Design Report: Datastore Implementation

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Design Report

Abstract

This report outlines the design, development, and implementation of a *Kantai Collection* Database in MySQL. Exploring both the use-cases and overall design of the datastore system, the raw data was gathered from the *Kantai Collection Wiki* in table form and was processed to match the schema of the database. The report also outlines various queries for common use-cases such as creating an equipment loadout for a ship or reassigning a ship to another fleet. The database was implemented using MySQL Workbench 8.0 CE on a Windows 10 Machine. The implementation was successful and extended upon to include additional functionality through the ALTER keyword. The database holds the information on approximately 200 ships.

Overview of Database

The database (or datastore) will be used to collate and store information relating to the game Kantai Collection.

Background Information

Kantai Collection is an online browser-based game whereby players collect and command WW2-era ships, assembling fleets and battling against an unknown fleet of ships. With highly simplified statistics of warships, there are vast opportunities for classification and organisation. The term 'WW2-era ships' loosely describes the various ships within the game, with the earliest ships built and launched around the First World War (circa. 1914-1918), the Kongou-class ships launched around 1911-1915.

Kantai Collection was developed by Kadokawa Games and published to Japanese game site DMM.com. It was launched in 2013 and was originally developed in Flash, and has moved to HTML5 mid-2018 with the "Phase 2" Update. Gameplay consists of naval warfare, development, maintenance, supply, and operational planning.

Main Uses of the Datastore

The datastore will contain information relating to the different statistics and equipment of each ship, along with information relating to their nation or current fleet. Ships will require information relating to their statistics such as their firepower, armour, or current fuel and ammunition. Furthermore, each ship will have a limited number of equipment slots for certain types of equipment, such as naval guns, torpedoes, or RADAR.

Within typical gameplay, the basic information about each ship will rarely change, save for a few exceptions such as upgrades. On the other hand, information such as the current ammunition level, fuel level, or morale of the ship will be accessed and changed often.

MySQL Database

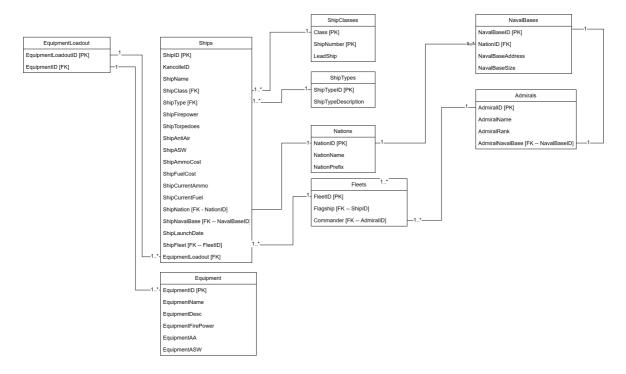
The reason for choosing MySQL over NoSQL is due to the structured nature of the data and the already-available data in table form. The regular groupings and connections within the data were relatively straightforward and logical to establish, such as ship type to the hull code, and ships to nations, or naval bases. Data did not exist for ships belonging to a specific fleet nor the equipment loadout, however, those can be modified through transactions and queries.

Due to the nature of the game, there are various use-cases for the datastore system:

- Moving a ship into and out of a fleet
- · Accessing information about a ship
- Upgrading (known as modernising) a ship
- · Mounting Equipment on a ship
- · Repairing a ship

Illustration of Top-Level Design

The following figure is an Entity-Relationship Diagram showing the relationships between each table, normalised to 3NF.



Attribute Data Types

The following table outlines the data types for each attribute based off the table and the reason for the data type.

ShipTypes Table

Attribute	Data Type	Justification
		Ship hull classification codes, notably NATO classification codes are in the form XXX, such as BB, BBV, CV, DD to name a few. This refers to
shipTypeID	varchar(3)	one ship type only and is not only unique, but human-readable and
1 71		descriptive. For example, the 61st Battleship may be referred to as BB-
		61. Furthermore, the varchar justification is that primary keys do
		not change, and therefore will take up less space compared to char
		Connecting BB to Battleship and DD to Destroyer, again, these names
ShipTypeDescription	varchar(100)	do not change at all and new codes are created for derivations of
ShipiypeDescription		ships, such as BBV for Aviation Battleship. Hence, to reduce memory
		usage, varchar reduces the size of the attribute.

Primary Key: shipTypeID,

 ${\tt ShipTypeID}\ refers\ directly\ to\ the\ ship\ type,\ and\ is\ fully\ unique\ between\ hull\ classifications.$

Nations Table

	Attribute	Data Type	Justification
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Attribute	Data Type	Justification							
nationID	int	Auto-incrementing unique ID Number							
nationName varchar(100)		Name of the Nation, e.g. Australia or United Kingdom. These names do not change, and therefore varchar reduces storage requirements.							
nationPrefix	varchar(100)	Prefix of a nation, e.g. HMAS for <i>Her Majesty's Australian Ship</i> or KMS as an approximate classification for <i>Kriegsmarine</i> .							

Primary Key: nationID, A unique primary key.

NavalBases Table

Attribute	Data Type	Justification					
navalBaseID int		Auto-incrementing unique ID Number					
navalBaseNationID	int	Foreign Key, connecting to Nations Table.					
navalBaseName	char(200)	Name of a naval base. Doesn't change and therefore uses varchar					
navalBaseAddress	char(200)	Address of a naval base, doesn't change, and therefore uses varchar					
navalBaseSize	int	Capacity of a Naval Base, used in calculations and requires manipulation,					
Havarbasesize	1110	therefore is an int.					

Primary Key: navalBaseID, A unique primary key.

Admirals Table

Attribute	Data Type	Justification						
admiralID	int	Auto-incrementing unique ID Number						
admiralFirstName	varchar(100)	First name, rarely changes, varchar						
admiralLastName varchar(100)		Last name, rarely changes, varchar						
admiralRank char(100)		Rank of an admiral, may not necessarily be of official rank, generally refers to codes (e.g. VCADML) over Vice Admiral, however, there is no set system. It would be less restrictive to use an open-ended system instead of strict enforcement due to each country's different systems.						
admiralNavalBase	int	The foreign key associated with the naval base.						

Primary Key: admiralID,
A unique primary key.

Equipment Table

Attribute	Data Type	Justification
equipmentID	int auto_increment	Auto-incrementing unique ID Number
equipmentKancolleID	int	
equpimentName	varchar(100)	
equipmentDesc	varchar(100)	
equipmentFirePower	int	
equipmentAA	int	
equpimentASW	int	

Primary Key: ShipTypeID,

ShipTypeID refers directly to the ship type, and is fully unique between hull classifications.

Fleets Table

Attribute	Data Type	Justification
fleetID	int	Auto-incrementing unique ID Number
admiralID	int	

Primary Key: fleetID

Later updated to add the attribute fleetName, with the name being a Char (100)

Ships Table

Attribute	Data Type	Justification
shipID	int	Auto-incrementing unique ID Number
shipKancolleID	char(4)	The Kantai Collection ID (e.g. 113, 113a, 113b)
shipName	varchar(50)	Name of a ship. Doesn't change. If so, new ship.
shipClass	varchar(50)	Class of a ship, Doesn't change. If so, new ship.
shipType	varchar(4)	Foreign Key REFERENCES ShipTypeTable(ShipTypeID)
shipFirePower	int	Ship Stat
shipTorpedoes	int	۸
shipAA	int	٨
shipASW	int	^
shipAmmoCost	int	^
shipFuelCost	int	^
shipNation	int	Foreign Key REFERENCES Nations(nationID)
shipNavalBase	int	Foreign Key REFERENCES NavalBases(navalbaseID)
shipFleet	int	Foreign Key REFERENCES Fleets(fleetID)

Primary Key: shipID,

A unique ID compared to the KancolleID as it can be auto-incremented

EquipmentLoadout Table

Attribute	Data Type	Justification
equpimentLoadoutID	int	Auto-incrementing unique ID Number
equippedShip	int	Foreign Key REFERENCES Ships(ShipID)
equipmentID	int	Foreign Key REFERENCES Equipmment(EquipmentID)

Primary Key: EquipmentLoadoutID,

A weak entity /associative entity to describe the many-to-many relationship between Ships and their Equipment

Database Development

Scripts Necessary for Design

The datastore will be designed in MySQL and tested locally on a virtual instance of Ubuntu 19.04 'Disco Dingo' utilising MySQL Workbench and/or MySQL Workbench 6.0 CE in Windows 10.

The scripts necessary will involve the construction and proper references of each table and their relationships with each other. It will also include the data type required by MySQL specified for each attribute within each table.

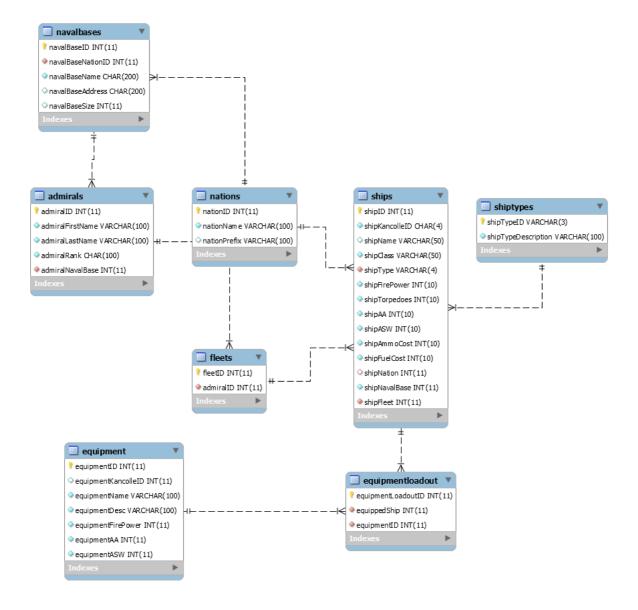
Constructing the Database

The following script constructs a database that was refined to better accept relational data and data that can be found easily.

```
create schema kancolledb;
 2
    use kancolledb;
 3
 4
    set AUTOCOMMIT = 0;
 5
    create table ShipTypes (
 6
         shipTypeID varchar(3) not null,
 7
 8
         shipTypeDescription varchar(100) not null,
 9
10
         primary key (shipTypeID)
    );
11
12
13
14
    create table Nations (
15
       nationID int not null AUTO_INCREMENT,
        nationName varchar(100) not null,
16
        nationPrefix varchar(100),
17
18
19
        primary key (nationID)
20
    );
21
22
    create table NavalBases (
23
        navalBaseID int not null AUTO_INCREMENT,
24
        navalBaseNationID int not null,
25
        navalBaseName char(200) not null,
        navalBaseAddress char(200),
26
        navalBaseSize int,
27
28
29
        primary key (navalBaseID),
         foreign key (navalBaseNationID) references Nations(nationID)
31
32
    );
33
34
    create table Admirals (
        admiralID int not null AUTO INCREMENT,
35
        admiralFirstName varchar(100) not null,
36
37
         admiralLastName varchar(100) not null,
         admiralRank char(100) not null,
38
         admiralNavalBase int not null,
39
40
         primary key (admiralID),
41
42
         foreign key (admiralNavalBase) references NavalBases(navalBaseID)
43
44
    );
45
46
47
    create table Equipment (
         equipmentID int not null AUTO_INCREMENT,
48
         equipmentKancolleID int,
49
         equipmentName varchar(100) not null,
50
51
         equipmentDesc varchar(100) not null,
         equipmentFirePower int not null,
53
         equipmentAA int not null,
```

```
54
         equipmentASW int not null,
55
56
         primary key (equipmentiD)
58
    );
59
    create table Fleets (
60
61
         fleetID int not null AUTO INCREMENT,
        admiralID int not null,
62
63
         primary key (fleetID),
64
         foreign key (admiralID) references Admirals(admiralID)
65
    );
66
67
    create table Ships (
         shipID int not null AUTO_INCREMENT,
69
         shipKancolleID char(4) not null,
70
         shipName varchar(50),
71
         shipClass varchar(50) not null,
72
73
         shipType varchar(4) not null,
         shipFirePower int unsigned not null,
74
         shipTorpedoes int unsigned not null,
75
76
         shipAA int unsigned not null,
77
         shipASW int unsigned not null,
78
         shipAmmoCost int unsigned not null,
         shipFuelCost int unsigned not null,
79
80
         shipNation int,
81
         shipNavalBase int not null,
82
         shipFleet int not null,
83
84
         primary key (shipID),
         foreign key (shipType) references ShipTypes(shipTypeID),
85
         foreign key (shipNation) references Nations(nationID),
86
         foreign key (shipFleet) references Fleets(fleetID)
87
88
    );
89
    create table EquipmentLoadout (
90
91
         equipmentLoadoutID int not null AUTO_INCREMENT,
         equippedShip int not null,
92
93
         equipmentID int not null,
94
95
         primary key (equipmentLoadoutID),
96
         foreign key (equippedShip) references Ships(ShipID),
         foreign key (equipmentID) references Equipment(equipmentID)
97
98
    );
```

The final design of the database, according to MySQL Workbench's reverse-engineering tool can be found in the following figure.



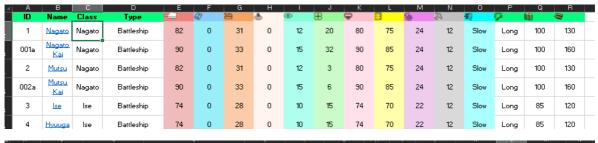
Collecting the necessary data

No database is without data, hence, the transformation from table data into database will be discussed in the following section to outline the tools, methodology, and reasoning behind the design of the database. All of the data gathered for the database comes from the Kantai Collection Wiki (http://en.kancollewiki.net/wiki/Ship_list) with tables such as the following:

Ship list



The tables were imported into Microsoft Excel for further processing. Imported into a sheet into excel, the raw data import is used as a reference sheet in order to derive the required tables.



shipID	shipKancolleID	shipName	shipClass	shipType	shipFirePower	shipTorpedoes	shipAA	shipASW	shipFuelCost	shipAmmoCost	ShipNation	ShipNavalBase	ShipFleet
	1 1	Nagato	Nagato	BB	82	0	31	0	100	130	1	1	1
	2 001a	Nagato Kai	Nagato	BB	90	0	33	0	100	160	1	1	1
	3 2	Mutsu	Nagato	BB	82	0	31	. 0	100	130	1	1	1
	1 002a	Mutsu Kai	Nagato	BB	90	0	33	0	100	160	1	1	1
5	5 3	Ise	Ise	BB	74	0	28	0	85	120	1	1	1
7	5 4	Hyuuga	Ise	BB	74	0	28	0	85	120	1	1	

The second figure shows the table generated by the excel spreadsheet, showing all the attributes of the *Ships* table. Using tools such as VLOOKUP, the excel spreadsheet converts Battleship to BB and removes unnecessary attributes. Furthermore, default values are added for ShipNavalBase and ShipFleet whilst ShipNation was added in manually.

Scripts for Typical Use-Cases

The scripts for the database will be based on the use-cases described previously:

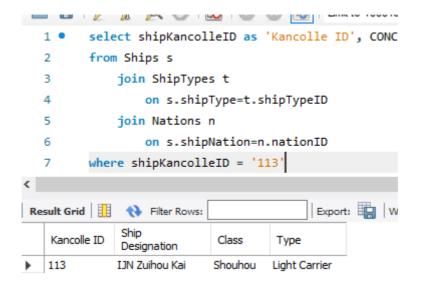
- Moving a ship into and out of a fleet
- · Accessing information about a ship
- Upgrading (known as modernising) a ship
- Mounting Equipment on a ship
- etc.

Accessing information about a ship

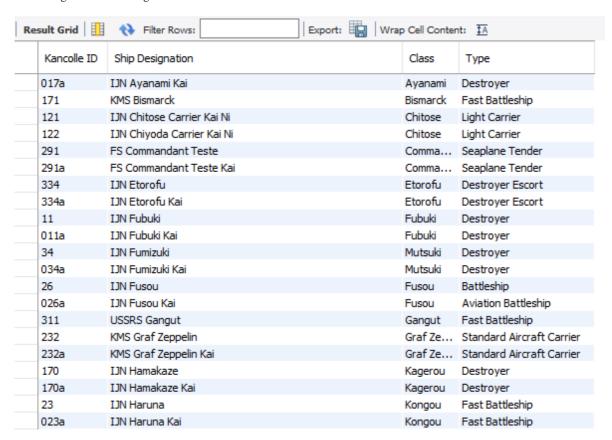
Accessing basic information about a ship

```
select shipKancolleID as 'Kancolle ID', CONCAT(nationPrefix, " ", shipName) as 'Ship Designation',
    shipClass as 'Class', shipTypeDescription as 'Type'
from Ships s
    join ShipTypes t
        on s.shipType=t.shipTypeID
    join Nations n
        on s.shipNation=n.nationID
where shipKancolleID = '113'
order by shipName asc;
```

Output:



Removing the restriction gives:



More detailed information about a ship

Obtaining more detailed information about a ship or ships can be given by the following query:

```
use kancolledb;
2
    select
         shipID as 'Ship ID',
3
        fleetName as 'Current Fleet',
4
5
         shipKancolleID as 'Kancolle ID',
         CONCAT(nationPrefix, " ", shipName) as 'Ship Designation',
6
         shipClass as 'Class',
         shipTypeDescription as 'Type',
8
         shipFirePower as 'Firepower',
9
10
         shipTorpedoes as 'Torpedoes',
         shipAA as 'Anti-Air',
11
```

```
12
         shipASW as 'Anti-Submarine',
13
         shipAmmoCost as 'Ammunition Consumption',
14
         shipFuelCost as 'Fuel Consumption',
         navalBaseName as 'Current Base'
15
16
    from Ships s
17
         join ShipTypes t
18
             on s.shipType=t.shipTypeID
19
20
         join Nations n
21
             on s.shipNation=n.nationID
         join Fleets f
22
            on f.fleetID = s.shipFleet
23
24
         join NavalBases nb
             on s.shipNavalBase = nb.navalBaseID
25
26
     -- where shipKancolleID = '113'
    order by shipName asc;
27
```

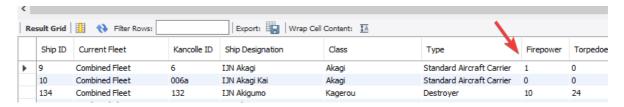
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	Ship ID	Current Fleet	Kancolle ID	Ship Designation	Class	Туре	Firepower	Torpedoes	Anti-Air	Anti-Submarine	Ammunition Consumption	Fuel Consumption	Current Base
١	9	Combined Fleet	6	IJN Akagi	Akagi	Standard Aircraft Carrier	0	0	32	0	55	60	Hashirajima Anchorage
	10	Combined Fleet	006a	IJN Akagi Kai	Akagi	Standard Aircraft Carrier	0	0	35	0	75	75	Hashirajima Anchorage
	134	Combined Fleet	132	I3N Akigumo	Kagerou	Destroyer	10	24	9	24	20	15	Hashirajima Anchorage
	135	Combined Fleet	132a	I3N Akigumo Kai	Kagerou	Destroyer	8	28	22	27	20	15	Hashirajima Anchorage
	149	Combined Fleet	161	IJN Akitsu Maru	Hei	Amphibious Assault Ship	6	0	13	0	10	40	Hashirajima Anchorage
	157	Combined Fleet	166	I3N Akitsu Maru Kai	Hei	Amphibious Assault Ship	8	0	15	0	25	45	Hashirajima Anchorage
	103	Combined Fleet	88	IJN Arashio	Asashio	Destroyer	10	24	9	21	20	15	Hashirajima Anchorage
	104	Combined Fleet	088a	IJN Arashio Kai	Asashio	Destroyer	12	28	16	24	20	15	Hashirajima Anchorage
	97	Combined Fleet	85	IJN Asashio	Asashio	Destroyer	10	24	12	21	20	15	Hashirajima Anchorage
	98	Combined Fleet	085a	IJN Asashio Kai	Asashio	Destroyer	12	28	16	24	20	15	Hashirajima Anchorage
	31	Combined Fleet	17	IJN Ayanami	Ayanami	Destroyer	10	27	12	20	20	15	Hashirajima Anchorage
	22	Cambiand Floor	017-	TWI Assessed Mail	Accessed	Dantes	10	20	45	24	20	10	Healthanna Analysis

Altering Ships

Ships can be upgraded for increased performance. The following scripts update ship statistics and other values.

```
1  use kancolledb;
2  
3  update Ships
4  set
5  shipFirePower = shipFirePower + 1
6  where
7  shipID = 9;
8
```

The altered value can be found with the red arrow below:



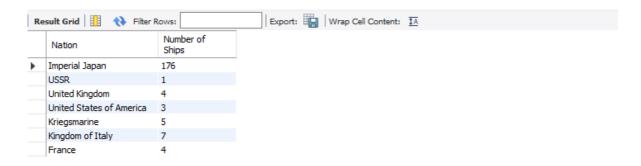
Grouping Queries

The following queries provide information on certain groups of ships.

Ships Per Nation

```
use kancolledb;

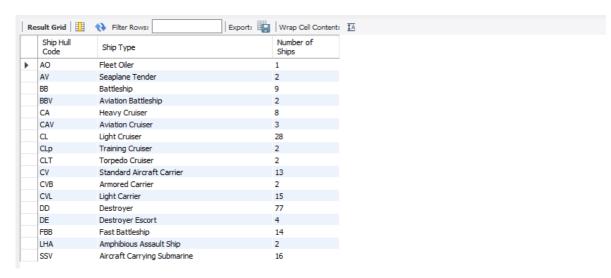
select nationName as 'Nation', count(shipNation) as 'Number of Ships'
from ships s
join nations n
on s.shipNation = n.nationID
group by shipNation;
```



Ships by Class

```
1
   use kancolledb;
2
3
   select shipClass as 'Ship Class', count(shipClass) as 'Number of Ships'
4
   from ships
5
   group by shipClass
   order by count(shipClass) desc;
                                            Export: Wrap Cell Content: IA
    Ship
Class
                 Number of
                 Ships
       Mutsuki
                 20
       Kagerou
                 16
                 12
       Fubuki
       Kuma
                 10
       Nagara
                8
       Kongou
                8
       Asashio
```

Ships by Type



Fleet Scripts

To make fleets more interesting, I've altered the Fleets table to include the attribute FleetName

```
1  use kancolledb;
2  
3  ALTER TABLE Fleets
4  ADD fleetName char(100) not null;
```

To update the names of the fleets:

```
use kancolledb;

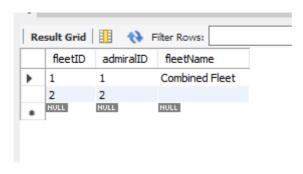
update Fleets

fleetName = 'Combined Fleet'

where

fleetID = 1;
```

Querying for the Fleets table gives us:



As the second fleet has no name, the attribute is empty.

Querying Ships in a given Fleet

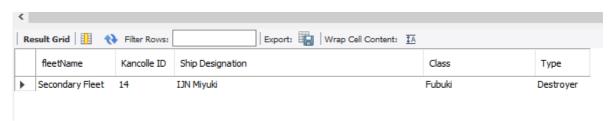
```
use kancolledb;
 2
 3
    select
        fleetName, shipKancolleID as 'Kancolle ID', CONCAT(nationPrefix, " ", shipName) as 'Ship
 4
    Designation', shipClass as 'Class', shipTypeDescription as 'Type'
 5
 6
            Ships s
 7
        join
 8
            ShipTypes t
 9
            on s.shipType=t.shipTypeID
10
        join
11
            Nations n
            on s.shipNation=n.nationID
12
13
        join
14
            Fleets f
15
            on f.fleetID = s.shipFleet
        where f.fleetID = '1';
16
```

```
3 •
         select
             fleetName, shipKancolleID as 'Kancolle ID', CONCAT(nationPrefix, " ", shipName) as 'Ship Designation'
  4
  5
             from
  6
                  Ships s
  7
              join
  8
                 ShipTypes t
  9
                  on s.shipType=t.shipTypeID
 10
             join
 11
                  Nations n
 12
                  on s.shipNation=n.nationID
 13
             join
                 Fleets f
 14
                  on f.fleetID = s.shipFleet
 15
             where f.fleetID = '1';
 16
Export: Wrap Cell Content: IA
   fleetName
                 Kancolle ID Ship Designation
                                                                           Class
                                                                                               Type
  Combined Fleet 1
                            IJN Nagato
                                                                          Nagato
                                                                                               Battleship
   Combined Fleet 001a
                          IJN Nagato Kai
                                                                                               Battleship
                                                                          Nagato
  Combined Fleet 2
                                                                                               Battleship
                           IJN Mutsu
                                                                          Nagato
   Combined Fleet 002a
                       IJN Mutsu Kai
                                                                          Nagato
                                                                                               Battleship
                                                                                               Battleship
  Combined Fleet 4
                           IJN Hyuuga
                                                                                               Battleship
                                                                          Ise
   Combined Fleet 5
                           IJN Yukikaze
                                                                          Kagerou
                                                                                               Destroyer
  Combined Fleet 005a
                          IJN Yukikaze Kai
                                                                          Kagerou
                                                                                               Destroyer
```

To move a ship between fleets:

```
use kancolledb;
update Ships
update Ships
set
shipFleet = 2
where
shipID = 25;
```

Searching for Fleet 2 gives us:



Equipment Queries

Adding Equipment to a ship

The kancolledb database uses a weak entity to connect ships to their mounted equipment using the EquipmentLoadout table. The following query can be used to add equipment (the *Type 3 SONAR*) to a ship (*Murakumo*).

```
insert into equipmentLoadout(equippedShip, equipmentID)
values (27, 21);
```

Showing the Equipment on a ship

To query which ships have which pieces of equipment equipped, the following query shows the ship and any accompanying equipment.

```
1
    use kancolledb;
2
3
    select shipTypeDescription as 'Ship Type', shipName as 'Ship', e.equipmentName as 'Equipped',
    e.equipmentDesc as 'Type', e.equipmentFirePower as 'Firepower', e.equipmentAA as 'AA', e.equipmentASW
    as 'ASW'
4
    from ships s
    join shiptypes t on s.shipType = t.shipTypeID
5
6
   join equipmentLoadout 1 on 1.equippedShip = s.shipID
    join equipment e on l.equipmentID = e.equipmentID;
     Export: Wrap Cell Content: IA
        Ship Type
                            Ship
                                                                                              Firepower
                                                                                                        AA
                                                                                                              ASW
                                     Equipped
       Fast Battleship
                           Richelieu
                                     38cm Twin Gun Mount
                                                                          Heavy Naval Gun
                           Richelieu 38cm Twin Gun Mount
       Fast Battleship
                                                                         Heavy Naval Gun
                                                                                                             0
                                                                                              16
                                                                                                       1
                           Murakumo 10cm Twin High-angle Mount + Anti-Aircraft Fir... Dual Purpose Gun
                                                                                                        10
       Destroyer
                                                                                                             0
                           Murakumo Type 3 Depth Charge Launcher
                                                                                            0
                                                                                                       0
                                                                                                             8
       Destroyer
                                                                         Depth Charge Launchers
       Destroyer
                           Murakumo Type 3 SONAR
                                                                          Sonar
                                                                                              0
                                                                                                       0
                                                                                                             10
```

Counting Equipment

Counting equipment by type uses:

```
use kancolledb;
1
2
   select equipmentDesc as 'Equipment Type', count(equipmentDesc) as 'Number of Equipment' from
   equipment
   group by equipmentDesc;
    Export: Wrap Cell Content: TA
                          Number of
       Equipment Type
      Light Naval Gun
                          5
      Dual Purpose Gun
                          6
      Medium Naval Gun
                          2
      Heavy Naval Gun
                          4
      Depth Charge Launchers
                         2
```

Conclusion

The distinction-level task is to analyse, design, develop, implement, and document a reasonably complex datastore with accompanying real-world data. Designed after an browser-based game, *Kantai Collection*, the Kantai Collection Database (known in schema as kancolledb) stores information on approximately 200 ships and a number of equipment with relationships between the various tables highlighting the overall structure of the game itself. The database was written in MySQL Workbench 8 on Windows 10, and all data gathered on the game, from the fanmade wiki *Kancolle Wiki*'s tables. The end product was an effective datastore solution containing all the required data along with appropriate queries and transactions to facilitate normal use of both the game and datastore itself. Improvements to the system could include additional restrictions on the number of ships per fleet, though this may be an application-level restriction, or additional information and relationships pertaining to ship classes and their relationship with the real-world ship counterparts.

Glossary

Term	Meaning

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Kantai Collection	Name of the game in question; literally translates to Fleet Collection.
Kancolle	Shortening of Kan tai Colle ction.
Ships	May refer to Kantai Collection's <i>Fleet Girls, or Kantai-musume, shortened Kan-musu</i> , moe-anthropomorphic representation of real-world warships, notably of the 20th Century.
Modernisation	Upgrading a ship through the assimilation of others.
Admiral	In this case, it may also refer to the player as they assume the role of an admiral.
Rear-Admiral	Admiral rank, often there are two captains on a ship, one in the forward section and one in the back. In case one meets untimely end, the second can take command.
Commander	Commanders 'command' 'smaller' ships such as Destroyers up to Light Cruisers, Admirals often command flagships, which tend to be Heavy Cruiser or above. This is Kantai Collection-specific, however, and only roughly matches up with the real world.

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Appendix: CSV Files