**Trendify Fashion Inc. - Solution**

**Designing a Relational Database.**

**After looking at each of the sections of information needed on the database, we will look at what needs to be included from the provided information, to make it applicable to a database. With this we will then use the site/application dbdiagram.io to design the relational database as we move across each section of information needed.**

**Provided Information:**

1. Product Information

The company needs to track key details about each product in its inventory, including:

* Product Name
* Product Category
* Price
* Stock Quantity
* Product Description
* Supplier Information

**Required Information:**

* Product ID
* Product Name
* Product Category
* Product Size
* Product Colour
* Stock Quantity
* Price
* Supplier Address 1
* Supplier Address 2
* Supplier City
* Supplier Post Code

We can then generate a table on the designing tool with the accumulated information above, and it would look like this:

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From this, we can see that redundancy can occur with the supplier information that exists on this table. As a result, we must carry out normalisation, which will organise the data to improve efficiency and reduce redundancy. To do this, we can create a new table for the supplier for the supplier information and use references in the product table, through a unique identifier.

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We will now remove the supplier attributes from the product table and replace it with the Supplier Id field that acts as a primary key for the Supplier table. After this, we establish a 1-to-Many relationship between the Supplier table and the Product table, respectively.

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**Provided Information :**

2. Customer Information

The company needs to capture basic customer details for personalised marketing and order management:

* Customer Name
* Contact Information
* Shipping Address

3. Order Information

Each order placed by a customer should be tracked, including:

* Order Date
* Order Status
* Order Total
* Payment Method
* Shipping Method

**Required Information :**

* Order Id
* Order Date
* Order Status
* Product Name
* Product Size
* Product Category
* Price
* Customer Email
* Customer Phone Number
* Customer First Name
* Customer Last Name
* Customer Payment Method
* Shipping Method
* Delivery Address
* Delivery Address
* Delivery City
* Delivery Post Code

We should normalise this as redundancy can occur. To do this, we can already normalise the Product information with our Product Table. We should normalise the Customer information in a customer table.

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The customer Id uniquely recognises each customer and the fields of the table taken from the information we identified that is associated with the customer. These include: first name, last name, email, and others, which are placed into this table.

The next set of information we should normalise would be the order information. This would be the order id, the relevant customer, the order items, the shipping and payment method desired for that specific order. This information is requested by the client.

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**Provided Information :**

4. Order Item Information

For each product purchased in an order, the following data should be tracked:

* Product Name
* Quantity Ordered
* Price
* Subtotal

Required Information:

* Product ID
* Order ID
* Quantity
* Subtotal

In line with the Product and Order tables, we should create another table that will hold the references to products that are selected for orders called ‘Order Item’. As multiple products can be used for multiple orders, we should have a composite key consisting of both product id and order id. It will also store the quantity required for the order, the price, and the consequent subtotal.

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**Provided Information:**

5. Inventory Information

The company needs to manage and track product stock levels:

* Stock Quantity
* Restock Date
* Reorder Threshold

**Required Information :**

* Product ID
* Stock Quantity
* Restock Date
* Reorder Threshold

As a result, I designed a table where the product\_id is used as the primary key with the stock quantity, restock date and restock threshold as fields.

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**Provided Information**

6. Sales Data

To analyse sales performance, the company needs to track the following:

* Product Name
* Sale Date
* Quantity Sold
* Sales Revenue

Required Information :

* Sale ID
* Order ID
* Sale Date
* Total Revenue

A sales table is used to track the sales of the company, so transactions should be identified uniquely with a sale id. An order id should be used to link orders to the sale, the sale date, and the revenue accumulated should be held.

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**Relationships**

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Above shows the entire database diagram with each table and their relationship with each other. This section of the document will describe each relationship that has been established for the database.

**Customer Table Relations**

The customer table will maintain a one-to-many relationship with the Orders table. This is because customers can have multiple orders.

**Order Table Relations**

As previously stated, the order table maintains a many-to-one relationship with the Customer table. It also maintains one-to-many relationships with the Order Item table and a one-to-one relationship with the Sales table. The relationship established with the order item table is used to track what items are selected for each order and the sales table relationship is used to determine whether the order has been carried out, indicating revenue generated and when the sale occurred. It is a one-to-one because we should account one order being fulfilled to be one sale, so that financial analysis and tracking can be carried out accurately.

**Sales Table Relations**

The Sales Table only maintains a relationship with the Order table as a one-to-one relationship.

**Order Item Table Relations**

The order item table uses a composite key of both the product id and the order id to identify each item of an order. It has a many-to-one relationship with the orders table, as an order can have multiple items.

The Order Item Table has a many-to-one relationship with the Inventory table using the product Id. This makes it possible to track stock quantities when items have been selected for orders.

**Inventory Table**

The inventory table has a one-to-many relationship with the Order Item Table. It is used to track changes in stock for each product that has been placed for an order.

It also maintains a one-to-one relationship with the Product Table on the Product Id. This is to maintain stock tracking on each product available.

**Product Table**

The product table maintains a one-to-one relationship with the Inventory Table, stated previously.

It also maintains a many-to-one relationship with the Suppliers Table. This is because a supplier can supply several products to the company.

**Creating Queries**

In this section we will be writing queries that will discover insights for the user. Using the queries, we will develop dashboards so that the client can visualise the data. We will be joining data from different tables to simplify querying.

Section 1 – Order Activity

The first dashboard should display the following data:

* Total Orders
* Total Sales
* Total Items
* Average Order Value
* Sales by Category
* Top Selling Items
* Orders/Sales by hour
* Orders by Address
* Orders by delivery choice

Section 2 – Inventory Activity

The second dashboard should display the following data:

* Total Quantity by products/category
* Total cost of Stock
* Percentage Stock remaining by products

**Creating Dashboards**

**Order Dashboard**

For this, we load the data into the PowerBi by connecting to the MySQL database; this is done using our credentials. Before getting the data, I will copy my SQL script for the order dashboard into the customer query tab, so that it can be run to fetch the required data and columns needed for the order dashboard. With this, we can go step-by-step down each of the requirements that the client required to be on the dashboard.

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**Total Orders**

To display total orders, we will do a Distinct Count of the Order IDs from this table. AS this table displays each item of each order naturally, we require a distinct count of unique order IDs to properly show how many orders have been placed.

For the dashboard, we will be using a Card to visualise this data, as it is a single number.

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**Total Sales**

To display total sales, we can create a new measure that sums all rows of the order\_total\_revenue field in PowerBI.



The ‘order\_total\_revenue’ field was created from our query, which retrieves the total price of the order from the sales table. To calculate the total revenue/sales, I created a view of the Order Items and Product table called ‘Product\_Cost\_Information’ and used aggregate functions to sum up the price of all items in each order.

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Which then was set to the relevant field and row in the sales table using the following query:

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We then apply the measure created in PowerBi to a card and format it to display as currency.

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**Total Quantity**

To display total Items sold, we can create a new measure which sums each row of the ‘quantity’ field and display it on a card.



Using Common Table Expressions, we retrieved the quantity of each item for each order and appended the column onto the custom table used to generate the data for this dashboard.

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This measure was also displayed on a card.

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**Average Order Value**

To find the Average Order Value, I created a measure on PowerBI that divides the Total Sales measure by the Total Quantity measure.



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**Total Sales By Product Category**

To display the Total Sales by Product Category, I decided that using a donut graph would be acceptable, as there are only 4 categories of products available for sale. As a result, it would be a simple, yet insightful, visual that would be beneficial for the client. To make the visual, I used the measure that was created previously, ‘Total Sales’, as the values and used the product\_category field to split the total sales, accordingly.

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**Top Products By Revenue**

To display the top selling items, I decided to use a horizontal bar chart that displays the total sales for each product. With that, I would select the top ten of the products with the highest total sales. To do this, I created a measure called ‘Product Sales’ with the following query, where I multiply the sum of quantity with the sum aggregate of the price of a product.



With this, we select the product name to be the Y-axis of the horizontal bar chart, and the Product Sales will be the X-axis. The setting of the product name to be the Y axis of the chart will filter the Product Sales to individual products for each bar. We then set a filter on the chart, where we select the Top 10 Product names, based on the Product sales measure.

A graph of products by revenue

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**Top Products by Most Sold**

This KPI is used to determine which products have been sold the most. To display this, I will be using a vertical bar chart of the Top 10 products by setting the X-axis to be the products, and the Y-axis being the Total Quantity. The Total Quantity measure that is being used on this visual will be split based on the product name, providing insight into how many of each product has been sold.

A graph of clothing items

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**Order/Sales by Hour**

To figure out sales/order by hour, we must transform our table extracting the hour of the ‘order\_date’ field and placing it on a new column. After adding this column, it will update the data that is available to build visuals. With this, we can create a line graph indicating how many orders were placed during the hours of operation of the online store.

A graph with a line

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**Distribution of Orders - London**

As the data that we are using are based around London, we can use the map visual to see the distribution of customers that have placed orders. To do this, we simply set the location to be the city and the post code and adjust the bubble size based on the distinct count of orders.

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**Selected Shipping Method**

This will be displayed through a pie chart, as there are only 2 shipping methods available. We easily perform a simple count of the shipping method and display it as a percentage.

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**Inventory Activity Dashboard**

For this dashboard, we will use another query when we connect to our database to get the required fields to produce the required visualisations. In this query, we perform calculations and also create an additional column, so that when the stock of a product reaches below 60%, it will set the column to have the status ‘Restock Req’. This is a good query to implement, as it allows the query to be re-run from the database when new data gets uploaded. With this, any dashboard that is connected to the database, will have accurate inventory information.

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This dashboard will be relatively simple, as it will consist of major cards and tables.

**Total Quantity By Product**

To display the total quantity of stock that was purchased from suppliers for each product, we simply must create a table visualisation and select the stock quantity field. To separate the stock quantity from being a sum, we select the product name to essentially filter the stock quantity field by products. As a result, we can visualise the total quantity of each product.

**Total Cost of Product**

To display the total cost of each product in stock, we can use the table created prior and create a measure called Total Cost. The total cost is when you multiply the cost of a unit and the quantity of stock (this field is the original value before orders have been placed).



By selecting the product name to be a column, it will filter the costs by the product name.

**Percentage Stock Remaining by Products**

In the query that is being used for the data, a calculated column is already implemented which details the percentage of stock remaining. As a result, to display this visual we will just add it to the table above, which will filter the percentage of stock remaining by products.

**Stock Status**

The client will also need to clearly be able to see whether certain products need a restock, so to indicate this a calculated field using CASES was carried out on the query. This is used so that if the stock of a product reaches below 60%, it will be indicated with ‘Restock Req’. By doing this, we can add the field to the table above and apply conditional formatting, where the cells that have ‘Restock req’ are highlighted red.

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**Unit Cost of Products**

The client also wishes to see the Unit Cost of each product. To display this, we can simply create another table and select the Unit cost field and product name to be the columns of the table.

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**Category Filter**

To be able to gain insights based on product categories, I also built a slicer that allows the client to select between product categories, to see the inventory statuses and gain additional insights.

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**Total Quantity Of Stock**

This KPI is meant to be a single value that tells the client how much stock the business currently holds. So, it would be appropriate to use a card visual and select the stock quantity field without a filter.

**Total Cost of All Stock**

This KPI is also meant to be a single value that will tell the client how much has been spent on all the stock held by the business. So, we will also use a card visual for this and select the Total Cost Measure as the value to be displayed.

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**Final Dashboards**

**Order Dashboard**

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**Inventory Dashboard**

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