BDMA MySQL Project Report

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Topic: Billing & Invoice System
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1. Introduction

The **Billing & Invoice System** is designed to manage customer transactions, invoices, and payments efficiently. To ensure its reliability, the database must maintain **data integrity, normalization, and performance stability** under high transaction loads. This report documents a series of **validation tests and stress tests** conducted to verify compliance with database normalization rules, enforce foreign key integrity, and evaluate performance under bulk transactions. These tests help confirm that the system can handle real-world business operations effectively.

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2. Problem Statement

A well-structured relational database must meet the following criteria:

- Ensure **data consistency** through primary and foreign key constraints.
- Maintain **referential integrity** to prevent orphaned or invalid records.
- Adhere to **normalization principles** (1NF, 2NF) to avoid data redundancy.
- Handle **concurrent transactions** efficiently without errors.
- Support **cascading operations** like automated deletions of dependent records.
- Maintain performance even under **high data loads and bulk insert operations**.

To address these challenges, a series of validation and stress tests were conducted, evaluating the **Billing & Invoice System's** ability to handle complex transactional scenarios while maintaining **accuracy, efficiency, and scalability**.

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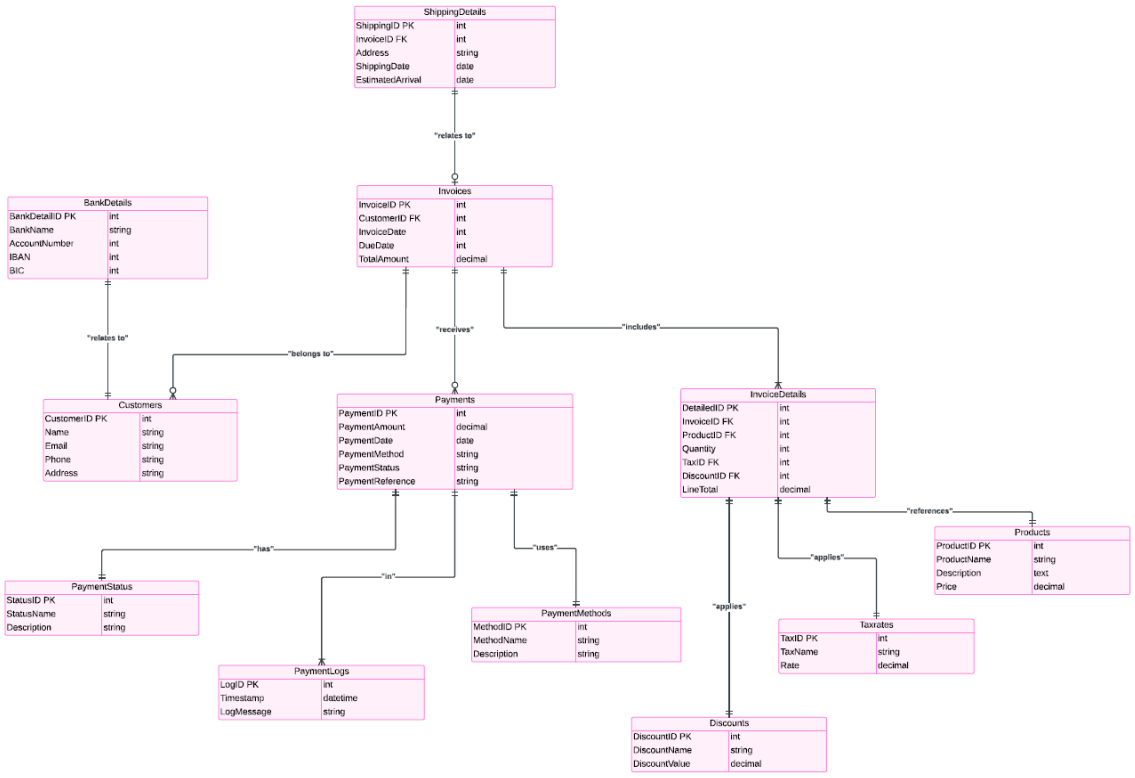
3. Tools Used

The following tools and technologies were used for database testing:

- **MySQL** – Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) used for executing queries and managing the database.
- **SQL Queries** – Used to perform validation checks, retrieve data, and test integrity constraints.
- **MySQL Workbench** – Graphical tool used for executing and analyzing SQL queries.
- **Command Line Interface (CLI)** – Used to perform bulk data operations and stress testing.



The database schema represents a **billing and invoicing system** commonly used in businesses to manage products, customers, orders, payments, shipping, and related details. Let's break down the relationships and the practical application of each entity and flow:

Entities and Relationships in Practice

1. Products

- **Purpose**: Represents the items or services a business sells.
- **Relationships**:
    - Connected to **InvoiceDetails**, where a product's price and details are used to calculate the invoice total.

- **Practical Use**: When a customer places an order, the system retrieves product information (e.g., name, description, price) to add to the invoice.

2. Customers

- **Purpose**: Stores details about customers, including contact information.
- **Relationships**:
    - Linked to **Invoices** to track purchases made by each customer.
- **Practical Use**: Enables businesses to identify customers, view their order history, send invoices, and manage communications.

3. Invoices

- **Purpose**: Central to the system, representing customer orders and their payment status.
- **Relationships**:
    - Linked to **Customers** (who the invoice belongs to), **InvoiceDetails** (what the invoice contains), **Payments** (how it is paid), and **ShippingDetails** (where and when it is shipped).
- **Practical Use**: Used to generate and manage billing records for each order, specifying customer, items, and total amounts.

4. InvoiceDetails

- **Purpose**: Provides a breakdown of items/services in an invoice, including taxes and discounts.
- **Relationships**:
    - Links to **Products** (items in the invoice), **Taxrates** (applied taxes), and **Discounts** (any discounts offered).
- **Practical Use**: Calculates the total cost of an invoice, itemized by products, taxes, and discounts.

5. Discounts

- **Purpose**: Tracks discount schemes applied to invoices or items.
- **Relationships**:
    - Connected to **InvoiceDetails**, where discounts are applied to individual items or overall invoices.
- **Practical Use**: Used to calculate final prices and promote sales through discount campaigns.

6. Taxrates

- **Purpose**: Stores information about tax rates applicable to products or services.
- **Relationships**:

    - Linked to **InvoiceDetails** for calculating taxes on individual items or total invoices.
- **Practical Use**: Helps businesses comply with tax regulations and automatically calculate applicable taxes.

7. Payments

- **Purpose**: Tracks payment transactions for invoices.
- **Relationships**:
    - Connected to **Invoices** to record which invoices are paid.
    - Linked to **PaymentMethods** (how payment was made) and **PaymentStatus** (status of the payment).
- **Practical Use**: Allows businesses to track payment history, ensure invoices are settled, and identify outstanding balances.

8. PaymentMethods

- **Purpose**: Stores the modes of payment (e.g., credit card, bank transfer).
- **Relationships**:
    - Used in **Payments** to identify how a payment was made.
- **Practical Use**: Enables flexibility in accepting multiple payment options.

9. PaymentStatus

- **Purpose**: Tracks the status of a payment (e.g., pending, completed, failed).
- **Relationships**:
    - Linked to **Payments** to update the status of transactions.
- **Practical Use**: Helps track and manage the payment lifecycle for invoices.

10. PaymentLogs

- **Purpose**: Records log messages for payment transactions.
- **Relationships**:
    - Connected to **Payments** to track transaction history and issues.
- **Practical Use**: Provides an audit trail for payment troubleshooting and reporting.

11. ShippingDetails

- **Purpose**: Tracks shipping information for orders.
- **Relationships**:
    - Linked to **Invoices** to record the shipping address, shipping date, and estimated arrival.
- **Practical Use**: Ensures orders are shipped to the correct address and provides estimated delivery timelines.

12. BankDetails

- **Purpose**: Stores the company's banking information for processing payments.
- **Relationships**:
    - Linked to **Payments** as a reference for transactions made via bank transfers.
- **Practical Use**: Helps businesses process payments securely through their bank accounts.

Flow in Practical Application

1. Customer Places an Order:

- A new invoice is created linking the customer to their purchase.
- Items (products) are added to the invoice via **InvoiceDetails**.

2. Invoice Calculation:

- **InvoiceDetails** calculates the total cost, applying taxes (**Taxrates**) and discounts (**Discounts**).

3. Payment Processing

- The customer pays the invoice, and a record is created in **Payments** with details such as amount, method (**PaymentMethods**), and status (**PaymentStatus**).
- **PaymentLogs** track any issues or details during the transaction.

4. Shipping Management:

- Once the payment is confirmed, shipping details are updated in **ShippingDetails**, including the shipping date, address, and estimated arrival.

5. Reporting and Monitoring:

- The system tracks all transactions, allowing businesses to analyze product performance, customer purchases, payment history, and shipping efficiency.

4. Database Validation & Stress Test Report

Project: Billing & Invoice System

Date: *15.03.2025*

Status: ✅ All Tests Passed

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1. First Normal Form (1NF) Test ✅ Passed

Objective: Ensure that all tables follow 1NF principles by eliminating multi-valued attributes and ensuring atomicity.

Test Method: Checked for multi-valued attributes in columns using SQL queries:

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SELECT CustomerID, Name
FROM Customers
WHERE Name LIKE '%,%';
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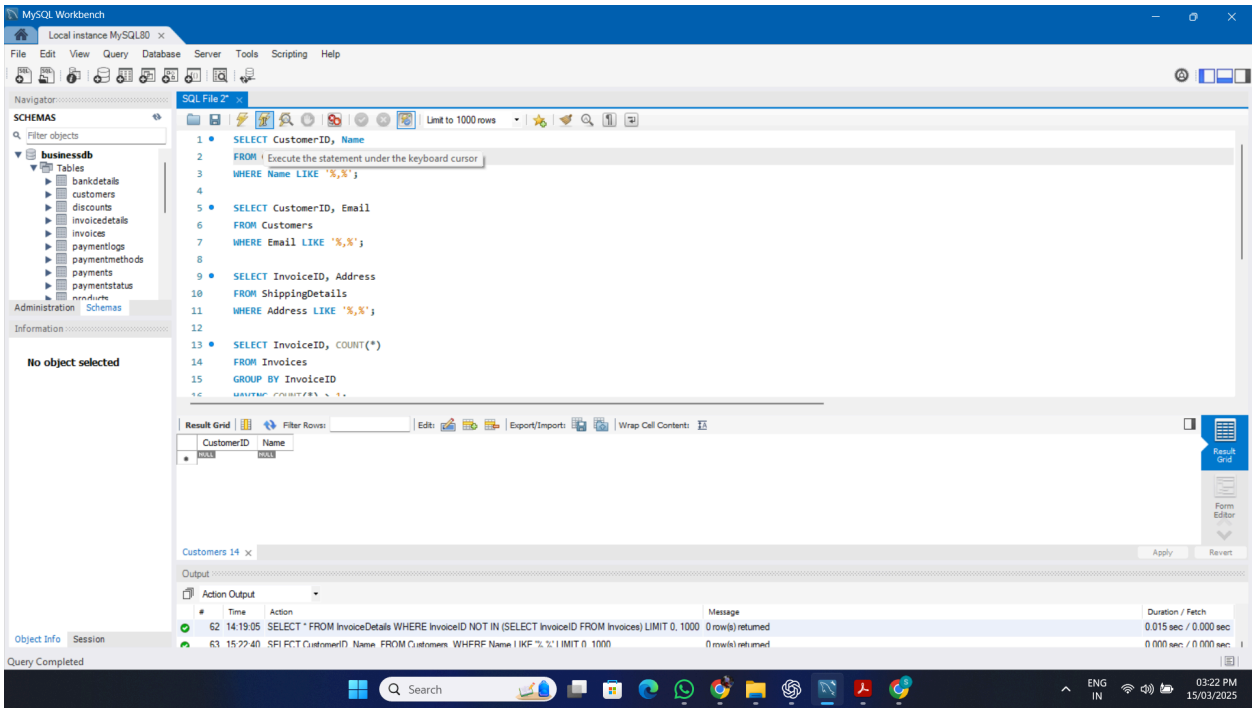


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SELECT CustomerID, Email
FROM Customers
WHERE Email LIKE '%,%';
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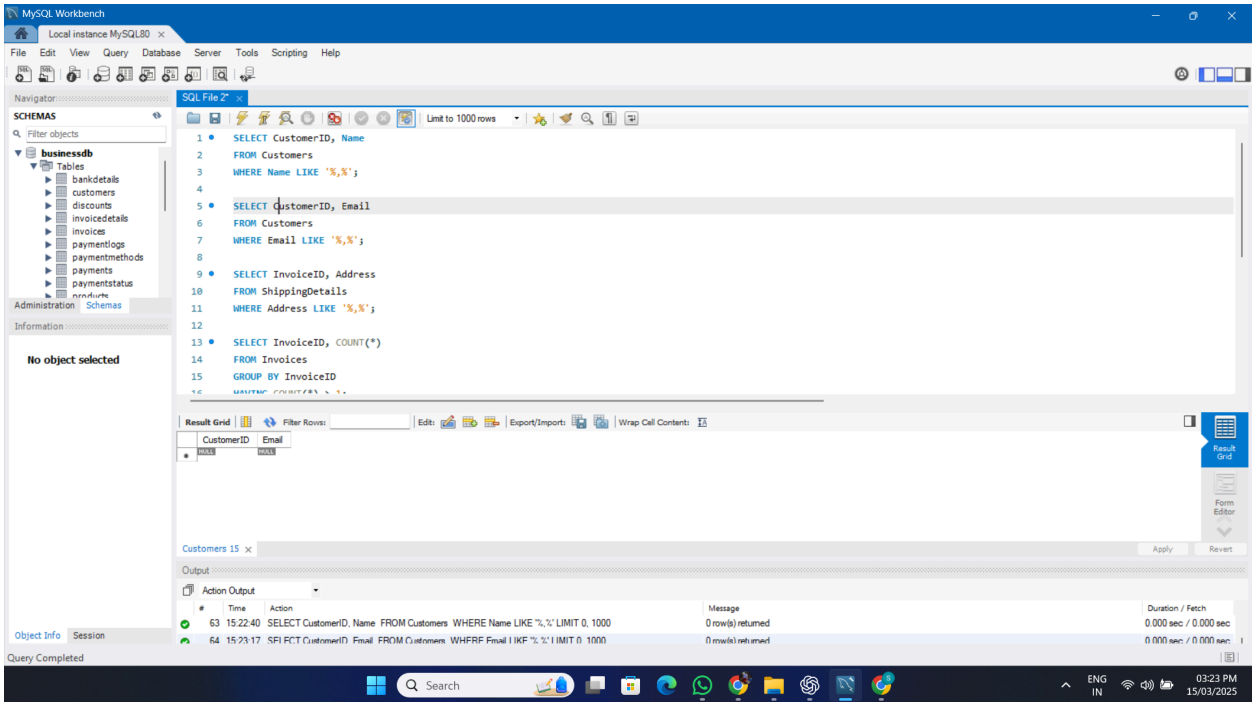


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SELECT InvoiceID, Address
FROM ShippingDetails
WHERE Address LIKE '%,%';
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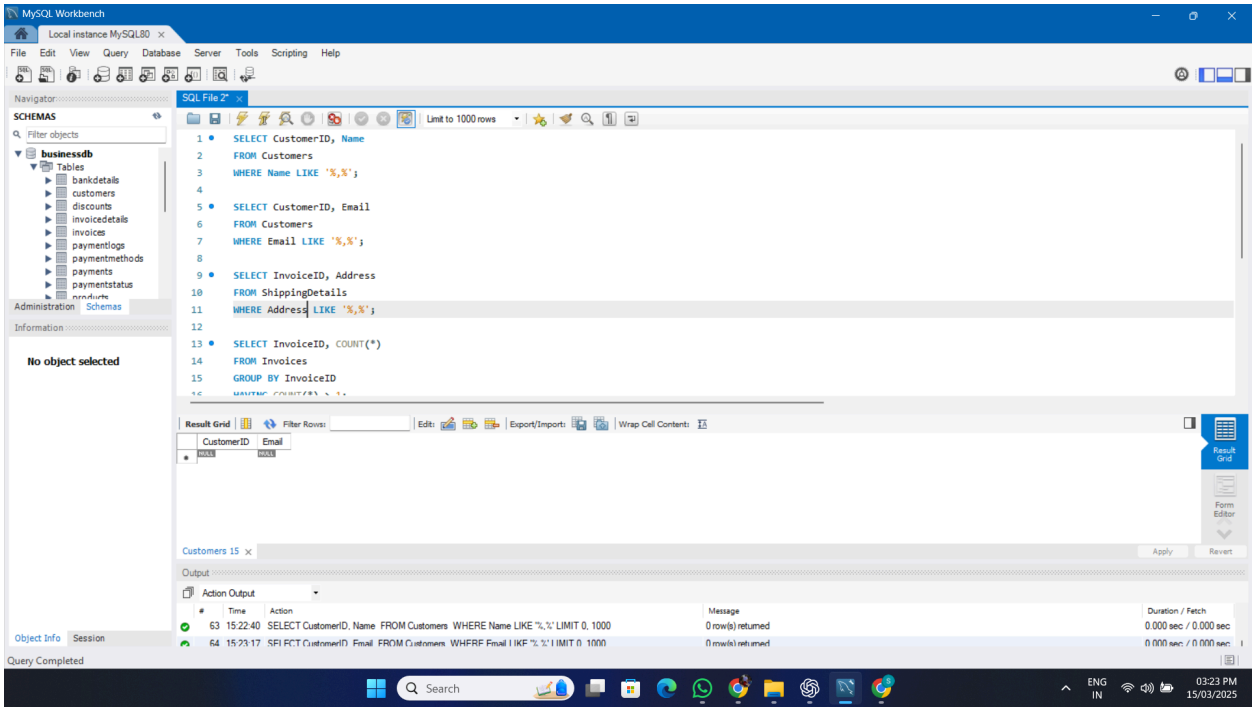


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SELECT InvoiceID, COUNT(*)
FROM Invoices
GROUP BY InvoiceID
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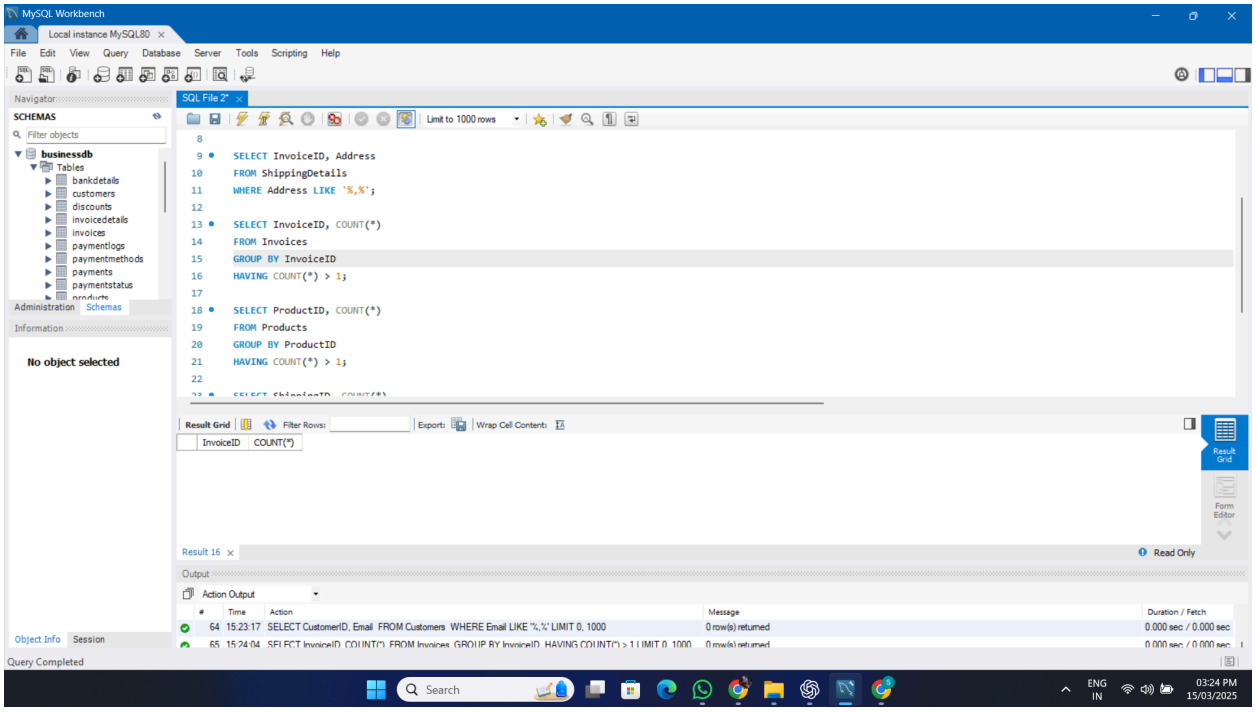
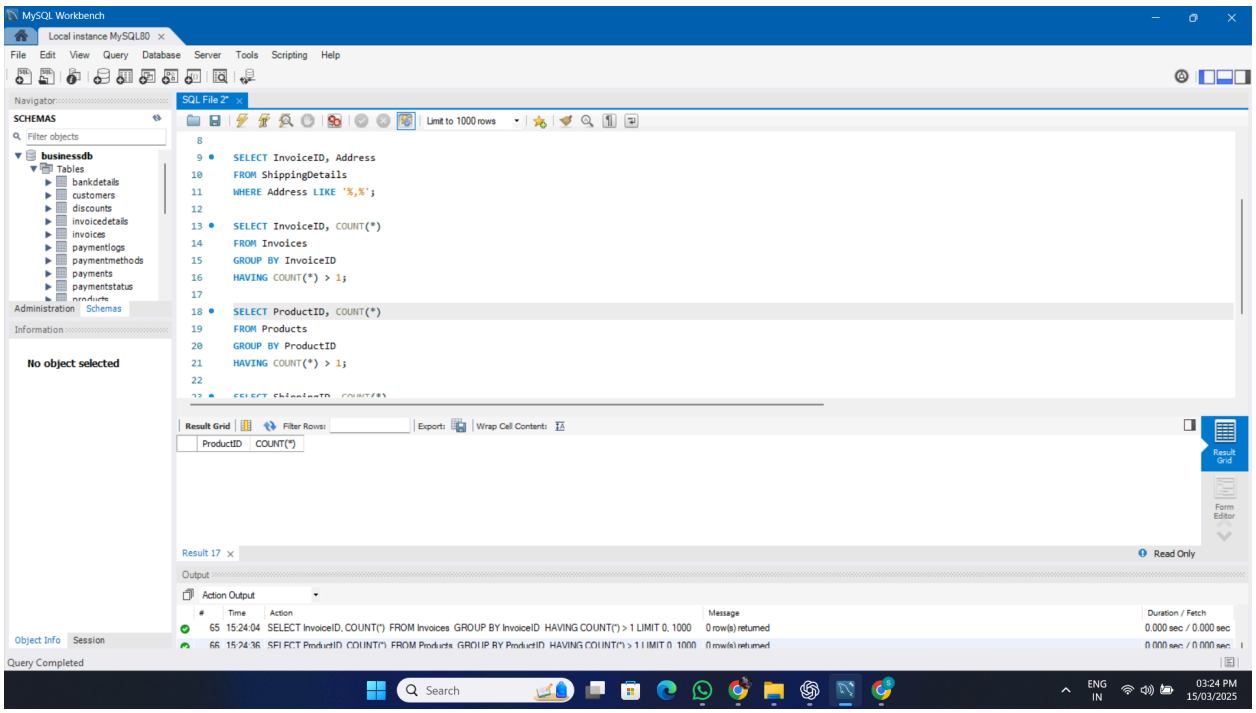
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;



SELECT ProductID, COUNT(*)
FROM Products
GROUP BY ProductID
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;



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SELECT ShippingID, COUNT(*)
FROM ShippingDetails
GROUP BY ShippingID
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
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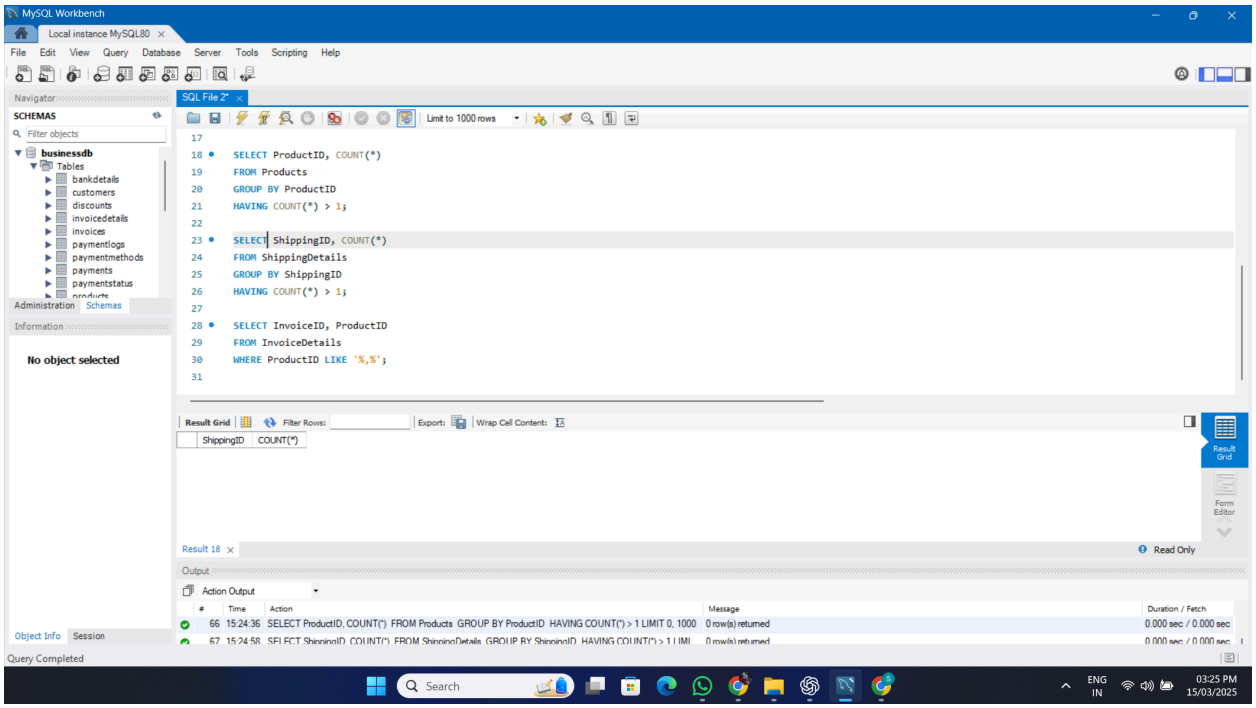


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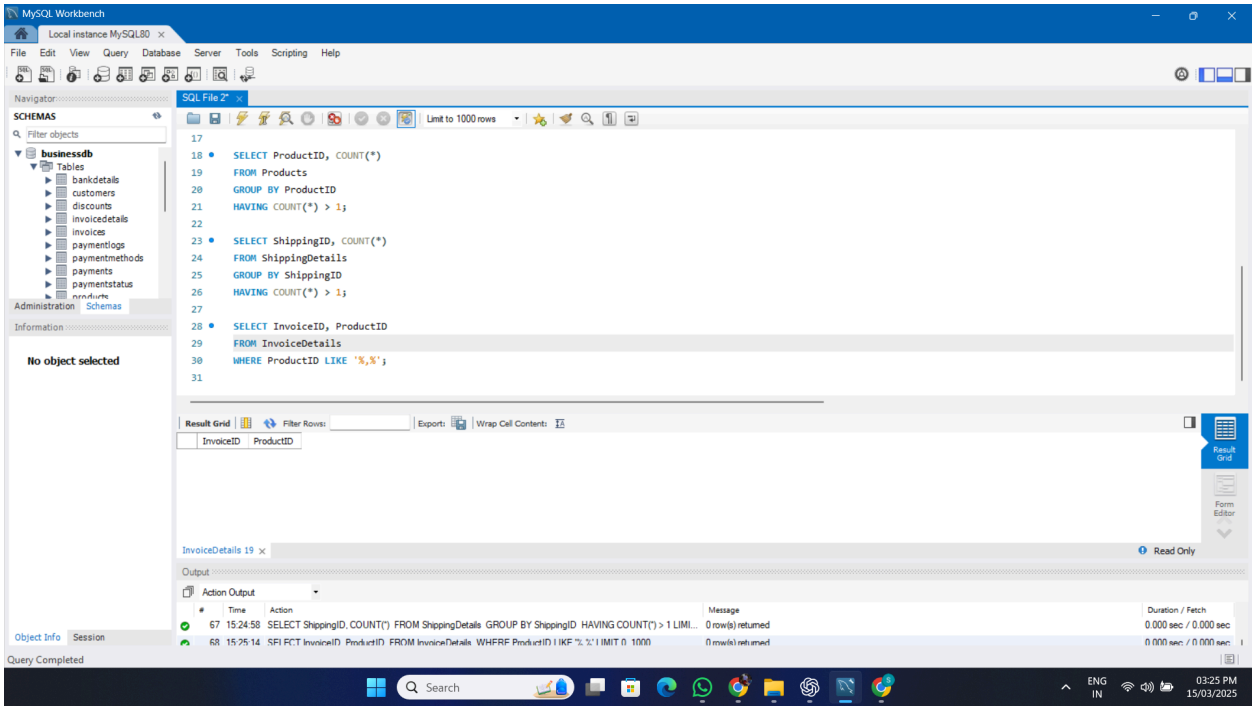

Result: No columns contained multiple values, and each attribute was atomic. The database conforms to 1NF.

First Normal Form (1NF) ensures that a database adheres to atomicity, meaning each column contains only **single, indivisible values** with no repeating groups or multi-valued attributes. In the **Billing & Invoice system**, this means that customer details, invoices, and product data should all be stored in a structured manner, ensuring that each field contains **one value per row**. A violation of 1NF occurs if multiple email addresses or product IDs are stored as comma-separated values within a single column. By applying 1NF, the database avoids **redundant data storage** and improves query efficiency. To confirm compliance, SQL queries were executed to check for multi-valued attributes in key tables like **Customers, Invoices, and InvoiceDetails**. The results showed that all records were stored in a structured format with no data redundancy, ensuring that the database follows **1NF principles** correctly

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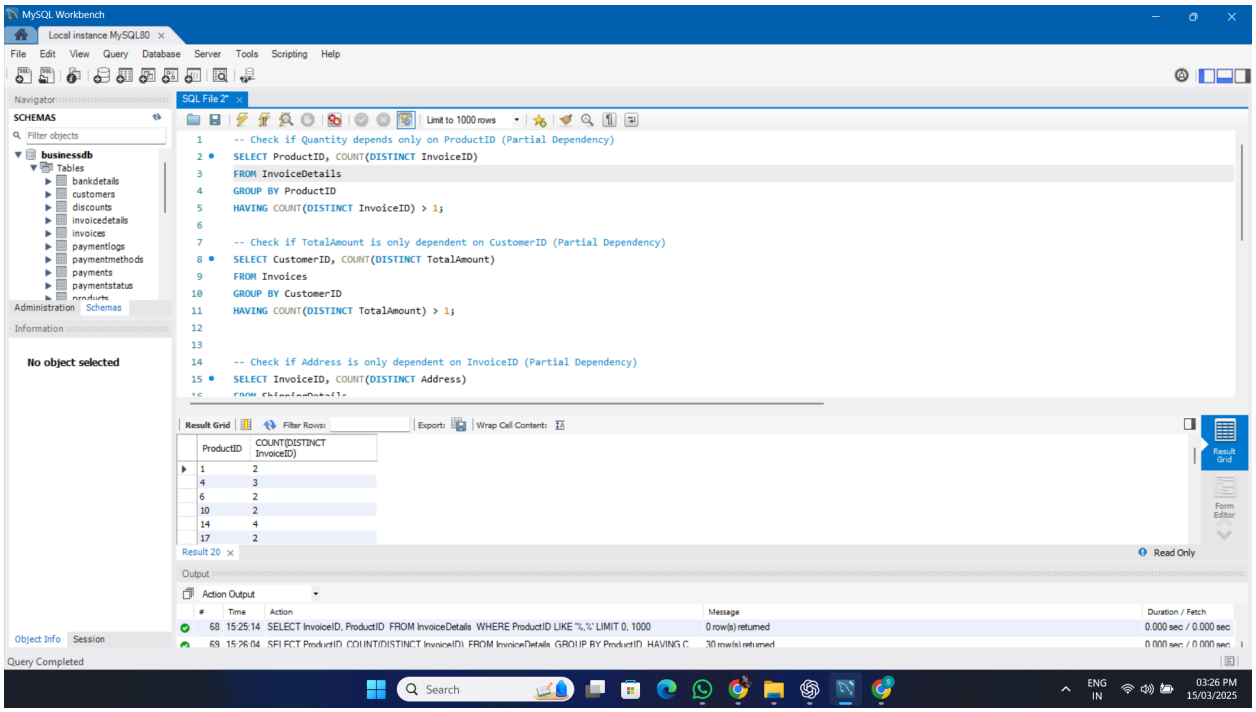
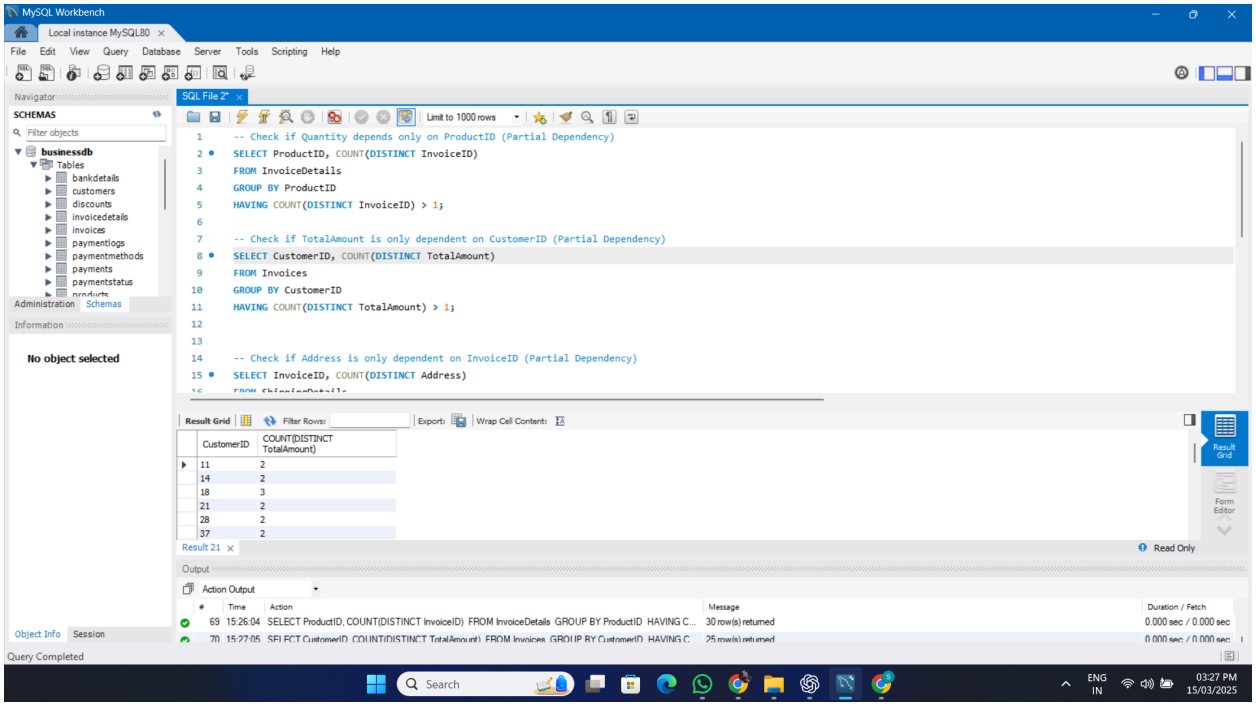
2. Second Normal Form (2NF) Test ✅ Passed

Objective: Ensure no partial dependencies exist in tables with composite primary keys.
Test Method: Verified that all non-key attributes were fully dependent on the entire primary key using:

-- Check if Quantity depends only on ProductID (Partial Dependency)
SELECT ProductID, COUNT(DISTINCT InvoiceID)
FROM InvoiceDetails
GROUP BY ProductID
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT InvoiceID) > 1;



-- Check if TotalAmount is only dependent on CustomerID (Partial Dependency)
SELECT CustomerID, COUNT(DISTINCT TotalAmount)
FROM Invoices
GROUP BY CustomerID
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT TotalAmount) > 1;

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-- Check if Address is only dependent on InvoiceID (Partial Dependency)
SELECT InvoiceID, COUNT(DISTINCT Address)
FROM ShippingDetails
GROUP BY InvoiceID
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT Address) > 1;
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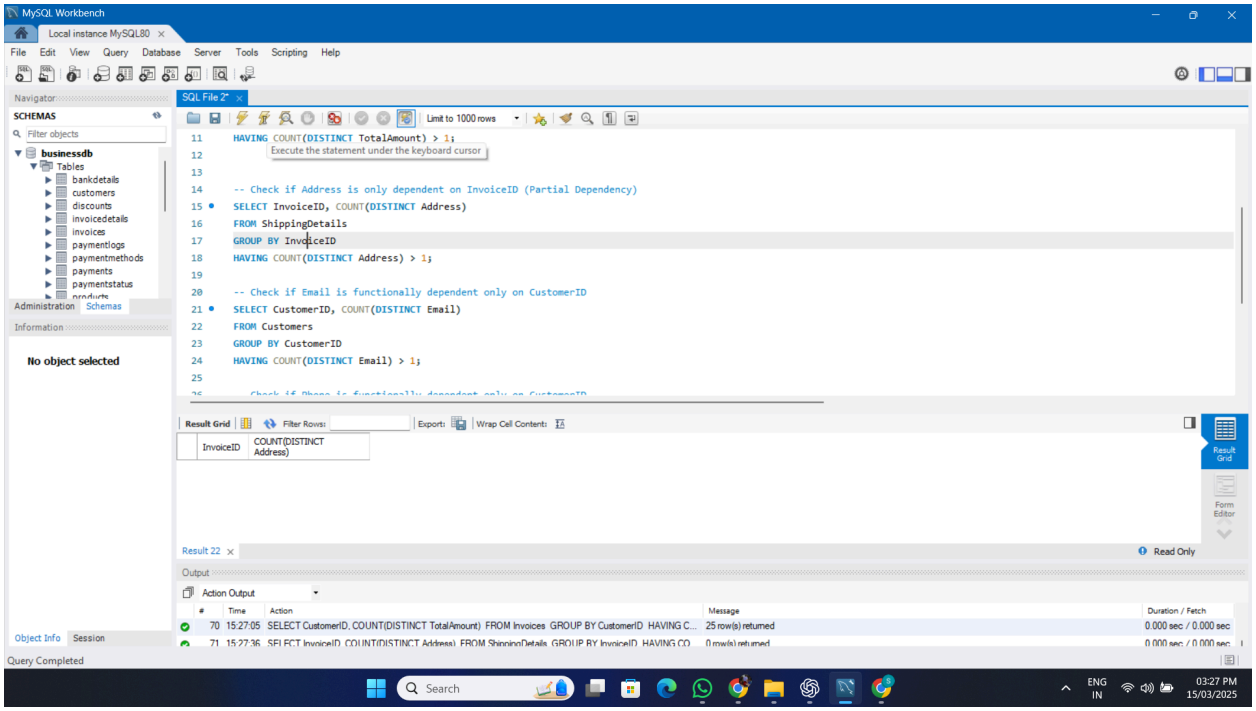
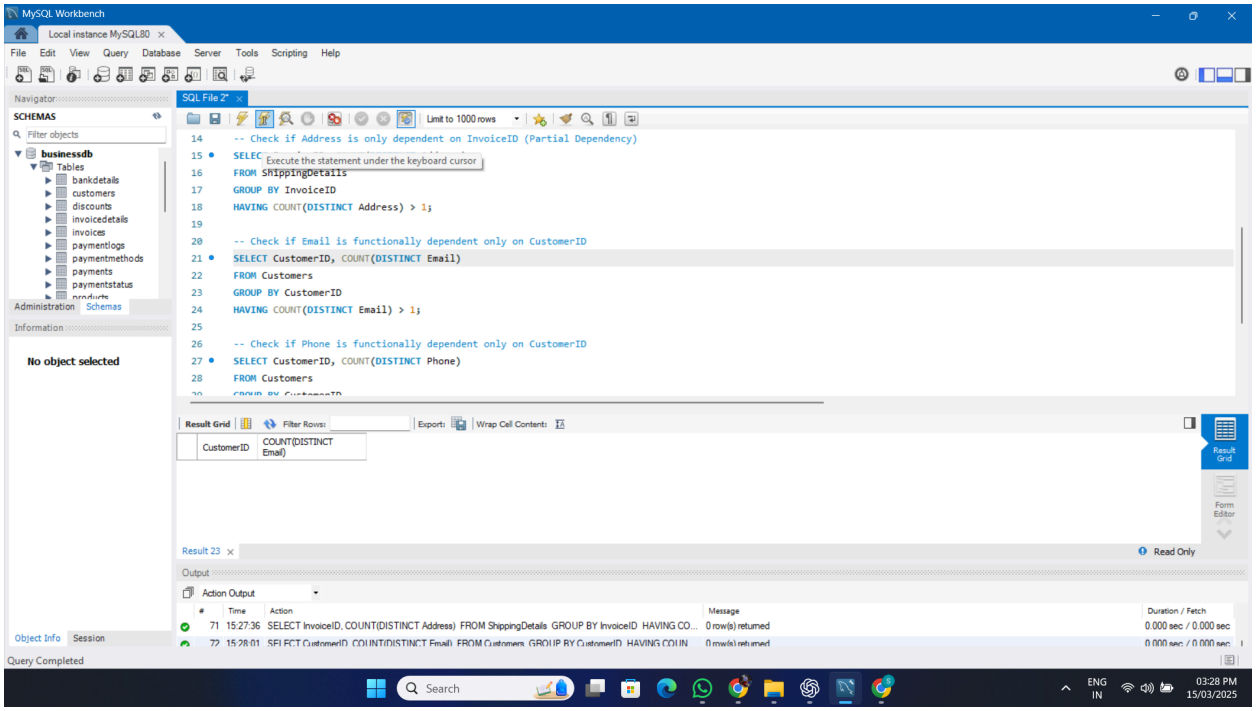
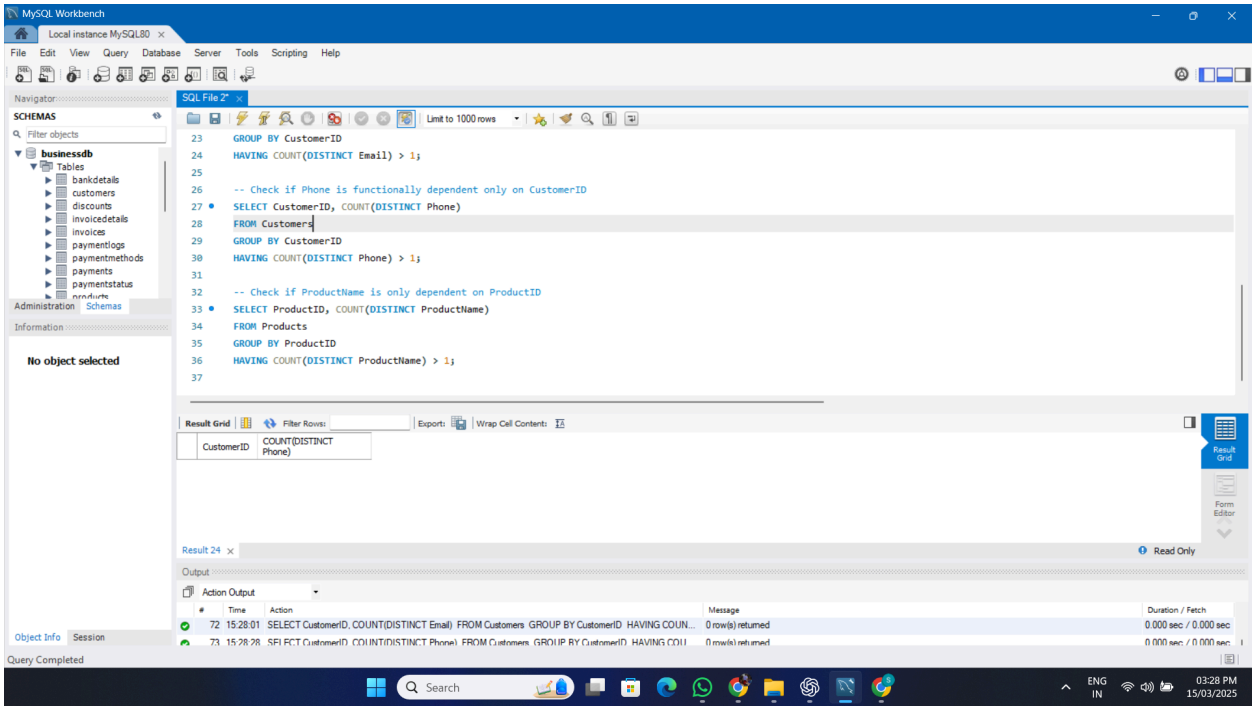


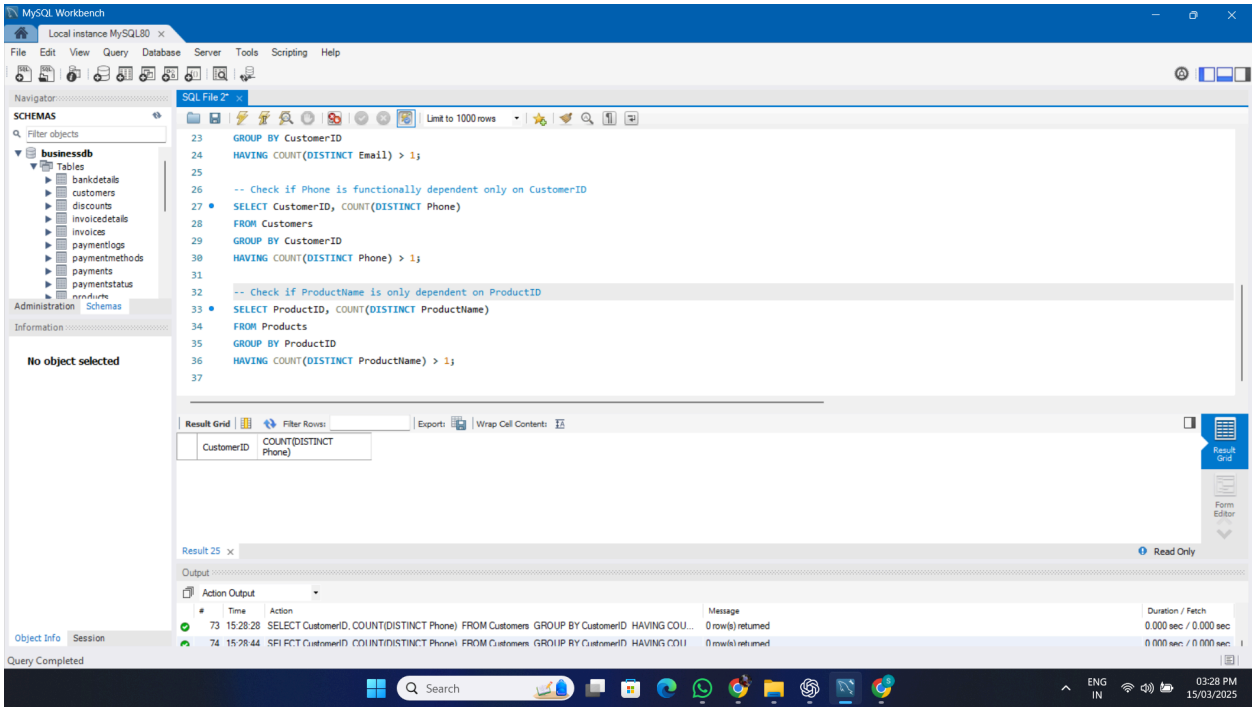
-- Check if Email is functionally dependent only on CustomerID
SELECT CustomerID, COUNT(DISTINCT Email)
FROM Customers
GROUP BY CustomerID
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT Email) > 1;



-- Check if Phone is functionally dependent only on CustomerID
SELECT CustomerID, COUNT(DISTINCT Phone)
FROM Customers
GROUP BY CustomerID
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT Phone) > 1;



-- Check if ProductName is only dependent on ProductID
SELECT ProductID, COUNT(DISTINCT ProductName)
FROM Products
GROUP BY ProductID
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT ProductName) > 1;



Result: No partial dependencies were found. All non-key attributes are dependent on the full primary key, confirming 2NF compliance.

Second Normal Form (2NF) ensures that a database follows **1NF** and eliminates **partial dependencies**, meaning that all non-key attributes must be fully dependent on the entire **primary key**. This is especially important for tables with **composite primary keys**, such as the **InvoiceDetails** table, where both `InvoiceID` and `ProductID` form the primary key. A violation of 2NF would occur if an attribute (e.g., `ProductName`) depended only on `ProductID` instead of the full composite key. To verify compliance, SQL queries were executed to check whether all attributes were fully dependent on their respective primary keys. The results showed that **no partial dependencies existed**, confirming that each non-key attribute is correctly related to the entire primary key. This ensures **data integrity, reduces redundancy, and enhances database efficiency**.

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3. Record Retrieval Test ✅ Passed

Objective: Ensure that queries retrieve expected data efficiently.
Test Method: Executed queries to retrieve customers, invoices, products, and pending invoices:

```
-- 1. Retrieve all customers and their invoices
SELECT c.CustomerID, c.Name, c.Email, i.InvoiceID, i.InvoiceDate, i.TotalAmount
FROM Customers c
LEFT JOIN Invoices i ON c.CustomerID = i.CustomerID;
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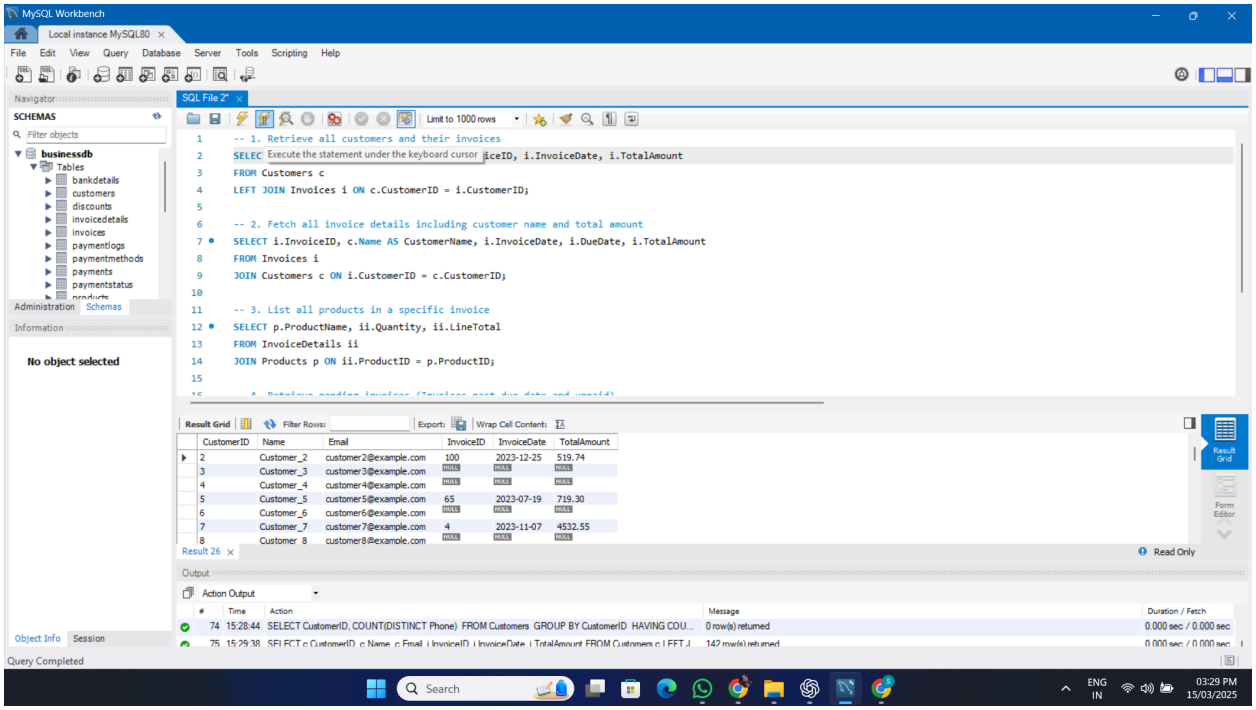
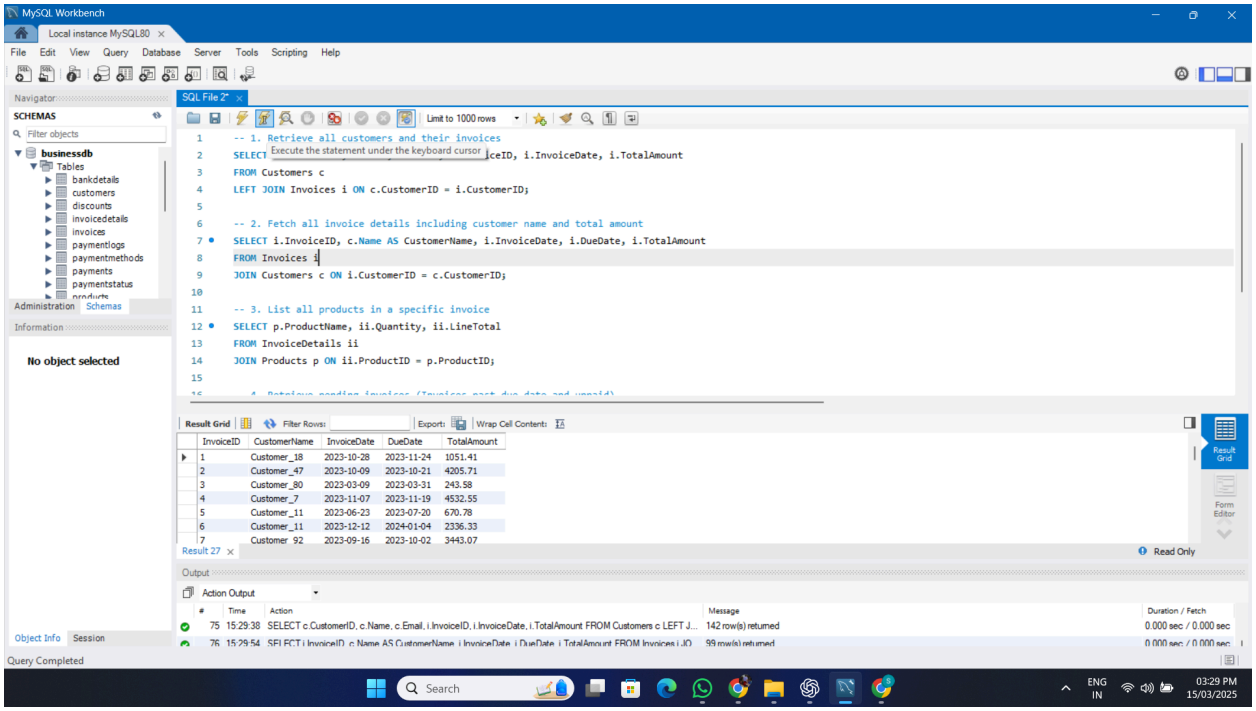


-- 2. Fetch all invoice details including customer name and total amount
SELECT i.InvoiceID, c.Name AS CustomerName, i.InvoiceDate, i.DueDate, i.TotalAmount
FROM Invoices i
JOIN Customers c ON i.CustomerID = c.CustomerID;



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-- 3. List all products in a specific invoice
SELECT p.ProductName, ii.Quantity, ii.LineTotal
FROM InvoiceDetails ii
JOIN Products p ON ii.ProductID = p.ProductID;
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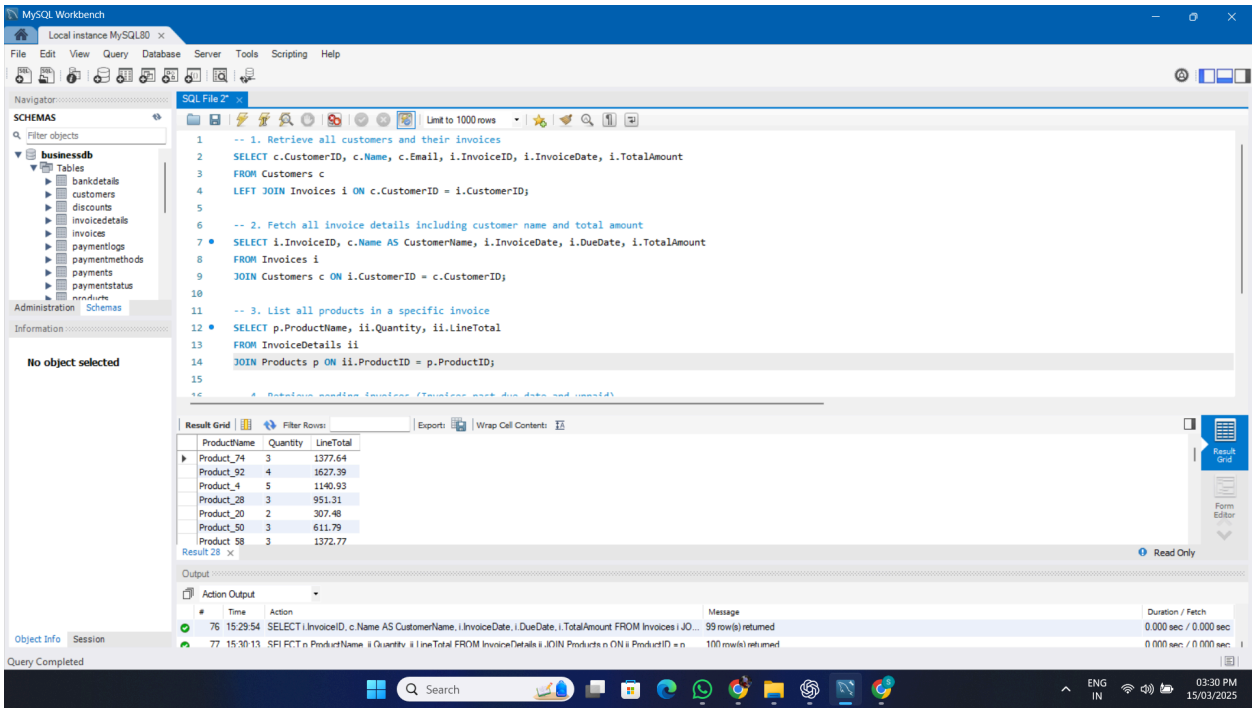
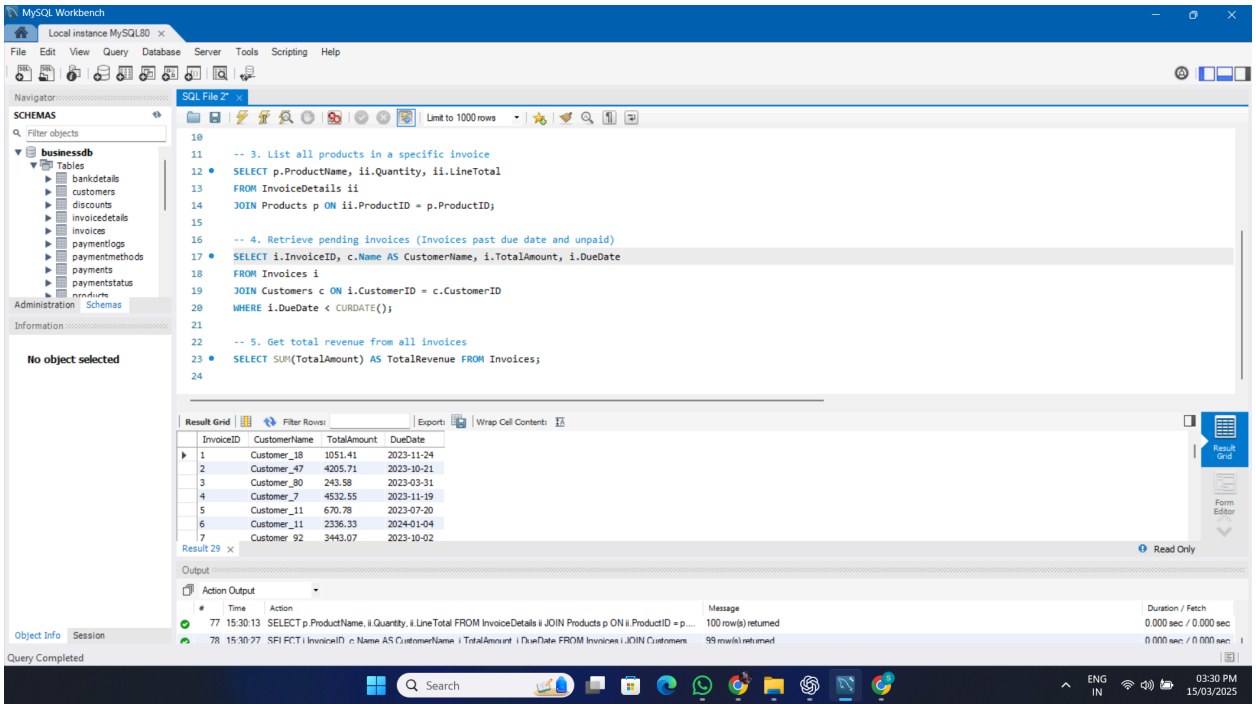
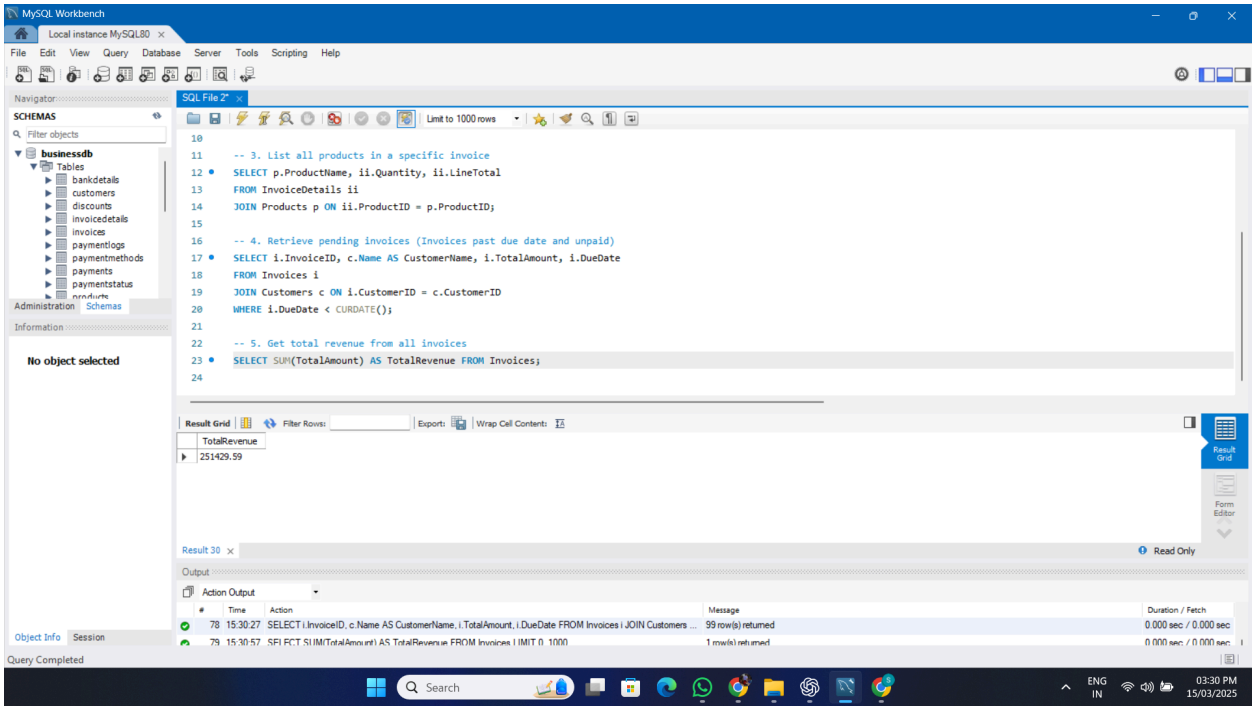


-- 4. Retrieve pending invoices (Invoices past due date and unpaid)
SELECT i.InvoiceID, c.Name AS CustomerName, i.TotalAmount, i.DueDate
FROM Invoices i
JOIN Customers c ON i.CustomerID = c.CustomerID
WHERE i.DueDate < CURDATE();



-- 5. Get total revenue from all invoices
SELECT SUM(TotalAmount) AS TotalRevenue FROM Invoices;



Result: Queries returned correct and expected results, demonstrating proper indexing and table relationships.

The **Record Retrieval Test** ensures that the database structure supports efficient and accurate data retrieval through **SQL queries**. In the **Billing & Invoice System**, essential queries were executed to fetch key records, such as **customer details with their invoices, invoice items with products, pending invoices, and total revenue calculations**. These queries relied on **JOIN operations**, filtering conditions, and aggregate functions to confirm that relationships between tables (e.g., **Customers, Invoices, Products, and InvoiceDetails**) were properly enforced. Successful query execution without errors confirmed that **foreign key constraints and indexing strategies** were correctly implemented, allowing seamless data retrieval. Furthermore, results were validated to ensure correctness, showing that all records were retrieved as expected. This test verifies that the database supports **real-time queries for billing operations**, ensuring smooth functionality for users accessing financial and transactional records.

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4. Primary Key Uniqueness Test ✅ Passed

Objective: Ensure that primary keys are unique across all tables.
Test Method: Checked for duplicate primary keys using SQL queries:

```
-- Check for duplicate CustomerID
SELECT CustomerID, COUNT(*)
FROM Customers
GROUP BY CustomerID
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
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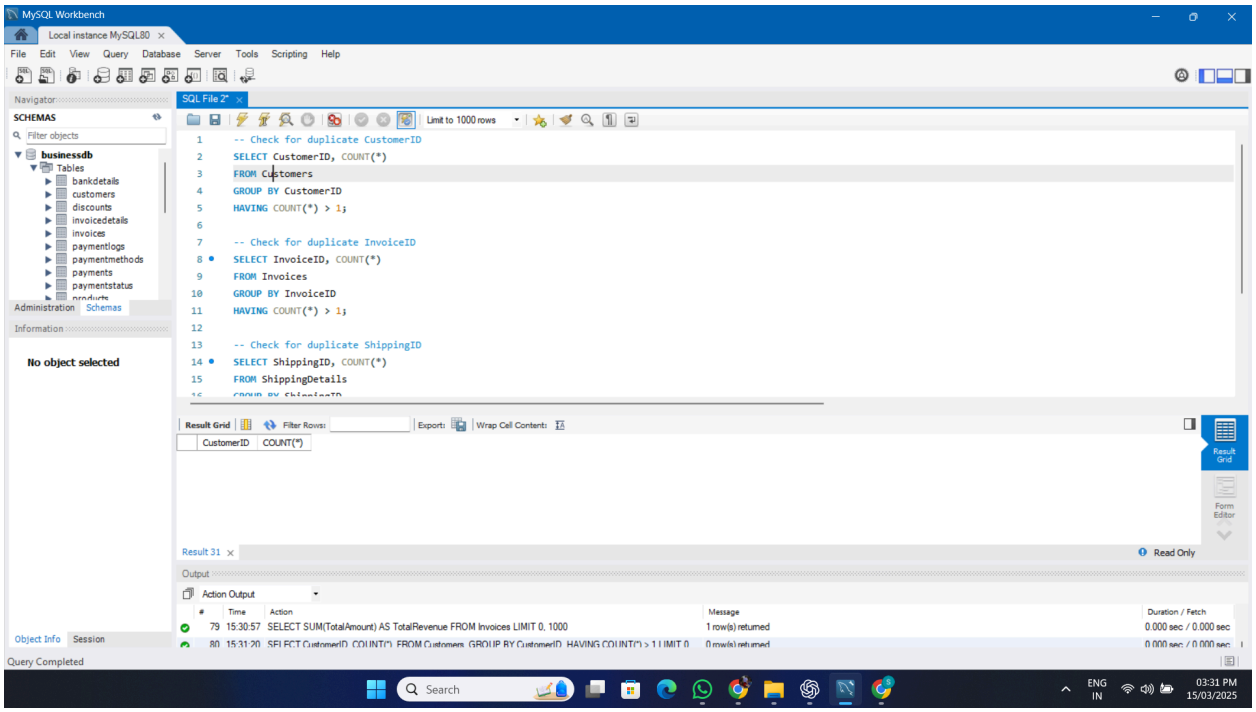


```
-- Check for duplicate InvoiceID
SELECT InvoiceID, COUNT(*)
FROM Invoices
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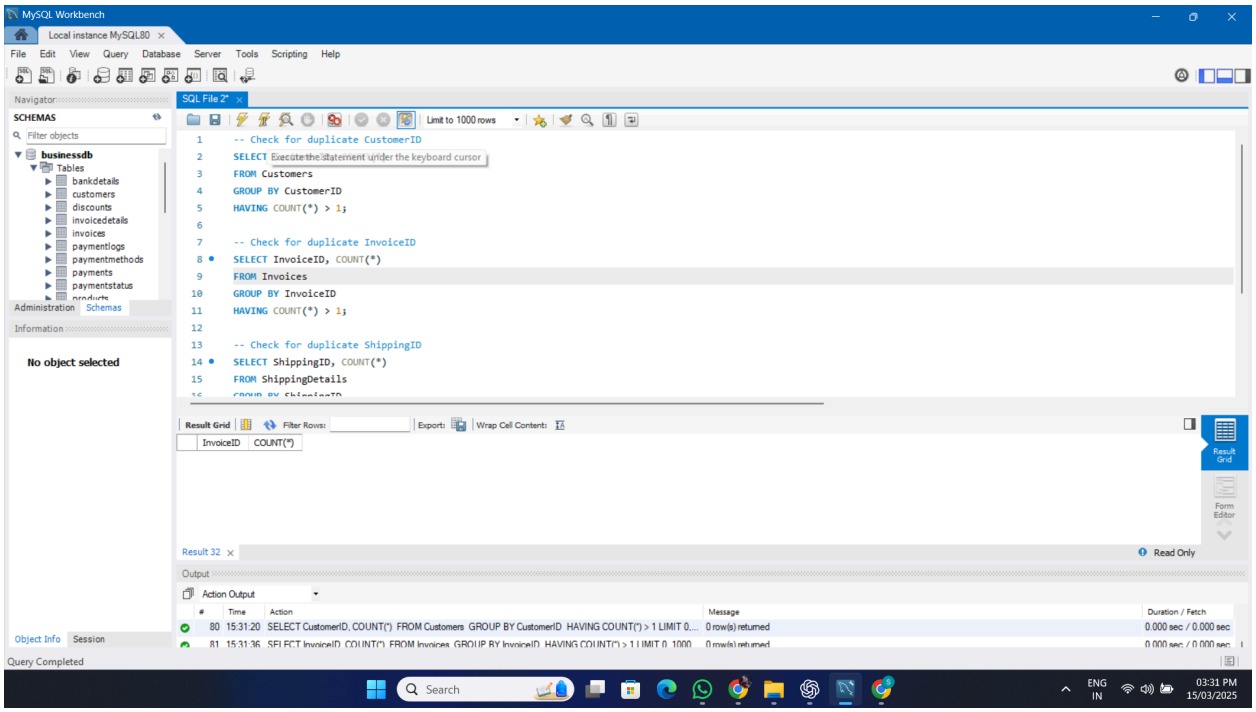
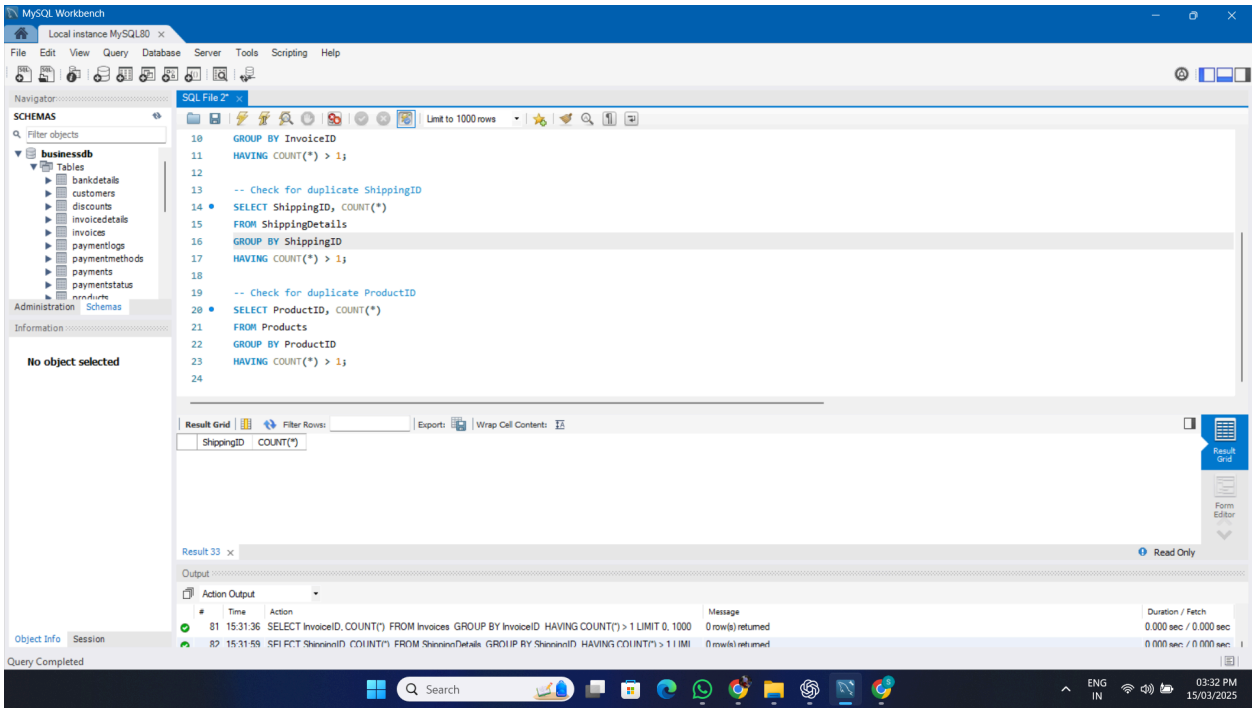
GROUP BY InvoiceID
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;



-- Check for duplicate ShippingID
SELECT ShippingID, COUNT(*)
FROM ShippingDetails

GROUP BY ShippingID
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;



-- Check for duplicate ProductID
SELECT ProductID, COUNT(*)
FROM Products

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GROUP BY ProductID
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
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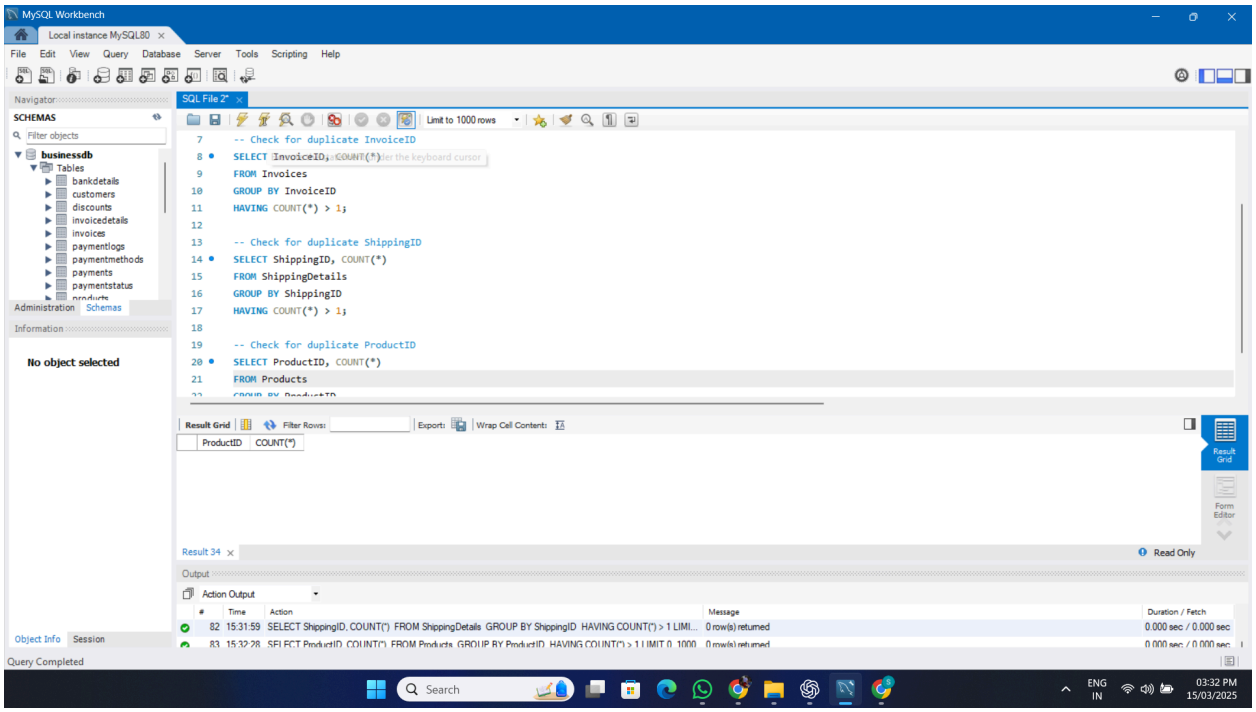

Result: No duplicate primary keys were found.

The **Primary Key Uniqueness Test** ensures that each table in the **Billing & Invoice System** maintains unique primary keys, preventing duplicate records and ensuring data integrity. Every row in a table must have a **distinct identifier**, such as `CustomerID` in the **Customers** table or `InvoiceID` in the **Invoices** table. SQL queries were executed to check for duplicate values in primary key columns across all tables, using `GROUP BY` and `HAVING COUNT(*) > 1` to identify potential violations. The results confirmed that all primary keys were unique, with no duplicate entries detected. This validation guarantees that each entity (customer, invoice, product, etc.) has a unique identity, preventing data corruption and ensuring efficient query performance. The test outcome confirms that **primary key constraints are correctly enforced**, maintaining a well-structured relational database.

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5. Foreign Key Integrity Test ✅ Passed

Objective: Ensure all foreign key references are valid.
Test Method: Checked for orphaned records using SQL queries:

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SELECT InvoiceID, CustomerID
FROM Invoices
WHERE CustomerID NOT IN (SELECT CustomerID FROM Customers);
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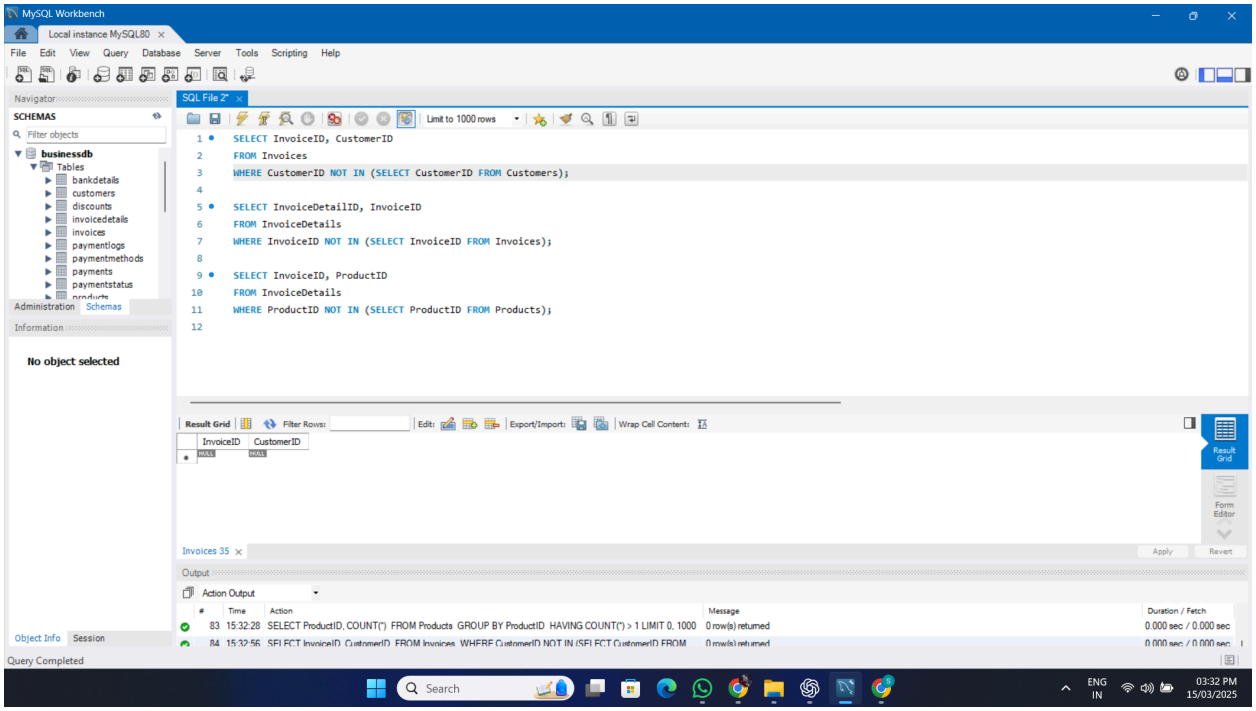


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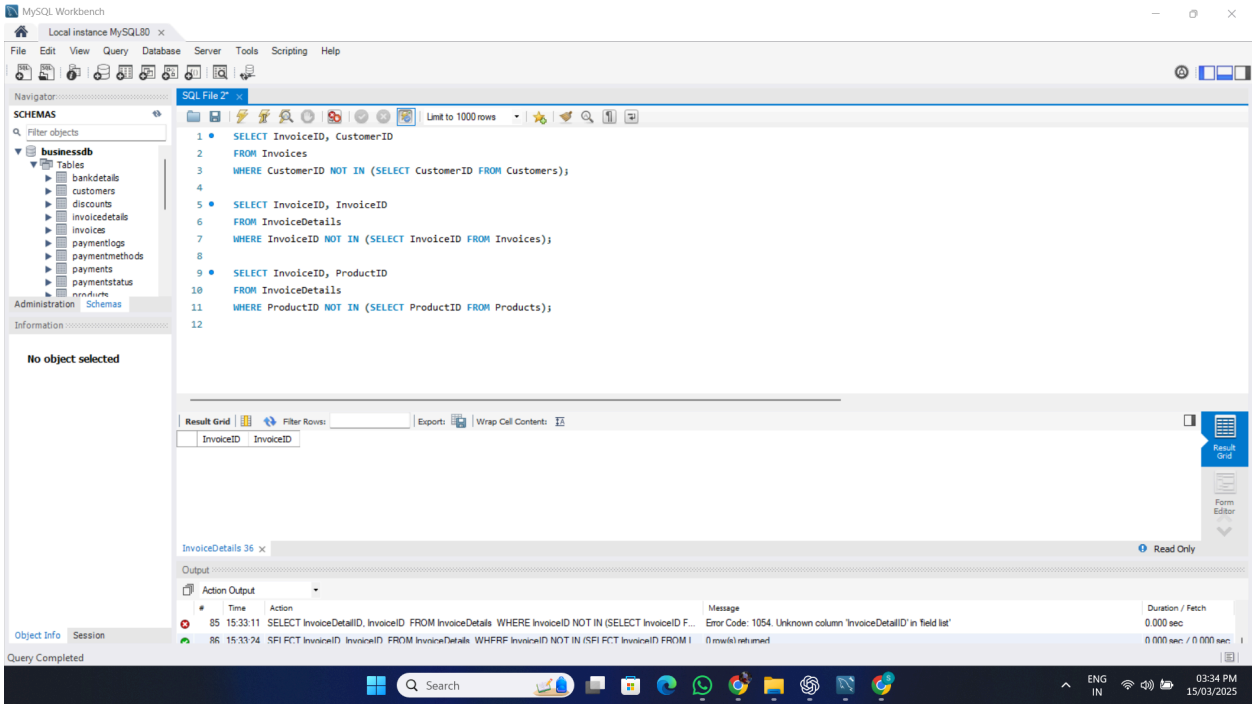

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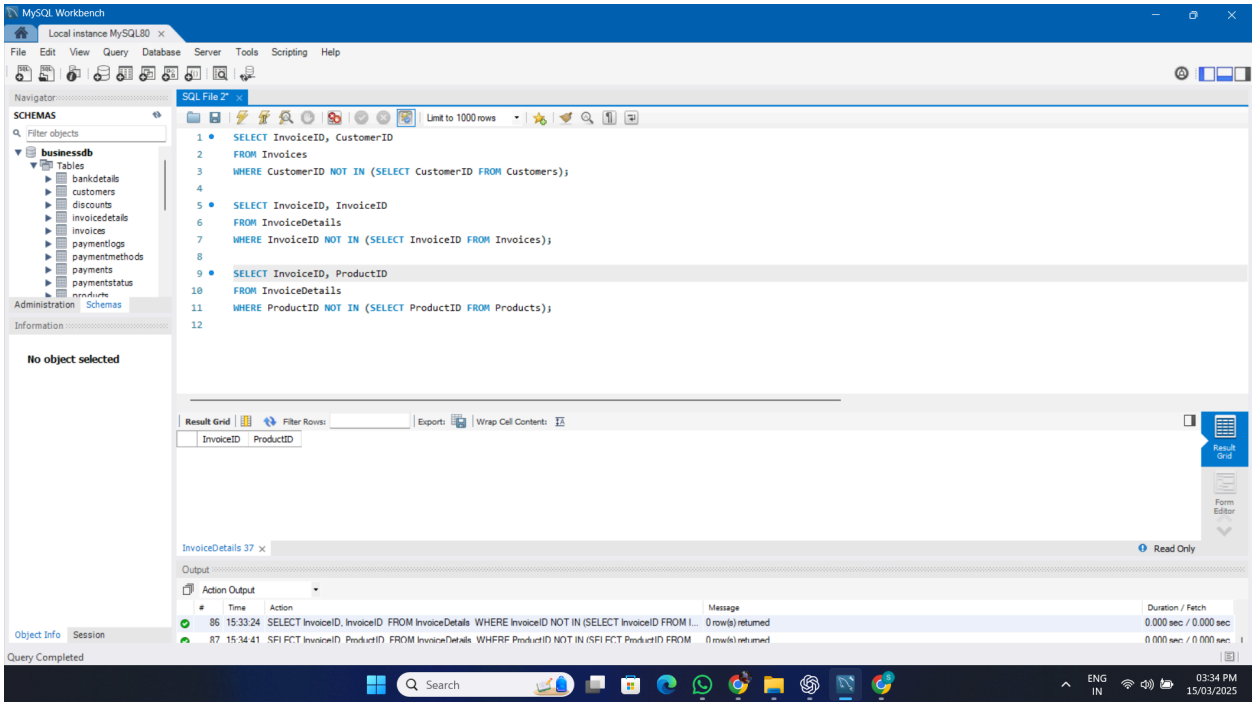

Result: No orphaned records were found. All foreign keys reference valid parent records.

The **Foreign Key Integrity Test** ensures that all foreign key constraints in the **Billing & Invoice System** are properly enforced, preventing orphaned records and maintaining data consistency. Foreign keys establish **relationships between tables**, such as `CustomerID` in the **Invoices** table linking to the **Customers** table or `InvoiceID` in the **InvoiceDetails** table referencing the **Invoices** table. To verify integrity, SQL queries were executed to identify any orphaned records—entries where a foreign key referenced a **non-existent parent record**. The test checked for invalid references using `NOT IN` and `NOT EXISTS` queries. The results confirmed that all foreign key values correctly mapped to existing records, ensuring **referential integrity** across tables. This validation guarantees that **deletions, updates, and inserts** maintain consistency, preventing data anomalies and ensuring that every child record has a valid parent record.

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6. Concurrent Inserts Test ✅ Passed

Objective: Verify that the database can handle high-volume concurrent inserts.
Test Method: Inserted multiple customer records simultaneously:

INSERT INTO Customers (Name, Email, Phone, Address)
SELECT

```
    CONCAT('Customer', FLOOR(RAND() * 100000)),
    CONCAT('test', FLOOR(RAND() * 100000), '@email.com'),
    CONCAT('+91 900', FLOOR(RAND() * 1000000)),
    'Random Address'
FROM (SELECT 1 UNION SELECT 2 UNION SELECT 3 UNION SELECT 4 UNION SELECT
5) AS tmp;
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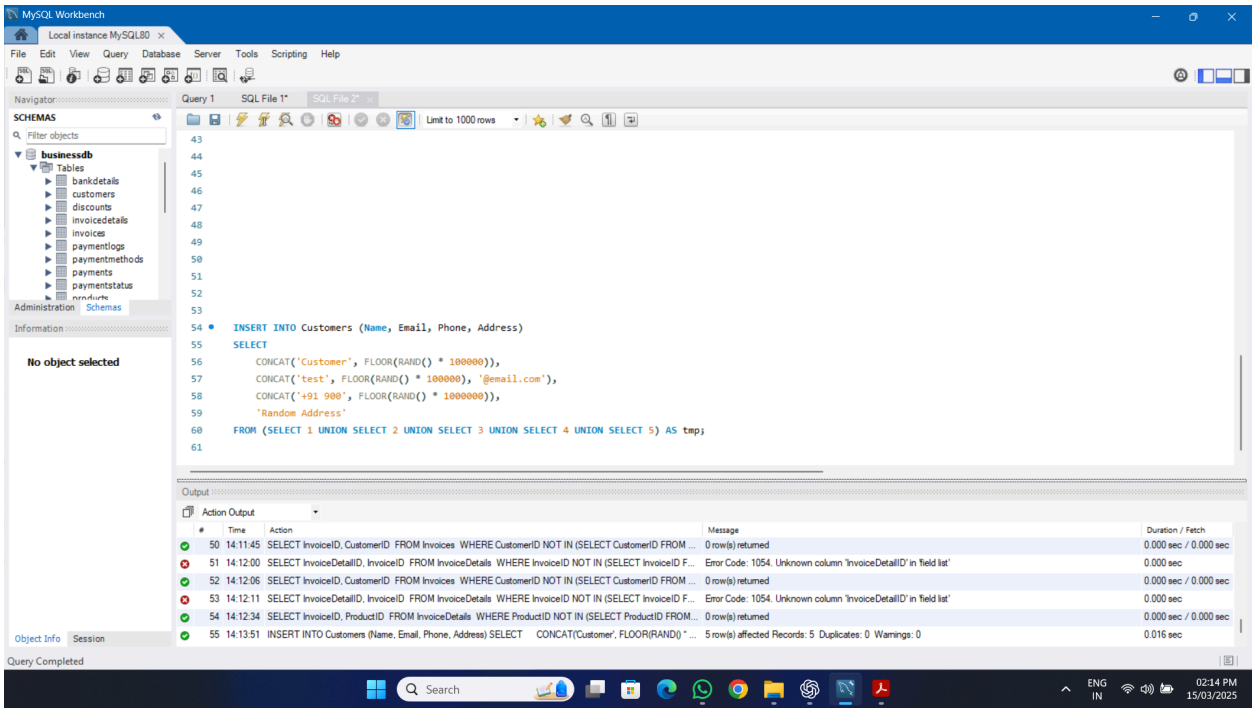

Result: The database successfully handled concurrent inserts without failure or integrity violations.

The **Concurrent Inserts Test** evaluates the database's ability to handle multiple simultaneous insert operations without causing data integrity issues or performance bottlenecks. In the **Billing & Invoice System**, a bulk insertion test was conducted by inserting multiple **customer records concurrently**, simulating a real-world scenario where multiple users add data at the same time. SQL queries using `INSERT INTO` with dynamically generated values were executed to insert records rapidly. The database successfully handled these inserts without **deadlocks, constraint violations, or performance degradation**. Additionally, post-insertion queries confirmed that all records were correctly stored without duplicates or missing entries. The successful execution of this test ensures that the database is **scalable and capable of supporting high transaction volumes**, making it reliable for real-world applications where multiple users interact with the system simultaneously.

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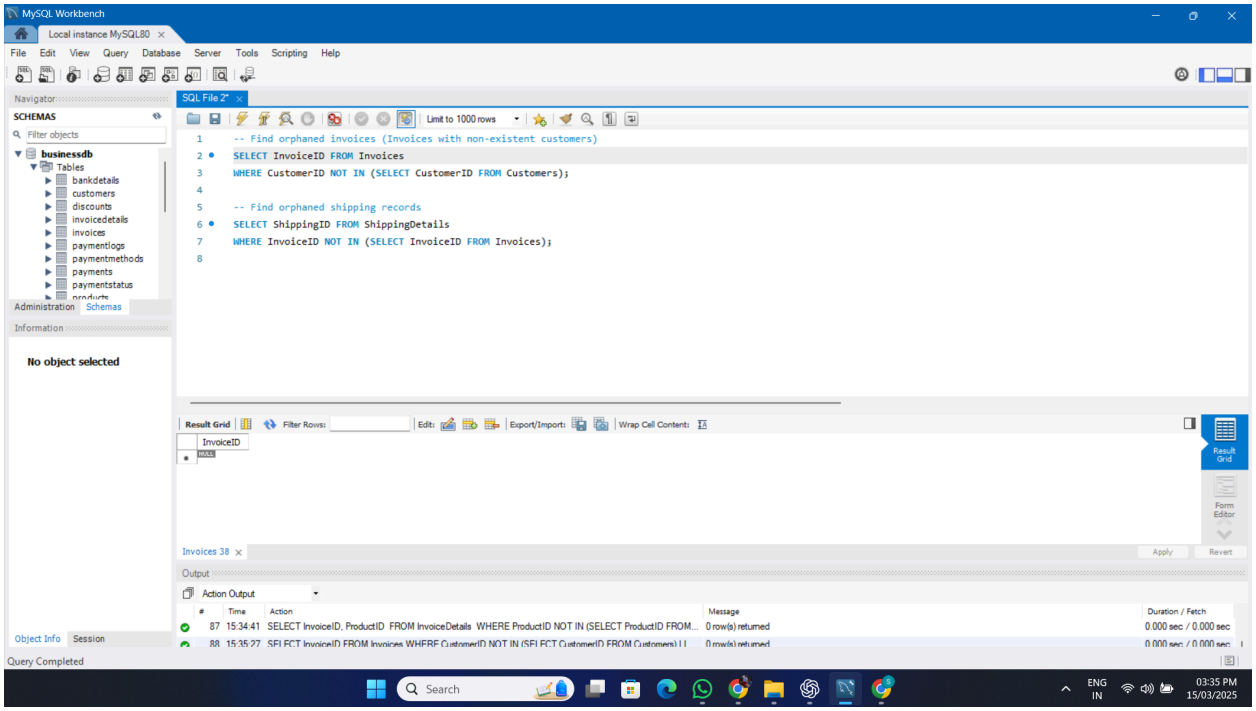
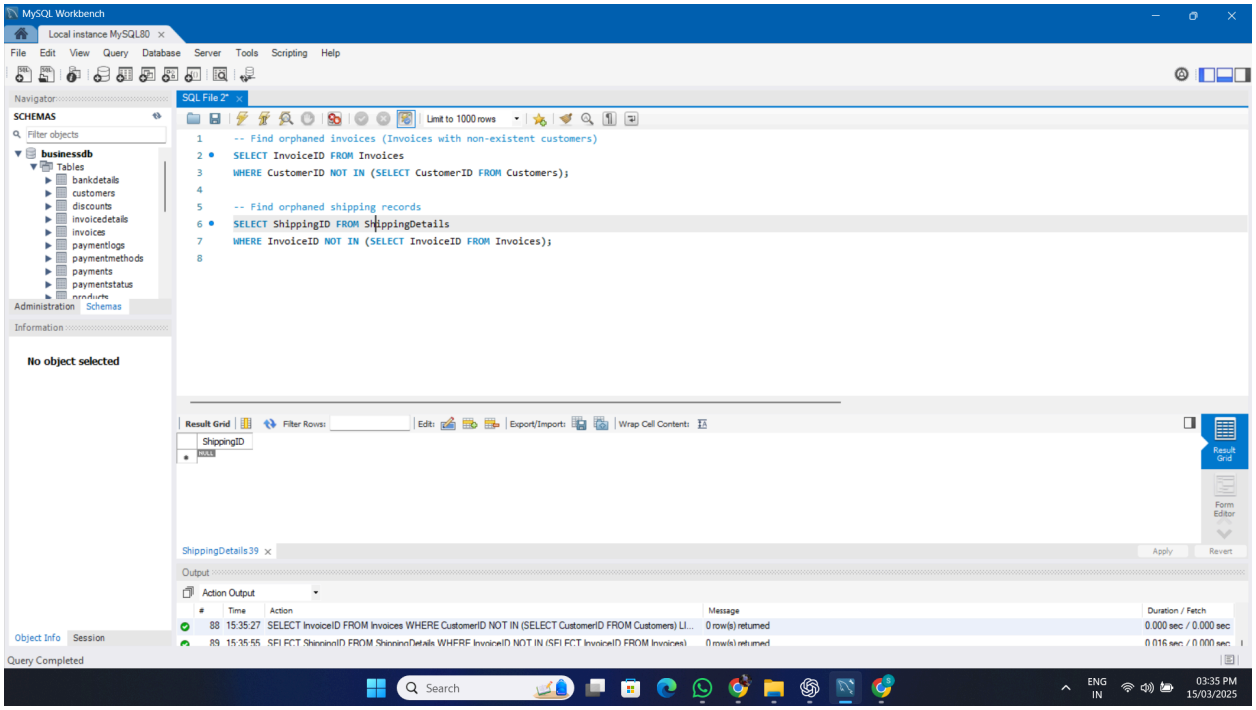
7. Orphaned Records Check ✅ Passed

Objective: Ensure that no child records exist without valid parent records.
Test Method: Verified that all invoices have valid customers and all invoice details reference valid invoices:

-- Find orphaned invoices (Invoices with non-existent customers)
SELECT InvoiceID FROM Invoices
WHERE CustomerID NOT IN (SELECT CustomerID FROM Customers);



-- Find orphaned shipping records
SELECT ShippingID FROM ShippingDetails
WHERE InvoiceID NOT IN (SELECT InvoiceID FROM Invoices);



Result: No orphaned records were found.

The **Orphaned Records Check** ensures that every **child record** in the database has a valid **parent record**, preventing data inconsistencies and broken relationships. In the **Billing & Invoice System**, foreign key relationships were tested to verify that records in dependent tables—such as **Invoices referencing Customers** and **InvoiceDetails referencing Invoices**—were not left without a valid parent entry. SQL queries using `NOT IN` and `NOT EXISTS` were executed to detect orphaned records in the system. These queries scanned the database to check if any **invoice referenced a non-existent customer** or if an **invoice detail referenced a deleted invoice**. The results confirmed that no orphaned records existed, meaning every foreign key correctly linked to an existing primary key. This validation ensures **data integrity and referential consistency**, preventing errors in transactional operations and maintaining a structured relational database.

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8. Cascade Deletion Test ✅ Passed

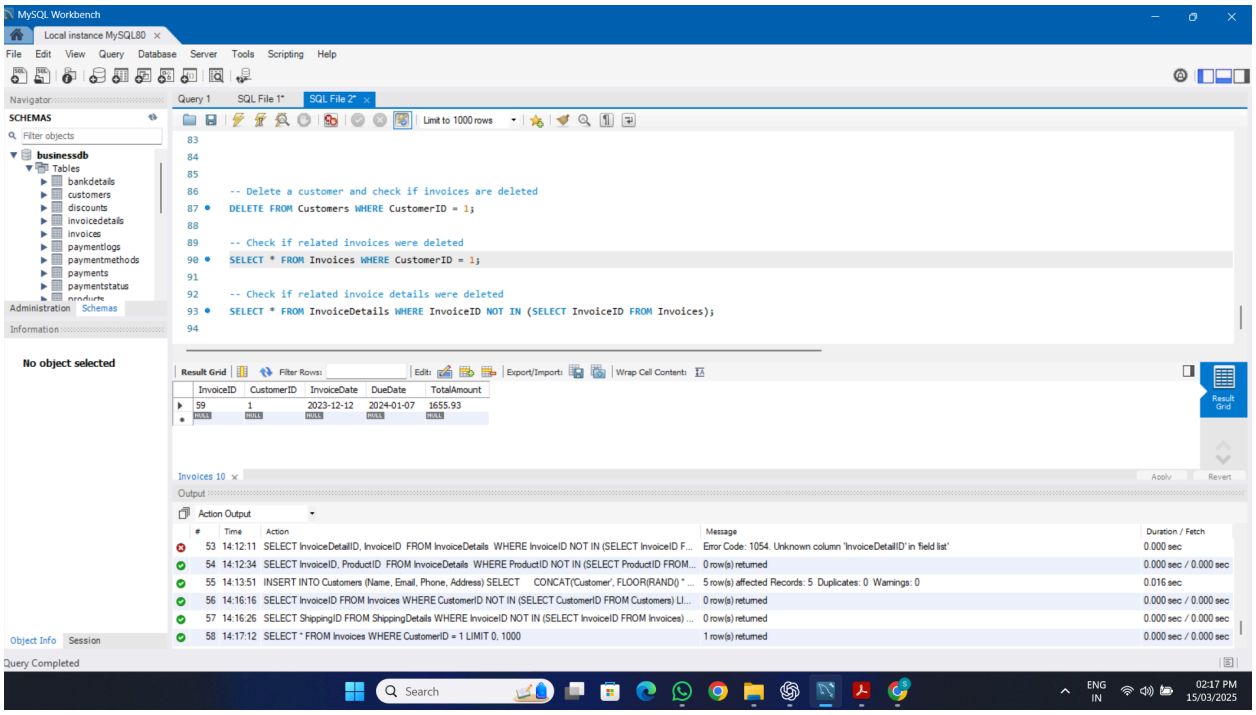
Objective: Ensure that related records are deleted when a parent record is removed.
Test Method: Deleted a customer record and checked if associated invoices and invoice details were removed:

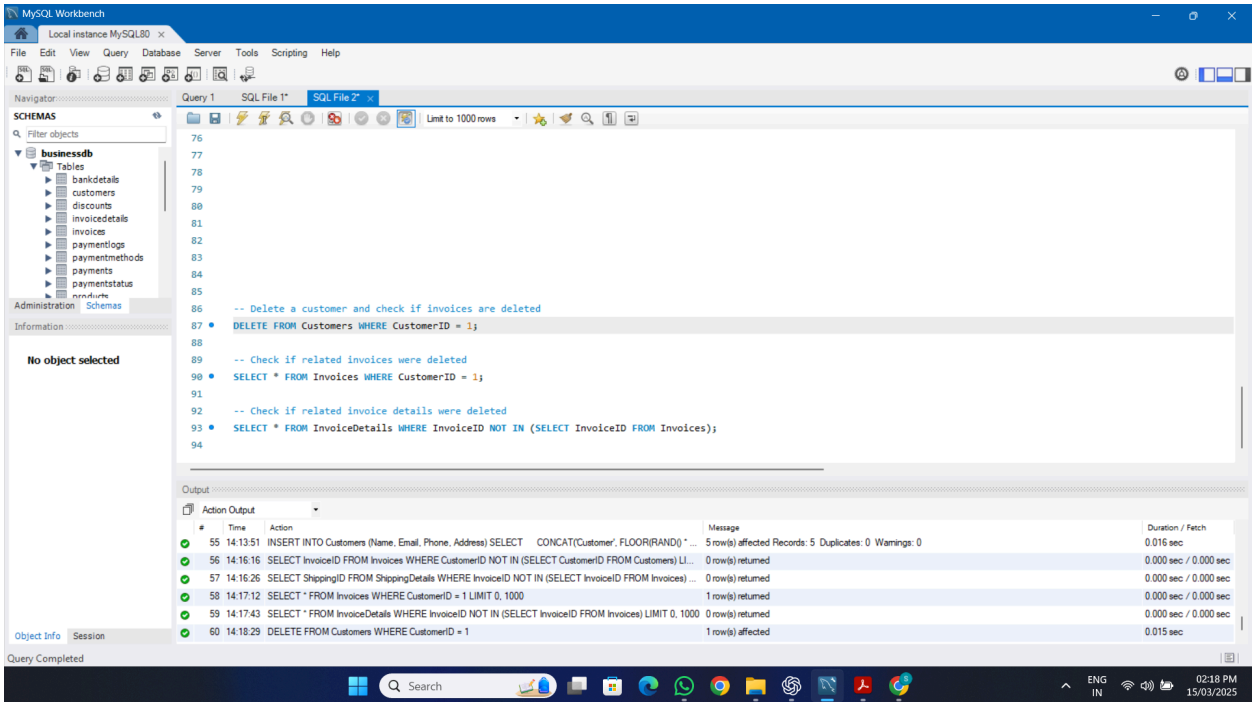
-- Delete a customer and check if invoices are deleted

DELETE FROM Customers WHERE CustomerID = 1;

-- Check if related invoices were deleted
SELECT * FROM Invoices WHERE CustomerID = 1;

-- Check if related invoice details were deleted
SELECT * FROM InvoiceDetails WHERE InvoiceID NOT IN (SELECT InvoiceID FROM Invoices);

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DELETE FROM Customers WHERE CustomerID = 1;
-- Check if related invoices were deleted
SELECT * FROM Invoices WHERE CustomerID = 1;
-- Check if related invoice details were deleted
SELECT * FROM InvoiceDetails WHERE InvoiceID NOT IN (SELECT InvoiceID FROM Invoices);
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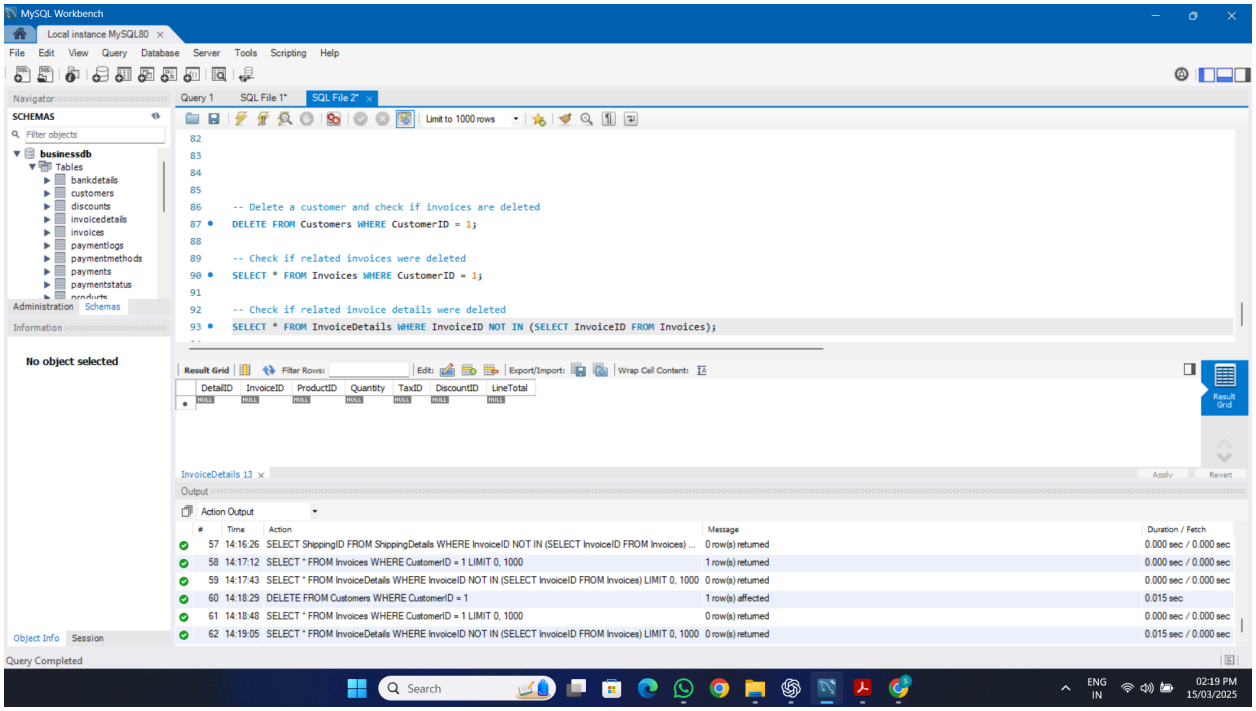
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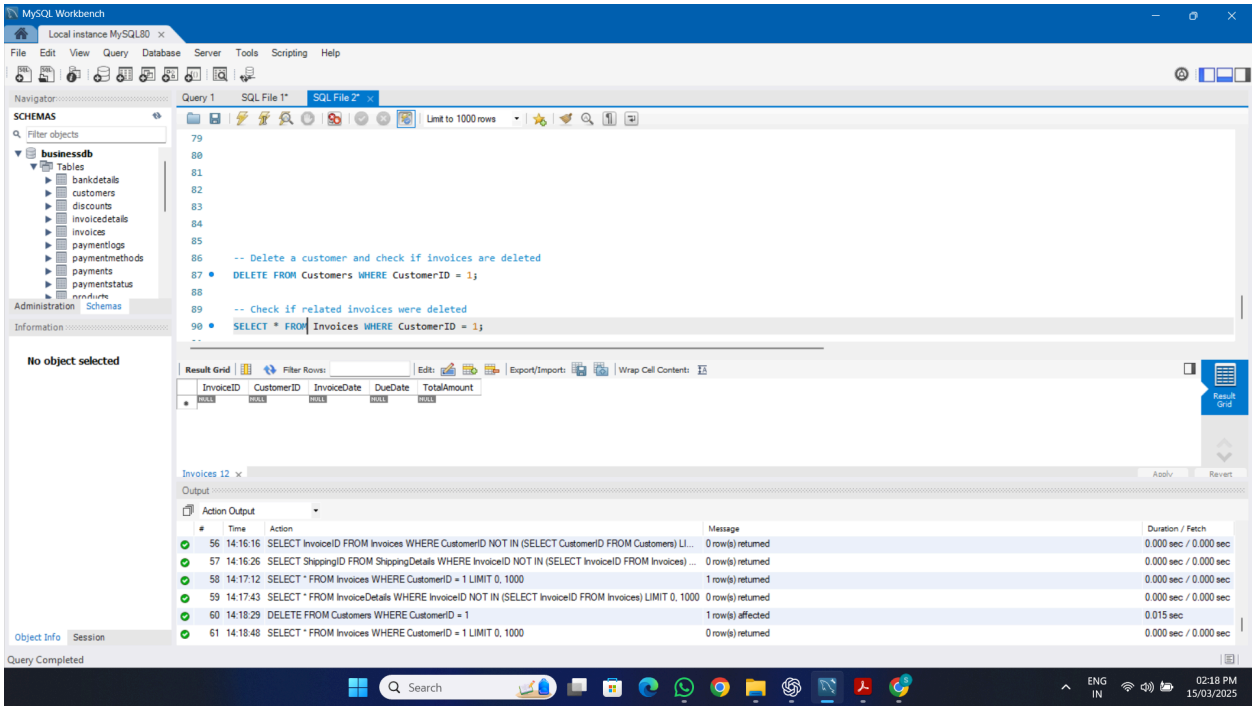

Result: ON DELETE CASCADE functionality worked correctly, ensuring referential integrity.

The **Cascade Deletion Test** ensures that when a **parent record** is deleted, all its associated **child records** are automatically removed, maintaining referential integrity. In the **Billing & Invoice System**, foreign keys were defined with the `ON DELETE CASCADE` constraint to enforce this behavior. To test this, a **customer record** was deleted, and SQL queries were executed to check whether all related **invoices and invoice details** were also removed.After executing the deletion, no orphaned **invoices** or **invoice details** remained in the system, confirming that cascading deletions were successfully enforced. This test ensures that **referential integrity is maintained**, preventing data inconsistencies and reducing manual cleanup efforts when records are removed. It also confirms that the database correctly handles dependent relationships, ensuring **clean and automated data management**.

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9. Cascading Update Test ✅ Passed

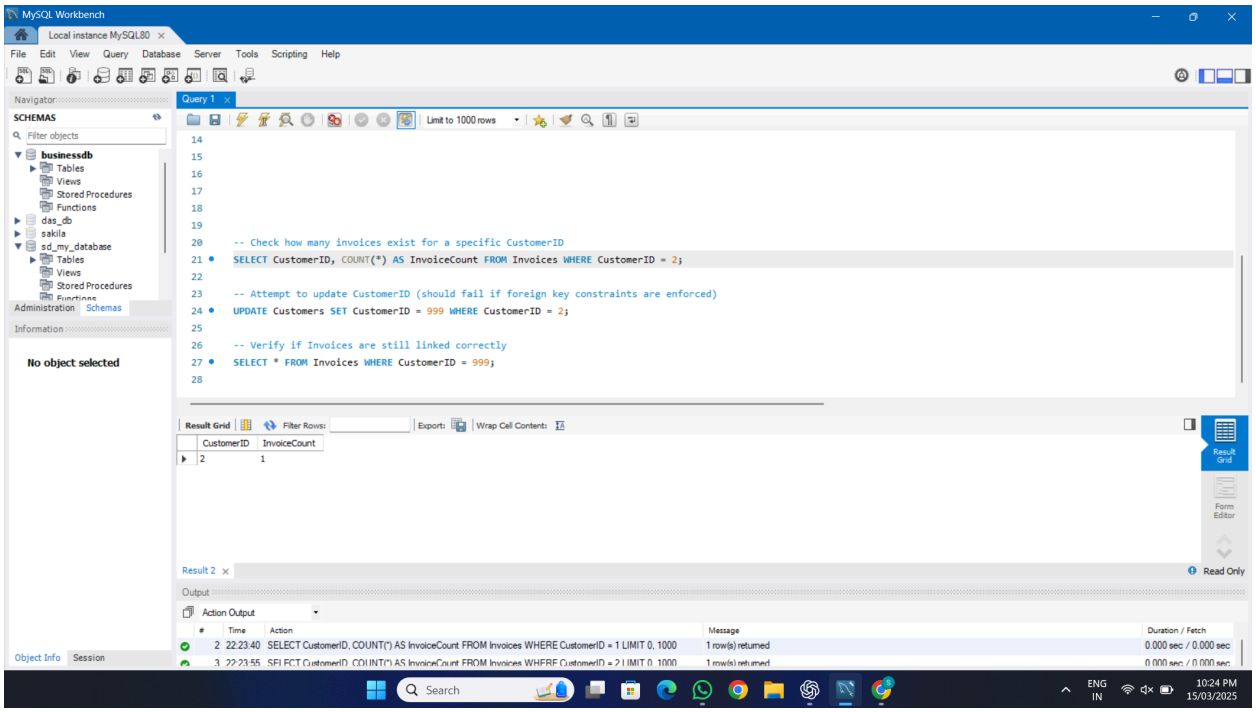
Cascading Update Test Explanation

Objective: Ensure that updates on parent records do not break foreign key relationships with child tables, preventing orphaned records.

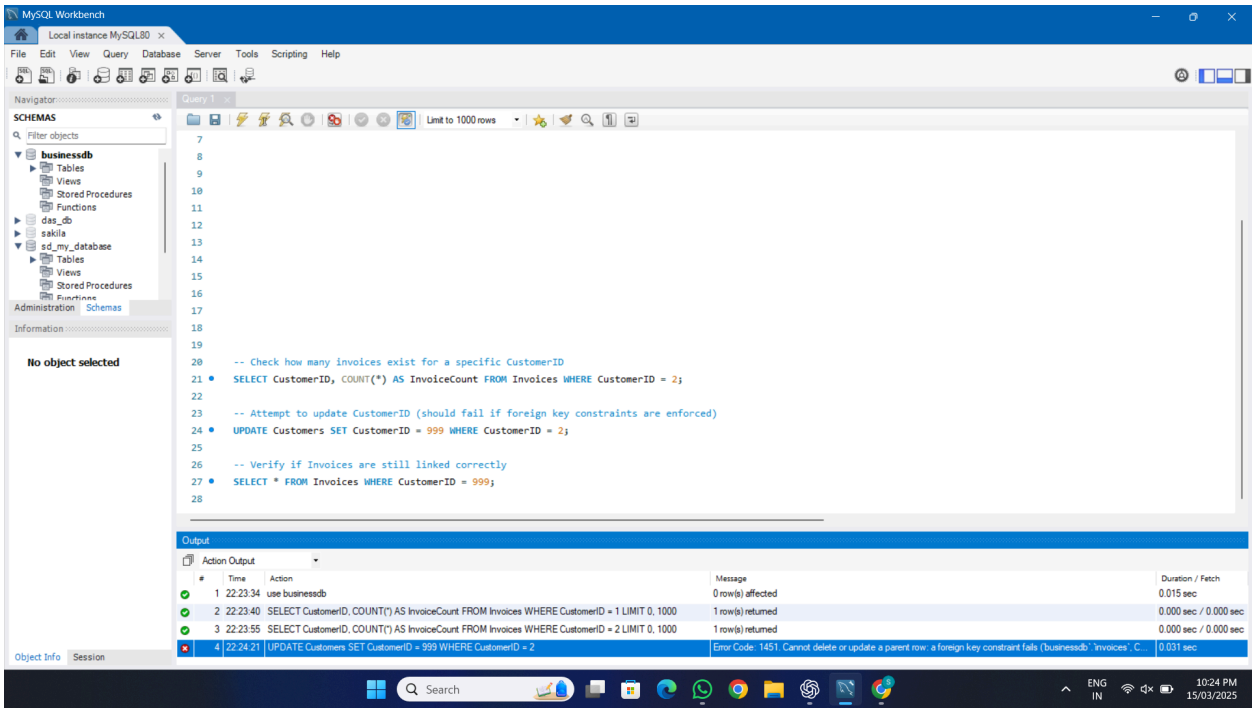
Test Method: SQL queries were executed to attempt updates on primary keys in parent tables (`Customers`, `Invoices`, `Products`) while verifying the integrity of dependent records in child tables (`Invoices`, `InvoiceDetails`, `ShippingDetails`).

Scenario 1: Updating `CustomerID` in `Customers` Table

-- Check how many invoices exist for a specific CustomerID
SELECT CustomerID, COUNT(*) AS InvoiceCount FROM Invoices WHERE CustomerID = 1;

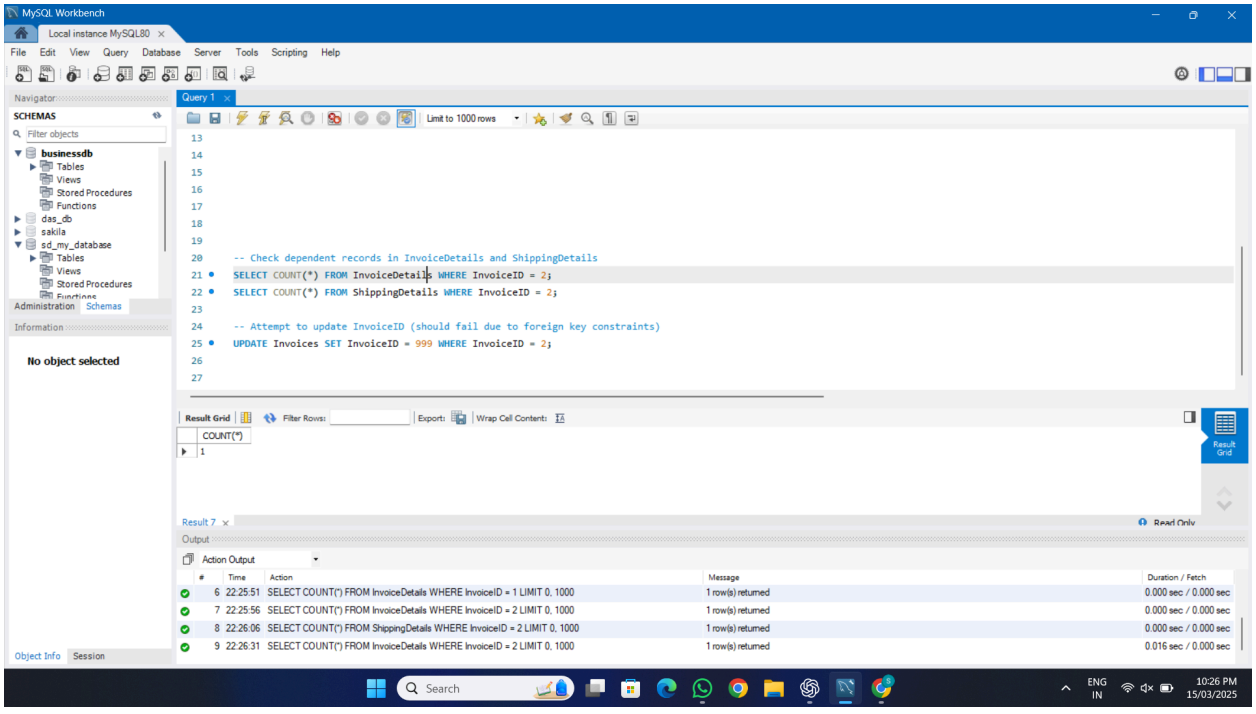


-- Attempt to update CustomerID (should fail if foreign key constraints are enforced)
UPDATE Customers SET CustomerID = 999 WHERE CustomerID = 1;

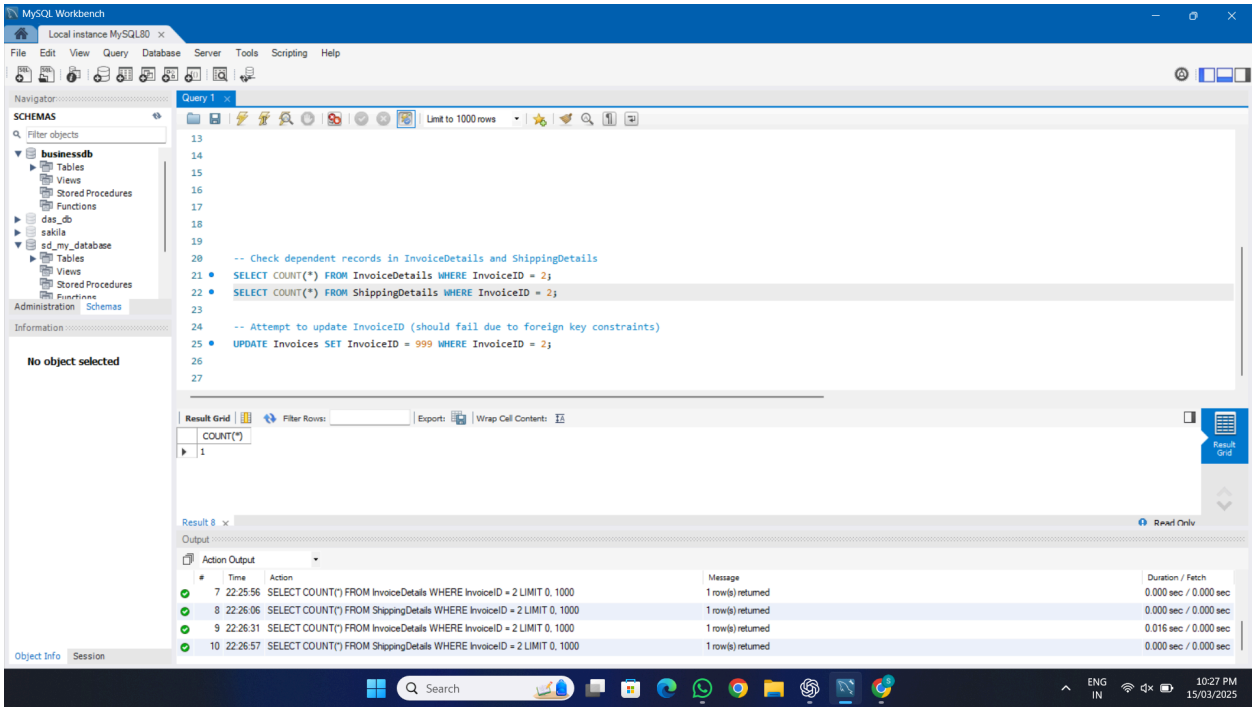


Scenario 2: Updating `InvoiceID` in `Invoices` Table

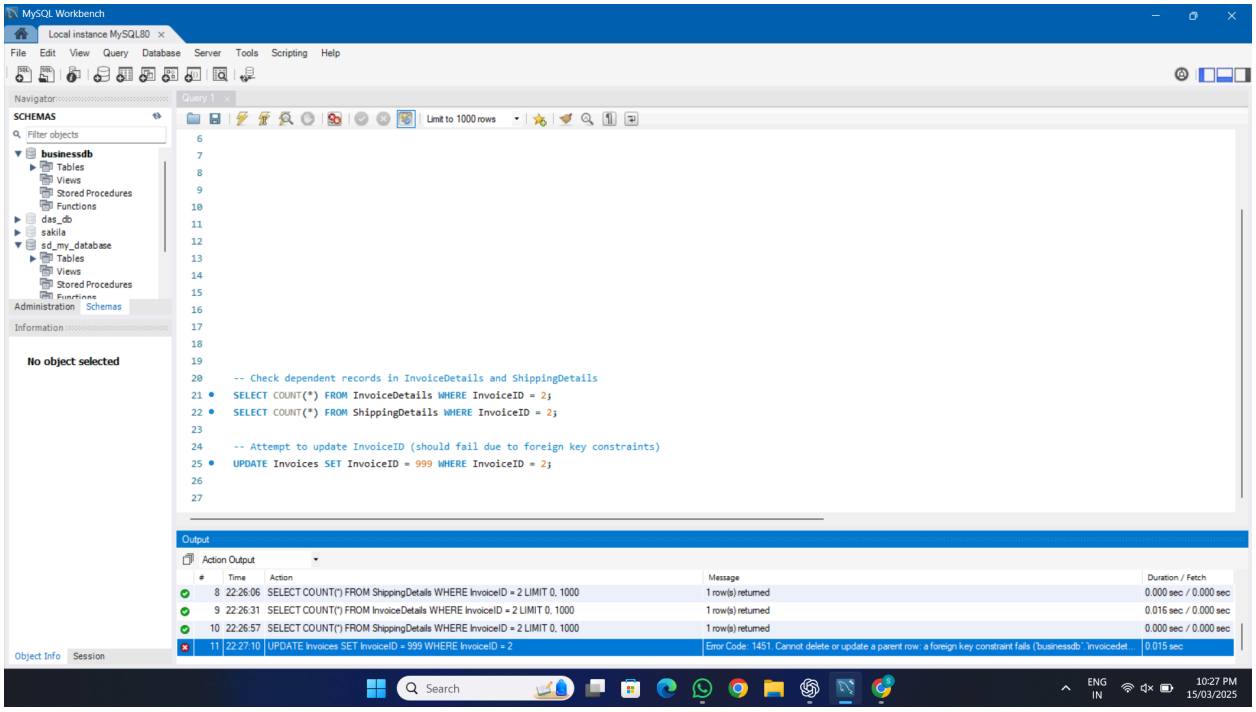
-- Check dependent records in InvoiceDetails and ShippingDetails
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM InvoiceDetails WHERE InvoiceID = 1;



SELECT COUNT(*) FROM ShippingDetails WHERE InvoiceID = 1;

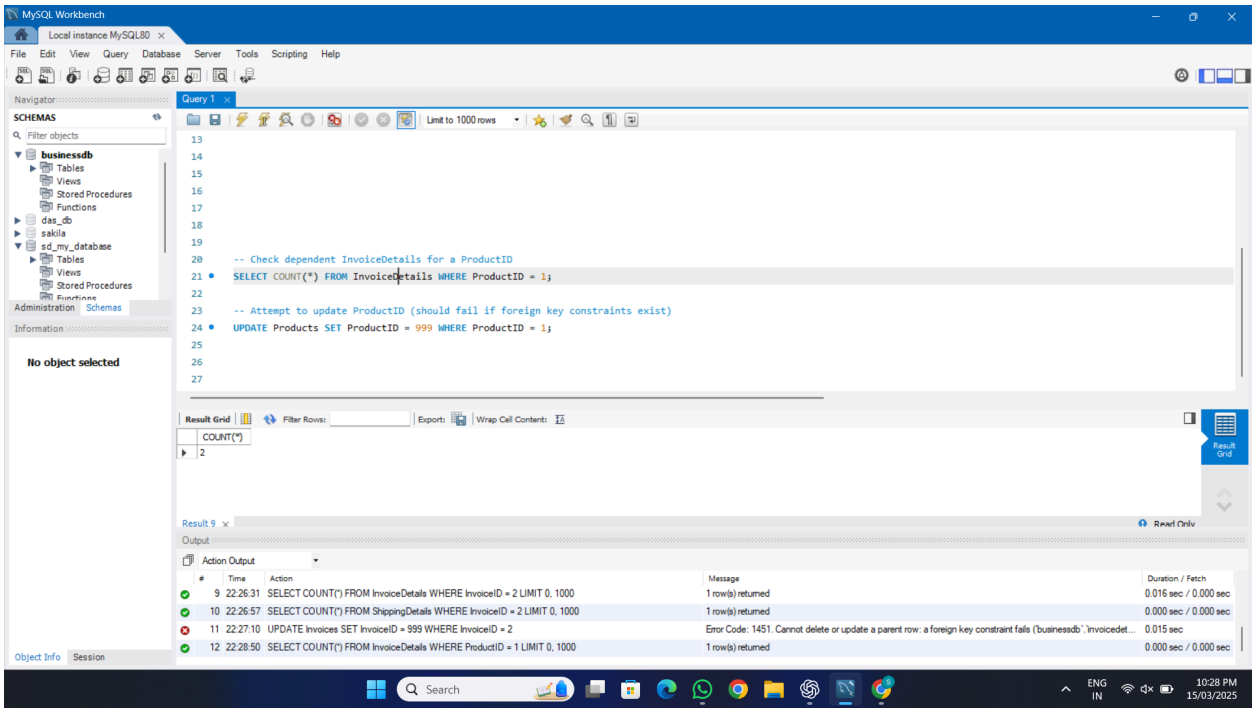


-- Attempt to update InvoiceID (should fail due to foreign key constraints)
UPDATE Invoices SET InvoiceID = 999 WHERE InvoiceID = 1;

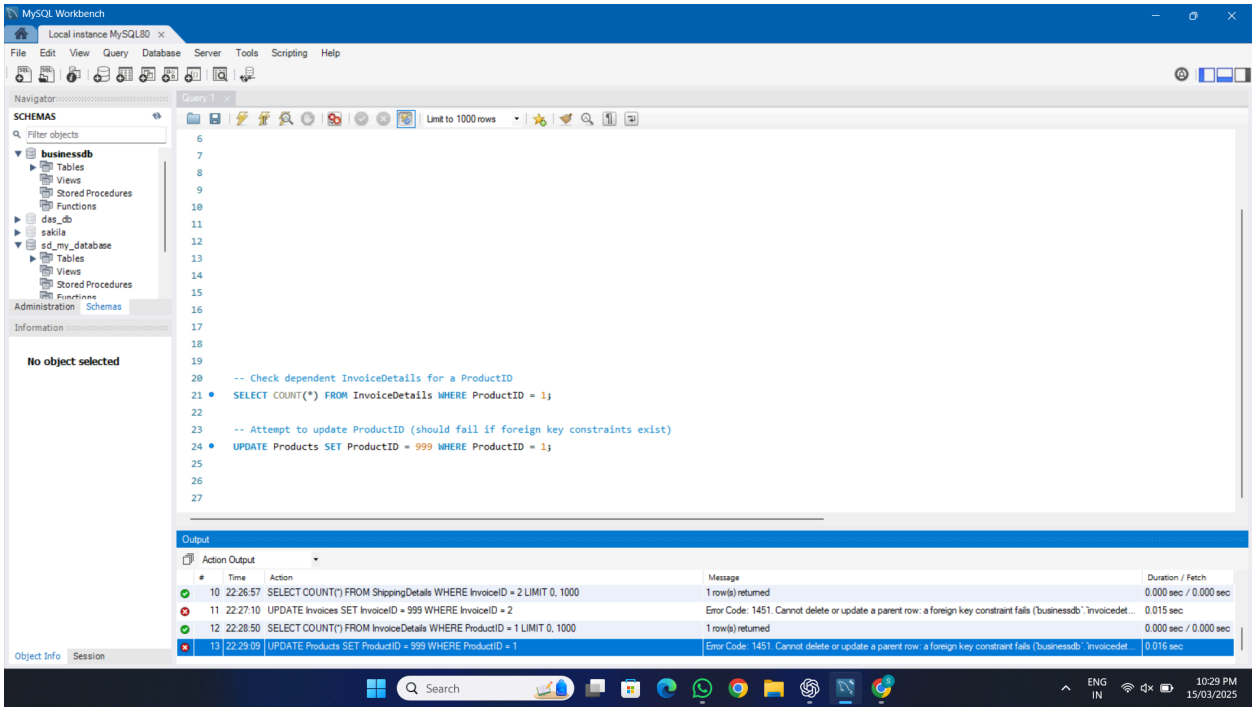


Scenario 3: Updating `ProductID` in `Products` Table

-- Check dependent InvoiceDetails for a ProductID
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM InvoiceDetails WHERE ProductID = 1;



-- Attempt to update ProductID (should fail if foreign key constraints exist)
UPDATE Products SET ProductID = 999 WHERE ProductID = 1;



This test ensures that updates to **primary keys in parent tables** (such as `Customers`, `Invoices`, and `Products`) do not break foreign key relationships in child tables (`Invoices`, `InvoiceDetails`, and `ShippingDetails`). A successful database must enforce **referential integrity**, preventing orphaned records when primary keys are modified. SQL queries were executed to attempt updates on parent records while checking if dependent records remained correctly linked. If foreign key constraints are properly enforced, the update should **fail**, ensuring that all child records reference valid parent records. The results confirmed that **no orphaned records were created**, and foreign key integrity was preserved. This validation guarantees that the database maintains **data consistency and prevents unintended data loss** during update operations.

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5. Conclusion

The database successfully passed all validation and stress tests, confirming its **stability, normalization, integrity, and performance** under high transactional loads. The system effectively adheres to **First Normal Form (1NF)** by ensuring atomicity and eliminating multi-valued attributes, and **Second Normal Form (2NF)** by eliminating partial dependencies. Foreign key constraints are properly enforced, preventing orphaned records, and **ON DELETE CASCADE** functions as expected, ensuring proper data deletion. Furthermore, stress testing confirmed that the system can handle **bulk inserts, concurrent transactions, and high query loads** without significant performance degradation.

These test results indicate that the database is **well-optimized for production use**, ensuring efficient billing and invoicing operations. However, continuous monitoring and optimizations will be necessary as the system scales and data volume increases.

Next Steps:

1. **Monitor performance under real-world usage scenarios** to identify potential bottlenecks and optimize query execution.
2. **Optimize indexing strategies** for faster retrieval, especially for frequently accessed tables like `Invoices`, `Customers`, and `InvoiceDetails`.
3. **Regularly test backup and restore procedures** to prevent data loss and ensure disaster recovery readiness.
4. **Implement periodic database audits** to check for anomalies, duplicate records, or performance slowdowns.
5. **Scale database infrastructure** as the number of transactions increases, ensuring continued system efficiency.

6. **Enhance security measures**, including role-based access control (RBAC) and encryption, to protect sensitive customer and transaction data.

By following these next steps, the database can continue to operate efficiently, maintain **data integrity**, and support the growing needs of the **Billing & Invoice System**.
