Project Step 7: Executive Summary, Outline, Schema, Screenshots

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Executive Summary

Feedback

Initially, we received a fair amount of feedback regarding relationships, specifically between our Purchases and Items (our M:M relationship). Although we determined we did not need to make changes, the feedback was helpful for our conceptual understanding. We received a comment from Jennifer about an arrow in the ERD and from Kai-Hsiang on one typo in the ERD/schema, which were both helpful. In the second and third rounds of feedback, we received comments about whether our project required a distinct page to display our intermediate Purchases Items table. We discussed this at length and determined it was not actually mandated by the project requirements, as the Guide only requires that "Every table should be used in at least one SELECT query", which happens when updates and deletes are initiated on Purchases. Also, this exact scenario is set out in the discussion in Ed #503. Some feedback in step 3 suggested we needed to make a nullable relationship clear, which was correct (ee id is nullable in Purchases) and recommended some additional aesthetic changes to the UI. As we approached the latter submission changes, we were pleased to receive mostly aesthetic and basic functional feedback. In stages 4 and beyond, we received feedback about whether Joins were supported, the timing of and implementation for other features like deletion (though we met all implementation deadlines). The second-to-last round of feedback helped with some minor parts of the UI implementation. The final round of peer feedback suggested validation on the credit card expiration in Purchases, which was not particularly helpful because the current design was a deliberate decision and it does incorporate needed validation.

Changes

We implemented a number of changes based on feedback, but elected to forego changes in some other circumstances. The changes that most impacted our overall database design were driven by internal debate rather than external feedback. In step 3, we transitioned to camelCase for attribute names, as we thought it would help when building the back end, especially translating GET and POST requests to SQL queries. During Step 4, we also implemented material changes to the functionality. Initially, we intended to implement DELETE functionality on every entity in the database. But, during development, we realized this would be problematic due to the foreign key constraints and it would be less logical for a company's records. The Employees entity was given additional attributes to represent if they were a current or former employee. We also made ee_id a nullable relationship in Purchases to meet project requirements. In steps 5 and 6, we implemented DELETE only for Purchases with a cascading functionality that deleted all relevant purchaseItems and restored inventoryQuantities where appropriate. UPDATE also underwent significant upgrades to ensure that changes to orders added/subtracted from the inventoryOnHand attribute as appropriate. Ultimately, we were very satisfied that the project met or exceeded all project specifications.

a.) Project Outline and Database Outline, ERD and Schema Updated Version

a.1 Overview

Three Eight Cycles is a retail store that sells \$5 million in road bicycles, mountain bicycles, accessories, and apparel annually. Sales of Items are made both within a single physical store in an online storefront. Employees create individual sales and are rewarded based upon sales volume each quarter and annually. Growth and budget forecasts for upcoming years will be made based upon sales and inventory data supplied by the database. A database-driven website will record:

- Customers both prospective Customers and Customers who have made at least one Purchase
- **Purchases** of Items for sale within store to a Customer
- PurchaseItems individual Items that are included within a Purchase by Customers
- Items merchandise, e.g., bicycles, bicycle parts, accessories, and cycling apparel for sale within the store
- **Employees** persons employed by the store to create and complete Purchases of Items for Customers

b.2 Database Outline, in Words

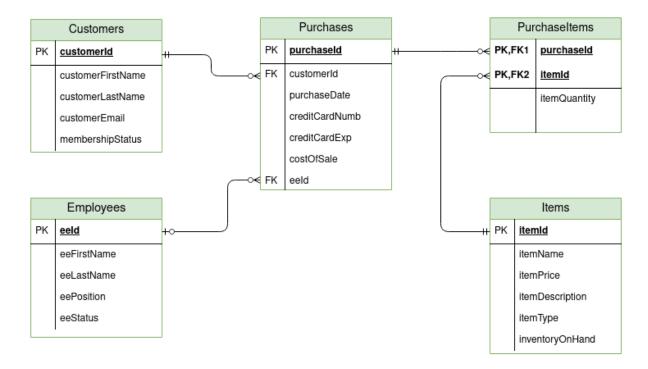
Specific information on each database entity includes:

- Customers records information about each customer who has purchased Items as a part of a Purchase() or prospective customer (for marketing purposes).
 - a. customerId: int, auto_increment, unique, not NULL, PK
 - b. customerFirstName : varchar (35), not NULL
 - c. customerLastName: varchar(35), not NULL
 - d. customerEmail: varchar(254) null OKAY
 - e. membershipStatus: Boolean not Null
 - f. Relationship: 1:M Relationship with Purchases implemented with customer_id as FK in Purchases
- Purchases records in-person and online sales PurchaseItems to Customers.
 - a. purchaseld: auto increment, unique, not NULL, PK
 - b. customerId: see in Customers, FK, not NULL
 - c. purchaseDate: date, not NULL

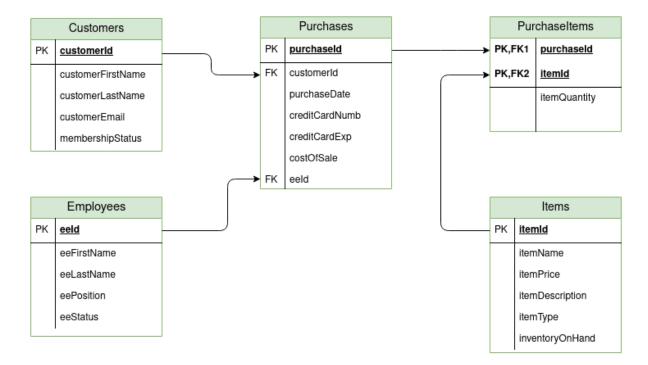
- d. creditCardNumb: varchar (19) not NULL
- e. creditCardExp: varchar (4) not NULL
- f. costOfSale: decimal (size, 2) not NULL
- g. eeld: see eeld in Employees, FK, Null OKAY
- h. Relationships:
 - M:1 relationship with Customers implemented with customer_id as FK in Purchases.
 - ii. 1:M with PurchaseItems, implemented with purchase_id + item_id as PK in PurchaseItems.
 - iii. M:1 with Employees implemented with ee id as FK in Purchases
 - iv. M:M with Items implemented via intermediate relationship with PurchaseItems
- 3. **PurchaseItems** composite entity representing one item on one Purchase.
 - a. purchaseld: see purchase id in Purchase(s), FK not NULL
 - b. itemId: see item_id in Items, FK, Not NULL
 - c. itemQuantity: int, not NULL
 - d. Relationships:
 - M:1 with Purchases & M:1 with Items implemented using the FK's purchaseId+item_id as concatenated PK.
 - ii. Intermediate in M:M relationship between Purchases and Items.
- 4. **Items** records the available inventory of bicycles, bicycle parts, accessories, and cycling apparel for sale within the store.
 - a. itemId: int, not NULL, unique, PK
 - b. ItemName: varchar (35), not NULL
 - c. itemPrice: decimal(size,2), not NULL
 - d. itemDescription: varchar (254), not NULL
 - e. itemType: varchar (15), not NULL
 - f. inventoryOnHand: int, not NULL
 - g. Relationship:
 - i. 1:M relationship with PurchaseItems implemented with item_id as FK in PurchaseItems
 - ii. M:M with Purchases implemented via intermediate relationship with Purchase_items

- 5. **Employees** records information about current Employees of Three Eight Cycles and their sales of Items as a part of Purchases.
 - a. eeld: auto_incr, not NULL, unique, PK
 - b. eeFirstName: varchar (35), not NULL
 - c. eeLastName: varchar (35), not NULL
 - d. eePosition: varchar (35), not NULL
 - e. eeStatus: Boolean not NULL
 - f. Relationship: 1:M with Purchases implemented by using eeld as FK in Purchases.

c) Entity-Relationship Diagram:

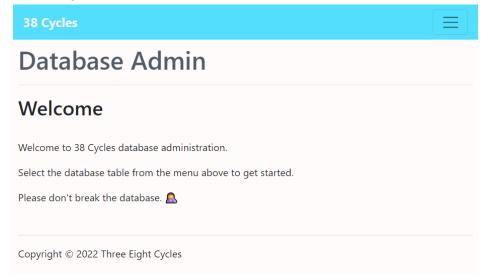


d) Schema

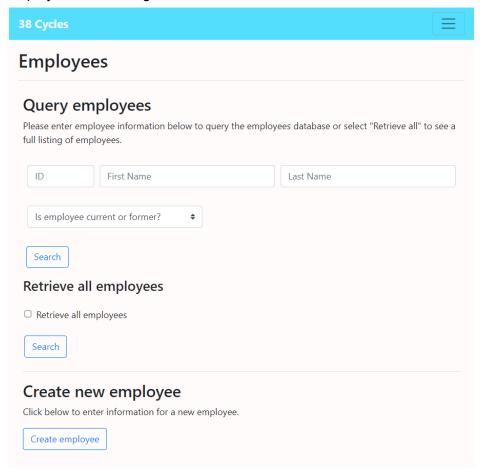


d) Screenshots

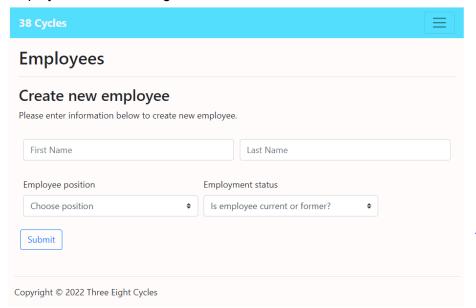
1) Home Page



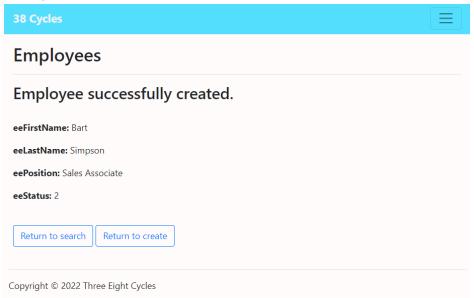
2) Employees Home Page



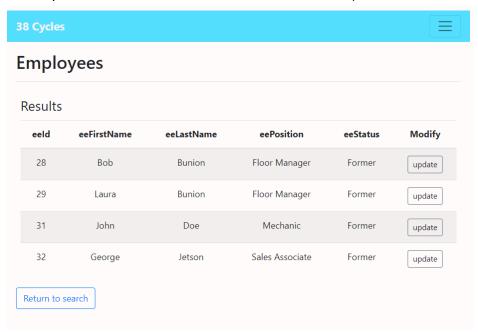
3) Employees CREATE Page



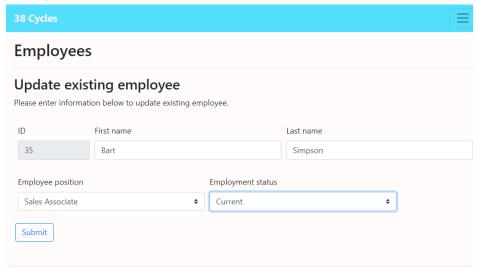
4) Employees CREATE Confirmation



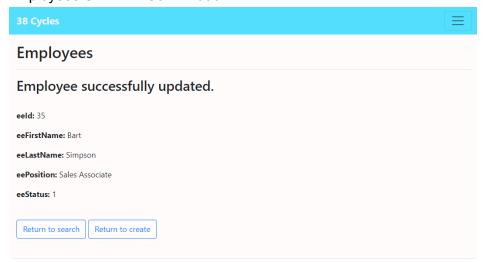
5) Employees READ page - Displays results from Search (implements a filtered/parameterized search and "retrieve all" search)



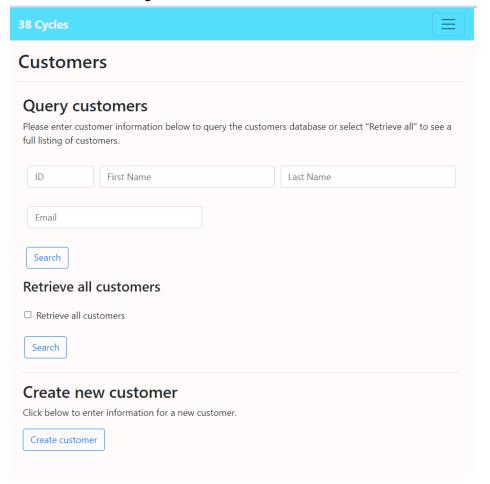
6) Employees UPDATE



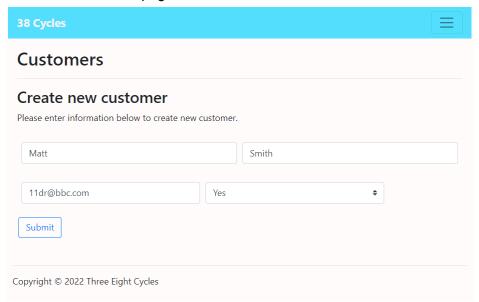
7) Employees UPDATE Confirmation



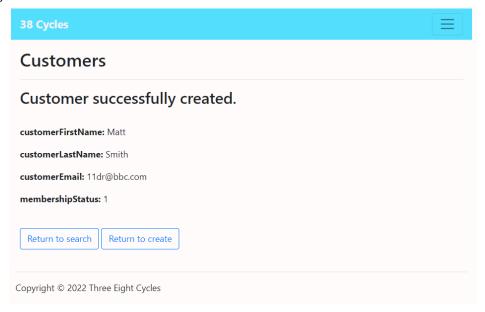
8) Customers Home Page



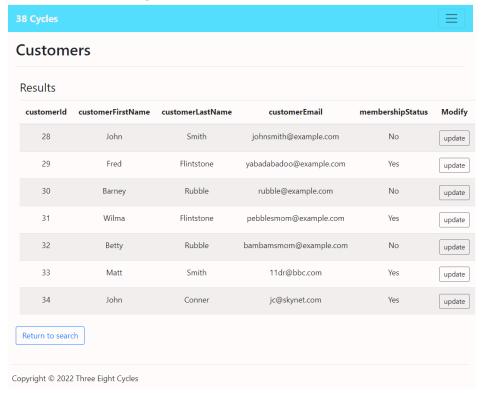
9) Customers CREATE page



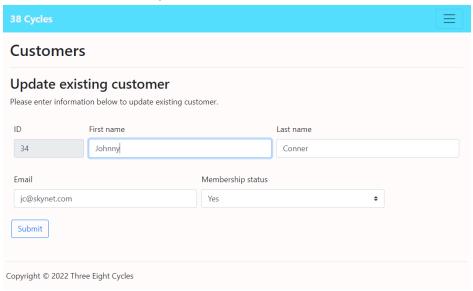
10) Customers CREATE Confirmation



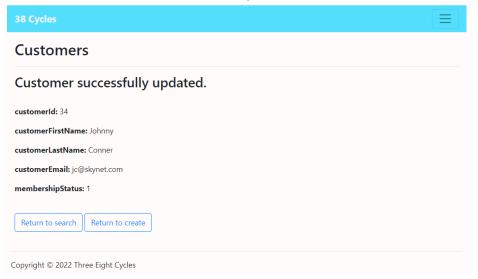
11) Customers READ Page (filtered/parameterized or "retrieve all")



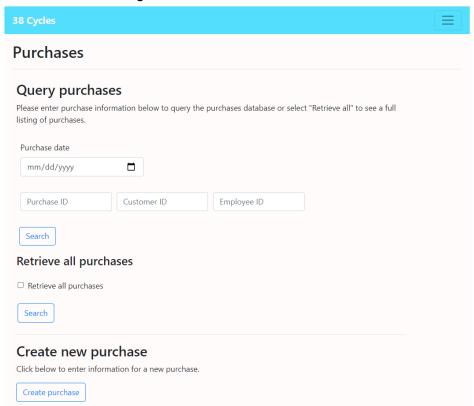
12) Customers UPDATE Page



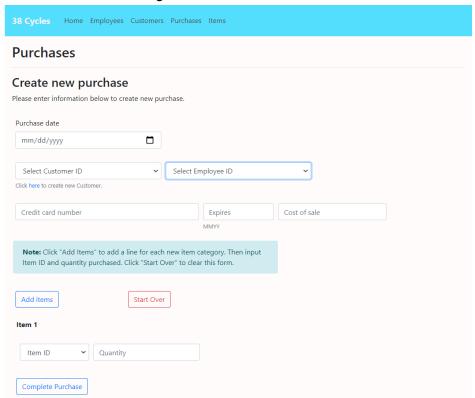
13) Customers UPDATE Confirmation Page



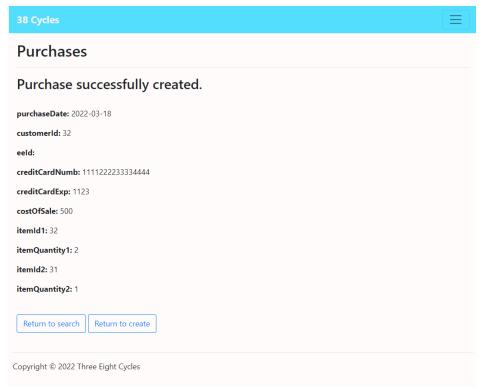
14) Purchases Home Page



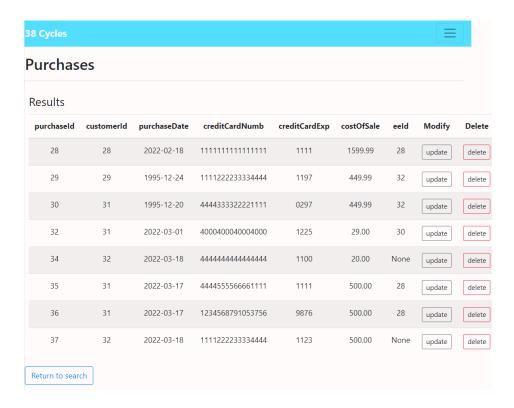
15) Purchases CREATE Page



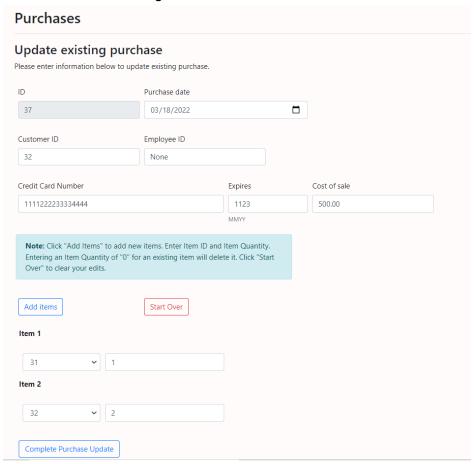
16) Purchases CREATE Confirmation Page



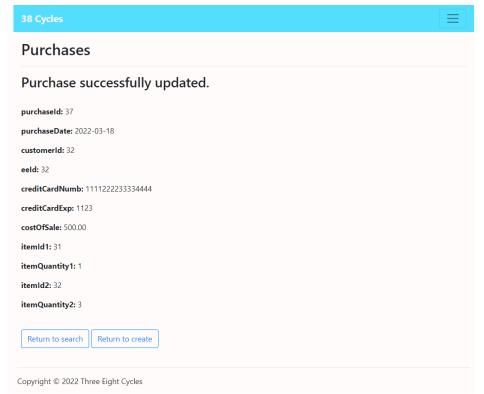
17) Purchases READ Page (filtered/parameterized or "retrieve all" search)



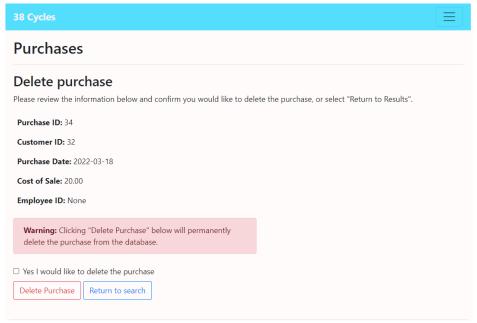
18) Purchases UPDATE Page



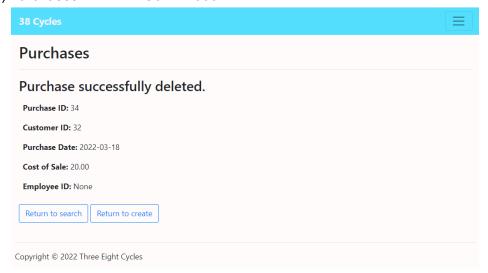
19) Purchases UPDATE Confirmation



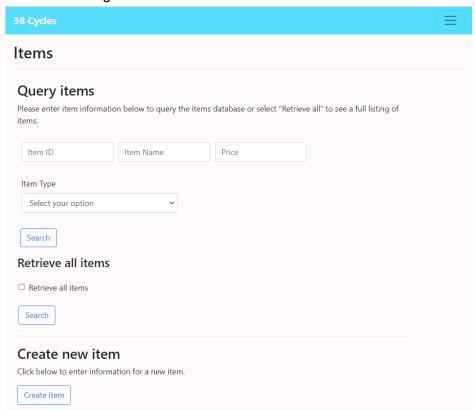
20) Purchases DELETE Page



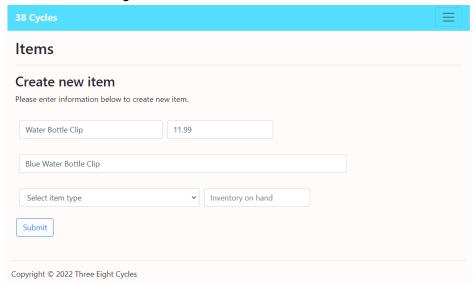
21) Purchases DELETE Confirmation



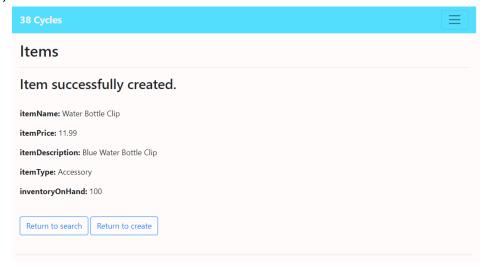
22) Items Home Page



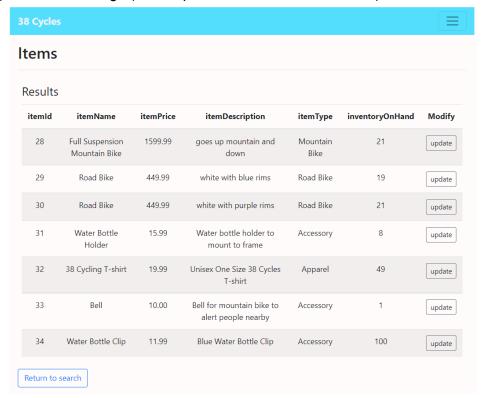
23) Items CREATE Page



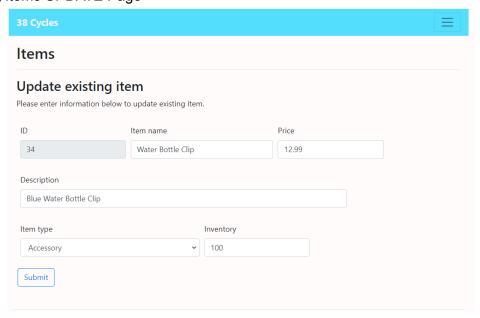
24) Items CREATE Confirmation



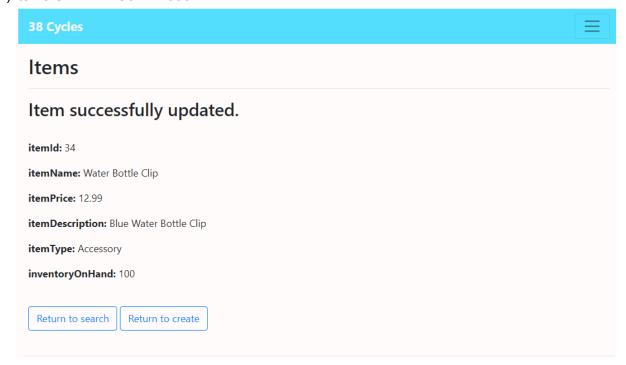
25) Items READ Page (filtered/parameterized or "retrieve all")



26) Items UPDATE Page



27) Items UPDATE Confirmation



28) Error Page

