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RENT-A-CAR DATABASE

CS 331 Section 002

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The purpose of the database is to manage various aspects of the car rental process. The main goal is to keep track of car inventory, rental contracts, and billing.

The system requirements are as follows:

Cars are assigned to specific locations and each location has one or more cars. Customers can make reservations for a specific car class and location. Reservations are classified into rental agreements, but reservations can also be canceled or remain unclaimed. A rental agreement is created for a specific vehicle, which may participate in multiple rental agreements over time. Car rental rates are determined by the car class, with daily and weekly rates for each class. The car model information includes make, year, and model name. Each car is uniquely identified by a VIN. The branch location has an address and location ID. The rental process involves customers making reservations, providing their information, and then getting a rental number based on the rental agreement. Rental agreements require customer information, including driver's license and credit card details. All rentals must be associated with a reservation. Upon car return, additional information is filled in, and the rental cost is calculated based on the class rental rate.

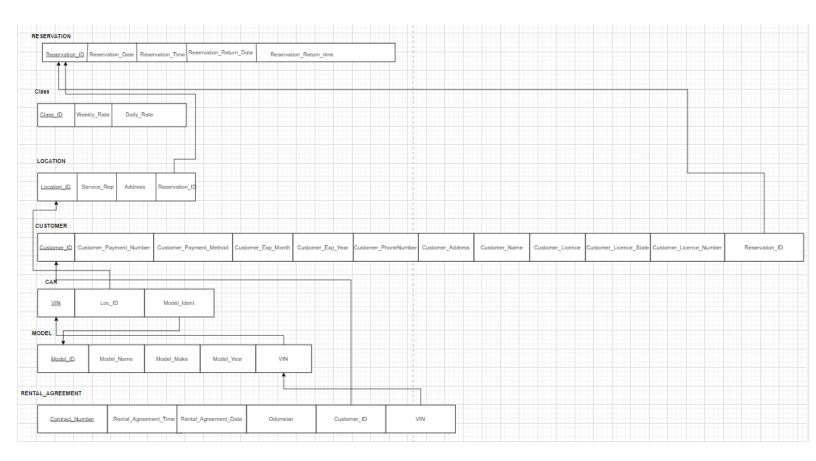
In an effort to meet all the requirements mentioned above, we have created tables to manage the following entities:

Reservation, Class, Location, Customer, Car, Model, and Rental Agreement. Foreign key constraints have been added to ensure referential integrity between tables. Sample data has been inserted using arbitrary data that we made up. Update statements have been created to modify records in each table (as per phase II). Delete statements were created to remove records from each table based on specific conditions (as per phase II). Select queries have been created to do the following: Return info such as the number of reservations made on each date. Return the reservations made on a specific date. Return the VIN of rental agreements with the lowest odometer reading. Return all of the customers who have made reservations with a specific service representative.

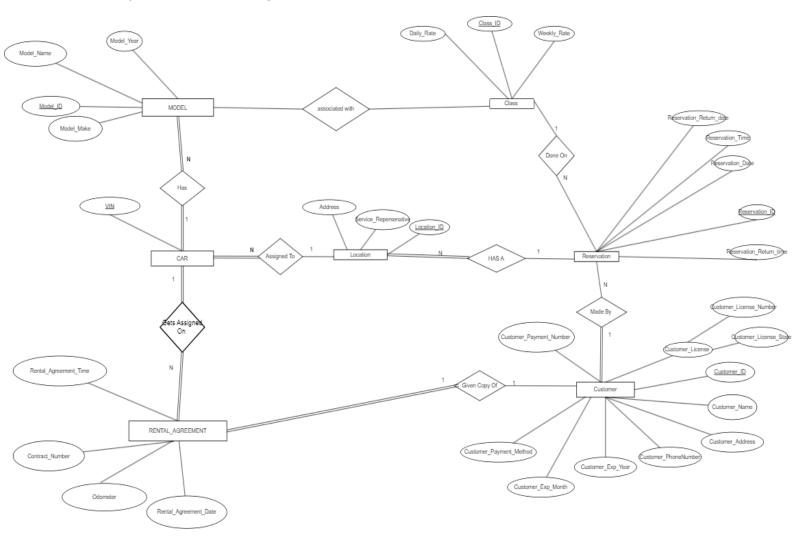
A quick rundown of the tables and their attributes in the database:

Reservation: Tracks reservations made by the customers. Class: Stores the class ID and corresponding rental rates. Location: Holds location details like service representatives and addresses. Customer: Contains customer information such as name, address, and payment method. Car: Keeps a record of cars, including their VIN, location, and model ID. Model: Includes car model details such as make, name, and year. Rental_Agreement: Stores rental agreement such as contract numbers and customer IDs.

Logical Database Design



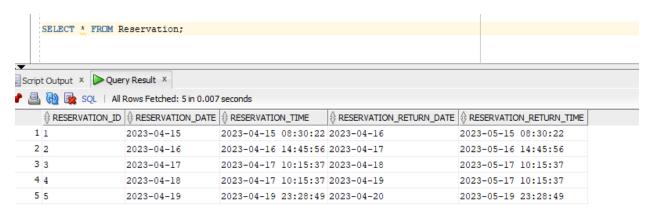
Entity-Relationship Design



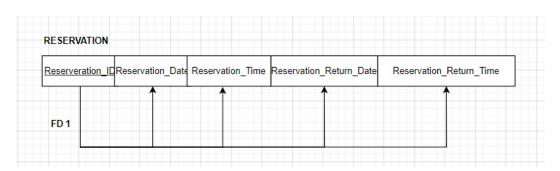
3). Normalization

A). RESERVATION(Reservation_ID, Reservation_DATE, Reservation_Time, Reservation_Return_Date, Reservation_Return_Time)

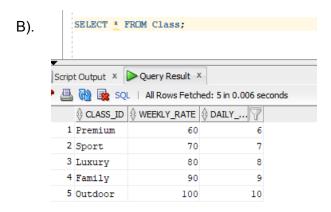




C). Key: Reservation_ID <u>Functional Dependencies</u>: Reservation_ID->{Reservation_DATE, Reservation_Time, Reservation_Return_Date,Reservation_Return_Time}

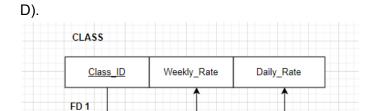


A). CLASS(Class_ID,Weekly_Rate,Daily_Rate)

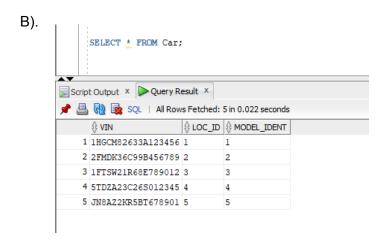


C). Key:Class_ID

<u>Functional Dependencies</u>: Class_ID-> {Weekly_Rate,Daily_Rate}

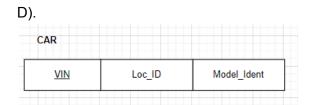


A). CAR(VIN,Loc_ID,Model_Ident)

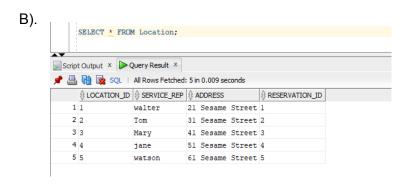


C). Key:VIN

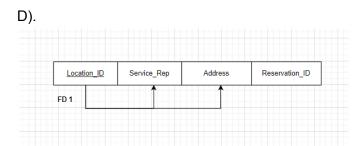
<u>Functional Dependencies</u>: Loc_ID->{Location_ID} Model_Ident->{Model_ID}



A). LOCATION(Location_ID,Service_Rep,Address,Reservation_ID)

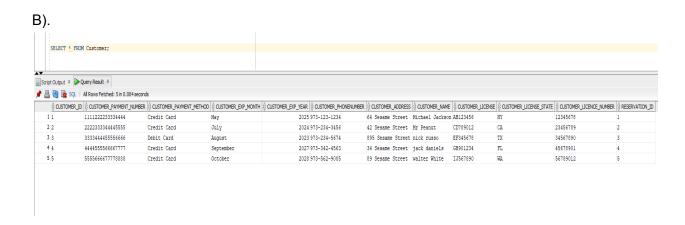


C). Key: Location_ID <u>Functional Dependencies</u>: Location_ID->{Service_Rep,Address} Reservation_ID->Reservation_ID



A).

CUSTOMER(Customer_ID,Customer_Payment_Number,Customer_Payment_Method,Customer_Exp_Month,Customer_Exp_Year,Customer_PhoneNumber,Customer_Address,Customer_Name,Customer_License,Customer_License_State,Customer_License_Number,Reservation_ID)



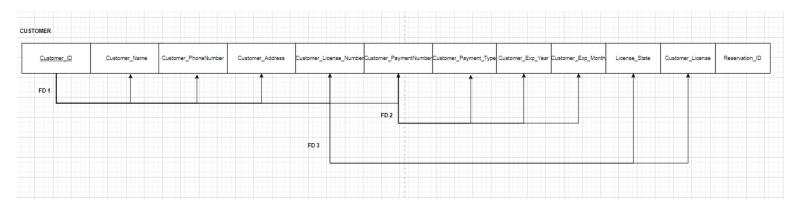
C). Key: Customer_ID

Functional Dependencies

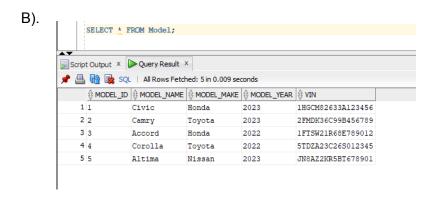
Customer_ID->{Customer_Name,Customer_PhoneNumber,Customer_Address,Customer_PaymentNumber,Customer_License_Number,}

Customer_Payment_Number->{Customer_Payment_Type,Customer_Exp_Year,Customer_Exp_Month}

Customer_License_Number->{License_State,Customer_License} Reservation_ID ->Reservation_ID



A). MODEL(Model_ID,Model_Name,Model_Make,Model_Year, VIN)



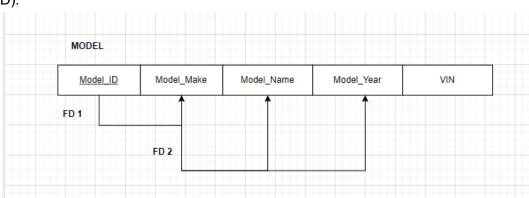
C). Key: Model_ID

Functional Dependencies

Model_ID -> {Model_Make}

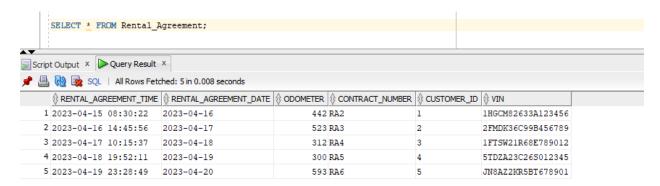
Model_Make->{Model_Name,Model_Year}

VIN -> VIN



A).RENTAL_AGREEMENT(Rental_Agreement_Time,Rental_Agreement_Date,Odometer,Contract_Number,Customer_ID,VIN)

B).

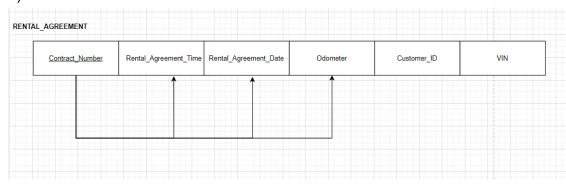


C). Key: Contract_Number Functional Dependencies

Contract_Number->{Rental_Agreement_Time,Rental_Agreement_Date,Odometer}

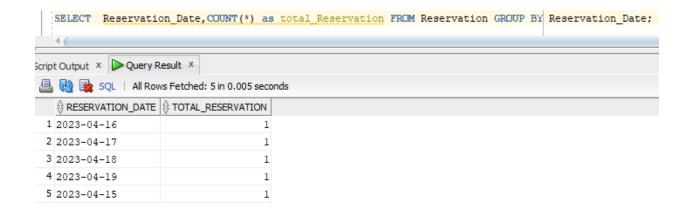
Vin->{VIN}

Customer_ID->{Customer_ID}



4.) Write four queries in English and answer in SQL code,

- --Returns the number of reservations made on each date in the Reservation_Date column of Reservation.
- π Reservation_Date, COUNT(*) (σ Reservation)

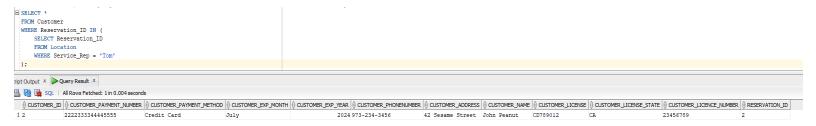


- --Returns the number of reservations made on '2023-04-19'
- $-\pi$ COUNT(*) ((σ Reservation_Date='2023-04-19' (σ Reservation))



- -- Returns VIN of the rental agreements that have the lowest odometer reading
- π VIN ((σ Odometer ≤ γ min(Odometer)(Rental_Agreement)) Rental_Agreement)

- Returns all customers who have made reservations with the service representative named 'Tom'.
- Customer ⋈ Reservation ⋈ (σ Service_Rep = 'Tom' (Location))



5.) Conclusion

After completing CS331 Rent-A-Car Database, we looked back on the experience of creating the database and we found at times that some tasks were challenging and some were simple. We found that creating the entity relationship diagram was the hardest part of the project because of how it plays a critical role in dictating both the functionality and overall logic of the database. Getting the entity relationship diagram wrong meant our implementation of the database within the sql code would subsequently reflet the errors made in the ER diagram. We were able to overcome the issues that we came across while creating the entity relationship diagram by thoroughly reading through the system requirements many times and cross checking to ensure we complied with the specific requirements. We also found the normalization of relations to be difficult at times, however, after some revision of notes and lengthy discussions, we were able to grasp a better deeper understanding of 3NF. Writing the gueries was our favorite part of the project because we were able to realize our ideas from the ER diagram and implement them into the database which was both fun and a good way to practice sql. An unexpected lesson that we learned was the value of teamwork. We were able to work together very well and because of that, we were able to smoothly complete this project and be proud of the result. That helped us more deeply understand the value of teamwork as this project would have been much more challenging had we done it individually. Additionally, we learned how important it is to communicate with one another to overcome the challenges we encountered throughout the project. If we were to do this project all over again, the first thing that I would do is have a more structured plan before starting tasks. At times, we would start one of the phases without properly assigning specific roles to each other. Had we been able to do this over, we would most likely have laid out a structured plan so each of us knows exactly their role and thus, more efficiently reach our goal.