

Feedback From Peer Reviewers:

Comments:

Outline makes sense and is understandable why you would create a database. There are enough entities but I don't see a reason why addresses need to be their own entity. It would probably be fine to just attach it to the restaurant entity. Review entity is somewhat confusing. If a customer enters a restaurant, will they automatically be set to like it? A record could be created if a user clicks a like, with a person id and a restaurant id in the record. If recording both likes and dislikes, the boolean attribute can stay in the record as well.

Jonathan Abantao, Oct 1 at 11:18pm

Hi Brittany, It is strange my database is based on menus for restaurants and the other student I was assigned is also doing a food related database. I am not sure of your intentions for this database but for the sake of the project you could probably simplify this a bit. You could have the restaurants location reduced to latitude and longitude or just use a generic "location ID". If this is a database to track restaurants that the user likes perhaps a personal note or favorite meal would be helpful to remember. I know I rarely know what I ordered but just that I had a good meal.

Jacob Powers, Oct 2 at 4:36pm

Actions Based on Feedback:

I am leaving location as an entity because location is a thing which is made up of attributes and will be stored together in a table. Another reason I am leaving location as an entity is location should be unique and restaurants cannot be at the same location. The restaurant entity table will show the one-to-one relationship between the location entity and restaurant entity. In this table I would use a location id (as mentioned by the reviewer) and restaurant id. I do not want to change location to latitude and longitude as I want location to be something that can easily be looked up and used by a customer for locating a restaurant.

I tried to clarify how the review process would work in the project outline and I changed the review to not have a default choice. If a customer selects a restaurant to review, they will then choose between a like (1) and dislike (0), but their entry cannot be null. This database is less to track a customer's restaurants they like and more to help customers choose a restaurant based on their cuisine preference, location, and other customer reviews.

Upgrades to Draft Version:

I added more detail to the project outline to better explain how I would like this database to work as there seemed to be a bit of confusion from the reviewers. I also changed reviews to an attribute instead of an entity because I realized it was an attribute of the relationship between restaurants and customers. While working on project step 2 I realized there was not a Boolean data type, so I changed this to a bit which cannot be null.

Project Outline

This database will represent a review and information system for restaurants and their customers. Customers can review restaurants which will generate a rating for the restaurant.

Customers must add their information in order to add a review. Restaurants will have information about their name, location, cuisine, and rating.

This database would work as follows:

- customers would create an account with their information (name, email, birthdate, and preferences)
- restaurants would be added to the database by customers and would include the restaurant information (name, location, rating, and cuisine)
 - name of restaurant would be entered by customer
 - location would be added when a restaurant is added, but it cannot be the same as a location already in the database
 - rating would default to 0 at creation because no reviews exist
 - cuisine can be chosen from the already existing cuisines or a new cuisine type can be created
- Customers can select an existing restaurant and choose either like or dislike. Restaurants are reviewed after creation and never during. During creation the rating (which is made up of reviews) is defaulted to 0.
- Customers would be able to find all restaurants matching their cuisine preference or a certain rating
- When a customer looks up a restaurant they would receive its information including location, rating (which is the average like rate from customers who have left reviews), and cuisine type

The focus of this database is to allow customers to give their opinion of a restaurant in the form of a like or dislike which in turn will help other customers choose a restaurant. Customers searching for a restaurant narrow down their options by location, cuisine preferences, and a restaurant's rating.

Database Outline

Entities and Attributes:

- **Restaurants**
 - **Id:** This is an auto-incremented, not null, and unique number used to identify a restaurant. This is the primary key.
 - **Name:** This is the restaurant's name. This is a string with a max of 200 characters. It cannot be blank or null.
 - **Rating:** This is an average rating based on customer reviews. This is a decimal number to two decimal places to represent a percentage. It cannot be blank or null. The numbers will be calculated as an average of likes (value of 1) and dislikes (value of 0) based on the number of customers who left reviews. When a restaurant is first added to the database the default is 0.
 - **Location:** This is the physical location of the restaurant. This will be an id of the location entity. Only one restaurant can be at any given location, so the id must be unique. Location cannot be null or blank.

- **Cuisine:** This is the cuisine which the restaurant serves. This will be an id of the cuisine entity. The cuisine does not have to be unique.
- **Location**
 - **Id:** This is an auto-incremented, not null, and unique number used to identify a location. This is the primary key.
 - **Address**
This is the physical address of a restaurant.
 - **Street:** This is the street name of the restaurant. This is a string with a max of 255 characters. This cannot be null or blank.
 - **Suite number:** This is the suite number of the restaurant. This can be blank.
 - **City:** This is the city where the restaurant is located. This cannot be null or blank. This is a string with a max of 100 characters.
 - **State:** This is the state abbreviation where the restaurant is located. This cannot be null or blank. This is a string with a max of 2 characters.
 - **Zip code:** This is the zip code of where the restaurant is located. This is an integer with 5 numbers. This cannot be blank or null.
- **Customers**
 - **Id:** This is an auto-incremented, not null, and unique number used to identify a customer. This is the primary key.
 - **First name:** This is the customer's first name. This is a string with the max of 100 characters. This cannot be blank or null.
 - **Last name:** This is the customer's last name. This is a string with the max of 100 characters. This cannot be blank or null.
 - **Email:** This is the customer's email. This is a string with the max of 100 characters. This cannot be blank or null. This must be unique.
 - **Birthdate:** This is the customer's birthdate. This is a date in the format YYYY-MM-DD.
 - **Preferences:** This is the customer's cuisine preference. This will be an id of the cuisine entity.
- **Reviews (This is an attribute of the relationship between restaurants and customers. It will be used to derive the rating attribute of restaurants)**
 - **Like/Dislike:** This represents the customers review of a restaurant. This is a bit. 1 for like and 0 for dislike. This cannot be null. To clarify reviews are only likes or dislikes they will not include comments.
- **Cuisine**
 - **Id:** This is an auto-incremented, not null, and unique number used to identify a cuisine. This is the primary key.
 - **Type:** This is a description of the type of food a restaurant serves. This is a string with a max of 100 characters.

Relationships:

- **Restaurants serve customers:** Many restaurants have many customers. This is a many-to-many relationship

- **And these customers generate reviews:** This is an attribute of the restaurant-customer relationship
- **And these reviews create a rating:** A restaurant's rating is calculated from reviews left by its customer
- **Example of this relationship:**

Restaurant ID	Customer ID	Review
ABC	123	1
DEF	123	0
ABC	456	0

Restaurant- ID: ABC Rating: 50%

- **Restaurants are at locations:** Every restaurant has a single location which belongs to it. This is a one-to-one relationship.
- **Restaurants specialize cuisine:** A restaurant serves one cuisine, but a cuisine can be served at many restaurants. This is a one-to-many relationship.
- **Customers have cuisine preferences:** Every customer has a single cuisine preference, but a cuisine can be a preference for many customers. This is a one-to-many relationship.