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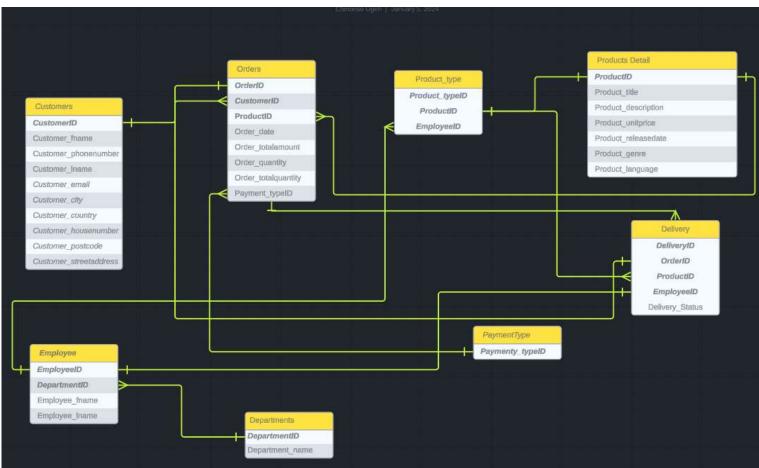


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### Introduction

This portfolio dives into the database that powers an online E shop, which sells a variety of products including music records, movies, and books. We'll cover how our database is structured, its key components, and why it's crucial for our day-to-day operations. From managing products and orders to understanding our customers, this system is the heart of our e-commerce business. Exploring how it all comes together to keep our e-shop running smoothly and efficiently.





## Explaining the relationships in the ER Diagram

• ER diagram expresses the overall logical structure of a database in a clear and simple image using entity sets, relationship sets and attributes. It was designed to facilitate in the development of database design and management. (Silberschatz, 2020). Expressing the number of entities to which another entity can be associated, via a relationship set is through cardinality mapping, which could be one to one, one to many, many to one and many to many (Silberschatz, 2020).

#### For the online E-shop database design above;

- A customer can submit one orders for a product, which is a one-to-one relationship, a customer can also place multiple orders for
  products, which is a one-to-many relationship.
- Employees of the store has control over the products; that is a many-to-many relationship, the employee is responsible for collecting the products for delivery, which is a many-to-one relationship
- A customer can decide to place an order using a debit or credit card or cash,; one-to-many relationship, each order is linked to a
  delivery and employee; that is many-to-many relationship.
- Each employee is registered to only one department, one-to-one. While a department can have multiple employees; one-to-many relationship.
- Each delivery can have only one order, which is one-to-one relationship, and can have many products; which is many-to-one relationship.

2. SQL Scripts for the ER diagram database

```
CREATE TABLE Employee (
    EmployeeID VARCHAR(30),
     DepartmentID VARCHAR(30),
     Employee_fname VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    Employee_Iname VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
     PRIMARY KEY (EmployeeID),
     FOREIGN KEY (DepartmentID) REFERENCES Departments(DepartmentID)
10 CREATE TABLE Departments (
    DepartmentID VARCHAR(30),
    Department_name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (DepartmentID)
14 );
16 CREATE TABLE Customers (
    CustomerID VARCHAR(30),
    Customer_fname VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    Customer_phonenumber INT(11) NOT NULL,
    Customer_Iname VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    Customer_email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    Customer_city VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    Customer_country VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
     Customer_housenumber INT(10),
    Customer_postcode VARCHAR(20),
    Customer_streetaddress VARCHAR(255),
    PRIMARY KEY (CustomerID)
28);
30 CREATE TABLE Orders (
    OrderID VARCHAR(30),
    CustomerID VARCHAR(30),
    ProductID VARCHAR(30),
    Order date DATE,
    Order_totalamount INT,
    Order quantity INT,
    Order_total quantity INT,
    Payment_typeID VARCHAR(30),
    PRIMARY KEY (OrderID),
     FOREIGN KEY (Payment_typeID) REFERENCES PaymentType(payment_typeID),
     FOREIGN KEY (ProductID) REFERENCES ProductsDetail(ProductID),
```

```
CREATE TABLE Employee (
EmployeeID VARCHAR(30),
DepartmentID VARCHAR(30),
Employee_fname VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
Employee_Iname VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY (EmployeeID),
FOREIGN KEY (DepartmentID) REFERENCES Departments(DepartmentID));
CREATE TABLE Departments (
DepartmentID VARCHAR(30),
Department_name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY (DepartmentID));
CREATE TABLE Customers (
CustomerID VARCHAR(30),
Customer_fname VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
Customer_phonenumber INT(11) NOT NULL,
Customer_Iname VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
Customer_email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
Customer_city VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
Customer_country VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
Customer_housenumber INT(10),
```

```
ProductID VARCHAR(30).
                                                               Customer_postcode VARCHAR(20),
   Payment_typeID VARCHAR(30),
   PRIMARY KEY (OrderID),
                                                                                                                              Product_title VARCHAR(30),
                                                                Customer streetaddress VARCHAR (255),
   FOREIGN KEY (Payment_typeID) REFERENCES PaymentType(payment_typeID),
   FOREIGN KEY (ProductID) REFERENCES ProductsDetail(ProductID),
                                                                                                                              Product_description VARCHAR(255),
                                                                PRIMARY KEY (CustomerID)); CREATE TABLE Orders
   FOREIGN KEY (CustomerID) REFERENCES Customers(CustomerID)
                                                                                                                              Product_unitprice INT(50),
43
                                                                OrderID VARCHAR(30),
                                                                                                                              Product releasedate DATE,
45 CREATE TABLE PaymentType (
   Payment_typeID VARCHAR(30),
                                                                                                                              Product_genre VARCHAR(255),
                                                                CustomerID VARCHAR(30),
   PRIMARY KEY (Payment_typeID)
                                                                                                                              Product_language VARCHAR(50),
48 );
                                                                ProductID VARCHAR(30),
                                                                                                                              PRIMARY KEY (ProductID) );CREATE TABLE Product_type
50 CREATE TABLE ProductsDetail (
                                                                Order date DATE,
   ProductID VARCHAR(30),
   Product_title VARCHAR(30),
                                                                Order_totalamount INT,
                                                                                                                              Product_typeID VARCHAR(30),
   Product_description VARCHAR(255),
                                                                                                                              ProductID VARCHAR(30),
   Product_unitprice INT(50),
                                                                Order_quantity INT,
   Product_releasedate DATE,
                                                                                                                              EmployeeID VARCHAR(30),
   Product_genre VARCHAR(255),
                                                                Order_totalquantity INT,
   Product_language VARCHAR(50),
                                                                                                                              PRIMARY KEY (Product_typeID),
                                                                Payment_typeID VARCHAR(30),
   PRIMARY KEY (ProductID)
59 ):
                                                                                                                              FOREIGN KEY (EmployeeID) REFERENCES
                                                                PRIMARY KEY (OrderID),
                                                                                                                             Employee(EmployeelD),
61 CREATE TABLE Product_type (
                                                                                                                            FOREIGN KEY (ProductID) REFERENCES ProductsDetail(ProductID));
                                                               FOREIGN KEY (Payment_typeID) REFERENCES
PaymentType(payment_typeID),
   Product_typeID VARCHAR(30),
   ProductID VARCHAR(30),
   EmployeeID VARCHAR(30),
                                                                                                                             CREATE TABLE Delivery (
                                                                FOREIGN KEY (ProductID) REFERENCES
   PRIMARY KEY (Product_typeID),
                                                               ProductsDetaiÌ(ProductIĎ),
   FOREIGN KEY (EmployeeID) REFERENCES Employee(EmployeeID),
                                                                                                                              DeliveryID VARCHAR(30),
   FOREIGN KEY (ProductID) REFERENCES ProductsDetail(ProductID)
                                                                FOREIGN KEY (CustomerID) REFERENCES
                                                                                                                              OrderID VARCHAR(30),
68 );
                                                               Customers(CustomerID));
                                                                                                                              ProductID VARCHAR(30),
70 CREATE TABLE Delivery (
                                                               CREATE TABLE PaymentType (
   DeliveryID VARCHAR(30),
                                                                                                                              EmployeeID VARCHAR(30),
   OrderID VARCHAR(38),
                                                               Payment typeID VARCHAR(30),
                                                                                                                              Delivery_Status VARCHAR(50),
   ProductID VARCHAR(30),
   EmployeeID VARCHAR(30),
                                                                PRIMARY KEY (Payment_typeID));
                                                                                                                              FOREIGN KEY (ProductID) REFERENCES
   Delivery Status VARCHAR(50),
                                                                                                                             Product_type(ProductID));
   FOREIGN KEY (ProductID) REFERENCES Product type(ProductID)
                                                               CREATE TABLE ProductsDetail (
```

## **Explaining the SQL Scripts in the ER Diagram**

The scripts provided above in slide 3 defines a comprehensive database schema tailored for the case study an online e-shop, that deals in a variety of products such as music records, movies, and books. This schema is designed based on standard database modeling concepts and includes a series of interconnected tables, each serving a specific function in the overall data model. Key components of this schema are the use of Primary Keys, Foreign Keys, and specific Data Types, as outlined in Connolly and Begg (2015).

- **Primary Keys**: Each table in the schema has a Primary Key. A primary key is a unique identifier for each record in that table. For example, the Employee table has EmployeeID as its Primary Key. The primary purpose of a Primary Key is to ensure that each record can be uniquely identified, maintaining data integrity and data retrieval. (Date, 2019). Without Primary Keys, the risk of data duplication increases, and the relational aspect of databases would be severely compromised. (Date, 2019).
- Foreign Keys: The schema also extensively uses Foreign Keys, which are essential in relational database design (Silberschatz, 2020). According to Vassiliadis et al. (2019) a foreign Key in one table points to a Primary Key in another table, creating a link between them. For instance, in the Orders table, CustomerID serves as a Foreign Key linking back to the Customers table. This linkage reflects real-world relationships and dependencies, such as orders being placed by customers.
- **Data Types**: Each column in a table has been assigned a specific data Type, which would determine the kind of data (Text, number) that can be stored in that column. For example, the Customer\_phonenumber column in the Customers table uses an Integer data type, appropriate for storing phone numbers. Data Types help in optimizing database storage and enhancing query performance. They also play a critical role in validating the data being entered into the database (Harrington, 2016).

3. SQL Scripts to insert records into the database

```
INSERT INTO Customers (Customer_D, Customer_phane, Customer_phonenumber, Customer_streetaddress)
10 INSERT INTO ProductsDetail (ProductID, Product_title, Product_description, Product_unitprice, Product_releasedate, Product_genre, Product_language)
18 INSERT INTO PaymentType (Payment_typeID)
19 VALUES
23 INSERT INTO Orders (OrderID, CustomerID, ProductID, Order_date, Order_totalamount, Order_quantity, Order_totalquantity, Payment_typeID)
28 ('0004', 'C004', 'P004', '2024-01-13', 24, 2, 2, 'Credit Card'), 29 ('0005', 'C005', 'P005', '2024-01-14', 44, 2, 2, 'Cash');
31 INSERT INTO Employee (EmployeeID, DepartmentID, Employee_fname, Employee_lname)
32 VALUES
39 INSERT INTO Departments (DepartmentID, Department_name)
40 VALUES
45 INSERT INTO Product_type (Product_typeID, ProductID, EmployeeID)
53 INSERT INTO Delivery (DeliveryID, OrderID, ProductID, EmployeeID, Delivery_Status)
```

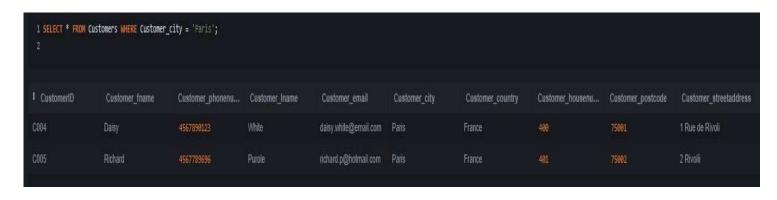
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INSERT INTO Customers (CustomerID, Customer_fname, Customer_phonenumber, Customer_Iname, Customer_email, Customer_city,
Customer_country, Customer_housenumber, Customer_postcode, Customer_streetaddress)
VALUES
('C001', 'Alice', 1234567890, 'Brown', 'alice.brown@email.com', 'New York', 'USA', 100, '10001', '101 5th Ave'),
('C002', 'Bob', 2345678901, 'Green', 'bob.green@email.com', 'London', 'UK', 200, 'SW1A 1AA', '10 Downing Street'),
('C003', 'Charlie', 3456789012, 'Black', 'charlie.black@email.com', 'Los Angeles', 'USA', 300, '90001', '1111 Sunset Blvd'),
('C004', 'Daisy', 4567890123, 'White', 'daisy.white@email.com', 'Paris', 'France', 400, '75001', '1 Rue de Rivoli'),
('C005', 'Richard',4567789696, 'Purole', 'richard.p@hotmail.com', 'Paris', 'France', 401, '75002', '2 Rivolii'),
('C006', 'Ethan', 5678901234, 'Gray', 'ethan.gray@email.com', 'Berlin', 'Germany', 500, '10117', 'Pariser Platz');
INSERT INTO ProductsDetail (ProductID, Product_title, Product_description, Product_unitprice, Product_releasedate, Product_genre, Product_language)
VALUES
('P001', 'The Great Escape', 'Action-packed war movie', 15, '1963-07-04', 'Movie', 'English'),
('P002', 'Thriller', 'Best-selling music album by Michael Jackson', 20, '1982-11-30', 'Music', 'English'),
('P003', '1984', 'The Dystopian novel by George Orwell', 8, '1949-06-08', 'Book', 'English'),
('P004', 'Amelie', 'Charming French romantic comedy', 12, '2001-04-25', 'Movie', 'French'),
('P005', 'Abbey Road', 'Classic album by The Beatles', 22, '1969-09-26', 'Music', 'English');
INSERT INTO PaymentType (Payment_typeID)
VALUES
('Cash'),
('Credit Card');
```

1 SELECT * FROM Cus	tomers;								
I CustomerID	Customer_fname	Customer_phonenu	Customer_Iname	Customer_email	Customer_city	Customer_country	Customer_housenu	Customer_postcode	Customer_streetaddress
C001	Alice	1234567890	Brown	alice.brown@email.com	New York	USA	100	10001	101 5th Ave
C002	Bob	2345678901	Green	bob green@email.com	London		290	SW1A 1AA	10 Downing Street
C003	Charlie	3456789012	Black	charlie.black@email.c	Los Angeles		300	90001	1111 Sunset Blvd
C004	Daisy	4567890123	White	daisy.white@email.com	Paris	France	400	75001	1 Rue de Rivoli
C005	Richard	4567789696	Purole	richard p@hotmail.com	Paris	France		75002	2 Rivolii
C006	Ethan	5678901234	Gray	ethan.gray@email.com	Berlin	Germany	500	10117	Pariser Platz
1 SELECT * FROM Del	ivery;								
I DeliveryID		OrderID		ProductID		EmployeeID		Delivery_Status	
DL001		0001		P001		E001		Shipped	
DL002		0002		P002		E002		Delivered	
DL003		0003		P003		E003		In Transit	
DL004		0004		P004		E004		Shipped	
DL005		0005		P005		E005		Delivered	
1 SELECT * FROM D	epartments;								
. artmentID					Department_name				
D001					Deliveries				
D602					Accounting				
D003					Human Resources				

```
INSERT INTO Orders (OrderID, CustomerID, ProductID, Order_date,
                                                                                      INSERT INTO Product_type (Product_typeID, ProductID, EmployeeID)
Order_totalamount, Order_quantity, Order_totalquantity,
Payment_typeID)
                                                                                      VALUES
VALUES
                                                                                      ('PT001', 'P001', 'E001'),
('O001', 'C001', 'P001', '2024-01-10', 30, 2, 2, 'Cash'),
                                                                                      ('PT002', 'P002', 'E002'),
('O002', 'C002', 'P002', '2024-01-11', 20, 1, 1, 'Credit Card'),
                                                                                      ('PT003', 'P003', 'E003'),
('O003', 'C003', 'P003', '2024-01-12', 8, 1, 1, 'Cash'),
                                                                                      ('PT004', 'P004', 'E004'),
('0004', 'C004', 'P004', '2024-01-13', 24, 2, 2, 'Credit Card'),
                                                                                      ('PT005', 'P005', 'E005');
('O005', 'C005', 'P005', '2024-01-14', 44, 2, 2, 'Cash');
INSERT INTO Employee (EmployeeID, DepartmentID,
                                                                                      INSERT INTO Delivery (DeliveryID, OrderID, ProductID, EmployeeID,
Employee_fname, Employee_Iname)
                                                                                      Delivery_Status)
VALUES
                                                                                      VALUES
('E001', 'D001', 'John', 'Doe'),
                                                                                      ('DL001', 'O001', 'P001', 'E001', 'Shipped'),
('E002', 'D001', 'Sam', 'Smith'),
                                                                                      ('DL002', 'O002', 'P002', 'E002', 'Delivered'),
('E003', 'D002', 'Michael', 'Johnson'),
                                                                                      ('DL003', 'O003', 'P003', 'E003', 'In Transit'),
('E004', 'D002', 'Emily', 'Davis'),
                                                                                      ('DL004', 'O004', 'P004', 'E004', 'Shipped'),
('E005', 'D003', 'David', 'Wilson');
                                                                                      ('DL005', 'O005', 'P005', 'E005', 'Delivered');
INSERT INTO Departments (DepartmentID, Department_name)
VALUES
('D001', 'Deliveries'),
('D002', 'Accounting'),
('D003', 'Human Resources');
```

1 SELECT * FROM Departme	ents;										
Delivery artmentID					Department_na	me					
D001					Deliveries						
D002					Accounting						
D003					Human Resource	S					
1 SELECT * FROM Orders;											
! OrderID	CustomerID	Produc	tID Order_date		Order_totalamou	int	Order_quantity		Order_totalquantity	Pay	ment_typeID
0001	C001	P001	2024-01-10							Cast	15
0002	C002	P002	2024-01-11							Cred	lit Card
O003	C003	P003	2024-01-12							Casl	1)
O004	C004	P004	2024-01-13							Cred	lif Card
O005	C005	P005	2024-01-14		44					Cast	Ų.
1 SELECT * FROM Products	Detail;										
1 ProductID	Product_title		Product_description	Product_unitpr	ice	Product_re	leasedate	Produc	ct_genre	Product	_language
P001	The Great Escape		Action-packed war movie			1963-07-04		Movie		English	
P002	Thriller		Best-selling music album by Mich			1982-11-30		Music		English	
P003	1984		The Dystopian novel by George O			1949-06-08		Book		English	
P004	Amelie		Charming French romantic comedy			2001-04-25		Movie		French	
P005	Abbey Road		Classic album by The Beatles			1969-09-26		Music		English	
1 SELECT * FROM PaymentType	e;										
! Payment_typeID											
Cash											
Credit Card											

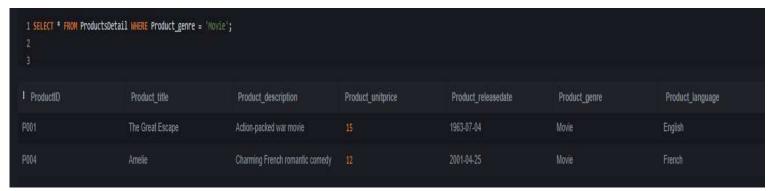




SELECT \* FROM Customers WHERE Customer\_city = 'Paris';

This query retrieves all records from the Customers table where the Customer\_city column matches a specified city name (Paris). It's useful for localized customer analysis.





SELECT \* FROM ProductsDetail WHERE Product\_genre = 'Movie';

This query selects all products from the ProductsDetail table that belong to a specified genre which was movies. It's helpful for inventory checks or marketing analysis within a certain product category.



```
1 SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Customers MHERE Customer_city = 'Paris';
2

COUNT(*)
```

SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM Customers WHERE Customer\_city = 'Paris';

This SQL statement counts the number of customers residing in a specific city, Paris. It's useful for understanding the customer distribution geographically.



SELECT AVG(Product\_unitprice) FROM ProductsDetail;

This query calculates the average price of products from the ProductsDetail table. This can provide insights into the general pricing strategy of the e-shop.



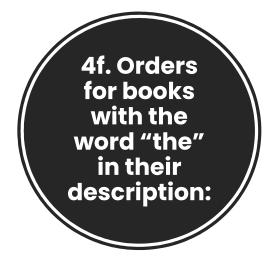
	OM Orders ry ON Orders.Orde ery_Status != 'De		derID									
! OrderID	CustomerID	ProductID	Order_date	Order_totala	Order_quantity	Order_totalqu	Payment_typ	DeliveryID	OrderID	ProductID	EmployeelD	Delivery_Status
	C001	P001	2024-01-10				Cash	DL001	0001	P001		Shipped
	C003	P003	2024-01-12				Cash	DL003		P003		In Transit
0004	C004	P004	2024-01-13	24	2	2	Credit Card	DL004	0004	P004	E004	Shipped

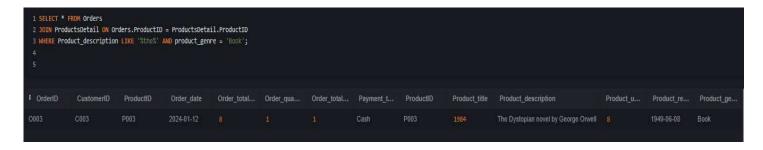
SELECT \* FROM Orders

JOIN Delivery ON Orders.OrderID = Delivery.OrderID

WHERE Delivery\_Status != 'Delivered';

This query selects all orders that are yet to be delivered. It joins Orders and Delivery tables and filters by the delivery status. It's crucial for managing and tracking ongoing orders.





**SELECT Orders.\* FROM Orders** 

JOIN ProductsDetail ON Orders.ProductID = ProductsDetail.ProductID

WHERE Product\_description LIKE '%the%' AND Product\_type = 'Book';

This query finds all orders for books where the book description contains the keyword "the." It joins Orders with ProductsDetail and filters by product description and type. It's useful for targeted marketing or stock analysis.



	FROM Orders, Pr duct_genre = 'M		ent_typeid = 'Cr	edit Card';									
l OrderID	CustomerID	ProductID	Order_date	Order_total	Order_qua	Order_total	Payment_t	ProductiD	Product_title	Product_description	Product_u	Product_re	Product_g
0002	C002	P002	2024-01-11				Credit Card	P002	Thriller	Best-selling music album by Michael		1982-11-30	Music
0002	C002	P002	2024-01-11				Credit Card	P005	Abbey Road	Classic album by The Beatles		1969-09-26	Music
0004	C004	P004	2024-01-13				Credit Card	P002	Thriller	Best-selling music album by Michael		1982-11-30	Music
0004	C004	P004	2024-01-13				Credit Card	P005	Abbey Road	Classic album by The Beatles		1969-09-26	Music

SELECT \* FROM Orders, ProductsDetail

WHERE product\_genre = 'Music' AND payment\_typeid = 'Credit Card';

This query combines Order and ProductDetials table, and filter with "Music" and "Credit cards. This can be useful in understanding customer's payment preference when buying a particular item.



```
1 SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT EmployeeID) FROM Product_type
2 JOIN ProductsDetail ON Product_type.ProductID = ProductsDetail.ProductID
3 WHERE Product_genre = 'Music';
4

! COUNT(DISTINCT EmployeeID)
```

SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT EmployeeID) FROM Product\_type

JOIN ProductsDetail ON Product\_type.ProductID = ProductsDetail.ProductID

WHERE Product\_genre = 'Music';

This query counts the number of unique employees involved with music records by joining the Product\_type and ProductsDetail tables. It's useful for workforce planning in specific product categories.

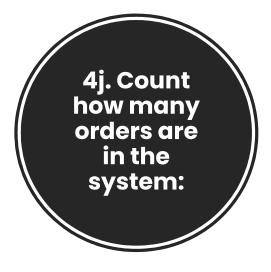


```
1 SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Employee
2 WHERE Employee_fname LTKE 'S%';
3

! COUNT(*)
```

SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM Employee WHERE Employee\_fname LIKE 'S%';

This statement counts all employees whose first names start with 'S' in the Employee table. It's a simple query useful for specific personnel-related inquiries or analyses.



```
1 SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Orders;
2
3
! COUNT(*)
```

SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM Orders;

This straightforward query counts the total number of orders in the Orders table. It provides a quick overview of the total business volume in terms of orders.

## Explaining the functions used in the SQL Scripts above

According to W3schools (2020) each function and clause plays a crucial role in querying and managing the data in SQL databases. They are fundamental tools for extracting, analyzing, and reporting data stored in relational databases just like the E-shop.

- SELECT: Retrieves data from one or more tables. You specify the columns you want.
- FROM: Specifies the table(s) from which to retrieve data. Used in conjunction with SELECT.
- WHERE: Filters the results to only include rows that meet the specified condition.
- COUNT(): An aggregate function that returns the number of rows that match a specified criterion.
- AVG(): Another aggregate function; it calculates the average value of a specified column.
- JOIN: This is used to combine rows from two or more tables based. (e.g., INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN).
- ON: Used with JOIN, it specifies the matching condition for joining tables.
- LIKE: Used in WHERE clause for pattern matching. '%' is a wildcard character representing zero, one, or multiple characters.
- DISTINCT: Used to remove duplicate values from the result set.

### **Use Case**

**Management:** The use case for management would be initiated by product managers, procurement managers, suppliers and vendors activity related users. This ER database would ensure customers have access to the latest available items and helps the e-shop manage inventory effectively, reducing overstock or stockout situations as determined by Ordonez et al. (2014). Also providing analysis, This includes not just the basic information like title and price but also stock levels, supplier details, product categories (such as music records, movies, books), and manage information about the products details like title, description, price, genre, and release date on which product the store would sell.

**Order Processing:** The use case for order processing would be their customers. This database would facilitate the creation and tracking of customer orders, managing details such as order date, total amount, quantity, and payment information. As well as every aspect of an order, from the moment it's placed to the final delivery, including payment processing, order status updates (like processing, shipped, delivered), and any returns or cancellations. Efficient order processing enhances customer satisfaction by ensuring timely and accurate delivery. It also streamlines operations, reducing errors and delays, and strengthen management decision making. (Lu, Liu and Xu, 2021)

**Customer:** This use case is targeted at customers for the purpose of relationship management. This will maintain a database of customer information, including names, contact details, and address information. Beyond basic information, this can include purchase history, customer preferences, loyalty program details, and customer feedback or reviews. The database would assist management strategy and marketing department in understanding customers better, which allows for personalized marketing and improved customer service according to research (Webber, 2013). It also helps in building long-term customer relationships. (Elaheh Taghavi Shavazi, 2013)

### **Use Case**

**Employees:** This use can will be initiated by the human resources team, which will include employee roles and responsibilities, performance tracking, shift scheduling, and departmental alignments. This would enable the E-shop to ensures that the right personnel is available, and is available at the right time and place, has adequate skills needed to improving overall operational efficiency selling any product or performing other activities (Budhwar et al., 2023).

**Delivery Tracking:** This use case is for gathering real-time tracking information and delivery personnel details, a database able to gather these information would provide transparency and trust for customers, ensuring they are informed about their order status. It also helps in optimizing delivery routes for efficiency as determined by Salah et al. (2020)

**Data Analytics:** Nowadays most organization are leveraging data stored in the database for business intelligence. Analyzing sales trends by Sales Managers, customer behavior, and operational efficiency by the analytical team. These can lead to informed decision-making and strategy development across departments and the organization. (Trujillo et al., 2021)

**Integration with Other Systems:** This use case would be required by the information technology team, software developers and other whom require system integration. This e-shop's ER database would enable the users to integrate with external systems such as payment gateways, CRM software, or logistics tracking systems for a seamless operation (Li et al., 2020).

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the database for any organization such as the e-shop case discussed in the portfolio is not just a repository of information but an essential dynamic tool that drives the business's operational efficiency, informs strategic decisions, enhances customer experience, and ensures regulatory compliance and security. Stakeholders from customers and employees to administrators and suppliers all interact with the database, making its design and management crucial step to the online business to be successful.

### Reflection

Working on the e-shop's database system has been an eye-opening experience. It highlighted the crucial role of technology in connecting with customers and managing commerce efficiently. Beyond just scripts writing using SQL and data management, this portfolio underlined the importance of understanding customer needs and how every technical aspect such as the ER Diagram, ties back to enhancing their experience. It also reinforced the need for adaptability in technology, preparing for future trends and evolving customer expectations. Overall, this journey has been a blend of technological innovation and a commitment to better service, showcasing how technology is vital in driving a business forward while keeping it closely connected to its customer base.

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