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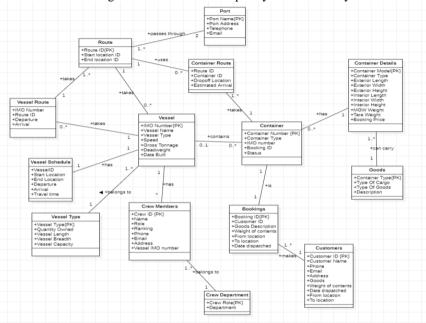
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I. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this coursework is to design and implement a database system that will help Everblue Ocean Express to efficiently track and maintain vessel schedules to allocate the containers in their vessel containers efficiently. Different entities are identified and relationships between the identified entities are made. The design of the database is made in such a way that the company can keep track of the vessels, customers, and vessel schedules.

II. ER DIAGRAM

Figure 1 shows the designed ER Diagram for the database. Different entities are identified and are represented using classes. Relationships between entities are shown using associations and multiplicity and cardinality for each of the relationships are shown.



A. Constraints

The table 1 shows primary keys and foreign keys in the designed schema.

Table	Primary Key	Foreign Key	Foreign Key Reference Table
Vessel	IMO Number	Vessel Type	Vessel Type
Vessel Type	Vessel Type		
Vessel Container	Container ID	Container Type IMO number Booking ID	Container Details Vessel Bookings
Container Details	Container Model	Container Type	Goods
Goods	Container Type		
Customers	Customer ID		
Bookings	Booking ID	Customer ID	Customers
Route	Route ID	Start Location ID End Location ID	Ports
Ports	Port Name		
Crew Members	Crew ID	Vessel IMO Number Crew Role	Vessel Crew Department
Crew Department	Crew Role		

B. Assumptions:

Assumptions made to design the database for the given scenario are listed below:

Vessel and Vessel Route:

- Each vessel has a route that it takes, which is stored in the Vessel Route table along with the arrival and departure time at the start and end locations of the routes. The vessels are predefined with certain schedules, stored in vessel schedule and VesselRoute maps the intermediate stops it takes to deliver the cargo.
- A vessel carries multiple containers and can be allocated based on the capacity of the vessel and the weight of the container. A vessel is assigned one particular start and end location which consists of multiple break-out routes(intermediate routes) and each route can be taken by one or more vessels, therefore there are many to many relationships between vessel and route. To resolve this, another table is created that maps vessel routes with the IMO numbers of the vessels.
- Each vessel has different crew members working in 4 departments, therefore each vessel has at least 4 crew members in each department.
- All the vessels of the same vessel type have the same measurements like capacity, length etc.

Type of goods and Cargo:

• Type of goods and type of cargo that a container can carry is mapped in the 'Goods' table, from which different Container Details can be displayed to the customer. When the customer specifies the type of cargo that needs to be shipped, the system maps the type of goods to the type of container and displays different options or types of containers available to the customer.

Ports and routes:

- The company has only one port office in the given port locations, so Port Location is unique.
- The route table has the mapping of the port locations, representing routes between the ports.

Container and Routes:

- Container information is stored only when a booking is made.
- One or more containers are loaded into the vessel and they are dropped off at intermediate locations. To keep a track of it, another table is created that maps the container route with the existing routes.
- Net Weight can be calculated from MGW and tare weights using the formula MGW-Tare weight = Net Weight, therefore only two of them are stored in the database to reduce the memory usage.
- Container Tariff id is calculated and stored in the Customer table by calculating the number of days taken by the container to reach the destination and multiplied by the container tariff booked by the customer.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

SQL Queries to create the required tables:

Vessel·

The vessel table has general information about the vessel like the date it was built, its speed, what type of vessel does it belong to.

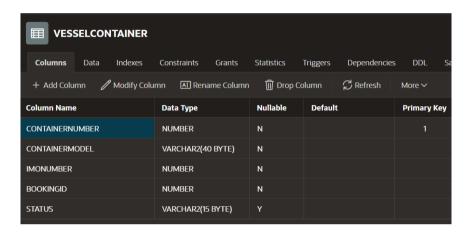
```
CREATE TABLE Vessel (
IMONumber number,
Vesselname varchar2(30) NOT NULL,
Vesseltype char NOT NULL,
Speed float,
Grosstonnage number,
Deadweight number,
DateBuilt date,
PRIMARY KEY (imonumber),
FOREIGN KEY(vesseltype) REFERENCES VesselType(vesseltype));
```



• VesselContainer:

Container table has the information about container capacity, what vessel is it in and under what booking ID the container is booked under.

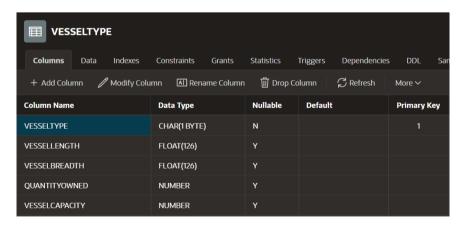
```
CREATE TABLE VesselContainer(
ContainerNumber number,
ContainerModel varchar(40) NOT NULL,
IMONumber number NOT NULL,
BookingID number NOT NULL,
Status varchar(15),
PRIMARY KEY(ContainerNumber),
FOREIGN KEY(ContainerModel) REFERENCES ContainerDetails(ContainerModel),
FOREIGN KEY(IMONumber) REFERENCES Vessel(IMONumber),
FOREIGN KEY(BookingID) REFERENCES Bookings(BookingID));
```



• VesselType:

VesselType stores the length, breadth and the number of vessels the company owns of each type and their capacity.

```
CREATE TABLE VesselType(
VesselType char,
VesselLength float,
VesselBreadth float,
QuantityOwned int,
VesselCapacity number,
PRIMARY KEY(VesselType)
);
```

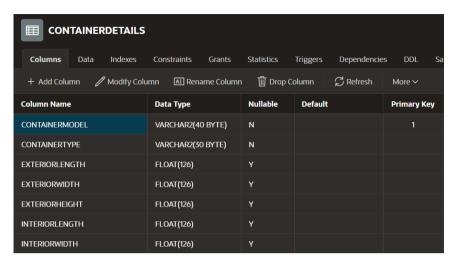


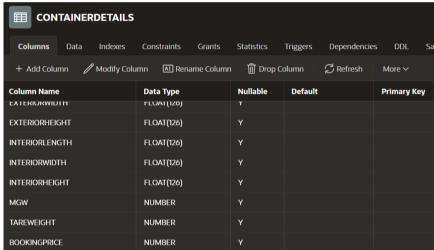
• ContainerDetails:

ContainerDetails table has information about the measurements of each type of container model that the company provides as a service and what type it belongs to.

```
CREATE TABLE ContainerDetails (
ContainerModel varchar(40),
ContainerType varchar(30) NOT NULL,
ExteriorLength float, ExteriorWidth float,
```

ExteriorHeight float, InteriorLength float,
InteriorWidth float, InteriorHeight float,
MGW number, TareWeight number,
BookingPrice number,
PRIMARY KEY(ContainerModel),
FOREIGN KEY(ContainerType) REFERENCES Goods(ContainerType));

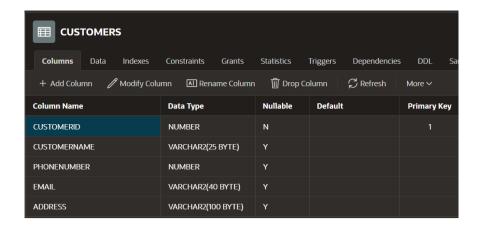




• Customers:

Customers table has the mapping of customers and the details of the goods that need to be shipped with the Booking ID.

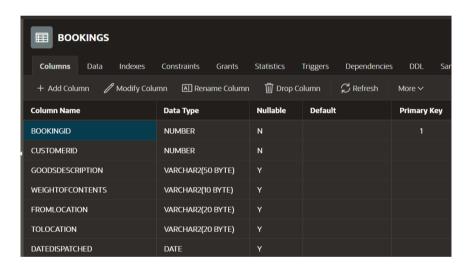
CREATE TABLE Customers (
CustomerID number,
CustomerName varchar(25),
PhoneNumber number,
Email varchar(40),
Address varchar(100),
PRIMARY KEY(CustomerID));



Bookings:

Bookings table maps the customer IDs with the details of the orders. Using BookingIDs, containers are allocated.

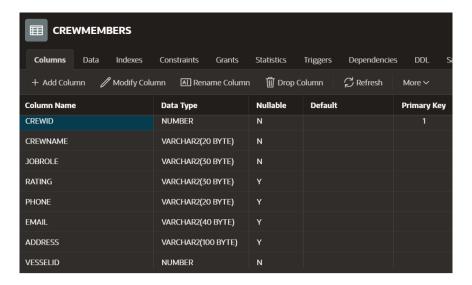
```
create table Bookings(
BookingID number,
CustomerID number NOT NULL,
GoodsDescription varchar(50),
WeightOfContents varchar(10),
FromLocation varchar(20),
ToLocation varchar(20),
DateDispatched date,
PRIMARY KEY(BookingID),
FOREIGN KEY(CustomerID) REFERENCES Customers(CustomerID));
```



• CrewMembers:

Crew members table has information about crew working in each vessel.

```
CREATE TABLE CrewMembers (
CrewID number,
CrewName varchar(20) NOT NULL,
JobRole varchar(30) NOT NULL,
Rating varchar(30),
Phone number,
Email varchar(40),
Address varchar(100),
VesselID number NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY(CrewID),
FOREIGN KEY(JobRole) REFERENCES CrewDepartment(CrewRole),
FOREIGN KEY(VesselID) REFERENCES Vessel(IMONumber));
```



• CrewDepartment:

Crew Department is used to map the role of the crew to which department the role belongs to, this table is added to reduce the redundancy of adding department column to the Crew members table.

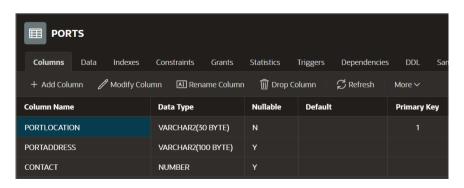
```
CREATE TABLE CrewDepartment(
CrewRole varchar(30),
Department varchar(40) NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY(CrewRole)
);
```



• Ports:

The company has offices at different ports and the details of the offices are stored in the Ports table.

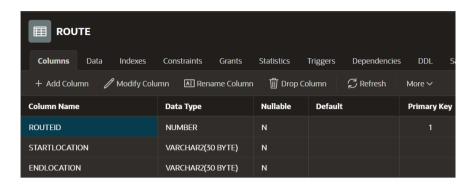
```
CREATE TABLE Ports(
PortLocation varchar(30),
PortAddress varchar(100),
Contact number,
PRIMARY KEY(PortLocation)
);
```



Routes:

Routes table has the mapping of different routes showing that a route exists between the 2 locations.

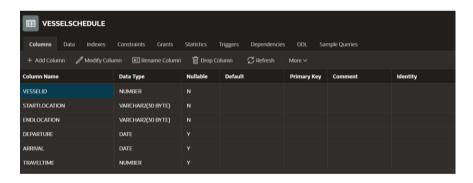
```
CREATE TABLE Route(
RouteID number,
StartLocation varchar(30) NOT NULL,
EndLocation varchar(30) NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY(RouteID)
);
```



• VesselSchedule:

Each vessel is assigned a schedule which defines the from and to destinations and time taken to travel. This table keeps track of the schedule each vessel is assigned to.

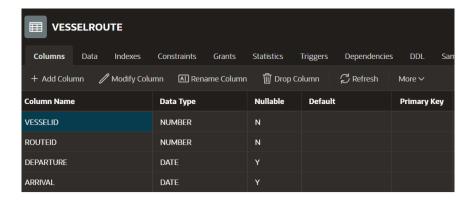
```
CREATE TABLE VesselSchedule(
VesselID number NOT NULL UNIQUE,
StartLocation varchar(30) NOT NULL,
EndLocation varchar(30) NOT NULL,
Departure date,
Arrival date,
TravelTime number,
FOREIGN KEY(VesselID) REFERENCES Vessel(IMONumber));
```



• VesselRoute:

Vessel Route is an added table to resolve the many to many relationship between vessels and routes. This table stores the mapping of each vessel with the route it takes.

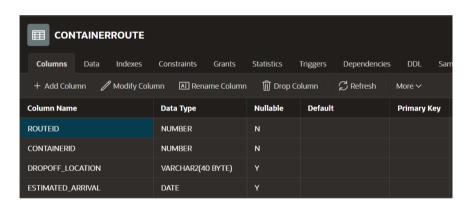
```
CREATE TABLE VesselRoute(
VesselID number NOT NULL,
RouteID number NOT NULL,
Departure date,
Arrival date,
FOREIGN KEY(VesselID) REFERENCES Vessel(IMONumber),
FOREIGN KEY(RouteID) REFERENCES Route(RouteID)
);
```



• ContainerRoute:

ContainerRoute table is similar to VesselRoute that is it resolves the many to many relationship between containers and routes. To resolve this, container route keeps track of the routes containers take. Containers can be dropped off at intermediate locations.

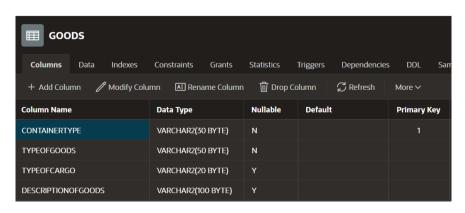
```
CREATE TABLE ContainerRoute(
RouteID number NOT NULL,
ContainerID number NOT NULL,
Dropoff_location varchar(40),
Estimated_Arrival date,
FOREIGN KEY(RouteID) REFERENCES Route(RouteID),
FOREIGN KEY(ContainerID) REFERENCES VesselContainer(ContainerNumber));
```



• Goods:

Goods table stores the information about the type of goods that can go inside different types of containers.

```
CREATE TABLE Goods (
ContainerType varchar(30),
TypeOfGoods varchar(50) NOT NULL,
TypeOfCargo varchar(20),
DescriptionOfGoods varchar(100),
PRIMARY KEY(ContainerType)
);
```



IV. MULTIPLICITY OF RELATIONSHIPS

The multiplicity of a relationship specifies the number of instances of an Entity type that can be associated with instances of other entity type. It shows the minimum and maximum allowed members of one entity type in another. Different types of multiplicity are

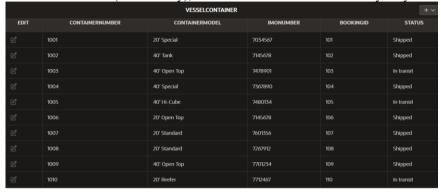
- One to many: every time one entity occurs, there are multiple occurrences of another entity.
- One to one: every time one entity occurs, there is exactly one occurrence of another entity.
- Many to many: for each occurrence of an entity, there can be one or many occurrences of another and vice versa.

To represent the multiplicity of relationships in our database design, the "Look Across Cardinality Constraint" method is used. So, the multiplicity of one entity can be understood by looking across the diagram.

Below is the discussion and evidence of how data is stored based on the multiplicity of the entities.

• Vessel and containers:

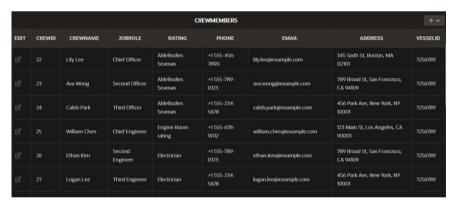
One vessel can carry one or more containers (one to many), but one container can be carried by only one vessel (one to one).



The containers "1002, 1006" are carried by one vessel that is "7145678". This shows that one vessel can carry multiple containers.

• Vessel and Crew members:

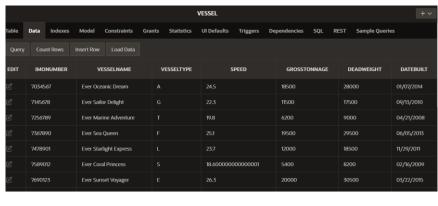
Each vessel has at least one crew member working in each department (one to many), and each crew member works in one vessel (one to one). This shows that multiple records of crew members are mapped to one vessel.

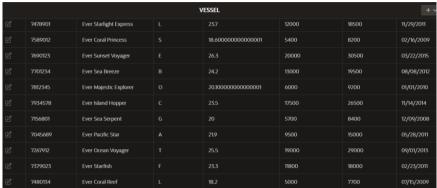




Vessel and Vessel Type:

One vessel type can belong to one or more vessels (one to many) whereas one vessel can be of one vessel type(one to one).





• Container and Container Type:

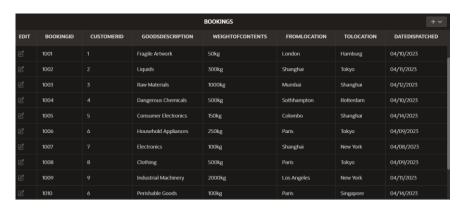
Each container is of one container type (one-to-one), a container type can belong to zero or more containers.



• Customer and Containers:

Each customer can book one or more containers (one to many) under different booking IDs and one container can be booked by only one customer (one to one). The bookings table shows that one customer can make multiple bookings.

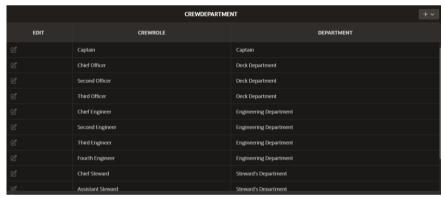
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• Crew Department and Crew members:

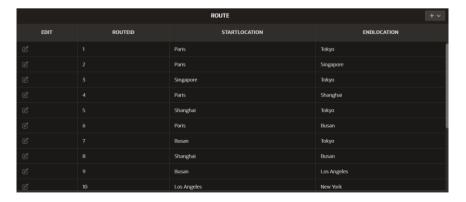
The crew department has one or more crew members (one to many) and each crew member belongs to one crew department (one to one). As different one department has multiple roles and each crew member has a role associated, this represents one to many relationships.





Ports and Routes:

The company has offices at different port locations and routes are a possible combination of 2 port location defining the route between the locations. The startlocation and endlocation are the port locations from port table.



• Routes and Vessels:

- Each vessel has a predefined start and end location, but the start and end locations can have multiple sub-routes between them that a vessel can take to reach the end location and one route can be taken by zero or more vessels. This has many to

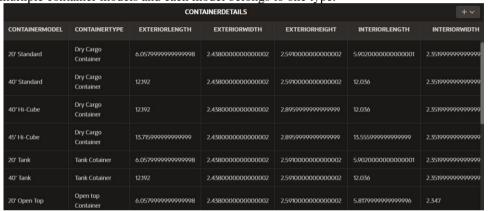
many relationships. Many to many relationships add confusion and complexity to the database design. To resolve this, we create another entity that has a one-to-one or one-to-many relationship with the two entities.

Vessel Route and Container route are added to serve this purpose.

		VESSELROUTE		
7034567		04/11/2023	04/12/2023	
7034567		04/12/2023	04/12/2023	
7034567		04/13/2023	04/15/2023	
7034567	18	04/15/2023	04/16/2023	
7145678		04/09/2023	04/10/2023	
7145678		04/11/2023	04/13/2023	
7478901		04/12/2023	04/14/2023	
7478901		04/14/2023	04/16/2023	
7478901		04/16/2023	04/17/2023	
7367890	14	04/10/2023	04/11/2023	
7367890		04/11/2023	04/13/2023	

• Goods and Container Details:

One container model or type can carry one type of goods based on the category of the goods the customer wants to be shipped. One Container type has multiple container models and each model belongs to one type.



v. System Requirements

SQL queries that are implemented to justify that the database design meets the system requirements are listed below:

1) Maintaining details of the service routing network in order to work out the routing of the vessels.

Each vessel has a predefined schedule that it has to follow, but the start and end locations can have multiple routes to reach the destination. By running the below query, the system displays the route a vessel takes to reach the end destination.

```
SELECT vr.VesselID, r.StartLocation, r.EndLocation, vr.TravelTime AS TravelTime_in_days FROM VesselRoute vr INNER JOIN Route r ON vr.RouteID = r.RouteID WHERE vr.VesselID = 7601356;
```



2) Enable customers to search for sailing schedules

The following query helps the customers to search for the vessel sailing schedules. Using this query, customers can find out what vessels are taking a route which passes by one specific location, departing on a particular date.

```
SELECT vs.VesselID, vs.StartLocation,
vs.EndLocation, vs.Departure,
```

vs.Arrival
FROM VesselSchedule vs
WHERE vs.StartLocation = 'London'
AND vs.EndLocation = 'Dubai'
AND vs.Departure = '04/10/2023';



Based on the given query, the vessels with IDs '7034567' and '7367890' start from London to Dubai on the given date. The customers can use the query to know which vessels are starting from a certain location on a particular date and search for different sailing schedules.

3) Enable customers to track cargo.

```
SELECT cu.CustomerID, cu.CustomerName,
r.StartLocation, r.EndLocation,
vc.Status, cr.Estimated_Arrival
FROM Customers cu
INNER JOIN Bookings b
ON cu.CustomerID = b.CustomerID
INNER JOIN VesselContainer vc
ON vc.BookingID = b.BookingID
INNER JOIN ContainerRoute cr
ON vc.ContainerNumber = cr.ContainerID
INNER JOIN Route r
ON cr.RouteID = r.RouteID
WHERE cu.CustomerID = 1;
```

Output:

The query displays the tracking of the shipment when the customer gives their Customer ID in the query. So, for customer with Customer ID 1, the cargo tracking is as shown below along with the status of the shipment.



4) Record details of goods conveyed

To record the details of the goods conveyed, we use the below query to set the 'Status' of the customer shipment in the customer table.

Once this query is executed, the status field in the customer table is updated with the status of the shipment based on the estimated arrival time and the current time. Estimated Arrival time is entered based on the vessel schedule in which the container is present. Once this is done, the details of the shipment along with the status can be tracked using the query below.

```
SELECT cu.CustomerID, cu.CustomerName, b.GoodsDescription, b.WeightOfContents, b.FromLocation, b.ToLocation, b.DateDispatched, vc.Status FROM Customers cu
```

```
INNER JOIN Bookings b
ON cu.CustomerID = b.CustomerID
INNER JOIN VesselContainer vc
ON b.BookingID = vc.BookingID
WHERE cu.CustomerID = 3;
```



5) Enable customers to search for containers and book containers.

This command will display the type of container models available based on the type of goods that the customer wants to ship. The query gives the capacity of the container and booking price per day so that the customer can book them based on their requirement.

```
SELECT cd.ContainerModel,
cd.ContainerType,cd.MGW as MaximumGrossWeight,
cd.TareWeight,
cd.BookingPrice as BookingPrice_per_day
FROM ContainerDetails cd
WHERE ContainerModel
IN(
SELECT cd.ContainerModel
FROM ContainerDetails cd
INNER JOIN Goods g ON g.ContainerType=cd.ContainerType
WHERE g.TypeOfGoods= 'Liquid goods'
);
```



6) Production of vessel schedules which will utilise the allocation of cargo efficiently for the transportation of goods.

The following query gives the information about vessel schedules that includes to, from locations of a vessel journey,the number of containers the vessel can carry (Vessel Capacity, in terms of TEU) using which cargo can be efficiently allocated to the vessels based on their schedule.

```
SELECT vs.VesselID, vs.StartLocation, vs.EndLocation, vs.EndLocation, vs.Departure, vs.Arrival, vs.TravelTime, vt.VesselCapacity FROM VesselSchedule vs INNER JOIN Vessel v ON vs.VesselID = v.IMONumber INNER JOIN VesselType vt ON vt.VesselType = v.VesselType;
```



VI. CONCLUSION

The ECE company must maintain large amounts of data in order to efficiently manage and allocate cargo to help customers deliver their shipments safely and fast. Although, the currently designed database contains data that represents a very small portion of it the company might have large amounts of data. In order to deal with this, an efficient database system needs to be designed and implemented. The database is designed in such a way that the system requirements of the company are met and customers can efficiently track their cargo and see its status. A few assumptions are made that suit the database design. Below are the takeaways and learnings from the assignment.

- Identifying entities from the problem scenario.
- Understanding multiplicity and cardinality between the entities.
- Resolving many to many relationships

About the assignment:

- The assignment helps us understand the business logic.
- Designing the database is a step-by-step process where the requirements of the business should be taken into consideration, finding the important entities and relationships between the entities.
- The database design should be modelled in a way that the logic is sensible and well suited to the basic requirements of the company along with making assumptions so that the product is achievable.

Things that went well:

- Understand the objective of the assignment and come up with a solution that works for the design.
- Identify key entities and tables that can help meet the system requirements.
- Identify the constraints in each table to be able to perform joins between two or more tables.
- Write queries that will fetch desired output to meet the system requirement.
- Able to normalize the tables created to avoid redundancy and complexity in the designed database.
- Load the database in such a way that the data is mapped well to satisfy the cardinality and multiplicity of the relationships. Things that I would have done differently:
 - While implementing the assignment, I created the tables first before finalizing the data, which made me realize a few relationships and I changed the tables more than once because of this reason.
 - Though ER diagram gives a clear picture of how the design of the database should look, entering data in the tables will give a better idea of how the tables or entities should be linked to each other.
 - Filling the data and mapping it manually was a tedious task and took up a lot of time and is redundant. If I would have realized this at an early stage of designing the database, I would have planned the assignment accordingly. This has been learning to get the required data at the early stages of designing the database so that enough time is allotted to all the tasks.

To conclude, the assignment is a practical approach to understanding how the database can be designed with relationships so that any kind of required information can be fetched from the database. With the use of triggers, the database design can be improved and updated automatically. Fields like the number of days to travel and the status of the shipment based on the estimated time of arrival can be set timely basis and can be made more dynamic. Using advanced SQL methods like procedures and triggers would have helped improve the design overall.

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