Group 6 Project Proposal

Members: Jamie Chaisson and Casey Levy

Project URL (OSU VPN required): http://flip3.engr.oregonstate.edu:28901/

Executive Summary

Setting out, our group wanted to imitate a generic Steam-like video game platform which would be console independent and available for PC. Some Ideas we had were to allow a file download to simulate a game download and install and have unique pictures for each game in our catalog. We also wanted to filter games by genre, rating, price, console and wanted to set mock times for hours played per player and since release, amount of downloads. Each user would set up an account with a profile and a user library where they could participate in the rating and commenting on games. Looking back this would have taken numerous complex database interactions and more time than allowed in a semester.

The initial advice from the proposal suggested we bring our expectations way down. We then started with four entities, a cart, game catalog, a customer list, and a record of all purchases to simulate the simplest of stores. To accommodate M:M relationships a user library was soon added and a table to cross reference the game catalog and all the carts to be created. Looking at our original plans, it's obvious that many changes were made and needed as well. When we first began, the site was very ambitious and we had so many ideas to attempt to complete before realizing how complicated things can get with database interaction. The biggest change made was the amount of tables we ultimately ended up using. Before utilizing peer feedback, we had scaled back our table amount quite a bit and relied only on the most basic and most important tables needed for the goal of our site before submitting our Step 3 work. And as time went on, more attributes were added to tables while some were also removed. Most of the early peer feedback was just about updating and refining small details within our project outline for better understanding and readability. Some of the feedback early in the site's development also suggested an expected amount of users or customers, though we decided against this since these suggestions took more of a business look at the site though all the data and information needed to run the site doesn't change based on the amount of users. We didn't want this outline to become a business model of sorts. Steps 4 and 5 caused the most work to be done to the site thus far. Most of the feedback were general comments mentioning what did and didn't work, information we already knew before posting, and nothing was really suggested that led to any major changes being made. The major changes that were made were decided upon within the group and caused us to modify a lot of table interactions and caused a lot of work with sessions. There were also a couple errors we were coming across day after day that no peer feedback could really help us with, but we ultimately found fixes for them after a while.

Overall, nearly all of the feedback received was constructive and helpful. Most were just about refining details and fixing simple errors/bugs. There weren't many peer comments that caused major changes to be made. As mentioned above, practically all major changes were made within the group and after group discussions such as adding the ability for a user to create their own unique gamer "handle", an idea not in the early stages of the site. It's safe to say we had a grasp on the requirements of each week's submission, and it was just a matter of time and implementing the work. Once we refined our number of tables and interactions between them, the site came together quite easily after that. Our original plans were definitely focused more on extra things not needed on the site, rather than the basic and general interactions of tables, queries, etc.

Overview

Our service, Group6 Games™, will sell games for PCs online. Our database will track orders of video games and keep the customer's order history after purchases are made. Our Games entity will include a Game ID along with game title, selling price, critic rating, and a discount attribute if the game's price becomes discounted at any point. The Customers entity will have a Customer ID and their personal information along with credit card and home address for purchasing and shipping tasks, respectively. Carts will handle the Customer and Game ID, while also holding attributes for each game's price, item numbers, and a Cart ID. Orders entity involves order numbers, Cart IDs, taxes, and purchasing totals. Lastly, we have our Library entity which will store a collection of games customers can keep for possible future purchase and it will utilize such information as Customer and Game ID, along with game titles.

Actual customers will select games from our catalog and any selected games can be added to his/her cart for orders with payment and billing information being displayed on invoices for orders. When customers are ready to check out, their carts will be processed into orders. Information about customers will be updatable and invoices will need to calculate total and discount. Over 9,000 video games are released each year, so the game list in the databases will need to be updated as well. All primary keys stated below will be underlined and "FK" denotes a foreign key.

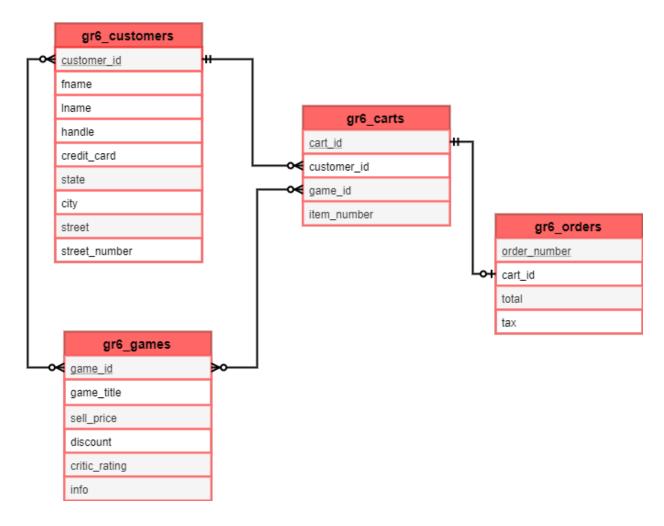
<u>Updated Database Outline:</u>

Tables

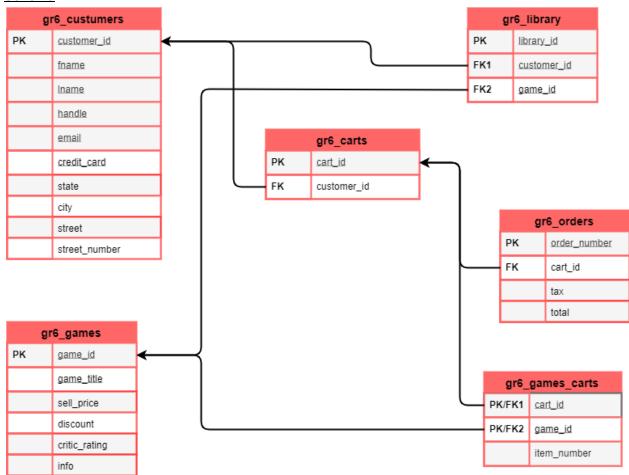
- gr6_games M:M with gr6_carts (Handles video game related information such as title, price, possible discount, and their own ID numbers)
 - o game_id: PK (INT) AUTO INCREMENT
 - game_title (VARCHAR)
 - sell price (DECIMAL)
 - discount (DECIMAL)
 - critic_rating (TINYINT)
 - Info (VARCHAR)
- gr6_customers 1:M with gr6_carts (Stores customer information such as their credit card details and home address along with their own ID number)
 - o <u>customer id</u>: PK (INT) AUTO INCREMENT
 - fname: (VARCHAR)
 - Iname (VARCHAR)
 - email (VARCHAR)
 - handle(VARCHAR)
 - credit_card (VARCHAR)
 - state (VARCHAR)
 - zip code (VARCHAR)
 - o city (VARCHAR)
 - state (VARCHAR)
 - street (VARCHAR)
 - street number (VARCHAR)
- gr6_carts 1:1 with gr6_orders, M:M with gr6_ames (Handles digital "Carts" that will include important information such as the customer's ID number and it's own Cart ID)
 - o cart id PK (INT) AUTO INCREMENT
 - o customer id :FK (INT) ON DELETE SET NULL

- gr6_orders 1:1 with gr6_carts (Will be created once a "cart" or its items are purchased, stores the cart ID number, taxes, and total purchasing price)
 - o order_number: PK (INT) AUTO INCREMENT UNIQUE
 - o cart_id : FK (INT)
 - total (DECIMAL)
 - o tax (DECIMAL)
- gr6_library M:1 with gr6_customers (Will hold customer and game information such as Game ID, and Customer ID)
 - o <u>library id</u>: PK (INT) AUTO INCREMENT
 - o customer id: FK (INT) NULLABLE
 - o game id: FK (INT) NULLABLE ON DELETE SET NULL
- gr6_games_carts 1:M with gr6_games and gr6_carts (Will also handle and include a Cart ID and Game ID like in gr6_carts but will also have item numbers and will be used to populate the "/carts" page)
 - o cart id: PK/FK (INT)
 - o game_id: PK/FK (INT) ON DELETE CASCADE
 - item_number (INT)

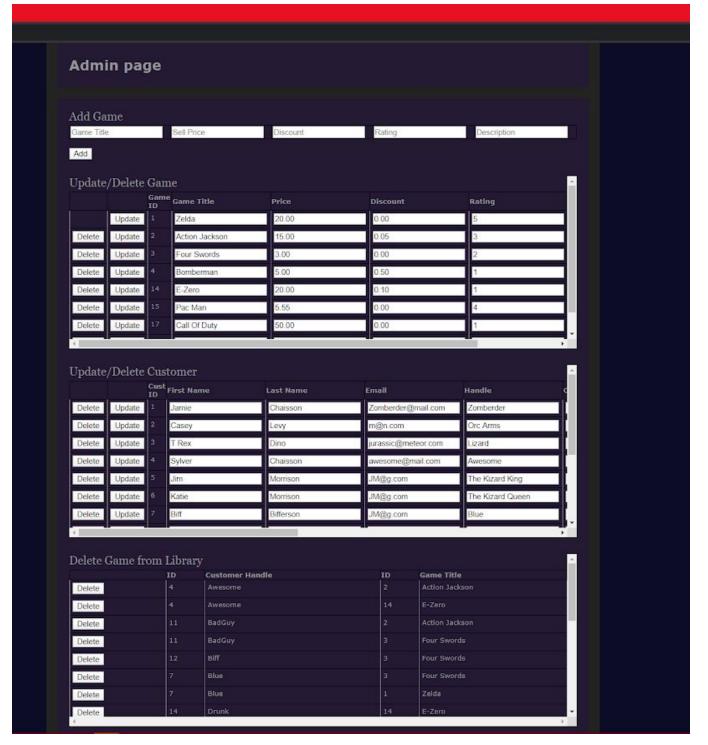
ER Diagram



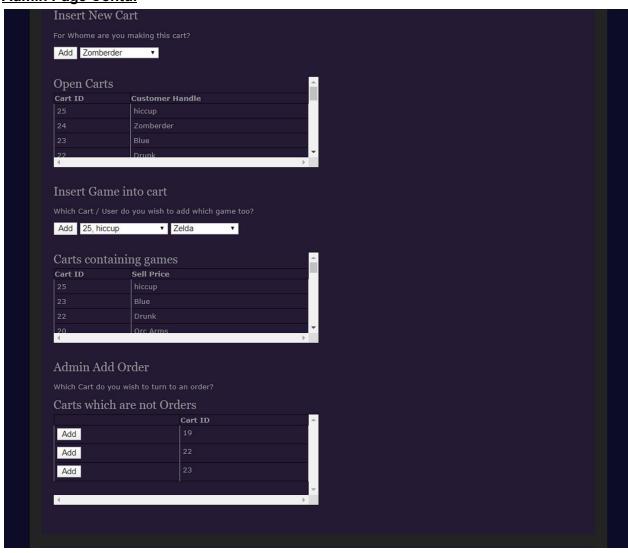
Schema



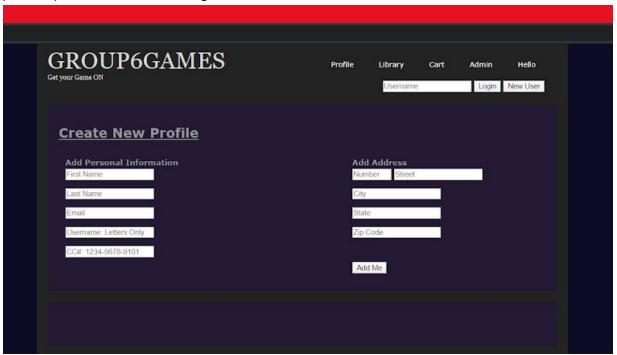
(SELECT/READ/UPDATE/DELETE/INSERT) Admin Page



Admin Page Contd.



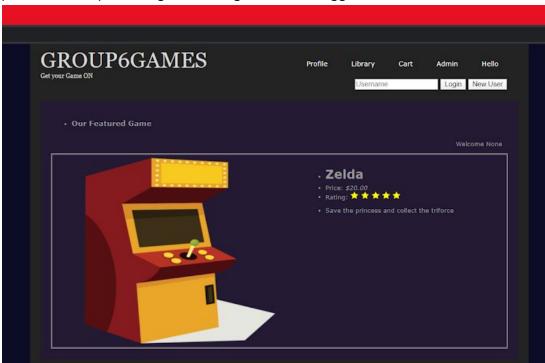
(INSERT) Create New Profile Page



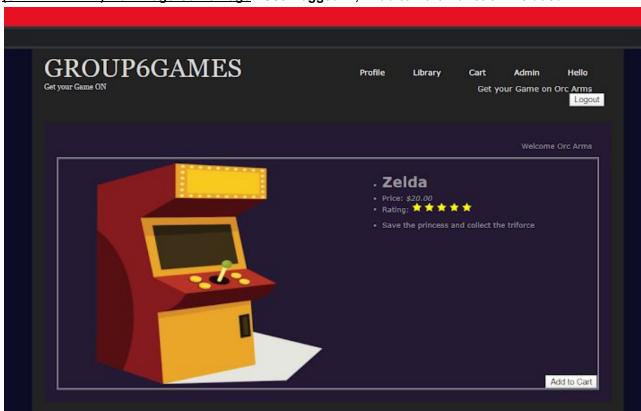
(SELECT/READ/UPDATE/DELETE) User Profile Page - User logged in with options to Update or Delete



(SELECT/READ) Main Page/Game Page - User not logged in



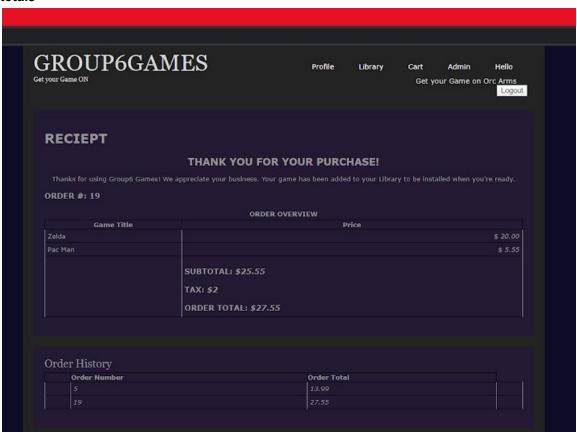
(SELECT/READ) Main Page/Game Page - User logged in, "Add to Cart" function included



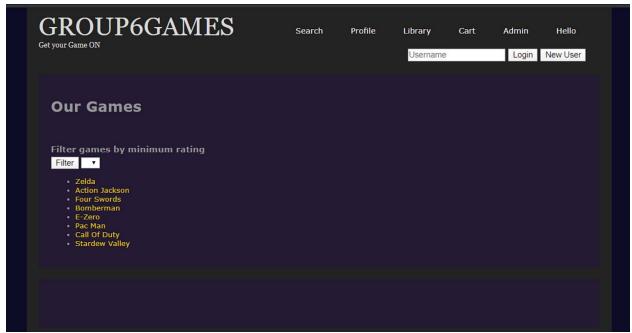
(SELECT/READ) User's Cart Page - With options to Remove or Purchase games



(SELECT/READ/INSERT) Order Page - Showing user's recent order and order history with tax and totals



(SELECT/READ) Search Page



(SELECT/READ) User's Library Page - Displaying all games purchased with option to Remove

