

# Database Design and Implementation for *Pets in Care*

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## 1 Abstract

In this exercise,<sup>1</sup> we will develop a database that captures the business of *Pets in Care*, a fictional company which operates a network of veterinary care clinics in the United Kingdom.

## 2 Notes and Acknowledgements

The names in the database are, for a lack of better source, taken from the list of the sitting Members of Parliament (*Lists of MPs* 2010), as well as from (Minář 2008). UK postal addresses are slightly modified postal addresses of *Burger King* (*Find a BK* 2010) and *McDonald's* (*McDonald's* 2010) restaurants. Pet names are from (*Popular Pet Names* 2010).

The source code of this exercise will be published on the author's web site after the moratorium imposed by (*University Guidance on Procedures in respect of Assessment Irregularities* 2010) will have passed.

Country codes in the database are according to (International Organization for Standardization 2006).

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Telephone numbers: The database can store one telephone number per owner/employee, and one fax + telephone number per clinic. In real-life deployment, a separate relation would list various means of contact (telephone, fax, e-mail, ...) in a one-to-many fashion. Telephone numbers are treated as textual blobs (no knowledge of their semantics is assumed).

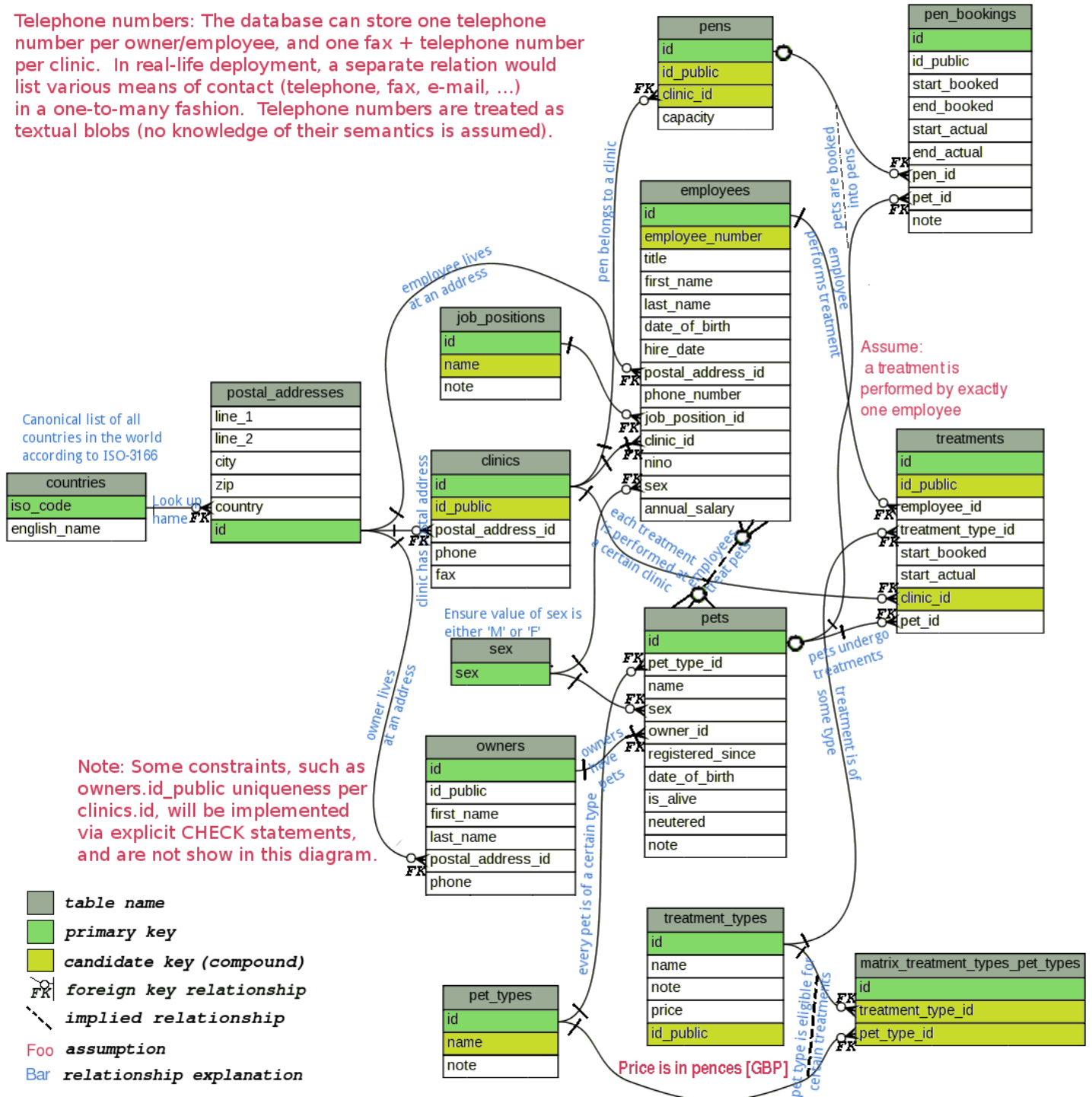


Figure 1: Entity Relationship Diagram for the Pets in Care database (based on Minář 2008, p2)

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