Global Shipping Database Design

Report

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Introduction

This project is based on a shipping and logistics company that handles the movement of containers and goods across global ports on behalf of their customers. The system is designed to manage real-life operations like scheduling vessels along routes, assigning crew, booking containers for customers, tracking goods, and monitoring container movement at different ports.

Aim:

To design and implement a fully functional and normalized relational database that supports the key operational needs of a global shipping company, while enabling complex queries, enforcing business rules, and providing insight into logistics performance.

Chapter 1 – ER Diagram

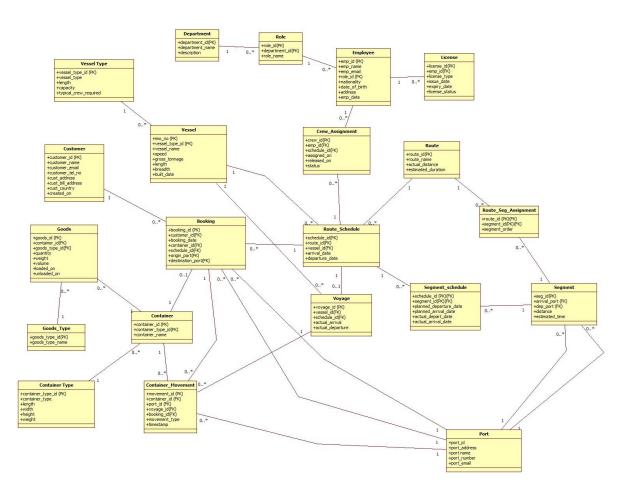


Figure 1: ER Diagram

General Assumptions

- The company owns all containers and vessels.
- The system supports global logistics operations, with ports across different countries.
- The database is designed for both planning and operational tracking.
- Each container carries one type of goods per booking.

Ports and Routes

- All ports are uniquely identified by name and have basic contact information.
- Routes are made up of multiple reusable segments connecting two distinct ports.
- Segment order is maintained to preserve route sequencing.

Scheduling and Voyage Tracking

- Route schedules define the planned deployment of vessels along a route.
- Voyages represent the actual execution of those schedules.
- Every schedule must be assigned to a specific vessel.

Containers and Goods

- Container types are used to define the size and capacity constraints.
- Goods are linked to containers and classified using a predefined Goods Type table.
- The system tracks goods at the category level not item level to support operational planning and container routing.

Customers and Bookings

- Customers can book one container per booking to transport goods from one port to another.
- Origin and destination ports in a booking must be different.
- Customer data includes basic contact and billing information.

Crew and Assignments

- Employees belong to departments and have defined roles.
- Some roles might require valid licenses.
- Only one license per employee can be considered valid at any given time.
- Crew members are assigned to route schedules based on the vessel type's required crew count.
- Assignment dates and status are tracked using predefined statuses such as Assigned,
 Active and Completed.

Movement Tracking

Container movement is logged at each port it passes through during a voyage.

Chapter 2 – Implementation

Table Creation was done as follows,

```
1 -- Creating tables
2
3 -- Department Table
4 CREATE TABLE Department (
5 department_id NUMBER PRIMARY KEY,
6 department_name VARCHAR2(100) NOT NULL,
7 description VARCHAR2(200)
8 );

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History

Table created.

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```

Figure 2: CREATE TABLE Statements for Department

```
9
10 -- Role Table
11 CREATE TABLE Role (
12 role_id NUMBER PRIMARY KEY,
13 role_name VARCHAR2(50) NOT NULL,
14 department_id NUMBER NOT NULL,
15 FOREIGN KEY (department_id) REFERENCES Department(department_id)
16 );
17

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History

Table created.

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Figure 3: CREATE TABLE Statements for Role

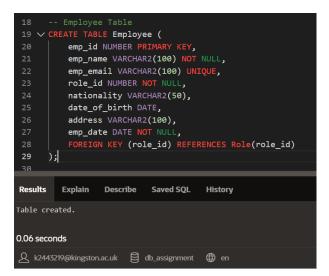


Figure 4: CREATE TABLE Statements for Employee

Figure 5: CREATE TABLE Statements for License

Figure 6: CREATE TABLE Statements for Vessel Type

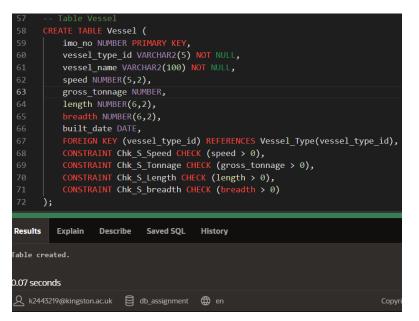


Figure 7: CREATE TABLE Statements for Vessel

Figure 8: CREATE TABLE Statements for Customer

Figure 9: CREATE TABLE Statements for Route Schedule

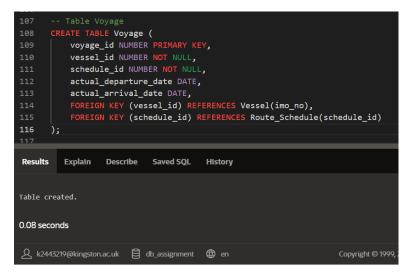


Figure 10: CREATE TABLE Statements for Voyage

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117
118 -- Table Port
119 CREATE TABLE Port (
120 port_id NUMBER PRIMARY KEY,
121 port_name VARCHAR2(100) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
122 port_address VARCHAR2(20),
123 port_number VARCHAR2(20),
124 port_email VARCHAR2(100) UNIQUE
125 );

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History

Table created.

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Figure 11: CREATE TABLE Statements for Port

Figure 12: CREATE TABLE Statements for Segment

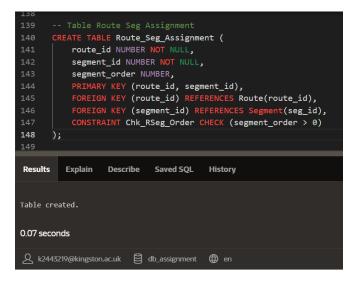


Figure 13: CREATE TABLE Statements for Route Seg Assignment

Figure 14: CREATE TABLE Statements for Segment Schedule

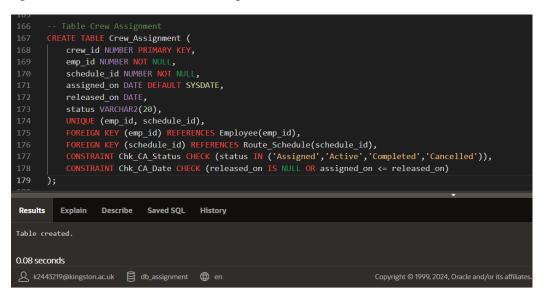


Figure 15: CREATE TABLE Statements for Crew Assignment

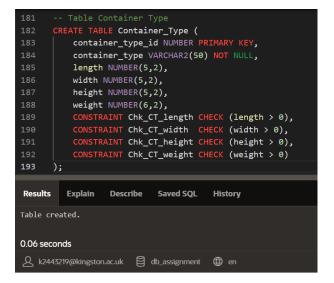


Figure 16: CREATE TABLE Statements for Container Type

Figure 17: CREATE TABLE Statements for Container

Figure 18: CREATE TABLE Statements for Booking



Figure 19: CREATE TABLE Statements for Goods Type

Figure 20: CREATE TABLE Statements for Goods

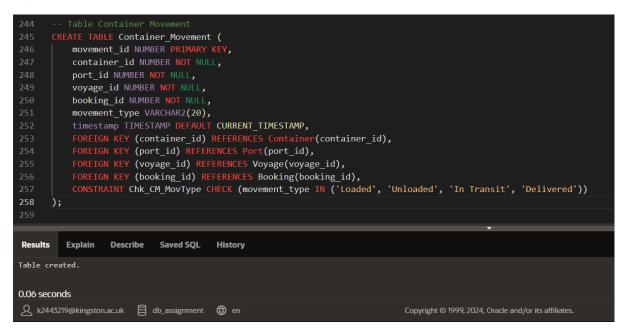


Figure 21: CREATE TABLE Statements for Container Movement

Chapter 3 – Data Entry

The Department Table holds realistic data representing the key divisions within the shipping company.



Figure 22: Data for Table Department

The Role Table holds realistic data representing the job roles dispersed within the company and its departments. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Role and Department tables [One to Many: A Department can have many Roles] is shown below.



Figure 23: Data for Table Role

The Employee table stores realistic detailed records of all staff members, including their personal information, role assignments, nationality, and employment dates. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Role and Employee tables [One to Many: A Role can be linked to many Employees] is shown below.

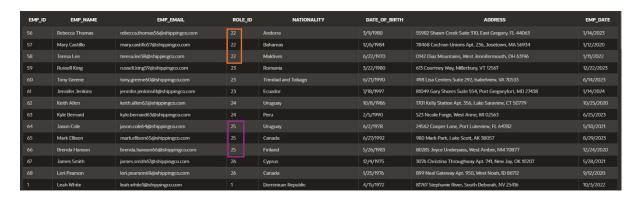


Figure 24: Data for Table Employees

The license table holds realistic details about licenses assigned to employees in roles that require official certification. The multiplicity of the relationship of the License and Employee tables [One to Many: Each employee can have multiple licenses over time whether they are renewals or expired records with only one valid entry. Not all job roles require license] is shown below.

LICENSE_ID	EMP_ID	LICENSE_TYPE	ISSUE_DATE	EXPIRY_DATE	LICENSE_STATUS
1		Captain License	10/5/2022	10/3/2027	Valid
2		Captain License	8/23/2019	8/23/2024	Invalid
3		Captain License	8/24/2024	8/24/2029	Valid
4		Captain License	10/13/2022	10/13/2027	Valid
5		First Officer License	1/2/2024	1/2/2029	Valid
6		First Officer License	10/16/2017	10/16/2022	Invalid
7		First Officer License	10/17/2022	10/17/2027	Valid
8		First Officer License	5/12/2023	5/12/2028	Valid
9		First Officer License	9/12/2022	9/12/2027	Valid
10		Deck Cadet License	11/17/2017	11/17/2022	Invalid
11		Deck Cadet License	11/18/2022	11/18/2027	Valid
12	9	Deck Cadet License	9/17/2014	9/17/2019	Invalid
13		Deck Cadet License	9/18/2019	9/18/2024	Invalid
14	9	Deck Cadet License	9/19/2024	9/19/2028	Valid

Figure 25: Data for Table License

The Vessel Type table defines some realistic standard categories for vessels in the fleet.



Figure 26: Data for Table Vessel Type

The vessel table stores realistic details for each individual ship, including its name, IMO number, vessel type, speed, dimensions, and build date. The multiplicity of the relationship

of the Vessel and Vessel Type tables [One to Many: Multiple Vessels can share the same Vessel Type] is shown below.



Figure 27: Data for Table Vessel

The customer table holds the profiles of individuals or companies booking containers for goods transport.



Figure 28: Data for Table Customer

The route table defines planned shipping paths that vessels might take to transport goods.



Figure 29: Data for Table Route

The Route Schedule table represents the planned movement of a vessel along a predefined route, including its assigned vessel, departure, and arrival dates. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Route Schedule and Vessel tables [One to Many: A Vessel can be assigned to many Schedules over time] and the multiplicity of the relationship of the Route Schedule and Route tables [One to Many: A Route can have multiple Schedules] is shown below.

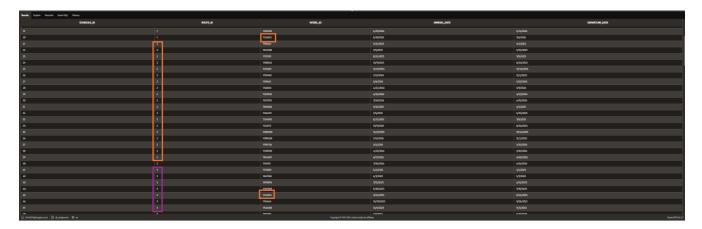


Figure 30: Data for Table Route Schedule

The voyage table logs realistic actual executions of scheduled journeys, with details such as the vessel used, the schedule it follows, and the real departure and arrival dates. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Voyage and Vessel tables [One to Many: A Vessel can execute many Voyages over time] and the multiplicity of the relationship of the Voyage and Route Schedule tables [One to One: One voyage is executed per Route Schedule] is shown below.

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Results Explain Describe Saved SQL Histor	*			
VOYAGE_ID	VESSEL_ID	SCHEDULE ID	ACTUAL_DEPARTURE_DATE	ACTUAL_ARRIVAL_DATE
4001	788566		5/22/2023	2/10/2023
	7528216			
4003	7029633		9/1/2023	10/19/2023
	7327970			
4005	7494686		12/12/2023	1/30/2024
	7063471			
4007	7834395		1/25/2024	s/11/2024
4009	7080208		7/5/2024	8/21/2024
4011	7110000		4/1/2023	5/19/2025
4013	7170210		7/8/2023	8/24/2023
	7588652			
4015	7254120		10/14/2023	12/1/2023
4017	7181565		1/20/2024	3/8/2024
	7528216			
4010	7029633	20	4/27/2024	6/15/2024
	7527970			
4021	7494686		4/1/2025	5/19/202S
4022	7574501		4/1/2023	4/50/2023

Figure 31: Data for Table Voyage

The Port Table stores realistic key details for each port globally, including contact information, location, and a unique name.



Figure 32: Data for Table Port

The Segment Table holds realistic information of a direct, traversable leg of a route that connects two ports. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Segment and Port tables [One to Many in both directions: One port can be the departure point for many segments; one port can also be the arrival point for many segments] is shown below.



Figure 33: Data for Table Segment

Routes are made of multiple Segments and Segments could be present in many Routes [Many-to Many]. To address this, Route Seg Assignment, a bridging table is formed to store each combination of a Route and a Segment. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Route and Route Seg Assignment Tables [One to Many: A Route can be linked to many Segments] and the multiplicity of the relationship of the Segments and Route Seg Assignment Tables [One to Many: A Segment can be reused across multiple Routes] is shown below.

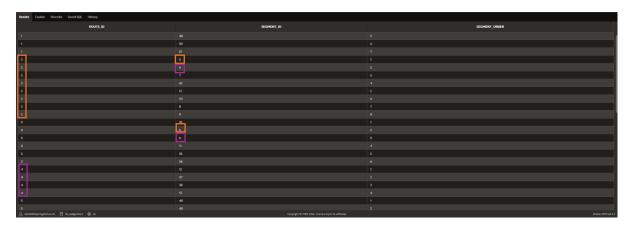


Figure 34: Data for Table Route Seg Assignment

A Route Schedule involves multiple Segments, and a Segment can appear in multiple Route Schedules [Many-to-Many]. To address this, Segment Schedule, a bridging table was formed to store each combination of Route Schedule and Segment. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Route Schedule and Segment Schedule Tables [One to Many: A Route Schedule can involve many Segments] and the multiplicity of the relationship of the Segments and Segment Schedule Tables [One to Many: A Segment can be reused across multiple Route Schedules] is shown below.

SCHEDULE_ID	SEGMENT_ID	PLANNED_DEPARTURE_DATE	PLANNED_ARRIVAL_DATE	ACTUAL_DEPART_DATE	ACTUAL_ARRIVAL_DATE
107	22				1/25/2024
108	22	3/4/2024	3/10/2024	3/4/2024	5/10/2024
109	22				4/23/2024
110	22	5/31/2024	6/6/2024	5/31/2024	6/6/2024
m	22				5/6/202S
101		5/7)/2023	5/13/2023	5/7/2023	5/13/2023
102		6/20/2023	6/26/2023		6/25/2023
103		8/5/2025	8/0/2023	8/3/2023	8/9/2023
104					9/22/2025
105		10/50/2025	11/5/2025	10/50/2025	11/6/2025
106					12/18/2025
107		1/26/2024	2/1/2024	1/26/2024	2/1/2024
108					3/6/2024
109		4/23/2024	4/29/2024	4/23/2024	4/29/2024
110					6/12/2024
m	16	s/1/2025	5/13/2025	5/7/2025	5/12/2025
121	23				4/4/2023
122	23	4/25/2023	4/29/2025	4/25/2023	4/29/2023
125					5/22/2025
124	25	6/12/2025	0/10/2025	6/12/2025	0/15/2025
125					7/10/2025
126	23	7/50/2023	8/5/2023	7/90/2023	8/5/2023
177					873479073
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Figure 35: Data for Table Segment Schedule

The Crew Assignment Table captures the allocation of crew members to the planned route schedules. Not all employees would be Crew Members. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Crew Assignment and Route Schedule Tables [One to Many: A Route Schedule can be assigned to many Crew Members over time] and the multiplicity of the relationship of the Crew Assignment and Employee Tables [One to Many: An Employee can be given multiple Crew Assignments over time] is shown below.

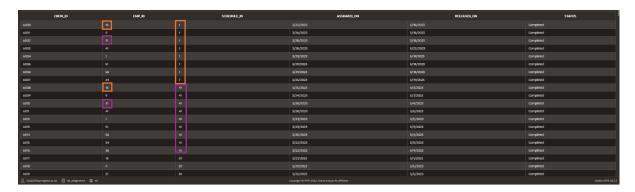


Figure 36: Data for Table Crew Assignment

The Container Type table defines realistic physical characteristics of shipping containers, including their length, width, height, and weight capacity.

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History					
CONTAINER_TYPE_ED	CONTAINER_TYPE	LENGTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
1					
2	Standard 40ft				3800
3					
4	Refrigerated 20ft				3000
6	Refrigerated 40ft				
6	Open Top 20ft				2200
7					
	Flet Reck 20ft				2400
•					
10	Yank Container				3500
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Figure 37: Data for Table Container Type

The Container table stores each physical container used by the shipping company which are reused over time for different customer bookings. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Container and Container Type tables [One to Many: Multiple Containers can share the same Container Type] is shown below.



Figure 38: Data for Table Container

The Booking Table represents a customer's request to transport goods using a specific container, from one port to another, on a scheduled route. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Booking and Customer Tables [One to Many: A Customer can have multiple Bookings], multiplicity of the relationship of the Booking and Container Tables [One to One: A Booking must involve one Container], multiplicity of the relationship of the Booking and Route Schedule Tables [One to Many: A Route Schedule can involve multiple

Bookings] and the multiplicity of the relationship of the Booking and Port Tables [One to Many: One port can be the origin for many bookings and One port can also be the destination for many bookings] is shown below.

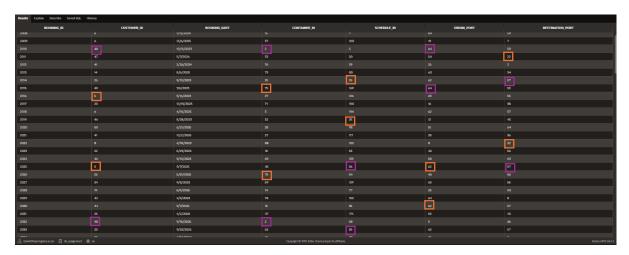


Figure 39: Data for Table Booking

The Goods Type Table represents realistic classifications of the shipments.



Figure 40: Data for Table Goods Type

The goods table records realistic details about the actual cargo being transported, including quantity, weight, volume, type, and loading and unloading dates. The multiplicity of the relationship of the Goods and Goods Type tables [One to Many: Multiple Goods can share the same Goods Type] is shown below.

GOODS_ID	CONTAINER_ID	GOODS_TYPE_ID	QUANTITY	WEIGHT	VOLUME	LOADED_ON	UNLOADED_ON
	n						
3001	70	EXP		8892.83	18.5	7/16/2023	8/19/2023
		FRG					11/29/2023
3004				5447.15	28.37		
3008	6	FRG		5245.4	58.18		
		COP					
3010		GEN	30	6799.38	62.29		
3012	76	DP	109	328978	42.01	4/26/2024	6/11/2024
3014	25	LIV	15	5870.79	62.28	10/11/2023	11/28/2023
	n			2724.00			
3018		HVL.	92	6895.64	4206		
							11/30/2023
3020	28	COR	104	3450.2	38.84		
3023	*	COR	15	251512	33.76		
		TMP					
3026	75	GEN		4707.71	62.96		
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Figure 41: Data for Table Goods

The Container Movement table captures the real-time tracking of each container as it passes through various ports during a voyage. The multiplicity of the relationship between Container Movement and Container [One to Many: A Container can have multiple Container Movements], the multiplicity of the relationship between Container Movement and Port [One to Many: A Port can have multiple Container Movements], the multiplicity of the relationship between Container Movement and Voyage [One to Many: A Voyage can be linked to multiple Container Movements], and the multiplicity of the relationship between Container Movement and Booking [One to Many: One Booking is linked to multiple Container Movements] is shown below.

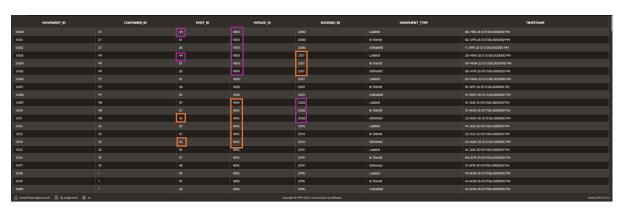


Figure 42: Data for Table Container Movements

Chapter 4 – SQL Queries

Summary of Voyages for Operational Monitoring

This view summarizes each voyage with relevant schedule, route, and vessel data, while also showing its operational status and total containers delivered. This helps the operations team quickly monitor voyage performance and identify active or completed trips.

INITCAP(): to format vessel and route to Title Case

CASE: to classify each voyage as either 'Completed' or 'In Progress', based on whether actual arrival date is present.

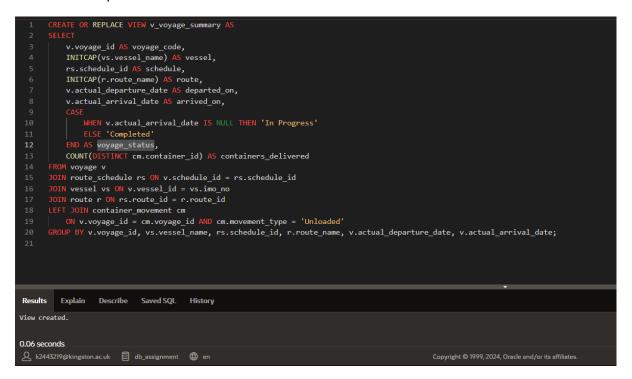


Figure 43: View for Voyage Summary

Results:

1 SELECT * FRONT v_voyage_summary; Results Explain Describe SavedSQL History							
VOYAGE_CODE	VESSEL	SCHEDULE	ROUTE	DEPARTED_ON	ARRIVED_ON	VOYAGE_STATUS	CONTAINERS_DELIVERED
4033	Sapphire Glory		Dubai To Mumbai	4/1/2023	4/17/2023	Completed	
4057	Celestial Freighter	103	Los Angeles To Hong Kong	6/28/2023	8/9/2023	Completed	
4094	Leviathan Sky		Busan To Seattle	7/30/2023	8/15/2023	Completed	
4109	Neptune Voyager	191	Barcelona To Jeddah	4/1/2025	4/26/2025	Completed	
4105	Titan Crest		Barcelona To Jeddah	10/4/2023	10/29/2023	Completed	
4101	Royal Gold	183	Barcelona To Jeddah	6/2/2023	6/26/2023	Completed	
4003	Nova Trader		Shanghai To Los Angeles	9/1/2023	10/19/2023	Completed	
4069	Aegean Pearl	124	London To Cape Town	6/12/2023	7/2/2023	Completed	
4082	Coral Voyager		Singapore To Colombo	7/20/2023		Completed	
4108	Aurora Spirit	190	Barcelona To Jeddah	1/5/2024	1/29/2024	Completed	
4023	Leviathan Skv		Hamburg To New York	5/7/2023	6/6/2023	Completed	
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Figure 44: Results for the View

Validating Crew Assignment

This Trigger ensures that during data entry, no more than the required number of crew members are assigned to a route schedule based on the vessel's crew requirement. It also optionally warns if fewer than expected crew have been assigned so far when inserting new entries to the table.

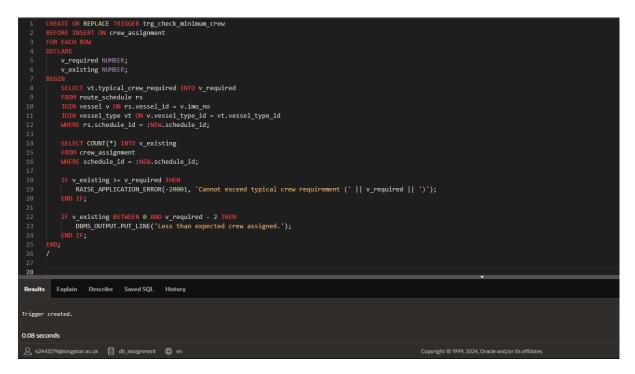


Figure 45: Trigger to validate the Crew Assignment

Result:

Figure 46: Result for the Trigger

Top Ports by Route Coverage and Container Traffic

This stored procedure identifies ports that are involved in multiple routes and reports detailed traffic statistics for each, including container handling volume, number of distinct routes, and movement history. It supports logistics performance monitoring and can guide operational decisions such as identifying high-traffic hubs or bottlenecks.

INITCAP(): to format the port name in Title Case.

COUNT(): to calculate distinct total routes, containers handled and total movements.

MIN(): to obtain the first movement of the container that was recorded.

MAX(): to obtain the last movement of the container that was recorded.

GROUP BY: to group the data by port name.

HAVING: to show only those ports involved in more than one route.

Figure 47: Stored Procedure to report detailed traffic statistics of top ports

Results:

```
sp_top_ports_by_route_traffic;
  4
 Results
          Explain
                   Describe
                              Saved SQL
                                            History
--- Top Ports by Route Coverage and Traffic ---
Port: Tokyo
 Routes Involved: 4
 Containers Handled: 17
 Total Movements: 119
  First Movement: 26-JAN-25 01.17.06.000000 PM
 Last Movement: 02-APR-25 01.17.06.000000 PM
Port: Yokohama
 Routes Involved: 4
 Containers Handled: 11
  Total Movements: 88
  First Movement: 23-FEB-25 01.17.06.000000 PM
 Last Movement: 07-APR-25 01.17.06.000000 PM
Port: Busan
 Routes Involved: 3
 Containers Handled: 10
  Total Movements: 50
  First Movement: 13-JAN-25 01.17.06.000000 PM
 Last Movement: 01-APR-25 01.17.06.000000 PM
Port: Kaohsiung
 Routes Involved: 3
  Containers Handled: 8
  Total Movements: 48
  First Movement: 22-FEB-25 01.17.06.000000 PM
 Last Movement: 06-APR-25 01.17.06.000000 PM
Port: Le Havre
 Routes Involved: 3
  Containers Handled: 0
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Figure 48: Result for the Stored Procedure

Container Type Weight Utilization Efficiency

This query shows how efficiently different types of containers are being utilized, based on the average goods weight and the container's maximum weight capacity helping logistics managers detect patterns like underutilized containers, or potential overloads. It uses,

AVG(): to calculate the average weight of goods loaded into containers of a given type.

COUNT(): to calculate the total number of goods entries per container type and how many unique containers were used.

ROUND(): to present the average goods weight and average utilisation percentage to 2 decimal places.

CASE: to classify the container usage efficiency into 3 categories.

```
ct.container_type_id,
ct.container_type,

ROUND(AVG(g.weight), 2) AS avg_goods_weight_kg,
ct.weight AS container_max_weight_kg,

COUNT(g.goods_id) AS total_goods_entries,

COUNT(DISTINCT c.container_id) AS distinct_containers_used,

ROUND((AVG(g.weight) / ct.weight) * 100, 2) AS avg_utilization_percent,

CASE

WHEN (AVG(g.weight) / ct.weight) * 100 > 100 THEN 'Overloaded'
WHEN (AVG(g.weight) / ct.weight) * 100 BETWEEN 80 AND 100 THEN 'Efficient'
ELSE 'Underutilized'
END AS usage_status

FROM goods g

JOIN container c ON g.container_id = c.container_id

JOIN container_type ct ON c.container_type_id = ct.container_type_id

GROUP BY ct.container_type_id, ct.container_type, ct.weight

ORDER BY avg_utilization_percent DESC;
```

Figure 49: Query that shows the Container Weight Utilization

Result:

CONTAINER_TYPE_ID	CONTAINER_TYPE	AVG_GOODS_WEIGHT_KG	CONTAINER_MAX_WEIGHT_KG	TOTAL_6000S_ENTRIES	DISTINCT_CONTAINERS_USED	AVG_UTILIZATION_PERCENT	USAGE_STATUS		
							Overloaded		
	Standard 20ft	4871.62	2300				Overloaded		
							Overloaded		
	Refrigerated 20ft	4980.67	3000			166.02	Overloaded		
	High Cube 40ft		3900				Overloaded		
							Overloaded		
	Open Top 40ft	4679.99	3600			127.22	Overloaded		
	Refrigerated 40ft								
	Flat Rack 40ft	4086.46					Overloaded		
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Figure 50: Results for the Query

Top Customers who transport Hazardous Goods by Weight Shipped

This query shows the top customers who frequently ship hazardous and high-risk cargo types according to the weight of goods that has been shipped and the volume of bookings.

INITCAP(): to format customer names in Title Case

COUNT(): to count goods and unique bookings

SUM(): to obtain the total weight of shipments and the total volume.

AVG(): to obtain the average weight of the shipments.

ROUND(): to present the average weight and total volume of shipment with a precision of 2 decimal places.

MIN(): to obtain the lightest shipment

MAX(): to obtain the heaviest shipment

```
INITCAP(c.customer_name) AS customer,

COUNT(DISTINCT b.booking_id) AS total_bookings,

COUNT(g.goods_id) AS total_goods,

SUM(g.weight) AS total_weight_kg,

ROUND(AVG(g.weight), 2) AS avg_weight_kg,

MIN(g.weight) AS lightest_shipment,

MAX(g.weight) AS heaviest_shipment,

ROUND(SUM(g.volume), 2) AS total_volume_m3

FROM customer c

JOIN booking b ON c.customer_id = b.customer_id

JOIN goods g ON b.container_id = g.container_id

JOIN goods_type gt ON g.goods_type_id = gt.goods_type_id

WHERE g.weight BETWEEN 500 AND 15000

AND LOWER(gt.goods_type_name) IN (

'bulk liquids', 'compressed gas', 'flammable'

BGROUP BY c.customer_id, c.customer_name

HAVING COUNT(b.booking_id) > 1 AND SUM(g.weight) > 10000

ORDER BY total_weight_kg DESC;
```

Figure 51: Query that shows Top Customers who transport Hazardous Goods by weight shipped and volume of bookings

Result:

Results Explain Describe Soved SQL History								
CUSTOMER	TOTAL_BOOKINGS	TOTAL_GOODS	TOTAL_WEIGHT_KG	AVG_WEIGHT_KG	LIGHTEST_SHIPMENT	HEAVIEST_SHIPMENT	TOTAL_VOLUME_M3	
Andres Sanders								
Bryan Griffin			12863.51	4287.84	1945.46	5608.67		
Mandy Lewis					3389.58	8985.09		
Samantha Johnson			11968.27	598414	5967.86	6000.41	119.63	
Christopher Vasquez			11444.23					
Brian Moore			10373.12	5186.56	4594.47	5778.65	107.98	
6 rows returned in 0 GR seconds Download								
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Figure 52: Results for query

Top 3 most frequently used containers for each Customers in the past year, along with usage frequency, type, average weight, and usage classification

The query shows each customer's container usage over the last 12 months, highlighting their top 3 most frequently used containers, the average cargo weight, and a categorized usage label (Heavy, Moderate, or Light Use). It has used,

With Clause: to define a temporary result set (CustomerContainerUsage) that can be referenced in the main query.

INITCAP: to format names in Title Case.

AVG(): to calculate the average weight of the shipments.

COUNT(): to calculate how often a container is used.

ROUND(): to roundup the average weight of shipments to 2 decimal places.

RANK(): to rank the containers within each customer based on their usage count.

CASE: to classify each container into a usage category.

```
CustomerContainerUsage AS (
                  INITCAP(c.customer_name) AS customer,
                  con.container_id,
con.container_name,
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 33 34 34
                  ct.container_type,
ct.container_type,
COUNT(*) AS usage_count,
ROUND(AVG(g.weight), 2) AS avg_weight,
                  RANK() OVER (
                                      BY c.customer_id
                                 FION BY C.CUSTO
BY COUNT(*) DE
                   ) AS usage_rank
                    booking b
                   | customer c ON b.customer_id = c.customer_id
| container con ON b.container_id = con.container_id
                    container_type ct ON con.container_type_id = ct.container_type_id
                         N goods g
                                       ON con.container_id = g.container_id
                     b.booking_date >= ADD_MONTHS(SYSDATE, -12)
                       3Y c.customer_id, c.customer_name, con.container_id, con.container_name, ct.container_type
            customer,
container_id,
            container_name,
container_type,
            usage_count,
                   WHEN usage_count >= 10 THEN 'Heavy Use'
WHEN usage_count BETWEEN 5 AND 9 THEN 'Moderate Use'
ELSE 'Light Use'
                    s usage_category
            M CustomerContainerUsage
             E usage_rank <= 3
                BY customer, usage_count DESC;
```

Figure 53: Query with CTE to show the most frequently used containers

Result:

CUSTOMER	CONTAINER_ID	CONTAINER_NAME	CONTAINER_TYPE	USAGE_COUNT	AVG_WEIGHT	USAGE_CATEGORY
Andres Sanders			Standard 20ft			
Anita Anderson		STD20-002	Standard 20ft		4162.89	Light Use
Antonio Peck			Tank Container			
Brian Moore		STD40-094	Standard 40ft		4594,47	Light Use
Bryan Griffin			Standard 20ft			Light Use
Bryan Griffin		STD20-089	Standard 20ft		8704.55	Light Use
Bryan Griffin			Refrigerated 20ft			
Charles Rose		REEF20-080	Refrigerated 20ft		6736.84	Light Use
			Flat Rack 40ft			Light Use
Cheryl Prott.		HC40-067	High Cube 40ft		4501.87	Light Use
Cheryl Prett			Open Top 40ft			Light Use
Christopher Johnson		TANK-000	Tank Container			Light Use
Christopher Vasquez			Refrigerated 40ft			
Dentel Watson		OT40-018	Open Top 40ft		2459.40	Light Use
Eric Roberts			Flat Rack 40ft			Light Use
Hennah White		REEF40-001	Refrigerated 40ft		548926	Light Use
Heather Schneider			Standard 40ft			Light Use
Heather Schneider		REEF20-047	Refrigerated 20ft			Light Use
Jennifer Johnson			Standard 20ft			
Jennifer Johnson		HC40-013	High Cube 40ft		6623.20	Light Use
Jesse Fowler			Standard 40ft			Light Use
John Ferguson	97	REEF40-097	Refrigerated 40ft		4152.06	Light Use
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Figure 54: Results for Query

Chapter 5 - Conclusion

This project offered a comprehensive and hands-on experience in designing and implementing a relational database system for a global shipping company. It covered all stages from entity-relationship modelling and normalization to data entry and writing advanced SQL queries.

One of the most challenging aspects was the design of the ER diagram. Picturing and mapping out relationships for some entities was challenging. Ensuring that each relationship was realistic, scalable, and logically sound required multiple iterations and critical thinking.

The part of the project that stood out most positively for me was the SQL query implementation. Having worked with SQL professionally for over four years, I found this part of the assignment both familiar and rewarding. I was able to apply real-world techniques such as subqueries, aggregate functions, window functions, and CASE statements to generate meaningful insights and answer practical business questions.

Self-Evaluation

This project pushed me to not only apply my technical knowledge, but also to critically evaluate system requirements and design accordingly. I was able to leverage my SQL experience effectively, especially in the querying section. However, I also had to challenge myself when working with data integrity constraints, complex relationships, and realistic data entry areas which required more attention than anticipated.

What Did I Think of the Assignment?

I found the assignment to be well-structured and thoughtfully challenging. It mirrored the kind of work that happens in real-world database design and gave me the chance to step into the role of a database architect. It was about designing something that actually works and makes sense in a practical context, rather than just theory.

What Went Well

- The SQL queries were the strongest part of this coursework. I was able to design queries that not only worked but were also meaningful from a business operations standpoint.
- The structure of the database aligned well with the system assumptions.
- I was able to demonstrate multiplicity clearly in the data and ensure referential integrity across all relationships.

What Didn't Go So Well

- The ER diagram took several attempts to get right. Some relationships were more complex than expected and required reworking.
- Data entry and testing were time-consuming. Matching foreign keys, validating dates, and ensuring logic (like employment dates before crew assignment) required careful checking and occasional correction.
- Implementing and testing triggers needed extra effort to make sure the logic executed as intended under different data conditions.

What Would I Do Differently

- Extend cargo tracking in the container movement table by adding GPS co-ordinates.
- Begin testing the data model earlier using mock data to identify relationship flaws sooner.
- Set aside more time for data entry since it was quite challenging as the number of entities increased and relationships became more complex.
- Keep system assumptions upfront throughout the process to ensure nothing is overlooked in later stages like query development.