RELATIONAL DATABASES

Assignment 1: Database Design

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1 Introduction

This project will design a relational database to replace a paper-based system used by a hotel. The Hotel Database will hold information about the rooms, reservations, guests, staff, and other information required to effectively manage and promote the hotel.

A relational database is a computer-based system that organises data into tables, consisting of columns and rows. This structure allows for efficient data manipulation and retrieval. It maintains data integrity by applying constraints. (Codd, 1970)

2 Key Requirements

Receptionists need the database to:

- provide room availability
- support guest reservation/check-in/check-out
- log complaints
- support a guest/company relationship

Management requirements:

- report on reservation history and promotion usage
- find patterns in complaints and room preferences
- generate a marketing list
- maintain a room cleaning rota

The main entities required to fulfil the requirements were identified – see Table 1.

Entity	Purpose
room	Tracks the rooms, their types, features and pricing
guest	Holds guest details
company account	Links corporate guests to their company accounts for billing
reservation	Manages room bookings, including check-in and check-out information and
	can be used to gather room booking history
complaint	Records guest complaints for management to address
invoice	Holds the room charges for a reservation and amount paid
staff	Holds the employees' names, roles and link to their manager
promotion	Stores promotional discounts that can be applied to reservations
marketing	Holds information about what type of information a guest would like to
	receive and by what method
room clean	Holds the cleaning rota for the rooms. The date, time, type of clean, who
	cleans it and which master key they used

Table 1 – Main Entities of Hotel Management Database

3 Conceptual design

An Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) was created using Visual Paradigm.

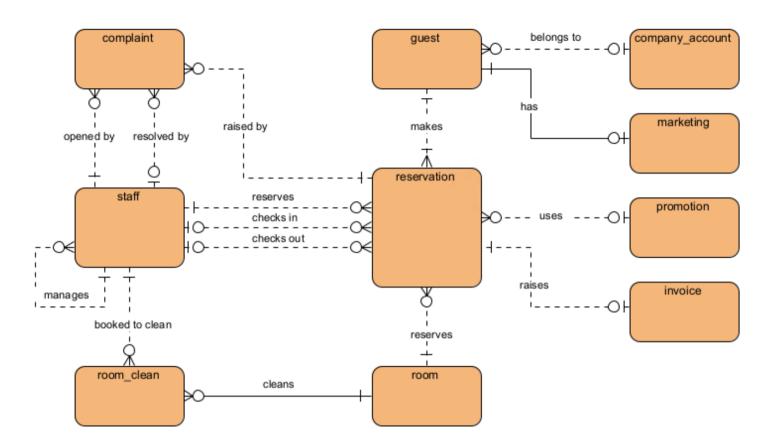


Figure 1 – Conceptual ERD of the Hotel Database

See Appendix A for an analysis of relationships of the conceptual design

4 Logical design

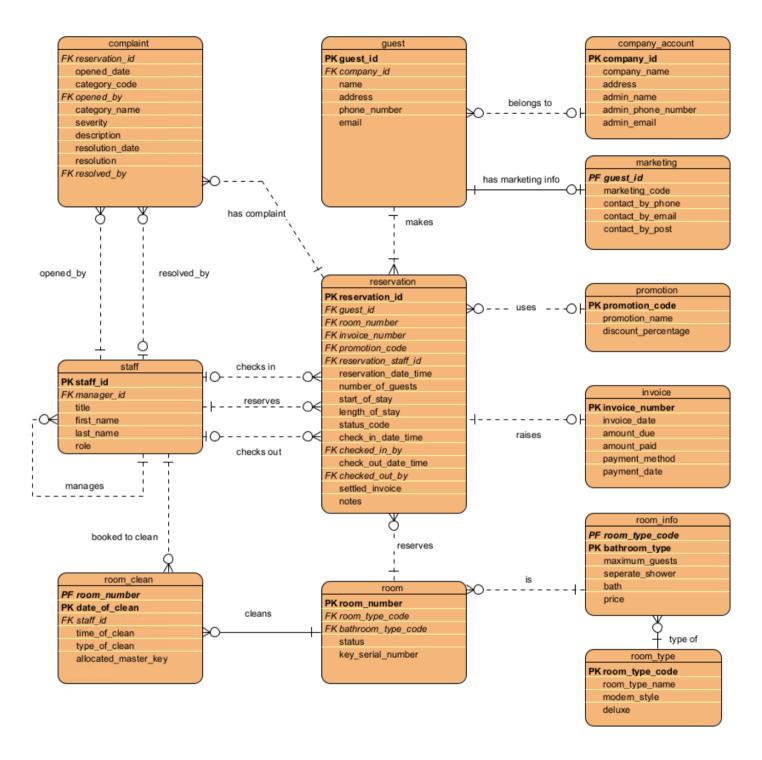


Figure 2 – Logical Design before Normalisation

5 Normalisation

Normalisation aims to ensure database efficiency and organisation. It progressively improves the design by eliminating redundancy and reducing risk of insert/update/deletion anomalies. A good design will reduce NULLs in the tuples which improves data integrity. (Date, 2012, Harrington, 2016)

5.1 First Normal Form (1NF)

To comply with 1NF, all tables must only contain atomic values and have a primary key. (Elmasri & Navathe, 2015, Coronel & Morris, 2019)

The design was normalised to meet 1NF standards as detailed in Table 2

Tables changed	Reason	Figure
guest,	name attribute not atomic.	3
company_account	Split into: title, first_name, last_name attributes.	
guest,	address attribute not atomic.	3
company_account	Split into: address_line1, address_line2, city, county, postcode attributes.	
complaint	No primary key.	4
	The reservation_id and the date/time the complaint is opened are a suitable	
	composite primary key to uniquely identify the row.	
complaint	Resolution information will be captured at a different time so caused the need	4
	for excess NULLs.	
	The complaint_resolution table was created to solve this.	
staff	name attribute not atomic.	5
	Split into: title, first_name, last_name attributes.	
reservation	Check-in and Check-out will be captured at different times requiring NULLs in	5
	the reservation table and risking data integrity issues.	
	New check-in and check-out tables were created to solve this.	

Table 2 - Design changes required to meet 1NF

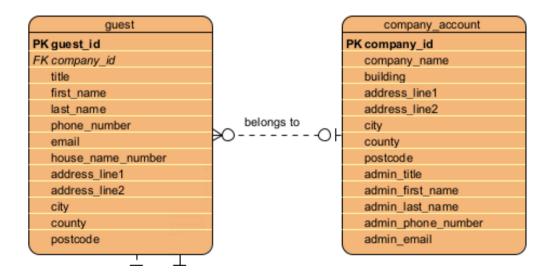


Figure 3 – Changes to the guest and company_account tables

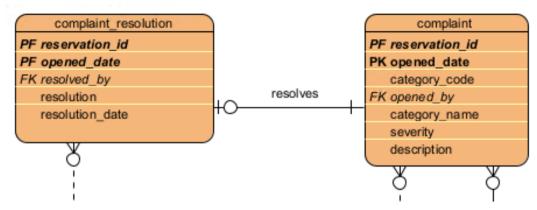


Figure 4 - Changes to the complaint table

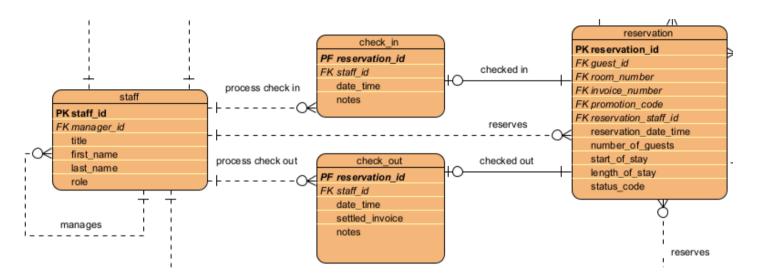


Figure 5 – Changes to the staff and reservation tables

5.2 Second Normal Form (2NF)

2NF focuses on eliminating partial dependencies, these occur when non-prime attributes depend on only part of a composite key. 2NF prevents modification anomalies and improves data integrity, making the design more robust and scalable. (Connolly & Begg, 2014).

The hotel database had three attributes that were dependant on part of a key which failed 2NF – see Table 3.

Tables changed	Reason	Figure
room_info	maximum_guests is only dependent on room_type_code and not the bathroom type. The attribute was moved to room_type table to meet 2NF.	6
room_info	separate_shower and bath attributes were moved into a new bathroom_type table. This separation ensured that non-prime attributes only depended on the entire primary key of the table.	6
room_info	Table was renamed as room_price now that its purpose is more defined.	6

Table 3 – Design changes required to meet 2NF

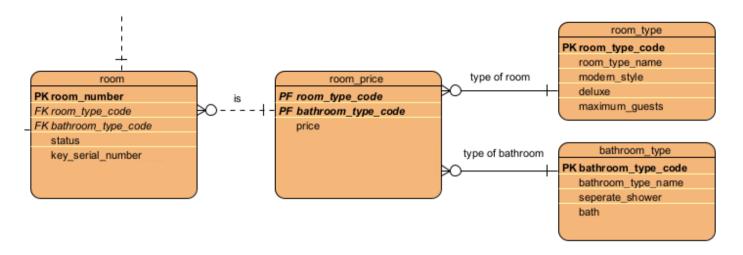


Figure 6 – Changes to the room information tables to comply with 2NF

5.3 Third Normal Form (3NF)

3NF aims to eliminate transitive dependencies, they occur when a non-prime attribute is indirectly dependent on the primary key via another non-prime attribute (Silberschatz, Korth, & Sudarshan, 2011).

In the hotel database, transitive dependencies were present in tables containing address information. The street, city and county being dependent on postcode, which was itself dependent on the primary key. The design was changed to prevent redundancy issues and ensure consistent data updates (Garcia-Molina, 2008) – see *Table 4*.

Tables changed	Reason	Figure
complaint	category_name and severity attributes were dependent on category_code	7
	rather than the primary key of the complaint table. The attributes were moved	
	to a new complaint_category table and linked via a foreign key.	
guest &	Address attributes had transitive dependency via postcode. A new address	8
company_account	table was created with postcode as the primary key. Tables using an address	
	were updated to use postcode as a foreign key.	

Table 4 – Design changes required to meet 3NF

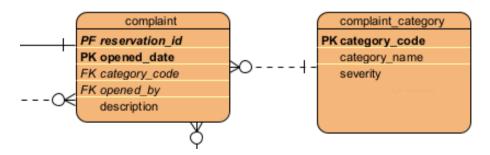


Figure 7 - Changes to the complaint table

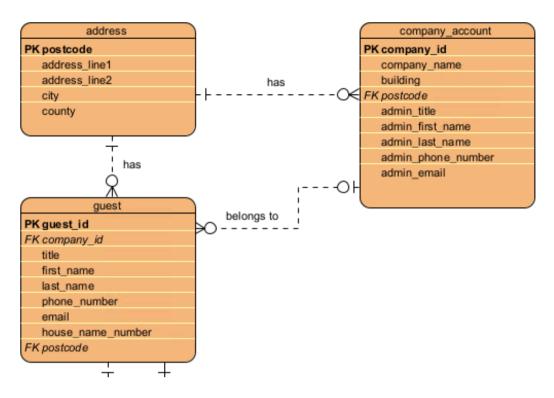


Figure 8 – Changes to the guest and company_account tables

5.4 Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

BCNF is an extension of 3NF that addresses more complex forms of functional dependencies. A violation of BCNF occurs when a non-prime attribute is functionally dependent on only **part** of a candidate key rather than an **entire** candidate key. (Wikipedia, 2023. Boyce–Codd normal form)

The room_clean table complied with 1NF,2NF & 3NF but violated BCNF (see Appendix B)

Tables changed	Reason	Figure
room_clean	allocated_master_key was not dependent on an entire candidate key so was moved into a new cleaning_session table with date_of_clean and staff_id as the primary key	9

Table 5 - Design changes required to meet BCNF

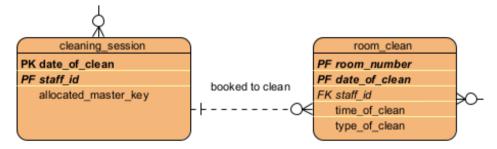


Figure 9 - Changes to the room_clean table

6 Normalised Logical Design

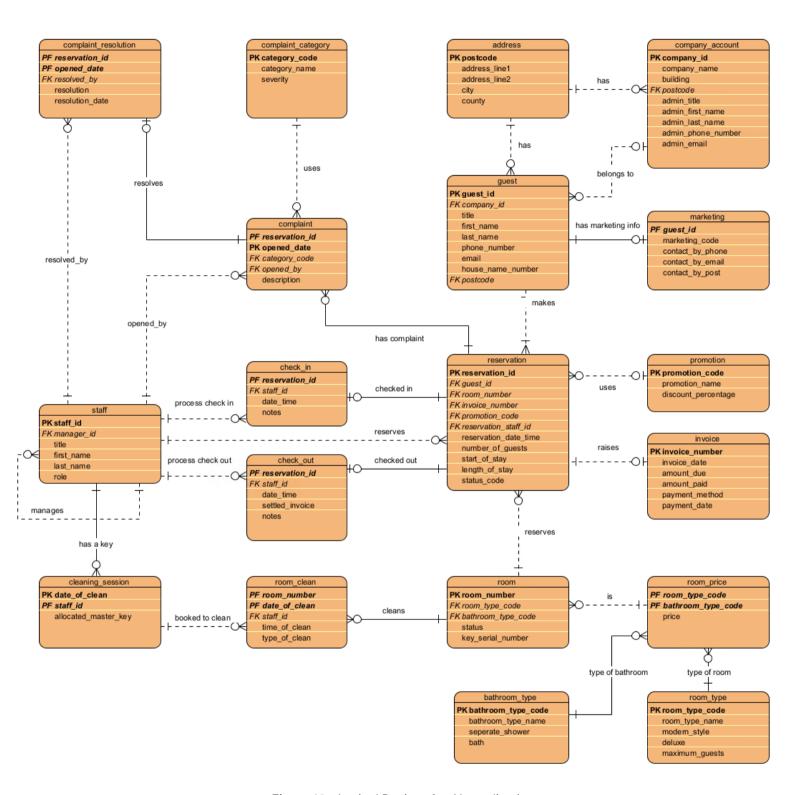


Figure 10 – Logical Design after Normalisation

7 Physical Design

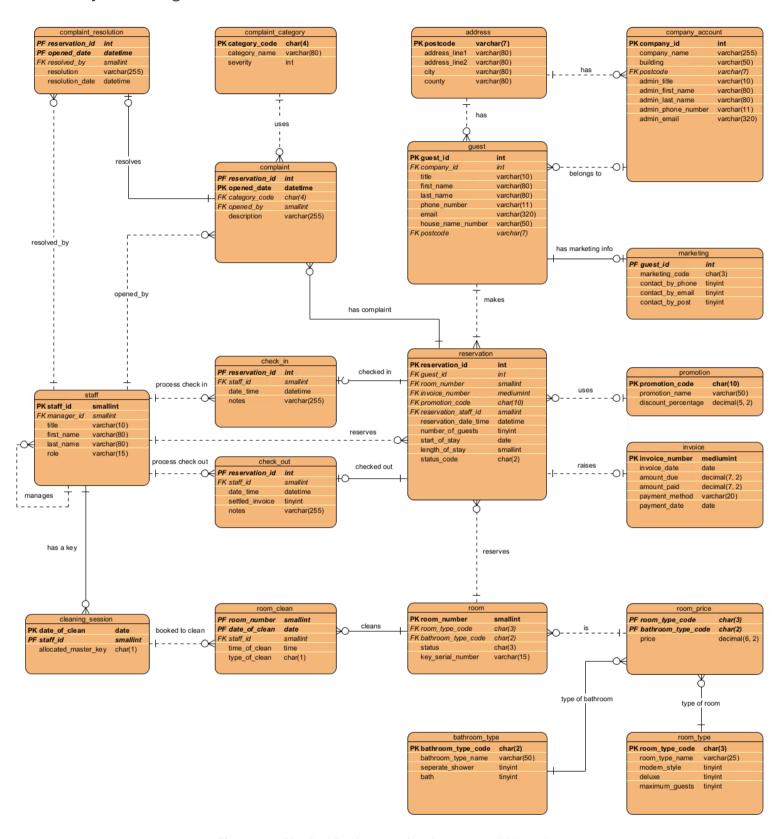


Figure 11 – Physical Design showing data types with length

8 Data Dictionary

The data dictionary details the database tables with their attributes, data types, formats, constraints, and relationships.

When choosing data types and lengths, storage requirements were considered.

- tinyint and smallint were used when the maximum value didn't require integer.
- varchar was used when text of variable length would be entered
- char was used for fixed length codes.

Primary keys of each table are UNIQUE and most attributes can use the NOT NULL constraint to improve data integrity.

Appendix C shows sample data for these attributes.

Table Name	Attribute	Data Type	Format	Constraints	Key (PK or FK)	FK Table	Description
address	postcode	varchar(7)		Not Null, Unique	PK		The postcode for the address
	address_line1	varchar(80)		Not Null			The street name
	address_line2	varchar(80)					The local area (optional)
	city	varchar(80)		Not Null			The city
	county	varchar(80)		Not Null			The county
bathroom	bathroom_type_code	char(2)	XX	Not Null, Unique	PK		Code representing the type of
type	_ 71	,		,			bathroom
71-	bathroom_type_name	varchar(50)		Not Null			Name that describes the
							bathroom type
	seperate_shower	tinyint	0 or 1	Not Null			Indicates if the room has a
							separate shower (or just one over a bath)
	bath	tinyint	0 or 1	Not Null			Indicates if the room has a bath
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check_in	reservation_id	int	#########	Not Null, Unique	PK	reservation	The id of the reservation that has
							checked-in
	staff_id	smallint	#####	Not Null	FK	staff	The id of the receptionist that
							processed the check-in
	date_time	datetime	YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss	Not Null			The date and time of the check-in
	notes	varchar(255)					Any notes that needed to be
							added during check-in
check out	reservation_id	int	#########	Not Null, Unique	PK	reservation	The id of the reservation that has
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	staff_id	smallint	#####	Not Null	FK	staff	The id of the receptionist that
							processed the check-out
	date_time	datetime	YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss	Not Null			The date and time of the check- out
	settled invoice	tinyint	0 or 1	Not Null			Indicates if the invoice was
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	notes	varchar(255)					Any notes that needed to be
							added during check-out
cleaning_	date_of_clean	date	YYYY-MM-DD	Not Null	PK		The date of this cleaning session
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	allocated_master_key	char(1)	X	Not Null			Indicates which master key is
							allocated to the cleaner on this
							day

Table 6 - Data Dictionary part 1

company_	company_id	int	#########	Not Null, Unique	PK		Unique identifier for the company
account				,			account
	company_name	varchar(255)		Not Null			Name of the company
	building	varchar(50)		Not Null			Building name or number
	postcode	varchar(7)		Not Null	FK	address	Postcode of the company's
							address
	admin_title	varchar(10)		Not Null			Title of the company
							administrator (e.g., Mr, Mrs)
	admin_first_name	varchar(80)		Not Null			First name of the company
							administrator
	admin_last_name	varchar(80)		Not Null			Last name of the company
							administrator
	admin_phone_number	varchar(11)		Not Null			Contact phone number for the
							company administrator
	admin_email	varchar(320)		Not Null			Email address of the company
							administrator
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category							Noise, Smell, Cleaning etc)
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							complaint code
	severity	tinyint	###	Not Null			Indicates the severity of
							complaint that this code
							represents
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							was resolved
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guest	guest_id	int	#########	Not Null, Unique	PK		Unique identifier for each guest
	company_id	int	#########		FK	company_account	Company account, if any, linked
							to the guest
	title	varchar(10)		Not Null			Title of the guest (e.g., Mr, Mrs)
	first_name	varchar(80)		Not Null			First name of the guest
	last_name	varchar(80)		Not Null			Last name of the guest
	phone_number	varchar(11)		Not Null			Contact phone number for the
	*1			NI - 51 **			guest
	email	varchar(320)		Not Null			Email address of the guest
	house_name_number	varchar(50)		Not Null			House name or number of the guest's address
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	invoice_date	date	YYYY-MM-DD	Not Null			Date the invoice was generated
	amount_due	decimal(7,2)		Not Null			Amount due for the reservation
	amount_paid	decimal(7,2)		Not Null			Amount paid by the guest
	payment_method	varchar(20)					Method of payment used (e.g.
	I						Visa, Visa Debit, Cash)
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	payment_date	date	YYYY-MM-DD				Date when the payment was
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Table 7 – Data Dictionary part 2

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		price	decimal(6,2)	####.##	Not Null			The price of this category of room

Table 8 – Data Dictionary part 3

room_type	room_type_code	char(3)	XXX	Not Null, Unique	PK		Code representing the type of
							room (represents: single, double,
							suite etc)
	room_type_name	varchar(25)		Not Null			Name of the room type
	modern_style	tinyint	0 or 1	Not Null			Indicates if the room has a
							modern or traditional style
	deluxe	tinyint	0 or 1	Not Null			Indicates if the room has a deluxe
							finish
	maximum_guests	tinyint	###	Not Null			Number of guests the room can
							accommodate
staff	staff_id	smallint	######	Not Null, Unique	PK		Unique identifier for each staff
	manager_id	smallint	######		FK	staff	Staff ID of the manager
	title	varchar(10)		Not Null			Title of the staff member (e.g., Mr,
							Mrs)
	first_name	varchar(80)		Not Null			First name of the staff member
	last_name	varchar(80)		Not Null			Last name of the staff member
	role	varchar(15)		Not Null			Role of the staff member

Table 9 - Data Dictionary part 4

(represents: Reception, Cleaning,

Leader, Owner)

9 Keys, relationships of entities, cardinality

Tables use Primary keys to uniquely identify a row. Foreign keys are used to form a relation between one table and another table's primary key (Connolly & Begg, 2014). Most tables in this design use a single attribute as the primary key. Composite keys were used when appropriate – e.g. *room_price* table where a room is priced based on the type of room & type of bathroom combined. The reservation table is the centre of the database; it uses foreign keys to reference other main tables, each which use foreign keys, as required, to reference other supporting tables.

One-to-many cardinality was the most used in the design (Date, 2012). e.g. *guest* has a one-to-many relationship with *reservation*, where each guest may book multiple reservations in a year, but each reservation is linked to only one guest. The concept of room cleaning would have required a many-to-many relationship between *staff* & *room* but the *room_clean* table acts as a link table to avoid this.

Some relationships are optional (zero or more) rather than mandatory (one or more). This is necessary as tables slowly populate with data about a reservation over time. e.g. When a guest reserves a room, only the guest, address and reservation tables would be used. When a price is agreed a row in the invoice table would be added. Later check-in, then check-out, and perhaps complaint tables would be used.

10 Example Queries

- Find a guest's room number.
- Find available rooms of a specific type between certain dates.
- Report on guest complaints split by category_code.
- Discover which companies and/or guests have booked the most nights.
- Find reservations that have checked-out without settling the invoice.
- Report on total revenue by type of room and their occupancy percentage.
- Which promotion codes have been effective?
- Report on the number of reservations/check-ins/check-outs processed by each member of staff.

11 Privacy and Security considerations

The database contains guest and company contact information that is sensitive; it must comply with the Data Protection Act (DPA, 2018). Data isn't shared with a third-party without explicit consent. The hotel uses a third-party for payment processing and won't hold credit card information in the database.

Access to data will be determined by staff role. Only managers can run long-term reports. Where possible sensitive data will be anonymised.

Encryption will secure the data; a strict password policy will limit access.

Internet security software will be installed on devices to protect against malware and viruses.

The contents of the database is important for the business, so regular encrypted backups must be taken and kept off-site. (Date, 2004)

To comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), guest data will only be stored for as long as necessary. Guests will have the right to request deletion from the database.

12 Conclusion

The design stage was challenging, hotel reservations are complex. As the design expanded, the time constraints of this project became limiting.

Research was required to discover which data types should be used (along with size and format) for common attributes such as phone numbers, postcodes, email addresses and financial values.

The payment/invoice section of the database is limited and would need improvement for real world application. The database would need to provide support for room service and additional chargeable items.

Even with those limitations, this design would create a useful hotel management database. It meets the key requirements and can support the example queries.

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Appendices

Appendix A - Analysis of the entity relationships of the conceptual design

'From' table	'To' table	'To' end Cardinality	Relationship (From → To)
guest	company_account	0 or 1	A guest may belong to a company
guest	marketing	0 or 1	A guest may have agreed to receive marketing information
guest	reservation	1 or more	A guest makes one or more reservations over time
reservation	complaint	0 or more	A reservation may have one or more complaints raised during a guest's stay
reservation	guest	1	A reservation is made by one guest
reservation	promotion	0 or 1	A reservation may have used a promotional discount code
reservation	invoice	0 or 1	A reservation will have an invoice created once the price is agreed or any payment has been made
reservation	room	1	A reservation books one room
reservation	staff	1	1 member of staff creates the reservation to reserves the room.
reservation	staff	0 or 1	Two separate optional relationships from reservation to staff entity: 1 member of staff processes the check-in if guest arrives. 1 member of staff processes the check-out if guest has previously checked-in.
complaint	reservation	0 or 1	If a complaint is raised during the occupancy of room defined by one reservation.
complaint	staff	1	A complaint will be opened by one member of staff.
complaint	staff	0 or 1	A complaint, if resolved, will be resolved by one member of staff.
staff	staff	0 or more	A member of staff may manage other staff and they themselves will be managed by one other member of staff. Apart from the owner who does not have a manager.
staff	complaint	0 or more	A member of staff may open or resolve a complaint.
staff	room_clean	0 or more	A member of staff may be booked to clean one or more rooms.
staff	reservation	0 or more	A member of staff may reserve a room, check-in a guest, check-out a guest
company_account	guest	0 or more	A company account can be created in advance of guest bookings. It may send multiple guests to the hotel.
marketing	guest	1	A marketing record will be created for a guest that agrees to receive marketing information.
promotion	reservation	0 or more	A promotion code may not have been used yet, but could be used by many reservations.

invoice	reservation	1	Once created, an invoice is linked to a single reservation.
room	reservation	0 or more	A room exists before the first reservation. It is likely to be reserved multiple times over a year.
room	room_clean	0 or more	A room exists before the first cleaning, but a room will be cleaned multiple times over a year.
room_clean	room	1	A room cleaning booking occurring at a specific date and time will clean one room.
room_clean	staff	1	A room cleaning booking occurring at a specific date and time will be cleaned by one member of staff.

Appendix B - Candidate Keys of the room_clean table and the BCNF violation

Background

- A hotel room is cleaned once a day (either a light clean or a full clean).
- A member of staff can clean multiple rooms in a day but will be allocated a master key for the whole day to give them access to all the rooms.
- The room_clean table contains data to show which rooms are to be cleaned (including the type of clean required) at what time on what day by which member of staff, and what key they are using.

Table Attributes

- room_number
- date_of_clean
- staff_id
- time_of_clean
- allocated_master_key
- type_of_clean

Functional dependencies (Fd)

Fd	Attributes making the functional dependency	Candidate Key
1	{ room_number, date_of_clean → time_of_clean, staff_id, allocated_master_key, type_of_clean }	Υ
2	{ staff_id, date_of_clean → room_number, time_of_clean, allocated_master_key, type_of_clean }	Υ
3	{ allocated_master_key, date_of_clean, time_of_clean → room_number, staff_id, type_of_clean }	Υ
4	{ date_of_clean, staff_id → allocated_master_key }	N

Therefore, only type_of_clean is a non-prime attribute.

Normalisation

- The table passes 1NF checks it has a primary key and has only atomic attributes.
- The table passes 2NF checks the only non-prime attribute depends on entire candidate keys. (Fd1, Fd2 & Fd3)
- The table passes 3NF checks there is only one non-prime attribute, so it cannot have transitive dependency on another non-prime attribute.
- The table violates BCNF Fd4, which determines allocated_master_key, is not itself a candidate key because {date_of_clean, staff_id} cannot uniquely identify a row.

Appendix C – Sample Data

Table: address								
postcode	address_line1	address_line2	city	county				
CB223AA	High Street	Great Shelford	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire				
NR146AB	Church Lane	Bramerton	Norwich	Norfolk				
IP288AA	The Green	Mildenhall	Bury St Edmunds	Suffolk				
IP12AN	Civic Dr		Ipswich	Suffolk				
CO111US	Riverside Ave E	Lawford	Manningtree	Suffolk				

Table: bathroom_type			
	bathroom_type_name		bath
B1	Shower Only	1	0
B2	Small	0	1
B3	Deluxe Bathroom	1	1
B4	Executive	1	1

Table: check_in								
reservation_id	staff_id	date_time	notes					
1	2	2024-10-21 16:14:00						
2	4	2024-10-24 14:05:00	guest asked about the security of the car park					
3	3	2024-10-25 15:18:00						
4	3	2024-10-26 18:51:00	advised guest about local restaurants					

Table: check_out								
reservation_id	staff_id	date_time	settled_invoice	notes				
1	2	2024-10-23 09:46:00	1	Discussed complaints with guest during check out				

Table: cleaning_session								
date_of_clean	staff_id	allocated_master_key						
2024-10-21	7	A						
2024-10-21	8	С						
2024-10-22	7	В						
2024-10-22	8	С						
2024-10-23	8	A						
2024-10-23	9	F						
2024-10-21 2024-10-22 2024-10-22 2024-10-23	7 8 7 8 8 9	A C B C A						

Table: company_account								
company_				admin_	admin_first_	admin_last_	admin_phone_	
id	company_name	building	postcode	title	name	name	number	admin_email
1	AXA Insurance	Brooke Lawrance House	IP12AN	Miss	Jane	Peters	01473726352	j.peters@axa.co.uk
2	Rose Builders Ltd	1	CO111US	Mr	David	White	01206123654	d.white@rosebuilders.co.uk

able: complaint									
reservation_id opened_date		category_code	opened_by	description					
1	2024-10-22 01:10:00	NO2	3	Loud music from the next room during the night.					
1	2024-10-23 09:15:00	RE2	4	Discount not as big as expected.					
2	2024-10-24 17:40:00	RM2	4	Bathroom is not clean.					

Table: complaint_category						
category_code	category_name	severity				
NO1	Noise	2				
NO2	Constant Noise	4				
RM1	Room Condition	3				
RM2	Bad Room Condition	5				
CS1	Poor Customer Service	2				
CS2	Slow Customer Service	3				
CS3	Rude Customer Service	5				
RE1	Reservation Issue	3				
RE2	Billing Query	1				
RE3	Billing Dispute	5				
SA1	Minor Safety Concern	4				
SA2	Major Safety Issue	8				

Table: complaint_resolution								
reservation_id	opened_date	resolved_by	resolution	resolution_date				
1	2024-10-22 01:10:00	3	Visited the room making the noise. They switched off the radio and apologised	2024-10-22 01:15:00				
1	2024-10-23 09:15:00	2	Explained that a 10% promotion code had been used. Guest thought it was 15%. Guest satisfied	2024-10-23 09:45:00				
2	2024-10-24 17:40:00	5	Sent cleaner to the room immediately and gave guest a free drink while waiting	2024-10-24 18:30:00				

Table: guest								
guest_id	company_id	title	first_name	last_name	phone_number	email	house_name_n	postcode
1		Mr	Oliver	Smith	07123456789	oliver.smith@hotmail.co.uk	12	CB223AA
2		Mrs	Sophia	Johnson	07234567890	sophia.johnson@gmail.com	34	NR146AB
3	1	Ms	Amelia	Brown	07345678901	amelia.brown@outlook.co.uk	Ivy Cottage	IP288AA
4	1	Mr	Liam	Williams	07456789012	liam.williams@btinternet.com	78	CO100CD
5		Dr	Emma	Jones	07567890123	emma.jones@sky.com	90	PE365DE
6		Miss	Isabella	Garcia	07678901234	isabella.garcia@plusnet.co.uk	23	CM14FG

Table: invoice					
invoice_number	invoice_date	amount_due	amount_paid	payment_method	payment_date
1	2024-10-21	94.50	94.50	Visa	2024-10-23
2	2024-10-24	75.00	0.00		NULL
3	2024-10-25	97.75	97.75	Master Card Debit	2024-10-25

Table: marketing				
guest_id	marketing_code	contact_by_phone	contact_by_email	contact_by_post
1	DIS	0	1	1
3	EVT	1	1	0
5	ALL	0	1	0
8	DIS	0	1	0
10	ALL	1	1	1

Table: promotion		
promotion_code	promotion_name	discount_percentage
OCT10	October 10% discount	10
OCT15	October 15% discount	15
COM20	Company 20% discount	20
NOV10	November 10% discount	10
DEC10	December 10% discount	10

Table: reserva	ation									
reservation_		room_	invoice_	promotion_	reservation_	reservation_date_	number_		length_	status_
id	guest_id	number	number	code	staff_id	time	of_guests	start_of_stay	of_stay	code
1	1	110	1	OCT10	4	2024-10-12 09:30:00	3	2024-10-21	2	OT
2	3	103	2	NULL	5	2024-10-13 12:15:00	1	2024-10-24	7	IN
3	1	204	3	OCT15	3	2024-10-16 14:10:00	2	2024-10-25	4	IN
4	7	101	NULL	COM20	3	2024-10-17 19:25:00	1	2024-10-26	1	IN
5	4	101	NULL	COM20	2	2024-10-20 10:00:00	1	2024-11-11	5	RE

Table: room						
room_number	room_type_code	bathroom_type_code	status	key_serial_number		
101	SI	B1	ACT	ABC12312		
102	SI	B2	ACT	BSD21432		
103	SIM	B3	ACT	JGF34673		
104	SIP	B2	CLN	PEH23563		
105	DO	B1	ACT	LWB32454		
106	DO	B2	ACT	MMD12134		
107	DOM	B1	ACT	FHG33445		
108	DOM	B2	ACT	OKD45563		

room_number	date_of_clean	staff_id	time_of_clean	type_of_clean
101	2024-10-21	7	09:30:00	F
102	2024-10-21	7	10:00:00	L
103	2024-10-21	7	10:15:00	L
201	2024-10-21	8	09:30:00	F
202	2024-10-21	8	10:00:00	F
203	2024-10-21	8	10:30:00	L
101	2024-10-22	7	09:30:00	L
102	2024-10-22	7	09:45:00	F
103	2024-10-22	7	10:15:00	F
201	2024-10-22	8	09:30:00	L

Table: room_price		
room_type_code	bathroom_type_code	price
SI	B1	60.00
SI	B2	65.00
SIM	B2	70.00
SIM	B3	75.00
SIP	B2	75.00
SIP	B3	85.00
DO	B1	80.00
DO	B2	85.00
DOM	B1	90.00
DOM	B2	95.00

Table: room_type				
room_type_code	room_type_name	modern_style	deluxe	maximum_guests
SI	Single	0	0	1
SIM	Single Plus	1	0	1
SIP	Single Premium	0	1	1
DO	Double	0	0	2
DOM	Double Plus	1	0	2

Table: staff					
staff_id	manager_id	title	first_name	last_name	role
1		Mr	Simon	Rumsey	OWNER
2	1	Mrs	Jill	Smithers	RECEP_LEAD
3	2	Mr	James	Dilly	RECEP
4	2	Miss	Heather	Lewis	RECEP
5	2	Ms	Vicki	Green	RECEP
6	1	Mr	Stuart	Sanders	CLEAN_LEAD
7	6	Miss	Paula	Jones	CLEAN
8	6	Miss	Holly	Adams	CLEAN
9	6	Mr	Jack	York	CLEAN