# Data Management and Database Design

# CAR RENTAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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#### **Project Topic**

#### **Car Rental Database Management System**

#### **Problem Statement**

- For many people, buying a car and bearing its insurance cost would be expensive
- For a traditional car rental service, a customer must physically visit the rental store which is inefficient
- In our car rental system, a user can book a car ride from any place conveniently, and after the payment is made, s/he will be notified of the nearest location from where s/he can pick up the car
- Due to high availability of these locations, the user can get to these locations in a short duration of time
- User can then use the car for the specified session and then return it to one of the closest locations

#### **Objectives**

To design a database for the car rental platform which should support the following functionalities:

- Users must be able to register into the system with details such as username, email, address, etc., and then login using those credentials
- Users must be able to view the current availability of cars for rent in his/her nearby location
- Users must be able to book a car followed by the payment of the session
- Ride details must be stored, and users must be able to view the booking details
- Maintain details of car location such as parking spot, area name, zip code, etc.

#### Proposed Solution for the identified problems

## 1. Difficulty in tracking daily transactions and increased chance of error and complexity in maintaining them

To overcome the above problem, a database management system is created for the car rental system, where instead of maintaining the data manually, the data will be logged in its respective entity tables. This will facilitate efficient managing of the structured data. Objects such as indexes, triggers, views, etc. would be used which would fine tune the system as well as maintain the ETL process of the database.

### 2. Same data is being entered daily, which is a redundant process (car, location data)

Redundancy is being eliminated by:

- i. Passenger data need not be entered manually every time the passenger books a car for rent. All the required customer data will be stored in the "passenger" table.
- ii. All the required details about cars available in the rental system will be stored in the tables "car" and "car category".
- iii. Database will ensure that at a time, no two reservations on the same car are being made.
- iv. Tables will be normalized to ensure data consistency and uniqueness.

#### 3. No database available for the passenger, car, and the location of car spots

Three different tables for passenger, car and location have been created. Each table, **passenger**, **car**, and **location** have their unique ids, as **passenger\_id**, **license\_no** and **location\_id**, respectively. These unique ids will help determine each of the passengers, car, and location uniquely.

#### 4. There is no system of booking a car for a certain time online

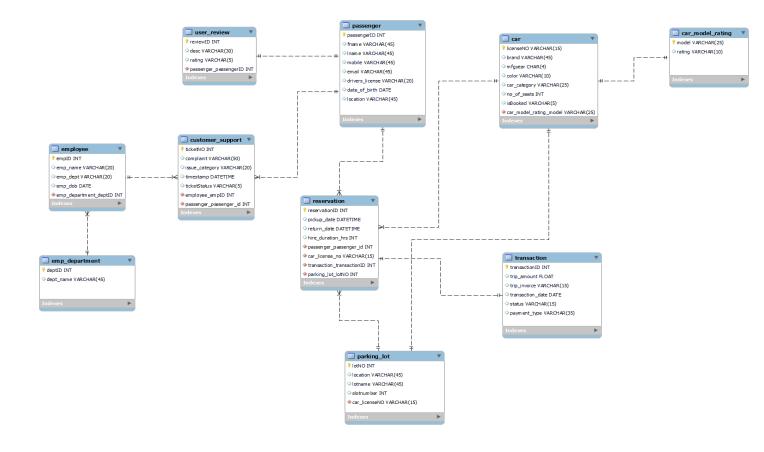
"Reservation" entity is created in the database to book a car online, data in this table has reservation\_id attribute as primary key to maintain uniqueness. The reservation table has the attributes passenger\_id, car\_id and parking\_lotno as foreign keys that specify what car a passenger has booked and in which parking lot would he/she find the required car.

#### 5. Audit of transactions done by customer bookings is difficult

With the creation of the database, auditing of past transactions is easy to track.

The table 'transaction' keeps the records of all the transactions done. The attribute **transaction\_id** identifies a specific transaction, the foreign key **reservation\_id** stores the ID of the reservation which was done by a particular passenger. It also stores information in attributes like **trip\_amount**, **trip\_invoice**, and **transaction\_date** which stores the total trip amount, the invoice number generated, and the date of transaction, respectively.

#### Entity - Relationship Diagram



#### **Database Dictionaries**

#### **Database details for Car Rental System**

#### Passenger

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
passengerID	Unique ID	INT		Primary Key
	assigned to each			
	passenger			
fname	Passenger's first	VARCHAR	45	Not Null
	name			
Iname	Passenger's last	VARCHAR	45	Not Null
	name			
mobile	Mobile number of	VARCHAR	45	Not Null
	the passenger			
email	Passenger's email	VARCHAR	45	Not Null
	id			
drivers_license	Passenger's	VARCHAR	20	Not Null
	driver's license			
	number			
date_of_birth	Passenger's date	DATE		Not Null
	of birth			
location	Passenger's	VARCHAR	45	Not Null
	location			

#### Reservation

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
reservationID	Unique ID assigned to each reservation made	INT		Primary Key
pickup_date	Time when the ride starts	DATETIME		Not Null
return_date	Time when the ride ends	DATETIME		Not Null
hire_duration_hrs	Time duration of the ride	INT		Not Null
car_license_no	Foreign key			Not Null
passenger_id	Foreign key			Not Null
lotNO	Foreign key			Not Null
transactionID	Foreign key			Not Null

#### Car

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
licenseNO	License number	VARCHAR	15	Primary Key
brand	Make of car	VARCHAR	45	Not Null
mfgyear	Manufactured year	CHAR	4	Not Null
color	Car color	VARCHAR	10	Not Null
car_category	Car category	VARCHAR	25	Not Null
no_of_seats	Total no. of seats available	INT		Not Null
isBooked	Is the car booked	VARCHAR	5	Not Null
model	Foreign Key			Not Null

#### **Transaction**

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
transactionID	Transaction ID	INT		Primary Key
trip_amount	Trip amount	FLOAT		Not Null
trip_invoice	Trip invoice	VARCHAR	15	Not Null
transaction_date	Transaction date	DATE		Not Null
status	Status of	VARCHAR	15	Not Null
	transaction			
payment_type	Payment type	VARCHAR	35	Not Null

#### Customer\_support

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
ticketNO	Ticket ID	INT		Primary Key
	identifying ticket uniquely			
complaint	Description of the complaint	VARCHAR	50	Not Null
issue_category	The category to which the issue	VARCHAR	20	Not Null
	belongs			
timestamp	The time at which	DATETIME		Not Null
	the ticket was			
	created			
ticketStatus	Whether the ticket	VARCHAR	5	Not Null
	is open or closed			
empID	Foreign key			Not Null
passenger_id	Foreign key			Not Null

#### Parking lot

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
lotNO	Parking lot number	INT		Primary Key
location	Parking location	VARCHAR	45	Not Null
lotname	Parking lot name	VARCHAR	45	Not Null
slotnumber	Parking slot number	INT		Not Null
licenseNO	Foreign Key		15	Not Null

#### **User Review**

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
reviewID	Unique ID	INT		Primary Key
	assigned to each			
	review			
desc	Passenger's review	VARCHAR	30	Not Null
rating	Passenger's rating	VARCHAR	5	Not Null
passengerID	Foreign key			Not Null

#### **Employee**

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
empID	The ID of	INT		Primary Key
	employee.			
emp_name	The name of the	VARCHAR	20	Not Null
	employee			
emp_dept	The department to	VARCHAR	20	Not Null
	which the			
	employee belongs			
emp_dob	Employee's date	DATE		Not Null
	of birth			
deptID	Foreign key			Not Null

#### Emp\_department

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
deptID	The department ID	INT		Primary Key
	of employee			
dept_name	The department	VARCHAR	45	Not Null
	name of the			
	employee			

#### Car\_model\_rating

Field name	Description	Туре	Length	Comments
model	Car model	VARCHAR	25	Primary Key
rating	Rating for the car model	VARCHAR	10	Not Null