ABSTRACT

This project was used to develop a realistic experience of a fictional electronics vendor company. The electronics vendor company operates both a website and a chain of physical stores in which I was sought out to design the database which would serve as the underlying operations that would connect everything between the product, employees, website, stores, but more importantly to handle orders efficiently. The system that I designed offers a well-rounded suite for multiple layers of ordering, employee, and customer functionality as it relates to my database. It offers a beautifully crafted website that is customer facing where products and their prices can be viewed and ordered easily. Internally, websites were developed for call center staff to search for customers and enter phone orders quickly, stocking clerks to help them record incoming shipments and update inventory and customer service to check inventory for physical stores and warehouse locations. The database side of the business creates a smooth process where inventory is adjusted automatically, transfers are processed seamlessly, customer data is entered automatically, and everything is linked together by a haste free design. This report covers the problem's description, my database schema and design, implementation details, and an analysis of the running results. Key findings and successful queries will demonstrate that the system effectively streamlines order processing, providing a valuable tool for sales management.

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

The electronics vendor currently faces significant challenges due to a database system that is inadequate for the current business model. The manager assigned to solicit database design proposals is also not computer literate and unable to provide detailed specifications for the database design that is needed so I must design it to my own technical specifications. A flawed database can lead to inefficiencies and difficulties in meeting needs of both employees and customers but also disorganization, redundancy and inaccessibility.

There is a lack of many applications by current end users which includes both customers and employees. From an online presence, there is a lack of an elegant web interface for online customers which may restrict or help bring in a wide audience against it's competitors such as Best Buy. A beautifully crafted website that offers a seamless online shopping experience can help maximize profit.

Customer service representatives may struggle to check inventory availability across multiple store locations which may lead to delays in responding to customer inquiries given that they don't have a lookup application to check inventory at stores and warehouses. This could also lead to inaccuracies in inventory information. Connection to the database in a timely manner is essential so that inventory amounts are adjusted consistently.

The current systems limitations may hinder the ability to add phone orders quickly, so the call center staff need an application that allows for quick searching of customers with the ability to select those customers and then place a phone order for that customer with the products that they need and efficiently check that out. This should be connected to the database so that inventory is adjusted promptly.

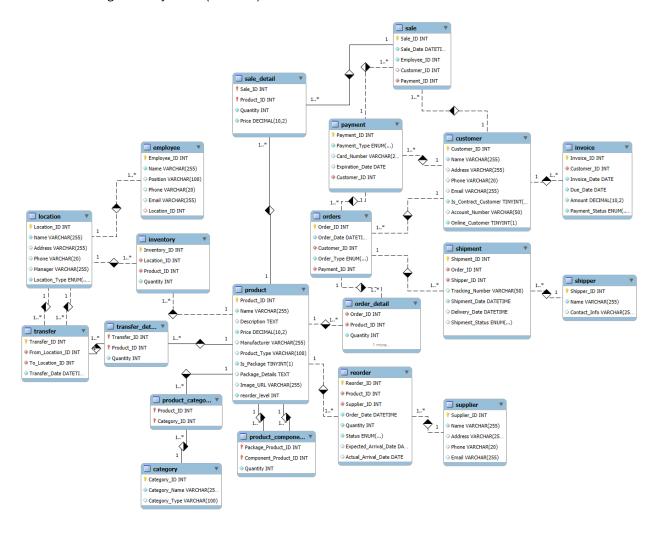
There is currently no warehouse management and stocking clerks at the warehouse need a streamlined application to record shipments, update inventory levels accurately and help ship out products to physical locations. The current system's inefficiencies can lead to discrepancies in inventory records and delays in processing shipments to other locations. A database that can handle incoming inventory adjustments and outgoing inventory adjustments is vital.

Sales reports and marketing reports are extremely vital to make sure a business is successful. Without knowing what areas need to be adjusted or where budgets need to be positioned at, money could be wasted. The current system's limitations hinder basic reporting and analysis needs so a database that can handle the needs listed above and generate successful reports is vital.

This project aims to address all these challenges by developing a comprehensive database and application solution that caters to the specific needs of each user group from customer to employee. This solution will focus on a centralized database that is well structured and can store and manage product information, inventory levels, customer data, orders, payments info, shipper information, and even transfer of inventory between locations. We will address the web applications such as the inventory lookup application for customer service representatives where they can quickly and accurately check inventory across all locations, the call center website where call center staff can search for customers and take phone orders efficiently, a website for stocking clerks to either record incoming shipments to the warehouse or transfer inventory out to physical stores, and successfully using the database for sales reports, special data mining and analysis

DATABASE DESIGN

The original database design was a paper sketch that included only the basics which started primarily from product because I knew that we would be selling electronic products via our website and in store and everything else would be linked from there. This later evolved into a simple version in SQL Workbench via their ER Diagram. I started adding my original work in through SQL scripts which includes tables, columns, primary keys and foreign keys. I could then jump back and reverse engineer the ER Diagram and see what errors I had and what was connected properly. This later evolved into the final working product shown below.



Let us look at some of these tables and how they all link together. If you look at the customer table, you will see the fields that are associated with it. This allows us to store customer information such as Customer_ID, Name, Address, etc. The table also includes fields like Is_Contract Customer and Online_Customer to help us differentiate between a customer that has a contract with the company and one that is an online customer. You can tell that this table is essential for linking orders and invoices specifically to customers by looking at the tables next to it labeled orders and invoices. There is a red diamond inside of it with Customer_ID that lets us know it is a foreign key referencing the customer table.

Let us look at another table to see how important a database is. The stocking clerks at the warehouses needed an application to help them record incoming shipments and update inventory. When building the database, I looked at many of these examples to add individual tables before I started connecting everything together. When I first looked at how this application would work, I knew they would need something where they could record inventory or products coming in, but also ship those products out to other locations if they were at a warehouse. We will see later how I set this website up for them to give them two options. They can either receive inventory directly into the warehouse for incoming shipments from the supplier, or they can transfer

products to another warehouse or a physical location. The transfer table includes Transfer_ID, From_Location_ID, To_Location_ID, and Transfer_Date. The transfer_detail table details the products and quantities that are involved in the transfer. This gives them everything they need to successfully record incoming inventory and transfer inventory from one location to the next, all while recording in real time what is happening.

Using the SQL Workbench I was able to generate effective tables and keys and processed the final relational schema with my foreign key constraints as shown below.

Relational schema:

```
product(Product_ID, Name, Description, Price, Manufacturer, Product_Type, Is_Package,
Package_Details, Image_URL, reorder_level)
employee(Employee_ID, Name, Position, Phone, Email, Location_ID)
category(Category_ID, Category_Name, Category_Type)
supplier(Supplier ID, Name, Address, Phone, Email)
customer (Customer ID, Name, Address, Phone, Email, Is Contract Customer,
Account Number, Online Customer)
payment (Payment ID, Payment Type, Card Number, Expiration Date, Customer ID)
orders(Order_ID, Order_Date, Customer_ID, Order_Type, Payment_ID)
sale(Sale_ID, Sale_Date, Employee_ID, Customer_ID, Payment_ID)
location(Location_ID, Name, Address, Phone, Manager, Location_Type)
transfer (Transfer ID, From Location ID, To Location ID, Transfer Date)
inventory (Inventory ID, Location ID, Product ID, Quantity)
reorder(Reorder_ID, Product_ID, Supplier_ID, Order_Date, Quantity, Status,
Expected Arrival Date, Actual Arrival Date)
shipper(Shipper_ID, Name, Contact_Info)
shipment(shipment ID, Order ID, Shipper ID, Tracking Number, Shipment Date,
Delivery Date, Shipment Status)
```

Foreign key constraints:

```
employee: Location_ID references location(Location_ID)
payment: Customer_ID references customer(Customer_ID)
orders: Customer_ID references customer(Customer_ID)
orders: Payment_ID references payment(Payment_ID)
sale: Employee_ID references employee(Employee_ID)
sale: Customer_ID references customer(Customer_ID)
sale: Payment_ID references payment(Payment_ID)
transfer: From_Location_ID references location(Location_ID)
transfer: To Location ID references location(Location_ID)
```

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inventory: Location_ID references location(Location_ID) inventory: Product_ID references product(Product_ID) reorder: Product_ID references product(Product_ID) reorder: Supplier_ID references supplier(Supplier_ID)

shipmen: Order_ID references orders(Order_ID)

shipment: Shipper_ID references shipper(Shipper_ID)

As I stated previously, my original paper sketch of the ER Diagram started with the product, simply because I knew that everything would be linked from here given that we were an electronic vendor company and would be selling this product to customers. That is why when you look at the final ER diagram, the product table is more centered in the diagram with everything else linking to it in some manner. From there we needed those products in inventory. Every product is listed in inventory in the database across three physical stores and two warehouse locations. A customer can order from the website which saves information in the customer table of the database and what they ordered in the orders table of the database, records what product is selected from the products table and reduces that product from the quantity in the inventory table of the database. Information from the orders table is automatically sent to the order_detail table which is then sent to the shipment table that automatically assigns a shipping company from the shipper table, a tracking number and a shipping date. If the quantity of that product is low in store it will automatically trigger a reorder from the reorder table and notify the supplier who will then ship to our warehouse where thew shipping clerk can use their new website to record that incoming inventory and then transfer that inventory back to the store using the transfer table that will feed into the transfer_detail table. This is a very intricate database design that all works in the background just from clicking the place order button from the customer.

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

I did want to take this project a bit further than just the database side. I wanted a full featured website design that would be fully interactive with that database, so I implemented a full stack web design on top of the database for full interaction.

For the backend I used Node.js and Express.js since it does work well with high-volume requests and real-time data interactions. It was also ideal for multiple requests to the database simultaneously and high-level traffic. With Express.js I was able to use efficient routing in my code such as POST /submit-order, GET /products, and GET /customers and middleware for logging, error handling and parsing a ton of JSON requests. Probably one of the most important aspects of using this was the data validation and error handling. I had many issues with connecting everything together and reaching my database, so within my code you will see validation checks after pretty much each request to send data to the front end and vice versa. I

used the mysql2 library with Node.js to connect to my database. My app.js handles all my connection information to that database and serves all of my query executions.

The front-end interface for all of my websites for both the customers and the employees was built using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to enable a rich, clean, and user-friendly experience.

I used HTML to create the structural components of the websites and any forms that you see such as searching for customers, selecting products, or filling out billing and shipping information. CSS was used to create the visually appealing layout for all the webpages but more so for the main customer facing website where all of the products are located. CSS customizations were added to ensure alignment with tables and important elements such as the products, the names of those products, drop down menus, banners, form sections and even the buttons on the checkout page. JavaScript was used to handle client-side interaction such as updates to product list, order totals, form validations and conditional displaying of fields such as the credit/debit card field on the cart page.

Everything else was communicated through JSON commands and REST APIs between the front end and back end. Again, my endpoints like GET /api/customers retrieves all the customer data and POST /submit-order is used for submitting the order. I also used Fetch API throughout my code to interact with the backend to pull data for customer searches and product selection among other things.

MySQL was selected as the database management mainly due to what was presented during class but also because it has a very structured approach to relational data, reliability, and ability to handle large datasets. The database schema was structured to incorporate primary and foreign keys to establish clear relationships between tables to allow for efficient data retrieval and ensure data integrity. Indexes were applied on frequently searched fields such as Customer_ID and Product_ID to reduce query response time. I used transactions for complex operations like placing an order so that all parts of the process either succeeded or failed together to preserve data consistency.

My biggest hurdle through everything was being able to click the "Place Order" button on the cart page and getting "Order Placed Successfully" and having all the information sent properly to the database. This is where most of my error logging came into place and I also resorted to using Postman to make sure all of my API endpoints were set up properly. With success it finally worked! When clicking that button, I was able to see my implementation in the works. The backend would validate and store the data into the relevant tables in MySQL such as customer, orders, order_detail, and shipment. The backend would use transaction handling to ensure that all related records were committed together such as the order and inventory adjustments, and then on the frontend I was receiving a confirmation from the backend with a popup that showed "Order Placed Successfully", the cart was cleared, and I was redirected to the homepage.

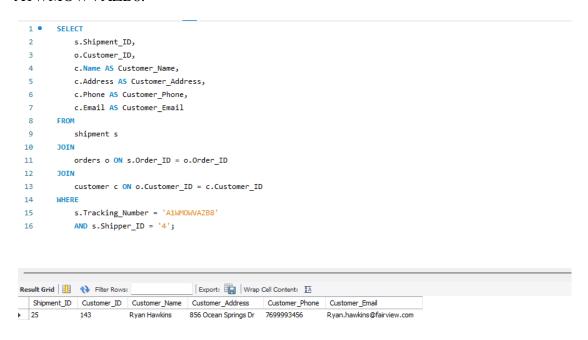
I had successful implementation of a powerful backend with a beautiful customer and employee driven front end interface across all my web pages with efficient data handling capabilities. MySQL works perfectly with this as it is popular, has great structure and reliable storage solution. With all of these together, it offers security, scalability and performance which is what I will need since I would like to pursue this project moving forward outside of this class.

RUNNING RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Let us run some tests to make sure our database has been adequately set up. The manager has asked us to run a few queries.

Assume the package shipped by USPS with tracking number A1WMOWVAZB8 is reported to have been destroyed in an accident. Find the contact information for the customer. Also, find the contents of that shipment and create a new shipment of replacement items.

Perfect, let us first find the contact information for the customer with the tracking number A1WMOWVAZB8.





All right, so we have our customer Ryan Hawkins with an order that was assigned to Shipment_ID of 25. Let us look and see what contents were attached to Shipment_ID 25.

```
1 •
       SELECT
2
          od.Product ID,
          p.Name AS Product_Name,
3
4
          od.Quantity,
5
          od.Price
6
       FROM
7
          order detail od
      JOIN
8
9
          product p ON od.Product_ID = p.Product_ID
     WHERE
10
11 ⊖
          od.Order_ID = (
12
              SELECT Order ID FROM shipment WHERE Shipment ID = '25'
13
          );
```





Next, I looked up the Order_ID of the original shipment as 39 and will enter into a new shipment for replacement items with a new tracking number for USPS.

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SQL File 7* SQL File 9* SQL File 10* × SQL File 11*
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         INSERT INTO shipment (Order_ID, Shipper_ID, Tracking_Number, Shipment_Date, Delivery_Date, Shipment_Status)
      O VALUES (
  3
             39,
             4,
             'D85HGK4WY7',
  5
  6
             NOW(),
             DATE_ADD(NOW(), INTERVAL 5 DAY),
             'On-Time'
  8
  9
         );
Output :
Action Output
       Time
                Action
                                                                                                                          Message
     1 15:52:33 INSERT INTO shipment (Order_ID, Shipper_ID, Tracking_Number, Shipment_Date, Delivery_Date, Shipment_Status) VALUES ( 39, 4, 'D... 1 row(s) affected
```

Below you can see our Order_ID matches for both which is '39' and we have a new Shipment_ID of '33' with a new Tracking_Number of D85HGK4WYZ that is 'On-Time'. We can also see the contents of this shipment match the contents of he original shipment.

```
1 • SELECT * FROM shipment;
```

Shipment ID	Order ID	Shipper ID	Tracking Number	Shipment Date	Delivery Date	Shipment Statu
17	31	1	E5HVOS53LQF	2024-10-23 11:43:17	2024-10-28 11:43:17	On-Time
18	32	1	3UFL2DXHXC2	2024-10-23 11:50:48	2024-10-29 11:50:48	On-Time
19	33	1	HW2UW5J01G	2024-10-23 11:55:45	2024-10-28 11:55:45	On-Time
20	34	1	TFU6T6YL3CM	2024-10-23 12:07:24	2024-10-29 12:07:24	Late
21	35	1	6RZ64MMRYRF	2024-10-23 12:16:01	2024-10-28 12:16:01	On-Time
22	36	1	KIAVYTB8WD	2024-10-23 12:28:54	2024-10-29 12:28:54	On-Time
23	37	1	R6RI9ENICLQ	2024-10-23 12:33:32	2024-10-28 12:33:32	On-Time
24	38	1	V00J2E2SODC	2024-10-27 17:43:27	2024-10-30 17:43:27	On-Time
25	39	4	A1WMOWVAZB8	2024-10-27 17:43:30	2024-10-30 17:43:30	Destroyed
26	40	1	TJ9P8FGRGCQ	2024-10-27 17:45:24	2024-11-01 17:45:24	On-Time
27	41	1	MI4E7M7B69	2024-10-27 17:50:36	2024-10-31 17:50:36	On-Time
28	42	1	5ED3C6SBK7E	2024-10-27 17:57:59	2024-10-30 17:57:59	On-Time
29	43	1	SQKF3USTQRO	2024-10-27 18:05:59	2024-10-31 18:05:59	On-Time
30	44	1	ACRDSTYIO6U	2024-10-27 18:26:55	2024-10-30 18:26:55	On-Time
33	39	4	D85HGK4WY7	2024-10-30 15:52:33	2024-11-04 15:52:33	On-Time
NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

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Whirlpool Side-by-Side Refrigerator

LG Counter Depth Max Refrigerator

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```
SELECT
  2
           od.Product_ID,
            p.Name AS Product_Name,
           od.Quantity,
  4
            od.Price
  5
  6
        FROM
  7
            shipment s
        JOIN
 8
            orders o ON s.Order_ID = o.Order_ID
 9
        JOIN
 10
 11
            order_detail od ON o.Order_ID = od.Order_ID
 12
        JOIN
            product p ON od.Product_ID = p.Product_ID
 13
 14
        WHERE
            s.Shipment_ID = 33;
 15
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Product_ID Product_Name
                                      Quantity
                                               Price
```

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1299.00

1399.99

Next, let us find the customer who has bought the most (by price) in the past year.

```
SELECT
  2
             c.Customer_ID,
             c.Name,
  3
  4
             c.Email,
  5
            c.Phone,
  6
             SUM(od.Quantity * od.Price) AS Total_Spent
  7
         FROM
  8
            customer c
  9
         JOIN
            orders o ON c.Customer_ID = o.Customer_ID
 10
 11
         JOIN
 12
            order_detail od ON o.Order_ID = od.Order_ID
         WHERE
 13
 14
             o.Order_Date >= DATE_SUB(CURDATE(), INTERVAL 1 YEAR)
 15
         GROUP BY
 16
            c.Customer_ID, c.Name, c.Email
 17
         ORDER BY
             Total_Spent DESC
 18
 19
         LIMIT 1;
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Export: Wrap Cell Content: TA Fetch rows:
   Customer ID
              Name
                                                         Total Spent
141
              Taylor Swift taylor.swifty@records.biz
                                             90090090000
                                                         129146.49
```

We can see that our biggest spender was none other than Taylor Swift with a Customer_ID of 141.

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Next, we need to find the top two products by dollar-amount solid in the past year.

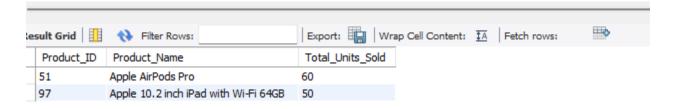
```
1 •
       SELECT
 2
           p.Product ID,
           p.Name AS Product Name,
 3
 4
           SUM(od.Quantity * od.Price) AS Total Revenue
 5
       FROM
 6
           product p
7
       JOIN
 8
           order detail od ON p.Product ID = od.Product ID
       JOIN
9
           orders o ON od.Order_ID = o.Order_ID
10
       WHERE
11
12
           o.Order_Date >= DATE_SUB(CURDATE(), INTERVAL 1 YEAR)
13
       GROUP BY
14
           p.Product_ID, p.Name
15
       ORDER BY
16
           Total_Revenue DESC
17
       LIMIT 2;
```



Looking at our query here, our top 2 products by dollar amount sold in the past year are the Apple 12.9-inch iPad Pro with the M2 chip and a Samsung 75-inch QLED 8K TV!

Let us find the top two products by unit sales in the past year.

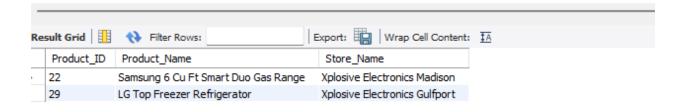
```
SELECT
 2
           p.Product_ID,
           p.Name AS Product Name,
           SUM(od.Quantity) AS Total Units Sold
 4
 5
       FROM
           product p
7
       JOIN
           order_detail od ON p.Product_ID = od.Product_ID
8
       JOIN
9
           orders o ON od.Order_ID = o.Order_ID
10
11
       WHERE
           o.Order Date >= DATE SUB(CURDATE(), INTERVAL 1 YEAR)
12
       GROUP BY
13
14
           p.Product ID, p.Name
15
       ORDER BY
16
           Total Units Sold DESC
17
       LIMIT 2;
```



Apple Air Pods Pro and Apple 10.2-inch iPad with Wi-Fi were huge hits!

The manager also wants us to check if we have any locations that currently have products that are out of stock.

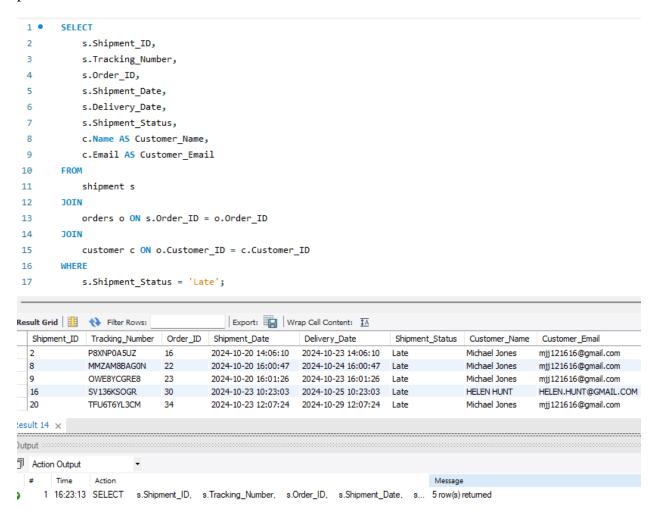
```
1 •
       SELECT
2
           p.Product_ID,
           p.Name AS Product_Name,
3
           1.Name AS Store_Name
4
5
       FROM
6
           product p
7
       JOIN
8
           inventory i ON p.Product_ID = i.Product_ID
       JOIN
9
           location 1 ON i.Location_ID = 1.Location_ID
10
       WHERE
11
           1.Location_Type = 'Store'
12
13
       GROUP BY
14
           p.Product_ID, p.Name, 1.Name
15
       HAVING
           SUM(i.Quantity) = 0;
16
```





This confirms that we do have two locations with inventory out of stock. Our Madison location has 0 inventory of Samsung Smart Duo gas ranges, and our Gulfport location has 0 inventory of LG Top Freezer refrigerators.

Our manager also wants us to be able to find those packages that were not delivered within the promised time.



We can see below a list of shipments with their tracking numbers that were considered late. We could also dig further and find customer information, product information etc. Looks like Michael Jones needs to be reached out to!

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17

Jane Smith

Zach Smith

Michael Jones

Our final test query will be to generate a bill for each customer for the past month.

```
1 •
        SELECT
  2
             c.Customer_ID,
  3
             c.Name AS Customer_Name,
             c.Email AS Customer_Email,
  4
            SUM(od.Quantity * od.Price) AS Total_Amount,
  5
             '2024-10-31' AS Invoice_Date,
  6
  7
            DATE_ADD('2024-10-31', INTERVAL 90 DAY) AS Due_Date,
             'Pending' AS Payment_Status
  8
  9
        FROM
 10
            customer c
        JOIN
 11
            orders o ON c.Customer ID = o.Customer ID
 12
        JOIN
 13
            order_detail od ON o.Order_ID = od.Order_ID
 14
        WHERE
 15
            o.Order Date >= '2024-10-01' AND o.Order Date <= '2024-10-31'
 16
 17
            AND c.Is_Contract_Customer = 1
 18
        GROUP BY
 19
             c.Customer ID, c.Name, c.Email;
Result Grid
              Filter Rows:
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   Customer ID
              Customer Name
                             Customer_Email
                                                Total_Amount
                                                            Invoice_Date
                                                                        Due_Date
                                                                                   Payment_Status
```



129.99

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2024-10-31

2024-10-31

2025-01-29

2025-01-29

Pending

Pending

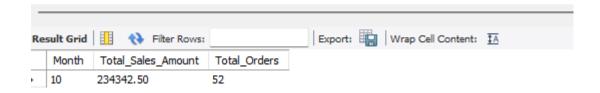
jane.smith@gmail.com

zach.smith@gmail.com

It looks like currently Zach Smith and Jane Smith are the only ones that have placed an order that was billed to their account that we need to invoice!

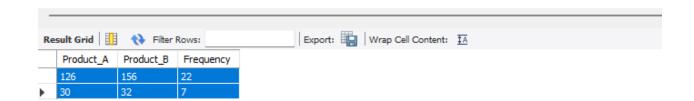
The marketing department also needs to be able to do sales reports and may also want to do special data mining and analysis. The database we have set up will allow them to easily do this. Let's look at some examples. The first example shows total sales so far for the year 2024 while also showing the total number of orders for the year.

```
1 •
       SELECT
           MONTH(Order_Date) AS Month,
 2
           SUM(od.Quantity * od.Price) AS Total_Sales_Amount,
 3
           COUNT(DISTINCT o.Order_ID) AS Total_Orders
 4
 5
       FROM
           orders o
 6
 7
       JOIN
           order_detail od ON o.Order_ID = od.Order_ID
 8
 9
       WHERE
           YEAR(Order_Date) = 2024
10
       GROUP BY
11
           MONTH(Order_Date);
12
```



There are also many various data mining techniques that we can set up for marketing. This example is a very important one that can be used which simply identifies which products are often bought together and how many times that happens. This can help marketing with cross-selling strategies.

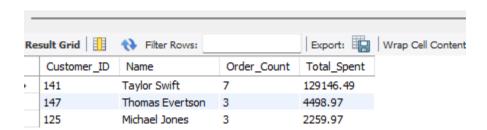
```
1 •
       SELECT
2
           p1.Product_ID AS Product_A,
           p2.Product_ID AS Product_B,
3
           COUNT(*) AS Frequency
4
5
       FROM
           order_detail p1
7
       JOIN
           order_detail p2 ON p1.Order_ID = p2.Order_ID AND p1.Product_ID < p2.Product_ID
8
9
       GROUP BY
10
           Product A, Product B
11
       HAVING
12
           Frequency > 5;
```



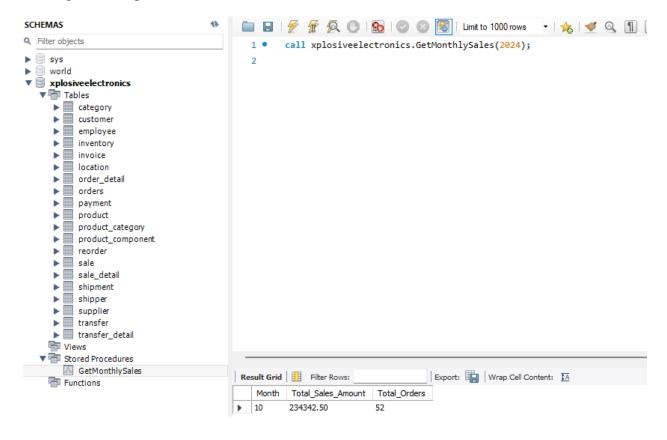
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We could even find customers based on their purchase history, finding frequency or occasional buyers.

```
1 •
       SELECT
           c.Customer_ID,
 2
 3
           c.Name,
           COUNT(o.Order_ID) AS Order_Count,
 4
           SUM(od.Quantity * od.Price) AS Total_Spent
 5
 6
       FROM
7
           customer c
 8
       JOIN
           orders o ON c.Customer_ID = o.Customer_ID
9
10
       JOIN
           order_detail od ON o.Order_ID = od.Order_ID
11
12
       GROUP BY
13
           c.Customer_ID
14
       ORDER BY
15
           Total_Spent DESC;
```



We can also create "Stored Procedures" with most of these to generate recurring reports without needing to write queries.



INTERFACES

Maytag 24 Front Control Built-In Dishwasher

GE 1.6 Cu. Ft. Over-the-Range Microwave

First, we will look at the first webpage that we created which is for customer service. This allows them to lookup inventory at any physical locations or the two warehouses in real time.



Inventory Lookup

Select Store Location: Madison

View Inventory

Product Name	Description	Quantit
Samsung Dishwasher 440 Series	Samsung Dishwasher 440 Series	5
Bosch 550 Series Smart Control Dishwasher	Bosch 550 Series Smart Control Dishwasher	17
LG Dishwasher	LG Dishwasher	19
Bosch 300 Series Smart Control	Bosch 300 Series Smart Control	15
Kitchenaid Top Control Dishwasher	Kitchenaid Top Control Dishwasher	30
GE Top Control Fingerprint Resistant Dishwasher	GE Top Control Fingerprint Resistant Dishwasher	10
Frigidaire Front Control MaxDry Dishwasher	Frigidaire Front Control MaxDry Dishwasher	18
Samsung AutoRelease Smart Built-In Dishwasher	Samsung AutoRelease Dry Smart Built-In Stainless Steel Tub Dishwasher	13

GE 1.6 Cu. Ft. Over-the-Range Microwave - Stainless Steel

Maytag 24 Front Control Built-In Dishwasher

The next interface was created for the call center staff. This website allows them quickly to search for customers, select that customer, then search for products and add them to an order. They can then place that order directly from the website!



Customer Service - Order Entry

Search for Customer (Name or Phone):
swift
Search Customer Customer: Taylor Swift, Phone: 90090090000
Search for Product:
bosch
Search Product
Product: Bosch 550 Series Smart Control Dishwasher, Price: \$1169.99
Product: Bosch 300 Series Smart Control, Price: \$899.99
Select Payment Method:
Credit/Debit Card ~
Card Information
Card Number:
Enter card number
Expiration Date:
MM/YY
Security Code:
Security Code:
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We did not forget about the stocking clerks at the warehouse either! We made them a website where they can either choose to record incoming shipments, or transfer products from the warehouse to other physical stores, or our South warehouse.

Loading up the page they will have two options. "Receive Inventory In" or "Transfer Inventory to Store".

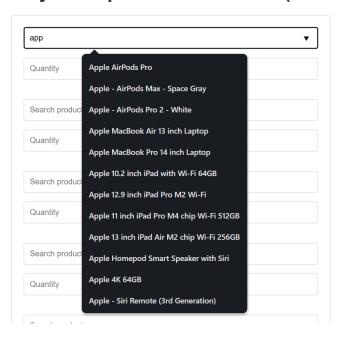


Receive Inventory In

Transfer Inventory to Store

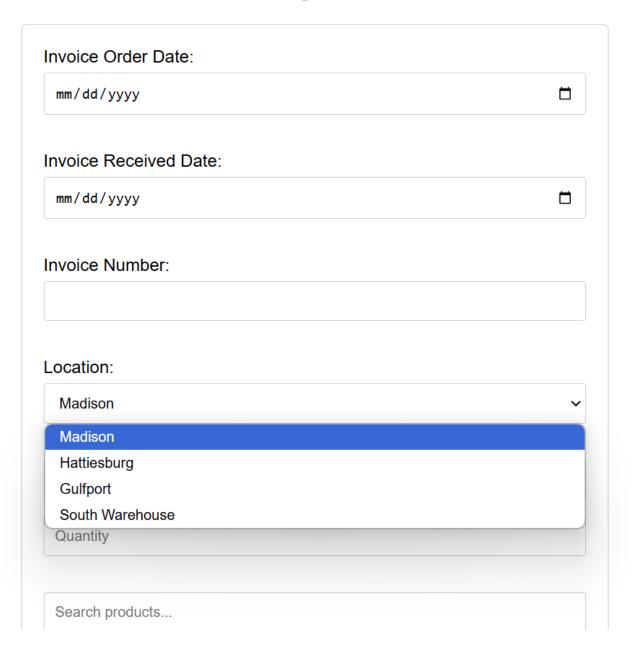
Let us look at the "Receive Inventory In" page. From this page they can start to search for a product, and it will retrieve those items from the names in the inventory table of the database. Once selected they can enter the quantity that they want to add. At the bottom they can click the "Receive Inventory" button for any number of products and their quantity, and it will update the inventory for that item for the North Warehouse in the database in real time.

Receive Inventory into Xplosive Electronics (North Warehouse)



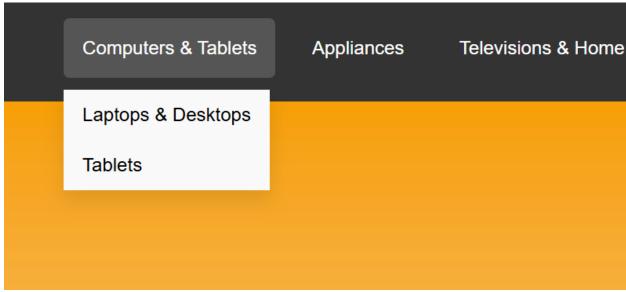
On the "Transfer Inventory to Store" page they can select the invoice order information, then select the location they are shipping to. Based on the location they are shipping to, whatever product and quantity they enter, it will add to the transfer and transfer_detail tables of the database while also updating the product quantities in the inventory table for that location.

Inventory Transfer



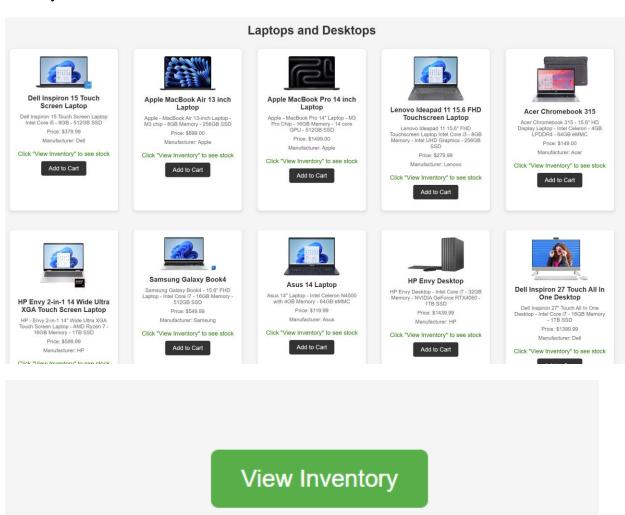
We saved the best for last which is our elegant web interface for our online customers which is fully integrated with our database. All customers are stored in the database by Customer_ID and all products they order are grouped into the orders table and orders_detail table. Shipping information is supplied through the shipment table. The shipper for that shipment is chosen from that order automatically which flows into the shipment table also. If a product is low, that is, at 5 or below, it will automatically notify the supplier and enter information into the supplier table. Let's look at the main page first. All categories at the top you can hover over to drop down into more categories.





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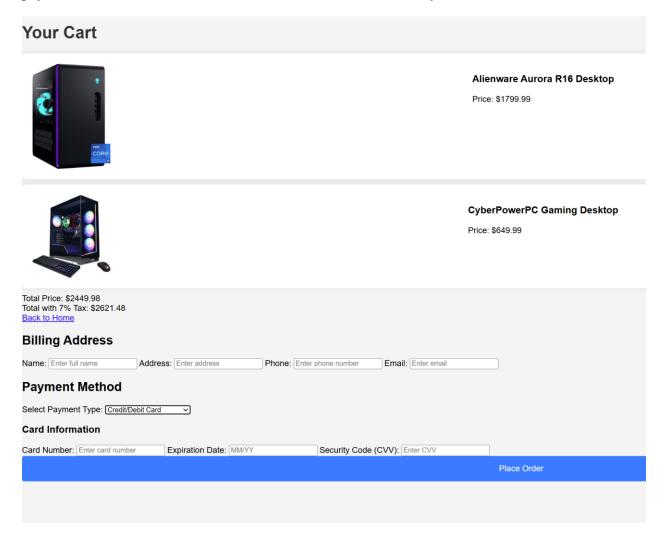
Once underneath a category, you can see all the products that are available. We also have a view inventory button at the bottom of the page for each location where customers can see what is in stock by location.



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Once a customer adds their products to the cart they can simply click "View Cart" to go to the cart page. From here they can see the contents of the cart, enter their billing address and payment information and then click "Place Order". It's that easy!



CONCLUSION

I thoroughly enjoyed this project as it allowed me to invest a great deal of time into the main purpose of this class which was database management systems. It has been a while since I have taken a web development class since I finished my undergraduate degree back in 2009, so I had to brush up on that. I was already familiar with most of the front-end elements like HTML, JavaScript and CSS but had had to brush up on it some. The backend was more of the hurdle for me in connecting everything together. I ended up having to purchase several books to get familiar on where to use certain functions such as some of JavaScript's backend framework like Node.js and Express.js. Learning how to build app.js with Node.js with Express and learning how to use the REST APIs to communicate with the front end was monumental.

I started on the overall design of the initial customer facing website before anything and then moved over to MySQL. Discovering how to navigate and run MySQL both in the command line and MySQL Workbench seemed quite easy and enjoyable once I dove in. I added my tables in through the Workbench and then would see them in the Schemas panel and I was amazed when it all came together. Once I had finished most of my tables I struggled for a while trying to connect them together properly, but this was an enjoyable learning experience to overcome.

My biggest struggle that was also one of my most rewarding pieces of knowledge, was connecting the database through my code to my actual website. Again, I was trying to learn Node.js at this same time so I had to utilize several books to achieve this. I also made best friends with console error commands while also learning how to use an app called Postman API to see where I was running into errors after most of my connection.query() and connection.execute() commands. This also allowed me to learn what CRUD operations were in communicating with the MySQL database was. I had to change my code layout numerous times while copying and pasting the original one to a notepad and sometimes even wiping it and starting back over. Clicking the "Place Order" on my main page and getting it to populate information to the proper fields in the database often took the longest to achieve but was knowledge well spent.

The past couple of weeks have been spent just going back and double checking to make sure everything works properly and is connected properly. I still struggled with the code to properly run the queries needed for the assignment but once I got them right and it displayed the information I needed, it was almost like I was handed a briefcase with a million dollars in cash. My deep feeling of enjoyment and a deep sigh of relief from weeks upon weeks of hard work had finally paid off.

With that being said, it's hard to sum up in a couple of sentences what I actually learned from this assignment. When I first looked at this assignment, I was almost a little scared, almost like what did I get myself in to? After the completion of this project, I would tell anyone that is

thinking the same thing, this project is perfectly curated to give you the knowledge and experience you need for your future in real life situations. After doing this project, I feel comfortable very comfortable with database management systems and also website development to the extent that I would like to carry this project on further and even implement some of my own projects centered around relational databases.

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