

Car Dealer management system - Noun Analysis

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Objective : To create an Entity Relationship Diagram from the SRS developed in the previous lab.

Context

1. Noun (& Verb) Analysis.
2. Develop the ER Diagram (ERD).
3. Improve the ER Diagram

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1. Noun (& Verb) Analysis.

Problem description:

The **car dealer management system**(CDMS) is designed to provide a user-friendly platform for **dealerships** to efficiently manage their **car inventory**, enhance **customer interactions**, and make informed decisions regarding **sales** and **rentals**.

In our system we have **user** roles like **admin,customers,mechanics**. We define various **accessibility** and **functionality** to each of them.

Customers can create an **account** and after logging in they can buy a **new car** or old car or sell an **old car**. They can even take a car on rent. Mechanics can also create an account to provide **services** to the customers.

Customers can put **requests** for **car services** and Mechanics can accept service **requests** according to their convenience by filtering requests (like **Area**).

Customers can use many filters to sort the cars according to **price** , **colour** , **brand** etc. There is also a **bargaining feature** to buy old cars.

Admin takes 5% **commission** when old cars sell to one customer to another customer with our **website**, also get **profit** when sells a new car, mechanics **subscription charge** and also get money when give car on rent.

Mechanic has to register first on our website and at that time he has to buy a **subscription** on a monthly basis of 1000 rupees to receive requests from customers. Customers can get a car on rent on charges when the car is available in inventory.

i. Find the nouns (entities) or verbs (relationships) in sentences of the problem description using the Noun Analysis Method and List all the extracted Nouns & Verbs in a table format.

| No. | Noun | Verb |
|-----|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Car Dealer Management System | Designed |
| 2 | User | Provide |
| 3 | Admin | Manage |
| 4 | Customers | Create |
| 5 | mechanics | Logging in |
| 6 | Account | Buy |
| 7 | Old car | Sell |
| 8 | New car | Rent |
| 9 | Car inventory | Take |
| 10 | Customer interactions | Register |
| 11 | Decisions | Filtering |
| 12 | Sales | Sort |
| 13 | Rentals | Request |
| 14 | Accessibility | Accept |

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|----|---------------------|-----------|
| 15 | Functionality | Receive |
| 16 | Requests | Subscribe |
| 17 | Services | Charge |
| 18 | Commission | Available |
| 19 | Profit | |
| 20 | Subscription charge | |
| 21 | Website | |
| 22 | Subscription | |
| 23 | Money | |
| 24 | Area | |
| 25 | Price | |
| 26 | Colour | |
| 27 | Brand | |
| 28 | Bargaining feature | |
| 29 | Dealership | |

ii. Now reduce the list using the below-given criteria.

A. Duplicates: if two or more nouns are simply names for the same thing, then only one of these should be used as the basis for an entity.

→ Car Dealer Management System and Website : Both terms refer to the online platform/system used for managing car dealerships.

→ Feedback and Review

→ Admin and Client

→ Sales and Transactions

→ Inventory and stock

B. Irrelevant: entities which exist in the problem domain but which are not part of the intended system should also be discarded.

- company
- Ratings
- Price Comparison Tools
- User Reviews
- Mechanic Rating

C. vague: When considering words carefully, it sometimes becomes clear that they do not have a precise meaning and cannot be a basis for a useful entity in the system.

Here none of the terms in the initial list appear vague.

D. General: Some words are too general.

- The term "User" is somewhat general as it represents various roles, such as Customer, Admin, and Mechanics. However, it can be kept as a high-level entity to encompass these roles.
- "Account" is a general noun, it represents all the users.

E. Attributes: Some words we want to keep as a part of some entity as attributes and an entity itself.

- The terms "Maker," "Model," "Year," "Price," and "Availability" are attributes of the "rental Car" entity.
- "Area" is an attribute for "customer" and "Mechanic" entities.
- "Maker", "Model", "Year", "Price" are also attributes of the "new car" and "old car" entities.

F. Associations: some words actually represent a relationship between entities

- sell
- rent
- buy
- Provide
- Sort
- Accept

iii. Create two tables : A table of candidate entities, candidate attributes and candidate relationships. Another table of rejected nouns with reasons

Table 1: Candidate Entities, Attributes, and Relationships

| Candidate Entity/Attribute/Relationship | Type (Entity/Attribute/Relationship) |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Car Dealer Management | Entity |
| Admin | Entity |
| Customers | Entity |
| Mechanic | Entity |
| Old car | Entity |
| New Car | Entity |
| Car inventory | Entity |
| Customer interactions | Entity |
| Services | Entity |
| Filters | Entity |
| Price | Attribute |
| Colour | Attribute |
| Brand | Attribute |
| Bargaining feature | Attribute |
| Commission | Attribute |
| Area | Attribute |
| Subscription charge | Attribute |
| Rent car | Entity |

| Candidate Entity/Attribute/Relationship | Type (Entity/Attribute/Relationship) |
|--|---|
| Requests | Entity |
| Profit | Attribute |
| Provide | Relationship |
| Sell | Relationship |
| Rent | Relationship |
| Buy | Relationship |
| Accept | Relationship |
| Add | Relationship |
| put | Relationship |

Table 2: Rejected Nouns with Reasons

| Rejected Noun | Reason for rejection |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Website | Duplicate |
| User | General - Lack of Specificity |