Acme Publishing Co: Problem	2
Deliverables:	4
Acme Publishing: Analysis & Design	5
Acme Publishing Problem Notes Reformat To Requirement List	6
Acme Publishing: Database Design	. 11
Acme Publishing: Architectural Design	.13
Acme Publishing: Code	.16
Acme Publishing: Running The Monthly Process	17
Acme Publishing: Development Notes	.20

Acme Publishing Co: Problem

Problem:

ACME Publishing Co. has a variety of **publications** that it <u>distributes</u> to **retailers**. The **company** is about to begin <u>operations</u> in the **home** <u>delivery subscription</u> **market**.

The company requires a **database** to <u>store</u> **customer** information along with their **subscriptions** to the various **magazines**. A **customer** can have a different <u>delivery</u> **address** for each **subscription**.

The company will <u>utilize</u> several different **print-distribution companies** to <u>print</u> and <u>deliver</u> the **magazines** to **subscribers**. The <u>print-distribution</u> **company** that is used is <u>determined</u> by which **publication** is to be <u>produced</u> and the **country** of the **delivery address**.

The <u>print-distribution</u> companies all have their <u>own APIs</u>; Whilst they are all different, they all <u>provide</u> some <u>way</u> for the <u>publishing</u> company to <u>send</u> an <u>individual request</u> for a particular <u>publication</u> to be <u>printed</u> and <u>sent</u> to a particular <u>customer</u>.

In addition to the <u>database creation</u>, the company also requires a <u>piece of software</u> to <u>run</u> every month that will <u>send</u> requests to the <u>appropriate</u> print-distribution companies for each of the <u>active</u> subscriptions <u>stored</u> in the <u>database</u>.

<u>Add</u>itional **print-distributors** may be implemented in future; <u>An application</u> for <u>managing</u> **customers** and **subscriptions** as well as for <u>updating</u> **distributors**' **publications** & **delivery countries** will be implemented in future.

Objective:

The purpose of this exercise is to enable you to demonstrate your proficiency in solving problems using software engineering techniques and processes.

Your response should include:

- a <u>database diagram</u>;
- <u>code</u> for the <u>main process logic</u> and any <u>relevant classes</u>;
- only placeholders are needed where the implementation of the print-distributors' APIs would be;
- a <u>description</u> of <u>how</u> the <u>process</u> is <u>run each month</u> is required.

The aspects of your solution that are of interest include:

- · Your ability to read and interpret the problem
- The architectural design of your solution
- Your overall approach to the exercise and your methodologies

• Appropriate use of advanced programming techniques

As a guide you should spend approximately 90 minutes on this task.

Deliverables:

- Database diagram
- Architectural design
- Code
 - Main process logic
 - ✓ Relevant classes
 - $\ \square$ Print-distributor API place holders
- ☑ Monthly process run description

Acme Publishing: Analysis & Design

Acme Publishing Problem Notes Reformat To Requirement List

Problem As List:

- 1. ACME Publishing Co. has a variety of publications that it distributes to retailers.
- 2. The **company** is about to begin *operations* in the **home** *delivery subscription* **market**.
- 3. The company requires a database
- 4. to store customer information
- 5. along with their subscriptions
- 6. to the various magazines.
- 7. A customer can have a
- 8. different delivery address
- 9. for each subscription.
- 10. The company will *utilize* several different print-distribution companies
- 11. to *print*
- 12. and deliver
- 13. the magazines
- 14. to subscribers.
- 15. The *print-distribution* company
- 16. that is used is *determin*ed
- 17. by which publication
- 18. is to be produced
- 19. and the country of the delivery address.
- 20. The print-distribution companies all have their own APIs;
- 21. Whilst they are all different, they all
- 22. <u>provide</u> some <u>way</u>
- 23. for the publishing company
- 24. to send an individual request
- 25. for a particular publication
- 26. to be *printed* and *sent*
- 27. to a particular customer.
- 28. In addition to the database creation,
- 29. the **company** also requires a
- 30. piece of software
- 31. to *run*
- 32. every month
- 33. that will send requests
- 34. to the appropriate print-distribution companies
- 35. for each of the *active* **subscription**s
- 36. stored in the database.
- 37. <u>Add</u>itional **print-distributors**
- 38. may be implemented in future;

- 39. An application for
- 40. managing
- 41. customers and
- 42. subscriptions
- 43. as well as for *updating* distributors' publications
- 44. & delivery countries will be implemented in future.

List Commentary

- 1. ACME Publishing Co. has a variety of publications
 - a. Is this a required entity & feature CRUD?
 - b. What attributes?
- 2. that it *distributes* to **retailers**.
 - a. Is this a required entity & feature CRUD?
 - b. Are retailers to be considered for this problem solution?
 - c. Do we need to manage the 'distributing' activity?
- 3. The **company** is about to begin *operations* in the **home** *delivery subscription* **market**.
 - a. Company = Acme Publishing
 - b. Is there a formal list of operations?
 - c. Is there a definition or limit to what is a considered a 'home'
 - d. Is there a phased approach to this effort?
 - e. What defines the market?
 - f. Assume subscription to existing publications
- 4. The company requires a database
 - a. Requirement
 - b. No mention of hosting, admin or data security requirements
 - i. Use out of the box encryption of identifiable data
- 5. to store customer information
 - a. Required entity & feature CRUD
 - b. Who will generate and manage this information
 - c. Which specific attributes?
 - d. Is a customer different to a retailer
- 6. along with their subscriptions
 - a. Required entity & feature CRUD
 - b. as per 5.b, 5.c
- 7. to the various **magazines**.
 - a. Required entity & feature CRUD
 - b. as per 5.b, 5.c
- 8. A customer can have a
 - a. Mentioned in point 5
- 9. different <u>delivery</u> address
 - a. Required entity & feature CRUD
 - b. as per 5.b, 5.c
- 10. for each subscription.
 - a. Mentioned in 6

- b. Is address related only to a subscription?
- c. Does a customer have a default address?
- 11. The company will *utilize* several different print-distribution companies
 - a. 3rd Party, are there any service level agreements that need to be measured
 - b. Should a company have a type? E.g. print-distribution or retailer?
 - c. Required entity & feature CRUD
- 12. to *print*
 - a. Service to be called on the 3rd party
 - b. Does it need a status or monitoring
- 13. and *deliver*
 - a. Service to be called on the 3rd party
 - b. Does it need a status or monitoring
 - c. Are there other services now or in future?
- 14. the magazines
 - a. Mentioned in 7
- 15. to subscribers.
 - a. Mentioned in 6
- 16. The *print-distribution* company
 - a. Mentioned in 10
- 17. that is used is *determin*ed
 - a. Required feature
 - b. Action or internal service
- 18. by which publication
 - a. Mentioned in 1
- 19. is to be *produce*d
 - a. Service or activity?
 - b. Does this need to be managed?
- 20. and the country of the delivery address.
 - a. Required entity & feature CRUD
 - b. Delivery address country to be compared to print-distribution company's country
 - i. Assume this the company's country of their local address and a not a country that company services?
 - ii. What if there are two companies in a single location?
 - 1. Are there rules for what companies can be created?
- 21. The *print-distribution* companies
 - a. Mentioned in 10
- 22. all have their own APIs;
 - a. Required entity & feature CRUD
 - b. What needs to be stored or known about the APIs?
 - i. E.g. url/address
- 23. Whilst they are all different, they all
 - a. Is this a rule that needs to be checked?
- 24. <u>provide</u> some <u>way</u>
 - a. Does this need to be recorded in the database?
- 25. for the publishing company
 - a. Mentioned in 1, ACME Publishing
 - b. Is there opportunity to make this a multi-tenant app in the future?
- 26. to send an individual request

- a. Requirement
 - i. Single requests
 - ii. No batches
 - iii. Action to be done by ACME

27. for a particular publication

- a. Mentioned in 1
- b. Does the publication entity have the responsibility to send the request or the publishing company
- c. Assume request must contain publication id
- 28. to be *printed* and *sent*
 - a. mentioned in 12 & 13
 - b. Assume this is a single request
 - i. i.e. 'print AND send'
 - ii. NOT
 - 1. 'print' then
 - 2. send
- 29. to a particular customer.
 - a. mentioned in 5
 - b. to be included in 'request'
- 30. In addition to the database creation,
 - a. Required deliverable Artefact
- 31. the company also requires a
 - a. mentioned in 1
 - b. Acme
- 32. piece of software
 - a. Required deliverable Artefact
 - b. No mention of
- 33. to <u>run</u>
 - a. Service on software
- 34. every month
 - a. Do we need a scheduled job
 - b. A reminder for the company to run the service
- 35. that will send requests
 - a. Mentioned in 26
- 36. to the appropriate print-distribution companies
 - a. Mentioned in 11
 - b. Rules mentioned in 16
- 37. for each of the active subscriptions
 - a. attribute on subscription
- 38. stored in the database.
 - a. Mentioned in 4
 - b. Implementation:
 - i. Can this be a view on the database?
 - ii. Does it need to be coded as logic?
- 39. <u>Add</u>itional print-distributors
 - a. Action or service on software
- 40. may be implemented in future;
 - a. Point 39 (above) NOT specifically required

- b. Requirement for extensibility
 - i. what extensibility is required to enable this in the future?

41. An application for

- a. Required deliverable Artefact?
- b. What constitutes 'an application'?
 - i. Windows or Web app?

42. managing

- a. Required component or flow label
- b. What actions or behaviour can be considered 'managing' CRUD? Printing, email, else?

43. customers and

a. Mentioned in 5

44. subscriptions

- a. Mentioned in 6
- 45. as well as for *updating* distributors' publications
 - a. Activity or service
 - b. Who are distributors in this context?
 - i. Are these retailers mentioned in point 2
 - c. Assume publications are those mentioned in 1

46. & delivery countries

a. Required entity & feature - CRUD

47. will be implemented in future.

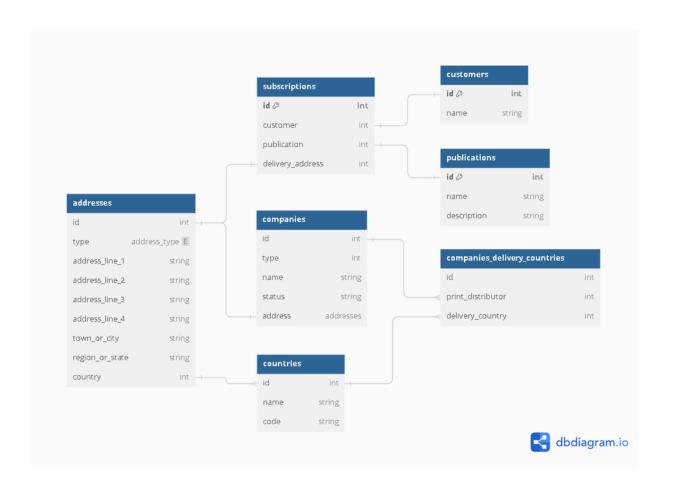
- a. Therefor NOT required as part of this delivery
- b. $41 \rightarrow 46$ OUT OF SCOPE

Acme Publishing: Database Design

Entities

	Entity	Comm entary List ID	Notes	Required / Status	Relationships	Attributes
1	Publication	1	Magazine is type of publication	Required	Has many Subscriptions	NameDescription
2	Retailer	2		Not Required		
3	Customer	5, 8, 29		Required	Has many Subscriptions	Name
4	Subscription	6, 10	Customers are subscribers Customers can have multiple subscriptions Status? From and To dates? Monthly job to use Customer subscribes to a publication		 Belongs to Customer Has one Address [delivery] Has one and belongs to Publication 	 Publication Customer Delivery Address Start Date End Date Status
5	Magazine	7, 14	Is type of publication	Duplicate of publication		
6	Address	9, 20	 Delivery address required for customer required a country attribute req: 20 		Belongs to SubscriptionBelongs to CompanyHas one Country	TypeOwnerLinesCountry
7	Company	11	 Print-distribution company is type Is retailer a company type? Need to be unique Assume name and address as PK How to identify if a 'publishing' company? View? Req: 25 Future work, NOT required 		Has one Address	TypeNameAddress

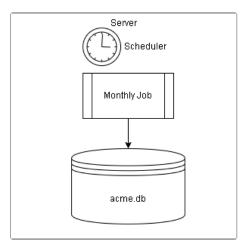
8	Country	20	 Delivery address needs a country Company needs an address with a company Referential integrity? What is Country is deleted? 		NameCode
9	API	22	 Does this needs to be stored? Can we convert string to a symbol or build up a request from the db record attributes 		• TBD



Acme Publishing: Architectural Design

Components

- 1. Host Server
- 2. Database
- 3. Application
 - a. Scheduled Monthly job



Actors

- 1. Retailers
 - a. No mention of interactions from these participants
- 2. Customers
 - a. No mention of interactions from these participants
- 3. Operator Acme user
 - a. Assume ALL features and operations are to be conducted this participant
 - b. No mention of abilities, what level of detail required for the process description document
- 4. System background tasks & operations
 - a. Process description document to show instructions for Acme operator
- 5. Print-Distributors
 - a. No mention of interactions from these participants

Operations, Flows & Activities

	ld	Description	Actor	Component	Status	Notes
1	1.a	Store customer information	Customer, Operator	Database		Operator to enter via graphical DB Client

2	1.b	Store customer subscription	Customer, Operator	Database	Operator to enter via graphical DB Client
3	2	Distribute publications to retailers	Operator, system	Application	
4	3	Print and deliver magazine to customer subscriber	Print- distributor		Triggered
5	4.a	Determine which print-distribution company to use			
6	4.b	Determine which publication to be produced			
7	4.c	Determine delivery address country			
8	5.a	Send individual request to print- distribution company to print publication			
9	5.b	Send individual request to print- distribution company to send publication			
10	6.a	Manage print-distributor company - add	Operator, Print- distributor		
11	6.b	Manage print-distributor company - update publications	Operator, Print- distributor		
12	6.c	Manage print-distributor company - update delivery companies	Operator, Print- distributor		
13					
14					

Architectural Decision Records

Philosophy, Constraints & Assumptions

- 1. Provide the quickest solution
 - a. Open source or off the shelf front end to the selected database $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$
 - b. Scaffolding a standalone or web application
- 2. Limit scope to only what is required
 - a. No UI mock ups
 - b. No api mocks
 - c. No external communications, email, reports
 - d. No environment monitoring

|--|

1	Which language framework	Application - scheduled monthly job	.NetRuby On RailsSpringNext.js	.Net
2	Where to host	Environment	Local installAzureAWSOthers	
3	What database		SQL ServerSQL LitePostgreSQL	
4	Screens and functions will be open to all users. No authentication required, assume behind firewall or whitelisting	Authentication & Permissions	 Bespoke In app SSO JWT OAuth Windows 	
5				

Acme Publishing: Code

The source for this exercise is available here GitHub - mrichardsJBOIT/EvolveAcmeMonthly

Acme Publishing: Running The Monthly Process

Back Ground

This application was built on a Windows development machine using the .Net framework.

The database used was SQLite.

Instructions

Please follow the instructions shown in the linked video

https://www.loom.com/share/1bb284df84a9497bb08d31a1b040a3c4

- 1. Download and extract the .zip file
- 2. Install the application from the publish folder
- 3. The application is installed to your windows start bar and is visible in the application listing
- 4. Selecting the application will open a windows terminal
- 5. From the terminal there are 4 options to select from

- 6.
- a. c Create Seed Data
 - i. This will populate random seed data for you to verify the structure of the tables and columns
- b. r Report
 - i. This will write to screen each of the tables contents

ii.

- c. s Send Monthly Publication Subscriptions
 - i. This option selects all subscriptions that are active and have an end date in he future

ii.

d. q - Quit

i. This ends the program.

Acme Publishing: Development Notes

- 1. SQL Server Express would not install locally
- 2. SQLite used
- 3. Issue generating seed data using migration
 - a. Moved to custom class
- 4. Code needs to be significantly refactored