Chapter 9
Relational Database Design by ER- and EER-to-Relational Mapping
Chapter 9 Outline

- Relational Database Design Using ER-to-Relational Mapping
- Mapping EER Model Constructs to Relations
Relational Database Design by ER- and EER-to-Relational Mapping

- Design a relational database schema
  - Based on a conceptual schema design
- Seven-step algorithm to convert the basic ER model constructs into relations
- Additional steps for EER model
Relational Database Design Using ER-to-Relational Mapping
Figure 9.2
Result of mapping the COMPANY ER schema into a relational database schema.
ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm

- COMPANY database example
  - Assume that the mapping will create tables with simple single-valued attributes
- Step 1: Mapping of Regular Entity Types
  - For each regular entity type, create a relation \( R \) that includes all the simple attributes of \( E \)
  - Called entity relations
    - Each tuple represents an entity instance
Step 2: Mapping of Weak Entity Types

- For each weak entity type, create a relation $R$ and include all simple attributes of the entity type as attributes of $R$
- Include primary key attribute of owner as foreign key attributes of $R$
**Figure 9.3**
Illustration of some mapping steps.

b. Additional *weak entity* relation after step 2.

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ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm (cont’d.)

- Step 3: Mapping of Binary 1:1 Relationship Types
  - For each binary 1:1 relationship type
    - Identify relations that correspond to entity types participating in $R$
  - Possible approaches:
    - Foreign key approach
    - Merged relationship approach
    - Crossreference or relationship relation approach
ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm (cont’d.)

- Step 4: Mapping of Binary 1:N Relationship Types
  - For each regular binary 1:N relationship type
    - Identify relation that represents participating entity type at N-side of relationship type
    - Include primary key of other entity type as foreign key in S
    - Include simple attributes of 1:N relationship type as attributes of S
ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm (cont’d.)

- Alternative approach
  - Use the `relationship relation` (cross-reference) option as in the third option for binary 1:1 relationships
ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm (cont’d.)

- **Step 5: Mapping of Binary $M:N$ Relationship Types**
  - For each binary $M:N$ relationship type
    - Create a new relation $S$
    - Include primary key of participating entity types as foreign key attributes in $S$
    - Include any simple attributes of $M:N$ relationship type
ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm (cont’d.)

- Step 6: Mapping of Multivalued Attributes
  - For each multivalued attribute
  - Create a new relation
  - Primary key of $R$ is the combination of $A$ and $K$
  - If the multivalued attribute is composite, include its simple components
Step 7: Mapping of $N$-ary Relationship Types

- For each $n$-ary relationship type $R$
  - Create a new relation $S$ to represent $R$
  - Include primary keys of participating entity types as foreign keys
  - Include any simple attributes as attributes
Discussion and Summary of Mapping for ER Model Constructs

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<th>RELATIONAL MODEL</th>
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<td>Entity relation</td>
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<td>1:1 or 1:N relationship type</td>
<td>Foreign key (or relationship relation)</td>
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<td>M:N relationship type</td>
<td>Relationship relation and two foreign keys</td>
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<td>Simple attribute</td>
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<td>Composite attribute</td>
<td>Set of simple component attributes</td>
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<td>Multivalued attribute</td>
<td>Relation and foreign key</td>
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<td>Value set</td>
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<td>Key attribute</td>
<td>Primary (or secondary) key</td>
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Discussion and Summary of Mapping for ER Model Constructs (cont’d.)

- In a relational schema relationship, types are not represented explicitly
  - Represented by having two attributes $A$ and $B$: one a primary key and the other a foreign key
Mapping EER Model Constructs to Relations

- Extending ER-to-relational mapping algorithm
Mapping of Specialization or Generalization

- Step 8: Options for Mapping Specialization or Generalization (see pages 294-295)
  - **Option 8A: Multiple relations—superclass and subclasses**
    - For any specialization (total or partial, disjoint or overlapping)
  - **Option 8B: Multiple relations—subclass relations only**
    - Subclasses are total
    - Specialization has disjointedness constraint
Mapping of Specialization or Generalization (cont’d.)

- **Option 8C: Single relation with one type attribute**
  - Type or discriminating attribute indicates subclass of tuple
  - Subclasses are disjoint
    - Potential for generating many NULL values if many specific attributes exist in the subclasses

- **Option 8D: Single relation with multiple type attributes**
  - Subclasses are overlapping
  - Will also work for a disjoint specialization
Mapping of Shared Subclasses (Multiple Inheritance)

- Apply any of the options discussed in step 8 to a shared subclass

![Diagram of EER specialization lattice]

**Figure 9.6**
Mapping the EER specialization lattice in Figure 8.8 using multiple options.
Mapping of Categories (Union Types)

- Step 9: Mapping of Union Types (Categories)
  - Defining superclasses have different keys
  - Specify a new key attribute
    - Surrogate key
Figure 9.7
Mapping the EER categories (union types) in Figure 8.8 to relations.
Summary

- Map conceptual schema design in the ER model to a relational database schema
  - Algorithm for ER-to-relational mapping
  - Illustrated by examples from the COMPANY database
- Include additional steps in the algorithm for mapping constructs from EER model into relational model