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Project Report

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E Commerce Shopping Cart System

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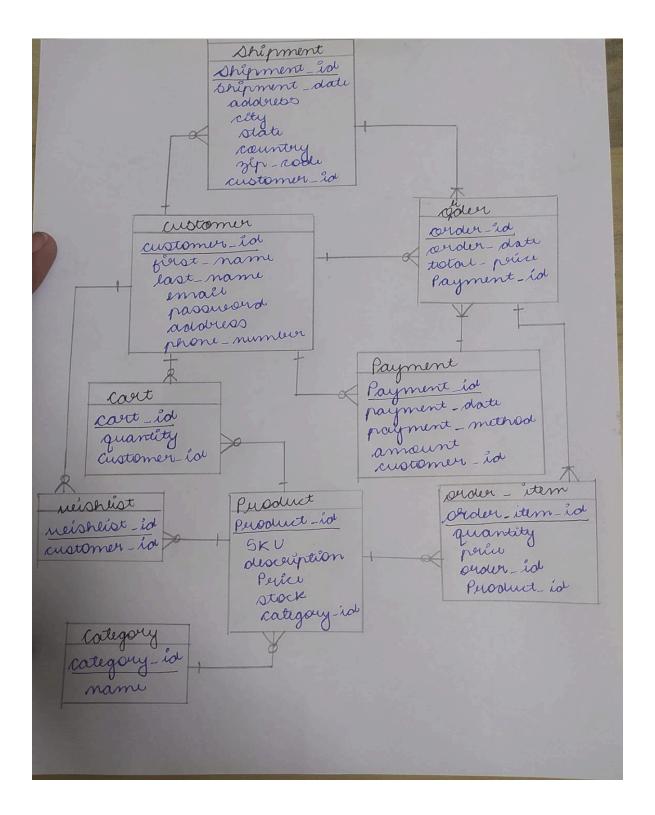
I. Storyline

Maya, a skilled potter known for her whimsical creations, pours her heart into each piece but struggles to sell beyond local craft fairs. Frustrated, she stumbles upon our e-commerce system. Learning its ropes, she hesitantly uploads her work. Soon, stunning photos and detailed descriptions captivate online customers. Orders trickle in, then flow, transforming Maya's tiny studio into a bustling hub. Packaging delicate mugs and shipping worldwide, she marvels at the reach she never dreamed of. Maya's success story becomes a beacon, inspiring fellow artisans to embrace e-commerce, proving that even the most unique creations can find their audience in the vast digital marketplace.

II. Components of Database Design

Entity	Attributes	Primary key	Foreign Key
Shipment	Shipment_id,Shipment_data, address, city, state, country, zip_code, Customer_id	Shipment_id	Customer_id
Customer	Customer_id, first_name, last_name, email, password, address, phone_number	Customer_id	NA
Order	Order_id, Order_date, total_price, Payment_id	Order_id	Payment_id
Cart	Cart_id, quantity,Customer_id	Cart_id	Customer_id
Payment	Payment_id, Payment_date, Payment_method, amount, Customer_id	Payment_id	Customer_id
Order_item	Order_item_id, quantity, price, Order_id, Product_id	Order_item_id	Order_id Product_id
Wishlist	Wishlist_id, Customer_id	Wishlist_id	Customer_id
Product	Product_id, SKU, description, price, stock, Category_id	Product_id	Category_id
Category	Category_id, name	Category_id	NA

III. Entity Relationship Diagram



IV. Relational Model

Convert the ER diagram to the relational model using the concepts learned in the class. List the various tables obtained.

• Customer

- o customer id (primary key)
- o first name
- o last name
- o address
- o phone number

Order

- o order id (primary key)
- o customer id (foreign key references Customer.customer id)
- o order date
- o payment_id (foreign key references Payment_id)

Payment

- payment_id (primary key)
- payment_date
- o payment method
- o amount
- o customer id (foreign key references Customer.customer id)

Product

- product_id (primary key)
- o SKU
- description
- o price
- o stock
- o category_id (foreign key references Category.category_id)

Category

- o category id (primary key)
- o name

• Cart

- o cart id (primary key)
- o customer_id (foreign key references Customer.customer_id)

Wishlist

- wishlist id (primary key)
- o customer id (foreign key references Customer.customer id)

• Order Item

- o order item id (primary key)
- o order id (foreign key references Order.order id)
- o product id (foreign key references Product.product id)
- quantity
- o price

V. Normalization

Normalization is a fundamental database design principle aimed at reducing redundancy and ensuring data integrity. The following is an analysis of the provided entities in a relational database schema, evaluated for adherence to the principles of normalization through the Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF).

Shipment Entity

- First Normal Form (1NF): Confirmed. The Shipment entity contains atomic values, and each row is uniquely identifiable by `Shipment id`.
- Second Normal Form (2NF): Confirmed. All attributes are fully dependent on the primary key.
- Third Normal Form (3NF): Confirmed. No attributes are transitively dependent on the primary key.
- Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF): Confirmed. Since the primary key is the sole determinant, the Shipment entity satisfies BCNF.

Customer Entity

- -1NF: Confirmed. The Customer entity exhibits atomicity and has unique `Customer_id` identifiers for each row.
- 2NF: Confirmed. It meets all criteria for 2NF as there are no composite primary keys to induce partial dependencies.
- 3NF: Confirmed. There are no transitive dependencies within the entity.
- BCNF: Confirmed. The Customer entity adheres to BCNF with all determinants being candidate keys.

Order Entity

- 1NF: Confirmed. Each attribute in the Order entity is stored as atomic values, with `Order_id` serving as a unique identifier.
- 2NF: Confirmed. It satisfies the criteria of 2NF.
- 3NF: Confirmed. There are no transitive dependencies and the table is already in 2NF.
- BCNF: Confirmed. The Order entity adheres to BCNF with all determinants being candidate keys.

Cart Entity

- 1NF: Confirmed. The Cart entity contains atomic, indivisible data with 'Cart' id' as the primary key.
- 2NF: Confirmed. Attributes are fully dependent on the primary key with no partial dependencies.
- 3NF: Confirmed. Non-key attributes do not have transitive dependencies.
- BCNF: Confirmed. `Cart_id` is a superkey, and there are no other determinants, thus fulfilling the conditions for BCNF.

Payment Entity

- 1NF: Confirmed. All attributes in the Payment entity have atomic data entries.
- 2NF: Confirmed. The Payment entity's attributes are all fully dependent on the primary key 'Payment id'.
- 3NF: Confirmed. There are no transitive dependencies present.
- BCNF: Confirmed. The primary key is the only determinant, ensuring compliance with BCNF.

Order item Entity

- 1NF: Confirmed. The entity displays atomicity in its attributes and has 'Order_item_id' as a primary key.

- 2NF: Confirmed. Full functional dependency on the primary key is observed.
- 3NF: Confirmed. There are no transitive dependencies present.
- BCNF: Confirmed. The primary key is the only determinant, ensuring compliance with BCNF.

Wishlist Entity

- 1NF: Confirmed. The Wishlist entity maintains atomicity and uniqueness through 'Wishlist id'.
- 2NF: Confirmed. The entity adheres to 2NF as all attributes are dependent on the primary key.
- 3NF: Confirmed. No transitive dependencies are found within the Wishlist entity.
- BCNF: Confirmed. All functional dependencies are on the primary key, satisfying BCNF.

Product Entity

- 1NF: Confirmed. The Product entity possesses atomic values and unique product identifiers.
- 2NF: Confirmed. There are no partial dependencies; all attributes are fully dependent on 'Product id'.
- 3NF: Confirmed. Each non-key attribute is only dependent on the primary key.
- BCNF: Confirmed. 'Product id' serves as the only determinant, which aligns with the BCNF criteria.

Category Entity

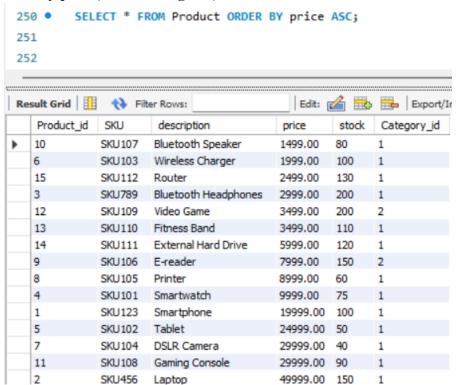
- 1NF: Confirmed. The Category entity contains atomic values with a unique identifier for each row.
- 2NF: Confirmed. Since there is only a single primary key, there are no issues with partial dependency.
- 3NF: Confirmed. There are no indications of transitive dependencies within the entity.
- BCNF: Confirmed. There is no evidence of non-primary key determinants, thus the entity complies with BCNF.

Conclusion

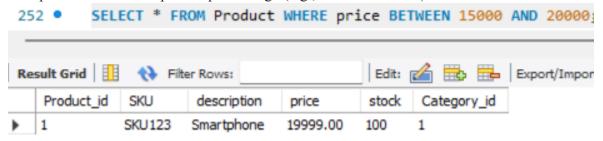
The evaluation of the entities against normalization standards indicates that most entities are well-structured and adhere to the principles of normalization up to BCNF, with a few concerns noted for the Order and Payment entities. For the Order entity, the presence of 'Payment_id' may suggest a need for an associative entity to handle the many-to-many relationship between orders and payments. The Payment entity's inclusion of 'Customer_id' should be reviewed to ensure no transitive dependencies exist that would violate BCNF. Addressing these concerns will result in a robust database schema that maintains data integrity, reduces redundancy, and supports efficient data management practices.

VI. SQL Queries

1. Sort by price(lowest to highest)



2. Find products within a specific price range (e.g., 15000 to 20000):



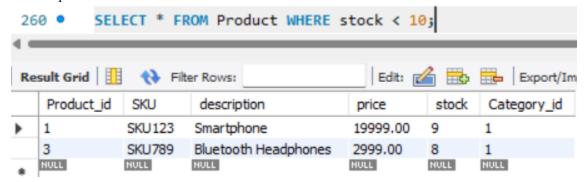
3.Get products by category name (e.g., "Electronics"):

```
254 • SELECT p.*
```

- 255 FROM Product p
- 256 JOIN Category c ON p.Category_id = c.Category_id
- 257 WHERE c.name = 'Electronics';

-							
Re	Result Grid 1						
	Product_id	SKU	description	price	stock	Category_id	
•	1	SKU123	Smartphone	19999.00	100	1	
	2	SKU456	Laptop	49999.00	150	1	
	3	SKU789	Bluetooth Headphones	2999.00	200	1	
	4	SKU101	Smartwatch	9999.00	75	1	
	5	SKU102	Tablet	24999.00	50	1	
	6	SKU103	Wireless Charger	1999.00	100	1	
	7	SKU104	DSLR Camera	29999.00	40	1	
	8	SKU105	Printer	8999.00	60	1	
	10	SKU107	Bluetooth Speaker	1499.00	80	1	
	11	SKU108	Gaming Console	29999.00	90	1	
	13	SKU110	Fitness Band	3499.00	110	1	
	14	SKU111	External Hard Drive	5999.00	120	1	
	15	SKU112	Router	2499.00	130	1	

4. Find products with low stocks:



5. Search for products with the keyword "Smartphone" in their description:

Result Grid

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Product_id

Filter Rows:

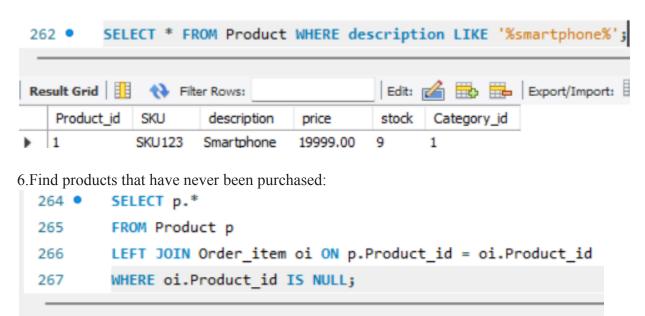
description

SKU102 New Headphones Y

New Smartphone X

SKU

SKU101



Export:

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50

stock

1

1

price

20000.00

3000.00

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Category_id

```
7. Sort products within a specific category by popularity:
  269 •
            SELECT p.*, SUM(oi.quantity) as TotalSold
  270
            FROM Product p
            JOIN Order item oi ON p.Product id = oi.Product id
  271
  272
            JOIN Category c ON p.Category_id = c.Category_id
  273
            WHERE c.name = 'Electronics'
            GROUP BY p.Product id
  274
            ORDER BY TotalSold DESC;
  275
  276
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  Result Grid
                 Filter Rows:
     Product id
                 SKU
                          description
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     10
                SKU107
                         Bluetooth Speaker
                                               1499.00
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     1
                SKU123
                         Smartphone
                                               19999.00
                                                         9
                                                                1
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                SKU456
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     2
                         Laptop
                                               49999.00
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                                                         150
     4
                SKU101
                         Smartwatch
                                              9999.00
                                                         75
                                                                1
                                                                             1
     5
                SKU102 Tablet
                                               24999.00
                                                         50
                                                                1
                                                                             1
     6
                SKU103
                         Wireless Charger
                                               1999.00
                                                         100
                                                                1
                                                                             1
     7
                SKU104 DSLR Camera
                                               29999.00
                                                         40
                                                                1
                                                                             1
     8
                SKU 105
                         Printer
                                              8999.00
                                                         60
                                                                1
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                SKU110
                         Fitness Band
                                               3499.00
                                                         110
                                                                1
                                                                             1
                SKU111 External Hard Drive
     14
                                                                             1
                                               5999.00
                                                         120
                                                                1
```

8. Get details of customers along with the count of items in their cart:

Router

SKU112

15

```
SELECT c.Customer_id, c.first_name, c.last_name, COUNT(cart.Cart_id) as CartItemCount
FROM Customer c
LEFT JOIN Cart cart ON c.Customer_id = cart.Customer_id
GROUP BY c.Customer_id;
```

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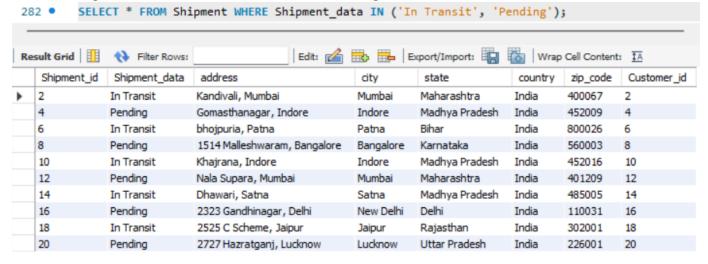
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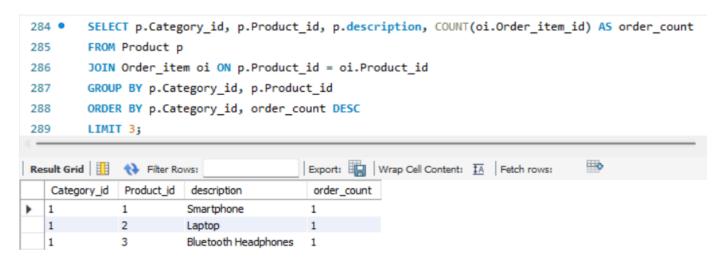
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	Customer_ic	d first_nan	ne	last_na	me	CartItem	Count
•	1	Arnav		Chatury	redi	1	
	2	Riya		Shagun		1	
	3	Ishika		Rathore		1	
	4	Anika		Sethia		1	
	5	Yashward	dhan	Sant		1	
	6	Nakul		Sethi		1	
	7	Arjav		Kasliwal		1	
	8	Pranav		Joshi		1	
	9	Oshin		Ahuja		1	
	10	Lakshya		Dubey		1	
	11	Shanali		Singh		1	
	12	Suhani		Khande	wal	1	
	13	Kashish		Wadhw	ani	1	
	14	Prakhar		Agrawa	l	1	
	15	Ananya		Pandey		1	
	16	Kabir		Singh		0	
17	Sa	anvi	Kumar	r	0	Ya	
18	Ha	rshit	Chaw	la	0		
19	Kh	ushi	Upadh	nyay	0		
20	Ch	havi	Ambo		0		

9. List all shipments that are either 'In Transit' or 'Pending':



10. Find the top 3 most ordered products in each category:



11. Apply a 10% discount on items priced above 200:

UPDATE Orders

Order_id	Order_date	total_price	Payment_id	Customer_id
3	2023-01-12	89.99	NULL	3
4	2023-01-13	59.99	NULL	4
5	2023-01-14	99.99	NULL	5
6	2023-01-15	29.99	NULL	6
7	2023-01-16	199.99	NULL	7
8	2023-01-17	269.99	NULL	8
9	2023-01-18	359.99	NULL	9
10	2023-01-19	129.99	NULL	10
11	2023-01-20	159.99	NULL	11
12	2023-01-21	224.99	NULL	12
13	2023-01-22	251.99	NULL	13
14	2023-01-23	179.99	NULL	14
15	2023-01-24	199.99	NULL	15

12. Find the latest order for each customer

```
SELECT
```

```
o.Customer_id,
    c.first_name,
    c.last_name,
    MAX(o.Order_date) AS LatestOrderDate
FROM
    Orders o
INNER JOIN
    Customer c ON o.Customer_id = c.Customer_id
GROUP BY
    o.Customer_id;
```

	Customer_id	first_name	last_name	LatestOrderDate
•	1	Arnav	Chaturvedi	2023-01-10
	2	Riya	Shagun	2023-01-11
	3	Ishika	Rathore	2023-01-12
	4	Anika	Sethia	2023-01-13
	5	Yashwardhan	Sant	2023-01-14
	6	Nakul	Sethi	2023-01-15
	7	Arjav	Kasliwal	2023-01-16
	8	Pranav	Joshi	2023-01-17
	9	Oshin	Ahuja	2023-01-18
	10	Lakshya	Dubey	2023-01-19
	11	Shanali	Singh	2023-01-20
	12	Suhani	Khandelwal	2023-01-21
	13	Kashish	Wadhwani	2023-01-22
	14	Prakhar	Agrawal	2023-01-23
	15	Ananya	Pandey	2023-01-24

13. Aggregates total revenue generated per product category 314 • SELECT 315 cat.name AS CategoryName, 316 SUM(oi.price * oi.quantity) AS TotalRevenue 317 FROM Category cat JOIN Product p ON cat.Category id = p.Category id 318 JOIN Order item oi ON p.Product id = oi.Product id 319 GROUP BY cat.Category id 320 ORDER BY TotalRevenue DESC; 321 377 Export: Wrap Cell Content: TA Result Grid Filter Rows: CategoryName TotalRevenue Electronics 196985.00 Books 22996.00 14. Identify customers who have not placed any orders in the last year 323 • SELECT c.Customer_id, 324 325 CONCAT(c.first name, ' ', c.last name) AS CustomerName 326 FROM Customer c 327 328 SELECT 1 329 FROM Orders o WHERE c.Customer id = o.Customer id AND o.Order date >= CURDATE() - INTERVAL 1 YEAR 330 331); Export: Wrap Cell Content: IA Result Grid Filter Rows: Customer_id CustomerName Arnav Chaturvedi 2 Riya Shagun Ishika Rathore Anika Sethia Yashwardhan Sant

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Nakul Sethi Arjav Kasliwal

Pranav Joshi

15. Rank customers based on their total spending:

```
333 •
       SELECT
           c.Customer_id,
334
           CONCAT(c.first_name, ' ', c.last_name) AS CustomerName,
335
336
           SUM(o.total_price) AS TotalSpending,
           RANK() OVER (ORDER BY SUM(o.total_price) DESC) AS SpendingRank
337
338
       FROM
339
           Customer c
340
       JOIN
           Orders o ON c.Customer_id = o.Customer_id
341
342
       GROUP BY
343
           c.Customer_id, c.first_name, c.last_name
344
       ORDER BY
           TotalSpending DESC;
345
```

	Customer_id	CustomerName	TotalSpending	SpendingRank
•	9	Oshin Ahuja	323.99	1
	8	Pranav Joshi	242.99	2
	13	Kashish Wadhwani	226.79	3
	12	Suhani Khandelwal	202.49	4
	7	Arjav Kasliwal	199.99	5
	15	Ananya Pandey	199.99	5
	14	Prakhar Agrawal	179.99	7
	11	Shanali Singh	159.99	8
	10	Lakshya Dubey	129.99	9
	5	Yashwardhan Sant	99.99	10
	3	Ishika Rathore	89.99	11
	1	Arnav Chaturvedi	79.99	12
	4	Anika Sethia	59.99	13
	2	Riya Shagun	49.99	14

29.99

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Nakul Sethi

16. Customer Purchase Frequency Segmentation

```
SELECT
    c.Customer_id,
    CONCAT(c.first_name, ' ', c.last_name) AS CustomerName,
    CASE
        WHEN COUNT(o.Order_id) >= 3 THEN 'Frequent Buyer'
        WHEN COUNT(o.Order_id) BETWEEN 1 AND 2 THEN 'Moderate Buyer'
        ELSE 'Rare Buyer'
    END AS CustomerSegment
FROM Customer c
LEFT JOIN Orders o ON c.Customer_id = o.Customer_id
GROUP BY c.Customer_id
ORDER BY COUNT(o.Order_id) DESC;
```

	Customer_id	CustomerName	CustomerSegment
•	1	Arnav Chaturvedi	Moderate Buyer
	2	Riya Shagun	Moderate Buyer
	3	Ishika Rathore	Moderate Buyer
	4	Anika Sethia	Moderate Buyer
	5	Yashwardhan Sant	Moderate Buyer
	6	Nakul Sethi	Moderate Buyer
	7	Arjav Kasliwal	Moderate Buyer
	8	Pranav Joshi	Moderate Buyer
	9	Oshin Ahuja	Moderate Buyer
	10	Lakshya Dubey	Moderate Buyer
	11	Shanali Singh	Moderate Buyer
	12	Suhani Khandelwal	Moderate Buyer
	13	Kashish Wadhwani	Moderate Buyer
	14	Prakhar Agrawal	Moderate Buyer
	15	Ananya Pandey	Moderate Buyer
	16	Kabir Singh	Rare Buyer
	17	Saanvi Kumar	Rare Buyer
	18	Harshit Chawla	Rare Buyer
	19	Khushi Upadhyay	Rare Buyer
	20	Chhavi Ambor	Rare Buyer

17. Customers who add items to their cart but do not complete the purchase.

```
c.Customer_id,
CONCAT(c.first_name, ' ', c.last_name) AS CustomerName,
COUNT(DISTINCT cart.Cart_id) AS CartsCreated,
COUNT(DISTINCT o.Order_id) AS OrdersCompleted,
   (COUNT(DISTINCT cart.Cart_id) - COUNT(DISTINCT o.Order_id)) / COUNT(DISTINCT cart.Cart_id) * 100 AS AbandonmentRate
FROM Customer c
LEFT JOIN Cart cart ON c.Customer_id = cart.Customer_id
LEFT JOIN Orders o ON c.Customer_id = o.Customer_id
GROUP BY c.Customer_id
HAVING CartsCreated > 0
ORDER BY AbandonmentRate DESC;
```

SELECT

	Customer_id	CustomerName	CartsCreated	OrdersCompleted	AbandonmentRate
•	1	Arnav Chaturvedi	1	1	0.0000
	2	Riya Shagun	1	1	0.0000
	3	Ishika Rathore	1	1	0.0000
	4	Anika Sethia	1	1	0.0000
	5	Yashwardhan Sant	1	1	0.0000
	6	Nakul Sethi	1	1	0.0000
	7	Arjav Kasliwal	1	1	0.0000
	8	Pranav Joshi	1	1	0.0000
	9	Oshin Ahuja	1	1	0.0000
	10	Lakshya Dubey	1	1	0.0000
	11	Shanali Singh	1	1	0.0000
	12	Suhani Khandelwal	1	1	0.0000
	13	Kashish Wadhwani	1	1	0.0000
	14	Prakhar Agrawal	1	1	0.0000
	15	Ananya Pandey	1	1	0.0000

18. Segment customers based on profitability.

```
SELECT
```

	Customer_id	CustomerName	TotalSpent	OrderCount	AvgOrderValue	CustomerSegment
•	9	Oshin Ahuja	323.99	1	323.990000	High Value
	8	Pranav Joshi	242.99	1	242.990000	High Value
	13	Kashish Wadhwani	226.79	1	226.790000	High Value
	12	Suhani Khandelwal	202.49	1	202.490000	High Value
	7	Arjav Kasliwal	199.99	1	199.990000	Low Value
	15	Ananya Pandey	199.99	1	199.990000	Low Value
	14	Prakhar Agrawal	179.99	1	179.990000	Low Value
	11	Shanali Singh	159.99	1	159.990000	Low Value
	10	Lakshya Dubey	129.99	1	129.990000	Low Value
	5	Yashwardhan Sant	99.99	1	99.990000	Low Value
	3	Ishika Rathore	89.99	1	89.990000	Low Value
	1	Arnav Chaturvedi	79.99	1	79.990000	Low Value
	4	Anika Sethia	59.99	1	59.990000	Low Value
	2	Riya Shagun	49.99	1	49.990000	Low Value
	6	Nakul Sethi	29.99	1	29.990000	Low Value

19. Determine the count of unique customers who placed orders in the 1st month

```
389 •
        SELECT
             DATE FORMAT(Order date, '%Y-%m') AS Month,
390
             COUNT(DISTINCT Customer id) AS MonthlyActiveUsers
391
392
        FROM Orders
393
        GROUP BY Month
        ORDER BY Month;
394
                                       Export: Wrap Cell Content: IA
Result Grid
             Filter Rows:
   Month
           MonthlyActiveUsers
 2023-01
          15
```

20. Identify products that have not been sold in the last month.

```
SELECT
```

```
p.Product_id,
  p.description

FROM Product p

WHERE p.Product_id NOT IN (
    SELECT oi.Product_id
    FROM Order_item oi
    JOIN Orders o ON oi.Order_id = o.Order_id
    WHERE o.Order_date >= CURDATE() - INTERVAL 1 MONTH
)
```

ORDER BY p.Product_id;

	Product_id	description
•	1	Smartphone
	2	Laptop
	3	Bluetooth Headphones
	4	Smartwatch
	5	Tablet
	6	Wireless Charger

VI. Project demonstration

- This DBMS project showcases a functional e-commerce shopping cart system. We'll navigate the user interface, demonstrating product browsing, adding items to the cart, and product comparisons.
- We'll then process a secure checkout simulating a real-world purchase.
- Finally, we'll explore the database structure, highlighting tables storing product information, customer details, and shopping cart contents, emphasizing how this system efficiently manages online shopping transactions.

VII. Self -Learning beyond classroom

- Explore Open-Source Shopping Cart Systems: Dig into open-source platforms like WooCommerce or PrestaShop. These provide real-world examples of how databases are used in e-commerce and can inspire your project design. You can see how they handle product variations, manage stock, and secure user data.
- Online Tutorials and Courses: There are fantastic online resources! Look for tutorials on building shopping carts with specific DBMS software like MySQL or PostgreSQL. Many free courses offer a structured approach to learning the technical aspects.
- Experiment with Sample Databases: Many DBMS providers offer sample databases you can practice with. Experimenting with these will help you get comfortable with writing queries, managing data types, and understanding how data is organized within the database.
- **Join Online Communities:** There are vibrant online communities for database enthusiasts and e-commerce developers. Forums like Stack Overflow can be a great place to ask specific questions about challenges you encounter in your project and learn from others' experiences.
- Build a Mock User Interface: While your project focuses on the database side, don't forget the
 user experience! Sketch or create a basic user interface (UI) to visualize how users will interact
 with your shopping cart. This will help you identify data elements you need to store and retrieve
 effectively.

VIII. Learning from the Project

- **Data Modeling Expertise:** You'll develop practical skills in designing relational database schemas. This includes understanding data relationships, defining tables and columns effectively, and normalizing data to prevent redundancy and inconsistencies.
- Problem-Solving Prowess: This project throws real-world challenges at you, like
 handling product variations (size, color), managing stock levels in real-time, and ensuring
 data security for customer information. Solving these problems hones your critical
 thinking and problem-solving skills, valuable assets in any technical field.
- E-commerce Systems Demystified: You'll gain valuable insight into the inner workings of e-commerce platforms. From product data management to order processing, you'll understand how databases play a crucial role in powering these online stores.
- Performance Optimization Importance: As your 'store' grows virtually, you'll face the
 challenge of optimizing database queries and data structures. This teaches you the
 importance of efficient data retrieval and manipulation, a crucial skill for handling large
 datasets.
- Integration Fundamentals: Connecting your shopping cart with other systems, like a
 payment gateway or product catalog, might be necessary. This teaches you valuable
 skills in integrating different software components, a common task in modern software
 development.
- **Testing and Debugging Techniques:** Building a functional shopping cart involves rigorous testing. You'll learn to identify and fix errors in your database queries and logic, a vital skill for any developer or database administrator.
- **Security Awareness:** Protecting sensitive user data like addresses and payment details is paramount. This project emphasizes the importance of data security practices, like encryption and access control mechanisms.
- **Version Control Best Practices:** Using a version control system like Git is crucial for tracking changes, collaborating effectively, and reverting to previous versions if needed. You'll get hands-on experience with these essential practices.
- **Project Management Skills:** Planning, scheduling, and executing different project phases become important. You'll gain valuable experience in managing a software project, even if it's a smaller-scale one.
- **Technical Communication Enhancement:** Documenting your project, including data models, query logic, and design choices becomes important. This hones your technical communication skills, essential for explaining technical concepts to others.

IX. Challenges Faced

1. Data Modeling:

We need to decide how to structure our data in tables (like Products, Customers, Carts). This includes defining columns (like product name, price, quantity in cart) and their relationships (e.g., a cart belongs to a customer and contains products).

2. Handling Product Variations:

How would we handle products with different sizes, colors, or other variations? We need additional tables or clever data storage within a table to represent these variations.

3. Managing Stock Levels:

When a customer adds an item to their cart, we need to ensure the stock level is updated accurately to reflect real-time availability. This can get complex if multiple users try to buy the same item at once.

4. Security Considerations:

We need to make sure customer information like addresses and payment details are stored securely in the database. This might involve encryption and access control mechanisms.

5. Performance Optimization:

As our e-commerce store grows, the database needs to handle a larger number of users and transactions efficiently. We might need to optimize queries and consider database scaling techniques.

X. Conclusion

- Building an e-commerce shopping cart with a DBMS is a challenging but rewarding project.
- It provides practical experience in data modeling, problem-solving, understanding e-commerce systems, and the importance of performance and integration.
- These learned skills are valuable assets for anyone pursuing a career in database management, software development, or any field that involves data manipulation and system design.