

Phase 2 of your *Personal Collection Database Application* Mapping from E/R Model to Relational Design

Using MySQL Workbench rather than Lucid chart to create the E/R Diagram while also fixing and modifying the previous E/R table.

Relations:

**User → Customer**

**User → Distributor**

**User → Manufacturer**

**User → Seller**

The User table simplifies the accounts on the site with something they all have in common which is the standard information about the User. It is not possible to combine all the types of users into one because they all require different attributes to be fulfilled. This is meant for contact information used between the admin or between users.

**Credit\_Card → Seller**

**Credit\_Card → Customer**

Only Customers and Sellers can buy and sell things on the site and since both of those types of users need a credit card, they both get one from the Credit\_Card table. It also allows for either the Seller or Customer to quickly call up their credit card information used in a transaction.

**Prime\_member → Customer**

A Customer can have prime, but it's not required which is why Prime has its own table and a Customer\_ID is assigned to a Prime\_ID. It also allows for the admin to show how many customers are Prime members.

**Prime\_payment → Prime\_member**

A Prime member can have 0 or many payments and those payments need to be fulfilled in order to retain prime membership.

**Distributor → Shipping\_Information**

Distributors can have Shipping\_Information rows to indicate that an order needs to be fulfilled.

**Customer → Order**

A Customer can make 0 or many orders. An Order contains the customer who has made the order and the shipping information for that order.

**Order → Shipping\_Information**

Order is in a Shipping\_Information row to indicate that for Shipping\_Information to exist, and Order needs to be made. Orders themselves are implicitly unique.

**Order → Item\_Order**

An Order contains 1 or many items. It doesn't have many attributes to remove repetition on Shipping\_Information. Orders themselves are implicitly unique.

**Seller → Seller\_product\_listing**

Sellers create Seller\_product\_listings for the products they want to sell. It can mean 1 Seller can have many items to sell as in different products or of some quantity of 1 product type.

**Product → Seller\_product\_listing**

A Seller\_product\_listing corresponds to 1 unique product.

**Manufacturer → Product**

Manufacturers create products. Products themselves are unique implicitly. If there are no more products in this table then nothing can be sold or bought.

**Company → Manufacturer**

Companies can have many manufacturers; this is to indicate that products can be made differently and in different places which allows for a trace back if a product has a problem. It also allows for Users and the admin to complain to them.

**Product\_site\_ID → Seller\_product\_listing**

Product\_site\_ID corresponds to the Seller\_product\_listing which essentially means a product from a seller can be bought at their listed price. Product\_site\_ID is just an ID because information about the product itself may not be necessary for an operation. An example is that an operation joining the Product\_site\_ID and Product\_ID to show a product's comments. In this situation, information about the product is not necessary to display.

**Product\_site\_ID → Product\_information**

Product\_information has information about the product itself. It is used for the product page or for information about the product in meta data. It is separate from Product\_site\_ID because it contains a lot of data such as the image of the product and text about the product which is not always needed to be loaded.

**Product\_site\_ID → Product\_tag\_Pair**

Product\_site\_ID can have a list of tag IDs which correspond to what the tag is. It's an intermediate between a many to many relationship.

**Tag\_information → Product\_tag\_Pair**

Tag\_information has a tag title. Tag\_information corresponds to a Product\_tag\_pair which then corresponds to Product\_site\_ID.

### **User → Product\_comment**

Users can make comments on a product's pages.

### **Product\_site\_ID → Product\_comment**

Product\_site\_ID can have Product\_comment rows to indicate that it has many comments.

### **Customer → Shopping\_cart\_item**

Customers can add items of a Product\_site\_ID because the product's themselves corresponds to actual items and a shopping cart item does not guarantee an actual product because bought/sold products are of actual value since they are apart of actual transactions.

### Normalization:

1. There are no redundancies, smaller tables with many relations such as Product\_site\_ID can be used for many different operations that may not need a lot of unnecessary information.
2. There are no relations that violate the normal forms such as the 4 types of Users and Seller\_product\_listing.
3. Combine or Decompose relations:
  - a. **Users:** it is split up into many types because not every User is the same as a Customer is not a Company.
  - b. **Shipping information, Order, and Item\_Order:** They are separate to remove repetition of Shipping\_information for multiple items in an order. Order is alone because an Order can have many items bought which is put into the Item\_Order table.
  - c. **Seller\_product\_listing, Product, Seller, and Manufacture:** Sellers can sell multiple things or multiple things of 1 type of product. Products are unique and themselves are independent of the Seller\_product\_listing because different Sellers can sell that same type of product at a different price. For example, toilet paper sold today.
  - d. **Product, Product\_site\_ID, Seller\_product\_listing, Product\_tag\_Pair, Tag\_information, Product\_information, Product\_comment, and Shopping\_cart\_item:** Product\_site\_ID indicates a product sold by a Seller which is the Seller\_product\_listing. Product\_tag\_pair and Tag\_information allows for Product\_site\_ID to have multiple tags. Product\_information may not be needed for operations involving Product\_site\_ID, this reduces sever load. Shopping\_cart\_item goes to Product\_site\_ID because a shopping cart item does not involve the transaction of an actual Product. Product\_comment refers to the Product\_site\_ID because you don't store comments about an actual Product or an arbitrary Product on the Product that was bought, but on the site where you bought it.
  - e. **Customer, Prime\_member, and Prime\_payment:** Customer may or may not have Prime and if they do have Prime then they have payments of it.

Prime\_payment is on it's own because it may not be necessary to view Prime payments all the time.

- f. **Seller, Customer, Credit\_Card:** Not every user buys or sells things, they might be on the site to respond to customer or seller if they have problems with a Product.
  - g. **Company and Manufacturer:** A Company can have many manufacturers in different places.
- 4. Somethings I don't like about the schema Is the way the Prime, Credit\_Card and Shopping\_cart\_item tables are made because Prime and Credit\_Card require an ID to be made first before the Customer and Customer/Seller can be made. If Product wasn't a unique object tied to the existence of a Seller\_product\_listing, Shopping\_cart\_item could possibly be designed better.
  - 5. The schema is ok.



