

Database System Concepts for Non-Computer Scientists

Repetition & Exercise

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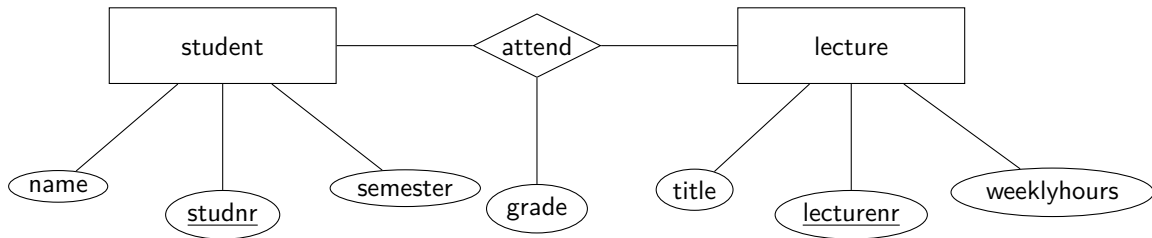
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Content Overview

- We discuss the most important topics
- Everything discussed in the lecture is exam-relevant!

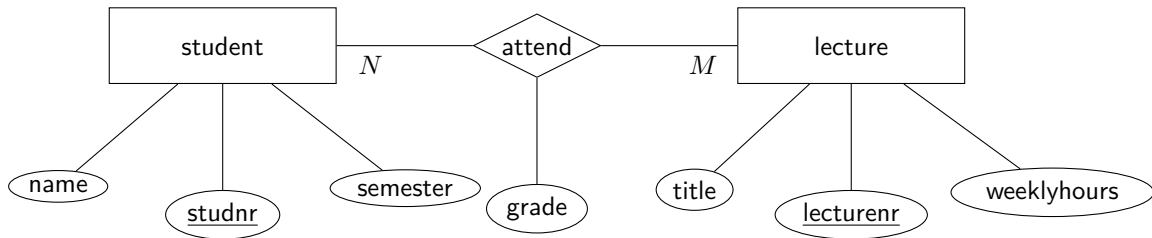
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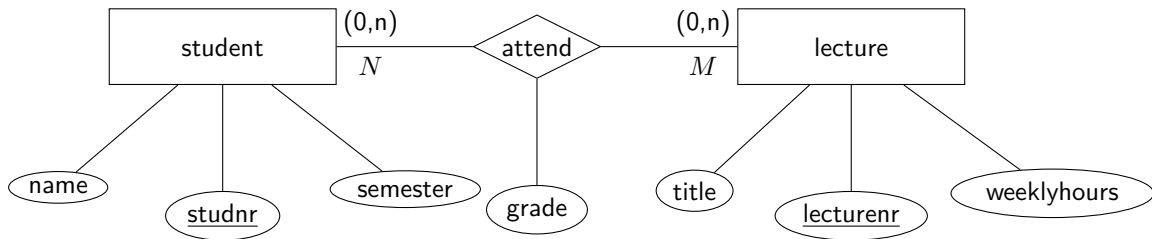
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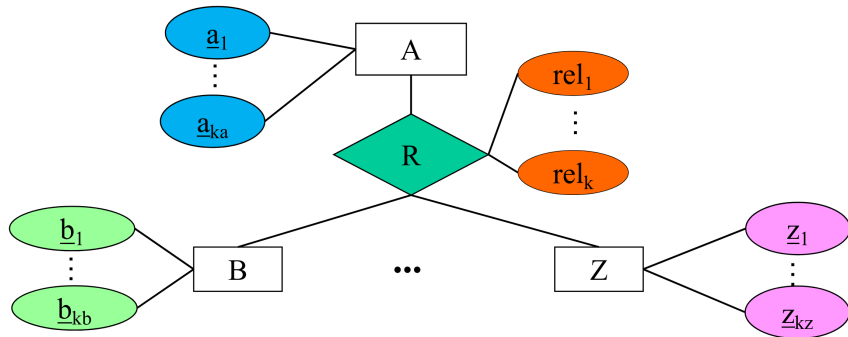


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- Min/Max notation



Derive Relational Schema



$$R: \left\{ \left[\underbrace{a_1, \dots, a_{ka}}_{\text{Keys of A}}, \underbrace{b_1, \dots, b_{kb}}_{\text{Keys of B}}, \dots, \underbrace{z_1, \dots, z_{kz}}_{\text{Keys of Z}}, \underbrace{rel_1, \dots, rel_k}_{\text{Attributes of R}} \right] \right\}$$

Simplification



1:N-Relationship (simple):

Professors : {[PersNr, Name, Level, Room]}

Lectures : {[LectureNr, Title, WeeklyHours]}

give: {[PersNr , LectureNr]}

Refinement by subsumption:

Professors : {[PersNr, Name, Level, Room]}

Lectures : {[LectureNr, Title, WeeklyHours, **given_by**]}

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- data types: int, numeric/decimal, char, varchar/text, float, date/timestamp

Create Table: Foreign keys

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```
1 create table lectures (  
2     lecturenr integer primary key,  
3     title      varchar(30),  
4     givenby    integer,  
5     foreign key (givenby) references professors(persnr)  
6 );
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- short form:

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- order by

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3 order by semester desc, name asc;
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- expressions: between, like, not

```
1  where semester between 2 and 6
2  and name like 'A%'
3  and matrnr <> 5
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- `group by`, `having`

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1 select persnr, avg(grade)
2 from test
3 group by persnr
4 having count(*) > 5
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- count(*) vs count(col)

```
1 select count(*) as all_assistants,
2        count(area) as not_fresh_assistants
3 from assistants;
```

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- exists/not exists

```
1 select title from lectures l
2 where not exists (
3     select * from attend a where a.lecturenr = l.lecturenr
4 );
```

WITH Statement

- with x as ...

```
1 with attcounts as (  
2     select lecturenr, count(*) as cnt  
3     from attend  
4     group by lecturenr  
5 )  
6 select l.title, attcounts.cnt  
7 from lectures l  
8 left join attcounts  
9     on attcounts.lecturenr = l.lecturenr;
```


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- insert from queries

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1 -- insert all students in semester >= 10 into a new table
2 insert into senior_students (studnr, name)
3 select studnr, name
4 from students
5 where semester >= 10;
```

delete and update

- delete

```
1  -- delete all attendances of a student
2  delete from attend
3  where studnr = 30000;
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- update

```
1 -- increase semester by 1 for all students
2 update students
3 set semester = semester + 1;
```

Index Structures

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- How to create index for data

```
1 CREATE INDEX full_name ON Person (Last_Name, First_Name)
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- SQL Injections: Avoid with prepared statements

Exercise 1

Consider the following requirements for a database for a movie streaming web site:

- Movies have a unique title and a production year.
 - Actors have a unique id, a name and a gender.
 - An actor can star in any number of movies, in different roles.
 - A Genre is defined by its name.
 - A movie has between 1 and 5 genres.
 - Each movie is age-rated with regards to multiple systems (e.g., FSK, MPAA)
- a) Create an E/R diagram for these requirements
 - b) Annotate functionalities and min/max
 - c) Derive a relational schema, apply simplifications
 - d) Write SQL-DDL statements to create database tables

Exercise 2

Evaluate the following query manually on the attached instantiation of the university schema. Please give attribute/column names and values in form of a table

```
1 select p.name as name,  
2         count(l2.lectureNr) as lec_cnt,  
3         sum(l2.weeklyhours) as hours_sum  
4 from Professors p  
5     left outer join lectures l1 on p.persNr = l1.given_by  
6     left outer join require r on l1.lectureNr = r.successor  
7     left outer join lectures l2 on r.predecessor = l2.lectureNr  
8 where p.level = 'C4'  
9     and p.name <> 'Curie' and p.name <> 'Russel'  
10 group by p.persNr, p.name  
11 order by p.name
```

Exercise 3

Calculate the average grade students received in the 'Ethik' lecture. Expected column in result: average grade

Exercise 4

Find the student (or students) with the best grade. (Expected columns in result: student name, student number, grade, the title of the lecture, and the name of the professor; one student may occur multiple times)

Exercise 5

- a) Name one famous relational database system.
- b) Give two good reasons for using a database system and briefly explain why.