ODL Subclasses

Follow name of subclass by colon and its superclass.

Example: Ales are Beers with a Color

```
class Ales:Beers {
    attribute string color;
}
```

- Objects of the `Ales` class acquire all the attributes and relationships of the `Beers` class.
- While E/R entities can have manifestations in a class and subclass, in ODL we assume each object is a member of exactly one class.

Keys in ODL

Indicate with `key(s)` following the class name, and a list of attributes forming the key.

- Several lists may be used to indicate several alternative keys.
- Parentheses group members of a key, and also group `key` to the declared keys.
- Thus, (key($a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$)) = "one key consisting of all n attributes."
  (key $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$) = "each a_i is a key by itself."

Example

```
class Beers
    (key name)
{
    attribute string name ...
```

- *Remember*: Keys are optional in ODL. The "object ID" suffices to distinguish objects that have the same values in their elements.

Example: Multiple Multiattribute Keys

```
class Courses
    (key (dept, number), (room, hours))
{
    ...
```

Translating ODL to Relations

1. Classes without relationships: like entity set, but several new problems arise.

2. Classes with relationships:

   a) Treat the relationship separately, as in E/R.

   b) Attach a many-one relationship to the relation for the "many."

ODL Class Without Relationships

- Problem: ODL allows attribute types built from structures and collection types.
- Structure: Make one attribute for each field.
- Set: make one tuple for each member of the set.
  - More than one set attribute? Make tuples for all combinations.
- Problem: ODL class may have no key, but we should have one in the relation to represent "OID."

Example

```
class Drinkers (key name) {
    attribute string name;
    attribute Struct Addr
        {string street, string city,
        int zip} address;
    attribute Set<string> phone;
}
```

name	street	city	zip	phone
n_1	s_1	c_1	z_1	p_1
n_1	s_1	c_1	z_1	p_2

- Surprise: the key for the class (name) is not the key for the relation (name, phone).
    - `name` in the class determines a unique object, including a *set* of phones.
    - `name` in the relation does not determine a unique tuple.
    - Since tuples are not identical to objects, there is no inconsistency!
- BCNF violation: separate out name-phone.

ODL Relationships

- If the relationship is many-one from A to B, put key of B attributes in the relation for class A.
- If relationship is many-many, we'll have to duplicate A-tuples as in ODL with set-valued attributes.
  - Wouldn't you really rather create a separate relation for a many-many-relationship?
  - You'll wind up separating it anyway, during BCNF decomposition.

Example

```
class Drinkers (key name) {
    attribute string name;
    attribute string addr;
    relationship Set<Beers> likes
        inverse Beers::fans;
    relationship Beers favorite
        inverse Beers::realFans;
    relationship Drinkers husband
        inverse wife;
    relationship Drinkers wife
        inverse husband;
    relationship Set<Drinkers> buddies
        inverse buddies;
}
```

Drinkers(<u>name</u>, addr, <u>beerName</u>, favBeer, wife, <u>buddy</u>)

Decompose into 4NF

- FD's: name$\rightarrow$addr favBeer wife
- MVD's name$\twoheadrightarrow$beerName, name$\twoheadrightarrow$buddy
- Resulting decomposition:

```
Drinkers(name, addr, favBeer, wife)
DrBeer(name, beer)
DrBuddy(name, buddy)
```

OQL

Motivation:

- Relational languages suffer from *impedance mismatch* when we try to connect them to conventional languages like C or C++.
    - The data models of C and SQL are radically different, e.g. C does not have relations, sets, or bags as primitive types; C is tuple-at-a-time, SQL is relation-at-a-time.
- OQL is an attempt by the OO community to extend languages like C++ with SQL-like, relation-at-a-time dictions.

OQL Types

- Basic types: strings, ints, reals, etc., plus class names.
- Type constructors:
  - `Struct` for structures.
  - Collection types: set, bag, list, array.
- Like ODL, but no limit on the number of times we can apply a type constructor.
- Set(Struct()) and Bag(Struct()) play special roles akin to relations.

OQL Uses ODL as its Schema-Definition Portion

- For every class we can declare an *extent* = name for the current set of objects of the class.
  - ❖ Remember to refer to the extent, not the class name, in queries.

```
class Bar
    (extent Bars)
{
    attribute string name;
    attribute string addr;
    relationship Set<Sell> beersSold
        inverse Sell::bar;
}

class Beer
    (extent Beers)
{
    attribute string name;
    attribute string manf;
    relationship Set<Sell> soldBy
        inverse Sell::beer;
}

class Sell
    (extent Sells)
{
    attribute float price;
    relationship Bar bar
        inverse Bar::beersSold;
    relationship Beer beer
        inverse Beer::soldBy;
}
```

Path Expressions

Let x be an object of class C.

- If a is an attribute of C, then $x.a =$ the value of a in the x object.
- If r is a relationship of C, then $x.r =$ the value to which x is connected by r.
    - Could be an object or a collection of objects, depending on the type of r.
- If m is a method of C, then $x.m(\cdots)$ is the result of applying m to x.

Examples

Let s be a variable whose type is `Sell`.

- `s.price` = the price in the object s.
- `s.bar.addr` = the address of the bar mentioned in s.
  - Note: cascade of dots OK because `s.bar` is an *object*, not a collection.

Example of Illegal Use of Dot

`b.beersSold.price`, where b is a `Bar` object.

- Why illegal? Because `b.beersSold` is a *set* of objects, not a single object.

OQL Select-From-Where

```
SELECT <list of values>
FROM <list of collections and
     typical members>
WHERE <condition>
```

- Collections in FROM can be:
    1. Extents.
    2. Expressions that evaluate to a collection.
- Following a collection is a name for a typical member, optionally preceded by AS.

Example

Get the menu at Joe's.

```
SELECT s.beer.name, s.price
FROM Sells s
WHERE s.bar.name = "Joe's Bar"
```

- Notice double-quoted strings in OQL.

Example

Another way to get Joe's menu, this time focusing on the `Bar` objects.

```
SELECT s.beer.name, s.price
FROM Bars b, b.beersSold s
WHERE b.name = "Joe's Bar"
```

- Notice that the typical object b in the first collection of `FROM` is used to help define the second collection.

Typical Usage

- If x is an object, you can extend the path expression, like s or `s.beer` in `s.beer.name`.
- If x is a collection, you use it in the `FROM` list, like `b.beersSold` above, if you want to access attributes of x.

Tailoring the Type of the Result

- Default: bag of structs, field names taken from the ends of path names in `SELECT` clause.

Example

```
SELECT s.beer.name, s.price
FROM Bars b, b.beersSold s
WHERE b.name = "Joe's Bar"
```

has result type:

```
Bag(Struct(
    name: string,
    price: real
))
```

Rename Fields

Prefix the path with the desired name and a colon.

Example

```
SELECT beer: s.beer.name, s.price
FROM Bars b, b.beersSold s
WHERE b.name = "Joe's Bar"
```

has type:

```
Bag(Struct(
    beer: string,
    price: real
))
```

Change the Collection Type

- Use `SELECT DISTINCT` to get a set of structs.

Example

```
SELECT DISTINCT s.beer.name, s.price
FROM Bars b, b.beersSold s
WHERE b.name = "Joe's Bar"
```

- Use `ORDER BY` clause to get a list of structs.

Example

```
joeMenu =
    SELECT s.beer.name, s.price
    FROM Bars b, b.beersSold s
    WHERE b.name = "Joe's Bar"
    ORDER BY s.price ASC
```

- `ASC` = ascending (default); `DESC` = descending.
- We can extract from a list as if it were an array, e.g.

```
cheapest = joeMenu[1].name;
```