

Extracting Queries by Static Analysis of Transparent Persistence

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Database APIs (JDBC, etc)

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Transparent Persistence

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Query string

Runtime type errors

Hard to parameterize

Programmer burden

Subtle dependency

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Send to database

1 communication

Optimized search

Good performance

Transparent persistence

Static typing

Parameterization

No programmer burden

```
for (Employee e : root.employees) {  
    if (e.salary > 65000) {  
        print (e.name + e.manager.name);  
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Linear search

“Record-at-a-time”

No DB optimization

Poor performance

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Database APIs

Transparent Persistence

- Not true integration
 - Not type-safe
 - Burdens programmer
 - Good performance
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- Better integration
- Type safe
- Relieves programmer burden
- Poor performance

Query Extraction

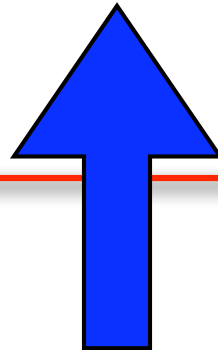
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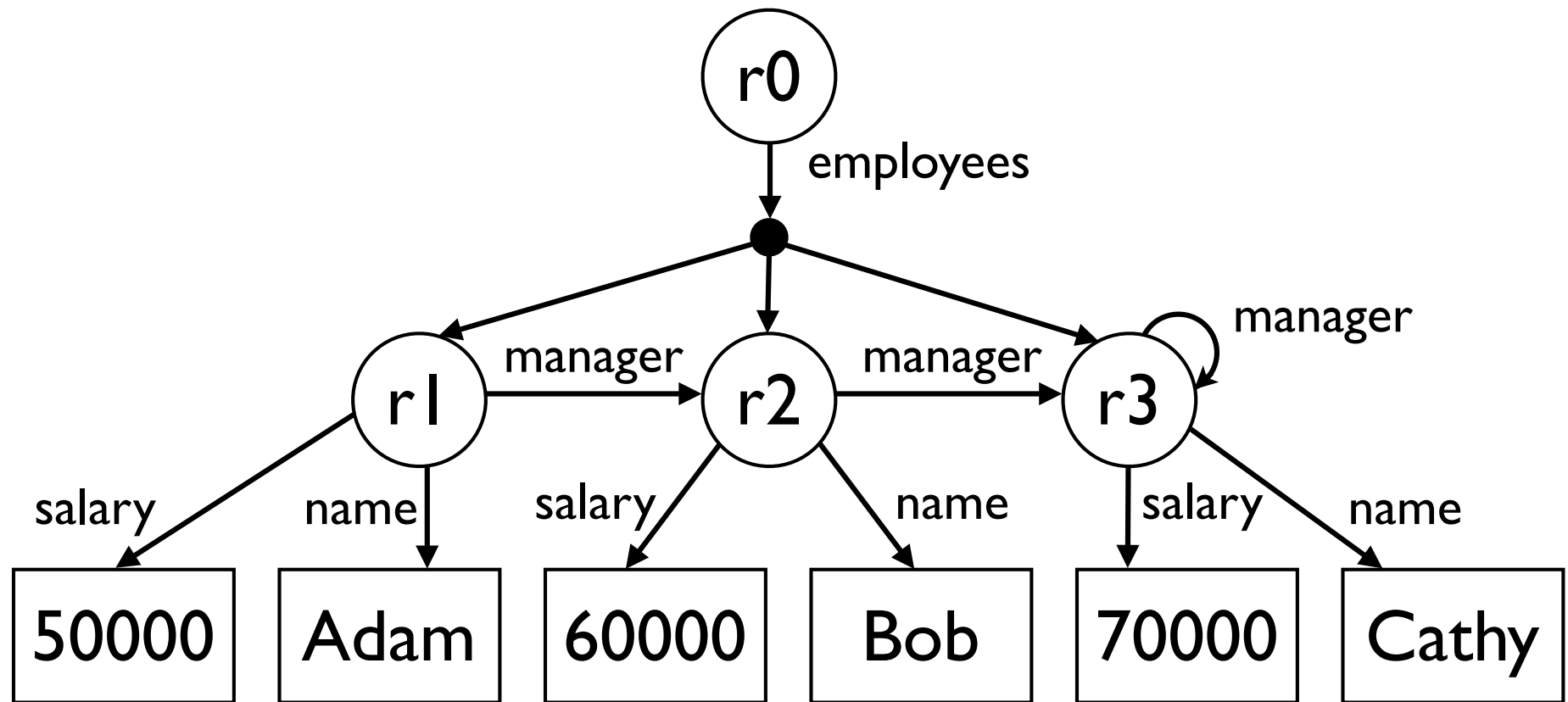


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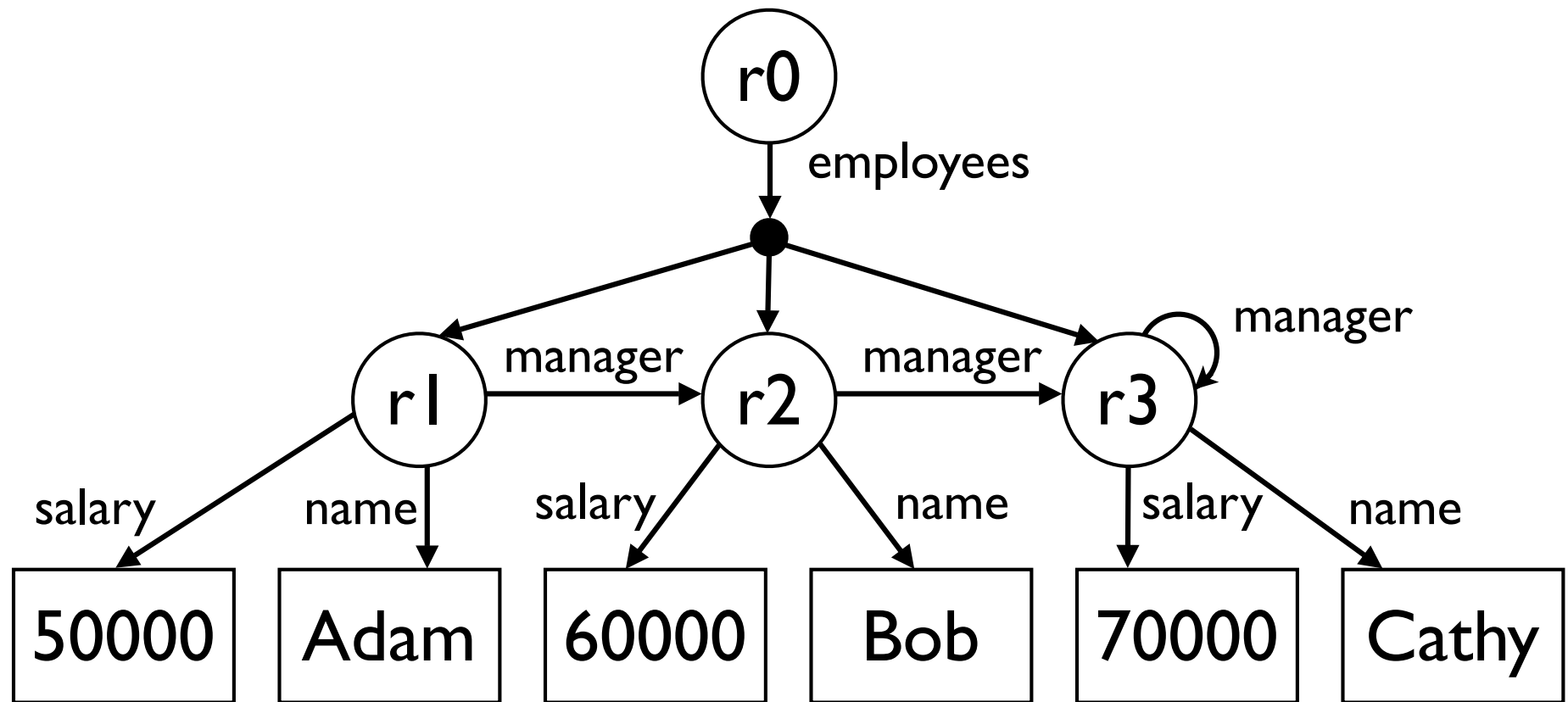
Approach

- Identify subset of the database used by program
 - Traversals from root define shape of query
 - Identify conditions under which data is used
- Current Assumptions
 - 1 transaction per program
 - Query result has same structure as database

Object View of Database



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Retrieve subgraph program requires

Simple Study Language

- Transparent persistence
 - Access through variable `root`
- Imperative
 - `x := y + z;`
 - No database updates
- Iteration over persistent collections
 - `for e in root.employees {...}`
- No procedures

Extracting Traversal Paths

```
for (Employee e : root.employees) {  
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}
```

employees

employees.l

employees.l.salary

employees.l.name

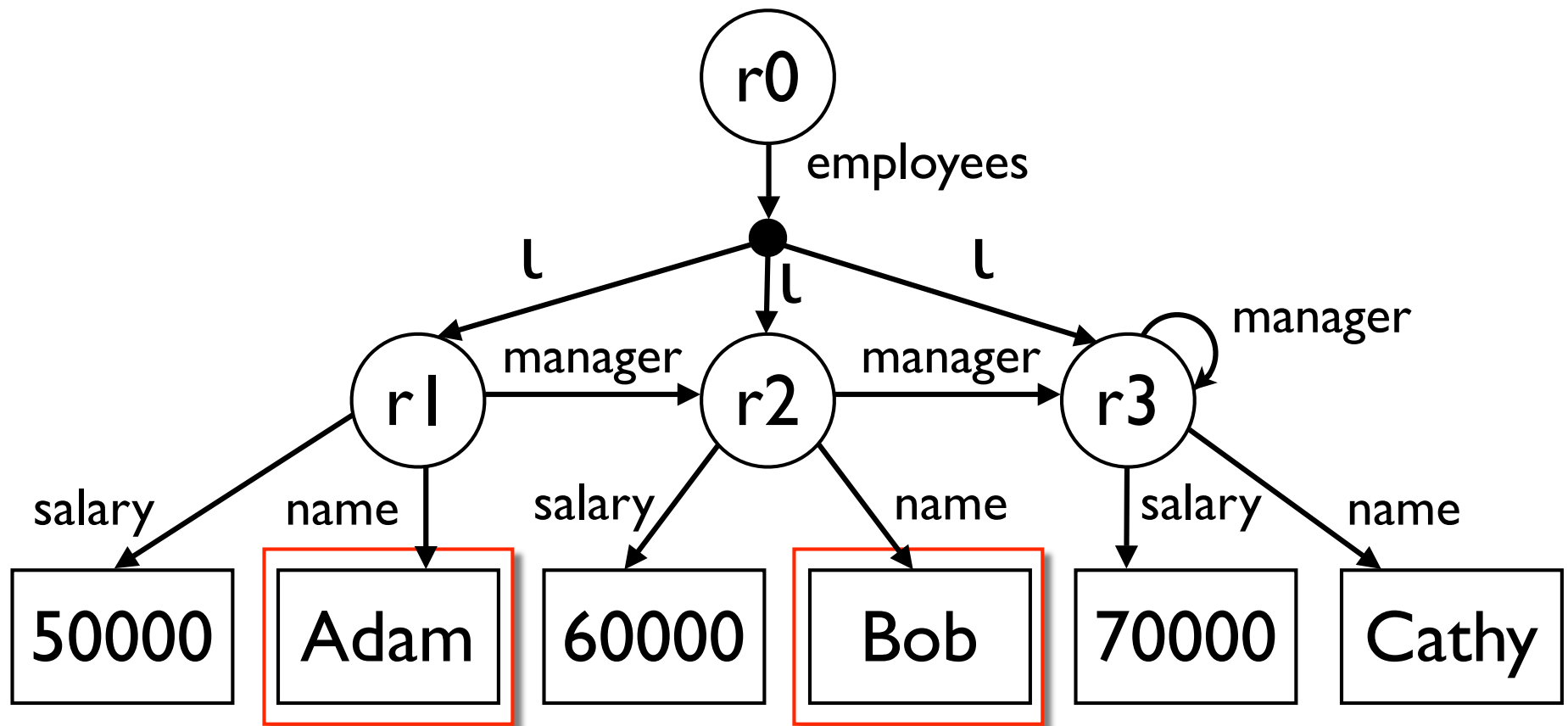
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Abstract Interpretation

- **Paths** describe **data**
 - Concretization = query execution
 - Computes **sound** over-approximation
- Field traversal generates new path(s)
- Merge conditional branches
- Merge assignments

How Precise Are Paths?



Need more precise approximation

Include Conditions

```
for (Employee e : root.employees) {  
C= if (e.salary > 65000) {  
    print (e.name + e.manager.name);  
}}
```

C

Query Condition Restrictions

- Executable by database
- Independent of collection order
- Require no sub-select queries
- Query results reflect database structure

Order Independence

```
for  $l_i$  in  $p$   
   $x := E[l_i] + x$ ;  
  if  $C[l_i, x]$  then  $S$ ;
```

No Sub-select Queries

```
for  $l_1$  in  $p$   
  if  $C_1[l_1]$  then  
     $x := E[l_1]$ ;  
  for  $l_2$  in  $p$   
    if  $C_2[l_2, x]$  then  $S$ ;
```


Query Results Reflect Structure

```
for  $l_1$  in  $p_1$   
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Abstract Interpretation

- Domain: Path \times Condition
- Field traversal generates new path(s)
- Merge conditional branches
- Merge assignments
- Attach query conditions to paths

Example

```
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employees	employees.l.name [C]
employees.l	employees.l.manager [C]
employees.l.salary	employees.l.manager.name [C]

$C = \text{employees.l.salary} > 65000$

Query Creation

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Related Work

- Shape Analysis for Data Access
 - Vitenberg, Kvilekval, and Singh [ECOOP04]
 - Kvilekval and Singh [DOA04]
- Queries as First-Class Program Values
 - Bierman, Meijer, and Schulte [ECOOP05]
 - Cooper, Lindley, Wadler, and Yallop (Links)
 - Cook and Rai [ICSE05]
 - Willis, Pearce, and Noble [ECOOP06]

Future Work

- Inter-procedural analysis
- Multiple queries
- Implementation / evaluation
- Persistent update
- More expressive queries

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Query Extraction

