

Procurement Management System

Database Specification:

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Database Purpose:

The purpose of Procurement Management database is to maintain the data used to support the procurement process of an organization by establishing and maintain strategic thinking in all procurement efforts with high scalability. This will result in responsible direction of organization's resources, streamlining of department cost utilization by engaging the lucrative suppliers and effective budget allocation thereby promoting greater spend efficiency while reducing the costs and analysing the quality of goods and services. The system will be used by the administration staff only and will not have redundant data.

Business Problems Addressed:

- Preventing unauthorized purchase in the organization as the order tickets needs to be approved by the manager.
- Analysing the expense of each department and creating a budget accordingly.
- Helping management create strategy to control spending, for department going over the allocated budget.
- Choosing efficient supplier by selecting product based on rating/available discounts
- Storing purchase order and invoicing details for easy auditing.
- Preventing wasteful purchasing as admin will check the inventory before processing an order.

Business Rules:

- The General staff has 0 or more tickets
- Tickets generated by the general staff will follow approval work flow
- The Manager manages at least 1 general staff
- One manager is associated with only one department
- A manager can have 0 or more requisitions
- One admin manages all the requisitions
- Admin will check the inventory, approve the requisition and then place the order
- One product can have multiple suppliers
- One supplier can have multiple products
- One category has multiple products
- One department can have multiple contracts with the supplier based on the categories
- One order has one invoice
- One product can have multiple catalogues
- One ticket will have only one product
- One employee will have only one contact number

Design Decision:

Entity Name	Why the entity is included	How entities are related to other entities
Employee	This is one of the most important entity in Procurement Management Database System. This entity will contain information about all the employees of organisation irrespective of their team, role etc. Employee table will store personal information of each employee such as their Name, Department, phone number, EmailID etc.	Employee entity is a superclass of the subclass entities admin, manager and general staff. Employee Entity's primary key EmployeeID relates it to Ticket Entity so that ticket raised by each employee in organisation can be tracked.
Staff	Staff Entity plays an important role in the overall procurement process as they generate a ticket, which is then passed onto the manager for further approval. Staff entity acts as an initial generator of procurement request.	As one of the subclass entities of this database, staff entity is mainly associated with ticket, department, and manager entity. Staff entity contains keys such as ManagerID so as to indicate who manages the particular employee. It also contains DepartmentID to indicate the staff's department. The most important key which this entity contains is the TicketID displaying which staff has generated the ticket.
Manager	Manager entity will hold information about Manager and the department he works in. Manager need to approve the ticket to process it further. Approval is required in order to satisfy the business rule which states the procurement request needs to go through approval workflow	Manager entity is subclass of employee entity and is associated with Department entity via primary key DepartmentID, which indicate the Manager's department. Manager is related to ticket entity and general staff entity as manager will receive the tickets, generated by employees he is managing. Manager entity is also connected with Requisition entity as manger has the authority to convert a ticket into requisition.
Admin	Admin entity contains admin information who is responsible to checks the inventory for existing products and then places the final order which will help in preventing wasteful purchases. Admin is a sole authorized individual managing most of the order placement, so we have assigned him username and password.	As the core entity of this database, admin is associated with several entities in our database. AdminID acts as a foreign key in Inventory. Manager will send the requisition to Admin to check the inventory so we have connected Admin Entity to Manger table. Once the requisition is approved by Admin, he can create an order for the same so we have connected Order table.
Contract	To achieve one of our business goals i.e. helping the management in creating a strategy to control spending for each department we need to choose efficient supplier and create long term contract. Contract entity is used to track contract detail between supplier and organisation.	Contract creation requires two parties and, in our database, contract will be created between department and suppliers. Contract entity has non identifying relationship with category entity as CategoryID is foreign key in the Contract table.

Requisition	To avoid wasteful purchasing as stated in the business rule, organisation will check the availability of each purchase before processing. For each ticket created in organisation, for procurement of products, requisitions will be created for approval by the admin team. Admin team will check the availability of the products against the organisation's inventory and if the product is not available in inventory then the requisition will be approved.	Requisition entity is directly related to the admin entity for its approval status. AdminID is a foreign key in requisition table which will store admin member's ID who has approved or rejected the requests depending on availability of the products in the inventory. It has a relation with the Manager entity and order entity which identifies who has raised this request and for which requisition the order has been placed respectively. Requisition entity is connected to Catalogue table via CatalogueID, which will be used to determine the item was selected from which catalogue.
Ticket	One of the business rules for our Procurement Management System Database is each requisition will go through the approval workflow to efficiently manage organisation's resources and prevention of unauthorized purchase. This can be achieved by creating ticket for each request raised by the general staff and then allowing it to go through approval workflow. Ticket Entity will store information about procurement requests such as product name, quantity, staff who raised it and manager details. Manager details will include ManagerID and his approval status.	This is one of the busiest entities in entire database. This table will witness most transactions in its lifetime. After successful approval workflow, requisition will be created against TicketID. This will contain foreign keys such ManagerID and DepartmentID which will be helpful for generating reports for tickets generated by each department and manager approval status for particular ticket. Tickets having manager approval status as approved will be created as requisitions
Category	Category entity will contain broad description of products needed in the organization. This entity will list all categories such as Electronics, Stationary, Edibles etc. Since one category can have multiple products so we create an associative entity between category and product.	Category entity is related to product entity as each product belongs to particular category listed in category entity. As it is creating many-to-many relationship with product entity associative entity ProducCategory is created. Also each category will have a contract so we have connected it with Contract entity.
Product	Product entity will contain information of all products falling under the selected category along with its description. One supplier can have many products so we have used associative entity between category and supplier.	Product entity is one of the core entities in our database which will be in relation with other entities such as supplier and category. Each product belongs to one of the categories listed in category entity to manifest the same we have created associative entity between product and category. Product and category are creating many-to-many relationship. Also, each product has a supplier hence it is creating many-to-many relationship with supplier entity. We have created ProductSupplier associative entity

Catalogue	Catalogue will display all the available item based on the product selected by the user. This entity will display price, discount, supplier information, rating for each item. Manager can select efficient supplier based on rating/available discount for each product offered by various suppliers. This is eventually help in achieving our mission statement of efficient use of organisations resources.	Catalogue entity is directly related to associative entity ProdcutSupplier entity for Product and SupplierID. Catalogue will have entry for each product-supplier entry in ProductSupplier entity. Catalogue is also related to Manager entity as before creating requisition, manager will view catalogue of each product and select supplier who is providing best offer.
Order	This is also one of the most widely used table in our database as each approved requisition will turn into purchase order. This entity will contain order information	Order entity is related to two main entities in our databases such as Admin and Invoice entity. Order entity contains AdminID as foreign key which is referencing Admin entity's primary key for its value. Also, Invoice will be created against each order hence they are related via OrderID.
Invoice	One of the business goals of our database is to track final spend of each department against approved budget. Invoice is created against each purchase order made by employees. It will track information like Price, Discount, Discounted amount and final amount. We will use this entity to analyze the total sent done by each department.	Invoice is directly related to Order entity as every order will have a invoice for it. They are related via OrderID
Department	Department entity is one of the core entities in our procurement management database as organisation as it contains details like department budget. This attribute is important to satisfy our purpose to analyze the expense of each department and update the budget accordingly in future.	As the core entity of this database department entity associated with many entities in our database. Department entity is related to Contract and Manager entities. All the entities will retrieve department details and budget details from this entity.