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Module 1 Report

Data Model for rental units



Every year there are more than ten thousand students enrolled at Universities, which are located in New York City. To accommodate their housing needs, the university provides four residential halls within five-block radius of the buzzing campus offering around three thousand beds, which leads to a majority of postgraduate students choosing to rent their apartments outside residential halls. The apartment hunting process is time-consuming, and the data information online can be misleading. It takes days, even weeks to decide where the perfect location is for students, especially when they are from all over the world and not familiar with local life. With this question, our team is trying to design a database that can help students to filter, choose, and decide where and when they can live according to their personal preferences.

When it comes to choosing a living space, there are three main factors—location, price, and the condition of that place. Location-wise, we choose to include buildings within one-hour transportation, since most of the students don’t mind saving budget and compromising transit time. In terms of budget, the main difference between students and family renters is that they are willing to share the apartment and have roommates. Thus, the number of rooms is an essential factor. Amenities can add a major cost to the rent price as well, so there is a separate table for amenities.

To filter the right property, there are some important factors such as the type of the building (Property_Type varchar(20)), how large is the space (Square_feet decimal(5,2)), and how many rooms are included (Bedrooms tinyint, Bathrooms tinyint).

The important entities and the relationships are shown in the ER diagram below, including suitable data types.

Property_Address	
Property_Address_ID (PK)	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
State	VARCHAR(20)
City	VARCHAR(20)
Zipcode	VARCHAR(20)
Street_Line	VARCHAR(50)

Property	
Property_ID (PK)	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Property_Owner_ID	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Property_Address_ID	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Property_Type	VARCHAR (20)
Property_Status	VARCHAR (20)
Property_Payment	DECIMAL(5,2)
Basement	TINYINT
Property_Floor	VARCHAR(10)
Bedrooms	TINYINT
Bathrooms	TINYINT
Year_Of_Built	DATE
Square_Feet	DECIMAL(5,2)
Landscape	VARCHAR(10)
Special_Requirement	VARCHAR(255)
Posted_Date	TIMESTAMP
Available_Date	DATE

Property_Photo	
Property_Photo_ID (PK)	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Property_ID (FK)	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Property_Photo	VARCHAR(255)

Leasing_Contract_id	
Leasing_Contract_Id (PK)	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Tenant_ID (FK)	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Lease_Payment	DECIMAL(5,2)
Date_Contract_Sign	DATE
Start_Date	DATE
End_Date	DATE
Duration	VARCHAR(20)
Admin_Fee	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Broker_Fee	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Security_Deposit	SMALLINT UNSIGNED

Property_Owner	
Property_Owner_ID (PK)	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Owner_First_Name	VARCHAR(20)
Owner_Last_Name	VARCHAR(20)
Owner_Phone	VARCHAR(20)
Owner_Email	VARCHAR(50)

Property_Amenities	
Furnishing_ID (PK)	INT UNSIGNED
Property_ID (FK)	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Is_Air_Condition	CHAR(1)
Is_Parking	CHAR(1)
Number_Of_Parking	CHAR(1)
Is_Central_Heating	CHAR(1)
Is_Laundry	CHAR(1)
Is_Fireplace	CHAR(1)
Are_Closets	CHAR(1)
Is_Backyard	CHAR(1)
Are_Pets_Allowed	CHAR(1)
Is_Microwave	CHAR(1)
Is_Dishwasher	CHAR(1)

Tenant	
Tenant_ID (PK)	INT UNSIGNED
Property_ID (FK)	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Tenant_First_Name	VARCHAR(20)
Tenant_Last_Name	VARCHAR(20)
Tenant_Phone	VARCHAR(20)
Tenant_Email	VARCHAR(50)
Tenant_Credit_Record	SMALLINT UNSIGNED
Tenant_Annual_Income	DECIMAL(5,2)
Amount_Of_Savings	INT UNSIGNED

