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# Introduction

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- Topics: Relational Model, Relational Algebra, Exercises



# Outline

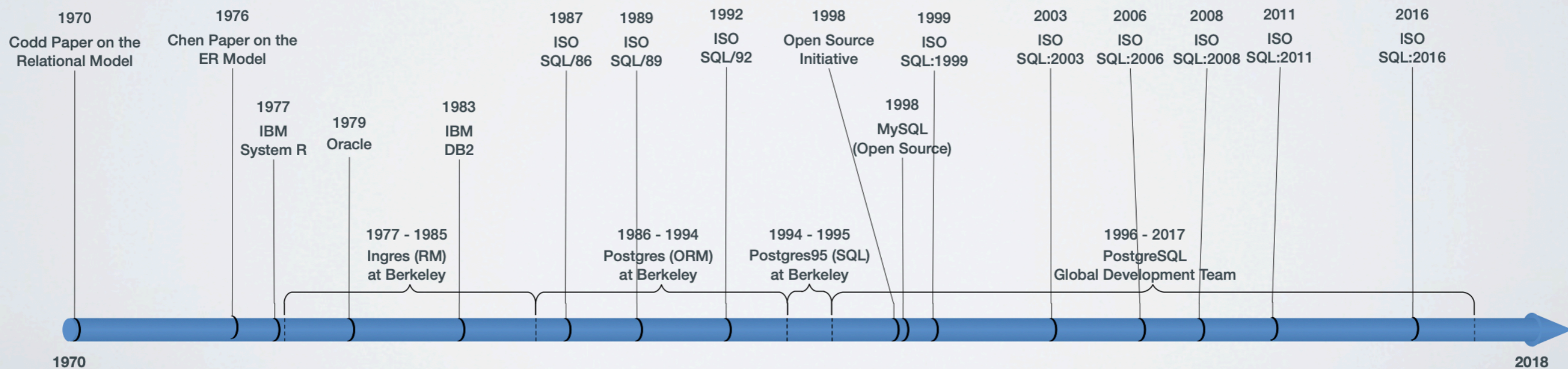


- Constructs of the relational model
- Integrity constraints in the relational model
- Mapping from the Entity-Relationship model to the relational model

# The Relational Model



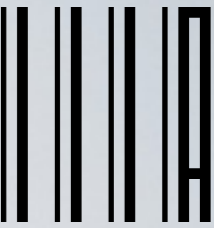
- The **relational model** has been proposed by E. F. Codd at IBM in 1970 to promote the **data independence**
- It is based on the notion of (mathematical) **relation** but with important differences
  - Relations are naturally represented by means of **tables**
- The relational models adopts a **value-based approach**: links and references among data in different structures (relations) are realized by means of comparison among values (and not pointers)



# Relation



# Mathematical Relation: Definition



- Given the sets  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$  the **cartesian product** is the set of the **ordered n-uples**:

$$D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_n = \{(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \mid d_1 \in D_1, d_2 \in D_2, \dots, d_n \in D_n\}$$

- A **relation (mathematical)** is a subset of the cartesian product:

$$R \subseteq D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_n$$

- $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$  are the **domains** of the relation. A relation over  $n$  domains has **degree  $n$**

- The number  $|R|$  of n-ples is the **cardinality** of the relation



# Mathematical Relation: Properties



- A (mathematical) relation is a **set** and therefore
  - there is **no ordering** among its n-uples
  - the n-uples are all **distinct**
  
- Each n-uple in a relation is **ordered** and therefore
  - the i-th value is associated to the i-th domain



# Mathematical Relation: Example



Game  $\subseteq$  String  $\times$  String  $\times$  Integer  $\times$  Integer

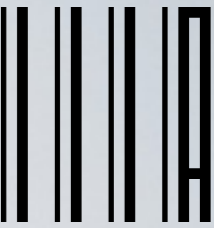
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- The role of a domain is disambiguated by its position: the first and third domains are the name and score of the home team, the second and fourth domains are the name and score of the visitor team





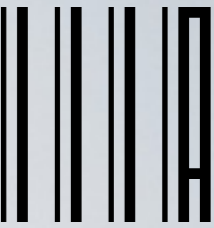
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Lazio	Roma	2	3

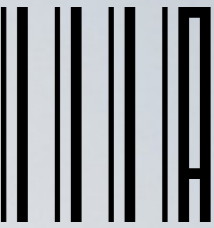
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# Relation in the Relational Model (1/2)

- A relation in the relational model is similar to a mathematical relation but with some differences:
  - the components of a relation are called **attributes**
  - each attribute is characterized by a **name** and a **set of values**, called **domain of the attribute**
- A relation can be represented as a **table** where **attributes** correspond to **columns** and **attribute names** are used as **column headers**
  - since each component of a relation is univocally identified by an attribute, the **ordering** among **attributes** is **irrelevant**:
  - differently from a mathematical relation, the structure is **not positional**



# Relation in the Relational Model (2/2)

- Let  $X = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  be the **set of attributes** and let  $\mathcal{D} = \{D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n\}$  be the **set of attribute domains**, the function

$$\text{dom} : X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$
$$A_i \mapsto D_i$$

maps each attribute into its domain

- We call **tuple** over a set of attributes

$$t_j : X \rightarrow D_i$$
$$A_i \mapsto v_{i,j} \in D_i$$

the function which maps each attribute into a value of its domain. We can use the following notation  $t_j[A_i]$  or  $t_j.A_i$  to indicate the value of an attribute

- A **relation** over a set of attributes  $X$  is a set of tuples over  $X$



# Relation in the Relational Model: Example



## Game

Home	Visitor	Home Score	Visitor Score
Juventus	Milan	3	1
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Inter	Juventus	3	2
Milan	Lazio	2	0

- There are 4 attributes in this relation and, in the tabular representation, they correspond to the columns of the table; the **tuples** (n-ples) correspond to the rows.
- The attribute domains are String for **Home** and **Visitor**, and Integer for **Home Score** and **Visitor Score**. Typically, they are not indicated in the tabular representation of a relation





# Relation in the Relational Model: Example



## Game

Home	Visitor	Home Score	Visitor Score
Inter	Juventus	3	2
Milan	Lazio	2	0
Juventus	Milan	3	1
Lazio	Roma	2	3

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# Relation in the Relational Model: Example



## Game

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Inter	3	Juventus	2
Milan	2	Lazio	0

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# Relation Schema

A **relation schema**  $R(T)$  consists of a **relation name**  $R$  and a **relation type**  $T$  denoted by

$$R(A_1 : D_1, A_2 : D_2, \dots, A_n : D_n)$$

where the **attributes** are  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  and the **attribute domains** are  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$ .

- Two relation types are equal if they have the same **degree**, that is the number of attributes  $n$ , the attributes themselves and the domains of the attributes with the same name.
- The order of the attributes is irrelevant
- We can also use the compact notation

$$R(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$$

# Relation Instance

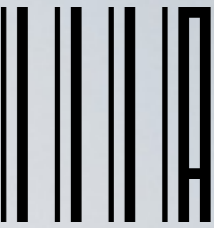
A **relation instance**  $r$  of the relation schema  $R(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ , denoted by  $r(R)$ , is a **set of tuples**  $r = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$  where each tuple is a **labeled list of values**

$$t_j = \langle A_1 : v_{1,j}, A_2 : v_{2,j}, \dots, A_n : v_{n,j} \rangle$$

- The value of attribute  $A_i$  in tuple  $t_j$  is indicated as
- $t_j[A_i] = v_{i,j} \in D_i = \text{dom}(A_i)$   
 $t_j.A_i = v_{i,j} \in D_i = \text{dom}(A_i)$
- The **cardinality**  $|r| = m$  of a relation is the number of its tuples



# Incomplete Information: The NULL Value



- It may not be always possible to associate an appropriate value with an attribute of a tuple
- To overcome this issue, we introduce a special value, called **NULL**, which does not belong to any domain, and we extend the

$$t_j[A_i] = v_{i,j} \in D_i \vee \text{NULL}$$

- **NULL** is not one of the “ordinary” values of a domain **D**
  - “unused values” may not exist
  - “unused values” may change over time
  - you need to treat such “unused values” as special cases in the applications
  - “unused values” would be different from domain to domain



# Meaning of the NULL Value



## Person

Name	Surname	Age	MsC	HomePhone
Mario	Rossi	32	NULL	0498271234
Giovanni	Verdi	NULL	Law	0498275678
Marta	Bruni	28	Medicine	NULL

- **Value undefined:** an appropriate value for a given instance does not exist
  - Master Degree (MsC) does not apply to those people who have not attended university
- **Value not available:** an appropriate value for a given instance exists but it is not known in a given moment
  - You may not know the Age of a Person
- **Value unknown:** an appropriate value for a given instance may or may not exist
  - A Person may or may not have an home phone number because the contract is still in progress





# Relational Model: Value-based Approach



## Student

BadgeNumber	Name	Surname	BirthDate
6554	Mario	Rossi	05/12/1982
8765	Paolo	Neri	07/04/1979
9283	Luisa	Verdi	22/07/1983
3456	Marta	Rossi	14/02/1981

Student	Mark	Course
3456	30	03
3456	24	02
9283	28	01
6554	26	01

## Exam

## Course

Code	Title	Teacher
01	Analysis	Bianchi
02	Chemistry	Bruni
03	Physics	Rossi



# Relational Model: Value-based Approach



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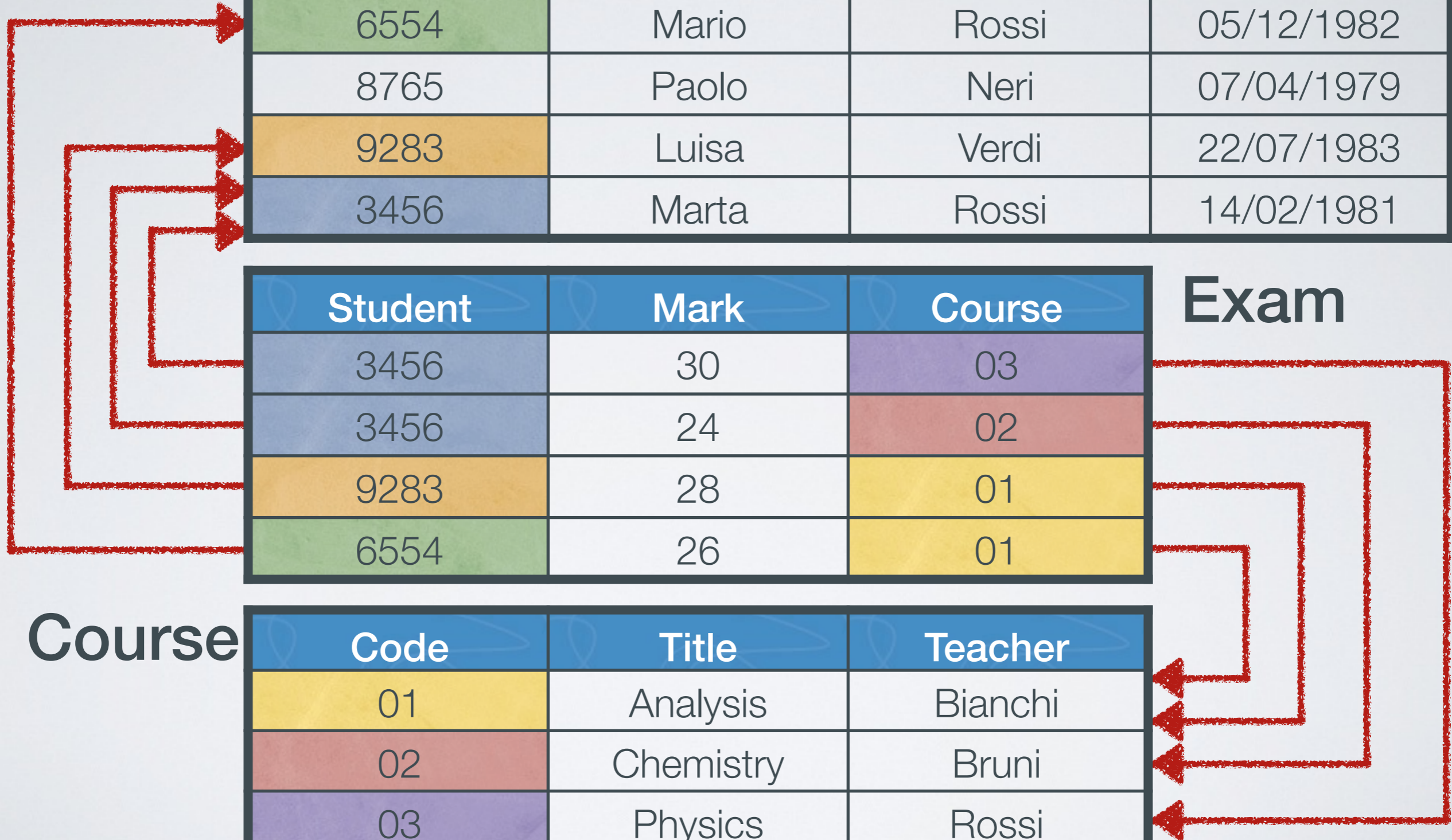
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# Advantages of the Value-based Approach

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- **Independence** from **physical data structures**, which may change
- Data are more **portable** from one system to another one
- Values allow for **bi-directionality** (while physical pointers are not)



**A database schema (relational schema) consists of a set of relation schemas  $R_i(T_i)$  with different names and denoted by**

$$\mathbf{R} = \{R_1(T_1), R_2(T_2), \dots, R_n(T_n)\}$$

- The integrity constraints (discussed in the following) are integral part of the database schema



# Database Instance

**A database instance  $r$  of the database schema  $R = \{R_1(T_1), R_2(T_2), \dots, R_n(T_n)\}$  is a set of relation instances**

$$r = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n\}$$



# Database Schema and Instance: Example

$\mathbf{R} = \{ \text{Student}(\text{BadgeNumber}, \text{Name}, \text{Surname}, \text{BirthDate}),$   
 $\text{Worker}(\text{BadgeNumber}) \}$

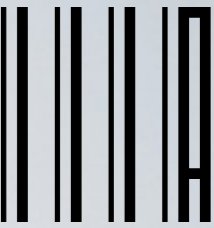
## Student

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## Worker

BadgeNumber
6554
8765

# Integrity Constraints



An **integrity constraint** is a **condition** expressed on the **database schema** (intensional level) and it must be complied with by the **database instances** (extensional level) which represent a correct state for the application

- Each constraint is a boolean predicate which maps each database instance into **true** if the constraint is complied with or **false** otherwise
- We add a set of constraints to the database schema and we consider **correct** only the database instances which comply with **all the constraints**





# Integrity Constraints: Classification



## ● **Intra-relational**, concerning a single relation:

- domain constraint
- tuple constraint
- key constraint

## ● **Inter-relational**, concerning two or more relations:

- referential integrity constraint



# Integrity Constraints: Example



## Student

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## Exam

Student	Mark	Laude	Course
3456	30	TRUE	03
3456	32		02
9283	28	TRUE	01
7899	26		01

## Course

Code	Title	Teacher
01	Analysis	Bianchi
02	NULL	NULL
03	Physics	Rossi



# Integrity Constraints: Example



## Student

BadgeNumber	Name	Surname	BirthDate
6554	Mario	Rossi	05/12/1982
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Domain Constraints: a Mark must be in the range [0, 30]

## Exam

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## Course

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# Integrity Constraints: Example



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Student	Mark	Laude	Course
3456	30	TRUE	03
3456	32		02
9283	28	TRUE	01
7899	26		01

Domain Constraint: Title and Teacher cannot be

NULL

## Course

Code	Title	Teacher
01	Analysis	Bianchi
02	NULL	NULL
03	Physics	Rossi



# Integrity Constraints: Example



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**Tuple Constraint:** Laude is possible if and only if Mark is 30

Student	Mark	Laude	Course
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7899	26		01

## Course

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Key Constraint: there do not exist two tuples with the same value for the attribute BadgeNumber

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3456	32		02
9283	28	TRUE	01
7899	26		01

## Course

Code	Title	Teacher
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Student	Mark	Laude	Course
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7899	26		01

## Course

Code	Title
01	Analysis
02	NULL
03	Physics

Referential Integrity Constraint:  
there is not tuple in the Student  
relation with value 7899 for the  
attribute BadgeNumber



**A tuple constraint defines conditions on the values of each tuple of a relation, independently from all the other tuples. A tuple constraint concerning only one attribute is called a domain constraint**

- A tuple constraint on a relation  $R$  is a boolean sentence, using AND, OR and NOT to compose atomic boolean predicates comparing values of or expressions on the attributes of the relation  $R$



# Tuple Constraints: Example



Student	Mark	Laude	Course
3456	30	TRUE	03
3456	<b>32</b>		02
9283	<b>28</b>	<b>TRUE</b>	01
7899	26		01

## Domain Constraint

$(\text{Mark} \geq 18) \text{ AND } (\text{Mark} \leq 30)$

## Tuple Constraint

$(\text{Mark} = 30) \text{ OR NOT } (\text{Laude} = \text{TRUE})$

Mark = 30	Laude = TRUE	$(\text{Mark} = 30) \text{ OR NOT } (\text{Laude} = \text{TRUE})$
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
TRUE	FALSE	TRUE
FALSE	FALSE	TRUE



Let  $R(T)$  be a relation schema and let  $SK$  be a sub-set of the attributes  $T$ .  $SK$  is a **super-key** for  $R$  if, for a relation instance  $r(R)$ , it holds

$$\forall t_1, t_2 \in r, \quad t_1[SK] \neq t_2[SK]$$

- In the relation instance there cannot be two different tuples which have the same values on all the attributes of the super-key
- Since relations are sets, a relation cannot contain the same tuple twice. As a consequence, there always exists at least one super-key for each relation, that is the whole set of attributes  $T$



A super-key  $SK$  of a relation schema  $R(T)$  is a **key**  $K$  (with  $K = SK$ ) if, for a relation instance  $r(R)$  and for each proper subset  $K'$  of  $K$ , it holds

$$\exists t_1, t_2 \in r \mid t_1[K'] = t_2[K']$$

- A key is a **minimal super-key**, i.e. if you remove only one of its attributes, it is no more a key
- The same relation may have more than one key (super-key)



# Super-key and Key: Example



## Student

Badge	Name	Surname	BirthDate	Course
6554	Mario	Rossi	05/12/1982	Analysis
8765	Mario	Neri	07/04/1979	Physics
3219	Mario	Rossi	07/04/1979	Chemistry
9283	Piero	Neri	22/07/1983	Analysis
3456	Piero	Rossi	05/12/1982	Chemistry

- **Badge** is a key
  - Badge is a super-key
  - It is a minimal super-key since it consists of just one attribute
- **(Name, Surname, BirthDate)** is a key
  - the set Name, Surname, BirthDate is a super-key
  - It is a minimal super-key since no one of its subset is a super-key
- **(Name, Surname, BirthDate, Course)** is a super-key but not a key



# Key Constraint

**A key constraint is an assertion specifying that a set of attributes constitutes a key for a relational and that all the valid relation instances must comply with that constraint**

- There is no limit to the number of key constraints on a relation



- Keys guarantee the access to each datum in the database
- Each value is univocally accessible by
  - name of the relation
  - value of the key, which identifies a specific tuple in the relation
  - name of the attribute whose value has to be accessed
- As we will see in the following, keys are the main mean to link data in different relations



## Student

Badge	Name	Surname	BirthDate	Course
NULL	Mario	NULL	05/12/1982	Analysis
8765	Mario	Neri	07/04/1979	Physics
3219	Mario	Rossi	07/04/1979	Chemistry
9283	Piero	Neri	NULL	Analysis
NULL	Piero	Rossi	05/12/1982	NULL

When there are NULL values, the values of the attributes constituting a key:

- do not allow us to identify tuples
- do not allow us to link to/from other relations



A **primary key** constraint is a **key** constraint also requesting that **NULL** values are **not allowed** for the attributes constituting the key

## Student

<u>BadgeNumber</u>	Name	Surname	BirthDate	Course
6554	Mario	Rossi	05/12/1982	Chemistry
8765	Mario	Neri	07/04/1979	Analysis
3456	Piero	Rossi	05/12/1982	Physics

- The attributes constituting the primary key are underlined
- We can define **only one** primary key for each relation
- We typically chose as primary key the key with the **minimal number of attributes**





A set of attributes  $FK = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  of a relation schema  $R_1$  is a **foreign key** of  $R_1$  referring to a relation  $R_2$  with primary key  $PK = (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$  if

$$\text{dom}(A_i) = \text{dom}(B_i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$\forall t_1 \in r(R_1), \quad t_1[FK] = \text{NULL} \vee \exists t_2 \in r(R_2) \mid t_1[FK] = t_2[PK]$$

- The foreign key allows us to define the **referential integrity constraint** which requires that the property above is complied with by all the database instance
- Note the referential integrity constraint is enforced by **comparisons based on the values**



# Referential Integrity Constraint: Example



## Student

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# Referential Integrity Constraint: Example



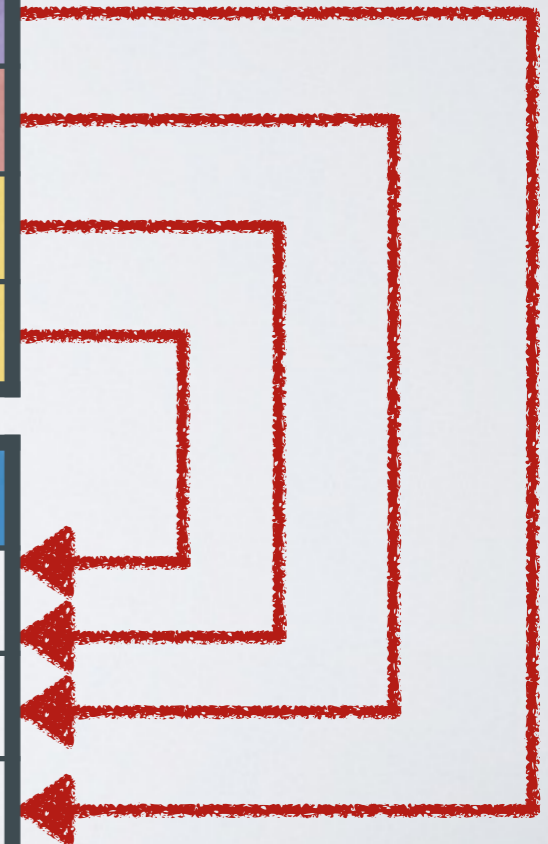
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<u>Student</u>	Mark	<u>Course</u>
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9283	28	01
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**Exam**



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03	Physics	Rossi

# Mapping from ER Model to Relational Model



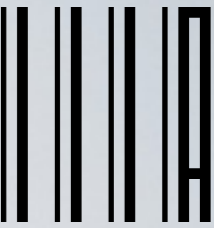
# Mapping of the (transformed) ER Schema into a Relational Schema



- The goal of the mapping is to pass from a (transformed) ER schema plus constraints to a relational schema plus constraints, representing the same information
- It is a semi-automatic process in the sense that most of the choices have been already made while transforming the ER schema
- The produced relational schema is typically a good starting point but we need to check its quality (normalization) and we may perform further transformations for performance reasons
- It consists of the following steps:
  - mapping of the entities into relations together with the respective constraints
  - mapping of the relationships into relations together with the respective constraints
  - mapping of external constraints



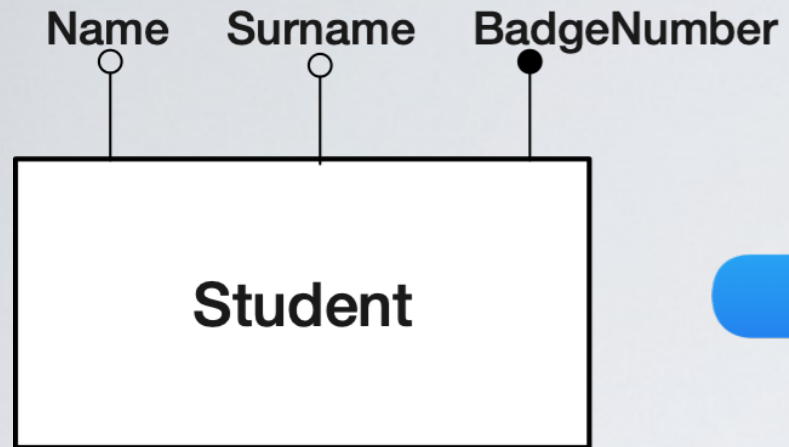
# Mapping of Entities: General Rules



- Each entity  $\mathbf{E}$  of the ER schema is mapped into a relation  $R_{\mathbf{E}}$  of the relational schema
- The attributes of the relation  $R_{\mathbf{E}}$  are
  - all the attributes of the entity  $\mathbf{E}$
  - the attributes deriving from the merging of relationships in  $R_{\mathbf{E}}$  – for each merged relationship  $\mathbf{Q}$  we add
    - the attributes of the relationships  $\mathbf{Q}$
    - the identifiers of all the other entities participating in  $\mathbf{Q}$
- The primary key of  $R_{\mathbf{E}}$  is given by the principal identifier of  $\mathbf{E}$ , that is attributes  $R_{\mathbf{E}}$  and/or deriving from external identification

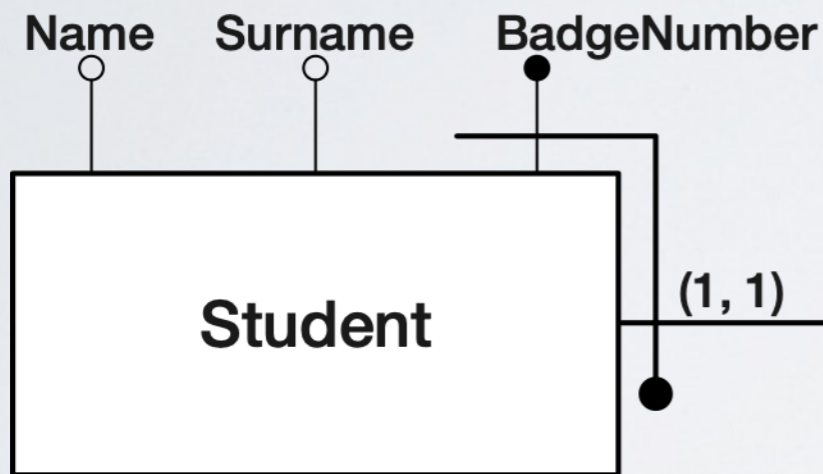


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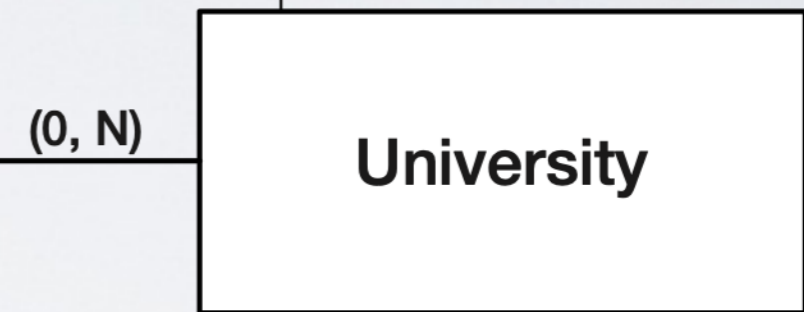


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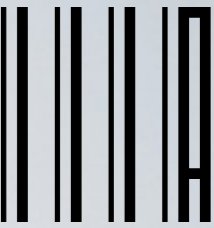


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# Mapping of Relationships: General Rules

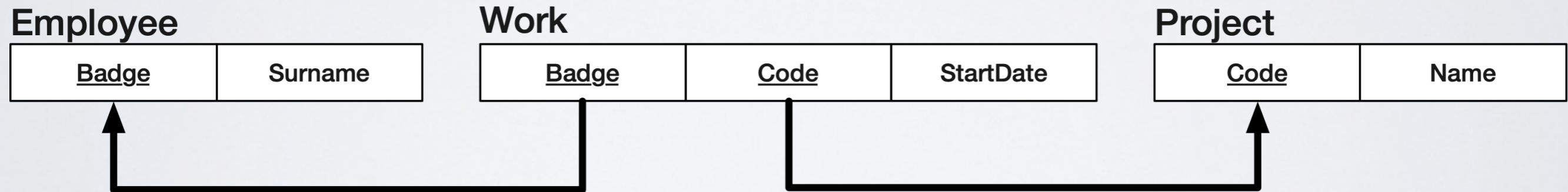
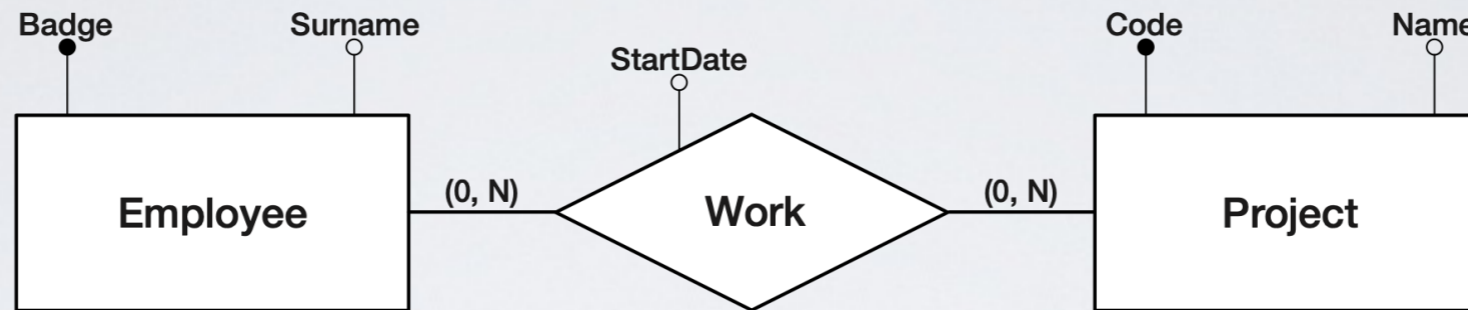


- Each relationship  $Q$  of the ER schema which has not been merged in the previous step is mapped to a relation  $R_Q$
- The attributes of the relation  $R_Q$  are
  - all the attributes of the relationship  $Q$
  - the identifier of the entities (primary keys of the relations) that participate to  $Q$
- Choice of the primary key of  $R_Q$ 
  - If no entity participates to  $Q$  with maximum cardinality 1, then the primary key consists of all the primary keys of the participating entities
  - Otherwise, the primary key of each entity participating to  $Q$  with maximum cardinality 1 is a key and we can choose one of these candidate keys as the primary key



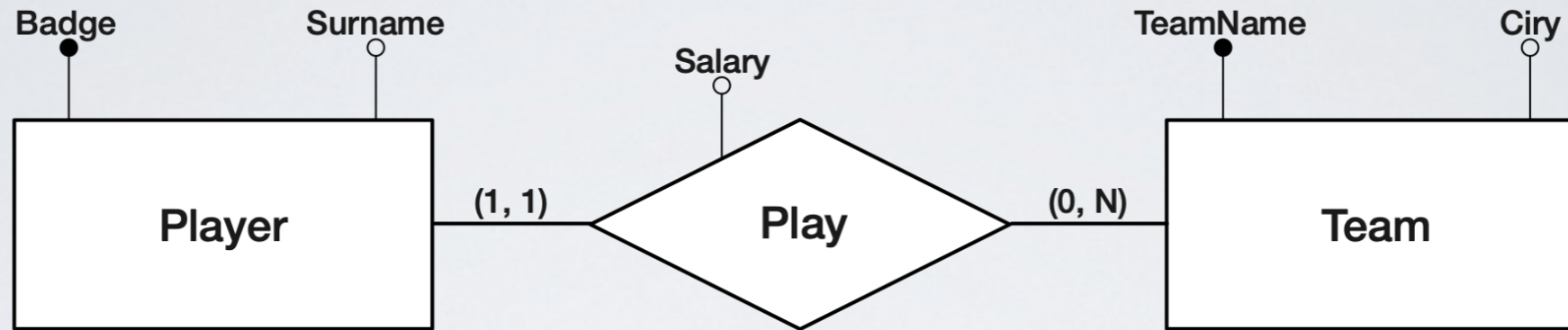


# Mapping of Many-To-Many Relationships





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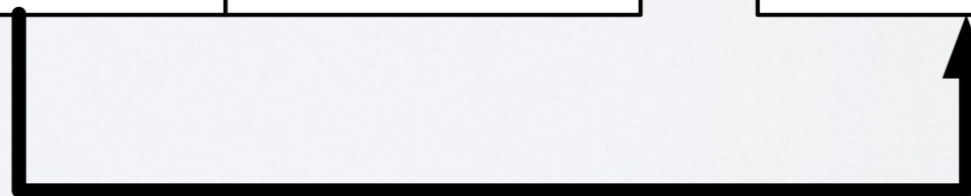


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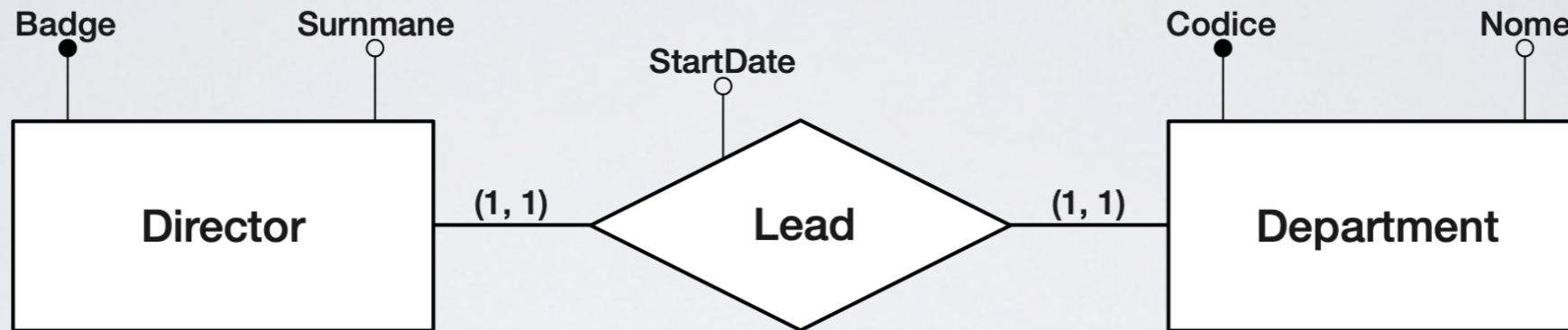
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# Mapping of One-to-One Relationships

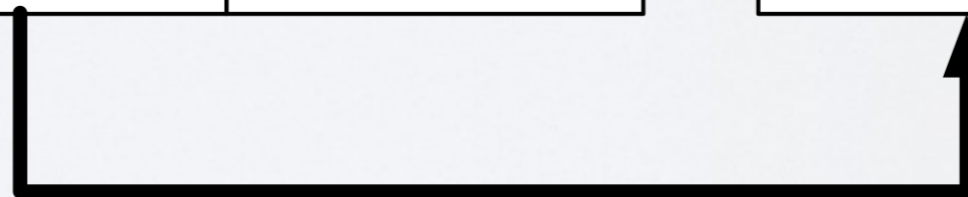


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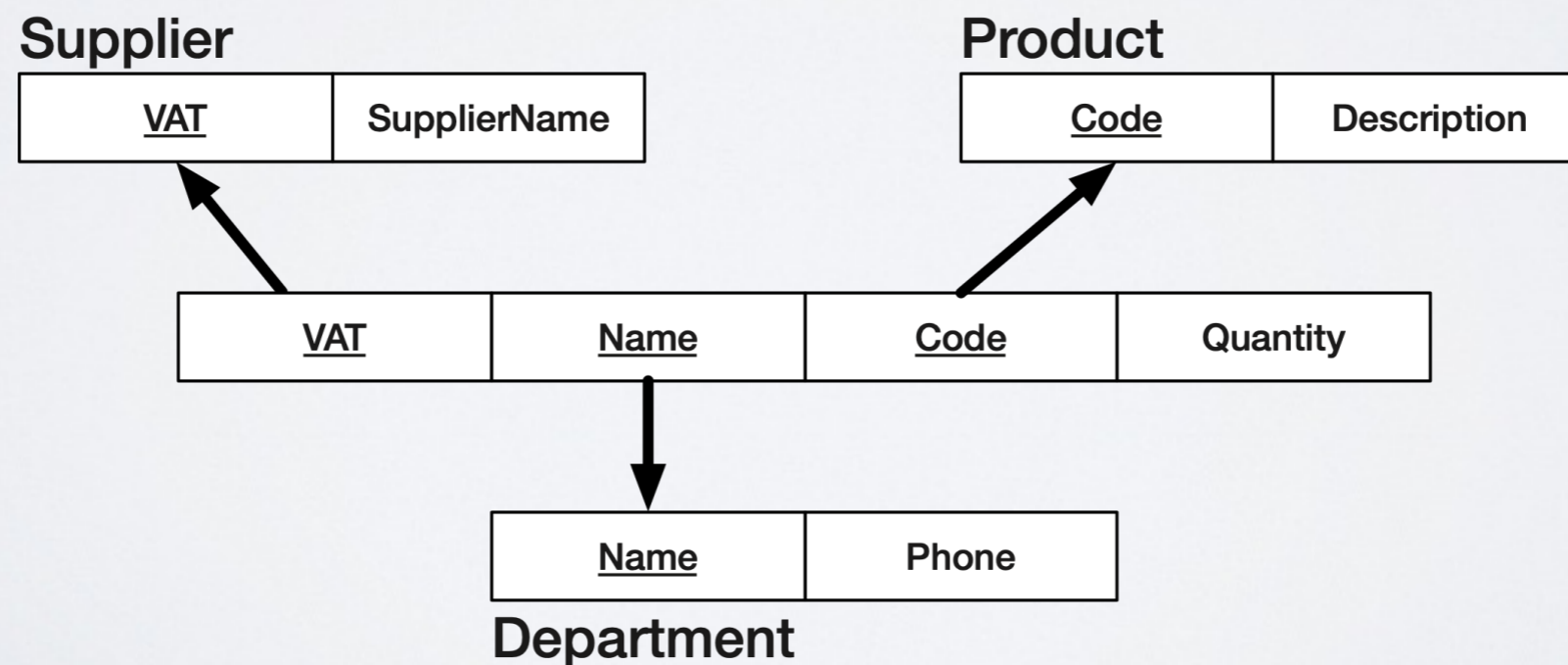
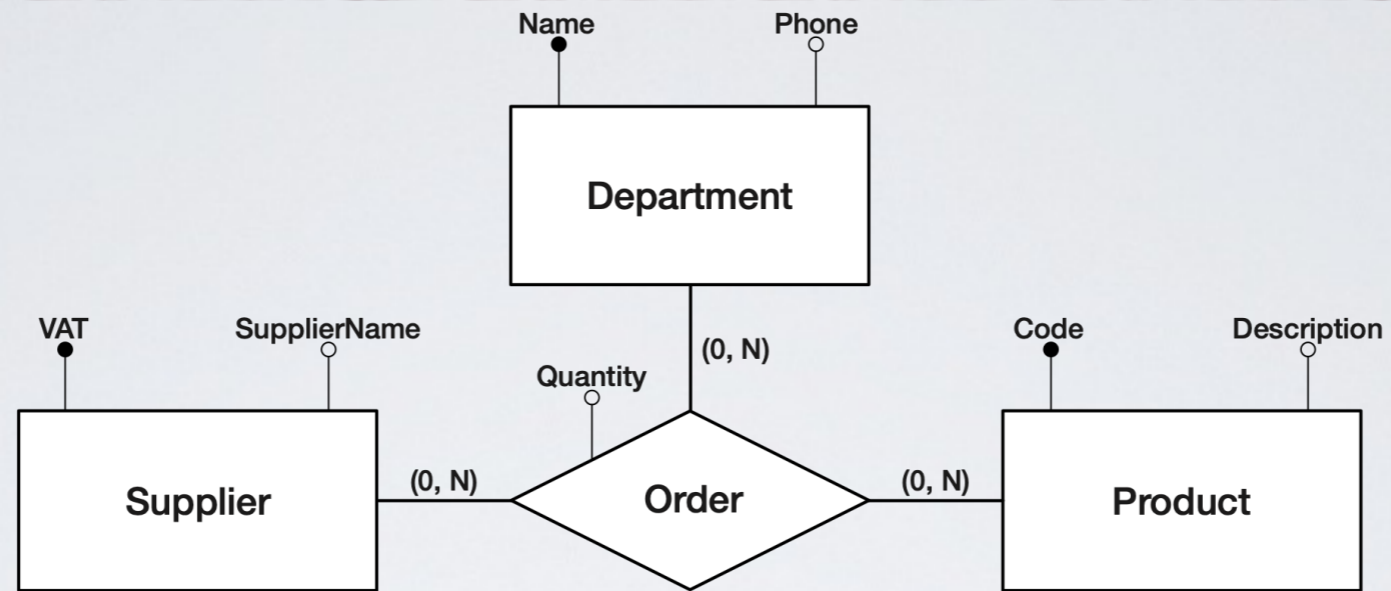
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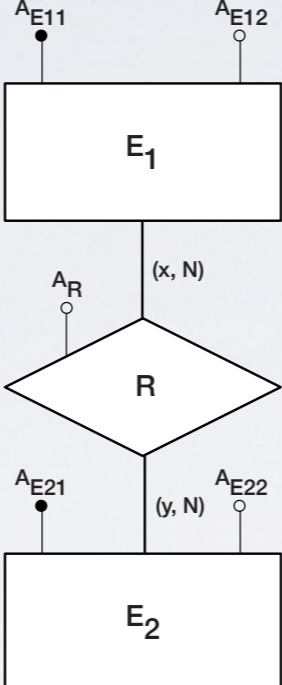
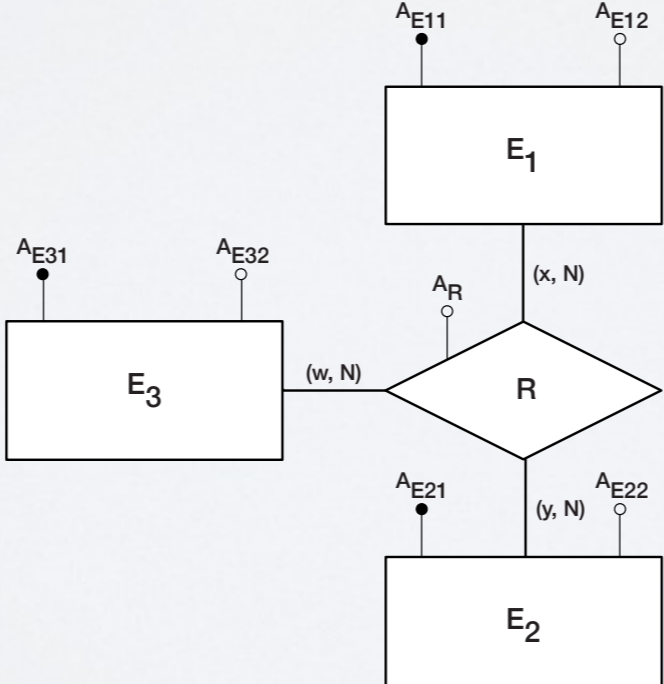




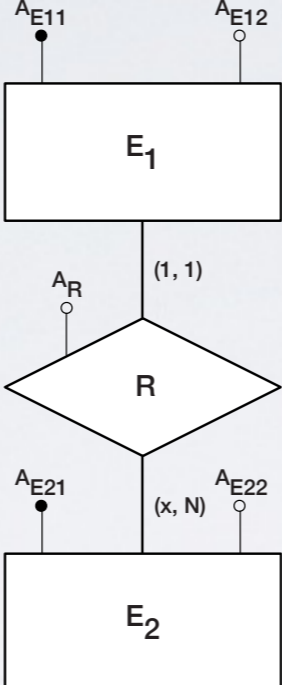
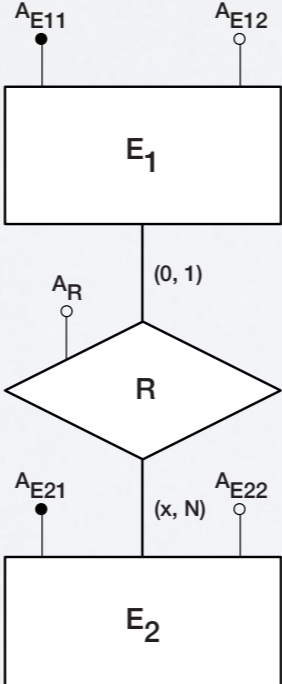
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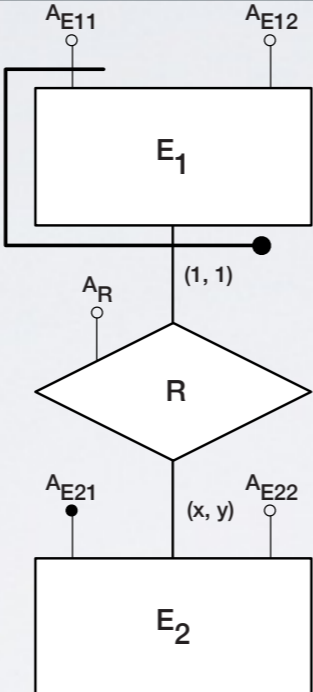
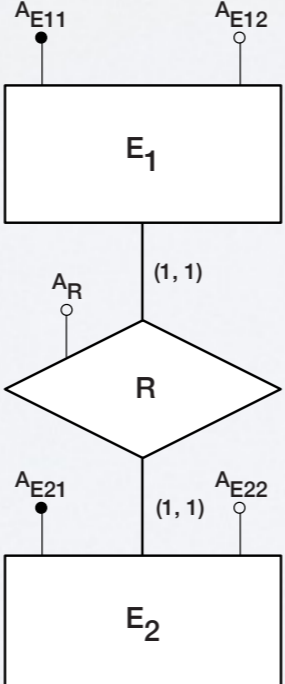


Type	ER Model	Relational Model
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Binary Many-to-Many Relationship</b></p>	 <p>The diagram shows two entity sets, E<sub>1</sub> and E<sub>2</sub>, connected by a relationship set R. Entity E<sub>1</sub> has attributes A<sub>E11</sub> and A<sub>E12</sub>. Entity E<sub>2</sub> has attributes A<sub>E21</sub> and A<sub>E22</sub>. The relationship R has attribute A<sub>R</sub>. The cardinality between E<sub>1</sub> and R is (x, N), and between R and E<sub>2</sub> is (y, N).</p>	$E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12})$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22})$ $R(\underline{A_{E11}}, \underline{A_{E21}}, A_R)$
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ternary Relationship</b></p>	 <p>The diagram shows three entity sets, E<sub>1</sub>, E<sub>2</sub>, and E<sub>3</sub>, connected by a relationship set R. Entity E<sub>1</sub> has attributes A<sub>E11</sub> and A<sub>E12</sub>. Entity E<sub>2</sub> has attributes A<sub>E21</sub> and A<sub>E22</sub>. Entity E<sub>3</sub> has attributes A<sub>E31</sub> and A<sub>E32</sub>. The relationship R has attribute A<sub>R</sub>. The cardinality between E<sub>1</sub> and R is (x, N), between R and E<sub>2</sub> is (y, N), and between R and E<sub>3</sub> is (w, N).</p>	$E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12})$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22})$ $E_3(\underline{A_{E31}}, A_{E32})$ $R(\underline{A_{E11}}, \underline{A_{E21}}, \underline{A_{E31}}, A_R)$

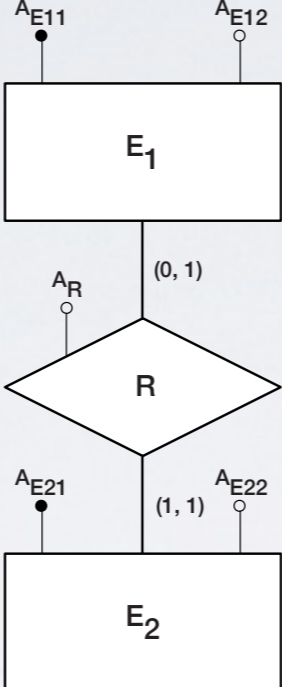
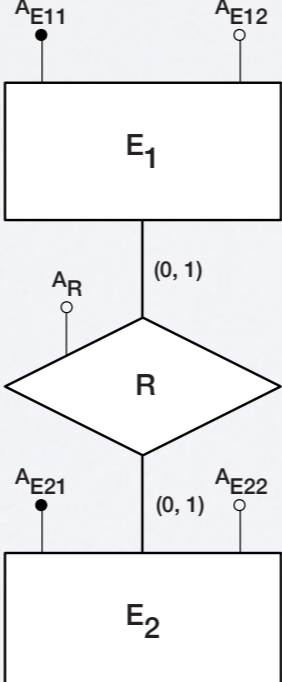


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<p><b>One-to-Many Relationship with Mandatory Participation</b></p>		$E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12}, A_{E21}, A_R)$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22})$
<p><b>One-to-Many Relationship with Optional Participation</b></p>		$E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12})$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22})$ $R(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E21}, A_R)$ <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12}, A_{E21}, A_R)$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22})$



Type	ER Model	Relational Model
<p><b>Entity with External Identifier</b></p>	 <p>The diagram shows two entities, E<sub>1</sub> and E<sub>2</sub>, connected by a relationship R. Entity E<sub>1</sub> has two external identifiers: A<sub>E11</sub> (underlined) and A<sub>E12</sub>. Entity E<sub>2</sub> has two external identifiers: A<sub>E21</sub> (underlined) and A<sub>E22</sub>. The relationship R has an external identifier A<sub>R</sub>. The cardinality between E<sub>1</sub> and R is (1, 1), and between R and E<sub>2</sub> is (x, y).</p>	$E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, \underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E12}, A_R)$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22})$
<p><b>One-to-One Relationship with Mandatory Participation for both Entities</b></p>	 <p>The diagram shows two entities, E<sub>1</sub> and E<sub>2</sub>, connected by a relationship R. Entity E<sub>1</sub> has two external identifiers: A<sub>E11</sub> (underlined) and A<sub>E12</sub>. Entity E<sub>2</sub> has two external identifiers: A<sub>E21</sub> (underlined) and A<sub>E22</sub>. The relationship R has an external identifier A<sub>R</sub>. The cardinality between E<sub>1</sub> and R is (1, 1), and between R and E<sub>2</sub> is (1, 1).</p>	$E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12}, \underline{A_{E21}}, A_R)$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22})$ <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12})$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22}, \underline{A_{E11}}, A_R)$



Type	ER Model	Relational Model
<p>One-to-One Relationship with Optional Participation for One Entity</p>		$E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12})$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22}, A_{E11}, A_R)$
<p>One-to-One Relationship with Optional Participation for both Entities</p>		$E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12})$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22}, A_{E11}, A_R)$ <p>or</p> $E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12}, A_{E21}, A_R)$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22})$ <p>oppure</p> $E_1(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E12})$ $E_2(\underline{A_{E21}}, A_{E22})$ $R(\underline{A_{E11}}, A_{E21}, A_R)$





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# Questions?

WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG ON THE PROJECT?



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THE APPLICATION IS UNSTABLE BECAUSE THE DATA MODEL IS DRIVEN BY AN OVERLY COMPLEX RELATIONAL DATABASE AND THERE WAS NO INTEGRATION TESTING.



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DOES ANY OF THAT MEAN THE SAME THING AS "LAZY"?

