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EcoMart Relational Database Design

A. Scenario 2 - EcoMart

A1: Business Problem: The EcoMart company faces challenges in managing and analyzing large-scale sales data across various regions, countries, and product categories. The current manual process is time-consuming, prone to errors, and lacks the scalability to accommodate growing data volumes. A database solution is essential to streamline data storage, enable efficient querying, and generate actionable insights.

A2: Proposed Data Structure: The proposed data structure includes three core tables—Categories, Products, and Transactions—each designed to store specific attributes. These tables are interlinked through primary and foreign keys, ensuring data consistency and enabling detailed analysis.

A3: Justification for Database Solution: A relational database offers scalability, data integrity, and efficient query performance. It eliminates redundancy through normalization, supports large-scale data processing, and provides a robust platform for advanced analytics. By using PostgreSQL, EcoMart can implement a cost-effective, reliable, and scalable solution.

A4. Usage of Business Data: The business data will be used to analyze sales trends by region and product category, monitor stock levels, evaluate revenue performance, and optimize order fulfillment. It will also support decision-making through real-time reporting and analytics.

B. Logical Data Model

The logical data model represents the structure of the database, including entities, attributes, and relationships. It ensures data is organized efficiently, adheres to normalization standards, and supports seamless querying and analysis.

Entities in the model include Categories, Products, and Transactions. Each entity contains attributes tailored to its role, such as category_name, price, and order_date. Relationships between tables ensure data integration, such as the one-to-many relationship between Categories and Products.

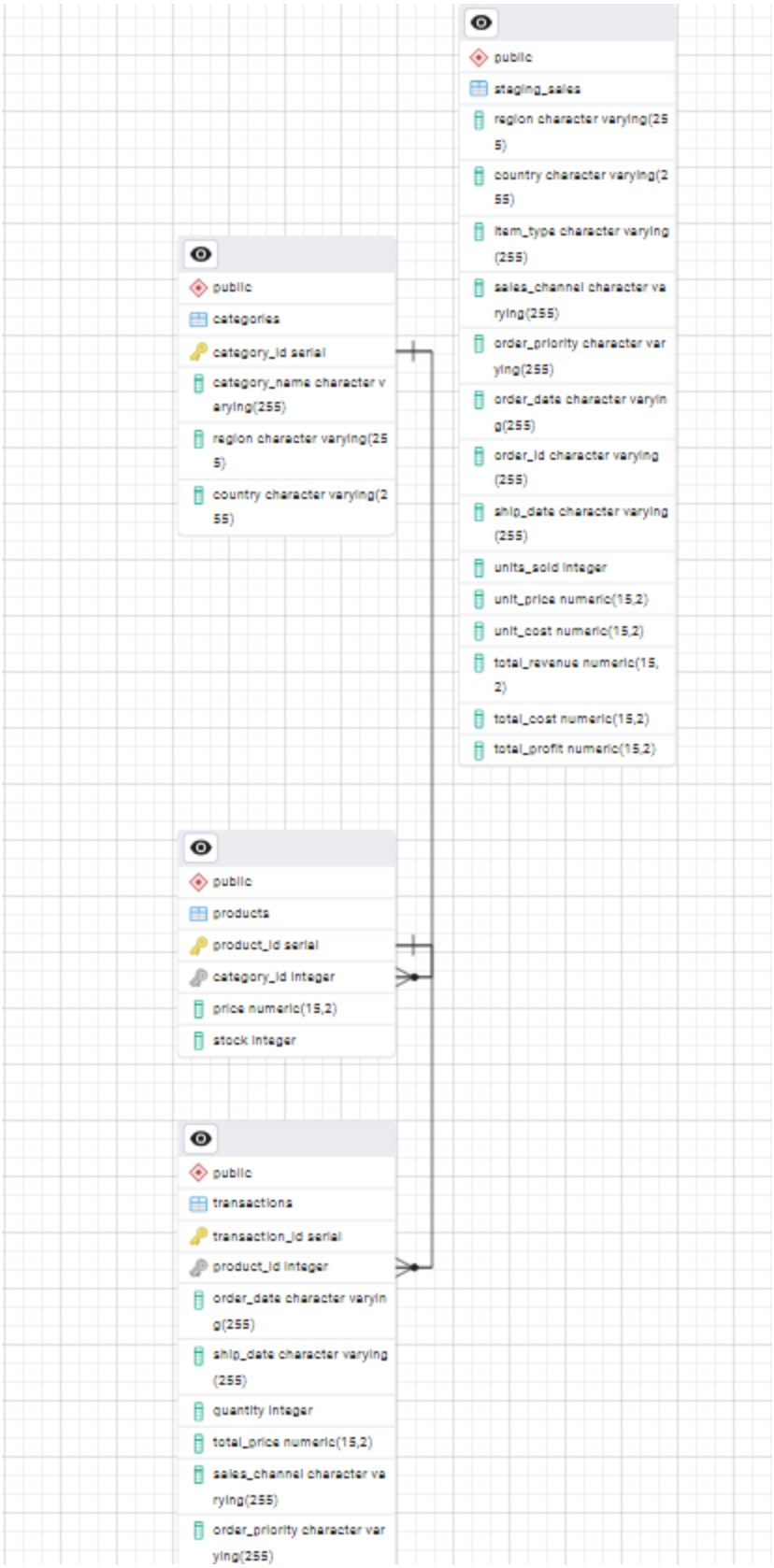
Entities and Attributes:

- *Categories*: category_id, category_name, region, and country.
- *Products*: product_id, category_id, price, and stock.
- *Transactions*: transaction_id, product_id, order_date, ship_date, quantity, and total_price.

Relationships:

- Categories → Products: One category can have multiple products.
- Products → Transactions: One product can have multiple transactions.

Normalization:
The design adheres to 3NF, ensuring no redundant data and maintaining data integrity.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staging_sales
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country character varying(255)
item_type character varying(255)
sales_channel character varying(255)
order_priority character varying(255)
order_date character varying(255)
order_id character varying(255)
ship_date character varying(255)
units_sold integer
unit_price numeric(15,2)
unit_cost numeric(15,2)
total_revenue numeric(15,2)
total_cost numeric(15,2)
total_profit numeric(15,2)
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categories
category_id serial
category_name character varying(255)
region character varying(255)
country character varying(255)
public
products
product_id serial
category_id integer
price numeric(15,2)
stock integer
public
transactions
transaction_id serial
product_id integer
order_date character varying(255)
ship_date character varying(255)
quantity integer
total_price numeric(15,2)
sales_channel character varying(255)
order_priority character varying(255)

C. Database Objects and Storage

The database consists of core objects like tables, indexes, and relationships designed to store and integrate data effectively. Tables represent entities, with attributes optimized for storage efficiency. For instance, "**NUMERIC**" is used for monetary values, while "**VARCHAR**" handles textual data. Indexes are automatically created for primary and foreign keys to optimize query performance.

D. Scalability

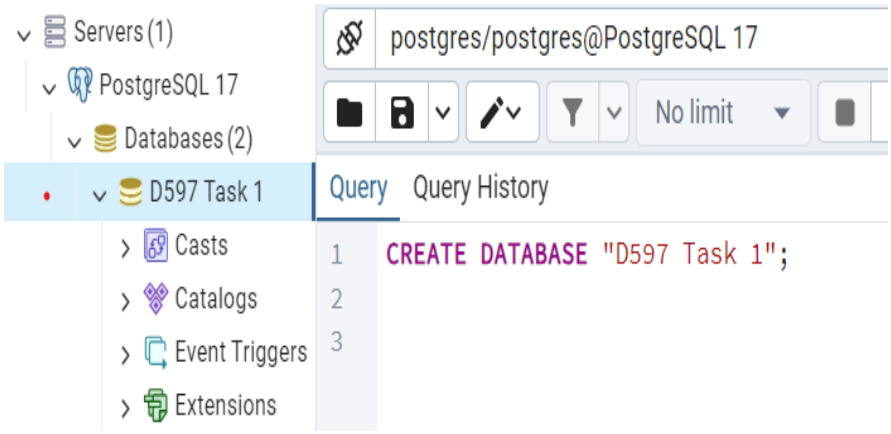
The database design addresses scalability concerns to handle increasing data volumes and user demands. Key strategies include indexing for optimized query performance, particularly on fields like "**order_date**" and "**region**". Normalization minimizes redundancy, enhancing data consistency and storage efficiency. This makes data easier to scale than it was previously, and no need to go through thousands of rows of data.

E. Privacy and Security

Strong privacy and security measures are built into the database design to ensure compliance with regulations and protect sensitive information. Encryption safeguards data both at rest and in process, preventing unauthorized access. The company can also require audit logging and 2FA as an added layer of security precautions. Additionally, input validation is implemented to protect against SQL attacks, which will assist in maintaining the database's integrity.

F. Implementation Through pgAdmin

F1: Creation of Database:



F1: Creation of Tables:

Query Query History

```
1  CREATE TABLE Staging_Sales (
2      region VARCHAR(100),
3      country VARCHAR(100),
4      item_type VARCHAR(255),
5      sales_channel VARCHAR(255),
6      order_priority VARCHAR(10),
7      order_date DATE,
8      ship_date DATE,
9      units_sold INT,
10     total_revenue NUMERIC(15, 2)
11 );
12
```

Query Query History

```
2  CREATE TABLE Categories (
3      category_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
4      category_name VARCHAR(255),
5      region VARCHAR(255),
6      country VARCHAR(255)
7  );
8
9
10 CREATE TABLE Products (
11     product_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
12     category_id INT REFERENCES Categories(category_id),
13     price NUMERIC(15, 2),
14     stock INT
15 );
16
17
18 CREATE TABLE Transactions (
19     transaction_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
20     product_id INT REFERENCES Products(product_id),
21     order_date VARCHAR(255),
22     ship_date VARCHAR(255),
23     quantity INT,
24     total_price NUMERIC(15, 2),
25     sales_channel VARCHAR(255),
26     order_priority VARCHAR(255)
27 );
```

F2. Data import from “Staging Table” to respective tables:

Query | Query History

```
INSERT INTO Categories (category_name, region, country)
SELECT DISTINCT item_type, region, country FROM Staging_Sales;

SELECT * FROM Categories LIMIT 10;
```

Data Output | Messages | Notifications

	category_id [PK] integer	category_name character varying (255)	region character varying (255)	country character varying (255)
1	1	Household	Australia and Oceania	Papua New Guinea
2	2	Snacks	Australia and Oceania	East Timor
3	3	Vegetables	Sub-Saharan Africa	South Sudan
4	4	Beverages	Asia	Maldives
5	5	Cosmetics	Australia and Oceania	Australia
6	6	Personal Care	Sub-Saharan Africa	Sao Tome and Principe
7	7	Clothes	Asia	Singapore

Total rows: 10 | Query complete 00:00:00.175

Query | Query History

```
INSERT INTO Products (category_id, price, stock)
SELECT c.category_id,
       AVG(ss.total_revenue / NULLIF(ss.units_sold, 0)),
       SUM(ss.units_sold)
FROM Staging_Sales ss
JOIN Categories c ON ss.item_type = c.category_name
GROUP BY c.category_id;

SELECT * FROM Products LIMIT 10;
```

Data Output | Messages | Notifications

	product_id [PK] integer	category_id integer	price numeric (15,2)	stock integer
1	1	1798	205.70	42254418
2	2	1489	81.73	41517766
3	3	1269	47.45	41514213
4	4	652	47.45	41514213
5	5	273	47.45	41514213
6	6	1560	255.28	41911620
7	7	51	154.06	41254836

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Query Query History

```
1  INSERT INTO Transactions (product_id, order_date, ship_date, quantity, total_price, sales_channel, order_priority)
2  SELECT p.product_id,
3         ss.order_date,
4         ss.ship_date,
5         ss.units_sold,
6         ss.total_revenue,
7         ss.sales_channel,
8         ss.order_priority
9  FROM Staging_Sales ss
10 JOIN Products p ON ss.item_type = (SELECT category_name FROM Categories WHERE category_id = p.category_id);
11
12 SELECT * FROM Transactions LIMIT 10;
13
```

Data Output Messages Notifications

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	transaction_id [PK] integer	product_id integer	order_date character varying (255)	ship_date character varying (255)	quantity integer	total_price numeric (15,2)	sales_channel character varying (255)	order_priority character varying (255)
1	1	632	12/27/2012	1/30/2013	2910	742864.80	Online	M
2	2	632	4/26/2010	5/25/2010	2302	587654.56	Online	H
3	3	632	5/5/2011	5/13/2011	6574	1678210.72	Online	C
4	4	632	7/10/2012	7/22/2012	8669	2213022.32	Online	M
5	5	632	11/24/2015	12/1/2015	1368	349223.04	Offline	M
6	6	632	10/31/2013	11/7/2013	4209	1074473.52	Online	C

F3: Query Examples:

F3: Query 1 - Total Revenue by Region:

A query for *Total Revenue by Region* helps analyze which areas are performing the best or need improvement, so decisions about where to focus resources can be made. It's useful for planning strategies, budgeting, and forecasting future performance, while also identifying potential growth opportunities in certain regions. This type of query can also support compliance, reporting needs, and provide insights for comparing performance against competitors, helping the business stay on track with its goals.

Query Query History

```
1  SELECT region, SUM(total_price) AS total_revenue
2  FROM Transactions t
3  JOIN Products p ON t.product_id = p.product_id
4  JOIN Categories c ON p.category_id = c.category_id
5  GROUP BY region;
```

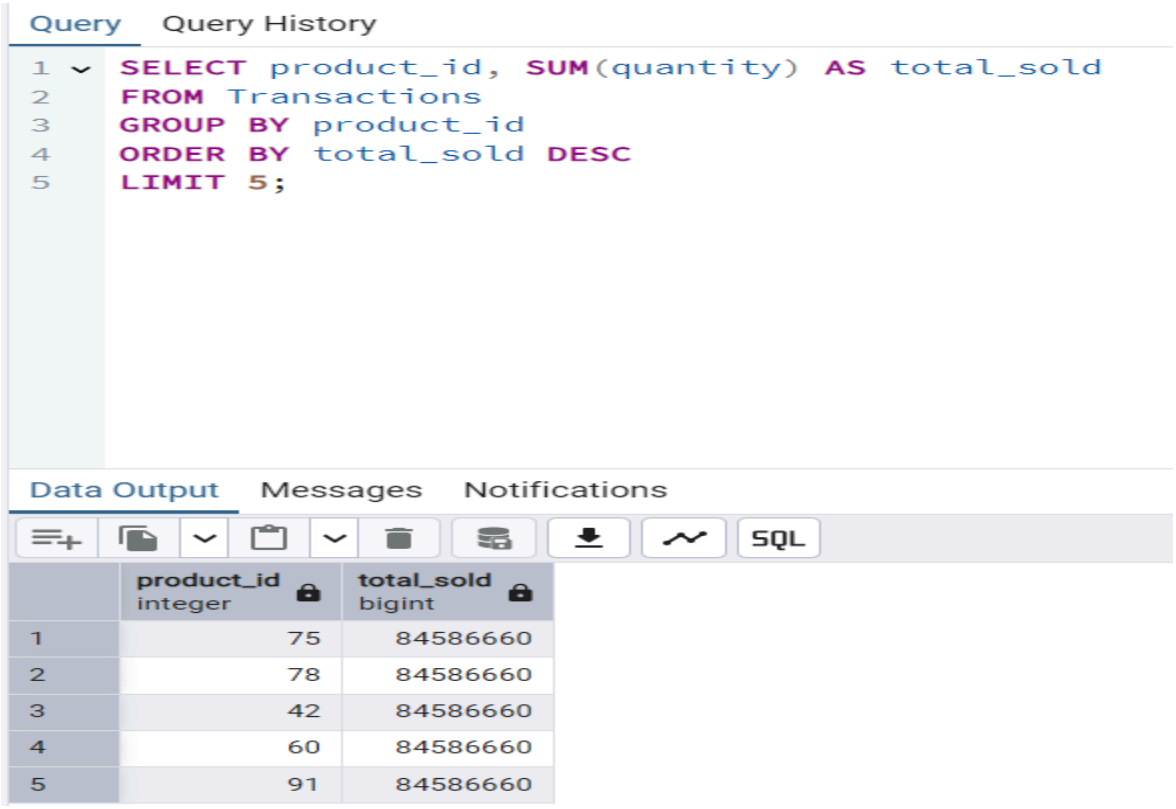
Data Output Messages Notifications

SQL

	region character varying (255)	total_revenue numeric
1	Asia	14429520691172.28
2	Australia and Oceania	8016400383984.60
3	Central America and the Caribbean	10688533845312.80
4	Europe	25652481228750.72
5	Middle East and North Africa	12291813922109.72
6	North America	2137706769062.56
7	Sub-Saharan Africa	25652481228750.72

F3: Query 2 - Top 5 Selling Products

A query for the *Top 5 Selling Products* helps identify which products are performing the best, giving insight into what customers prefer. This information is useful for making decisions about inventory, marketing, and production, ensuring resources are focused on the most profitable items. It also helps with forecasting future demand, planning promotions, and understanding trends. By knowing your top-performing products, you can drive more sales, increase profitability, and align strategies with what works best for the business.



	product_id integer	total_sold bigint
1	75	84586660
2	78	84586660
3	42	84586660
4	60	84586660
5	91	84586660

F3: Query 3 - Analysis of Monthly Revenues

A query for the *Analysis of Monthly Revenues* helps track how the business is performing over time and spot trends or patterns in revenue. This information is useful for identifying peak sales periods, managing cash flow, and setting realistic goals for growth. It also helps in comparing month-to-month performance, forecasting future revenue, and planning strategies to address any dips or maximize high-performing months. Understanding monthly revenue trends is key to staying on top of the business's financial health and making informed decisions.

Query | Query History

```
SELECT
    DATE_TRUNC('month', CAST(t.order_date AS DATE)) AS Month,
    SUM(t.total_price) AS Monthly_Revenue
FROM
    Transactions t
GROUP BY
    DATE_TRUNC('month', CAST(t.order_date AS DATE))
ORDER BY
    Month;
```

Data Output | Messages | Notifications

SQL

	month timestamp with time zone	monthly_revenue numeric
1	2010-01-01 00:00:00-08	1059006757856.80
2	2010-02-01 00:00:00-08	1000411955904.80
3	2010-03-01 00:00:00-08	1025783010883.00
4	2010-04-01 00:00:00-07	1105541270873.80
5	2010-05-01 00:00:00-07	1038647792105.60
6	2010-06-01 00:00:00-07	1051420657025.40
7	2010-07-01 00:00:00-07	1082254221004.40

F4: Optimization Techniques:

Indexing “**order_date**” speeds up queries that filter or group by dates, like monthly revenue analysis.

Indexing “**region**” improves performance for queries analyzing sales by geographical location.

Multi-column indexing on join keys (**product_id, category_id, region**) Speeds up join operations and aggregation by region.

Query | Query History

```
1  CREATE INDEX idx_transactions_product_id ON Transactions (product_id);
2  CREATE INDEX idx_products_category_id ON Products (category_id);
3  CREATE INDEX idx_categories_region ON Categories (region);
4
5  CREATE INDEX idx_transactions_product_quantity ON Transactions (product_id, quantity);
6
7  CREATE INDEX idx_transactions_order_date ON Transactions (order_date);
8
```

G: Panopto Video

H: Sources

No sources, web or otherwise, were used in the creation of the project and its follow up report.