Part 1: Data Retrieval Queries

A. Simple Queries

1. Write a query to return the Name of every Track in the database.

SELECT name FROM Track

2. Write a SQL query that returns album and track information for tracks where the composer information is missing.

SELECT Album. Title, Track. Name
FROM Track
INNER JOIN Album ON Track. AlbumId = Album. AlbumId
WHERE Composer IS NULL

Title	Name
Balls to the Wall	Balls to the Wall
Warner 25 Anos	Desafinado
Warner 25 Anos	Garota De Ipanema
Warner 25 Anos	Samba De Uma Nota Só (One Note Samba)
Warner 25 Anos	Por Causa De Você
Warner 25 Anos	Ligia
Warner 25 Anos	Fotografia
Warner 25 Anos	Dindi (Dindi)
Warner 25 Anos	Se Todos Fossem Iguais A Você (Instrumental)
Warner 25 Anos	Falando De Amor
Warner 25 Anos	Angela
Warner 25 Anos	Corcovado (Quiet Nights Of Quiet Stars)
Warner 25 Anos	Outra Vez
Warner 25 Anos	O Boto (Bôto)
Warner 25 Anos	Canta, Canta Mais
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	Intro/ Low Down
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	13 Years Of Grief
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	Stronger Than Death
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	All For You
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	Super Terrorizer
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	Phoney Smile Fake Hellos
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	Lost My Better Half
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	Bored To Tears
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	A.N.D.R.O.T.A.Z.
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	Born To Booze
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	World Of Trouble
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	No More Tears
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	The Begining At Last
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 2]	Heart Of Gold
Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 2]	Snowblind

3. Select everything from Invoice orderd by InvoiceDate, newest to oldest

SELECT *

FROM Invoice

ORDER BY InvoiceDate **DESC**

4. List all the Track Names for PlayListID = 17

SELECT Name

FROM Track

INNER JOIN PlaylistTrack ON Track.TrackID = PlaylistTrack.TrackID

WHERE PlaylistTrack.PlaylistID =17



5. Write a SQL Query that returns the following from the Chinook Database:

Artist Name

Album Title

Track Name

Genre Name

Composer

Unit Price

<u>SELECT</u> Artist.Name, Album.Title, Track.Name, Genre.Name, Track.Composer, Track.UnitPrice

FROM Track

INNER JOIN Album ON Album. AlbumId = Track. AlbumId

INNER JOIN Genre ON Genre.Genreld = Track.Genreld

INNER JOIN Artist ON Artist. ArtistId = Album. ArtistId

B. Builtin Function Queries

1. Write a query will return the total number of invoices grouped by customerid.

SELECT CustomerId, COUNT(CustomerID)
FROM Invoice
GROUP BY CustomerId

Customerld	-	COUNT(CustomerID)
	1	7
	2	7
	3	7
	4	7
	5	7
	6	7
	7	7
	8	7
	9	7
	10	7
	11	7
	12	7
	13	7
	14	7
	15	7
	16	7
	17	7
	18	7
	19	7
	20	7
	21	7
	22	7
	23	7
	24	7
	25	7
	26	7
	27	7
	28	7
	29	7
	30	7
	31	7
	32	7
	33	7
	34	7
	35	7
	36	7
	37	7
	38	7
	39	7

2. Write a query which will return total number of tracks per AbumID

SELECT Album.AlbumId, Album.Title, COUNT(TrackId)
FROM Track
INNER JOIN Album ON Album.AlbumId = Track.AlbumId
GROUP BY AlbumId
ORDER BY AlbumId

Albumld	Title	COUNT(TrackId
1	For Those About To Rock We Salute You	10
2	Balls to the Wall	
3	Restless and Wild	3
4	Let There Be Rock	(
5	Big Ones	1
6	Jagged Little Pill	1:
7	Facelift	1:
8	Warner 25 Anos	1
9	Plays Metallica By Four Cellos	
10	Audioslave	1
11	Out Of Exile	1:
12	BackBeat Soundtrack	1:
13	The Best Of Billy Cobham	
14	Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 1]	1
15	Alcohol Fueled Brewtality Live! [Disc 2]	
16	Black Sabbath	
17	Black Sabbath Vol. 4 (Remaster)	1
18	Body Count	1
19	Chemical Wedding	1
20	The Best Of Buddy Guy - The Millenium Collection	1
21	Prenda Minha	1
22	Sozinho Remix Ao Vivo	
23	Minha Historia	3
24	Afrociberdelia	2
25	Da Lama Ao Caos	1
26	Acústico MTV [Live]	1
27	Cidade Negra - Hits	1-
28	Na Pista	1
29	Axé Bahia 2001	1-
30	BBC Sessions [Disc 1] [Live]	14

3. If you bought one copy of every track, how much would you spend in total?

SELECT SUM(Track.UnitPrice)
FROM Track



4. What is the average track price in the store?

<u>SELECT</u> AVG(Track.UnitPrice) FROM Track



5. How many distinct genres of music are represented by tracks sold in the store?

<u>SELECT</u> Genreld, <u>COUNT</u>(Track.Genreld) FROM Track

GROUP BY Genreld

Genreld CO	UNT(Track.Genreld)
1	1297
2	130
3	374
4	332
5	12
6	81
7	579
8	58
9	48
10	43
11	15
12	24
13	28
14	61
15	30
16	28
17	35
18	13
19	93
20	26
21	64
22	17
23	40
24	74
25	1

The Tracks in the store cover all 25 genres listed in the genre table

6. How many artists have albums in the store?

SELECT COUNT (DISTINCT Album ArtistId)
FROM Album

```
+ Options
COUNT( DISTINCT Album.Artistld )
204
```

7. Create a view (named "cheap_tracks") for all tracks where UnitPrice < 1

```
CREATE VIEW cheap_tracks AS

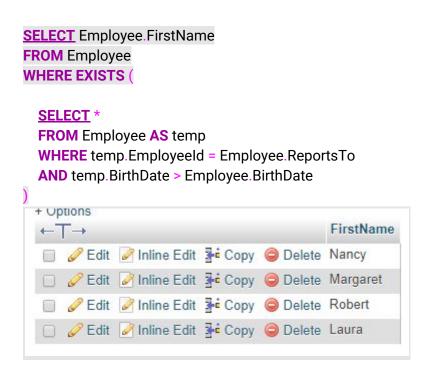
SELECT Track.Name

FROM Track

WHERE UnitPrice < 1
```

C. Advanced Queries

1. Find the FirstNames of the employees that are older than their corresponding supervisor. Output should have only one column named "FirstName".



2. What is the space, in bytes, occupied by the playlist "Grunge", and how much would it cost? (Assume that the cost of a playlist is the sum of the price of its constituent tracks).

```
SELECT SUM( Track.Bytes ) , SUM( Track.UnitPrice )
FROM Track
INNER JOIN PlaylistTrack ON Track.TrackId = PlaylistTrack.TrackId
WHERE PlaylistId = 16

SUM(Track.Bytes) SUM(Track.UnitPrice)
130886739 14.85
```

3. Find audio tracks which have a length longer than the average length of all the audio tracks;

Get Average Length for error checking <u>SELECT AVG</u>(Track.Milliseconds) FROM Track



Actual Query for question

SELECT Name, Milliseconds

FROM Track

WHERE Track Milliseconds > (

SELECT AVG(Track Milliseconds)

FROM Track

← T → Name	Milliseconds
	ta Know (Alternate) 491885
☐ Ø Edit ☑ Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete Master Of	Puppets 436453
	search-Red baron 456071
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete Stratus	582086
☐	ears 555075
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete Snowblind	420022
	/illage 644571
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete Wheels Of	Confusion / The Straightener 494524
Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete Book Of T	hel 494393
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy ☐ Delete Jerusalem	402390
Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete The Alche	mist 509413
☐	zy 433397
	ut Women Obviously 589531
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete Terra	482429
	Hitmakers Classic Mix) 436636
☐	ores Fazem Arte 404323
Ø Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete Dazed and	Confused 401920
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete You Shoot	(Me(2) 619467
Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete How Many	More Times 711836
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ¾ Copy Delete Advance F	Romance 677694
Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete Loverman	472764
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ¾ Copy Delete Mercyful F	ate 671712
Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete Astronomy	397531
☐	Gone 545750
Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete River Son	439510
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy ☐ Delete Voce Nao	Entende Nada - Cotidiano 421982
Ø Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete Terra	401319
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete A E O Z	518556
Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete Burn	453955
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ☐ Copy	758648
	The Water 618031
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete You Fool N	No One 804101
	e Of Dying 666017
- 0 0 1/1	

4. Which playlists do not contain any tracks for the artists "Black Sabbath" nor "Chico Buarque"?

SELECT DISTINCT Playlist.PlaylistId, Playlist.Name
FROM Playlist
INNER JOIN PlaylistTrack ON Playlist.PlaylistID = PlaylistTrack.PlaylistId
INNER JOIN Track ON Track.TrackId = PlaylistTrack.TrackId
INNER JOIN Album ON Album.AlbumId = Track.AlbumId
INNER JOIN Artist ON Artist.ArtistId = Album.ArtistId
WHERE NOT Artist.Name = "Black Sabbath"

AND NOT "Chico Buarque" ORDER BY PlaylistId

←T→	Playlistld	Name
☐ ☐ Edit ☐ Inline Edit ☐ Copy ☐ Delete	1	Music
□ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete	3	TV Shows
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Ø Delete	5	90's Music
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete	8	Music
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit delication Copy Delete De	9	Music Videos
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ê Copy	10	TV Shows
☐ Ø Edit Inline Edit Copy Delete	11	Brazilian Music
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ê Copy Delete	12	Classical
□	13	Classical 101 - Deep Cuts
□ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete	14	Classical 101 - Next Steps
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ☐ Copy Ø Delete	15	Classical 101 - The Basics
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete	16	Grunge
☐ Ø Edit Ø Inline Edit ☐ Copy O Delete	17	Heavy Metal Classic
☐ Ø Edit ☑ Inline Edit ♣ Copy Delete	18	On-The-Go 1

Part 2: Entity Relationship, Relational Modelling and NoSQL solution

A) ER Diagram

Assumptions made in the following ER Diagram:

- 1) There is only a single stage in the theatre. Based on the sentence "box office staff are able to confirm the play being performed that evening" key words being "the play" singular.
- 2) Checking "which day of the week is any given date" isn't within the scope of a database and would be handled by the UI. The primary key of the Performance table Performance_Date would be used to either calculate the day of the week or input into an API.
- 3) Whether a performance is matinee or evening is determined from the Performance_Date DATETIME in the Performance Table. I.e. if time in the DATETIME is before 17:00 on a given day it is matinee and evening if it is after.
- 4) "When a caller pays with a credit card, it must be recorded whether they were there in person or on the telephone and an authorization code must be obtained and recorded." Is taken to mean when a "customer" pays with a credit card since a "caller" could mean a person calling but then it would be pointless to record whether they were in person or on the telephone.

If a customer is in person and pays with cash the foreign keys Card_ID and Authorisation in Booking Invoice remain NULL

If a customer is in person and pays with card the foreign key Card_ID, in Booking Invoice, is populated with the Card_ID of the relevant card in the Card Table and Authorisation, in Booking Invoice, remain NULL

If a customer is on the phone they can not pay in cash so no booking is made

If a customer is on the phone and pays with card the foreign key Card_ID, in Booking Invoice, is populated with the Card_ID of the relevant card in the Card Table and Authorisation, in Booking Invoice and Phone Booking, is populated with the authorisation obtained. The Phone_Number, in Phone Booking, is optionally recorded to allow contacting the customer.

- 5) As per Card No in the table for the normalisation section Card_Number in Card Type are assumed to all be 8 digits, possibly beginning with 0. They are thus are stored as CHAR to have a fixed length and maintain the preceding zero.
- 6) A Seat_ID is up to 3 character in a VARCHAR since they are stored as A to Z 0 to 50. The shortest ID is A0 and the longest Z50

Key Underline = Primary Key * Star = Foreign Key @ AT = Optional Attribute **Booking Invoice** Booking_ID : INTEGER * @ Card_ID : INTEGER Customer books of * Customer_ID : INTEGER Customer ID: INTEGER ₩ * @ Authorisation : INTEGER Name: VARCHAR(30) Amount_Paid : DECIMAL Address: VARCHAR(100) pays Date_Paid: DATETIME authorised Phone Booking Card Authorisation: INTEGER Card_ID: INTEGER +@ Phone_Number : VARCHAR() Card_Type: VARCHAR(30) Card_Number : CHAR(8) Reserves Seat Seat Booking Performace_Date : DATETIME Booking_ID : INTEGER Seat_ID: VARCHAR(3) Performace_Date : DATETIME * @ Booking_ID : INTEGER has Category_ID: INTEGER on Performance of Performace_Date : DATETIME **Ticket Category** Name: VARCHAR(100) Category_ID : INTEGER Н Description: VARCHAR(255) Price: DECIMAL

B) Normalisation

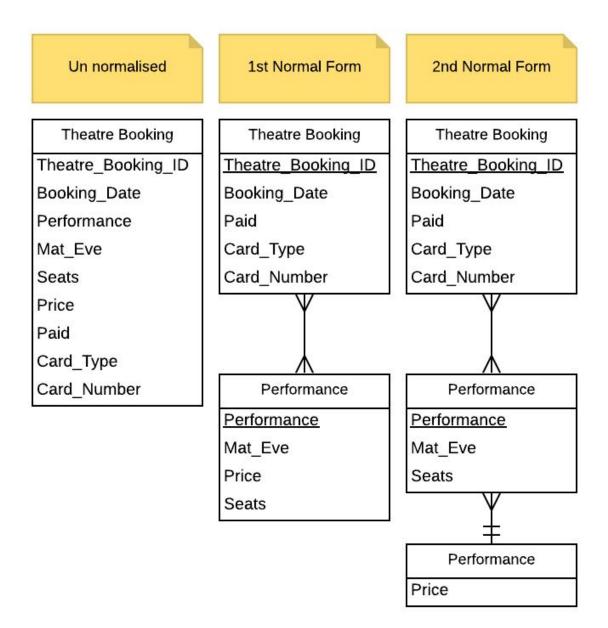
Key

<u>Underline</u> = Primary Key

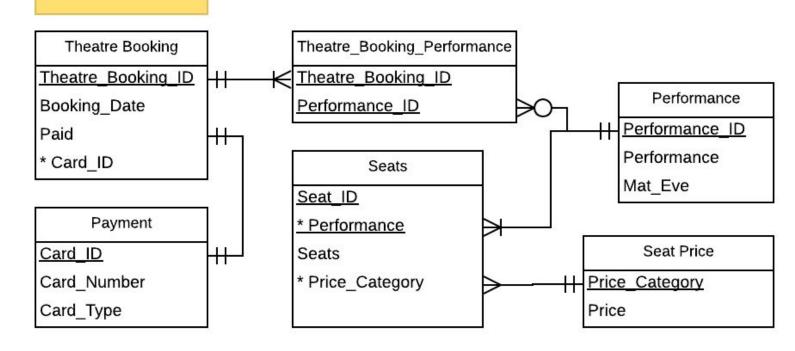
* Star = Foreign Key

@ AT = Optional Attribute

Un-Normalised Data	1st Normal Form	2nd Normal Form	3rd Normal Form
Choose a suitable key and list all data	Separate repeating data into different groups. Groups have keys compound or not (Assuming that two performances can occur on a single day the key must be compound)	Separate into new tables items identified by only part of the key (The price of seats is not related to the performance but the category of the seats themselves)	Separate into new tables items identified by non key items and resolve any many to many relations
Theatre_Booking_ID Booking_Date Performance Mat_Eve Seats Price Paid Card_Type Card_Number	Theatre_Booking_ID Booking_Date Paid Card_Type Card_Number Performance Mat_Eve Price Seats	Theatre_Booking_ID Booking_Date Paid Card_Type Card_Number Performance Mat_Eve Seats Price	Theatre_Booking_ID Booking_Date Paid * Card_ID Card_ID Card_Number Card_Type Performance_ID Theatre_Booking_ID Performance Mat_Eve Seat_ID * Performance seats * Price_Category Price







C) Extension to ER Diagram

The extension to allow for telephone booking is highlighted in red in the ER Diagram in section A. The assumption being that details about the booking are entered by the staff member making the call in a similar manner to how detail would be entered if the person was in front of the member of staff. The difference being the detail as highlighted in red are entered.

It is also assumed that the Authorisation code is unique for each booking.

D) NoSQL Solution

Building the Database

The layout for the database was created with test data then that layout was imported using the following javascript file. After running use Theatre in the command line then using cd() to navigate to the file location.

```
use Theatre
switched to db Theatre
 cd("H:/Adv-Database")
 1s()
        "./ER.csv",
        "./README.md",
        "./TestInsertion.js",
        "./Theatre Booking OUTDATED.qsee",
        "./Theatre Booking NoSQL.json",
         ./CreateBooking.js",
        "./showCursorOperation.js",
        "./MyEmployee.js",
        "./.git/",
        "./start_mongobd.bat",
        "./TheatreBookingInsert.js",
        "./RetrieveBooking.js",
        "./ER.sql"
 load("TheatreBookingInsert.js")
true
```

```
{
                 "id" : 2,
                 "Seats" : "C2-C5"
           }
     ]
})
db.Performance_Collection.insert(
[
     {
           _id: 1,
           "Date" : "2019-12-12 11:00:00",
           "Free_Seats" : "A3-Z50",
           "Name" : "Wet Dog",
           "Description" : "A dog gets wet",
           "Mat_Eve" : "Mat"
     },
           _id: 2,
           "Date" : "2019-12-13 18:00:00",
           "Free_Seats" : "A1-B30,C1,C6-Z50",
           "Name" : "Late Night",
           "Description" : "A person stays up late",
           "Mat_Eve" : "Eve"
     },
           _id: 3,
           "Date" : "2019-12-14 12:00:00",
           "Free_Seats" : "A1-Z50",
           "Name" : "Early Morning",
           "Description" : "A person wakes up early",
           "Mat_Eve" : "Mat"
     }
])
db.Categories_Collection.insert(
     {
           _id: 1,
           "Begins" : "A",
           "Ends" : "K",
           "Price" : "40",
           "Number_In_Row" : "30"
     },
           _id: 2,
           "Begins" : "L",
           "Ends" : "S",
           "Price" : "30",
           "Number_In_Row" : "40"
     },
```

```
_id: 3,
            "Begins" : "T",
           "Ends" : "Z",
"Price" : "25",
            "Number_In_Row" : "50"
      }
])
db.Customer_Collection.insert(
[
      {
            _id: 1,
           "First_Name" : "Nott",
            "Last_Name" : "Abbot",
            "Address" : "23 not a street"
     },
{
            _id: 2,
            "First_Name" : "Carne",
            "Last_Name" : "Age",
            "Address" : "n/a"
     },
{
            _id: 3,
           "First_Name" : "Linton",
            "Last_Name" : "Lash",
            "Address" : "123 Street"
      }
])
```

This adds the following collections to the Theatre database

```
> show collections
Booking_Collection
Categories_Collection
Customer Collection
Performance Collection
 db.Booking Collection.find().pretty()
          "_id" : 1,
"Customer" : 1,
         "Amount_Paid" : 240,
"Date_Paid" : "2019-11-27",
"Card_Type" : "MASTERCARD",
"Card_Number" : "84108529",
          "Authorisation" : "",
"Phone_Number" : "",
          "Performances Booked" : [
                              "id" : 1,
                              "Seats": "A1,A2"
                              "id" : 2,
                              "Seats": "C2-C5"
                    }
  db.Performance_Collection.find().pretty()
          " id" : 1,
          "Date" : "2019-12-12 11:00:00",
          "Free_Seats" : "A3-Z50",
          "Name" : "Wet Dog",
"Description" : "A dog gets wet",
          "Mat_Eve" : "Mat"
          "_id" : 2,
"Date" : "2019-12-13 18:00:00",
          "Free_Seats": "A1-B30,C1,C6-Z50",
          "Name" : "Late Night",
          "Description" : "A person stays up late",
          "Mat_Eve" : "Eve"
          "_id" : 3,
"Date" : "2019-12-14 12:00:00",
          "Free_Seats" : "A1-Z50",
          "Name" : "Early Morning",
"Description" : "A person wakes up early",
          "Mat Eve" : "Mat"
```

```
db.Categories_Collection.find().pretty()
        "_id" : 1,
        "Begins" : "A",
        "Ends" : "K",
        "Price" : "40",
        "Number_In_Row" : "30"
       "_id" : 2,
"Begins" : "L",
"Ends" : "S",
        "Price" : "30",
        "Number_In_Row" : "40"
        "_id" : 3,
"Begins" : "T",
        "Ends" : "Z",
        "Price" : "25"
        "Number_In_Row" : "50"
db.Customer_Collection.find().pretty()
        "_id" : 1,
        "First_Name" : "Nott",
"Last_Name" : "Abbot",
        "Address" : "23 not a street"
        " id" : 2,
        "First_Name" : "Carne",
"Last_Name" : "Age",
"Address" : "n/a"
        " id" : 3,
        "First_Name" : "Linton",
"Last_Name" : "Lash",
"Address" : ""
```

Creating a Booking

The exact process would be implementation specific but would involve a script that constructs the following:

```
"Seats" : "A1,A2,C3-C5" } ] ]
```

The booking process would involve retrieving details like available seats and their prices to inform the customer and to calculate the total price of the booking.

It would also involve searching the Customer_Collection to determine whether the customer already exists or not to determine whether they should be added to the list. Also to find the highest customer _id to increment it to be used as the _id.

In this case the customer is new so they are added to the Customer_Collection

```
db.Customer_Collection.insert(
{
    _id: 4,
    "First_Name" : "Clinton",
    "Last_Name" : "East",
    "Address" : "West"
})
```

Retrieving a Booking

To find a single booking the following command can be used

```
db.Booking_Collection.find({_id : 1}).pretty()
```

To retrieve all bookings made by a certain customer:

```
db.Booking_Collection.find({"Customer" : 4}).pretty()
```

```
db.Booking Collection.find({"Customer" : 4}).pretty()
        "_id" : 2,
"Customer" : 4,
        "Amount_Paid" : 400,
"Date_Paid" : "2019-10-20",
        "Card_Type" : "VISA",
"Card_Number" : "92219013",
"Authorisation" : "201",
        "Phone_Number" : "01664012012",
        "Performances_Booked" : [
                               "id" : 3,
                               "Seats": "A1,A2,C3-C5"
        1
        "_id" : 3,
"Customer" : 4,
        "Amount_Paid" : 400,
"Date_Paid" : "TBD",
"Card_Type" : "TBD",
"Card_Number" : "TBD",
        "Authorisation" : "TBD",
        "Phone Number" : "TBD",
        "Performances Booked" : [
                               "id" : 3,
                               "Seats" : "A1,A2,C3-C5"
                    }
        1
        "_id" : 4,
"Customer" : 4,
        "Amount_Paid" : 400,
"Date_Paid" : "TBD",
"Card_Type" : "TBD",
        "Card Number" : "TBD",
        "Authorisation" : "TBD",
        "Phone_Number" : "TBD",
        "Performances Booked" : [
                               "id" : 2,
                               "Seats" : "A1,A2,C3-C5"
                    }
        1
```

To retrieve all bookings for a certain performance

```
db.Booking_Collection.find({"Performances_Booked.id" : 2}).pretty()
```

```
db.Booking Collection.find({"Performances Booked.id" : 2}).pretty()
      "_id" : 1,
"Customer" : 1,
      "Amount Paid" : 240,
      "Date Paid" : "2019-11-27"
      "Card_Type" : "MASTERCARD",
"Card_Number" : "84108529",
      "Authorisation" : "",
      "Phone_Number" : ""
      "Performances_Booked" : [
                        "id" : 1,
                        "Seats" : "A1,A2"
                        "id" : 2,
                        "Seats" : "C2-C5"
      1
        id": 4,
      "Customer": 4,
      "Amount Paid" : 400,
      "Date_Paid" : "TBD",
      "Card Type" : "TBD",
      "Card Number" : "TBD'
       "Authorisation" : "TBD"
      "Phone_Number" : "TBD"
      "Performances_Booked" : [
                        "id" : 2,
                        "Seats": "A1,A2,C3-C5"
```

To retrieve customer, performance, and/or pricing details, say to be shown on an invoice, would again be implementation specific but would involve retrieving the relevant booking in Booking_Collection then using the id's to retrieve the corresponding items from Customer_Collection, Performance_Collection, and Categories_Collection

E) Compare and Contrast Reflection

Creating the relational solution before the non-relational one meant that determining important information for the situation was already completed and the largest work was determining how to order that information into a form that fully utilised the benefits of a non-relational database. This involved deciding which sections of the data belong in their own separate collections and which could simply be embedded documents.

In the non-relational solution the elements relating to payment card and authorisation of card payments over phone bookings are embedded documents because the degree of duplicated data is minimal and by doing so it reduces the need for the complex application code that is needed to resolve the relational queries.

The relational solution keeps data duplication to a minimum since it is fully normalised however in doing so it complicates the queries that are required to access that data.

Given that there are one thousand seats in the theatre, (11*30) + (8*40) + (7*50) = 1000, the relational solution introduces another thousand rows in the seats table for every performance. This allows for the categories of seats to be assigned and their relation to performances and bookings to be resolved. However this is likely to be a cause of performance issued when querying the table. In contrast the non-relational solution stores which seats are free and which are booked in separate items in the database as a string of comma separated values where single seats are stored as their assigned letter and number and a range of seats without any gaps is stored by the first and last values. For example a customer wants to book seats 1, 3,4,5,6, 29,30 in row A and seats 1,2,3 in row B.

That would be stored as A1, A3-A6, A29-30, B1-B3

While doing so compresses a thousand rows into two values it adds an extra level of complexity in regards to retrieving and utilising the data in the application layer. It also means that all bookings must access the same value to update which seats are booked which could cause issues if a queue is formed leading to a slow response to the application making the request. This would not occur in the relational solution since each seat on a performance can be accessed separately.

In conclusion I am unsure if my solutions fully demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages of either method however the work involved in solving the same problem with different methods did help to contrast the differences and similarities between the two.