



Database Laboratory work #1

Report: ERD for International Airport

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this work is to design an **Entity–Relationship Diagram (ERD)** for an International Airport Database. The system is intended to manage airport operations including flights, airlines, passenger bookings, boarding passes, baggage, and security checks. The ERD helps to visualize the structure of the database and the relationships between different entities, ensuring that the design is normalized and supports efficient data storage and retrieval.

2. Tasks Performed

Step 1. Identify Entities

From the system description, the following entities were identified:

- Airport
- Airline
- Flight
- Passenger
- Booking

- BookingChange
- BoardingPass
- Baggage
- Baggage Check
- SecurityCheck

Step 2. Determine Attributes

Each entity contains attributes. For example:

- *Passenger*: passenger_id, first_name, last_name, gender, date_of_birth, passport_number, country_of_citizenship, country_of_residence, created_at, updated_at.
- *Flight*: flight_id, airline_id, departure_airport_id, arrival_airport_id, scheduled_departure_time, scheduled_arrival_time, actual_departure_time, actual_arrival_time.

(Full list given in schema section).

Step 3. Define Keys

- Primary keys (PK) uniquely identify rows in each table.
- Foreign keys (FK) maintain relationships, e.g. booking.passenger_id → passenger.passenger_id.
- Unique constraints were defined where needed (e.g. airline_code).

Step 4. Normalization

The schema was checked up to **Third Normal Form (3NF)**:

- No repeating groups (e.g. baggage stored separately from bookings).
- No partial dependencies (composite keys avoided).
- No transitive dependencies (e.g. baggage checks depend only on baggage_id, not indirectly on booking).

Step 5. Identify Relationships

- Airline — Flight (1:M)
- Airport — Flight (1:M, for both departure and arrival)
- Flight — Booking (1:M)
- Passenger — Booking (1:M)
- Booking — BoardingPass (1:1)
- Booking — Baggage (1:M)

- Baggage — BaggageCheck (1:1)
- Passenger — SecurityCheck (1:M)
- Booking — BookingChange (1:M)

Step 6. Create ER Diagram

The diagram was implemented in drawSQL using SQL schema definitions. Boxes represent entities, attributes are listed inside, and lines show relationships with cardinality.

4. Results

As a result of the work:

- A structured set of entities and attributes for the Airport Database was created.
- Relationships and cardinalities were identified.
- The schema was normalized to 3NF.
- An ER-diagram was drawn in drawSQL to visualize the database design.

5. Conclusion

The completed ER-diagram provides a clear conceptual model of the International Airport Database. The design ensures data integrity, avoids redundancy, and reflects real-world airport operations. This model can be further used for creating a physical database in SQL and for implementing an airport management system.