Total Mortgage Services IT Inventory Database

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Executive Summary

This database was designed to replace the current spread sheet that currently keeps track of all of the computers and electronics at Total Mortgage Services. It can effectively manage a lot of the information that they need to, without demanding too much sensitive information. Since they already have all of their computers and other electronics marked with Asset Tags, it was not a difficult decision to make it the primary keys of the assets. Using that as a starting point, the database was mostly built to see who deployed each computer to try to catch mistakes, and it's a far most effective at referencing which user has what equipment and whether that equipment is in or out of the office. Assets are easily able to be added into the system, as well as users, and other devices. With the views and reports that are included, it allows users to access the information that they commonly need for various reasons. Overall, this database is a huge upgrade from the current means of storing data and we are considering putting it to use when I work over break.

ER Diagram

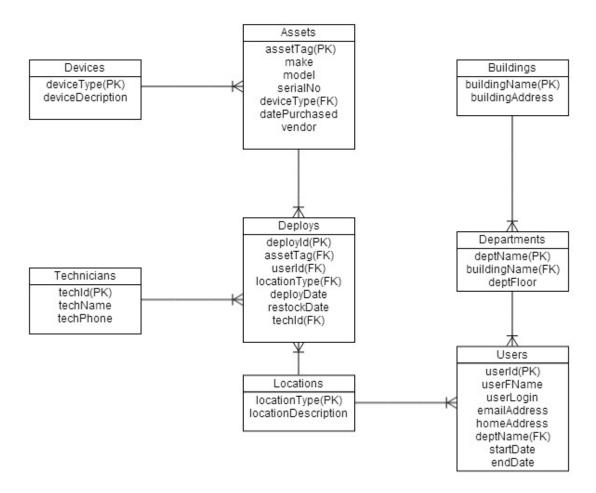


Table Create Statements

Devices Table:

Unique fields include deviceType and deviceDescription. Its purpose it to help categorize the Assets into different types of devices because the company already labels everything with Asset Tags and it is a lot simpler to keep them together.

Create Statement:

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Devices;

CREATE TABLE Devices (

deviceType varchar(20) NOT NULL,

deviceDescription varchar(100) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (deviceType)

);

Functional Dependencies:

Column Name	Depends On:	
deviceDescription	deviceType	

Test Data:

	devicetype character varying(20)	devicedescription character varying(100)	
1	Desktop	Anything that is considered a desktop computer	
2	Laptop	Anything that is considered a laptop	
3	Personal Printer	Small Printer on a users desk	
4	Copier	Large enterprise copiers	
5	Network Switch	Connects multiple devices together via ethernet	

Assets Table:

Using the Asset Tags seemed like a pretty obvious thing to start with, especially given that the same information is logged for all of the electronics anyway (make, model, serial number, ETC). This table also offers information such as the date it was purchased and where we bought the item for reference (accounting usually handles the real specific details with purchases so I chose not to include that in the database). This gives us something to look back on if something goes wrong with the product or if we were happy with the experience. All relevant information for all of the assets is stored in this table.

Create Statements:

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Assets;

CREATE TABLE Assets (

assetTag varchar(8) NOT NULL,

deviceType varchar(20) NOT NULL,

make varchar(20) NOT NULL,

model varchar(20) NOT NULL,

serialNo varchar(20) NOT NULL,

datePurchased DATE NOT NULL,

vendor varchar(20) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (assetTag),

FOREIGN KEY (deviceType) REFERENCES Devices (deviceType)

);

Functional Dependencies:

Column Name:	Depends On:
deviceType	assetTag
make	assetTag
model	assetTag

serialNo	assetTag
datePurchased	assetTag
Vendor	assetTag
(deviceType)	Foreign Key

Test Data:

	assettag character varying(8)	devicetype character varying(20)	make character varying(20)	model character varying(20)	serialno character varying(20)	datepurchased date	vendor character varying(20)
1	TMS0124	Desktop	Dell	Optiplex 360	123123123123	1993-12-20	amazon
2	TMS0145	Laptop	Del1	Latitude 180	423456233423	2007-04-25	newegg
3	TMS0164	Desktop	HP	ELIE 1337	543464534534	2013-11-01	HP
4	TMS0344	Copier	Ricoh	Copymax 720	7923498792384	2012-04-20	amazon
5	TMS0644	Network Switch	Netgear	Switch Pro	31254234	2011-07-10	Wal-Mart
6	TMS0436	Desktop	Dell	Optiplex 360	3098340982334	2010-04-03	Walgreens

Technicians Table:

The technicians table mostly serves to show which technician deployed which computer in case of future issues or if someone is experiencing a similar issue deploying a particular computer. It's mostly to make sure that Technicians continually upgrade users that remain on older machines with older software (Volume licensing is used for software activation which is the reason why it wasn't emphasized in the design).

Create Statements:

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Technicians;

CREATE TABLE Technicians (

techId SERIAL NOT NULL,

techName varchar(50) NOT NULL,

techPhone varchar(10) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (techld)

);

Functional Dependencies:

Column Name	Depends On:
techName	techld
techPhone	techld

Test Data:

		techname character varying(50)	techphone character varying(10)
1	1	Chris DellaDonna	2038148273
2	2	Coleman Hathaway	2039278472
3	3	Mike Scott	8369375123
4	4	Santa Clause	8475968375
5	5	Dr. Pepper	8472958639

Locations Table:

The purpose of the locations table is to distinguish between whether an Asset is deployed in the main office buildings or a different location. The business contains a lot of employees that have computers in multiple places. Including this table provides added ease when looking for a specific device's location. Other information can be potentially added to this table, but it isn't particularly necessary since all the assets can be tracked with this small amount of information.

Create Statements:

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Locations;

CREATE TABLE Locations (

locationType varchar(20) NOT NULL,

locationDescription varchar(50) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (locationType)

);

Functional Dependencies:

Column Name:	Depends on:
locationDescription	locationType

Test Data:

	locationtype character varying(20)	locationdescription character varying(50)		
1	On-site	See Users Departme		
2	User Home	See Users Address		
3	Other location	Check noted record		

Buildings Table:

Since the company is run basically in a campus like setting, there are assets scattered about the buildings. In addition, sometimes an order must be placed to one of the other buildings. With this table, the user can quickly see all of the addresses of the offices that we support and it can help to quickly narrow down where to find an employee in need.

Create Statements:

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Buildings;

CREATE TABLE Buildings (

buildingName varchar(20) NOT NULL,

buildingAddress varchar(50) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (buildingName)

);

Functional Dependencies:

Column Name:	Depends On:	
buildingAddress	buildingName	

Test Data:

	buildingname character varying(20)	buildingaddress character varying(50)		
1	Main Building	326 West Main Street Milford, CT		
2	Executive Building	388 West Main Street Milford, CT		
3	Law Office	344 Law Street Fairfield, CT		

Departments Table:

The departments table lists the various departments found in the company and where they are generally located. It also leads the technician in right direction, granted the user works on site. It's also helpful when seeking a manager or supervisor in that department.

Create Statements:

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Departments;

CREATE TABLE Departments (

deptName varchar(20) NOT NULL,

buildingName varchar(30) NOT NULL,

deptFloor varchar(20) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (deptName),

FOREIGN KEY (buildingName) REFERENCES Buildings (buildingName)

);

Functional Dependencies:

Column Name	Depends On:
deptFloor	deptName
(buildingName)	Foreign Key

Test Data:

	deptname character varying(20)	buildingname character varying(30)	deptfloor character varying(20)
1	IT	Main Building	Basement
2	Processing	Main Building	1
3	Closing	Law Office	1
4	Marketing	Main Building	2
5	Management	Executive Building	1

Users Table:

The main purpose of the users table is to store commonly referenced data such as the name and contact information of the user. It also keeps track of who currently works from the company and who doesn't work there anymore. Most of this information is noted because many users end up working in their own personal homes with our equipment.

Create Statements:

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Users;

CREATE TABLE Users (

userId SERIAL NOT NULL,

userFName varchar(50) NOT NULL,

userLogin varchar(50) NOT NULL,

emailAddress varchar(50) NOT NULL,

homeAddress varchar(50) NOT NULL,

deptName varchar(20) NOT NULL,

startDate DATE NOT NULL,

endDate DATE,

PRIMARY KEY (userId),

FOREIGN KEY (deptName) REFERENCES Departments(deptName));

Functional Dependencies:

Column Name:	Depends On:
userFName	userld
userLogin	userld
emailAddress	userld
homeAddress	userld
startDate	userld
endDate	userld
(deptName)	Foreign Key

Test Data:

		userfname character varying(50)	userlogin character varying(50)	emailaddress character varying(50)	homeaddress character varying(50)	deptname character varying(20)	startdate date	enddate date
1	1	John Scott	jscott	jscott@totalmortga	323 ilivehere lane	Processing	2000-12-	
2	2	Phil Maas	pmaas	pmass@totalmortgag	23 Liveup Dr.	Marketing	2005-10-	2007-11
3	3	Matt Homes	mhomes	mhomes@totalmortga	834 Trumbull drive	Closing	2009-04-	
4	4	Nick Depizza	ndepizza	ndepizza@totalmort	23 Straight Chilli	Management	2005-03-	
5	5	Joe Archer	jarcher	jarcher@totalmortg	21 Boondocks Ct.	IT	2003-05-	
6	6	Rich Laio	rlaio	rlaio@totalmortgag	83 Not Broken Driv	Closing	2005-03-	
7	7	Steve Omeara	someara	someara@totalmortg	11 Playing LoL Ln.	Management	2012-03-	

Deploys Table:

The Deploys table bridges the gap between Asset and the user that is going to. It allows the IT to easily keep track of who has what equipment, and where that equipment should be given there is a loss of employment or service is needed on a particular device. It keeps track of the deploy details, the hardware involved, and who performed that deploy.

Create Statements:

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Deploys;

CREATE TABLE Deploys (

deployld SERIAL NOT NULL,

assetTag varchar(8) NOT NULL,

userId int NOT NULL,

locationType varchar(20) NOT NULL,

deployDate DATE NOT NULL,

restockDate DATE DEFAULT NULL,

techId int NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (deployId),

FOREIGN KEY (assetTag) REFERENCES Assets(assetTag),

FOREIGN KEY (userId) REFERENCES Users(userId),

FOREIGN KEY (locationType) REFERENCES Locations(locationType),

FOREIGN KEY (techld) REFERENCES Technicians(techld)

);

Functional Dependencies:

Column Name	Depends On:
deployDate	deployId
restockDate	deployId
(assetTag)	Foreign Key
(userId)	Foreign Key
(locationType)	Foreign Key
(techld)	Foreign Key

Test Data:

		assettag character varying(8)	userid integer	locationtype character varying(20)		restockdate date	techid integer
1	1	TMS0124	1	On-site	2001-01-02	2002-02-02	2
2	2	TMS0145	2	User Home	2008-08-1	2010-04-30	1
3	3	TMS0124	4	On-site	2004-08-02		5
4	4	TMS0164	3	Other location	2010-03-23		4
5	5	TMS0344	5	On-site	2001-01-02		4
6	6	TMS0145	6	User Home	2013-01-02		2

Views:

Total Asset Inventory:

The first view that I thought would be useful was a total inventory of all of the assets that we have recorded and the quantity of them based on the Make and Model of the asset. In addition, the accounting department always wants to be kept up to date of how much assets we have in order to pay the correct amount of taxes and ETC.

CREATE VIEW Current_TotalInventory AS

SELECT Assets.make, Assets. model, COUNT(*) Total#Units

FROM Assets

GROUP BY Assets.make, Assets.model;

Total Available In Stock:

Next, I created a view that displays the Assets that are not currently deployed to a user in order to be sure of what the company has before more electronics are bought for no reason. It will also help the IT staff gauge whether we actually need to order more computers or whether we can get by on what we already have.

CREATE VIEW Current_InStock AS

SELECT Assets.Make, Assets.model, count(*) AS numInStock

FROM Assets

Where Assets.assetTag in(

SELECT Assets.assetTag

FROM Assets

Where Assets.assetTag not in(

Select Deploys.assetTag

FROM Deploys, Assets

Where Assets.assetTag = Deploys.assetTag

AND Deploys.restockDate IS NULL))

GROUP BY Assets.make, Assets.model;

Reports:

Technicians who deployed users on a certain date:

CREATE VIEW Tech_Jobs AS

SELECT Technicians.techName, Deploys.deployDate, Users.userFName,

Assets.assetTag, Assets.make, Assets.model

FROM Technicians, Deploys, Users, Assets

Where Technicians.techld = Deploys.techlD

AND Deploys.userId = Users.userId

AND Deploys.assetTag = Assets.assetTag;

My first report shows which Technician deployed a certain computer to a certain user. As said before, it is useful for quality control and can lead to more ease when it comes to troubleshooting if you seek someone who encountered a similar error/problem with a different device.

Users who currently work at the company:

Since all of the users are permanently stored in the Users table, there are seldom ways to only view the active employees. This could be especially useful in finding contact information for an active employee who requires assistance. The same information is

necessary when trying to track down a past employee in hopes of getting equipment back.

It would only require changing the report from looking where the Users.endDate is NOT

NULL and instead searching for the users who have an endDate.

SELECT Users.userld, Users.department

FROM Users

WHERE Users.endDate IS NULL;

Stored Procedures:

Print out Department Roster:

This procedure would print out the Full Names, email addresses, and department of Users that work in a particular department of your choice. Its primary use is also for communication purposes in case there is a need to get in touch with a user.

CREATE FUNCTION departmentRoster(Department.deptName)

Returns table (Name, emailAddress, department) as \$\$

SELECT Users.FName, Users.emailAddress, Users.department

FROM Users.deptName

WHERE Department.deptName = Users.deptName;

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\$\$language 'sql';

Select * from departmentRoster('Department.deptName')

Triggers:

Verifying that the number of Assets does not go below Zero:

I thought this was a nice thing to include because if someone accidently tried to get ahead of schedule with deploys, meanwhile you have a new user waiting on a computer that you've already reserved a Desktop or something in the system. Since everything is labels and accounted for, it would eliminate this kind of confusion if someone happens to make a mistake while using the database and accidently set the inventory incorrectly low (prevents the inputs of bad data).

CREATE Function Check_Inventory()

RETURNS TRIGGER AS \$\$

BEGIN

IF (Current_InStock.numInStock < 0) THEN

RAISE EXCEPTION 'You do you not have any more of those available';

END IF;

END \$\$Language plpgsql;

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Create Trigger StockLow

After insert or update

on Deploys

For Each Row

Execute Procedure Check_Inventory():

Verifies that terminated users have retuned their equipment before an official endDate can be set in the database:

This will help account for equipment deployed to users, especially ones that do not work on-site. If the user types an endDate before entering a restockDate, an error will be thrown and they will be prompted for the restockDate before that user can be removed from the system.

CREATE FUNCTION NotifyUser()

Returns trigger as \$\$

BEGIN

IF (Deploys.restockDate IS NULL AND Users.endDate IS NOT NULL) THEN

RAISE EXCEPTION 'Please retrieve the equipment from this user and add a restock date for this deploy';

END IF;				
END				
\$\$LANGUAGE plpgsql;				
Create Trigger Equipment_Alert				
After insert or update				
On Users				
For Each Row				
Execute Procedure NotifyUser():				

Security:

I decided, since there is a relatively small group of us working in the IT department, it would probably be best to just create 2 levels of users considering there is a network administrator and everyone else is on the same page. I chose to give Users the permission to edit and add files, but only the administrator can delete them. I figure that the normal users (Technicians) will be performing the majority of the data entry and the modifications to files. Administrators, obviously, have full control over the database.

CREATE USER TMSAdmin WITH PASSWORD '007';

Revoke all on Devices from TMSAdmin;

Revoke all on Assets from TMSAdmin;

Revoke all on Technicians from TMSAdmin;

Revoke all on Locations from TMSAdmin;

Revoke all on Buildings from TMSAdmin;

Revoke all on Departments from TMSAdmin;

Revoke all on Users from TMSAdmin;

Revoke all on Deploys from TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, delete, select on Devices to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, delete, select on Assets to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, delete, select on Technicians to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, delete, select on Locations to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, delete, select on Buildings to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, delete, select on Departments to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, delete, select on Users to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, delete, select on Deploys to TMSAdmin;

CREATE USER TMSHelpDesk WITH PASSWORD 'helpme';

Revoke all on Devices from TMSHelpDesk;

Revoke all on Assets from TMSHelpDesk;

Revoke all on Technicians from TMSHelpDesk;

Revoke all on Locations from TMSHelpDesk;

Revoke all on Buildings from TMSHelpDesk;

Revoke all on Departments from TMSHelpDesk;

Revoke all on Users from TMSHelpDesk;

Revoke all on Deploys from TMSHelpDesk;

Grant insert, update, select on Devices to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, select on Assets to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, select on Technicians to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, select on Locations to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, select on Buildings to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, select on Departments to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, select on Users to TMSAdmin;

Grant insert, update, select on Deploys to TMSAdmin;

Other Things to Consider:

Implementation:

Implementation should be simple since the database can be run on the quality of computers at this business and there is not much functionality that is overly complicated. I definitely think that it would be a huge improvement over what they currently have in place.

Known Problems:

I don't think there's as many know problems as there are possible footholds that could come later in the future. For example, more triggers and stored procedures could be added to prevent bad input and common mistakes. However, in the environment that I wrote this for, I think I did a great job of noting the information that they definitely want

kept for long term reference. Also, due to the type of information that is being stored in the database, I don't think that it will be much of a target.

Future Enhancements:

Some of the future enhancements that could be added to this system might include more customizable views for more specific reports. More information could be kept based on changing company needs and interests. If they decide they would like to keep track of more IT Supplies, the tables could be easily manipulated to account for it. The future functionality, though, would ultimately be up to the company and it would more than likely be refinement and customization rather than major changes in functionality.