



**Figure 3.7**  
Referential integrity constraints displayed on the COMPANY relational database schema.

The types of constraints we discussed so far may be called **state constraints** because they define the constraints that a *valid state* of the database must satisfy. Another type of constraint, called **transition constraints**, can be defined to deal with state changes in the database.<sup>11</sup> An example of a transition constraint is: “the salary of an employee can only increase.” Such constraints are typically enforced by the application programs or specified using active rules and triggers, as we discuss in Section 26.1.

### 3.3 Update Operations, Transactions, and Dealing with Constraint Violations

The operations of the relational model can be categorized into *retrievals* and *updates*. The relational algebra operations, which can be used to specify **retrievals**, are discussed in detail in Chapter 6. A relational algebra expression forms a new relation after applying a number of algebraic operators to an existing set of relations; its main use is for querying a database to retrieve information. The user formulates a query that specifies the data of interest, and a new relation is formed by applying relational operators to retrieve this data. That **result relation** becomes the

<sup>11</sup>State constraints are sometimes called *static constraints*, and transition constraints are sometimes called *dynamic constraints*.

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CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE
( Fname          VARCHAR(15)          NOT NULL,
  Minit          CHAR,
  Lname          VARCHAR(15)          NOT NULL,
  Ssn            CHAR(9)              NOT NULL,
  Bdate          DATE,
  Address        VARCHAR(30),
  Sex            CHAR,
  Salary         DECIMAL(10,2),
  Super_ssn      CHAR(9),
  Dno            INT                  NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (Ssn),
  FOREIGN KEY (Super_ssn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn),
  FOREIGN KEY (Dno) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(Dnumber) );

CREATE TABLE DEPARTMENT
( Dname          VARCHAR(15)          NOT NULL,
  Dnumber        INT                  NOT NULL,
  Mgr_ssn        CHAR(9)              NOT NULL,
  Mgr_start_date DATE,
  PRIMARY KEY (Dnumber),
  UNIQUE (Dname),
  FOREIGN KEY (Mgr_ssn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn) );

CREATE TABLE DEPT_LOCATIONS
( Dnumber        INT                  NOT NULL,
  Dlocation      VARCHAR(15)          NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (Dnumber, Dlocation),
  FOREIGN KEY (Dnumber) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(Dnumber) );

CREATE TABLE PROJECT
( Pname          VARCHAR(15)          NOT NULL,
  Pnumber        INT                  NOT NULL,
  Plocation      VARCHAR(15),
  Dnum           INT                  NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (Pnumber),
  UNIQUE (Pname),
  FOREIGN KEY (Dnum) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(Dnumber) );

CREATE TABLE WORKS_ON
( Essn           CHAR(9)              NOT NULL,
  Pno            INT                  NOT NULL,
  Hours          DECIMAL(3,1)         NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (Essn, Pno),
  FOREIGN KEY (Essn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn),
  FOREIGN KEY (Pno) REFERENCES PROJECT(Pnumber) );

CREATE TABLE DEPENDENT
( Essn           CHAR(9)              NOT NULL,
  Dependent_name VARCHAR(15)          NOT NULL,
  Sex            CHAR,
  Bdate          DATE,
  Relationship    VARCHAR(8),
  PRIMARY KEY (Essn, Dependent_name),
  FOREIGN KEY (Essn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn) );

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**Figure 4.1**

SQL CREATE TABLE data definition statements for defining the COMPANY schema from Figure 3.7.

**Figure 3.6**

One possible database state for the COMPANY relational database schema.

**EMPLOYEE**

Fname	Minit	Lname	<u>Ssn</u>	Bdate	Address	Sex	Salary	Super_ssn	Dno
John	B	Smith	123456789	1965-01-09	731 Fondren, Houston, TX	M	30000	333445555	5
Franklin	T	Wong	333445555	1955-12-08	638 Voss, Houston, TX	M	40000	888665555	5
Alicia	J	Zelaya	999887777	1968-01-19	3321 Castle, Spring, TX	F	25000	987654321	4
Jennifer	S	Wallace	987654321	1941-06-20	291 Berry, Bellaire, TX	F	43000	888665555	4
Ramesh	K	Narayan	666884444	1962-09-15	975 Fire Oak, Humble, TX	M	38000	333445555	5
Joyce	A	English	453453453	1972-07-31	5631 Rice, Houston, TX	F	25000	333445555	5
Ahmad	V	Jabbar	987987987	1969-03-29	980 Dallas, Houston, TX	M	25000	987654321	4
James	E	Borg	888665555	1937-11-10	450 Stone, Houston, TX	M	55000	NULL	1

**DEPARTMENT**

Dname	<u>Dnumber</u>	Mgr_ssn	Mgr_start_date
Research	5	333445555	1988-05-22
Administration	4	987654321	1995-01-01
Headquarters	1	888665555	1981-06-19

**DEPT\_LOCATIONS**

<u>Dnumber</u>	<u>Dlocation</u>
1	Houston
4	Stafford
5	Bellaire
5	Sugarland
5	Houston

**WORKS\_ON**

<u>Essn</u>	<u>Pno</u>	Hours
123456789	1	32.5
123456789	2	7.5
666884444	3	40.0
453453453	1	20.0
453453453	2	20.0
333445555	2	10.0
333445555	3	10.0
333445555	10	10.0
333445555	20	10.0
999887777	30	30.0
999887777	10	10.0
987987987	10	35.0
987987987	30	5.0
987654321	30	20.0
987654321	20	15.0
888665555	20	NULL

**PROJECT**

Pname	<u>Pnumber</u>	Plocation	Dnum
ProductX	1	Bellaire	5
ProductY	2	Sugarland	5
ProductZ	3	Houston	5
Computerization	10	Stafford	4
Reorganization	20	Houston	1
Newbenefits	30	Stafford	4

**DEPENDENT**

<u>Essn</u>	<u>Dependent_name</u>	Sex	Bdate	Relationship
333445555	Alice	F	1986-04-05	Daughter
333445555	Theodore	M	1983-10-25	Son
333445555	Joy	F	1958-05-03	Spouse
987654321	Abner	M	1942-02-28	Spouse
123456789	Michael	M	1988-01-04	Son
123456789	Alice	F	1988-12-30	Daughter
123456789	Elizabeth	F	1967-05-05	Spouse