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MKN1 – Task2: Non-Relational Database Design and Implementation

Scenario 2

Part 1: Design Documentation

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1. Business Problem:

EcoMart faces challenges with managing a diverse and constantly changing product inventory. With new items being added, existing ones updated, and seasonal products rotating regularly, the company requires a flexible data structure to handle varying product attributes. Traditional relational databases struggle with this complexity, especially when dealing with unstructured or semi-structured data like product descriptions, certifications, or user reviews, leading to inefficiencies and potential scalability issues.

2. NoSQL Solution:

A NoSQL database, particularly a document-based solution, addresses the flexibility needed for EcoMart's dynamic product catalog. By storing product data in JSON-like documents, NoSQL databases enable the platform to handle varying attributes and nested data structures without rigid schema constraints or relational databases. This flexibility is critical as EcoMart's product data grows and changes over time. Additionally, NoSQL solutions are well-suited for horizontal scaling, which is necessary to manage increasing traffic and data volume as EcoMart expands.

3. NoSQL Database Type:

A document-based NoSQL database, such as MongoDB, is ideal for EcoMart. MongoDB allows the storage of product data as JSON-like documents, supporting flexible schema designs. This enables EcoMart to easily store and query products with diverse attributes like descriptions, pricing, availability, and user reviews while accommodating sustainability certification, which may vary from product to product.

4. Business Data Use:

The product data stored in the NoSQL database will be used to power various features of the EcoMart platform:

- Product Listings: Products with their descriptions, prices, availability, and sustainability certifications will be queried and displayed on the marketplace.
- User Reviews: Customer feedback and reviews, which can vary in structure, will be stored and retrieved dynamically for each product.
- Search and Filter: The NoSQL database will support searching products based on attributes like sustainability certifications, price ranges, or user ratings.
- Inventory Management: Availability and stock levels will be updated frequently as products are purchased or new stock arrives

B. Scalability Strategies

The proposed NoSQL database design will incorporate several strategies to ensure EcoMart's platform scales efficiently.

Horizontal Scalability

Document-based NoSQL databases like MongoDB are designed for horizontal scaling, which allows for distributing data across multiple serves (Sharding). As EcoMart grows, additional servers can be added to handle larger datasets and increase user traffic without affecting performance.

Sharding

 By portioning the database into smaller, more manageable pieces, each shard can be stored and processed on separate servers. Sharding will enable EcoMart to scale out easily as product categories and user base increase.

Replication

 Data replication will be implemented to ensure high availability and fault tolerance. Multiple copies of the database will be stored on different servers, ensuring that even in case of hardware failure, the platform remains operational with minimal downtime

Caching

 To enhance query performance, caching solutions like Redis can be integrated. Frequently accessed data, such as popular product listings or user reviews, will be cached to reduce the load on the database.

C. Privacy and Security Measures

To protect sensitive customer data and comply with regulations such as GDPR and CCPA, the following privacy and security measures will be implemented

Encryption

 Both data-at-rest (stored data) and data-in-transit (data being transmitted between servers and users) will be encrypted using strong encryption protocols.

Access Control

 Role-based access control (RBAC) will be employed to limit access to the database based on user roles. This will ensure that only authorized personnel can access sensitive customer data.

Audit Logging

Detailed logging of all database access and changes will be maintained.
Audit logs will track who accessed the data, when and what actions were taken, which will help detect any suspicious or unauthorized activity.

Backup and Recovery

 Regular backups will be automated to ensure that EcoMart can recover quickly from data loss or corruption. These backups will be stored securely and tested for integrity.

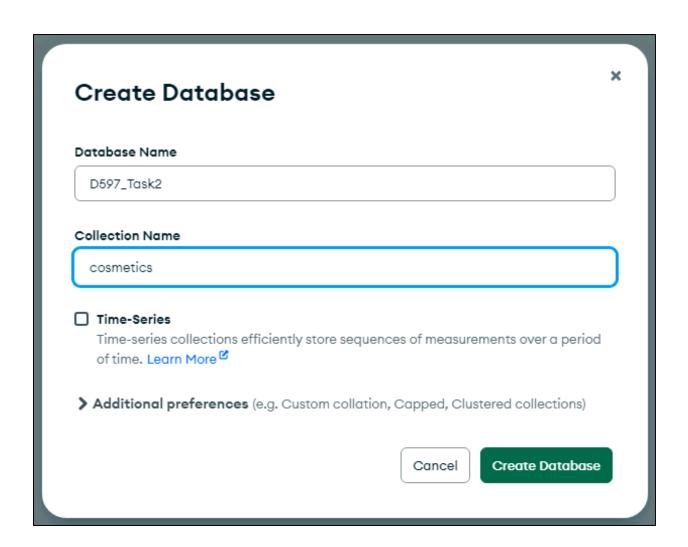
Compliance and Regulations

 The database will be designed with GDPR and CCPA compliance in mind, including the ability to handle requests for data deletion and protection of personal customer information.

By adopting a NoSQL document-based database, EcoMart will have the flexibility, scalability, and security required to support its expanding marketplace while maintaining a commitment to data privacy and performance optimization.

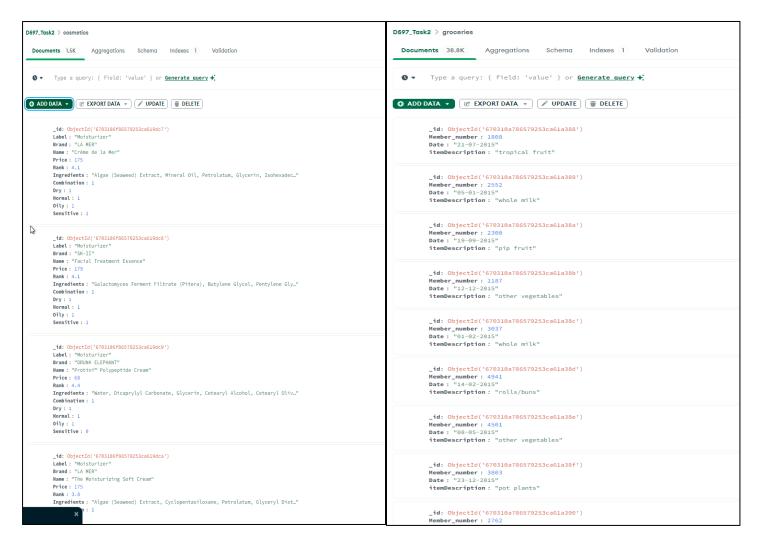
Part 2: Implementation

- D. Implement the proposed database design
 - 1. Create the database



2. Create a Script to insert data records from the chosen scenario JSON file







3. Create 3 Queries to retrieve specific information from the database

Query 1





This query uses the (\$gt) operator which stands for "greater than". This query filters the documents in the cosmetic collection, returning all cosmetics that have a Rank greater than 4. This is used to find products with better customer ratings.

This query helps EcoMart identify the top-rated products. As a marketplace focused on eco-conscious products, EcoMart can feature products in promotions or recommend them to new customers

By quickly fetching high-rated products, EcoMart can ensure that customers are seeing the best, most trusted items, increasing satisfaction and trust in the platform.

• Query 2





This query retrieves all grocery items purchased by the member with Member_number 1808. It scans the grocery collection and filters records where Member_number matches 1808.

By retrieving the purchasing history of a specific user, EcoMart can tailor product recommendations to that individual's buying patterns. For example, if the user regularly buys organic fruits, EcoMart can recommend eco-friendly or organic products.

This helps EcoMart send personalized offers, promotions, and loyalty rewards based on individual purchase history, improving customer engagement and retention.

Query 3





This query retrieves all cosmetics that are suitable for people with Sensitive skin. In this case, the Sensitive field is a binary value (1 for True, and 0 for False), and the query is filtering for products where Sensitive is 1 (True).

EcoMart can use this query to recommend skin products specifically for customers with sensitive skin. By segmenting products based on skin type, EcoMart can offer more accurate and helpful suggestions.

By recommending products that are suitable for sensitive skin, EcoMart improves the likelihood of repeat purchases and builds trust with consumers who are concerned about their specific skin care needs.

4. Apply optimization techniques





• Optimized Query 1



• Optimized Query 2



Optimized Query 3

