Overview

The most crucial aspect of any thriving e-commerce business is the skilled management of data. Recognizing this, our project simulates a real-world e-commerce data environment, where our primary goal is to construct a robust database that can not only handle the high volume of transactions characteristic of busy online platforms but also organize data effectively to streamline operations. By recreating a realistic e-commerce scenario, we aim to ensure that businesses remain adaptable, perceptive, and ahead in the fast-paced world of e-commerce.

Part 1: Database Design and Implementation

1.1 E-R Diagram Design

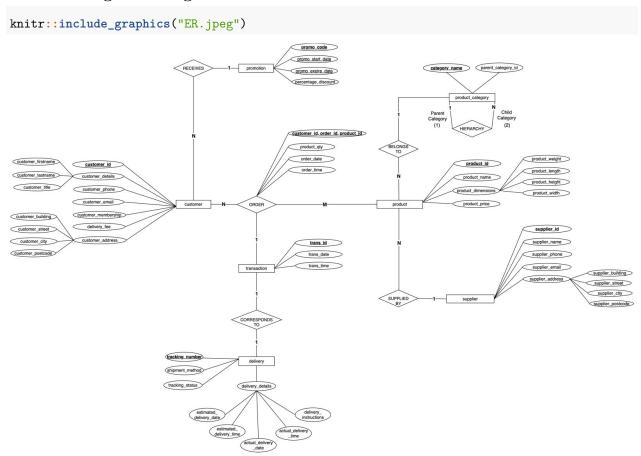


Figure 5: ER Diagram

The architecture of our e-commerce database is structured around seven key entities: customer, product, product category, supplier, promotion, transaction and delivery. These entities are intricately interconnected through a spectrum of relationships, including one-to-one, one-to-many, many-to-many, and self-referencing, in addition to a central ternary relationship.

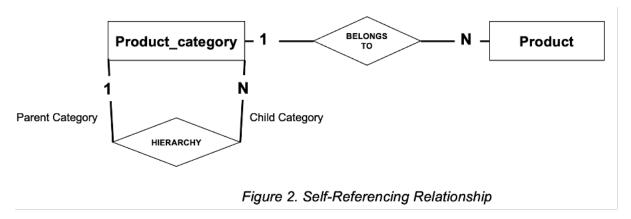
The "customer" entity, uniquely identified by "customer_id", holds detailed attributes and forms a many-to-many relationship with "product" entity, signifying that customers can purchase multiple products, and products can be purchased by various customers.

The "product" entity has "product_id" as the primary key and is linked to "product category". It has a one-to-many relationship where one category can encompass numerous products. Furthermore, "product" is

similarly linked with "supplier" entity that is uniquely identified by "supplier_id". It is connected through a one-to-many relationship, under the assumption that one supplier supplies numerous products.

The "product category" entity has a self-referencing relationship with "category_name" as the primary key. It is a hierarchical category structure with one-to-many relationship, as a single parent category can have multiple child categories, but each child category has only one parent category. For instance, "Beauty" is the parent category, and "Body Wash", "Perfume" and "Hair Styling Product" are the child categories. Each of these child categories would refer to "Beauty" as their parent, creating a self-referencing relationship.

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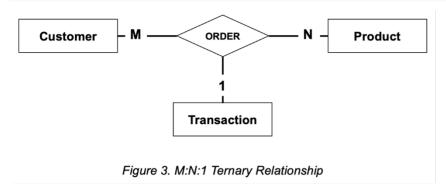


The "promotion" entity with "promo_code" as the primary key engages in a one-to-many relationship with "Customer" entity, under the assumption that one customer can be associated with one promo code, and many promo code can be associated with multiple customers.

Central to the database, "transaction" captures the financial exchanges and is part of a ternary relationship with "customer" and "product" entities. The three are connected with "order" relationship as is shown below:

- A "customer" can have multiple "transaction" (N:1), and within each transaction, multiple "products" can be involved (M:1).
- A "product" can be part of multiple "transaction" through different "customers" (M:N), but within a specific transaction, it is uniquely identified.

knitr::include_graphics("MN1 Ternary Relationship.png")



Lastly, the "delivery" entity, with "delivery_id" as the primary key, correlates with "transaction" table in a one-to-one relationship, where each transaction results in a single delivery instance, ensuring that every purchase is accurately fulfilled.

Each relationship sets are illustrated below based on each relationship between two entities:

knitr::include_graphics("Relationship Sets.jpeg")

Assumptions

To shape our database's logical structure, we have established several assumptions. First, we assume that our E-commerce business commenced in June 2023. We have a singular supplier relationship where a product is supplied by only one supplier. Each customer and supplier have only one address within the United Kingdom, with every customer and supplier allowed to add only one email address and contact number. Furthermore, our operating procedure presumed that the recipient name for each order corresponds to the name provided by the customer during the ordering process. All product prices are listed in GBP, and a free delivery fee is applied to membership holders. On the contrary, there's a delivery fee for customers without membership. All deliveries are handled by our own company, and not by an external company. The delivery time is between 7am – 5pm, and each parcel is delivered to each customer's unique address. All transactions are considered as completed, with no pending or failed statuses, whereas orders placed prior to March 2024 are presumed to be delivered and completed.

Logical Schema

Upon completion of the ER diagram, we moved to the logical schema phase where each attribute corresponds to a column within that table. Consequently, seven tables are established to represent the seven entities: product_category, promotion, supplier, customer, delivery, product and transaction.

When designing the logical schema, a careful review of entity relationships is crucial to determine any additional tables are required. Relationships with cardinalities of 1:1 or N:1 typically do not require extra tables or changes. However, in N:1 relationships, where multiple instances of one entity are associated with a single instance of another, the primary key from the entity on the "1"- weak side transforms into a foreign key in the table on the "N" – strong side. In our ER diagram, we observe that multiple products belong to one product_category (N:1), and multiple products are supplied by one supplier (N:1). Thus, the primary keys "category_name" and "supplier_id" of the weak side are both transferred to the product table as a foreign key. This is the same case for "promo_code" from the promotion table transferred to the customer table as a foreign key. Below is a list of logical schemas for all entities:

knitr::include_graphics("Logical Schema.png")

1. Customer

customer (<u>customer_id</u>, <u>promo_code</u>, customer_firstname, customer_lastname, customer_title, customer_phone, customer_email, customer_membership, delivery_fee, customer_building, customer_street, customer_city, customer_postcode)

2. Delivery

delivery (<u>tracking_number</u>, <u>trans_id</u>, shipment_method, tracking_status, estimated_delivery_date, estimated_delivery_time, actual_delivery_date, actual_delivery_time, delivery_instructions)

3. Supplier

supplier (<u>supplier_id</u>, supplier_name, supplier_phone, supplier_email, supplier_building, supplier_street, supplier_city, supplier_postcode)

4. Transaction

transaction (trans_id, order_id, trans_date, trans_time)

5. Product category

product_category (category name, parent_category_id)

6. Product

product (<u>product_id</u>, <u>supplier_id</u>, <u>category_name</u>, product_name, product_weight, product_length, product_height, product_width, product_price)

7. Promotion

promotion (promo code, promo start date, promo expire date, percentage discount)

Finally, due to the many-to-many (M:N) relationship between the customer and product tables, it is necessary to create an additional, separate table named 'order', which will contain additional attributes. The three attributes "order_id", "customer_id" and "product_id" form a composite key that serves as a primary key for the "order" table, while "customer_id" and "product_id" also serve as a foreign key for the customer table and product table respectively.

8. Order

order (order_id , customer_id, product_id, product_qty, order_date, order_time)

Part 1.2: Database Schema Creation

The database schema creation process starts with establishing a connection and creating SQL tables for each entity, proactively dropping any pre-existing tables to avoid potential issues.

Load Files in an sqlite database

```
#setup the connection
connection <- RSQLite::dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(),"hi_import.db")</pre>
```

Drop tables

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS product_category

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS promotion

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS supplier

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS supplier

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS "transaction"

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS order_datetime

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS order_products_info

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS actual_delivery_date

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS delivery_tracking

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS estimated_delivery_date

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS customer_membership

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS customer_basic_info

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS customer

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS delivery

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS delivery

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS delivery
```

Create SQL tables

product_category

```
-- product_category
CREATE TABLE "product_category" (
  category_name VARCHAR(50) PRIMARY KEY,
  parent_category_id CHAR NULL
);
SELECT * FROM "product_category";
```

Table 1: 0 records

category_name parent_category_id

promotion

```
-- promotion

CREATE TABLE "promotion" (
   promo_code INT PRIMARY KEY,
   promo_start_date DATE NULL,
   promo_expire_date DATE NULL,
   percentage_discount NUMERIC NOT NULL
  );

SELECT * FROM "promotion";
```

Table 2: 0 records

 $promo_code \quad promo_start_date \quad promo_expire_date \quad percentage_discount$

supplier

```
-- supplier

CREATE TABLE supplier (
    supplier_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    supplier_name CHAR NOT NULL,
    supplier_phone INT NOT NULL,
    supplier_email VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    supplier_building INT NOT NULL,
    supplier_street VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    supplier_city VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    supplier_postcode VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL
);

SELECT * FROM "supplier";
```

Table 3: 0 records

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customer

```
-- customer

CREATE TABLE "customer" (
    customer_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    promo_code INT,
    customer_firstname VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    customer_lastname VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    customer_title VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL,
    customer_phone VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
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customer_email VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
customer_membership TEXT NOT NULL,
delivery_fee NUMERIC NOT NULL,
customer_building INT NOT NULL,
customer_street VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
customer_city VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
customer_postcode VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
FOREIGN KEY (promo_code) REFERENCES "promotion"(promo_code)
);
SELECT * FROM "customer";
```

Table 4: 0 records

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delivery

```
CREATE TABLE "delivery" (
  tracking_number INT PRIMARY KEY,
  trans_id INT,
  shipment_method VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
  tracking_status VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
  estimated_delivery_date DATE NOT NULL,
  estimated_delivery_time TIME NOT NULL,
  actual_delivery_date DATE NULL,
  actual_delivery_time TIME NULL,
  delivery_instructions VARCHAR(125) NOT NULL,
  FOREIGN KEY (trans_id) REFERENCES "transaction"(trans_id)
);

SELECT * FROM "delivery";
```

Table 5: 0 records

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product

```
-- product

CREATE TABLE "product" (

product_id INT PRIMARY KEY,

supplier_id INT,

category_name VARCHAR(50),

product_name VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL,

product_weight NUMERIC NOT NULL,

product_length NUMERIC NOT NULL,

product_height NUMERIC NOT NULL,

product_width NUMERIC NOT NULL,

product_width NUMERIC NOT NULL,

product_price NUMERIC NOT NULL,
```

```
FOREIGN KEY (supplier_id) REFERENCES "supplier"(supplier_id),
  FOREIGN KEY (category_name) REFERENCES "product_category"(category_name)
);
SELECT * FROM "product";
```

Table 6: 0 records

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order

```
CREATE TABLE "order" (
  order_id INT,
  customer_id INT,
  product_id INT,
  product_qty INT NOT NULL,
  order_date DATE NOT NULL,
  order_time TIME NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (order_id, customer_id, product_id),
  FOREIGN KEY (customer_id) REFERENCES "customer"(customer_id),
  FOREIGN KEY (product_id) REFERENCES "product"(product_id)
);

SELECT * FROM "order";
```

Table 7: 0 records

order_id	$customer_id$	$product_id$	$product_qty$	$order_date$	$order_time$

transaction

```
-- transaction

CREATE TABLE "transaction" (
   trans_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
   order_id INT,
   trans_date DATE NOT NULL,
   trans_time TIME NOT NULL,
   FOREIGN KEY (order_id) REFERENCES "order"(order_id)
);

SELECT * FROM "transaction";
```

Table 8: 0 records

 $trans_id \quad order_id \quad trans_date \quad trans_time$

Normalization to 3NF

For customer

1. customer basic info -- customer_basic_info CREATE TABLE "customer_basic_info" (customer_id INT PRIMARY KEY, promo_code INT, customer_firstname VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, customer_lastname VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, customer_title VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL, customer_phone VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, customer_email VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, customer_building INT NOT NULL, customer street VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, customer_city VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, customer_postcode VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, FOREIGN KEY (promo_code) REFERENCES "promotion" (promo_code)); SELECT * FROM customer_basic_info

Table 9: 0 records

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2. customer membership

```
-- customer_membership

CREATE TABLE "customer_membership" (
    customer_id INT,
    customer_membership TEXT,
    delivery_fee NUMERIC NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (customer_id, customer_membership),
    FOREIGN KEY (customer_id) REFERENCES "customer_basic_info"(customer_id)
);

SELECT * FROM customer_membership
```

Table 10: 0 records

 $\underline{ \text{customer_id} \quad \text{customer_membership} \quad \text{delivery_fee} }$

For order

1. order_products_info

```
-- order_products_info

CREATE TABLE "order_products_info" (
    order_id INT,
    customer_id INT,
    product_id INT,
    product_qty INT NOT NULL,
```

```
PRIMARY KEY (order_id, customer_id, product_id),
FOREIGN KEY (customer_id) REFERENCES "customer_basic_info"(customer_id),
FOREIGN KEY (product_id) REFERENCES "product"(product_id)
);
SELECT * FROM order_products_info
```

Table 11: 0 records

order_id customer_id product_id product_qty

2. order_datetime

```
-- order_datetime

CREATE TABLE "order_datetime" (
    order_id INT,
    customer_id INT,
    order_date DATE NOT NULL,
    order_time TIME NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (order_id, customer_id),
    FOREIGN KEY (customer_id) REFERENCES "customer_basic_info"(customer_id)
);

SELECT * FROM order_datetime
```

Table 12: 0 records

order_id customer_id order_date order_time

For Delivery

1. delivery_tracking

```
-- delivery_tracking

CREATE TABLE "delivery_tracking" (
   tracking_number INT PRIMARY KEY,
   trans_id INT,
   delivery_instructions VARCHAR(125) NOT NULL,
   FOREIGN KEY (trans_id) REFERENCES "transaction"(trans_id)
);

SELECT * FROM delivery_tracking
```

Table 13: 0 records

 $tracking_number \quad trans_id \quad delivery_instructions$

2. estimated delivery date

```
-- estimated_delivery_date

CREATE TABLE "estimated_delivery_date" (
    tracking_number INT,
    shipment_method VARCHAR(50),
    estimated_delivery_date DATE NOT NULL,
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estimated_delivery_time TIME NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY (tracking_number, shipment_method),
FOREIGN KEY (tracking_number) REFERENCES "delivery_tracking"(tracking_number)
);
SELECT * FROM estimated_delivery_date
```

Table 14: 0 records

 $tracking_number \quad shipment_method \quad estimated_delivery_date \quad estimated_delivery_time$

3. actual delivery date

```
-- actual_delivery_date

CREATE TABLE "actual_delivery_date" (
    tracking_number INT,
    tracking_status VARCHAR(50),
    actual_delivery_date DATE NULL,
    actual_delivery_time TIME NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (tracking_number, tracking_status),
    FOREIGN KEY (tracking_number) REFERENCES "delivery_tracking"(tracking_number)
);

SELECT * FROM actual_delivery_date
```

Table 15: 0 records

tracking_number tracking_status actual_delivery_date actual_delivery_time

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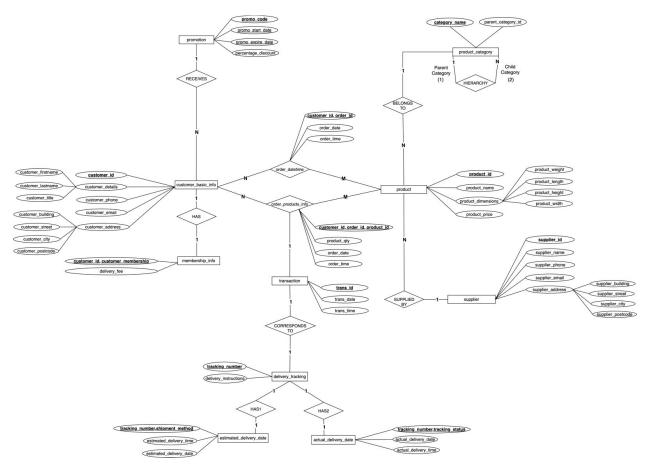


Figure 5: ER Diagram - After Normalisation

Part 2: Data Generation and Management

Part 2.1: Synthetic Data Generation

We have initially generated synthetic data using Mockaroo, a random test data generator, and ChatGPT, a generative AI, which we downloaded the data into an excel sheet by updating the field names, data types, and options. However, there are some fields related to date and time which need to be generated with conditions. We use R code to generate these data to ensure the chronological order of date and time for promotion table, order table, transaction table and delivery table.

Part 2.2: Data Import and Quality Assurance

Import csv files into SQL table

For loop to read csv and then import into sql

```
# Read datasets
#order
order_datetime_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_order_datetime_dataset.csv")
order_products_info_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_order_products_info_dataset.csv")
#delivery</pre>
```

```
actual_delivery_date_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_actual_delivery_date_dataset.csv")</pre>
   delivery_tracking_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_delivery_tracking_dataset.csv")</pre>
   estimated_delivery_date_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_estimated_delivery_date_dataset.csv")</pre>
   #customer
   customer_basic_info_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_customer_basic_info_dataset.csv")</pre>
   customer_membership_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_customer_membership_dataset.csv")</pre>
   product dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi product dataset.csv")</pre>
   product category dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi product category dataset.csv")</pre>
   promotion_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_promotion_dataset.csv")</pre>
   supplier_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_supplier_dataset.csv")</pre>
   transaction_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_transaction_dataset.csv")</pre>
  dbWriteTable(connection, "product", product dataset, append = TRUE, row.names = FALSE)
  dbWriteTable(connection, "product_category", product_category_dataset, append = TRUE, row.names = FALSE
  dbWriteTable(connection, "promotion", promotion_dataset, append = TRUE, row.names = FALSE)
  dbWriteTable(connection, "supplier", supplier_dataset, append = TRUE, row.names = FALSE)
  dbWriteTable(connection, "transaction", transaction dataset, append = TRUE, row.names = FALSE)
   #order
   dbWriteTable(connection, "order_datetime", order_datetime_dataset, append = TRUE, row.names = FALSE)
   dbWriteTable(connection, "order_products_info", order_products_info_dataset, append = TRUE, row.names =
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  #delivery
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  dbWriteTable(connection, "actual_delivery_date", actual_delivery_date_dataset, append = TRUE, row.names
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   dbWriteTable(connection, "delivery_tracking", delivery_tracking_dataset, append = TRUE, row.names = FAL
   dbWriteTable(connection, "estimated_delivery_date", estimated_delivery_date_dataset, append = TRUE, row
14
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16
  dbWriteTable(connection, "customer_membership", customer_membership_dataset, append = TRUE, row.names =
  dbWriteTable(connection, "customer_basic_info", customer_basic_info_dataset, append = TRUE, row.names =
```

Check the tables using select

```
SELECT * FROM "product" LIMIT 5
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Table 16: 5 records

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100-	48812		a Visionary					
2931								
60-	HNW-	Educationa	al Learn & Play	614	24	22	98	30.83
215-	87364	Toys	Alphabet Blocks					
8627								
10-	QIS-	Fresh	Organic Harvest	1942	65	10	30	26.30
395-	31117	Produce	Bundle					
8862								
84-	TJZ-	History	Epochs in Time: A	3825	74	73	47	43.25
465-	16253		Historical Analysis					
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SELECT * FROM "product_category" LIMIT 5

Table 17: 5 records

category_name	parent_category_id
Beauty	
Books	
Clothing	
Electronics	
Grocery	

SELECT * FROM "promotion" LIMIT 5

Table 18: 5 records

promo_code	promo_start_date	promo_expire_date	percentage_discount
BU86M505PYD	07/07/2023	27/12/2023	50
BG70Z584RFB	09/11/2023	03/03/2024	25
JI24S173EUJ	20/03/2024	07/07/2024	45
FU87P552XKO	24/11/2023	06/04/2024	45
SD70E981QNT	16/02/2024	04/08/2024	40

SELECT * FROM "supplier" LIMIT 5

Table 19: 5 records

supplier	_istupplier_name	supplier_p	ho sæ pplier_email	supplier_bu	ild sing plier_	_str eet pplier_	ci ty pplier_postco
XTE-	Hyatt and Sons	$+44\ 336$	mkilpatrick0	796	Garden	London	KY2Y 6JZ
60952		$825\ 7695$	@nyu.edu		Road		
WLS-	Huels-Krajcik	$+44\ 515$	cbritt1@une	881	Meadow	Birmingh	amB12 7TB
09227		$420\ 8651$	sco.org		Road		
RCO-	Morissette LLC	$+44\ 213$	ctrussler2@h	66	Garden	Birmingh	anDE9W
72629		$964\ 1394$	ao123.com		Road		6WF
KCV-	Koepp, Bechtelar	$+44\ 404$	$\operatorname{egoddman}$	921	River	London	W1 9SG
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UTZ-	Stamm-Schmidt	$+44\ 312$	lharome4@o	254	Lake	Bristol	L43 3FX
90791		$442\ 5804$	aic.gov.au		Road		

SELECT * FROM "transaction" LIMIT 5

Table 20: 5 records

trans_id	order_id	trans_date	trans_time
EHD-784624	AAD-4091	10/11/2023	07:56:40
SIZ-926836	AAK-0526	09/02/2024	15:23:52
GEP-276863	ADJ-6838	02/08/2023	12:30:16
YRS-371629	ADV-4775	26/10/2023	14:57:31
VMS-478374	ADX-1928	28/02/2024	00:15:39

Order:

SELECT * FROM "order_datetime" LIMIT 5

Table 21: 5 records

order_id	customer_id	order_date	order_time
AAD-4091	YTS-92438	10/11/2023	05:43:29
AAK-0526	BWU-36083	09/02/2024	14:20:43
AAK-6361	CLZ-73501	28/03/2024	20:29:45
ADJ-5614	KCQ-71974	19/11/2023	23:34:47
ADJ-6838	GSB-19226	02/08/2023	11:28:04

SELECT * FROM "order_products_info" LIMIT 5

Table 22: 5 records

order_id	$customer_id$	$product_id$	product_qty
AAD-4091	YTS-92438	42-811-3974	9
AAD-4091	YTS-92438	72 - 217 - 8555	10
AAK-0526	BWU-36083	85-279-1314	5
AAK-0526	BWU-36083	43 - 612 - 9451	19
AAK-0526	BWU-36083	42-665-9904	16

Delivery

SELECT * FROM "actual_delivery_date" LIMIT 5

Table 23: 5 records

tracking_number	tracking_status	actual_delivery_date	actual_delivery_time
581-6200	Delivered	24/06/2023	12:45:44
004-1482	Delivered	22/11/2023	08:18:48
064-9023	In process	NA	NA
657-4120	Delivered	01/02/2024	07:43:05
983-4613	Delivered	12/08/2023	11:01:41

SELECT * FROM "delivery_tracking" LIMIT 5

Table 24: 5 records

tracking_number	trans_id	delivery_instructions
581-6200	AAA-067232	ring bell
004-1482	AAC-152328	delivery box
064-9023	AAD-850184	ring bell
657-4120	AAR-680860	leave infront of door
983-4613	AAT-296188	ring bell

SELECT * FROM "estimated_delivery_date" LIMIT 5

Table 25: 5 records

tracking_number	shipment_method	estimated_delivery_date	estimated_delivery_time
581-6200	express	23/06/2023	11:20:33
004-1482	next day	21/11/2023	14:41:18
064-9023	express	06/03/2024	07:27:46
657-4120	standard	01/02/2024	15:10:18
983-4613	next day	11/08/2023	16:02:04

Customer:

SELECT * FROM "customer_membership" LIMIT 5

Table 26: 5 records

customer_id	customer_membership	delivery_fee
NAT-21446	membership	0.00
MQV-12400	not membership	4.99
MLY-44705	not membership	5.99
RFE-59474	membership	0.00
WBO-40739	membership	0.00

SELECT * FROM "customer_basic_info" LIMIT 5

Table 27: 5 records

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				6609	.au					
MQV-	OQ50R1AT@H5WeT	Lujan	Mr	+44	alujan1@q	436	Spruce	Birming	h&nA	
12400				$941\ 356$	q.com		Street		8DD	
				9889						
MLY-	DU63L7MAKKV	Llewellen	Honorab	le⊢44	mllewellen	861	Willow	Bristol	G4H	
44705				$398\ 412$	2@hud.g		Street		0NH	
				8484	ov					
RFE-	IW96D8 b2h365 d	Philson	Honorab	le+44	iphilson	271	Maple	Bristol	M04	
59474				114708	3@github.		Street		5UF	
				3717	com					

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Calculated Field

Transaction amount

```
SELECT o.order_id, prm.percentage_discount, m.delivery_fee, SUM(p.product_price*o.product_qty) AS order
FROM "order_products_info" o, "product" p, "promotion" prm, "customer_basic_info" c, "customer_membersh
WHERE o.customer_id = m.customer_id AND o.product_id = p.product_id AND c.promo_code = prm.promo_code A
GROUP BY
    o.order_id;
```

Table 28: Displaying records 1 - 10

order_id	percentage_discount	delivery_fee	order_price	trans_amount
AAD-4091	25	0.00	822.15	616.61
AAK-0526	30	0.00	767.93	537.55
AAK-6361	25	6.99	1058.78	801.08
ADJ-5614	45	3.99	193.16	110.23
ADJ-6838	35	2.99	681.37	445.88
ADV-4775	45	5.99	1113.84	618.60
ADV-7947	20	5.99	116.87	99.49
ADX-1928	45	0.00	892.56	490.91
ADX-2356	40	0.00	350.07	210.04
AFD-0715	15	0.00	827.32	703.22

Store natively it in R

```
# Customer
customer_membership <- dbReadTable(connection, "customer_membership")
customer_basic_info <- dbReadTable(connection, "customer_basic_info")

#Delivery
actual_delivery_date <- dbReadTable(connection, "actual_delivery_date")
delivery_tracking <- dbReadTable(connection, "delivery_tracking")
estimated_delivery_date <- dbReadTable(connection, "estimated_delivery_date")

#Order
order_datetime <- dbReadTable(connection, "order_datetime")
order_products_info <- dbReadTable(connection, "order_products_info")

product <- dbReadTable(connection, "product")
product_category <- dbReadTable(connection, "product_category")
promotion <- dbReadTable(connection, "promotion")
supplier <- dbReadTable(connection, "supplier")
transaction <- dbReadTable(connection, "transaction")</pre>
```

List tables

```
RSQLite::dbListTables(connection)
   [1] "actual_delivery_date"
                                   "customer"
   [3] "customer_basic_info"
##
                                   "customer_membership"
  [5] "customer_memebership"
                                   "delivery"
  [7] "delivery_tracking"
                                   "estimated_delivery_date"
## [9] "order"
                                   "order datetime"
## [11] "order_products_info"
                                   "product"
## [13] "product_category"
                                   "promotion"
## [15] "supplier"
                                   "transaction"
```

Disconnect SQL

```
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(connection)
```

Data Validation

List all files

```
all_files <- list.files("Dataset/")</pre>
all_files
    [1] "hi_actual_delivery_date_dataset.csv"
    [2] "hi_customer_basic_info_dataset.csv"
##
##
   [3] "hi_customer_membership_dataset.csv"
  [4] "hi delivery tracking dataset.csv"
## [5] "hi_estimated_delivery_date_dataset.csv"
## [6] "hi_order_datetime_dataset.csv"
## [7] "hi_order_products_info_dataset.csv"
## [8] "hi_product_category_dataset.csv"
## [9] "hi_product_dataset.csv"
## [10] "hi_promotion_dataset.csv"
## [11] "hi_supplier_dataset.csv"
## [12] "hi_transaction_dataset.csv"
prefix <- "hi "
suffix <- "_dataset.csv"</pre>
all_files <- gsub("hi_","",all_files)</pre>
all_files <- gsub("_dataset.csv","",all_files)</pre>
all_files
##
    [1] "actual_delivery_date"
                                   "customer_basic_info"
##
    [3] "customer_membership"
                                   "delivery_tracking"
  [5] "estimated_delivery_date"
                                   "order_datetime"
   [7] "order_products_info"
                                   "product_category"
## [9] "product"
                                   "promotion"
## [11] "supplier"
                                   "transaction"
```

In our pursuit of ensuring data integrity, we implemented a comprehensive quality assurance process which included:

Check number of rows and columns

```
all files <- list.files("Dataset/")</pre>
   for (variable in all_files) {
3
     this_filepath <- paste0("Dataset/",variable)</pre>
4
     this_file_contents <- readr::read_csv(this_filepath)</pre>
6
     number_of_rows <- nrow(this_file_contents)</pre>
     number_of_columns <- ncol(this_file_contents)</pre>
     print(paste0("The file: ", variable,
10
                  " has: ",
11
                  format(number_of_rows,big.mark = ","),
12
                  " rows and ".
13
                  number_of_columns," columns"))
14
15
   }
   ## [1] "The file: hi_actual_delivery_date_dataset.csv has: 1,000 rows and 4 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi_customer_basic_info_dataset.csv has: 1,000 rows and 11 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi_customer_membership_dataset.csv has: 1,000 rows and 3 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi delivery tracking dataset.csv has: 1,000 rows and 3 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi estimated delivery date dataset.csv has: 1,000 rows and 4 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi_order_datetime_dataset.csv has: 1,681 rows and 4 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi_order_products_info_dataset.csv has: 3,401 rows and 4 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi_product_category_dataset.csv has: 88 rows and 2 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi_product_dataset.csv has: 1,000 rows and 9 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi_promotion_dataset.csv has: 1,000 rows and 4 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi_supplier_dataset.csv has: 1,000 rows and 8 columns"
   ## [1] "The file: hi_transaction_dataset.csv has: 1,000 rows and 4 columns"
   Check the data structure
   all_files <- list.files("Dataset/")</pre>
2
   for (variable in all_files) {
3
     this_filepath <- paste0("Dataset/", variable)</pre>
     this_file_contents <- readr::read_csv(this_filepath)
5
     data_structure<-str(this_file_contents)</pre>
     print(paste0(data_structure,
                   "The file: ", variable,
9
                  " has above data structure"))
10
11
```

```
## spc_tbl_ [1,000 x 4] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ tracking_number : chr [1:1000] "581-6200" "004-1482" "064-9023" "657-4120" ...
## $ tracking_status : chr [1:1000] "Delivered" "Delivered" "In process" "Delivered" ...
## $ actual_delivery_date: chr [1:1000] "24/06/2023" "22/11/2023" NA "01/02/2024" ...
## $ actual_delivery_time: 'hms' num [1:1000] 12:45:44 08:18:48 NA 07:43:05 ...
## ..- attr(*, "units")= chr "secs"
## - attr(*, "spec")=
## .. cols(
## tracking_number = col_character(),
```

```
##
    .. tracking_status = col_character(),
##
    .. actual_delivery_date = col_character(),
    .. actual_delivery_time = col_time(format = "")
##
    ..)
##
## - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_actual_delivery_date_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc tbl [1,000 x 11] (S3: spec tbl df/tbl df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ customer id : chr [1:1000] "NAT-21446" "MQV-12400" "MLY-44705" "RFE-59474" ...
##
   $ customer_firstname: chr [1:1000] "Mike" "Antone" "Moria" "Ichabod" ...
## $ customer_lastname : chr [1:1000] "Berriball" "Lujan" "Llewellen" "Philson" ...
  $ customer_title
                     : chr [1:1000] "Dr" "Mr" "Honorable" "Honorable" ...
                     : chr [1:1000] "+44 482 422 6609" "+44 941 356 9889" "+44 398 412 8484" "+44 11
## $ customer_phone
                     : chr [1:1000] "mberriball0@abc.net.au" "alujan1@qq.com" "mllewellen2@hud.gov"
## $ customer_email
## $ customer_building : num [1:1000] 103 436 861 271 107 72 701 21 615 122 ...
## $ customer_street : chr [1:1000] "Willow Street" "Spruce Street" "Willow Street" "Maple Street" .
## $ customer_city : chr [1:1000] "Birmingham" "Birmingham" "Bristol" "Bristol" ...
## $ customer_postcode : chr [1:1000] "B1D 6RT" "G1A 8DD" "G4H 0NH" "M04 5UF" ...
  $ promo_code : chr [1:1000] "VS04A9350NO" "OQ50R170HWT" "DU63L727XKV" "IW96D852NGT" ...
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
##
    .. cols(
##
         customer_id = col_character(),
       customer_firstname = col_character(),
##
##
       customer_lastname = col_character(),
##
    .. customer_title = col_character(),
    .. customer_phone = col_character(),
##
     .. customer_email = col_character(),
##
        customer_building = col_double(),
##
    .. customer_street = col_character(),
##
    .. customer_city = col_character(),
       customer_postcode = col_character(),
##
        promo_code = col_character()
##
    ..)
  - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_customer_basic_info_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc_tbl_ [1,000 x 3] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
                       : chr [1:1000] "NAT-21446" "MQV-12400" "MLY-44705" "RFE-59474" ...
## $ customer_id
## $ customer_membership: chr [1:1000] "membership" "not membership" "not membership" "membership" ...
## $ delivery_fee
                        : num [1:1000] 0 4.99 5.99 0 0 2.99 5.99 0 6.99 5.99 ...
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
##
    .. cols(
         customer_id = col_character(),
        customer_membership = col_character(),
##
##
         delivery_fee = col_double()
##
    ..)
## - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_customer_membership_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc_tbl_ [1,000 x 3] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ tracking_number
                       : chr [1:1000] "581-6200" "004-1482" "064-9023" "657-4120" ...
## $ delivery_instructions: chr [1:1000] "ring bell" "delivery box" "ring bell" "leave infront of door
                          : chr [1:1000] "AAA-067232" "AAC-152328" "AAD-850184" "AAR-680860" ...
## $ trans_id
## - attr(*, "spec")=
##
    .. cols(
##
    .. tracking_number = col_character(),
##
       delivery_instructions = col_character(),
```

```
##
   .. trans_id = col_character()
##
    ..)
## - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_delivery_tracking_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc_tbl_ [1,000 x 4] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
                           : chr [1:1000] "581-6200" "004-1482" "064-9023" "657-4120" ...
## $ tracking number
                           : chr [1:1000] "express" "next day" "express" "standard" ...
## $ shipment method
## $ estimated_delivery_date: chr [1:1000] "23/06/2023" "21/11/2023" "06/03/2024" "01/02/2024" ...
   $ estimated_delivery_time: 'hms' num [1:1000] 11:20:33 14:41:18 07:27:46 15:10:18 ...
   ..- attr(*, "units")= chr "secs"
##
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
    .. cols(
##
         tracking_number = col_character(),
##
         shipment_method = col_character(),
##
         estimated_delivery_date = col_character(),
##
        estimated_delivery_time = col_time(format = "")
##
    ..)
  - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_estimated_delivery_date_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc tbl [1,681 x 4] (S3: spec tbl df/tbl df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ customer_id: chr [1:1681] "YTS-92438" "BWU-36083" "CLZ-73501" "KCQ-71974" ...
## $ order id : chr [1:1681] "AAD-4091" "AAK-0526" "AAK-6361" "ADJ-5614" ...
## $ order_date : chr [1:1681] "10/11/2023" "09/02/2024" "28/03/2024" "19/11/2023" ...
   $ order_time : 'hms' num [1:1681] 05:43:29 14:20:43 20:29:45 23:34:47 ...
   ..- attr(*, "units")= chr "secs"
##
  - attr(*, "spec")=
##
    .. cols(
##
         customer_id = col_character(),
##
         order_id = col_character(),
    .. order_date = col_character(),
        order_time = col_time(format = "")
##
##
    ..)
  - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_order_datetime_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc tbl [3,401 x 4] (S3: spec tbl df/tbl df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ customer_id: chr [1:3401] "YTS-92438" "YTS-92438" "BWU-36083" "BWU-36083" ...
## $ order id : chr [1:3401] "AAD-4091" "AAD-4091" "AAK-0526" "AAK-0526" ...
## $ product_id : chr [1:3401] "42-811-3974" "72-217-8555" "85-279-1314" "43-612-9451" ...
   $ product_qty: num [1:3401] 9 10 5 19 16 20 14 4 13 10 ...
##
  - attr(*, "spec")=
    .. cols(
##
##
         customer_id = col_character(),
##
         order_id = col_character(),
##
         product_id = col_character(),
         product_qty = col_double()
    ..)
##
## - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_order_products_info_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc_tbl_ [88 x 2] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
                    : chr [1:88] "Beauty" "Books" "Clothing" "Electronics" ...
## $ category_name
## $ parent_category_id: chr [1:88] NA NA NA NA ...
## - attr(*, "spec")=
   .. cols(
##
    .. category_name = col_character(),
```

```
parent_category_id = col_character()
##
##
    ..)
## - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_product_category_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc_tbl_ [1,000 x 9] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ product id : chr [1:1000] "34-100-2931" "60-215-8627" "10-395-8862" "84-465-9981" ...
  $ product_name : chr [1:1000] "Unveiled: The Life of a Visionary" "Learn & Play Alphabet Blocks" "
##
   $ product_weight: num [1:1000] 4322 614 1942 3825 471 ...
##
   $ product_length: num [1:1000] 67 24 65 74 67 83 75 63 68 67 ...
   $ product_height: num [1:1000] 35 22 10 73 31 87 100 47 33 92 ...
   $ product_width : num [1:1000] 30 98 30 47 87 94 100 56 61 58 ...
   $ product_price : num [1:1000] 11.6 30.8 26.3 43.2 14.8 ...
##
   $ supplier_id : chr [1:1000] "RSH-48812" "HNW-87364" "QIS-31117" "TJZ-16253" ...
##
   $ category_name : chr [1:1000] "Biography" "Educational Toys" "Fresh Produce" "History" ...
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
##
     .. cols(
##
         product_id = col_character(),
##
         product_name = col_character(),
##
         product_weight = col_double(),
##
        product_length = col_double(),
##
       product_height = col_double(),
##
       product_width = col_double(),
##
         product_price = col_double(),
##
         supplier_id = col_character(),
     . .
##
         category_name = col_character()
  - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
##
## [1] "The file: hi_product_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc_tbl_ [1,000 x 4] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ promo_code
                        : chr [1:1000] "BU86M505PYD" "BG70Z584RFB" "JI24S173EUJ" "FU87P552XKO" ...
   $ promo_start_date : chr [1:1000] "07/07/2023" "09/11/2023" "20/03/2024" "24/11/2023" ...
##
   $ promo_expire_date : chr [1:1000] "27/12/2023" "03/03/2024" "07/07/2024" "06/04/2024" ...
   $ percentage_discount: num [1:1000] 50 25 45 45 40 30 35 10 40 45 ...
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
##
     .. cols(
##
         promo_code = col_character(),
##
         promo_start_date = col_character(),
##
         promo_expire_date = col_character(),
##
        percentage_discount = col_double()
##
  - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_promotion_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc_tbl_ [1,000 x 8] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ supplier_id : chr [1:1000] "XTE-60952" "WLS-09227" "RCO-72629" "KCV-52154" ...
                      : chr [1:1000] "Hyatt and Sons" "Huels-Krajcik" "Morissette LLC" "Koepp, Bechtel
## $ supplier_name
                      : chr [1:1000] "+44 336 825 7695" "+44 515 420 8651" "+44 213 964 1394" "+44 404
   $ supplier_phone
   $ supplier_email : chr [1:1000] "mkilpatrick0@nyu.edu" "cbritt1@unesco.org" "ctrussler2@hao123.com
##
  $ supplier_building: num [1:1000] 796 881 66 921 254 968 44 554 774 679 ...
  $ supplier_street : chr [1:1000] "Garden Road" "Meadow Road" "Garden Road" "River Road" ...
                      : chr [1:1000] "London" "Birmingham" "Birmingham" "London" ...
## $ supplier_city
## $ supplier_postcode: chr [1:1000] "KY2Y 6JZ" "B12 7TB" "DE9W 6WF" "W1 9SG" ...
## - attr(*, "spec")=
##
    .. cols(
##
         supplier_id = col_character(),
```

```
##
         supplier_name = col_character(),
##
         supplier_phone = col_character(),
##
         supplier email = col character(),
##
         supplier_building = col_double(),
##
         supplier_street = col_character(),
##
         supplier city = col character(),
         supplier postcode = col character()
##
     . .
     ..)
##
   - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_supplier_dataset.csv has above data structure"
## spc_tbl_ [1,000 x 4] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ trans_id : chr [1:1000] "EHD-784624" "SIZ-926836" "GEP-276863" "YRS-371629" ...
## $ order_id : chr [1:1000] "AAD-4091" "AAK-0526" "ADJ-6838" "ADV-4775" ...
## $ trans_date: chr [1:1000] "10/11/2023" "09/02/2024" "02/08/2023" "26/10/2023" ...
## $ trans_time: 'hms' num [1:1000] 07:56:40 15:23:52 12:30:16 14:57:31 ...
    ..- attr(*, "units")= chr "secs"
##
##
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
    .. cols(
##
         trans_id = col_character(),
##
        order_id = col_character(),
##
       trans_date = col_character(),
         trans_time = col_time(format = "")
     . .
    ..)
##
## - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
## [1] "The file: hi_transaction_dataset.csv has above data structure"
```

Check for NULL values

```
## [1] "The file: hi_actual_delivery_date_dataset.csv has a total of 172 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_customer_basic_info_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_customer_membership_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_delivery_tracking_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_estimated_delivery_date_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_order_datetime_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_order_products_info_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_product_category_dataset.csv has a total of 8 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_product_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_promotion_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_supplier_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_supplier_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
## [1] "The file: hi_transaction_dataset.csv has a total of 0 NULL values"
```

Check that each primary key is unique in each table except for order

```
## [1] "The file: hi_actual_delivery_date_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_customer_basic_info_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_customer_membership_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_delivery_tracking_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_estimated_delivery_date_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_order_datetime_dataset.csv has unique primary key FALSE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_order_products_info_dataset.csv has unique primary key FALSE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_product_category_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_product_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_supplier_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_supplier_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
## [1] "The file: hi_transaction_dataset.csv has unique primary key TRUE columns"
```

For order dataset

We have a composite primary key orderdate_dataset composed of 2 attribute and a composite primary key orderproductsinfo_dataset composed of 3 attribute, we'll check these one separately.

```
orderdate_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_order_datetime_dataset.csv")
orderproductsinfo_dataset <- read.csv("Dataset/hi_order_products_info_dataset.csv")
nrow(unique(orderdate_dataset[,1:2])) == nrow(orderdate_dataset)

## [1] TRUE
nrow(unique(orderproductsinfo_dataset[,1:3])) == nrow(orderproductsinfo_dataset)

## [1] TRUE

#sum(nrow(unique(orders[,1:2])))
#length((unique(orders$cutomer_id)))
#length((unique(orders$cutomer_id)))
#length((unique(orders$order_id)))
#The file: hi order dataset.csv has unique primary composite key TRUE columns</pre>
```

In Customer dataset, there are e-mail and phone number columns, which required specific format checks. For e-mail, special characters "@" and ending domain must be validated. For phone number, IT must be ensured to have 10 numeric characters.

Validate phone number

```
# Supplier
length(grepl("\\+44\\s\\d{3}\\s\\d{4}\", supplier$supplier_phone)) == nrow(supplier)
## [1] TRUE
```

```
# Consumer
length(grep1("\\+44\\s\\d{3}\\s\\d{4}\", customer_basic_info$customer_phone)) == nrow(customer_'
## [1] TRUE
```

Validate emails

```
# Supplier
length(grep1("@", supplier$supplier_email)) == nrow(supplier)

## [1] TRUE

# Consumer
length(grep1("@", customer_basic_info$customer_email)) == nrow(customer_basic_info)

## [1] TRUE
```

Part 3: Data Pipeline Generation

Part 3.1: GitHub Repository and Workflow Setup

Our primary objective was to utilize GitHub repositories for efficient version control of our project. Initially, we transformed our R Markdown file into an R script, encompassing all the steps outlined in section 2.2. We proceeded to load the requisite files into a SQLite database, creating tables and importing datasets from the "Dataset" file. Despite solely utilizing the R script, we ensured all pertinent files were maintained within the repository. This was achieved by leveraging the repository's URL and executing commits and pushes whenever modifications were made. Subsequently, we established a new repository on GitHub and extended invitations to collaborators, granting them appropriate access levels.

Part 3.2: GitHub Actions for Continuous Integration

For the implementation of GitHub Actions for Continuous Integration, we aimed to streamline our project's development workflow. This involved adopting continuous integration practices to automate tasks such as data validation, database updates, and data analysis. For instance, whenever changes occurred in the repository, such as importing new data, the updates were seamlessly integrated into the database, and relevant outputs were generated only if significant changes were detected. Scheduled workflows were set to run at regular intervals, such as every three hours, ensuring consistent and efficient execution of these tasks.

Within workflow, we configured the R environment and cached any necessary R packages that were not already installed. Essential packages such as "ggplot" and "dplyr" were installed for data visualization purposes. The workflow then executed the R script, incorporating any changes made during the process. Finally, all modifications were committed to the local repository and subsequently pushed to the main branch using a unique access token for authentication. This comprehensive approach to CI enabled seamless integration of updates and ensured the project's integrity and efficiency.