HOG Clinical Trials Tracker

Project Step 5 Draft

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## Project Outline:

Health Oncology Group (HOG) is a National Cancer Institute (NCI) funded organization that conducts clinical trials of cancer treatments in adults. Increased participation from sites and patients in their clinical trials increased funding from the NCI and allowed HOG to expand their network. During the transition from paper to electronic records, a group of clinical trial recruiters have asked the software engineers to implement a database driven web application that centralizes the records of patients, personnel and sites associated with the clinical trials to keep up with the expansion.

Currently there are 25 clinical trials, with 100 participating hospitals/sites. On average each clinical trial plans to accrue a total of 300 patients over the length of approximately 2 years. Employees of multiple organizations can support the trials, and each clinical trial has at least one employee assigned to the trial; however, an employee may be assigned to work on multiple clinical trial projects. Some hospitals may also have multiple clinical trials occurring at their site; however, a patient at a hospital may only be enrolled in one clinical trial at a time.

HOG hopes to maintain a timeless database system that can track the accrual of patients for clinical trials and that can provide a current employee directory for staff to use over the life of the clinical trials. The electronic database will decrease the amount of paper records required and provide a central hub of information that will be immensely helpful for clinical trial recruiters.

## Database Outline:

As a result of the normalization process, a previously included attribute under clinical\_trials, *investigational\_treatment*, has been removed. Ultimately, the treatment is comprised of multiple drugs and multiple phases, which would have resulted in repeating groups. Instead of breaking this into additional entities, we decided to remove the attribute altogether, as we considered the needs of a recruiter, and ultimately, this would be extraneous information for them.

**clinical\_trials:**

Assigned Team Member: Thomas Gathman

Purpose:

An entity that stores information about the clinical trial including the trial id, type of cancer, investigational drug being used, trial description, and accrual goal (which is the maximum number of patients allowed on a trial).

Attributes:

* clinical\_trial\_id Primary Key: VARCHAR NN
* cancer\_type VARCHAR NN
* trial\_description VARCHAR NN
* maximum\_patients INT NN

Relationship:

* 1:M relationship between clinical\_trials and patients with *clinical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_id* as a FK inside of patients; A clinical trial may have 0 or more patients.
* M:M relationship between clinical\_trials and hospitals; *clinical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_id* and *hospitals\_hospital\_id* are FK in hospitals\_supporting\_clinical\_trials, an intersection table. Many clinical trials may be conducted by many hospitals.
* 1:M relationship between clinical\_trials and employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials with *clinical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_id* as a FK inside of *employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials*; A clinical trial must have at least one employee in some supportive role.
* M:M Relationship between clinical\_trials and employees with *clinical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_id* and *employees\_employee\_id* as FKs in employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials, an intersection table turned entity due to the addition of an attribute; Many clinical trials must have at least one employee in a supportive role.

**employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials**

Assigned Team Member: Thomas Gathman

Purpose:

An entity that stores information about the clinical trial and serves as the intersection table between clinical\_trials and employees due to the M:M relationship. This entity will have a composite attribute, *employee\_trial\_role*, that will allow an employee to have a specific role in one trial, while allowing for another role in another trial. This allows for the role to not be permanently tied to the employee entity.

Attributes:

* employees\_employee\_id Foreign Key: INT NN
* clinical\_trials\_clincal\_trial\_id Foreign Key: VARCHAR NN
* employee\_trial\_role VARCHAR

Relationship:

M:1 Relationship between employees\_supporting\_clincal\_trials and clinical\_trials; many employees will have at most one role in any given clinical trial.

M:1 Relationship between employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials and employees; many employee roles may be assigned to any given employee.

**employees:**

Assigned Team Member: Thomas Gathman

Purpose:

An entity that stores information about the employee including the employee id, employee first and last name, employee’s position, employee’s contact information, and employee’s employer organization.

Attributes:

* employee\_id Primary Key: INT NN
* employee\_first\_name VARCHAR NN
* employee\_last\_name VARCHAR NN
* position VARCHAR NN
* email VARCHAR
* desk\_phone VARCHAR
* employers\_employer\_id Foreign Key: INT NN

Relationship:

* 1:M relationship between employees and employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials with *employees\_employee\_id* as a FK in employees\_suporting\_clinical\_trials; An employee may have many roles, but only one role in a given clinical trial.
* M:M relationship between employees and clinical\_ trials with *clinical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_id* and *employees\_employee\_id* as FKs in employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials, an intersection table turned entity due to the addition of an attribute; Many employees may be working on 0 or more clinical trials.
* M:1 relationship between employees and employers; Many employees must work for exactly one employer.

**employers:**

Assigned Team Member: John Wong

Purpose:

An entity that stores information about the employer including the employer id and employer name.

Attributes:

* employer\_id Primary Key: INT NN
* employer\_name VARCHAR NN

Relationship:

* 1:M relationship between employers and employees with *employers\_employee\_id* as a FK in employees; An employer will have at least one employee.

**patients:**

Assigned Team Member: John Wong

Purpose:

An entity that stores information about the patient including their id, first and last name, address, and date of birth.

Attributes:

* patient\_id Primary Key: INT NN
* patient\_first\_name VARCHAR NN
* patient\_last\_name VARCHAR NN
* patient\_street VARCHAR NN
* patient\_city VARCHAR NN
* patient\_state VARCHAR NN
* patient\_zip VARCHAR NN
* patient\_sex CHAR NN
* dob DATE NN
* hospitals\_hospital\_id Foreign Key: INT NN
* clinical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_ID VARCHAR NN

Relationship:

* M:1 relationship between patients and hospitals; Many patients must each go to exactly one hospital.
* M:1 relationship between patients and clinial\_trials; Many patients must each be on exactly one clinical trial.

**hospitals:**

Assigned Team Member: John Wong

Purpose:

An entity that stores information about the hospital or site including the hospital id, name, and address.

Attributes:

* hospital\_id Primary Key: INT NN, AI
* hospital\_name VARCHAR NN
* hospital\_street VARCHAR NN
* hospital\_city VARCHAR NN
* hospital\_state VARCHAR NN
* hospital\_zip VARCHAR NN

Relationship:

* 1:M relationship between hospitals and patients, with *hospitals\_hospital\_id* as a FK in patients; A hospital may have many patients.
* M:M relationship between hospitals and clinical trials, with *hospitals\_hospital\_id* and *clincical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_id* as a FKs in hospitals\_supporting\_clinical\_trials, an intersection table; Many hospitals may have 0 or more clinical trials.

## Entity – Relationship Diagram:

Diagram

Description automatically generated

## Schema:

Graphical user interface, application

Description automatically generated

## Sample Data:

### clinical\_trials

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| clinical\_trial\_id | cancer\_type | trial\_description | maximum\_patients |
| HG1141 | Breast | This randomized phase II trial studies how well abbreviated breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and digital tomosynthesis mammography work in detecting cancer in women with dense breasts. | 1500 |
| HG8143 | Kidney | This phase III trial compares nephrectomy (surgery to remove a kidney or part of a kidney) with nivolumab to the usual approach of nephrectomy followed by standard post-operative follow-up and monitoring. | 750 |
| HGG173 | Myeloma | This phase III trial studies how well lenalidomide and dexamethasone works with or without daratumumab in treating patients with high-risk smoldering myeloma. | 300 |
|  |  |  |  |

### hospitals\_supporting\_clinical\_trials

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| clinical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_id | hospitals\_hospital\_id |
| HG1141 | 1 |
| HG1141 | 3 |
| HG8143 | 2 |
| HGG173 | 3 |

### hospitals

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| hospital\_id | hospital\_name | hospital\_street | hospital\_city | hospital\_state | hospital\_zip |
| 1 | Baylor University Medical Center | 3500 Gaston Ave | Dallas | TX | 75246 |
| 2 | Case Western Reserve University | 9501 Euclid Ave | Cleveland | OH | 44106 |
| 3 | Geisinger Medical Center | 100 N Academy Ave | Danville | PA | 17821 |

### patients

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| patient\_id | patient\_first\_name | patient\_last\_name | patient\_street | patient\_city | patient\_state | patient\_zip | patient\_sex | dob | hospitals\_hospital\_id | clinical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_id |
| 10001 | Gaviin | Jep | 9020 Garland Rd | Dallas | TX | 75218 | M | 11/1/2000 | 1 | HG1141 |
| 13001 | Herbie | Williams | 2136 Murray Hill Rd | Cleveland | OH | 44106 | M | 9/21/1995 | 2 | HG8143 |
| 38001 | Terry | Noel | 502 Church St | Danville | PA | 17821 | F | 2/28/2000 | 3 | HGG173 |
| 38002 | Paden | Heidi | 331 W Mahoning St | Danville | PA | 17821 | F | 8/27/1984 | 3 | HG1141 |

### employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| employees\_employee\_id | clinical\_trials\_clinical\_trial\_id | employee\_trial\_role |
| 1 | HG1141 | Recruiter |
| 2 | HG8143 | Project Coordinator |
| 3 | HGG173 | Data Manager |
| 4 | HG1141 | Study Chair |
| 5 | HG8143 | Committee Chair |
| 6 | HGG173 | Study Co-Chair |
| 7 | HGG173 | Pharmacist |

### employees

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| employee\_id | employee\_first\_name | employee\_last\_name | position | email | desk\_phone | employers\_employer\_id |
| 1 | Regina | Dutch | Recruiter | dregina@hog.com | 402-250-8329 | 117 |
| 2 | Calvin | Jonas | Project Coordinator | cjonas@hog.com | 714-338-2340 | 117 |
| 3 | Haylie | Sandra | Data Manager | hsandra@hog.com | 832-209-6628 | 117 |
| 4 | Steve | Glenna | M.D. | sglenna@case.edu | 775-981-5220 | 1 |
| 5 | Deitra | Gracie | M.D. | dgracie@baylor.edu | 561-552-5564 | 2 |
| 6 | Alex | King | M.D. | aking@geisinger.edu | 914-774-0513 | 3 |
| 7 | Alexander | Fleming | PharmD | NULL | NULL | NULL |

### employers

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| employer\_id | employer\_name |
| 0 | Health Oncology Group |
| 1 | Case Western Reserve University |
| 2 | Baylor University Medical Center |
| 3 | Geisinger Medical Center |

## Feedback by Peer Reviewers (Step 1):

The step 1 draft proposal for the HOG Clinical Trials Tracker received the following feedback.

* **Does the overview describe what problem is to be solved by a website with DB back end?**
  + Yes, the problem is clearly stated.
  + Yes, the team has a great idea with detailed solution that can be applied in the healthcare system; It is a very applicable solution to a big problem in the health care. Their approach can be solved using website with databases.
  + Yes, the Health Oncology Group (HOG) is a great idea and has a definite need in the healthcare space. The problem is laid out very well and described in detail.
  + Yes, it was made very clear that the Health Oncology Group is in need of a website with a DB back end after expanding their network and converting to an electronic system.
* **Does the overview list specific facts?**
  + Yes, there are multiple specific numbers used.
  + Yes, the tables have some facts; for example, clinical\_trail entity has clinical\_trail\_id and cancer\_type.
  + Yes, there is a lot of specific information in their overview.
  + Yes, the overview lists specific facts and statistics on the number of trials, participating hospitals and patients which allows us to infer the scale of the project.
* **Are at least four entities described and does each one represent a single idea to be stored as a list?**
  + Yes, there are five listed.
  + Yes, there are 5 entities.
  + Yes, five of them.
  + Yes, the entities are Clinical Trials, Patients, Employees, Patients and Hospitals and each one of them represents a single idea to be stored as a list.
* **Does the outline of entity details describe the purpose of each, list attribute datatypes and constraints** **and describe relationships between entities? Does the outline clearly indicate which entities (tables) will** **be implemented and which team member is primarily assigned to the associated page(s)?**
  + The entities have attributes and relationships specified and the purpose of each entity is clear. As for team members being assigned to pages, I'm not sure what 'pages' is referring to, but this part doesn't seem to be in the rubric so I don't think not including this should be a problem.
  + The purpose of each entity was described clearly with a separation section for each one; and each has its own attributes. The relations were well explained between entities.
  + Everything was described well, relationships included. I can clearly understand the need for each.
  + Yes, the entity outlines are very detailed with attribute names, datatypes and constraints. Additionally, all the relationships are clearly laid out. The outline does not indicate which tables will be implemented by which team member but I did not think this was a requirement of the assignment...
* **Are 1:M relationships correctly formulated? Is there at least one M:M relationship? Does the ERD** **present a logical view of the database?** 
  + Yes, the relationships are correctly formulated and there are 2 M:M relationships.
  + The team has multiple 1:M relationship; such as the relationship clinical\_trails and patients. There are 2 M:M relationship.
  + Yes everything seems to be correct and there are two M:M relationships.
  + Yes, the relationships are correctly formulated as far as I can tell and there are multiple M:M relationships. The ERD is easy to follow and aligns well with the entity outline section.
* **Is there consistency in a) naming between overview and entity/attributes b) entities plural, attributes** **singular c) use of capitalization for naming?** 
  + Yes, naming is very consistent.
  + I am amazed by how the team efforts to keep everything consistent and clearly explained. All the names of entities and attributes are written in same format.
  + Yes. Everything is named very well. This team went above and beyond. I think the idea is awesome and named very well. Great job!!!
  + Yes, there is consistency in the naming of entities and attributes, and the format is snake case.

## Actions Based on Feedback (Step 1):

Because we did not include the team member primarily associated with each page, we added that to the proposal.

## Feedback by Peer Reviewers (Step 2):

The step 2 draft proposal for the HOG Clinical Trials Tracker received the following feedback.

* **Does the schema present a physical model that follows the database outline and the ER logical diagram exactly?**
  + Yes, the schema exactly followed the database ERD.
  + Yes, but...and I could be totally wrong here, but I believe the Schema should only include PK and FK that illustrate the relationships between the entity tables.
  + To this day I don’t fully understand the difference between an ER diagram and a schema, but I definitely don’t see any discrepancies between the schema here and the ER diagram/rest of the document.
  + Yes, the schema follows the outline and the ER exactly.
* **Is there consistency in a) naming between overview, outline, ER and schema entity/attributes b) entities plural, attributes singular c) use of capitalization for naming?**
  + Yes, it’s consistency un naming between overview, outline, ER and schema entities. However, table name is not capitalized.
  + Yes, as Griffin already stated in his review, snake\_case were used and attributes are singular while entities are plural.
  + Yes, looks like you used snake\_case for everything and were consistent about singular attributes/plural tables
  + There is consistency in naming, pluralization and singularity, and capitalization between overview, outline, ER, and schema.
* **Is the schema easy to read (e.g. diagram is clear and readable with relationship lines not crossed)?**
  + The schema is easy to read, and the diagram is clear with specific primary keys and foreign keys.
  + Schema is very readable and relationship lines are not crossed.
  + I think it’s a very well-organized schema, nice job. The entire pdf seems very readable to me.
  + The schema is very easy to follow and well-laid-out with no crossing lines.
* **Are intersection tables properly formed (e.g. two FKs and facilitate a M:N relationship)?**
  + Yes, there are two FKs in patient table. One is from clinical\_trials, another one is from hospitials table.
  + Yes, the intersection tables are properly formed and comprised of two FKs which facilitate a M:N relationship.
  + Yes, employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials and hospitals\_supporting\_clinical\_trials (the only intersection tables I see) include foreign keys and facilitate M:N relationships.
  + The two intersection tables are properly-formed with two FKs each and facilitating a M:N relationship
* **Does the sample data suggest any non-normalized issues, e.g. partial dependencies or transitive dependencies?**
  + In my opinion, the sample data is standard and there is no obvious problem.
  + Looks like sample data does not show any clear non-normalized issues. Everything seems to be in its place.
  + There are no obvious dependencies to me. I’ll admit to still being pretty confused about this, particularly transitive dependencies. It doesn’t help that most examples online seem too trivial and simplistic to apply to more complex cases.
  + employee\_role (in employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials)/position(in employees) and employer (in employees) are ones to maybe watch out for? I'm not exactly sure if position and employee\_role are supposed to be the same thing based on the sample data, but if they are it'd be worth noting that if one of them were to change it'd need to be changed in both locations, and also in both cases that if an entry were deleted it'd be possible to get rid of the last record of a particular position/employee\_role. Similarly, an employer could also be erased altogether if the last employee in the database listed were to be deleted.
* **Is the SQL file syntactically correct? This can be easily verified by using PhPMyAdmin and your CS 340 database (do not forget to take backup of your own database before you do this!)**
  + Yes, the SQL file works well.
  + It is, was able to load the provided DDL file into and view it in Designer with no errors.
  + The DDL.sql imports to PhPMyAdmin smoothly, everything looks like it works to me.
  + The SQL file is syntactically correct -- it imported correctly in PhPMyAdmin.
* **In the SQL, are the data types appropriate considering the description of the attribute in the database outline?**
  + I think data types are appropriate. For example, int id ,varchar name. I am not sure it’s ok to use char(1) to represent the patient\_sex.
  + Yes, all data types are appropriate for their description.
  + All the data types look appropriate to me.
  + The data types appear to be appropriate, based on the outline.
* **In the SQL, are the primary and foreign keys correctly defined when compared to the Schema? Are appropriate CASCADE operations declared?**
  + Yes, the primary and foreign keys are correctly defined. No cascade update or delete operations.
  + No cascade operations are present, but PK and FK are correctly defined according to the Schema.
  + I don’t see cascade operations, but the primary and foreign keys are defined consistently in the SQL code and in the schema.
  + Yes, the primary and foreign keys appear correctly defined. Appropriate CASCADE operations are declared.
* **In the SQL, are relationship tables present when compared to the ERD/Schema?**
  + Yes, correct PKs and FKs and correct tables.
  + Yes, the tables are present and viewable in PhPMyAdmin.
  + All the tables are present in the SQL code.
  + Yes, relationship tables are present and appear correctly-formed.
* **In the SQL, is all example data shown in the PDF INSERTED?**
  + Yes, all data shown in the PDF file and each number of table data is more than 3.
  + Yes, the example data shown is present in their insertions.
  + Yes, it’s all present.
  + Yes, all exampled data is INSERTED properly.

## Actions Based on Feedback (Step 2):

* Group 117 acknowledges the comment regarding CHAR(1) for patient\_sex. Without additional clarification, it is unknown why it may not be okay to use that datatype. In these clinical trials, sex will be declared with either an "M" or an "F" and is strictly related to biological sex.
* To avoid confusion with the naming of *employee\_role* in the *employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials* table, *employee\_role* has been renamed to *employee\_trial\_role* to indicate this references their role in support of the trial, not their position with their employer.
* Group 117 has decided to change the employer attribute in the *employees* entity to a FK*, employer\_id*, and to make new entity named *employers*. This allows for better 1NF normalization. This reduces employer name input for each employee and ensures an easy update should an employer’s name change.
* Group 117 notes that no CASCADE operations were set (set to NO ACTION) in the DDL.sql file. CASCADE ON DELETE will be added to the *employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials* so that the employee role associated with the employee id will also delete should an employee be deleted. Additionally, group 117 will seek additional clarification on project requirements and whether other CASCADE operations are required.

## Feedback by Peer Reviewers (Step 3):

* **Does the UI utilize a SELECT for every table in the schema? In other words, data from each table in the schema should be displayed on the UI. Note: it is generally not acceptable for just a single query to join all tables and displays them?**
  + Yes!
  + Yes, all data is displayed in the UI!
  + Yes, every table in the schema utilizes a SELECT statement, though they are all “SELECT \*” statements. I’d recommend reforming your SELECT statements in your DML file to show specific column names like how they are formed on your entity pages with the column header you wish to achieve using the “AS” command.
  + Yes, there is a SELECT for every table in the schema.
* **Does at least one SELECT utilize a search/filter with a dynamically populated list of properties?**
  + No, there isn’t a dynamic search/filter for any of the select.
  + No; technically states is a drop down, but there is no search or filter that is dynamically populated.
  + I am not readily seeing a SELECT statement to indicate a search/filter for dynamic values. I think one area of opportunity to leverage this would be to implement another entity for States and put all your state abbreviations in the table and then cross filter to dynamically populate. However, you could keep states as-is (using HTML to limit the possible options), and then implement a dynamic search/filter on one of the other foreign keys in your entity tables (such as on the Patients entity for the foreign keys of Hospital ID or Clinical Trials ID)
  + No, there isn’t a search/filter with a dynamically populate list of properties for any of the SELECT, although I don’t remember seeing that needed for this specific draft. But, it does seem to be included within the CS340 project guide for the requirements for SELECT queries so maybe just add it for one of the pages for now (since the requirement is just for one entity)?
* **Does the UI implement an INSERT for every table in the schema? In other words, there should be UI input fields that correspond to each table and attribute in that table.**
  + Yup, there's an INSERT for every table in the schema I don't see an insert of the intersection table.
  + Yes! Insert (add) has input fields and exists for each table.
  + Yes, the UI implements an INSERT for every table in the schema and the input fields correspond to each table’s attributes.
  + Yes, there is an INSERT for every table in the schema. There is not an INSERT for the intersection tables supporting M:M relationships. I can understand the reason for this in regards to the hospitals\_supporting\_clinical\_trials table, since this seems to be just an intersection table to support the M:M between the two tables and will have values inserted and deleted based on the FKs. Regardless, you may need an INSERT for this since y’all are tying a clinical trial id to the specific hospital for this intersection table. In regards to the employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials table, there seems to be an extra attribute, making it an entity (as described in your database outline), so y’all will have to add an INSERT for this.
* **Does each INSERT also add the corresponding FK attributes, including at least one M:M relationship? In other words, if there is an M:M relationship between Orders and Products, INSERTing a new Order (e.g. orderID, customerID, date, total), should also INSERT row(s) in the intersection table, e.g. OrderDetails (orderID, productID, qty, price, and line\_total).**
  + Yup, nearly all entities that have an FK attribute, is inserted into. Although I do not see any subqueries being used where inserting into one table also inserts to the intersection table.
  + No, this is not yet implemented. However, this was not on the rubric for this draft/step so it is understandable that this functionality was not yet utilized.
  + I do not see INSERTs for the intersection tables “employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials” nor “hospitals\_supporting\_clinical\_trials” noted in the Project Outline directly in the UI, but the DML.sql does contain the appropriate queries. Also, I noticed that the Database Outline does not include entity/attribute information for the “hospitals\_supporting\_clinical\_trials” though this is identified in the schema.
  + Yes, at least for almost all entities that have an FK attribute, it seems that it requires the user to input the id associated to it when INSERTing a new value to the table. The only thing I do not see is an INSERT into a table, causing an INSERT into another table. Personally, this does not seem to be necessary feature for any of your tables though (even for the intersection tables). From what I gather, employee values and hospital values can be part of each corresponding table without actually being tied to a clinical trial. So, the ones that are, will be values populated into the intersection table, which means that INSERTing values into the intersection table when INSERTing values to the tables it is intersecting wouldn’t be necessary.
* **Is there at least one DELETE and does at least one DELETE remove things from an M:M relationship? In other words, if an order is deleted from the Orders table, it should also delete the corresponding rows from the OrderDetails table, BUT it should not delete any Products or Customers.**
  + Yes.
  + Yes, each table and row has a delete function! The SQL for this functionality looks good; however, the delete button does not lead anywhere or do anything.
  + There are DELETE statements for each of the primary entities: Clinical Trials, Patients, Hospitals, Employees, Employers, but none on the M:M relationships in the UI, though they are defined in the DML.sql file. I recommend allowing the user to manage deleting from an intersection table within the UI to meet requirements (apologies if it’s already there and I’m missing it))!
  + Yes, I see a DELETE option for all pages and I do see that on a DELETE for employee, it will DELETE it from the intersection table employee\_supporting\_clinical\_trials as well.
* **Is there at least one UPDATE for any one entity? In other words, in the case of Products, can productName, listPrice, qtyOnHand, e.g. be updated for a single ProductID record?**
  + Yes, update one every entity on their website.
  + Yes, each table and row has an Update feature! However, there is both a button and a section beneath each table, I'd recommend only having 1
  + Yes, all the primary entities have UPDATE functionality in the UI, including one of the M:M relationships (Employees Supporting Clinical Trials on the Employees page). This is also shown in the SQL queries for updating each of these entities.
  + Yes, there is an UPDATE for every page actually.
* **Is at least one relationship NULLable? In other words, there should be at least one optional relationship, e.g. having an Employee might be optional for any Order. Thus it should be feasible to edit an Order and change the value of Employee to be empty.**
  + Yes, email and desk\_phone from employees are default null as well as employee\_trial\_role in employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials.
  + This is unknown; no example data has empty fields, and there is no feedback on any edit or add function to if the edit or add was accepted.
  + Yes, I believe there is at least one relationship that is NULLable on the Employee/Clinical Trials Intersection Table for the Employee Trial Role, but this is only mentioned in the DML.sql and not evident from the UI (except by the Edit Role button at the bottom of the page, but this only seems to redirect to the Update Employee section on the page) . I recommend making this more apparent on removing an employee’s role from a clinical trial while maintaining the clinical trial record.
  + I do not think I see this. I am not sure where to suggest implementation of this - y’all don’t seem to have many FKs, it mainly being in the intersection tables. It is also quite tough because y’all have done a good job of keeping things properly isolated and having limited but required relationships between tables. From what you have right now, I would focus on either the Patients table or Employees table to get this requirement in.
* **Do you have any other suggestions for the team to help with their HTML UI?**
  + No suggestions besides the review written above!
  + I would look into if you want to ask for an ID number for your add and updates; if you are auto-incrementing these values, that could cause a lot of issues. I'd also recommend either cutting the content beneath the tables or cutting the buttons in the tables; having both is confusing.
  + I’d recommend hiding some of the Add/Update/Delete functionality until requested by the user to reduce some of the clutter on each page, which would also help highlight the intersection tables that can be easily missed in the UI. Overall, I really like your project idea!
  + I think whatever suggestions I had, I mentioned in the previous questions. Great job overall!

## Actions Based on Feedback (Step 3):

* Group 117 has reformatted the SELECT statements with AS commands so the column names match what is presented in the UI.
* The following SELECT filters were put in the DML SQL file: A select clinical trial by cancer type on the clinical\_trials entity, select hospital by state on the hospitals entity, select patient by clinical trial id on the patients entity, select employee by employer id on the employees entity, select hospitals by clinical trial id on the hospitals\_supporting\_clinical\_trials entity and select employees id by clinical trial id filter on the employees\_supporting\_clinical\_trials entity.
* CRUD Operations were implemented on the webpage UI for the intersection tables: Employees Supporting Clinical Trials and Hospitals Supporting Clinical Trials. The CRUD operations now remain hidden until user clicks corresponding “add”, “edit”, or “delete”, buttons.
* A NULLable relationship was added between Employee and Employer. This was added so that an employee may remain in the employee entity without an employer FK. This may happen if that employee is no longer employed by that employer. A new data entry that has many null attributes in the employee's entity was added to show this. They will maintain an employee\_trial\_role in the employees\_suporting\_clinical\_trials entity since they have contributed to the clinical trial in some way.
* Because NULL employers\_employer\_id is interpreted as 0, the former employer id of 0 assigned to HOG employees was changed to 117.
* Two FK user friendly tables were also written in the DML SQL file so that the intersection tables can be read easier. This will likely be implemented in a future iteration for the UI.

## Feedback by Peer Reviewers (Step 4):

* **Do the implemented CRUD steps function as the team expects (e.g. if the team stated that a CRUD step worked but you found an error, please tell them)?**
  + Create: When I tried to add an employee to the Employee Supporting Clinical Trials, I got an internal server error. Adding an employee to the Employees table worked well.

Read: The tables with the existing data look great.

Update: When I tried to update the information for an employee in the Employees table, I got an internal server error. Updating the employee role in the Employee Supporting Clinical Trials worked well, but I was not able to update the clinical trial id number.

Delete: Delete works well for both tables.

* + Hello! The CRUD applications for both the Employees and Employees Supporting Clinical Trials tables work just fine! I was able to easily new entries to both, edit them, and delete them. I was able to add/edit the Employees Supporting Clinical Trials entity so long as I had a valid employee ID and clinical trial ID, which I assume is how it's intended to work. It seems like there is definitely some input validation taking place.
  + I tried a bunch of different actions on the Employees page.

What worked: delete functionality for both Employees and Employees Supporting Clinical Trials.

What worked in some situations:

* + - edit functionality for Employees Supporting Clinical Trials. If I just edit the Position, this works great. However if I try to edit the clinical trials ID I get a server error. Not sure if you want to allow users to edit clinical trials ID or not.
    - Add New Employee. This worked, but only if I did not include the desk phone and employer ID fields. If I entered anything for either of these, I got a server error.
  + Yes the Employees tables is supporting the intended edit and delete operations. the The Employees Supporting Clinical Trials entity, I had issues doing an add to it, but the clinical trials table was not showing for me so I couldn't properly find a clinical trial ID to use (assuming it is a one to one relationship). Checking again, I see that you noted other entities aren't up, so assuming there is some flask issue going on.
* **Would a user easily be able to use the UI to complete the step? If not or you have suggestions for how the UI can be improved, please elaborate.**
  + The layout for the page is intuitive and easy to use. A user is able to easily use the UI to complete this step.
  + It seems like you have a really good handle on the UI modifications you need to do already. Autopopulating previous entries when editing an employee is another thing you might consider adding to the list. It looks really good already, although I'm sure the dropdowns, delete confirmations, etc would improve the experience. I also agree with the commenter above that having the database admin manually add unique ID numbers is probably a mistake.
  + See details above. I think once you get all the Create and Update forms working, you will be in really good shape. I like the overall design.
  + UI is good, CSS on alternating rows makes it easy to read, navbar is logically ordered. No major suggestions for improvement, assuming that the other entities follow a similar pattern. The Employees Supporting Clinical Trials intersection table on the same page as employees may be better suited having its own page.
* **What suggestions do you have for the team in any areas where they are blocked or having difficulty? Detailed helpful feedback will receive higher credit.**
  + I agree with the other comments that ID numbers should be unique so that more than one employee with the same id number can’t be added. Other than that, I can’t think of any other suggestions.
  + The Flask guide is really solid for what it is and definitely helped our project get off the ground quite a lot, but it has some lack of clarity at times maybe because it was written in stages, or maybe modified/updated somewhat unevenly. Either way, I couldn't agree with you more. It sounds like your blockages are more about adding CRUD functionality to the other pages. If you keep this up I'm sure you'll get there in no time, despite some of the minor issues.
  + I noticed that it was up to the user to assign employee IDs. It might be easier to have this automatically assigned (auto-incremented) in your database. Then you wouldn't need to include it in your form or worry about multiple people assigned to the same ID (when I tested your current setup, I was able to assign employee ID 5 to two different people).
  + Only relevant suggestion I would have would to be find out why the other pages weren't loading to get the testing done properly (unless this was a one off issue on my end and it works for you). The UI is good, doesn't need much changing.

## Actions Based on Feedback (Step 4):

* Group 117 focused the majority of this assignment's timeframe in implementing CRUD for the other entities, so many of the above suggestions have not been incorporated into the entities for which they were suggested.
* However, Group 117 tried to carry forward these design principles to the other entities. For example, the patients table auto-populates all data when editing. It also contains drop-downs for things like hospitals and clinical trials so the user does not have to manually enter the data. This will be carried forward to all entities, which should prevent some of the errors referenced in the feedback, which were likely due to things like entering a non-existent employer ID, for example.
* We intend to further revise the DDL so that auto-increment is implemented for most IDs, which will allow us to remove the need to touch the ID field at all, except for clinical trials, which follows a specific naming convention and will remain manual.