



E/R Diagram: Tables, Constraints, Assumptions

Assumptions

- 1. One user cannot place two orders simultaneously.
- 2. Furthermore, assume that no two users can place orders simultaneously. That is, we can determine a time-based ordering of every order such that we can decrement and check inventories and balances before the next order takes place.
- 3. Assume that two users can live at the same address.
- 4. A specific product cannot be saved for later and in the cart at the same time.
- 5. Assume each user is associated with only one address.
- 6. Assume that for any review, a user must leave a rating but is not required to leave a write-up

Tables:

Users(id, balance, email, firstname, lastname, password, address)

Sellers(id)

• Note: We use the "E/R Style" of subclass translation here.

Products(id, image, description, name, category)

- Note: Price is not included as an attribute here, as it will be included in the inventory table. We do this to allow sellers to offer the same (or marginally different) products at different price points.
- Here, we merge the Products table with the ProductCategories relationship. We do this to simplify our table declarations, because every product must be in one category.

Categories(name)

• Table of predefined categories that products must reference

ReviewsSeller(User_id, Seller_id, date, rating, review)

• Here, we have a many-many relationship, as buyers can review multiple sellers, and sellers can be reviewed by multiple buyers. This relationship set enforces the constraint that each user can review a specific seller only once, as the key is: {User_id, Seller_id}. Therefore, for a given (user, seller) pair, there is only one tuple in the table.

ReviewsProduct(User_id, Product_id, date, rating, review)

• Similar to the *ReviewsSeller* table, we have a many-many relationship here. Again, the relationship enforces the constraint that each user can review a specific product only once.

Inventory(Seller_id, Product_id, quantity, price)

• Keeps track of the price and quantity of each specific product that a given seller owns.

LineItems(<u>User_id</u>, <u>Seller_id</u>, <u>Product_id</u>, <u>order_timestamp</u>, fulfilment timestamp, quantity, ordering status)

• Definition of less obvious attributes:

- Order Timestamp: A timestamp that keeps track of when a user places an order for a given product. If an order has not been placed yet, this attribute may be NULL. All LineItems in the same order will have the same timestamp, enabling aggregate functions.
- Fulfillment Timestamp: Keeps track of when an order has been fulfilled. If NULL, the order has not been fulfilled.
- Ordering Status: Keeps track of whether a line item has been ordered, saved for later, or is currently in the cart.
- This table keeps a record of all line items that are either currently in a user's cart, have been saved for later, or have already been ordered. It is a many-many relationship, so it takes part of its key from the *User* table and part of its key from the *Inventory* table. It takes the last part of its key from the order timestamp. From the assumptions section, a user cannot place two orders simultaneously and a product cannot be concurrently saved for later and in a user's cart, thus these 4 attributes are a unique tuple identifier.

Constraints:

1. Not NULL Constraints:

- a) *Users:* [address, balance, email, id, firstname, lastname, password]
 - i. Sellers: [id] this will be enforced by a FOREIGN KEY to Users
- b) *Products:* [description, id, image, name]
- c) Categories: [name]
- d) ReviewsSeller: [date, rating]
 - i. User_id and Seller_id are already enforced as Not NULL, as they will be FOREIGN KEYs
 - ii. Note that this means a user could leave a rating with no review. A user cannot leave a review with no rating.
- e) ReviewsProduct: [date, rating]
 - i. User_id and Product_id are already enforced as Not NULL, as they will be FOREIGN KEYs
 - ii. Note that this means a user could leave a rating with no review. A user cannot leave a review with no rating.
- f) *Inventory:* [quantity, price]
 - i. If a seller has a product for sale, they must have some quantity of it and know what price they are selling it for. Note that the quantity can be 0, but it cannot be negative or NULL.
- g) LineItems: [quantity, ordering status]
 - i. In order to appear as a line item, the User must have some previous interaction with a product (i.e. put it in the cart, save it for later, or purchase it). This idea requires us to always know the quantity and order status of a LineItem.
 - ii. The order and fulfillment timestamps can be NULL, when an order hasn't been placed or an order hasn't been fulfilled respectively.

2. Primary Keys:

- a) Users: {id}
- b) Sellers: {id}
- c) *Products:* {id}
- d) Categories: {name}
- e) ReviewsSeller: {User_id, Seller_id}
- f) ReviewsProduct: {User_id, Product_id}
- g) *Inventory*: {Seller_id, Product_id}
- h) *LineItems*: {User_id, Seller_id, Product_id, order timestamp}

3. Unique Keys

- a) *User*: {email}
- b) All other tables: N/A

4. Foreign Keys

- a) Users: N/A
- b) Sellers: {User id}
- c) *Products*: {Category_name}
- d) Categories: N/A
- e) ReviewsSeller: {User_id, Seller_id}
- f) ReviewsProduct: {User id, Product id}
- g) *Inventory:* {Seller_id, Product_id}
- h) LineItems: {User id, Seller id, Product id}

5. Additional Checks:

- a) Create a trigger before INSERT on User:
 - i. If New.User Id not in User, and New.Balance <> 0, SET New.Balance = 0
 - ii. Here, we enforce that a User's initial balance is 0
- b) If an order reduces a user's balance below 0, reject the order
- c) If an order reduces a seller's inventory of any products below 0, reject the order
- d) Introduce a way of restricting Users from only reviewing products that they have purchase
- e) Create two triggers before INSERT/UPDATE on *Reviews* tables:
 - i. IF New.rating > 5, SET New.rating = 5
 - ii. IF New.rating < 0, SET New.rating = 0
- f) Create a view SellerOrders on (LineItems NATURAL JOIN Users), Seller:
 - i. SELECT all LineItems that have been ordered, and group by seller
 - ii. This will allow sellers to check the orders that have been fulfilled or need to be fulfilled (i.e. when fulfillment status IS NULL)
 - iii. This also allows buyers to sort through their orders
- g) Create a trigger on LineItems before UPDATE
 - i. If the old order timestamp IS NOT NULL, then RAISE EXCEPTION

- ii. This stops buyers and sellers from updating orders once they have been made
- iii. We still need a way to stop prices from changing once an order has been placed, as LineItems does not contain pricing information