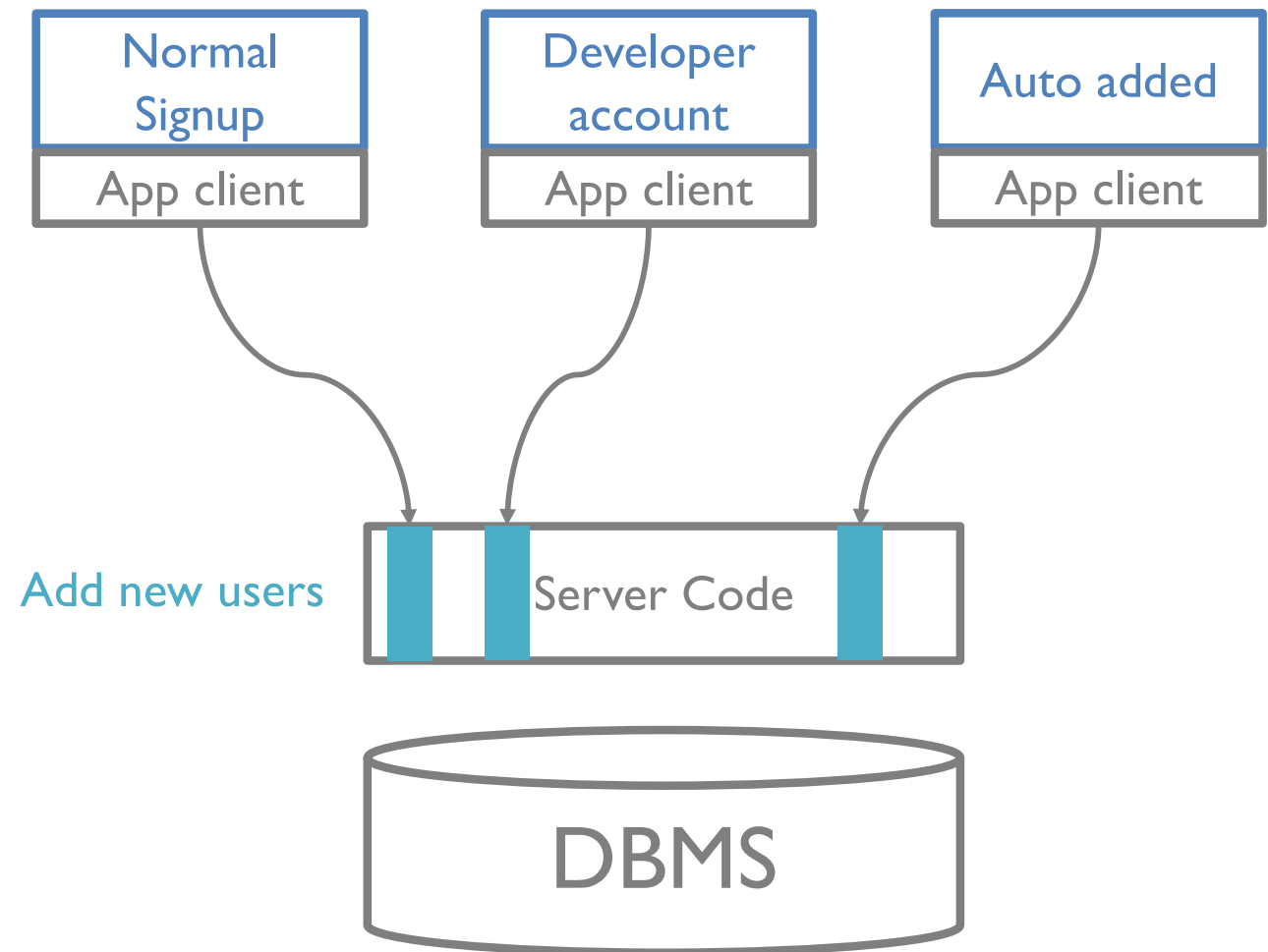
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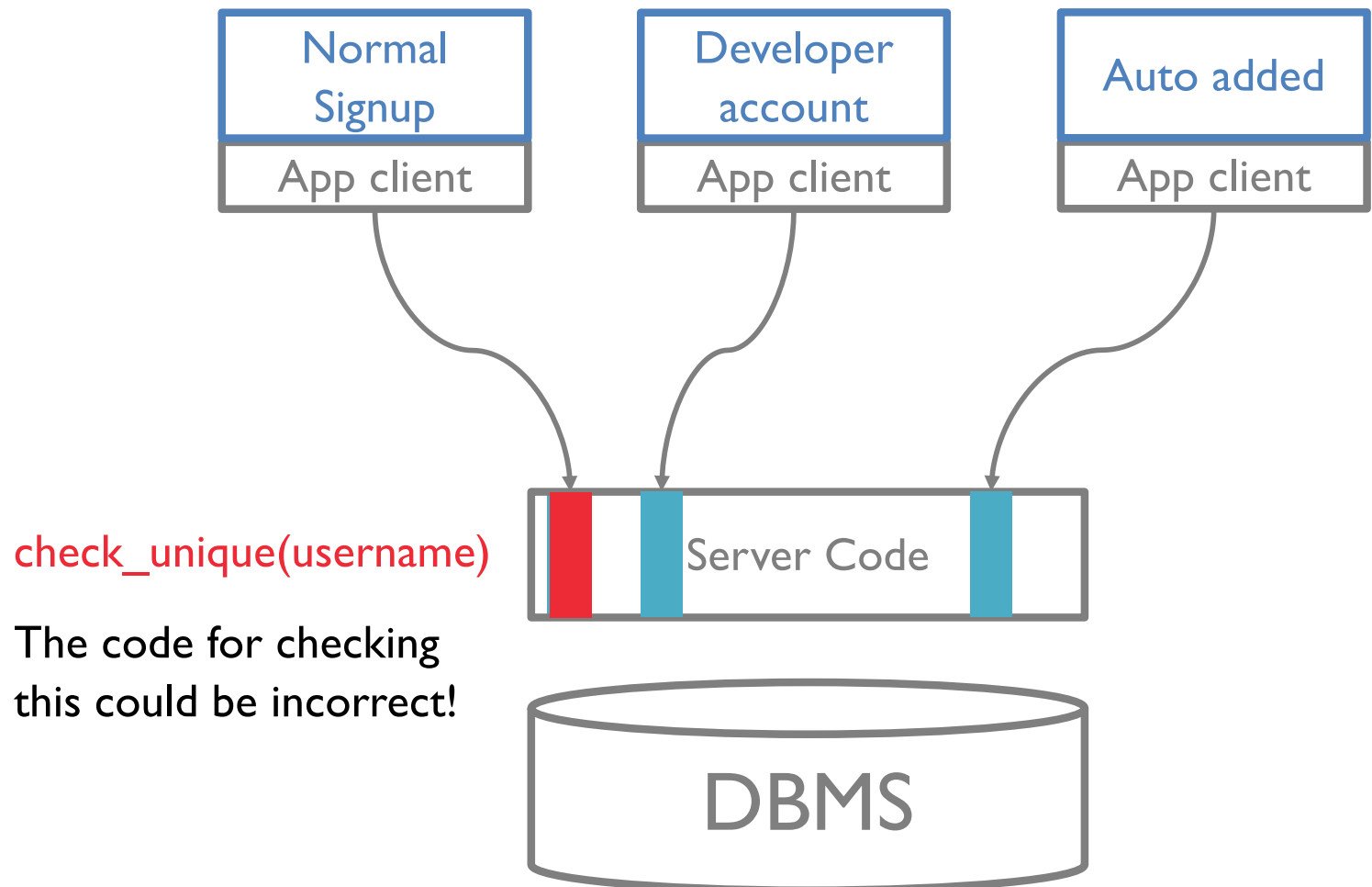
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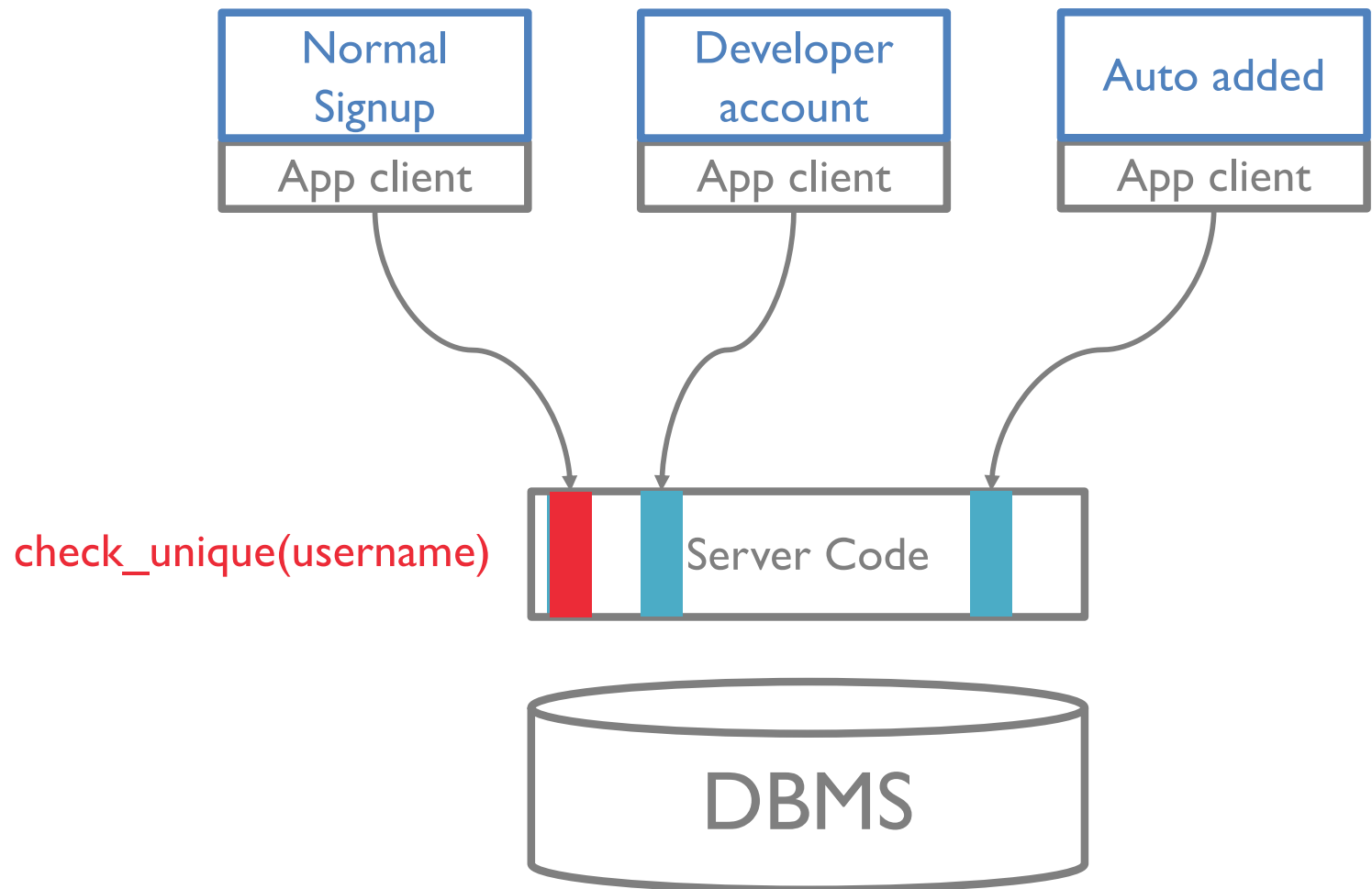
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ER Diagrams

What is it?

- Draws the core info your database will eventually store.
- Visually encodes important constraints

Who cares?

- Good for “white boarding” together
- Good way to share the “gist” of your DB’s structure
- Good for thinking

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test=# \d election
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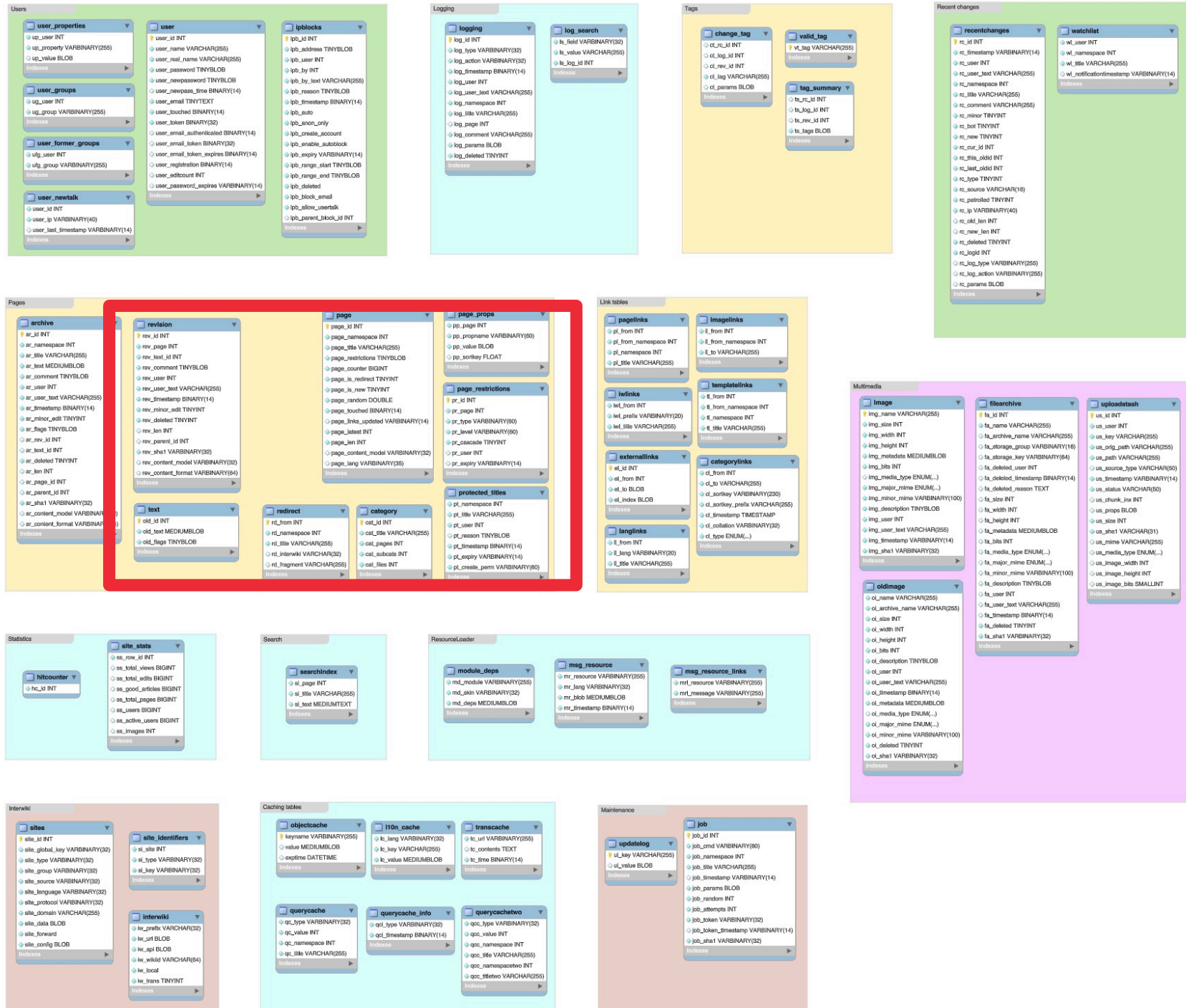
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year	integer			
state	text			
state_po	text			
state_fips	integer			
state_cen	integer			
state_ic	integer			
office	text			
candidate	text			
party_detailed	text			
writein	text			
candidatevotes	integer			
totalvotes	integer			
version	integer			
notes	text			
party_simplified	text			
id	integer		not null	nextval('election_id_seq'::

```
Indexes:
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    "election_id_key" UNIQUE CONSTRAINT, btree (id)
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```
test=# \d food
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Table "public.food"				
Column	Type	Collation	Nullable	Default
camis	integer			
dba	text			
boro	text			
building	integer			
street	text			
zipcode	integer			
phone	bigint			
inspection_date	date			
action	text			
score	integer			
grade	text			
inspection_type	text			
census_tract	integer			
year	integer			
month	integer			
day	integer			



revision
rev_id INT
rev_page INT
rev_text_id INT
rev_comment TINYBLOB
rev_user INT
rev_user_text VARCHAR(255)
rev_timestamp BINARY(14)
rev_minor_edit TINYINT
rev_deleted TINYINT
rev_len INT
rev_parent_id INT
rev_sha1 VARBINARY(32)
rev_content_model VARBINARY(32)
rev_content_format VARBINARY(64)
Indexes

text
old_id INT
old_text MEDIUMBLOB
old_flags TINYBLOB
Indexes

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rd_interwiki VARCHAR(32)
rd_fragment VARCHAR(255)
Indexes

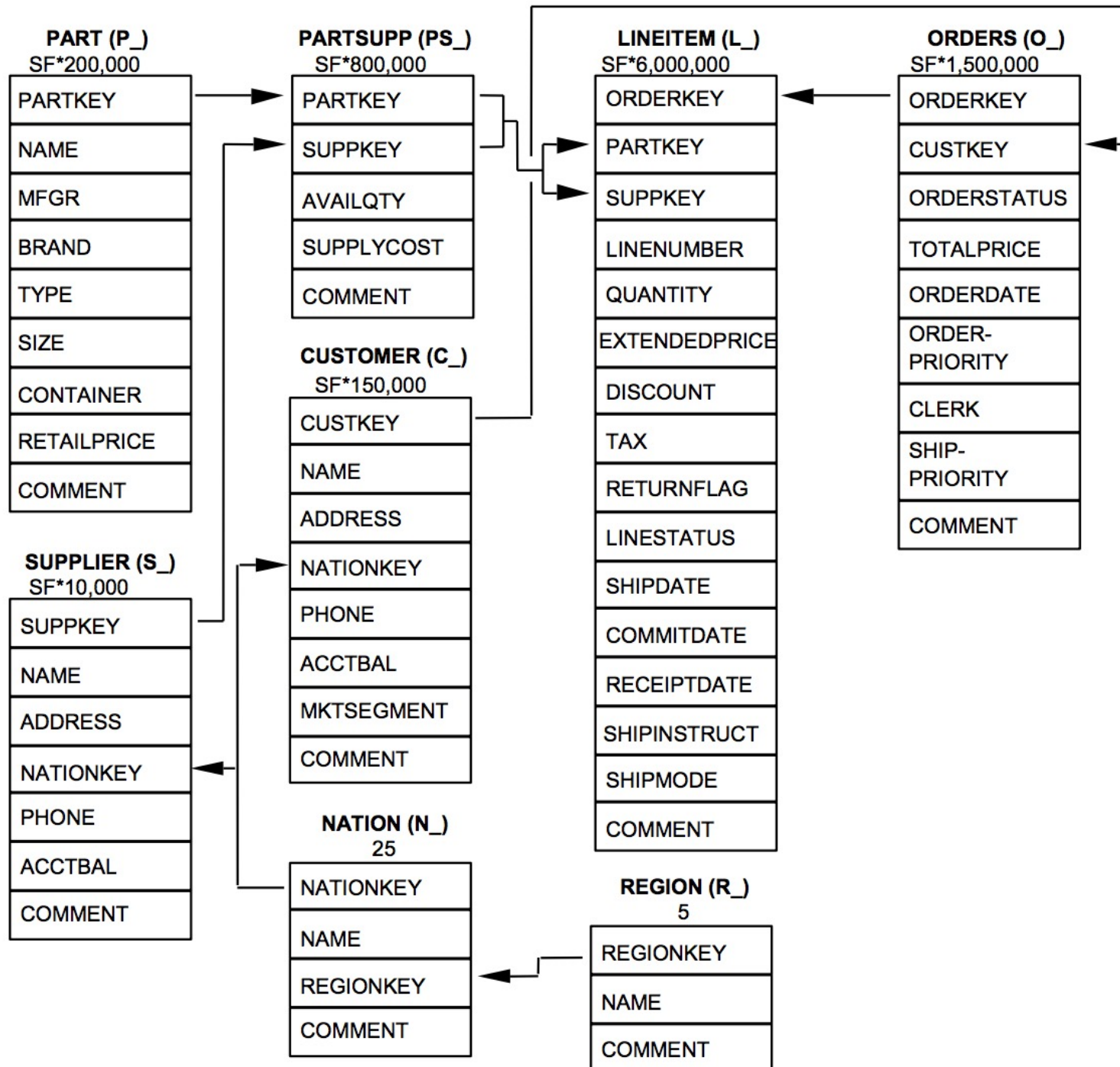
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page_random DOUBLE
page_touched BINARY(14)
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page_latest INT
page_len INT
page_content_model VARBINARY(32)
page_lang VARBINARY(35)
Indexes

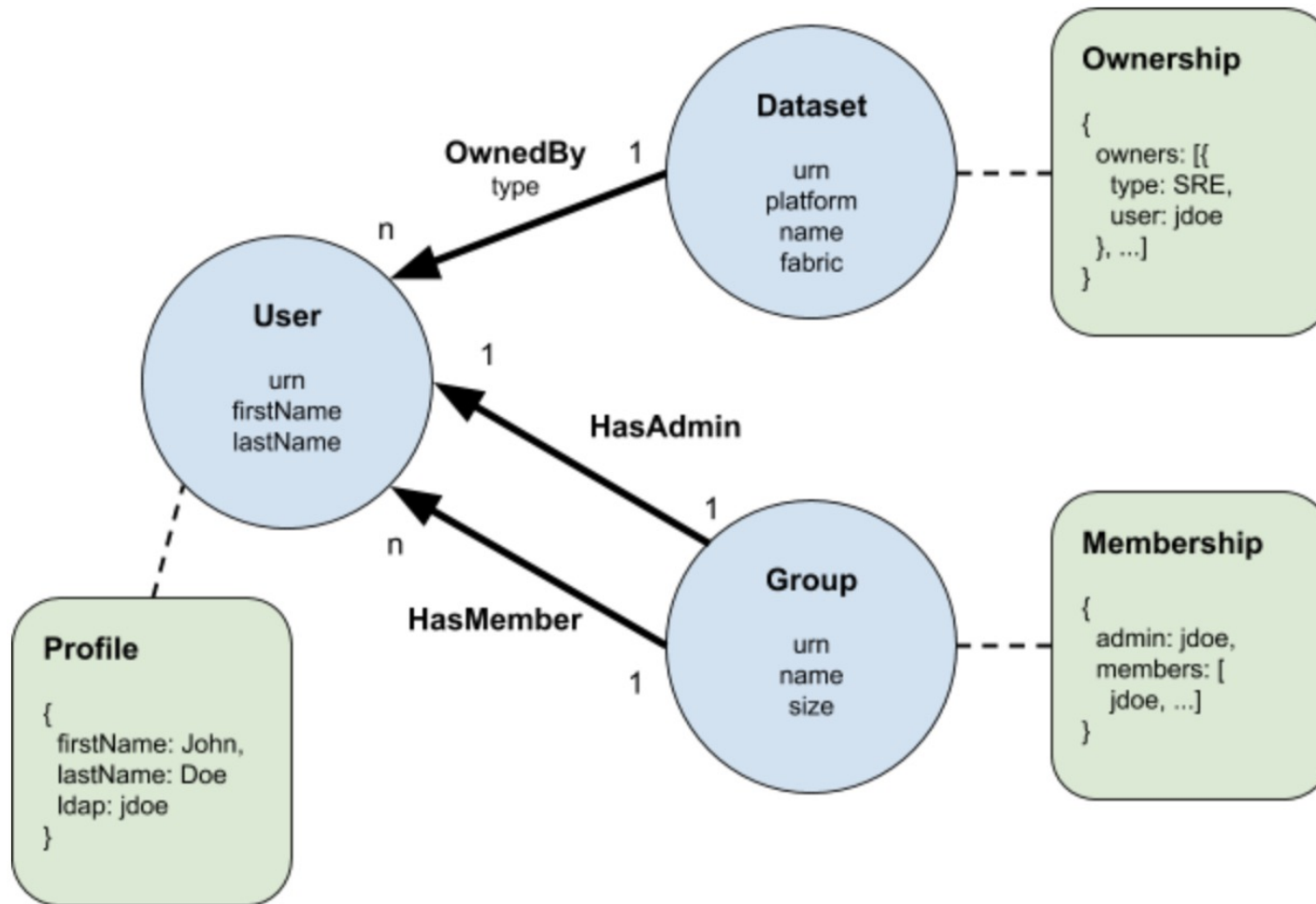
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pp_value BLOB
pp_sortkey FLOAT
Indexes

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pr_page INT
pr_type VARBINARY(60)
pr_level VARBINARY(60)
pr_cascade TINYINT
pr_user INT
pr_expiry VARBINARY(14)
Indexes

protected_titles
pt_namespace INT
pt_title VARCHAR(255)
pt_user INT
pt_reason TINYBLOB
pt_timestamp BINARY(14)
pt_expiry VARBINARY(14)
pt_create_perm VARBINARY(60)

Figure 2: The TPC-H Schema





<https://engineering.linkedin.com/blog/2019/data-hub>

All Variations of ER diagrams

In practice, everyone uses different notations.

What matters are the core *concepts*

(in this class, we will learn a specific notation)




COMSW4111_001_2015_3: INTRODUCTION TO DATABASES (Fall 2015)

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Entity-Relationship Modeling

Entities (objects) to store and their attributes

Relationships between entities and their attrs.

Integrity constraints & business rules

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COMSW4111_001_2015_3	INTRODUCTION TO DATABASES

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Basics: Entities

Entity e.g., intro to databases

real-world object distinguishable from other objects
described as set of attributes & the values
(think one record)

Entity Set e.g., all courses

collection of similar entities
all entities have same attributes (unless Is-A)
must have one or more keys
attributes have domains
≈ table

Example: Entity

Keys (cid, uid) are underlined

Values must be unique

(can use as hashtable key to lookup in table)

Course
<u>cid</u>
name
loc
schedule

Users
<u>uid</u>
name
age
summary

Basics: Relationships

Relationship: association between 2 or more entities

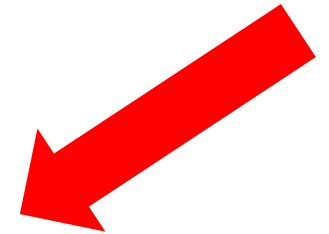
e.g., alice **is taking** Introduction to DBs

Relationship Set: collection of similar relationships

N-ary relationship set R relates N entity sets $E_1 \dots E_n$

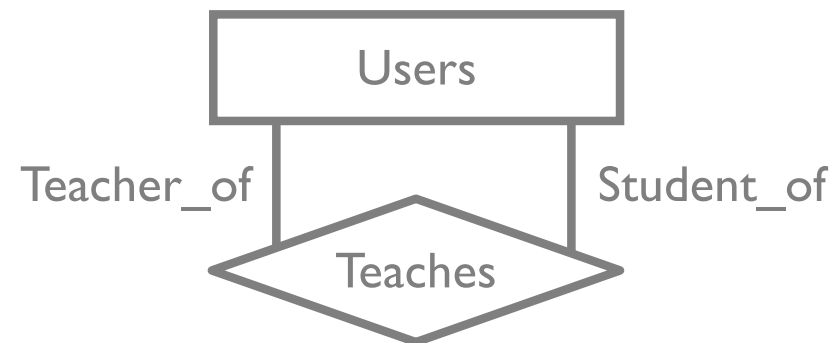
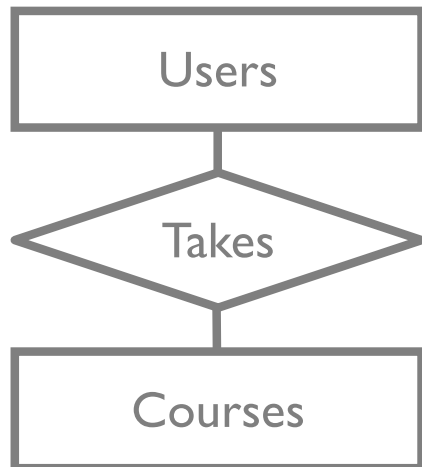
Each $r \in R$ involves entities $e_1 \dots e_n$

An E_i can be part of diff. relationship sets or diff. roles in same set



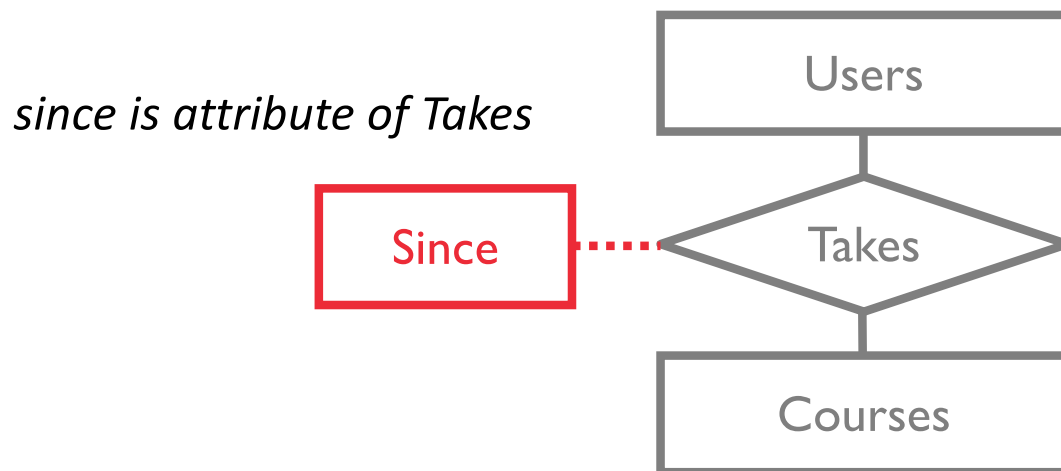
Basics: Relationships

Users can have different roles
in same relationship set



Basics: Relationships

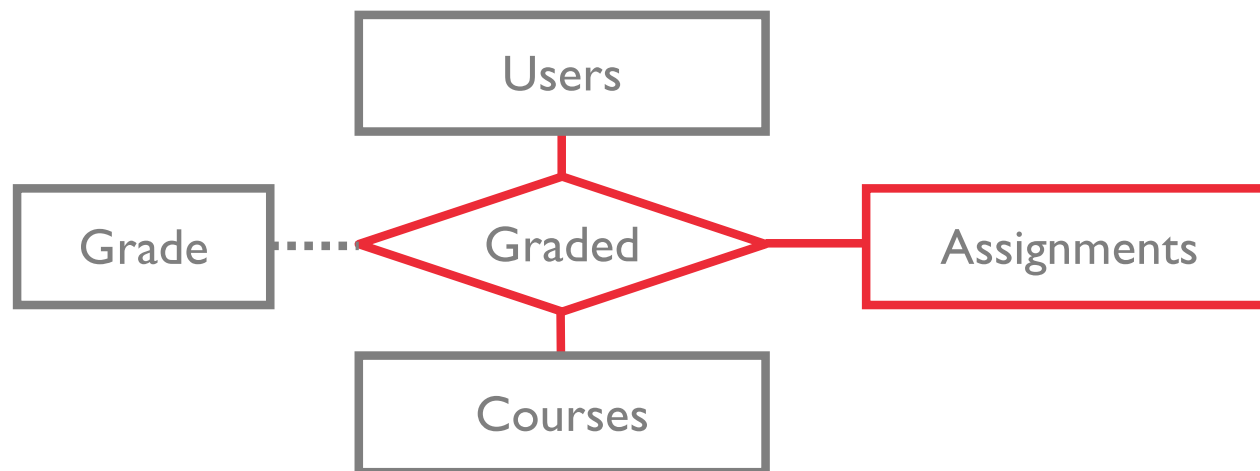
Relationships sets can have descriptive attributes
Denoted with dotted line from diamond to box



Basics: Ternary Relationships

Connects three entities

N-ary relationships possible too.



Assignments, Courses, and Users participate in the Graded relationship set

Constraints

Help avoid corruption, inconsistencies

Key constraints

Participation constraints

Weak entities

Overlap and covering constraints

Key Constraints

Defines cardinality requirements on relationships

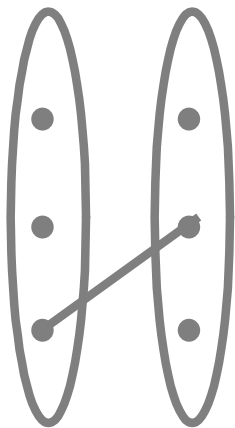
Many to many e.g., *Takes*

a user can take many courses

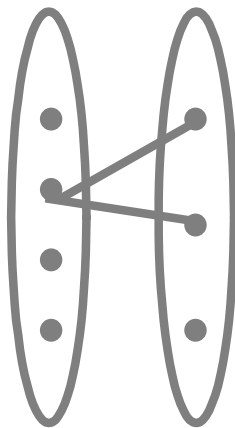
a course can have many users that take the course

One to Many e.g., *Instructs*

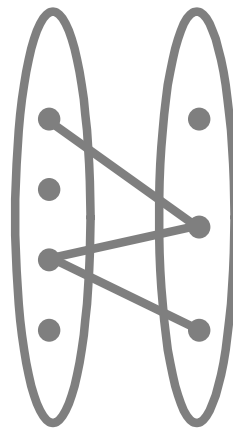
a course has at most one instructor



1-to-1

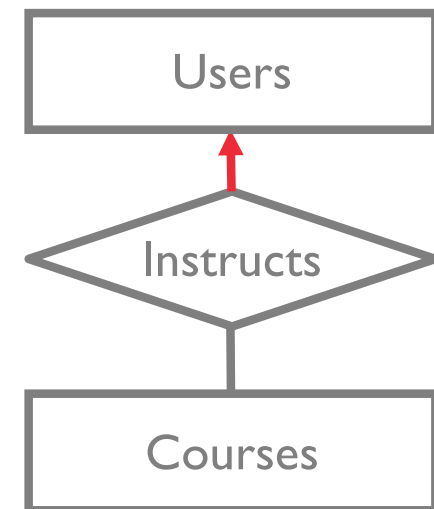


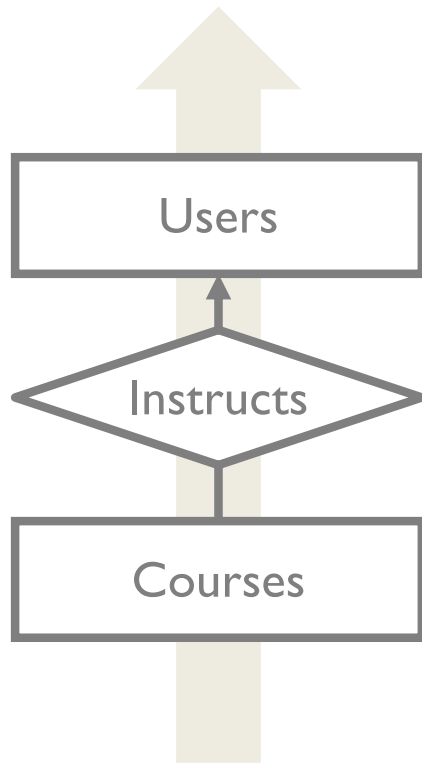
1-to Many



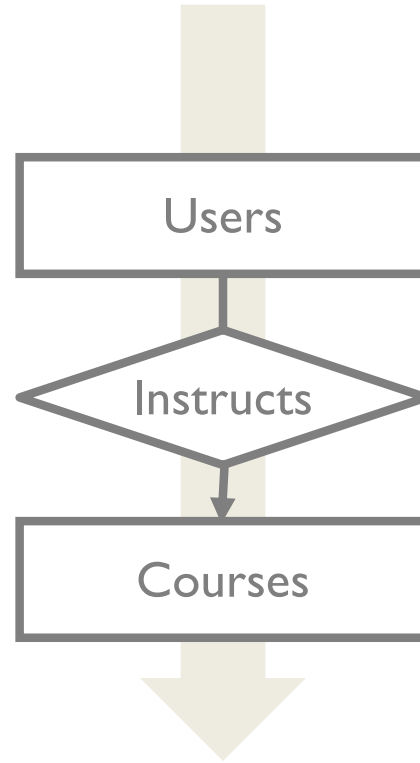
Many-to-Many

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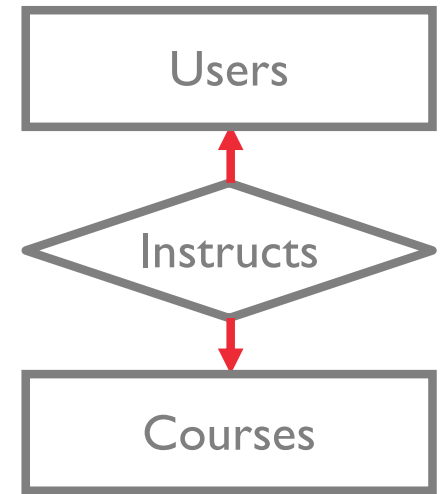




*A course is instructed by $\leq l$ user
(read along the beige arrow)*



A user instructs $\leq l$ course



*A course is instructed by $\leq l$ user
AND
A user instructs $\leq l$ course*

Data Models In the Wild

Try to create appointment slots on 4111 cal
But can only create them in *my* calendar

My calendars

- ☒ Eugene Wu
- ☒ 4111
- ☐ 4111f24@gmail.com
- ☐ Contacts
- ☒ Lydia+Eugene

Project Meetings

Event Focus time Out of office Working location Task Appointment schedule

Thursday, September 5 4:15pm – 7:15pm

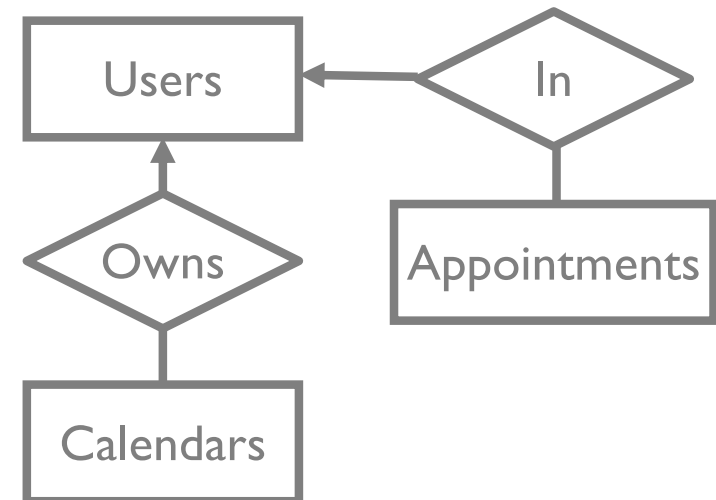
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☒ Add availability to an existing schedule

☐ Create a new appointment schedule

☒ Eugene Wu

Add to existing schedule



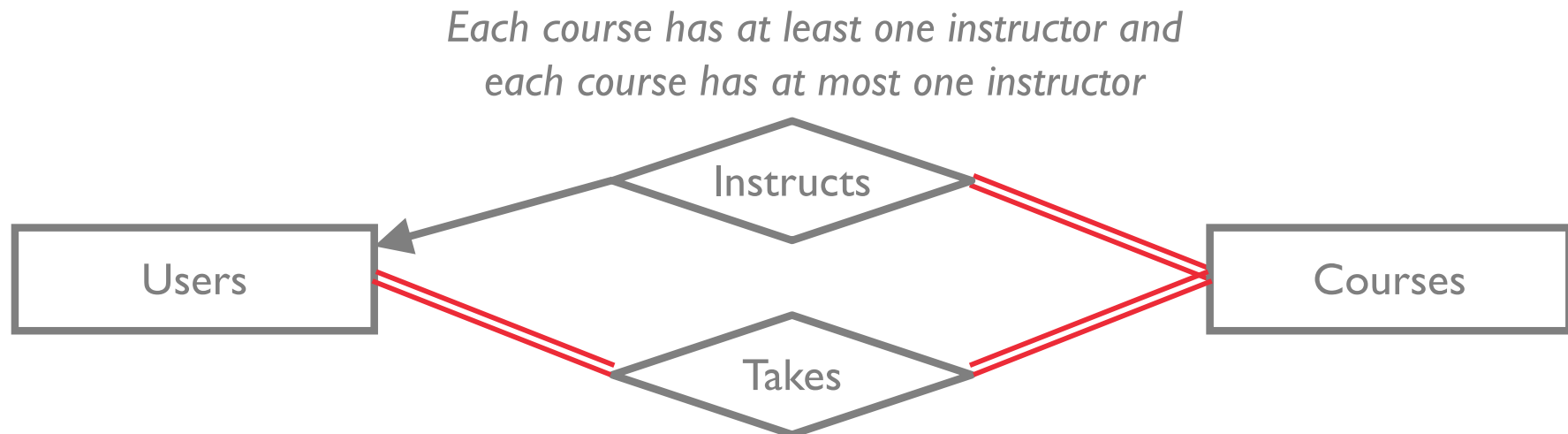
Participation Constraints

Does every course need an instructor?

If yes, it's a **participation constraint** (participation of course by instructor is *Total*)

Otherwise, **partial** participation constraint

Double line between entity set and relationship set



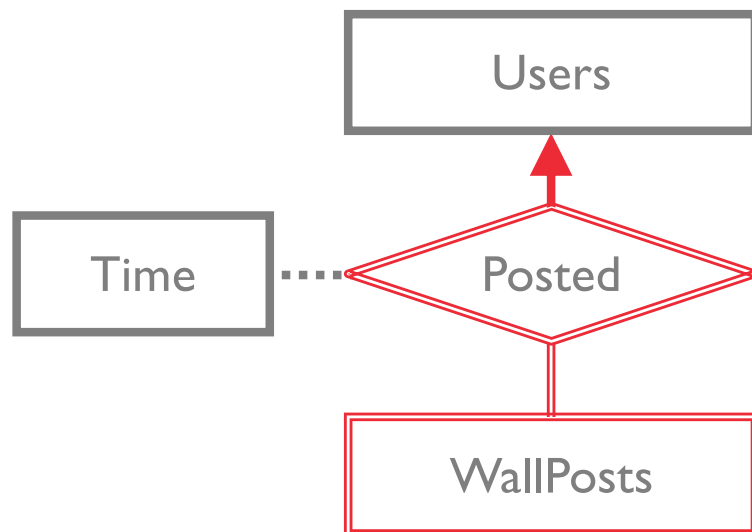
Weak Entities

A *weak entity* can only be uniquely identified by using the primary key of its owner entity

Owner and weak entity sets must have 1-to-N relationship

Weak entity set must have total participation in this *identifying* relationships set

Denoted as double line around weak entity, set relationship set, and the edge between them; an arrow to owner entity




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General Cardinality Constraints

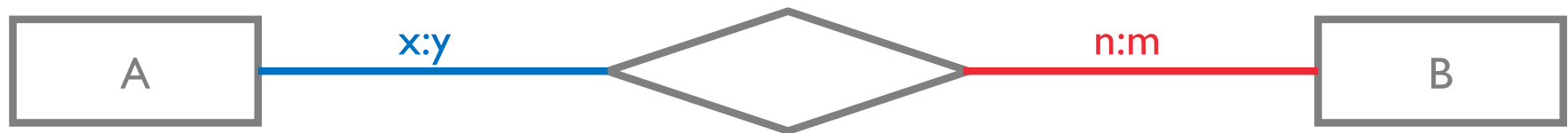


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A user instructs 0 to ∞ courses

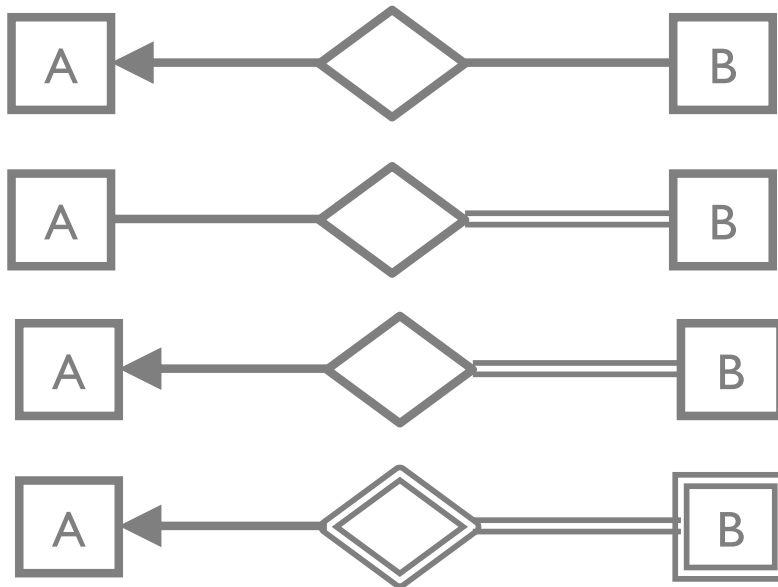
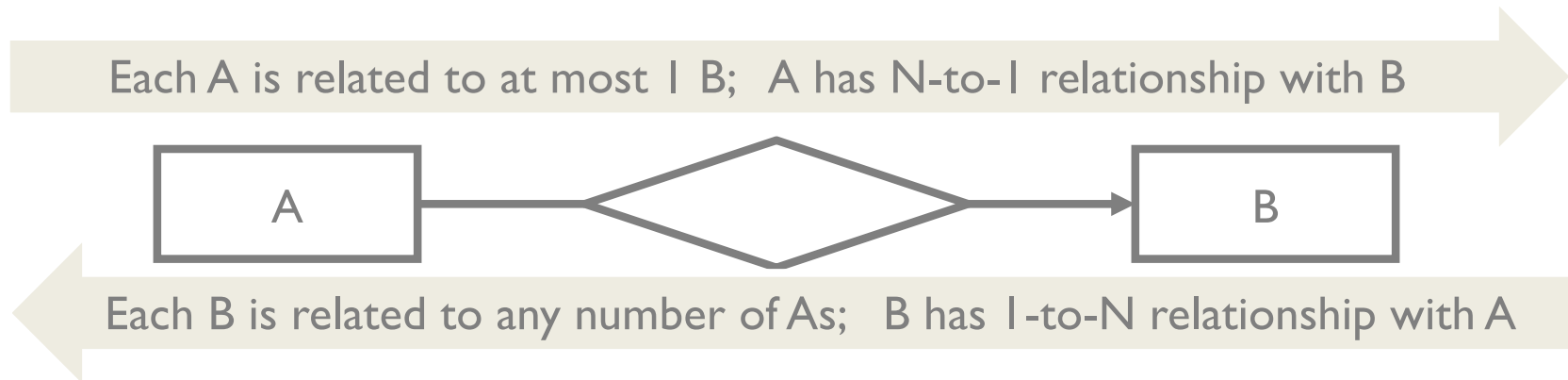
A course instructed by 0 to 1 users



Each A entity has a relationship with between x to y different B entities

Each B entity has a relationship with between n to m different A entities

Read arrows pointing in the direction from start to end



B has at most one A

B has at least one A

B has exactly one A

B is a weak entity

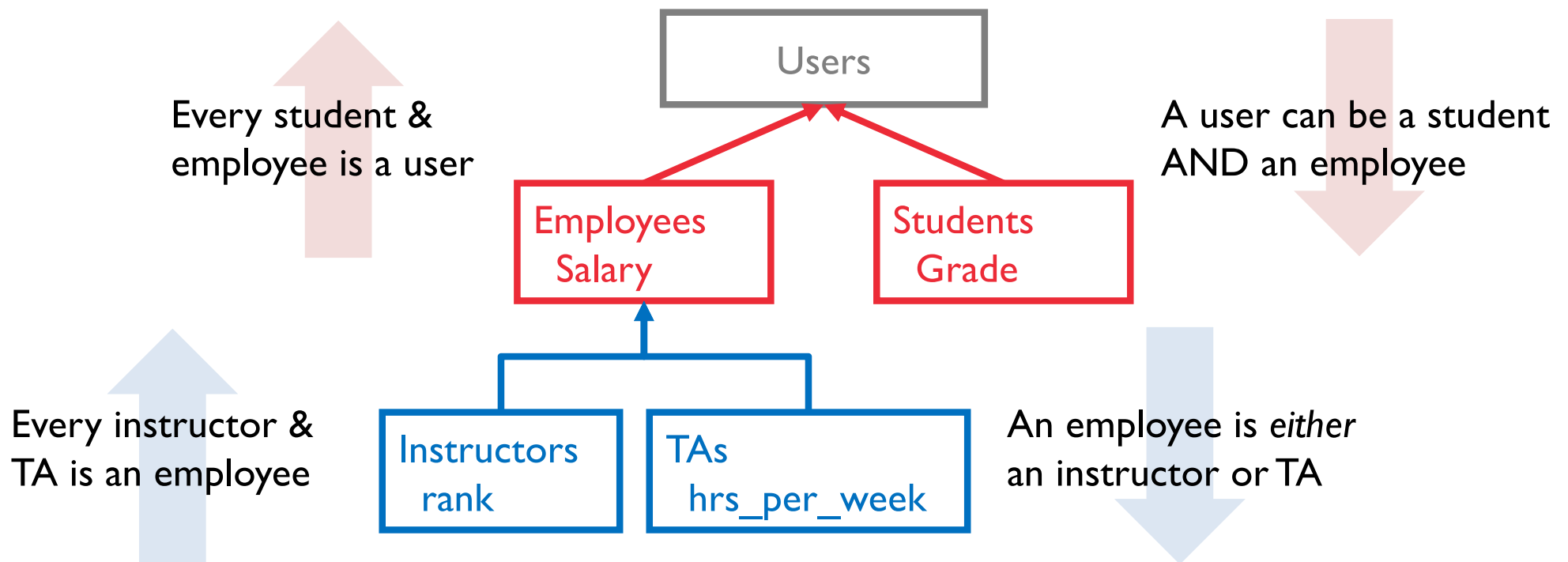
Specialization Hierarchies

Inheritance rules similar to programming languages

add descriptive attributes specific to a subclass e.g., grade

identify entity set that participate in a relationship

Denoted with arrow from subclass to superclass without a diamond

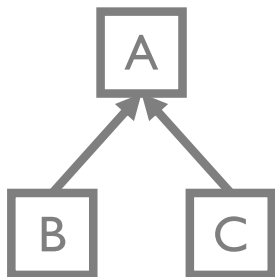


Specialization Hierarchies

Overlap Constraint

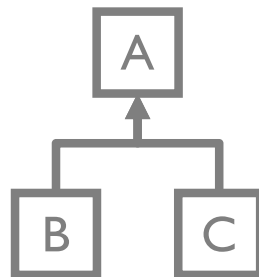
can A be a B *and* a C?

YES



separate arrows

NO

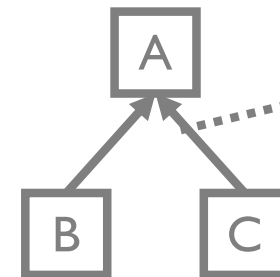


merged into 1 arrow

Total Specialization Constraint

must A be a B or C?

specify as the comment “total”
with dashed link to arrows



total
(cannot be
only an A)



Oct 19, 2022 - Oct 22, 2022 (3 nights)				1 room, 1 guest		
Check In		Check Out		Room Details		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				OCT 13	OCT 14	OCT 15
				not available	not available	from \$189
OCT 16	OCT 17	OCT 18	OCT 19	OCT 20	OCT 21	OCT 22
from \$189	from \$189	from \$189	from \$189	not available	from \$189	check out
OCT 23						

Want: Book Oct 19-22 with discount, pay full rate on Oct 20.

Got: 3 reservations. One for each night.

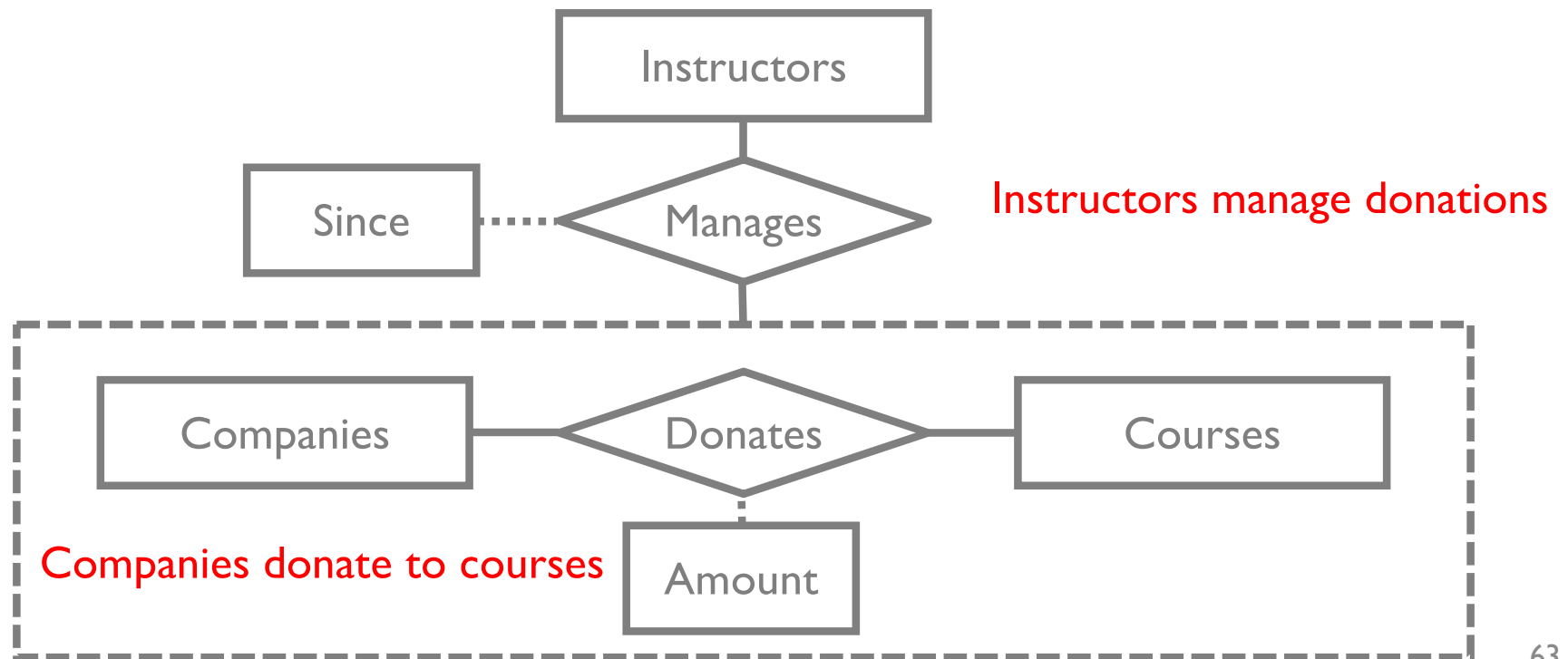
What does this imply about the data model?

Aggregation

Relationships between (entities – relationships)

Treat Relationship Set like an Entity Set to participate in other relationships

Denoted as dashed line around the relationship set & participating entity sets



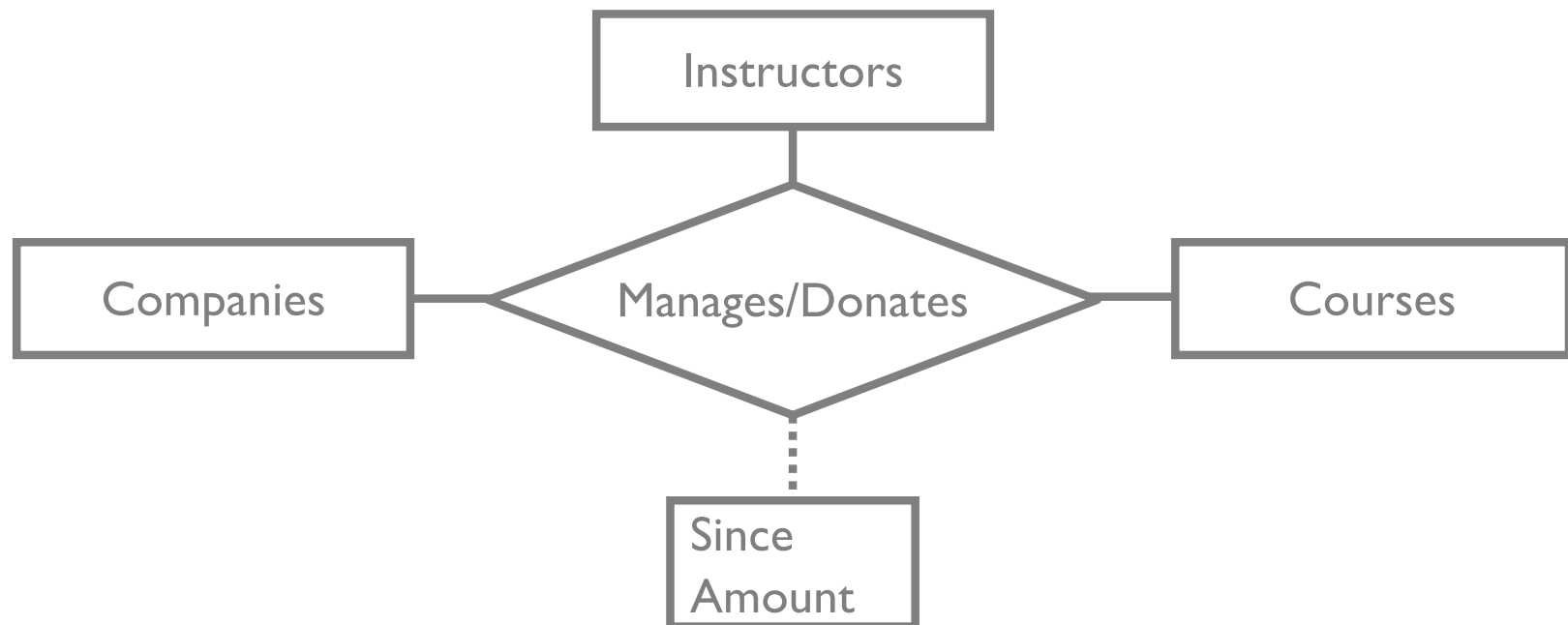
Aggregation vs Ternary Relationships

Why use aggregation?

Manages and Donates are distinct relationships with own attrs

Can define constraints on relationship sets

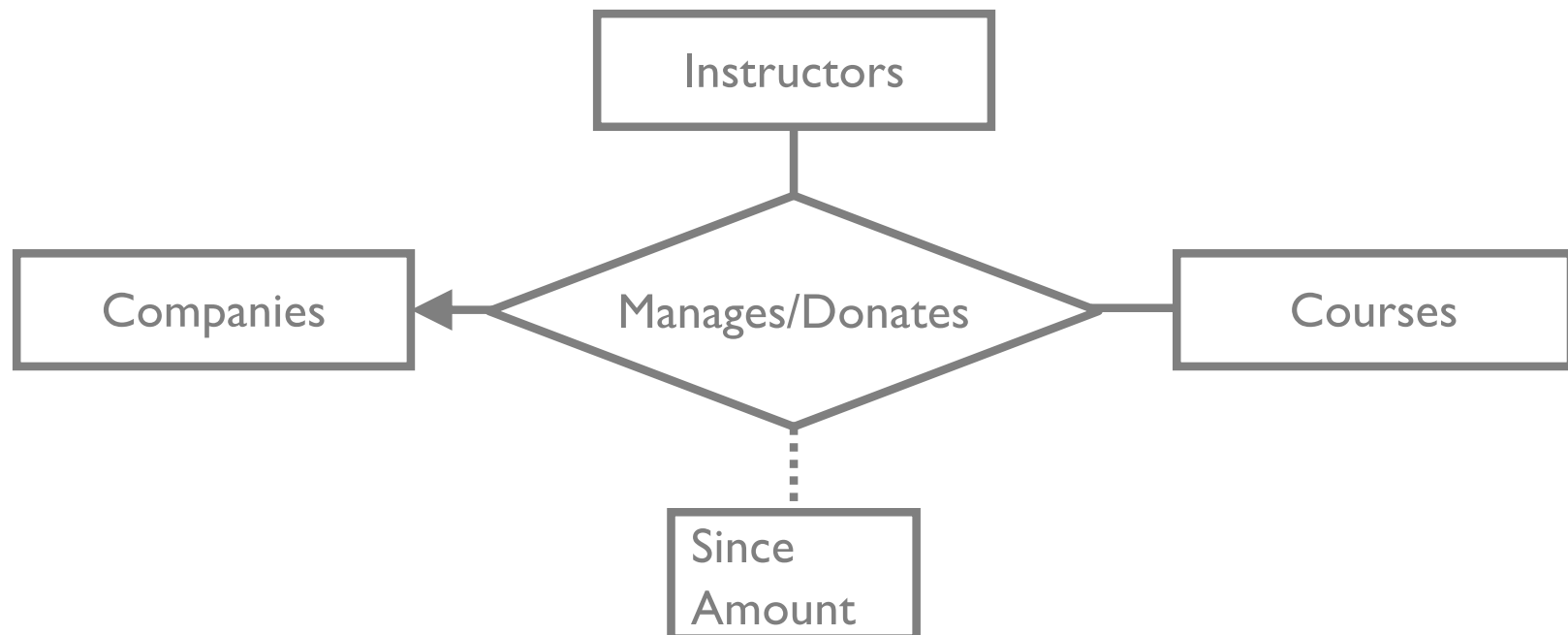
What if we modeled previous slide as ternary relationship?



Aggregation vs Ternary Relationships

Suppose we want to model “A course can have at most one donation”.
We would draw arrow from diamond to Companies.

Actually reads: “Each *instructor, course combination* can have at most one relationship with Companies” e.g., *Eugene and 4111 can have at most one donation, but Alex and 4111 can have another donation.*



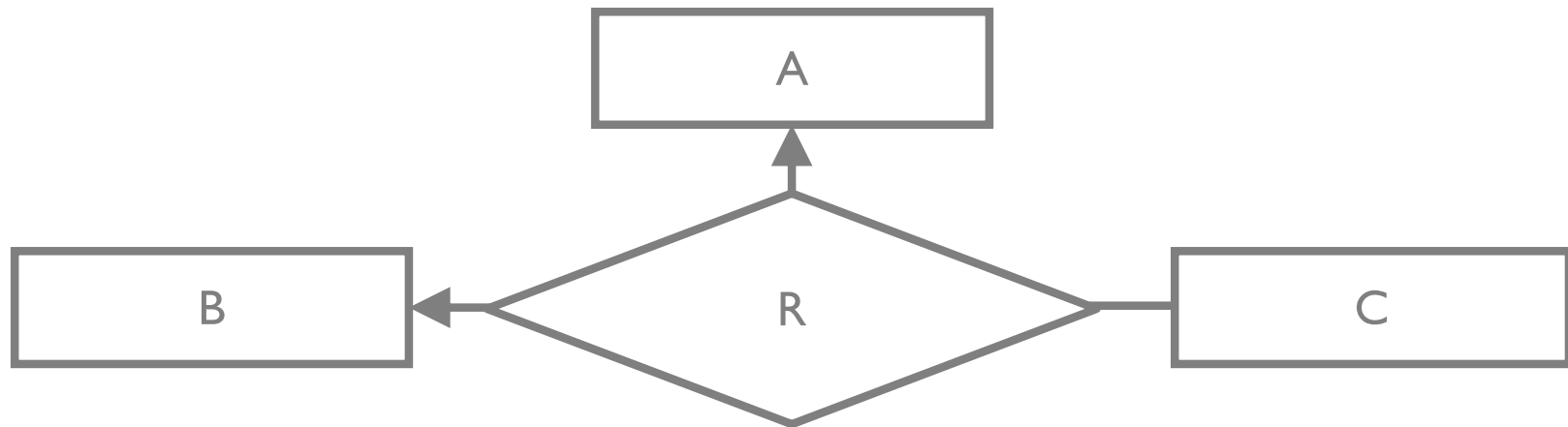
Aggregation vs Ternary Relationships

In general an N-way relationship set can have at most one "at-most-one" constraint (arrow), because multiple constraints (arrows) are ambiguous.

Below could be:

“a C has at most one relationship with a (A, B) pair” OR

“each unique (A,C) pair has at most one relationship with a B, and each unique (B,C) pair has at most one relationship with an A”



Using the ER Model

OK, we've seen the *syntax*.

How to use it involves design choices

Design Choices for a concept

- Entity or Attribute?

- Entity or Relationship?

- Binary or Ternary relationship?

- Aggregation or Ternary relationship?

Entity or Attribute?

Is **users.address** an attribute of Users or an entity connected to Users by a relationship?

Depends (and may change over time!)

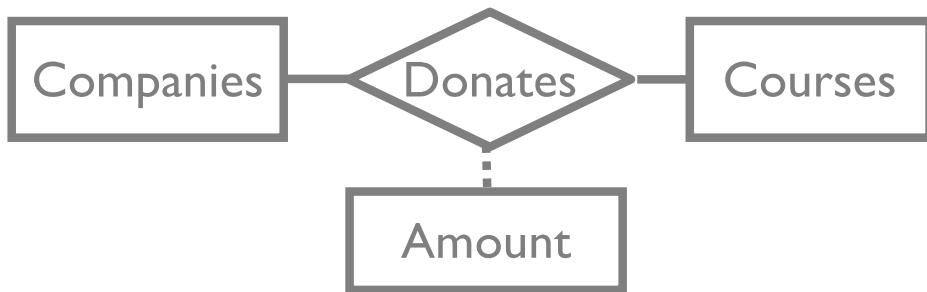
If a user has >1 addresses, must be an entity

If an address has attrs (structure), must be entity

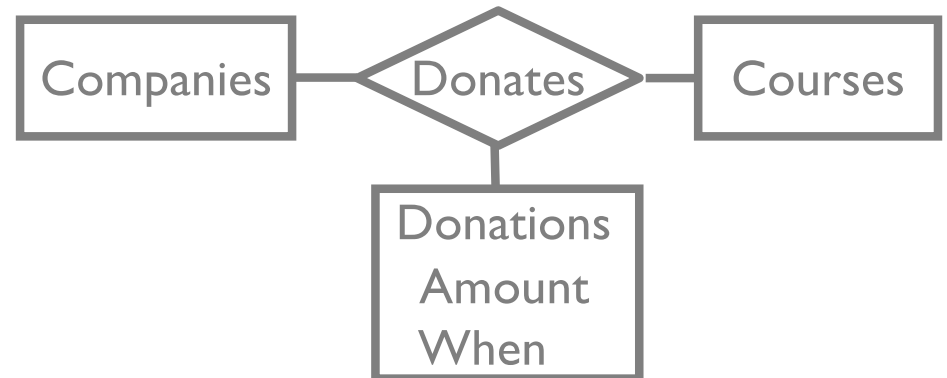
e.g., want to search for users by city, state, or zip

Entity or Attribute?

A company can't donate
multiple amounts



Company can make multiple
donations

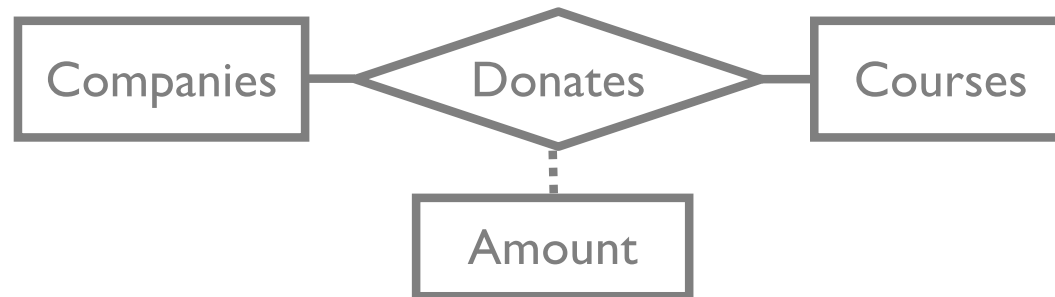


Entity or Relationship?

Company makes 1 donation to split across all data-related courses

Redundancy of *amount*, need to remember to update every one

Misleading implies *amount* tied to *each* donation individually



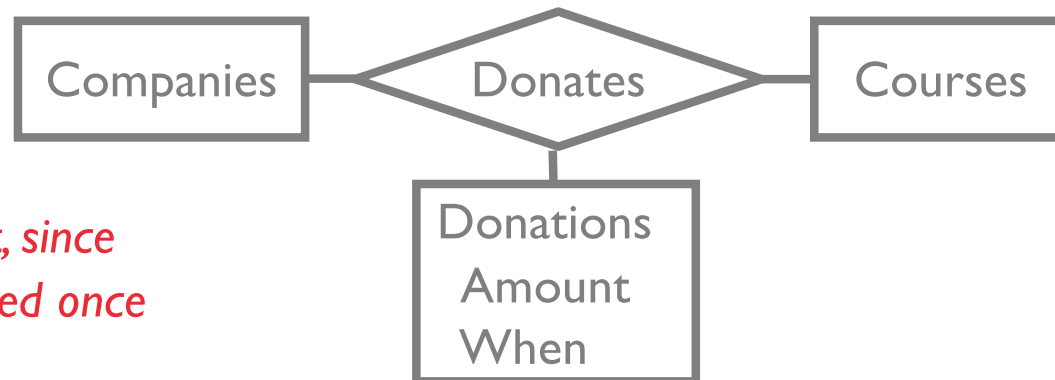
Company	Course	Amount
Amazon	4111	2000
Amazon	4112	2000
Amazon	5111	2000

These amounts are logically the same (redundant)!

Entity or Relationship?

If company donates once to school for data related courses.

Refactor amount into an entity



*Company redundant, since
company only donated once*

Company		
Company	Course	Donation
Amazon	4111	1
Amazon	4112	1
Amazon	5111	1

Donation	When	Amount
1	Today	2000

Entity or Relationship?

If company donates once to school for data related courses.

Refactor amount into an entity (or could be an aggregation)



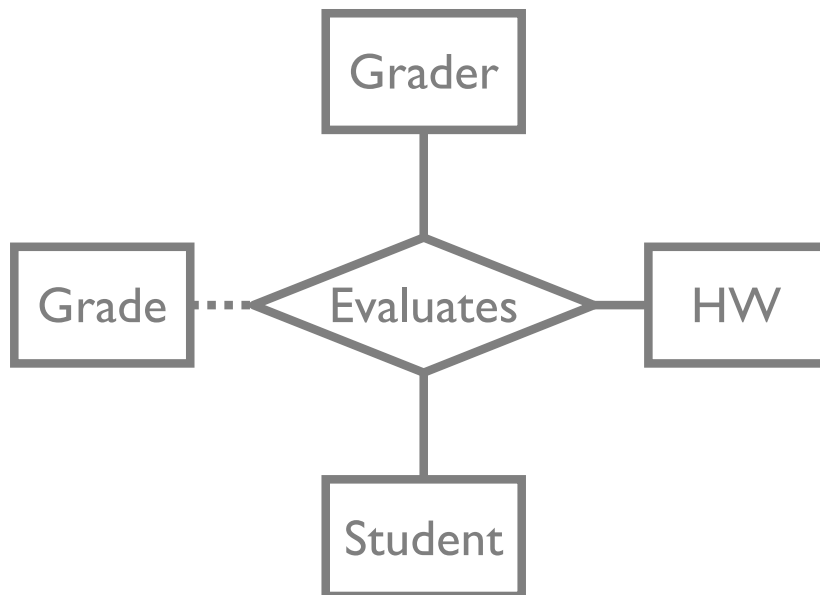
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1	Today	2000	Amazon

Binary or Ternary Relationship?

HW means a particular released HW, not a submission

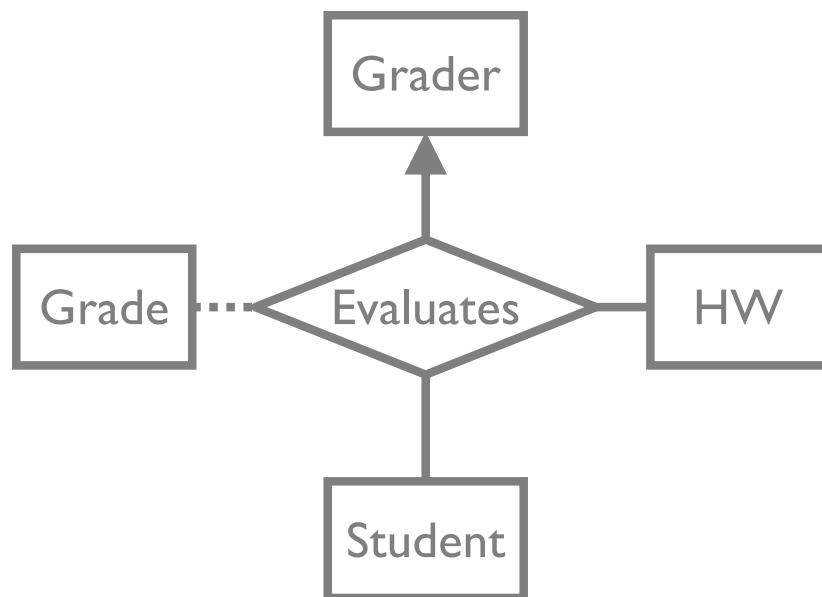
What if each HW has at most one grader? (next slide)



Binary or Ternary Relationship?

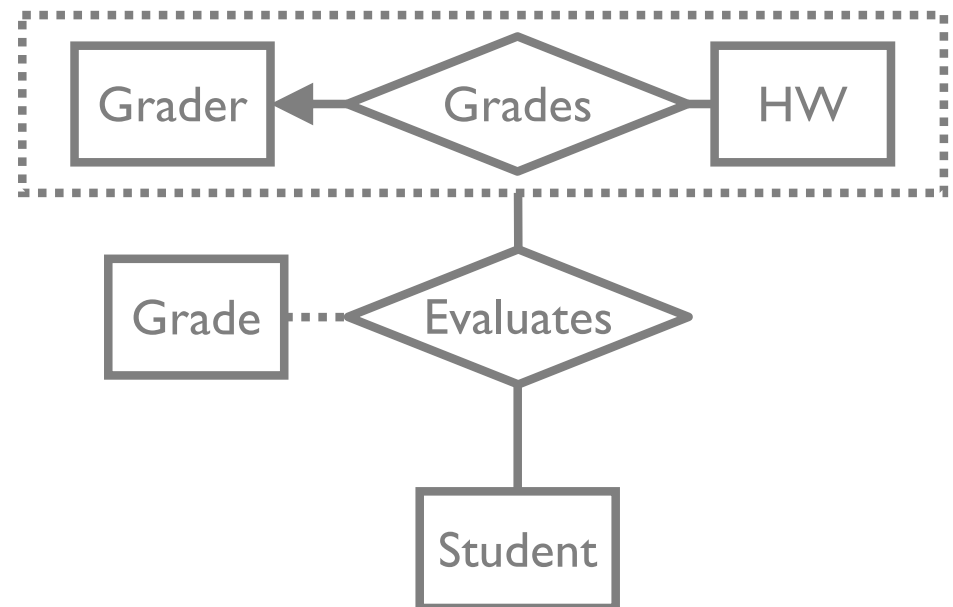
What if each HW has at most one grader?

Option 1: add arrow from evaluates to grader.



Actually says that each student's HW submission (hwid, studentid) has at most one grader

Option 2: aggregation

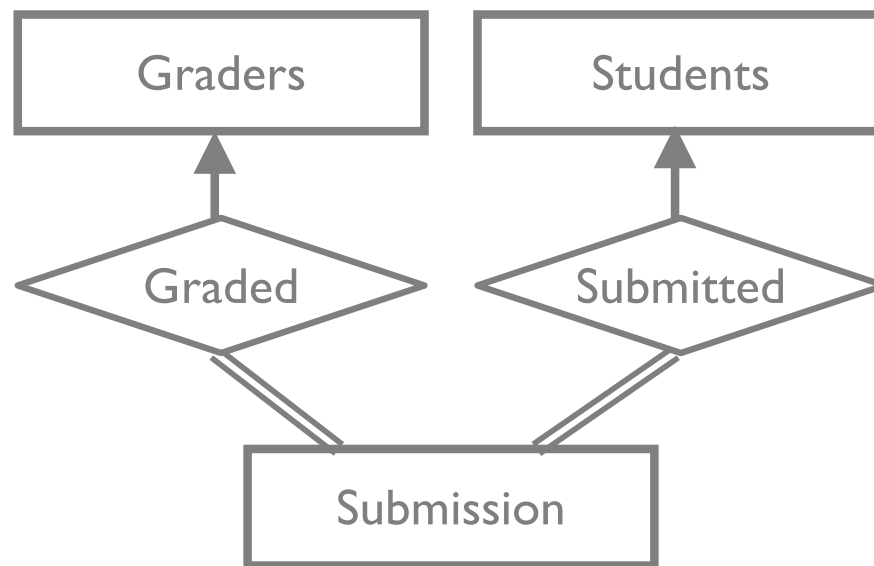


Each HW has at most 1 grader and the grader evaluates each student

Binary or Ternary Relationship?

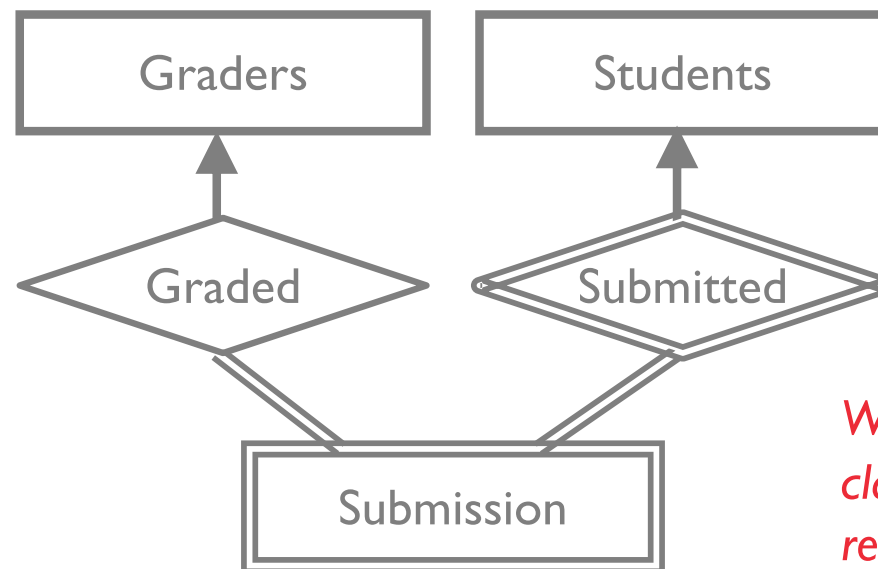
Binary relationships allows additional constraints

What should happen if a student drops the class? (see next slide)



Binary or Ternary Relationship?

Binary relationships allows additional constraints

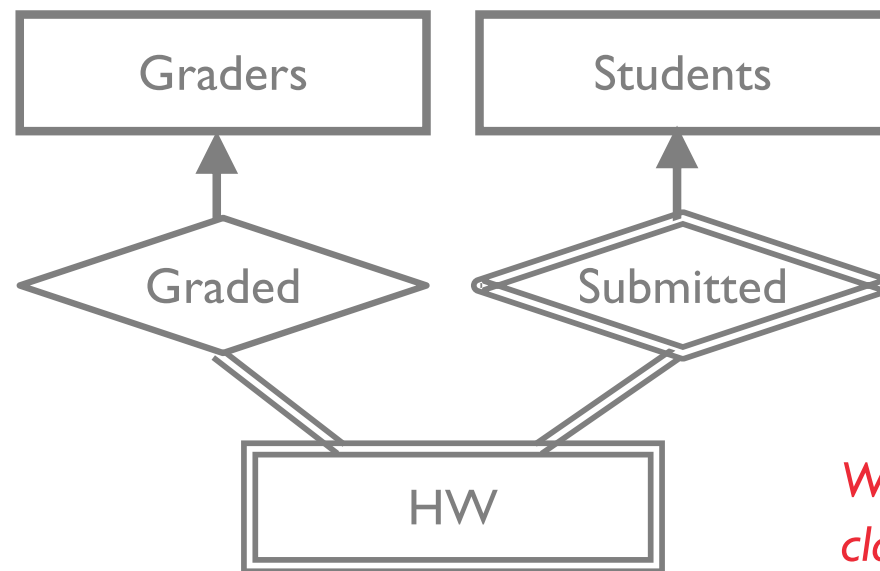


When student drops the class, their submission records also are removed. Makes sense!

Binary or Ternary Relationship?

Binary relationships allows additional constraints

What if we model HW instead of Submission?

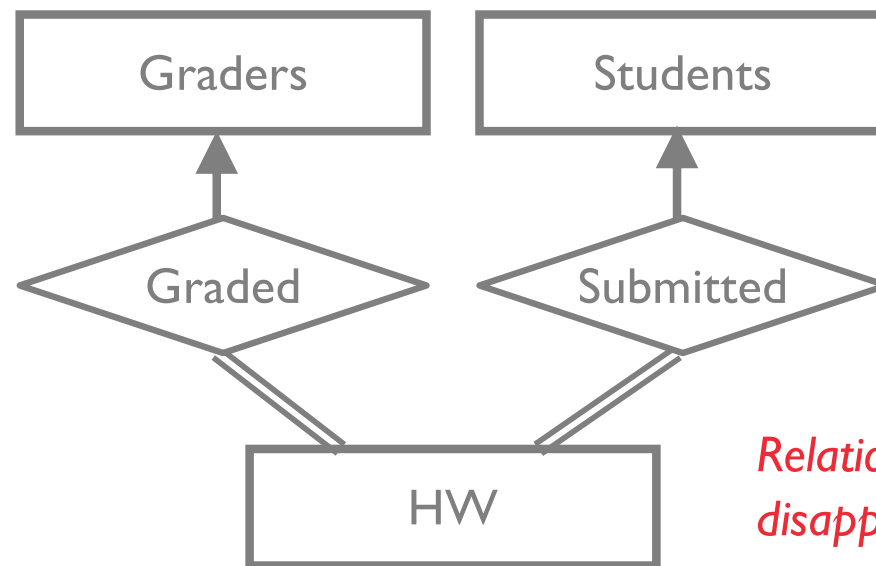


When student drops the class, HW0 also disappears!

Binary or Ternary Relationship?

Binary relationships allows additional constraints

What if we model HW instead of Submission?

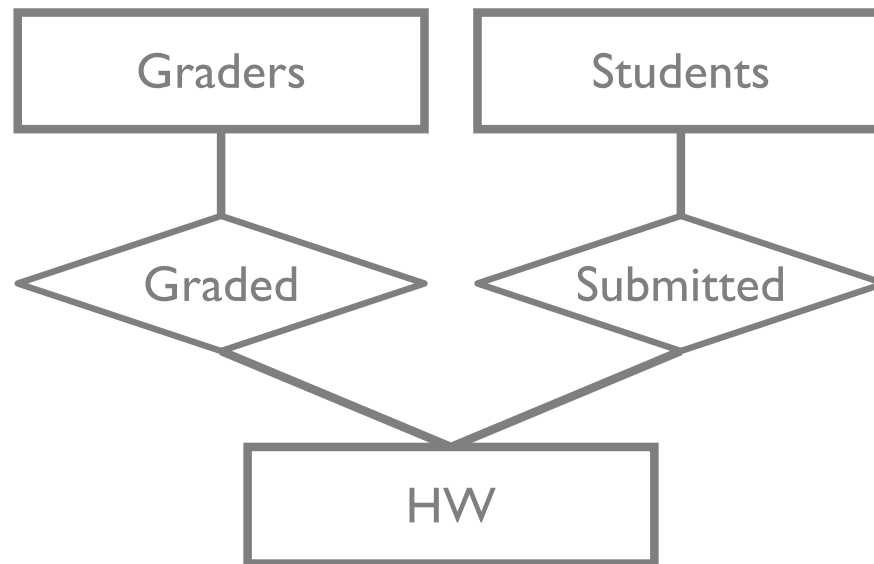


Relationship "submitted" will disappear if student is removed.

But there is still an error

Binary or Ternary Relationship?

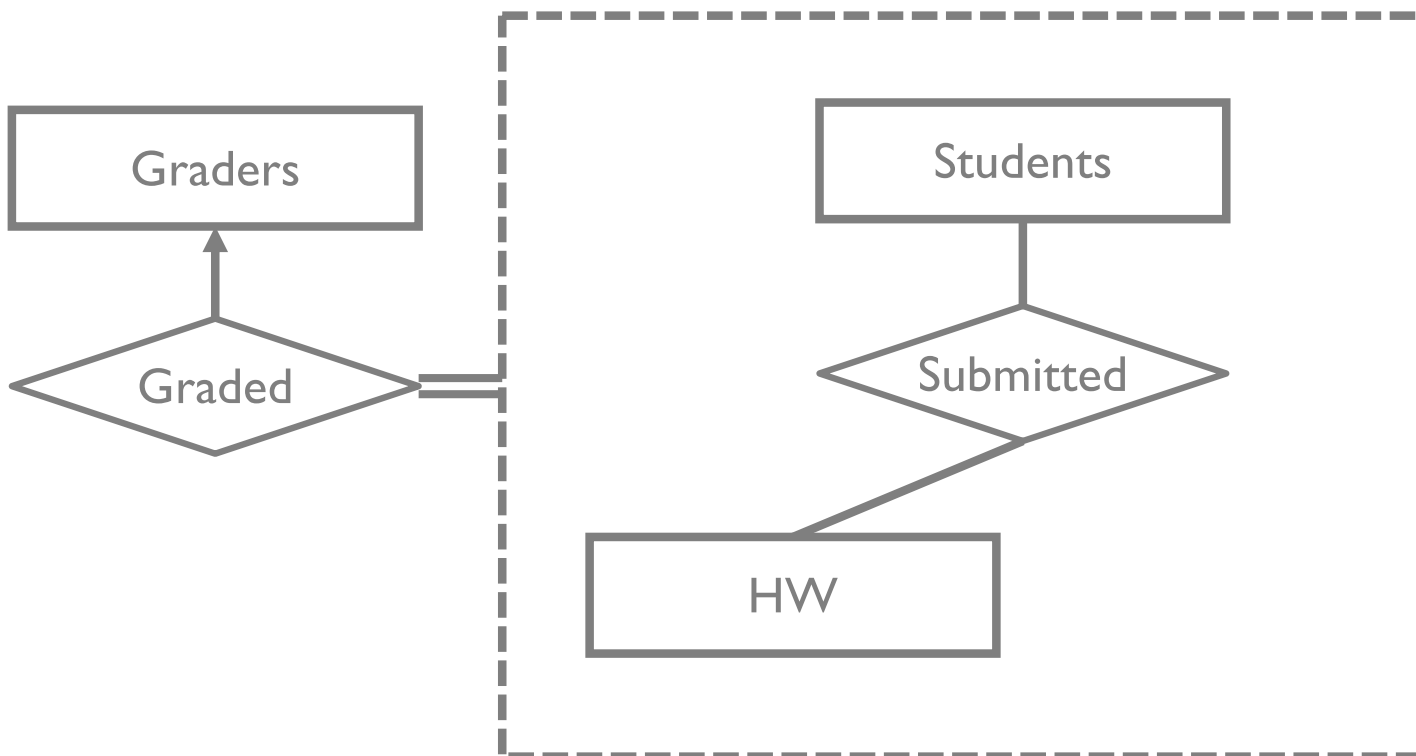
Still an issue...



Binary or Ternary Relationship?

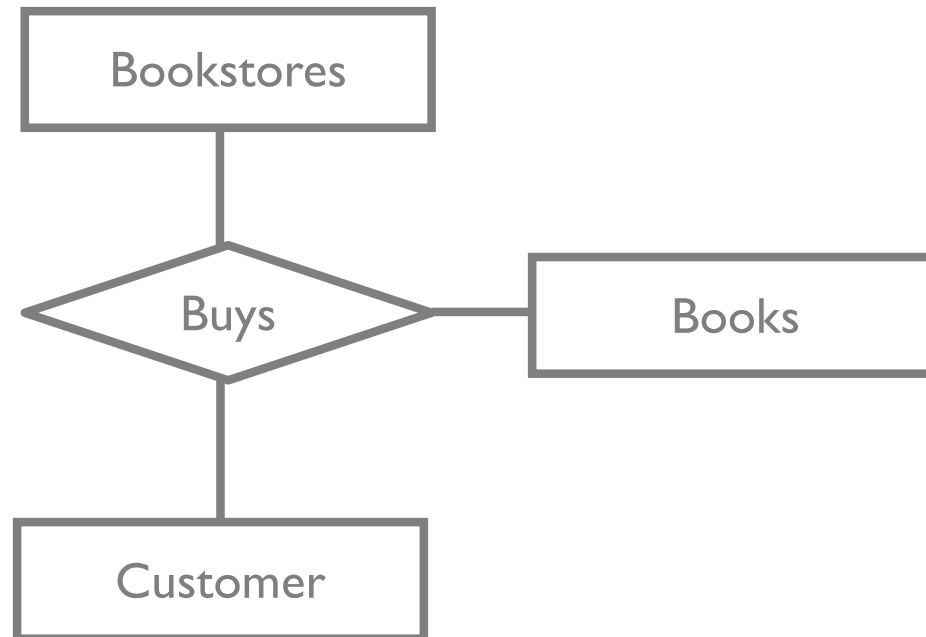
Students can submit HWs.

Each submission has exactly 1 grader



Binary or Ternary Relationship?

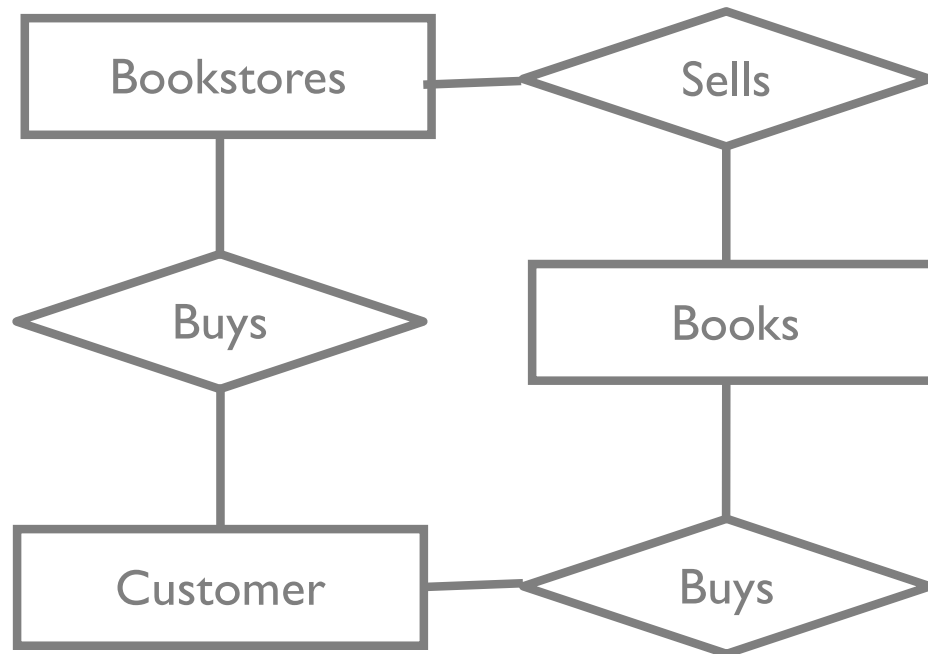
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Binary or Ternary Relationship?

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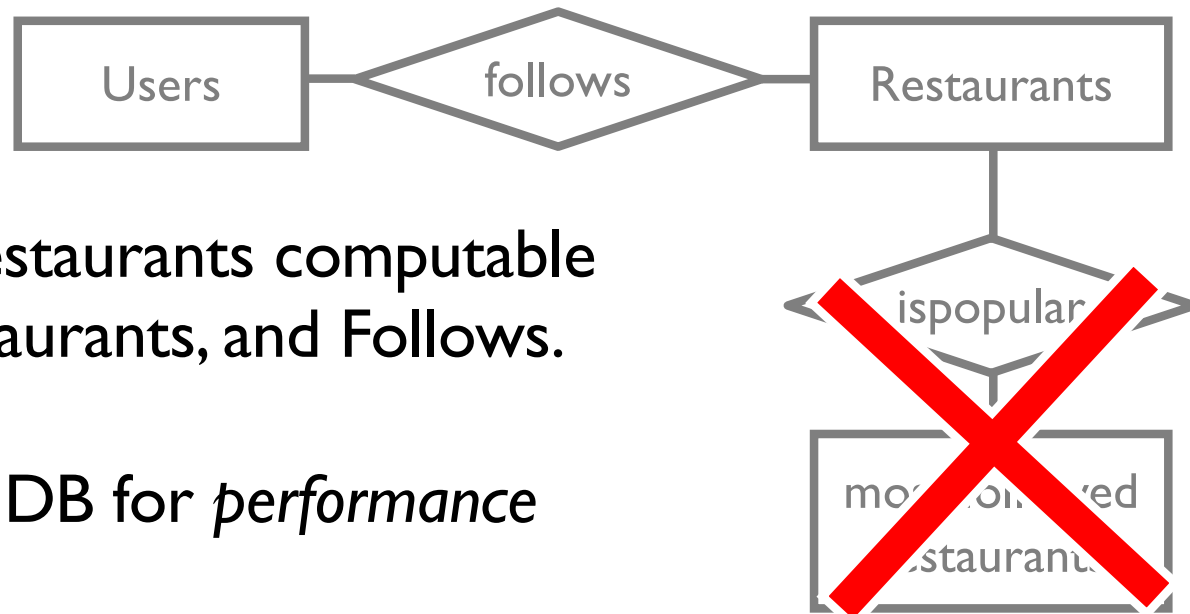
*Doesn't
Really
Work*



Advice

The ER diagram (and database) stores the *minimal information* needed for your application.

Everything else (e.g., stats) can be computed



Most followed restaurants computable from Users, Restaurants, and Follows.

May still store in DB for *performance* reasons

Summary

Requirements

what are you going to build?

Conceptual Database Design

pen-and-pencil description

(Today) ER Modeling

Logical Design

formal database schema

Schema Refinement:

fix potential problems, normalization

Physical Database Design

use sample of queries to optimize for speed/storage

App/Security Design

prevent security problems

Summary

Conceptual design follows *requirements analysis*

ER model helpful for conceptual design

- constraints are expressive

- matches how we often think about applications

Core constructs

- entity, relationship, attribute

- weak entities, ISA, aggregation

Many variations beyond today's discussion

Summary

ER design is subjective based on usage+needs

Today we saw multiple ways to model same idea

ER design is not complete/perfect

Developed in an enterprise-oriented world (ER First)

Doesn't capture semantics (what does “instructor” *mean*?)

Doesn't capture e.g., processes/state machines

How to combine multiple ER models automatically?

Limitation of imagination when designing application

Still needs further refinement

Open problems!

ER design is a useful way to think

Next Time

Relational Model: de-facto DBMS standard

Set up for ER diagrams → Relational models