Week 6 Lab Activity

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CS323: Database Management / Database Systems

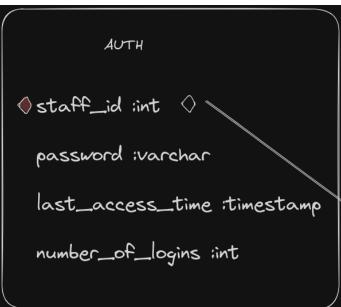
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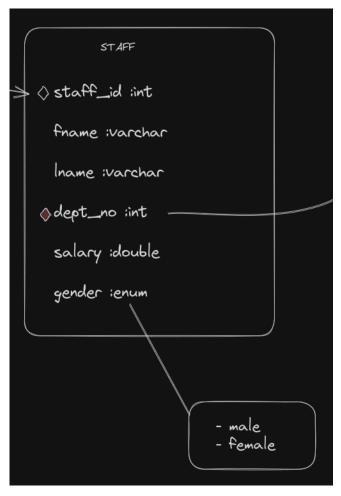
Assigned database: Store Inventory Management System.

List of tables (from sketches)



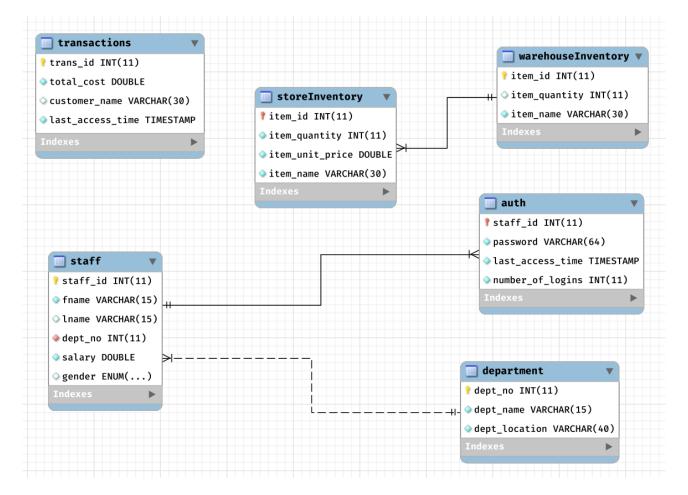








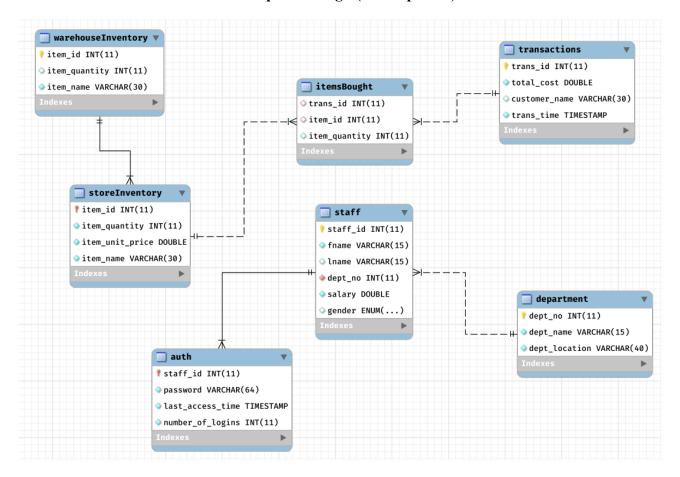
Conceptual Design (Generated by workbench)



Updates

- There was the need to keep track of a list of items bought by a customer. However, mysql does not support array types and also custom data types to leverage that functionality.
 - An idea for a fix was to use a table to hold the item ids of the sold products and use trans_id to access them. To simulate the functionality of a list of items, I allowed duplicated trans_id. That way, a SELECT command with WHERE = trans_id will get the list of item_ids that is connected to the transaction.
- Added *trans time* to *transactions* table to keep track of the time a transaction is made.

Conceptual Design (after updates)



Keys in the Database

Attribute	Key type \rightarrow Relation
staff_id •	Primary key \rightarrow auth
•	Primary key \rightarrow staff
•	Foreign key → auth
dept_no •	Primary key → department
•	Foreign key → staff
trans_id •	Primary key \rightarrow transactions
•	Foreign key → itemsBought
item_id •	Primary key → warehouseInventory
•	Primary key → storeInventory
•	Foreign key → storeInventory
•	Foreign key → itemsBought
item_name •	Candidate key → warehouseInventory
•	Candidate key → storeInventory

Functionalities for Store Inventory Database

Prompt for chatgpt: "list 10 functionalities for a storeinventory database system that has the following relations: auth, department, itemsBought, staff, storeInventory, warehouseInventory, and transactions."

Response (screenshots):



A store inventory database system with the mentioned relations (auth, department, itemsBought, staff, storeInventory, warehouseInventory, and transactions) can support a wide range of functionalities to help manage and optimize store operations. Here are 10 functionalities for such a system:

1. User Authentication and Authorization:

- · Manage user accounts and access permissions.
- Authenticate users before granting access to the system.

2. Inventory Management:

- Track and update real-time inventory levels for both the store and warehouse.
- Receive, store, and retrieve information about items in stock.

3. Item Information:

 Maintain a comprehensive database of item details, including SKU, name, description, price, and manufacturer.

4. Transaction Recording:

- Record sales, purchases, returns, and other inventory-related transactions.
- · Link transactions to specific staff members and items sold.

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6. Staff Management:

- Manage staff information, including names, roles, contact details, and schedules.
- Track staff activities, such as item restocking, sales, and returns.

7. Warehouse Inventory:

- Monitor inventory levels in the warehouse.
- Support transfer of items between the store and the warehouse.

8. Reporting and Analytics:

- Generate reports on sales, inventory levels, and staff performance.
- Analyze sales trends, identify popular items, and make data-driven decisions.

9. Supplier and Vendor Information:

- Store details of suppliers and vendors.
- Track supplier contacts, product catalogs, and purchase history.

10. Stock Alerts and Reordering:

- Set up automatic alerts for low-stock items.
- Initiate purchase orders for restocking low or out-of-stock items.

These functionalities will enable the store inventory database system to efficiently manage inventory, sales, staff, and other aspects of store operations while providing valuable insights for decision-making and optimization.

Chosen functionalities:

- 1. Staff management.
- 2. Transaction recording.
- 3. Stock alerts and reordering.
- 4. Reporting and analytics.
- 5. Inventory management.
- 6. Item information.
- 7. Warehouse inventory.