

Database management with SQLite

Database Management Systems

In this assignment, you are asked to convert an E-R model into an SQLite database, populate it with the data, and then run a number of SQL queries.

You are expected to have read and understood all the information in this specification at least a week before the deadline. You must contact the lecturer regarding any queries well in advance of the deadline.

Purpose

This practical will help to develop and practise your skills in:

- converting E-R data models into SQL;
- understanding the relationship between conceptual and logical data models;
- querying data models in SQL;
- confidently translating business queries to and from SQL.

Summary

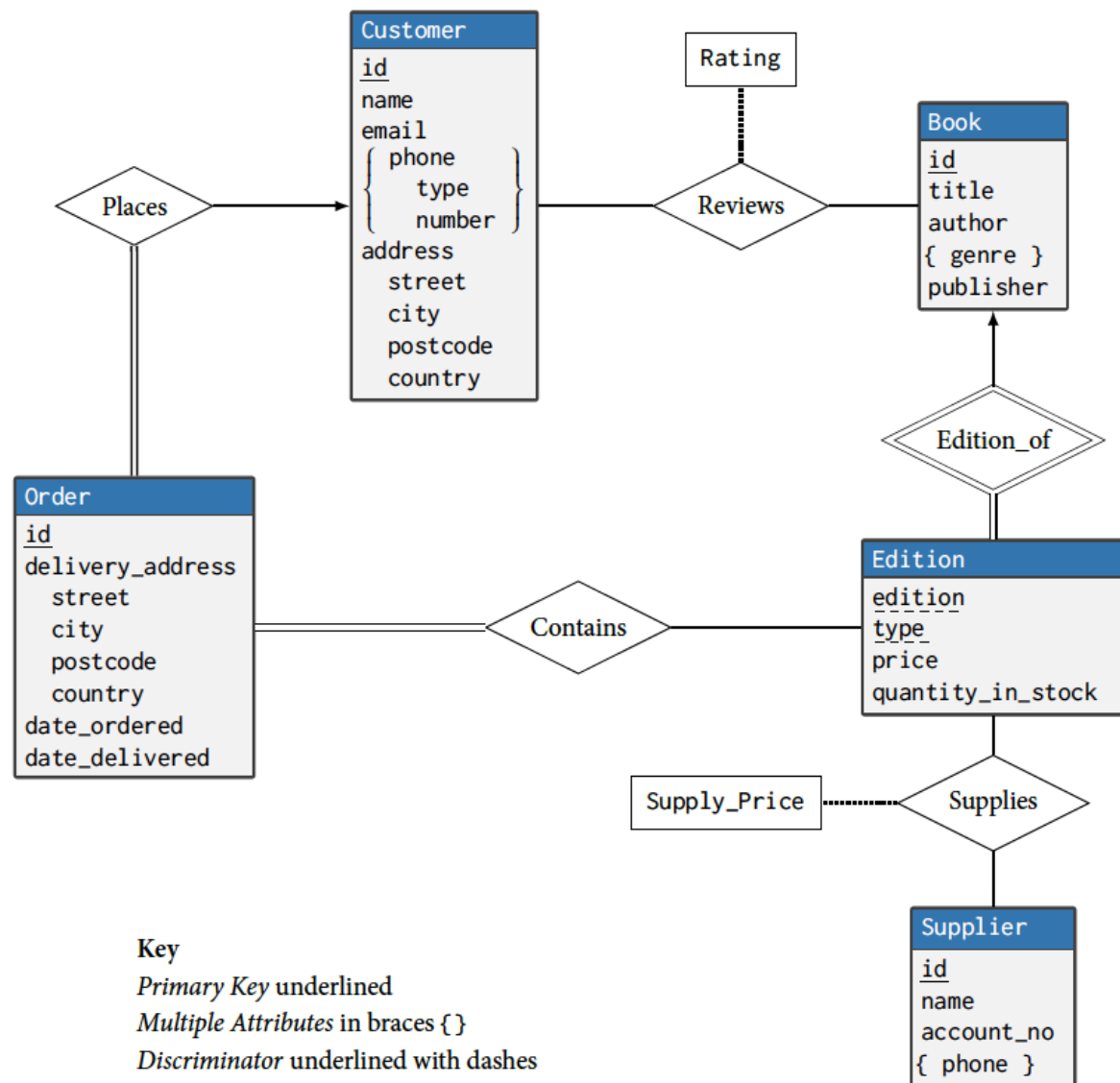
This is an **individual assignment**. You are expected to work on your own to complete the tasks in this assignment.

In lectures and exercise classes, we have spent a fair amount of time on SQL, and its use in database creation, data insertion, and database querying. This assignment will help you to develop and practise skills in all of these areas, using a scenario similar to that in Assignment 1.

E-R Model

We will work with the E-R Model presented here, for a bookstore scenario.

Note that the model presented here is similar to that in Assignment 1, but can be significantly different or simpler than your solution there. **You must work with the model here, not with your solution for Assignment 1.**



Note: In the Edition relation, admissible values of the attribute type are audiobook, hardcover, and paperback.

Tasks

Task 1: Translation

Translate the E-R model into the corresponding database schema, i.e. into the collection of relation schemas. In your report, present the relation schemas and provide a brief rationale for any design choices you make. Be sure to identify appropriate primary keys, foreign keys, and attribute types.

Task 2: SQL Data Definition

Using the Command Line Shell for SQLite (<https://sqlite.org/cli.html>) or the the DB Browser for SQLite (<https://sqlitebrowser.org/>), create an SQLite database, which corresponds to the database schema from Task 1.

To complete this task, you should write the plain text file called `bookstore.sql`, containing SQL code which creates tables for each relational schema from Task 1, and then inserts data into your tables.

You need to create about 10 rows per each table, and make sure that you insert rows which make each query from Task 3 to return at least 2 results (you may revisit this task later, and add extra data while working on Task 3, if necessary).

Make sure that integrity constraints are enforced (for the Command Line Shell For SQLite, you have to put the line

```
PRAGMA foreign_keys = TRUE;
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in the the file `bookstore.sql` above commands to create and populate the tables). In addition to specifying primary and foreign keys, and attribute types, you are encouraged to use additional SQL features to enforce database integrity, e.g. cascading actions, default values, etc.

Populating the database, you may find it useful to invest some efforts into making the values of attributes minimally meaningful and recognisable. This will help you to check that the queries developed in Task 3 are returning correct results.

You have to ensure that the `bookstore.sql` script is runnable in a clean new session in the Command Line Shell for SQLite or the the DB Browser for SQLite and, starting from an empty database, will create tables and populate them with data, without any error messages.

In your report, give the high-level overview of this process, describing your approach to developing and testing the SQL code to ensure the integrity of your data. If necessary, you may include fragments of the code from `bookstore.sql` to illustrate your statements (but you do not have to repeat the whole content of `bookstore.sql`, since this file will be submitted separately).

Task 3: SQL Data Manipulation

Extend the `bookstore.sql` script created in Task 2, adding to it (below the statements to create table and insert data), **SQL code to perform the following high-level queries:**

1. List all books published by “Ultimate Books” which are in the “Science and Technology” genre;
2. List all orders placed by customers with addresses in the city of Edinburgh, since 2016, in order of date, latest first;
3. List all book editions which have less than 5 items in stock, together with the name, account number and supply price of the minimum priced supplier for that edition.

Furthermore, **create at least 3 new queries**, stating them as precisely as you can in plain English, and including the corresponding SQL queries and their results in the report.

Finally, **create at least two appropriate views**, stating what the view represents (in plain English), and including the SQL statement used to create the view, and its output in the report.

Writing SQL code, you should adhere to some consistent coding style (for example, to the “SQL Style Guide” by Simon Holywell, <https://www.sqlstyle.guide/> or any other consistent convention), and use sensible names of attributes, capitalisation, indentation, blank lines and comments to make your code readable and understandable.

Include all descriptions in plain English, corresponding SQL commands and their outputs in the report, either as copied and pasted text (recommended), or as screenshots.

Including SQL code and input/output from the Command Line Shell for SQLite, pay attention to its formatting - in particular, use monospace font to preserve code indentation and tables layout. It is acceptable to use screenshots instead, provided that they are of high quality. To improve screenshots readability, you can resize windows, change font size, and change settings to use dark text on a light background; note however that screenshots with SQL code are less usable since the text on them can not be searched and copied.

Task 4: Reflection

Describe briefly your experience of the process, covering how you approached the task, the challenges faced and what you found easy and difficult. This should be a short (half-page is sufficient) section of your report.

Submission

Prepare a **zip** archive, containing two files:

- the **report** in **PDF format**, with sections per task as above;
- the `bookstore.sql` script in **plain text format**.

If you have correctly followed the requirements of Tasks 2 and 3, the `bookstore.sql` should contain complete SQL code needed to reproduce your work on these tasks.

Marking

The basic requirements for this practical are:

- A correct translation of the given E-R model into corresponding relational schema, together with primary and foreign keys;
- Correct SQL implementing the schema (should work in SQLite);
- SQL corresponding to the given queries, and to the self-defined queries (should work in SQLite);
- Correct and appropriate view definitions (should work in SQLite);
- Runnable without error messages, properly formatted and appropriately commented SQL code in the `bookstore.sql` script.

A competent work addressing all these requirements will get marks up to 16. Marks of 17 and above will be awarded for work addressing all the basic requirements and going further in terms of (one or more of):

- Evidence of an in-depth consideration of data types and constraints;
- Relevant and interesting new queries and views;
- Good style in using SQL, perhaps by the use of joins or views;
- Report demonstrating excellent understanding of SQL, of the relationship between conceptual and logical data models and their SQL implementations;
- Any other work which goes out of the basic specifications given to demonstrate excellence in understanding and/or technique.

