Electronics Vendor Project for Database Management Systems

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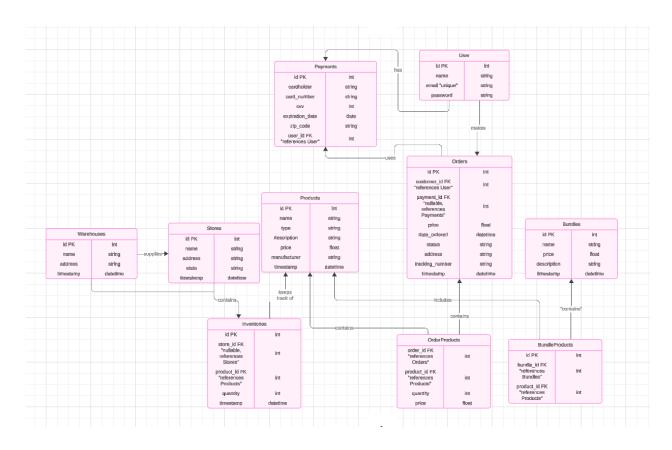
Abstract

This project describes my research and implementation of a database management system run in conjunction with a fullstack web application designed after an electronics vendor like Best Buy, Circuit City, or if Newegg ran physical locations. As a semester project, I created it to (ideally) show my proficiency in what I have learned in this semester, applied to an actual project. It is easy to assume you are knowledgeable about something until that knowledge is tested.

Project Description

The goal of the project was to create a somewhat realistic web application with functions for users, employees, and database administrators alike. With so many moving parts, I had to map out what schemas my database needed, how these schemas needed to interact with each other, as well as how these schemas needed to operate on a low-level, and then I actually had to implement it.

Design

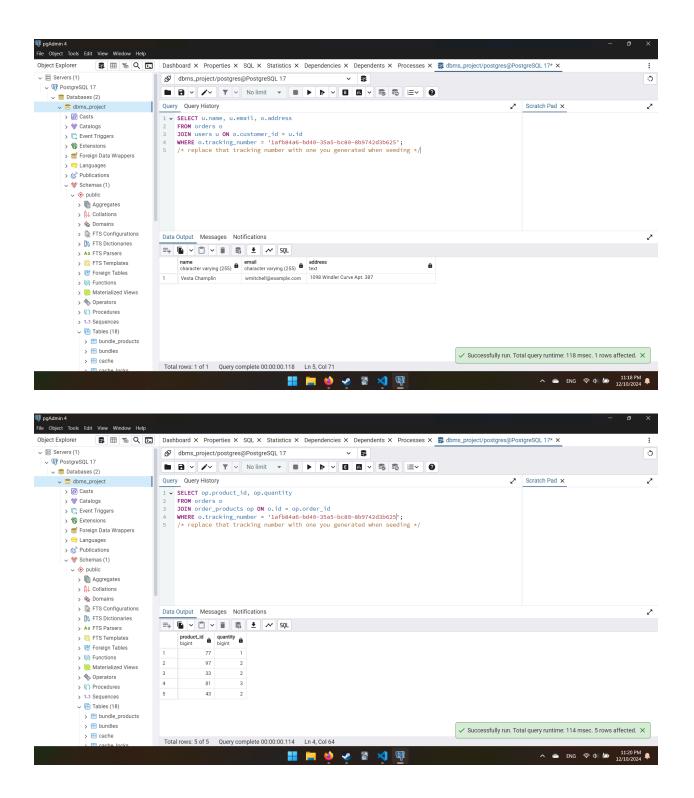


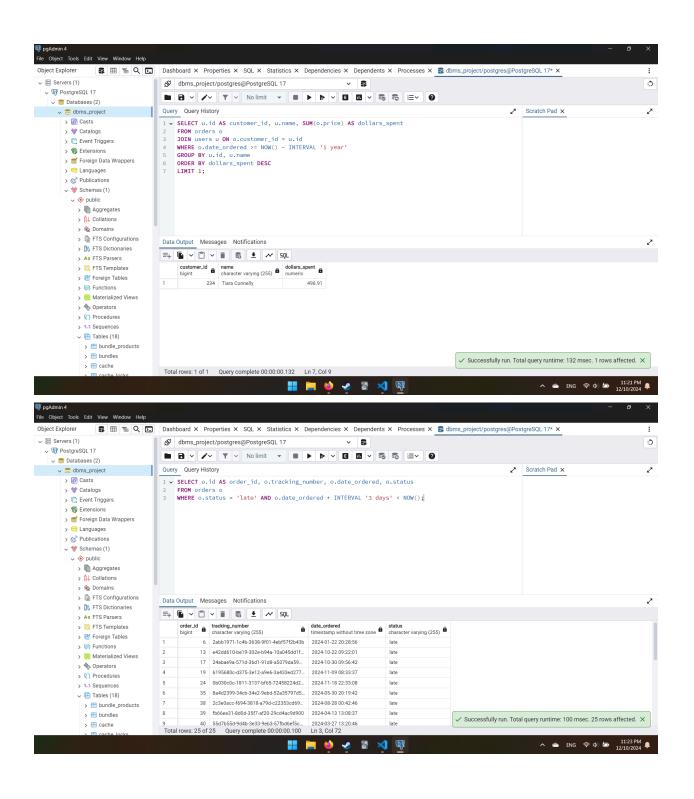
Implementation

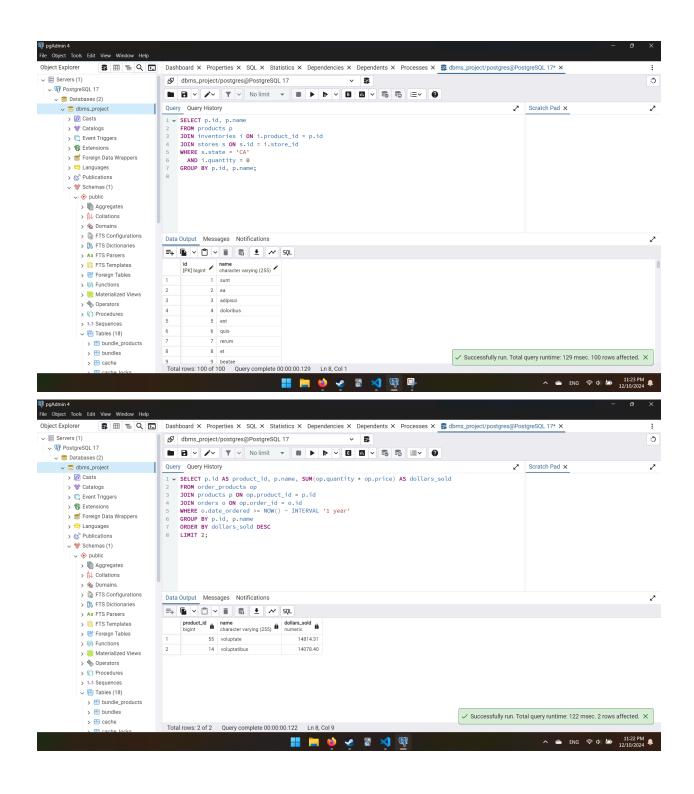
The database is run on PostgreSQL and the web application is run on Laravel, a fullstack PHP framework. This setup allowed Laravel to do a lot of the heavy lifting (user authentication, seeding the database, migrations to database, MVC, etc.) so I could focus more on the implementation of the database and the application's features. PHP Composer, Node Package Manager, and GitHub were used as dependency and version control tools to help keep me organized and work on this as I balanced other classes and my full-time job as a software developer.

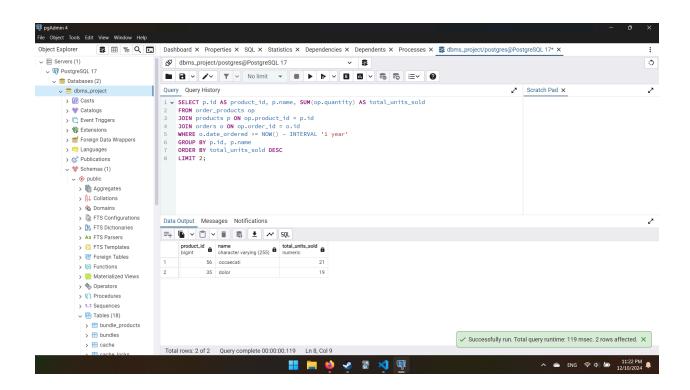
Running Results and Analysis

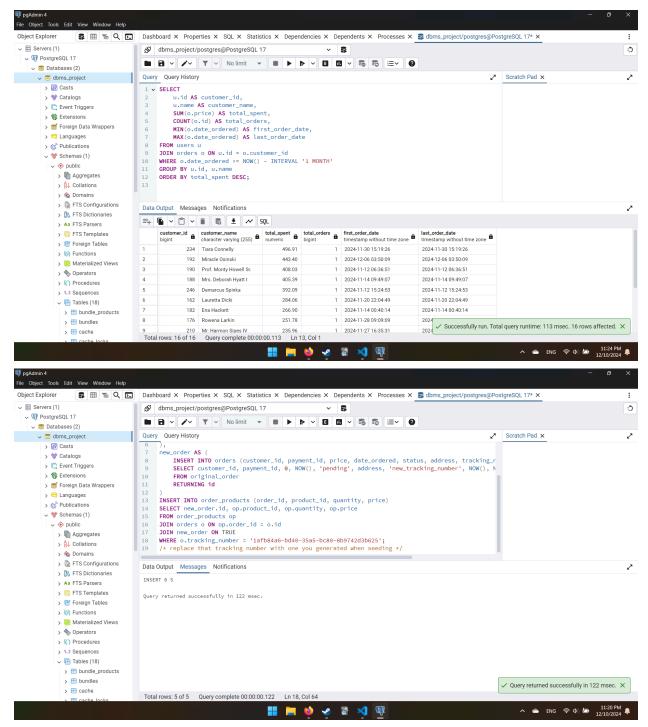
The following are screenshots of the given example queries working as intended:











Conclusion:

My main takeaway is that it is very difficult to implement something like this, let alone something like this that works. I spent a bit too much time on designing the database, and not enough time implementing features into the web application.