



DATABASE FOR COMPUTER REPAIR SHOP

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1 PROBLEM SPECIFICATION

The owners of a computer repair shop would like to keep track of the repair jobs for computers they repair, the items used for each repair job, the labor costs for each repair job, the repairmen performing each repair job, and the total cost of each repair job.

When customers bring their computers in to be repaired, they make a deposit on the repair job and are given a date to return and uplift their computer. Repairmen then perform repairs on the customers' computers based on the repair job and detail the labor costs and the items used for each repair job.

When customers return, they pay the total cost of the repair job less the deposit, collect a receipt for their payment, and uplift the repaired computer using this payment receipt.

2 SOLUTION STEPS

2.1 Discover Entities

List of all the discovered entities:

- *Repair Jobs*
- *Computers*
- *Items*
- *Repairmen*
- *Customers*
- *Deposits*
- *Payment Receipts (Payments)*

2.2 Assign Attributes

list of the possible properties and/or characteristics recorded in the problem domain and those relevant to the client.

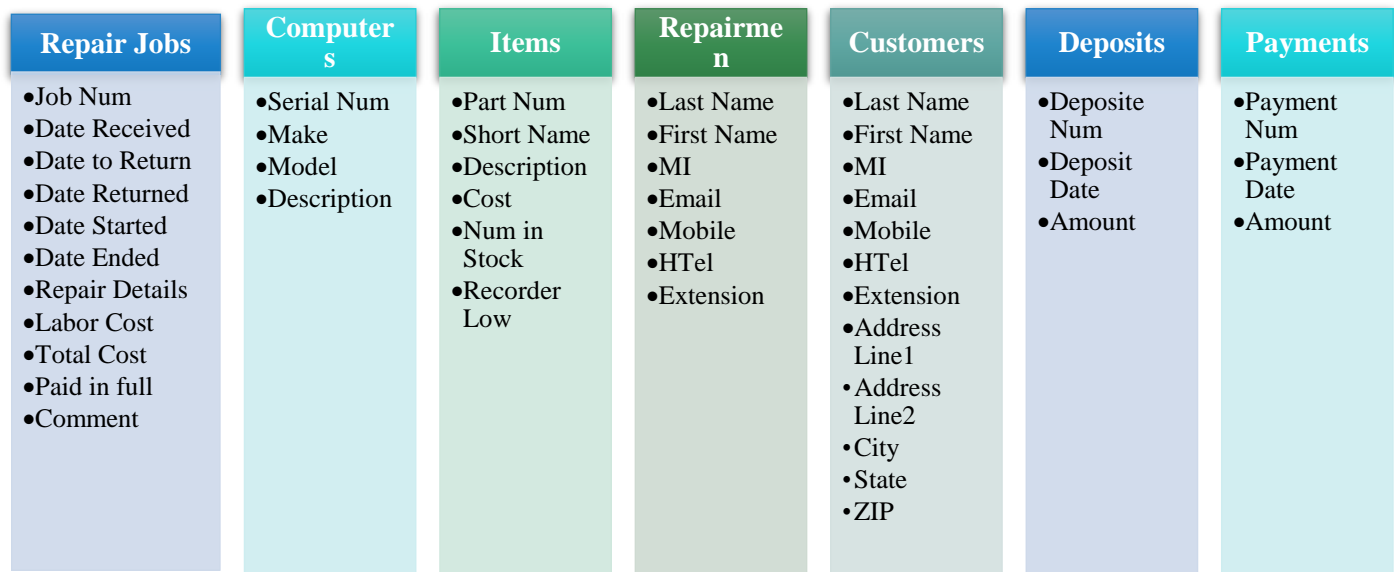


Figure 1: Entities and attributes of computer repair shop database.

2.3 Select identifiers and primary keys from attributes of each entity

Every attribute must depend on the primary key, the whole primary key.

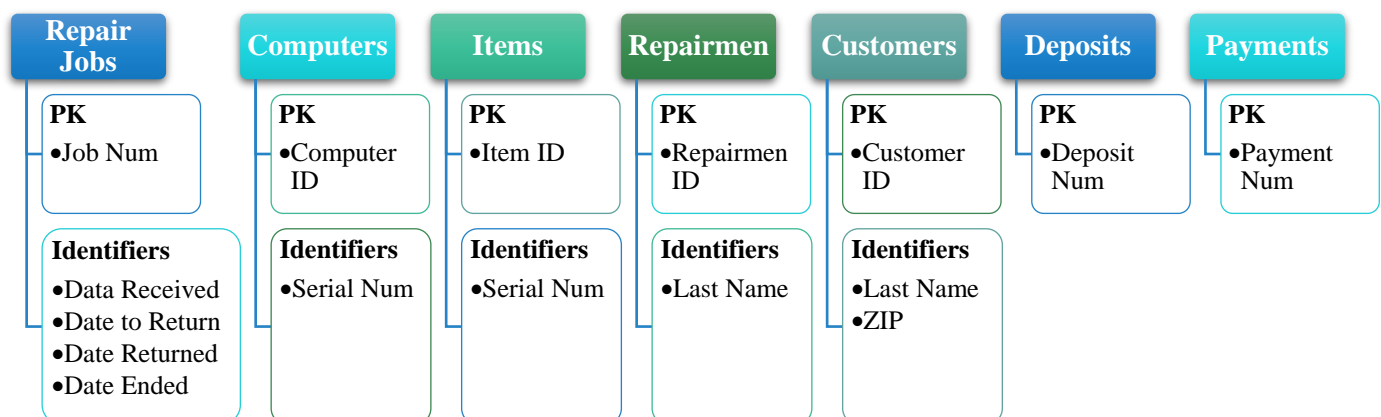


Figure 2: PK and identifiers of computer repair shop database.

2.4 Build the E-E Matrix

The intersection of the rows and columns represents the relationships that may exist between the entities

- *Diagonal* → Express the unary relationships (No unary relationship in the problem).
- *Empty cell* → No Relationships between the 2 rational entities.

Table 1: E-E Matrix of computer repair shop

	Repair Jobs	Computers	Items	Repairmen	Customers	Deposits	Payments
Repair Jobs							
Computers	Conducted						
Items	Use						
Repairmen	Perform		Order				
Customers	Request	Own					
Deposits	Make						
Payments	Make						

2.5 List assertions for all relationships (Optionality: Cardinality)

By looking at each relationship from Entity A to Entity B and writing out the relationship in words, using the entities involved in the relationship, the optionality, and cardinalities. Then, Look at each relationship in reverse, from Entity B to Entity A, and write out the relationship in words, using the entities involved in the relationship, the optionality, and the cardinalities.

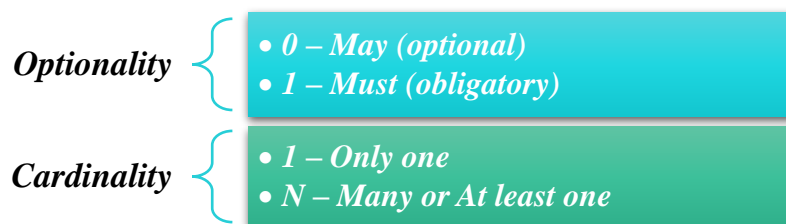


Figure 3: Assertion rules.

First, we list the assertions of the 8 relationships, mentioned in the E-E matrix above, as follows:

- A Repair Job **must** be conducted on **only one** Computer → (1: 1)
- A Repair Job **may** use **many** Items → (0: N)
- A Repair Job **must** be requested by **only one** Customer → (1: 1)

- A Repair Job **must** be performed by **at least one** Repairman → (1: N)
- A Repair Job **must** have made **at least one** Deposit → (1: N)
- A Repair Job **may** have made **many** Payments → (0: N)
- An Item **may** be ordered by **many** Repairmen → (0: N)
- A Customer **must** own **at least one** Computer → (1: N)

Second, we list the reverse of the 8 relationships as follows:

- Each Computer **must** have conducted **at least one** Repair Jobs → (1: N)
- Each Item **may be** used in **many** Repair Jobs → (0: N)
- Each Customer **may** request **many** Repair Jobs → (0: N)
- Each Repairman **may** perform **many** Repair Jobs → (0: N)
- Each Deposit **must** be made for **only one** Repair Job → (1: 1)
- Each Payment **must** be made for **only one** Repair Job → (1: 1)
- Each Repairman **may** order **many** Items → (0: N)
- Each Computer **must** be owned by **only one** Customer → (1: 1)

2.6 Create ER Diagram

Using the documented information above, I created this ERD using the [Draw.io](https://draw.io) website.

1. With the aid of [section 2.1](#), I created the entities as rectangles.
2. With the aid of [section 2.2](#), I Listed the attributes of each entity.
3. With the aid of [section 2.3](#), I distinguish the primary keys by bolding and underlining the font and the identifiers by bolding only.
4. With the aid of [section 2.4](#), I created the relationships as diamonds.
5. Join the relationship (diamond) with its 2 entities (rectangles).
6. With the aid of [section 2.5](#), I positioned the assertion on the 2 sides of the relationship as (*optionality: cardinality*).

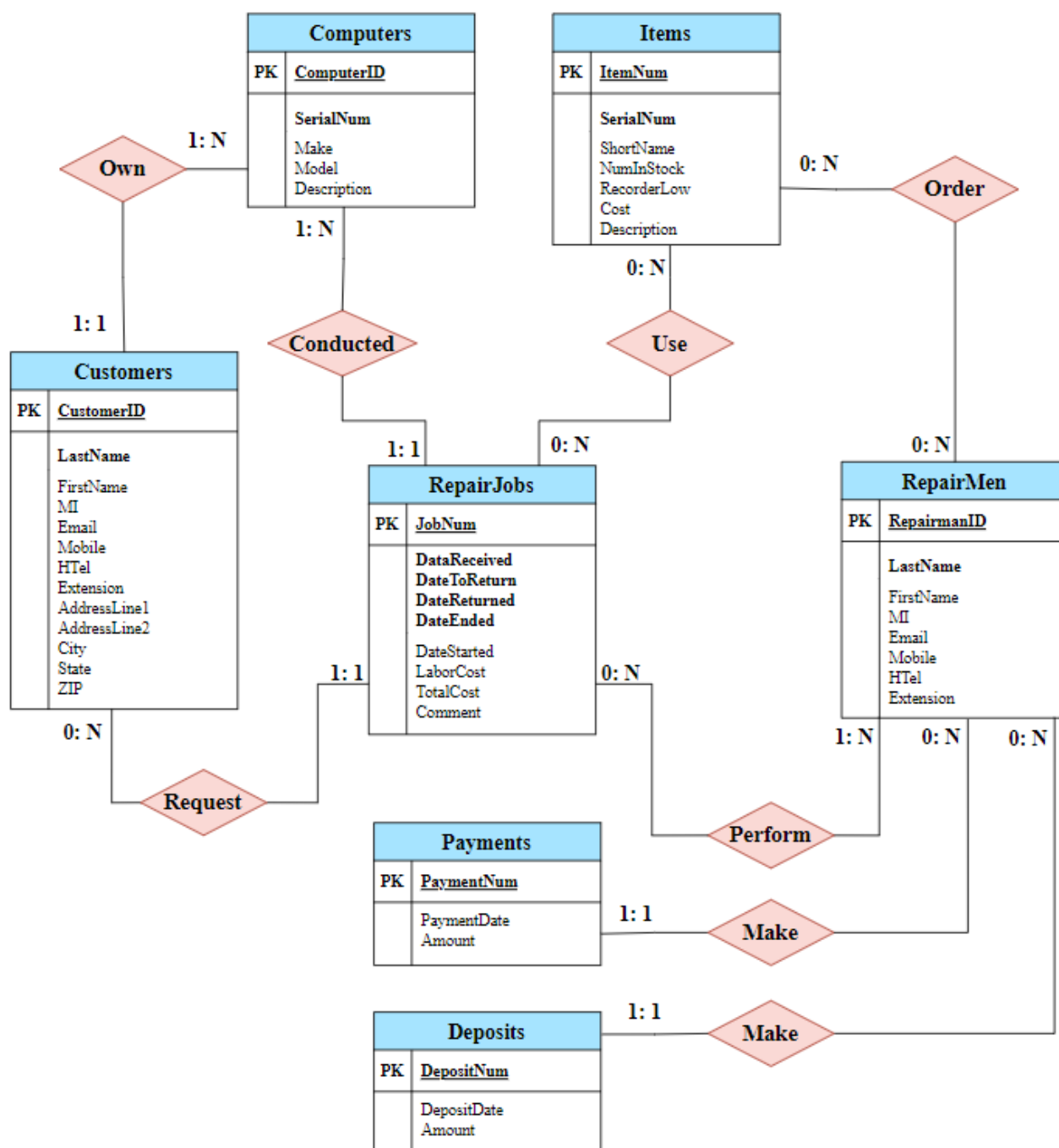


Figure 4: ERD of the computer repair shop.

2.7 Create Implementable RM Diagram

Transforming the detailed ER diagram into a Crow's Foot RM diagram and handling all many-to-many relationships. Crow's feet can only represent one-to-one and one-to-many relationships. Many-to-many relationships are created using a join-table.

To identify the many-to-many relationships, I created new (1: N), or (1: N) relationships that connect the two existing Relations to the new Relation. The many sides (Crow's Foot) of

the two new relationships should be on the new Relation. Ensure that the primary key for each of the two existing Relations becomes a foreign key in the new Relation and create a new and separate primary key for the new Relation, such as a unique identifier (Id) the new Relations handled as follows:

Note: some attributes may be transported to the new Relation between the 2 sides many-to-many when it belongs to both sides.

RepairmenItems

I created a new Relation posed between Repairmen and Items Relations with 3 attributes to define more information about the item's orders by the repairmen.

- *DateOrdered* – the date at which the repairman ordered an item.
- *Quantity* – number of ordered items.
- *TotalCost* – total cost (cost of item * quantity).

Note: TotalCost is a delivered attribute.

RepairJobsItems

I created a new Relation posed between RepairJobs and Items Relations with 3 attributes to define more information about the items used in the repair job.

- *DateUsed* – the date at which the repair job used an item.
- *Quantity* – Number of used items.
- *TotalCost* – total cost (cost of item * quantity).

RepairJobsOfRepairmen

I created a new Relation posed between RepairJobs and Repairmen Relations and transport the 3 attributes (DateStarted, DateEnded, and Comment) of the RepairJobs to this new Relation.

- *DateStarted* – the date at which the repairman starts working in a repair job.
- *DateEnded* – the date at which the repairman ends the repair job.
- *Comment*.

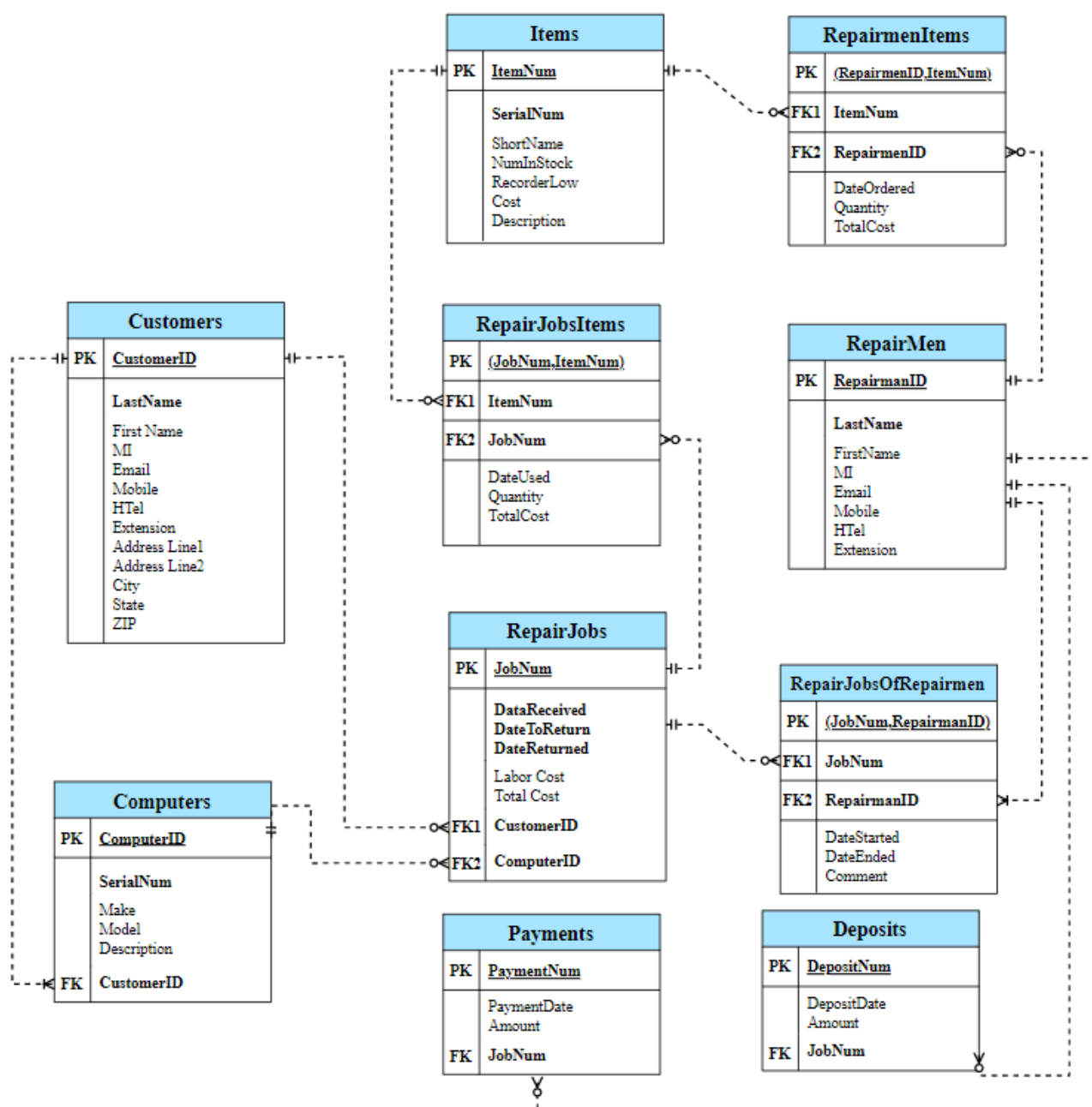


Figure 5: crow's foot RM Diagram of the computer repair shop.

2.8 Data Dictionary

The table below gives a breakdown of the possible data types along with the other important considerations that need to be taken into account when implementing the columns of the tables.

Table 2: Database dictionary

Table Name	Columns	Data Type	Length	Indexed	Required (Default)
Items	ItemNum	INT	NA	Yes, PK	Yes
	SerialNum	VARCHAR	50	Yes	Yes
	ShortName	VARCHAR	75	Yes	Yes
	Cost	DECIMAL	12	No	Yes (0.00)
	NumInStock	INT	6	No	Yes (1)
Repairmen	RepairmenID	INT	NA	Yes, PK	Yes
	LastName	VARCHAR	50	Yes, Composite	Yes
	FirstName	VARCHAR	50	No	Yes
	MI	CHAR	1	No	No
	Email	VARCHAR	75	No	No
	Mobile	VARCHAR	14	No	Yes
	HTel	VARCHAR	50	No	No
	Extension	VARCHAR	5	No	No
Customers	CustomerID	INT	NA	Yes, PK	Yes
	LastName	VARCHAR	50	Yes, Composite	Yes
	FirstName	VARCHAR	50	No	Yes
	MI	CHAR	1	No	No
	Email	VARCHAR	75	No	No
	Mobile	VARCHAR	14	No	Yes
	HTel	VARCHAR	50	No	No
	AddressLine1	VARCHAR	75	No	Yes
	AddressLine2	VARCHAR	75	No	No
	City	VARCHAR	50	No	Yes
	State	VARCHAR	50	No	Yes
	ZIP	VARCHAR	50	No	Yes

Computers	ComputerID	INT	NA	Yes, PK	Yes
	SerialNum	VARCHAR	50	Yes	Yes
	Make	VARCHAR	50	No	No
	Model	VARCHAR	50	No	No
	Description	VARCHAR	255	No	No
	CustomerID	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
Deposits	DepositNum	INT	NA	Yes, PK	Yes
	DepositDate	DATE	NA	No	No
	Amount	INT	12	No	Yes (0)
	ItemNum	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
Payments	PaymentNum	INT	NA	Yes, PK	Yes
	PaymentDate	DATE	NA	No	No
	Amount	INT	12	No	Yes (0)
	ItemNum	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
RepairJobs	JobNum	INT	NA	Yes, PK	Yes
	DateReceived	DATE	NA	Yes	Yes
	DateToReturn	DATE	NA	Yes	Yes
	DateReturned	DATE	NA	Yes	No
	RepairDetails	VARCHAR	255	No	No
	LaborCost	DECIMAL	12	No	Yes (0.00)
	TotalCost	DECIMAL	12	No	Yes (0.00)
	CustomerID	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
	ComputerID	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
RepairJob Repairmen	(JobNum,RepairmenId)	INT	NA	Yes, PK, Composite	Yes
	JobNum	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
	RepairmenId	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
	DateStarted	DATE	NA	No	Yes
	DateEnded	DATE	NA	No	Yes

	TotalCost	DECIMAL	12	No	Yes (0.00)
	Comment	TXET	NA	No	No
Repairmen Items	(ItemNum,RepairmenId)	INT	NA	Yes, PK, Composite	Yes
	ItemNum	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
	RepairmenId	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
	DateOrdered	DATE	NA	No	No
	Quantity	INT	6	No	Yes (1)
	TotalCost	DECIMAL	12	No	Yes (0.00)
RepairJob Items	(JobNum, ItemNum)	INT	NA	Yes, PK, Composite	Yes
	JobNum	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
	ItemNum	INT	NA	Yes, FK	Yes
	DateUsed	DATE	NA	No	No
	Quantity	INT	6	No	Yes (1)
	TotalCost	DECIMAL	12	No	Yes (0.00)

2.9 Indexes

- All mentioned indexes ON UPDATE CASCADE.
- All mentioned indexes ON DELETE RESTRICT.

3 IMPLEMENTATION SNAPSHOTS

```
mysql> SHOW DATABASES;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| computerrepairshop |
| information_schema |
| mysql |
| performance_schema |
| sys |
| university |
+-----+
```

Figure 6: Show exists databases from MySQL Command Line.

```
mysql> SHOW TABLES FROM computerrepairshop;
+-----+
| Tables_in_computerrepairshop |
+-----+
| computers |
| customer |
| customers |
| deposits |
| items |
| payment |
| repairjobitems |
| repairjobrepairmen |
| repairjobs |
| repairmen |
| repairmenitems |
+-----+
11 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Figure 7: Show database columns from MySQL Command Line.

```
mysql> SHOW COLUMNS FROM computers;
+-----+
| Field      | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra          |
+-----+
| ComputerID | int           | NO   | PRI | NULL    | auto_increment |
| SerialNum  | varchar(50)   | NO   | MUL | NULL    |                |
| Make       | varchar(50)   | NO   |     | NULL    |                |
| Model      | varchar(50)   | YES  |     | NULL    |                |
| Description | varchar(255)  | YES  |     | NULL    |                |
| CustomerID | int           | NO   | MUL | NULL    |                |
+-----+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> DESCRIBE computers;
+-----+
| Field      | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra          |
+-----+
| ComputerID | int           | NO   | PRI | NULL    | auto_increment |
| SerialNum  | varchar(50)   | NO   | MUL | NULL    |                |
| Make       | varchar(50)   | NO   |     | NULL    |                |
| Model      | varchar(50)   | YES  |     | NULL    |                |
| Description | varchar(255)  | YES  |     | NULL    |                |
| CustomerID | int           | NO   | MUL | NULL    |                |
+-----+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SHOW COLUMNS IN computers;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field      | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra          |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| ComputerID | int           | NO   | PRI | NULL    | auto_increment |
| SerialNum  | varchar(50)   | NO   | MUL | NULL    |                |
| Make       | varchar(50)   | NO   |     | NULL    |                |
| Model      | varchar(50)   | YES  |     | NULL    |                |
| Description | varchar(255)  | YES  |     | NULL    |                |
| CustomerID | int           | NO   | MUL | NULL    |                |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Figure 8: Show table column from MySQL Command Line.

The screenshot shows the MySQL Workbench interface. On the left, the 'Navigator' pane displays the 'computerrepairshop' database with a list of tables including 'computers'. The main area shows the 'Table: computers' with the following columns: ComputerID (int AI PK), SerialNum (varchar(50)), Make (varchar(50)), Model (varchar(50)), Description (varchar(255)), and CustomerID (int). Below the columns, the 'Related Tables' section shows a relationship with the 'customers' table, with 'Target' as 'customers (CustomerID → CustomerID)', 'On Update' as 'CASCADE', and 'On Delete' as 'RESTRICT'.

Figure 10: Table information from MySQL workbench.

Figure 9: Schema information from MySQL workbench

The screenshot shows the MySQL Workbench interface. The top pane displays the SQL command: `SELECT * FROM computerrepairshop.computers;`. The bottom pane shows the 'Field Types' tab, which displays a table with 6 rows and 6 columns. The columns are: #, Field, Schema, Table, Type, and Character Set. The rows represent the columns of the 'computers' table: ComputerID (int, binary), SerialNum (VARCHAR, utf8mb4), Make (VARCHAR, utf8mb4), Model (VARCHAR, utf8mb4), Description (VARCHAR, utf8mb4), and CustomerID (INT, binary). A blue arrow points to the 'Field Types' button in the bottom right corner.

Figure 11: Show table details from MySQL workbench.

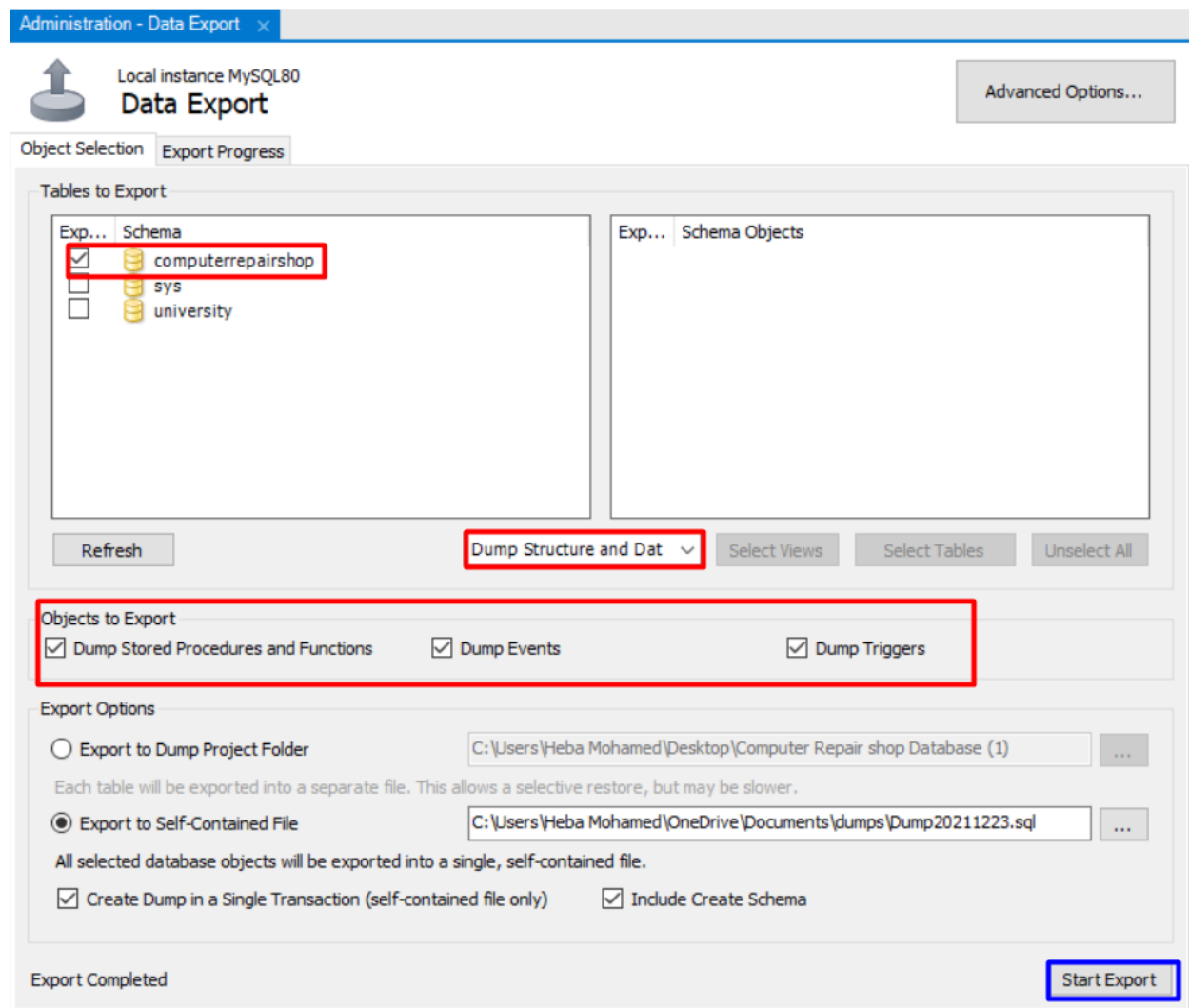


Figure 12: Export the SQL Script from MySQL workbench.

4 SOFTWARE TOOLS

- *MySQL shell*
- *MySQL workbench*
- *Sublime text editor*
- *Draw.io*
- *Microsoft word*



Figure 13: Software tools.

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