



FOUNDATIONS of DATA CURATION

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DATA INTEGRATION

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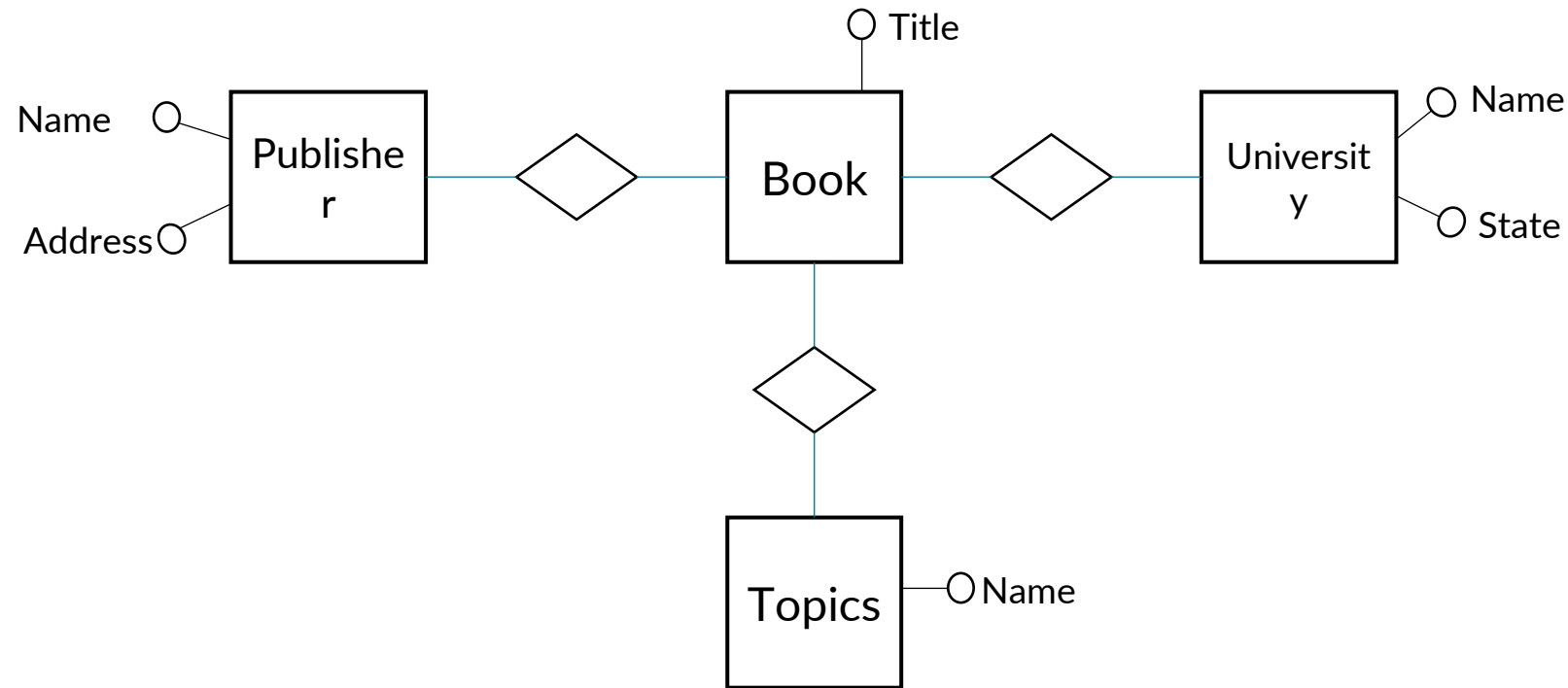
SCHEMA INTEGRATION: EXAMPLE

Schema integration: example

Integrating two conceptual schemas.

Books, again

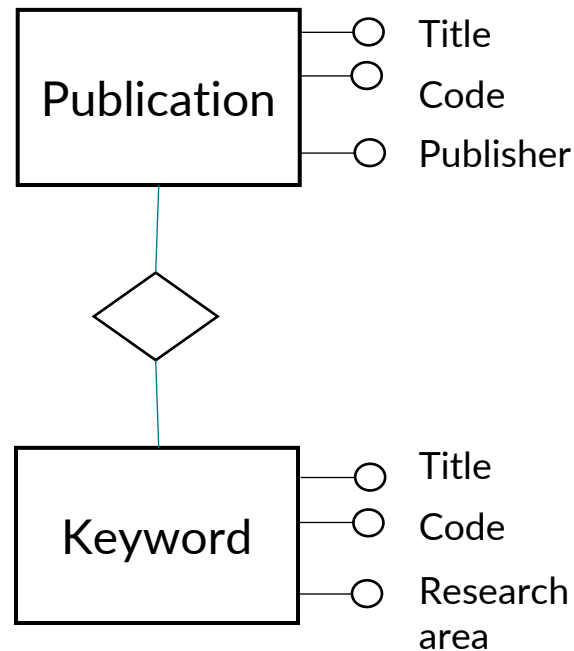
In one model...



Books are published by publishers. They are adopted by universities. They refer to topics.

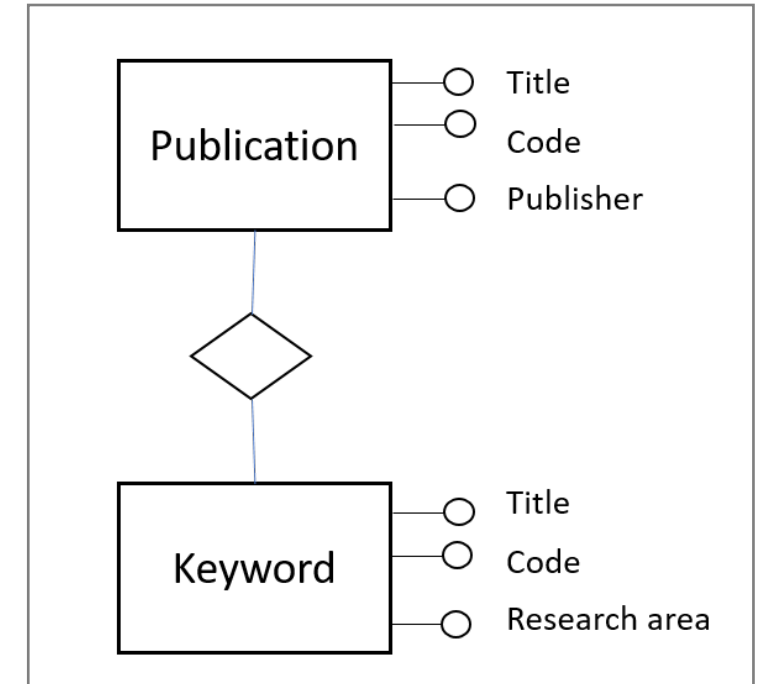
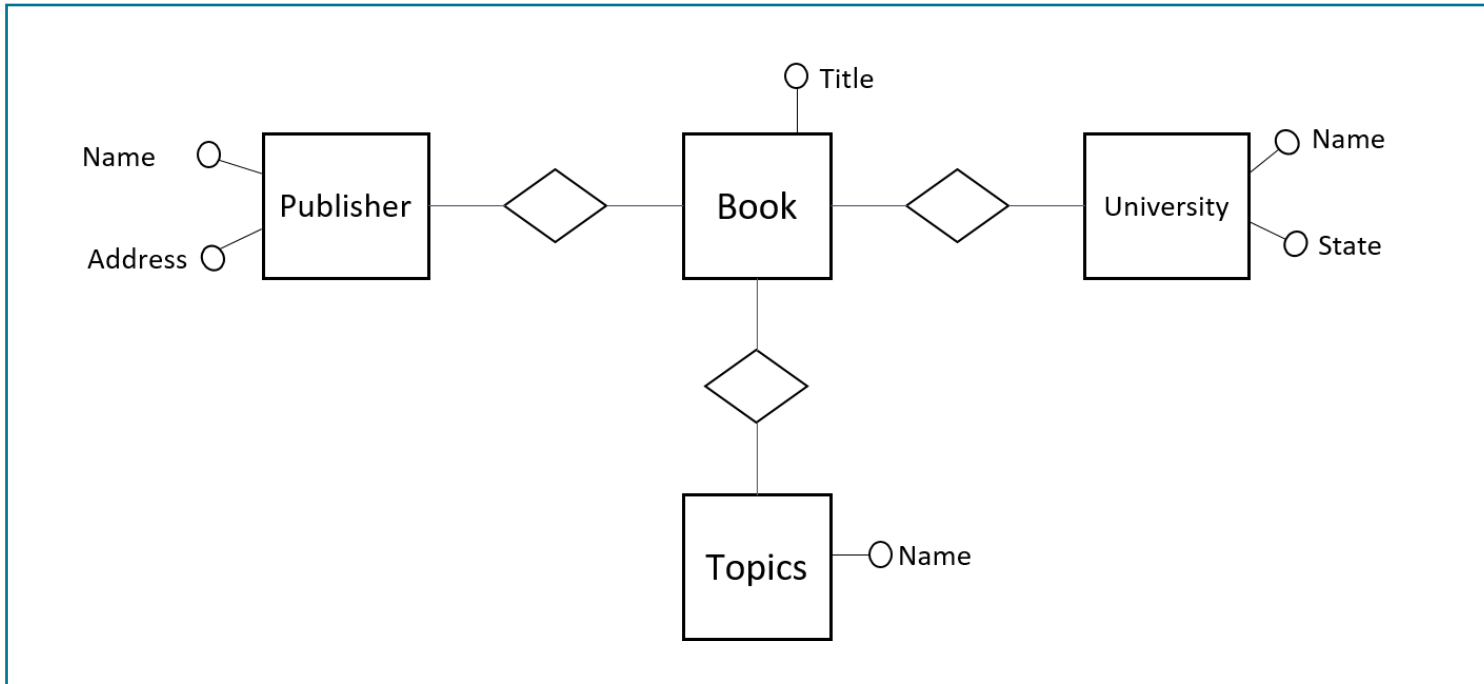
Alternative model of same (?) domain

In another model...



There are publications of different types. Each publication has a list of keywords.

How to integrate these two conceptual schemas?



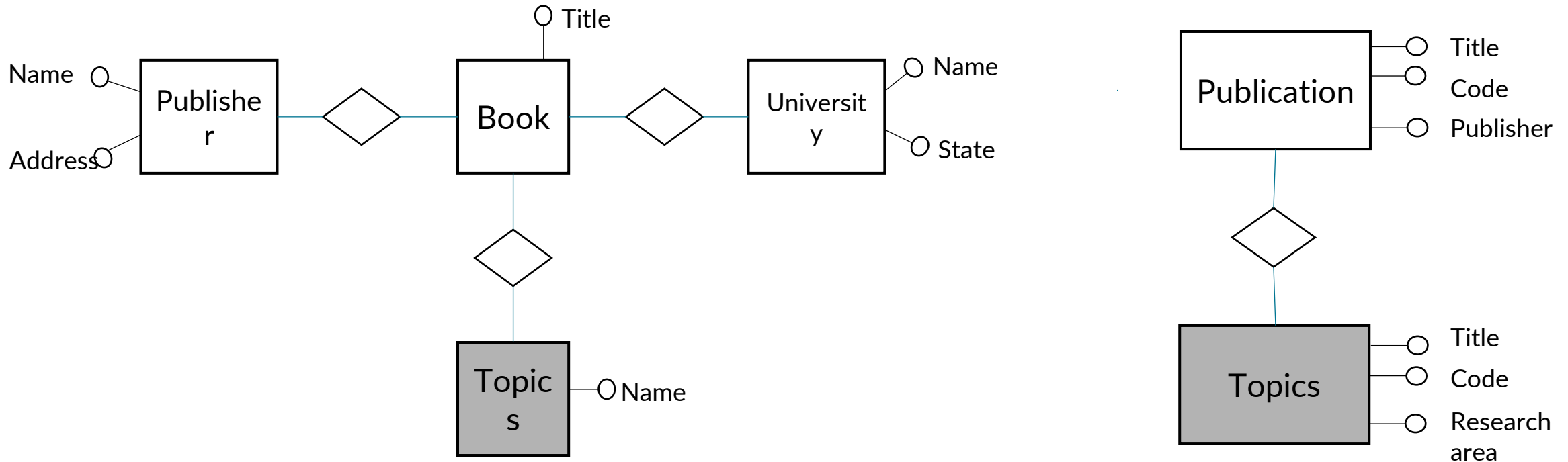
We observe such thing as:

Topics and *Keyword* appear to refer to the same thing

A Book /is kind of/ Publication (BOOK \subset PUBLICATION)

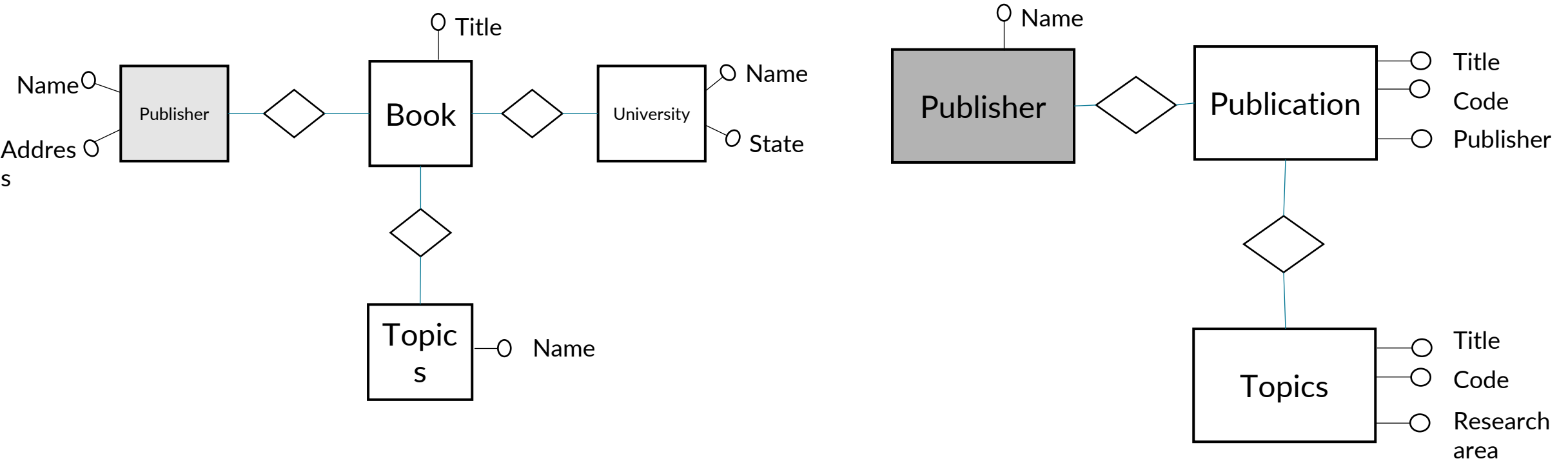
Publisher is an entity in one schema; an attribute in the other

1. Use “Topics” for “Keyword” as well



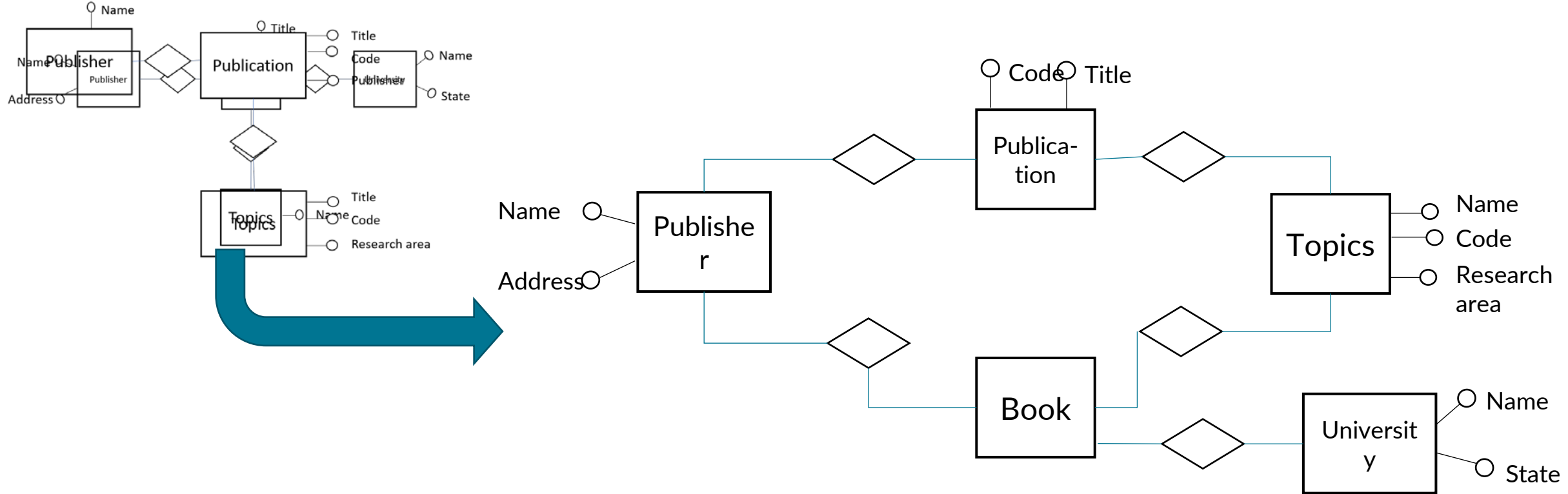
“Topics” and “Keyword” appear to be synonyms

2. Make “Publisher” an entity

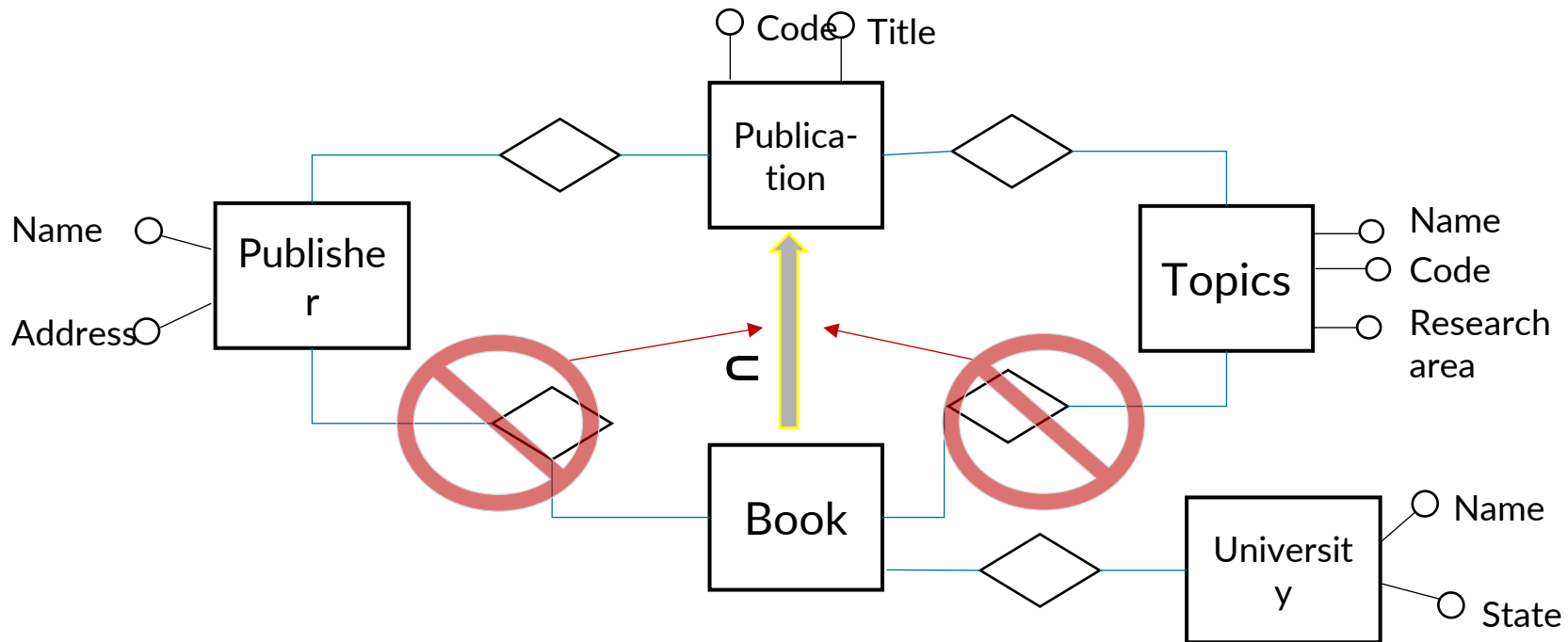


In one model, “Publisher” is an entity; in the other, an attribute

3. Combine schemas

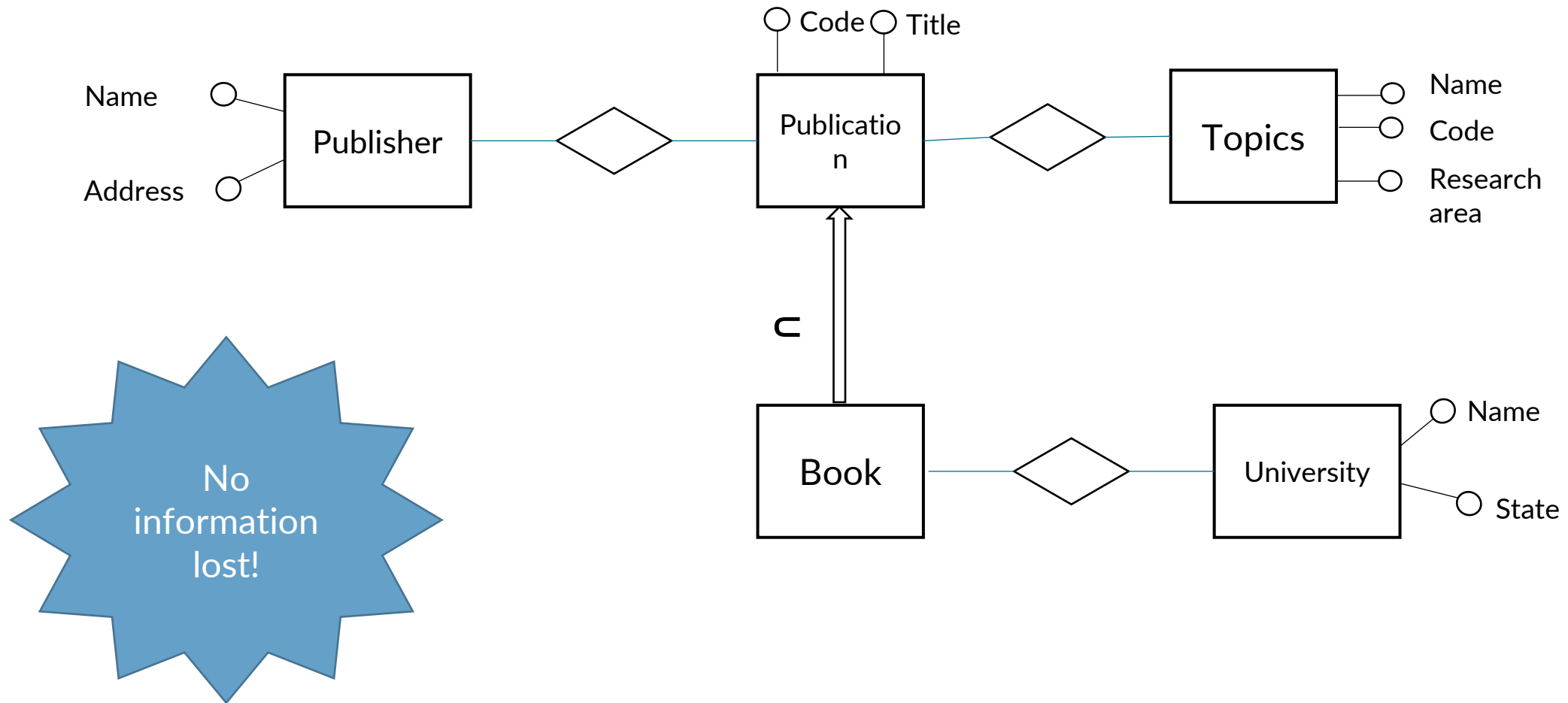


4. Create subset relationship



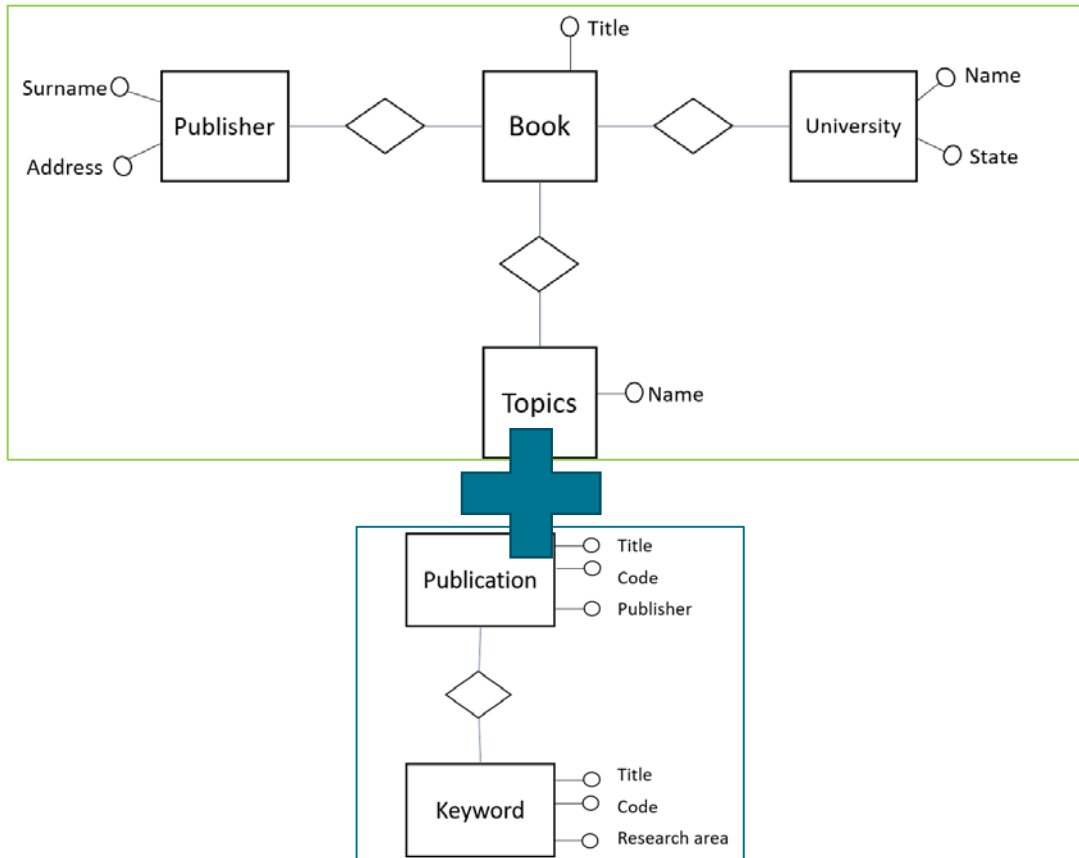
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5. Integrated schema



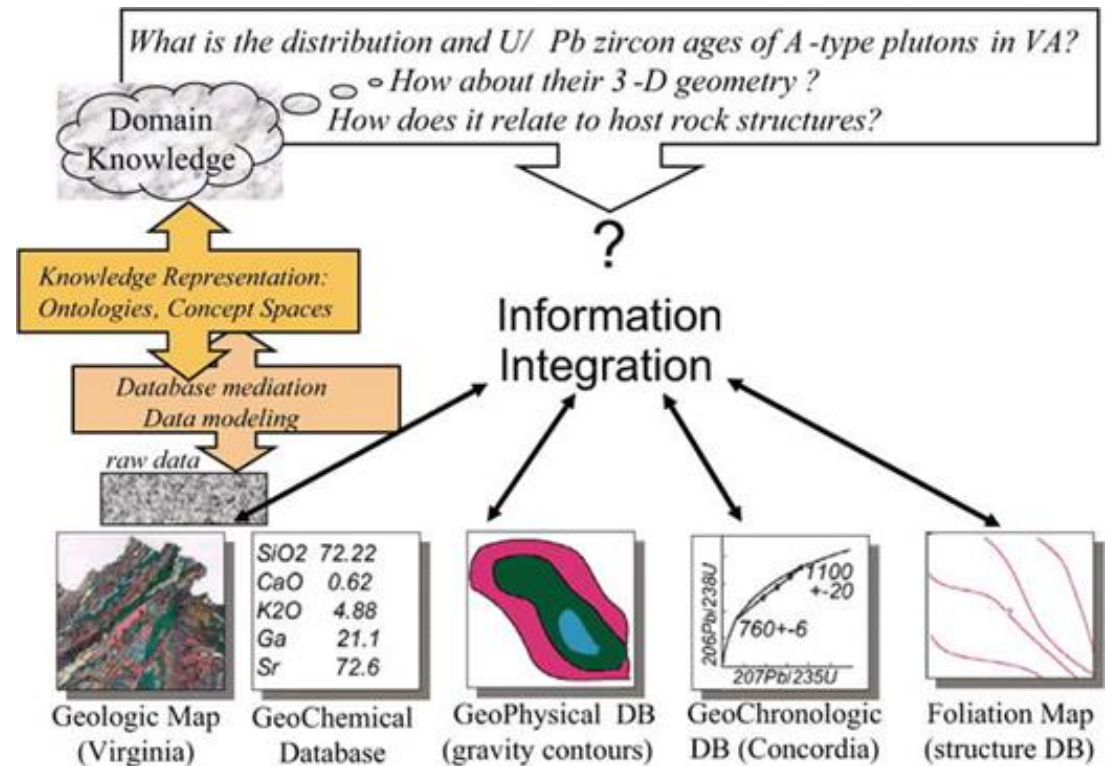
Ok, it isn't really so easy

One-world scenario



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Complex, multiple-worlds scenario



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