

# Team 3: Database Design

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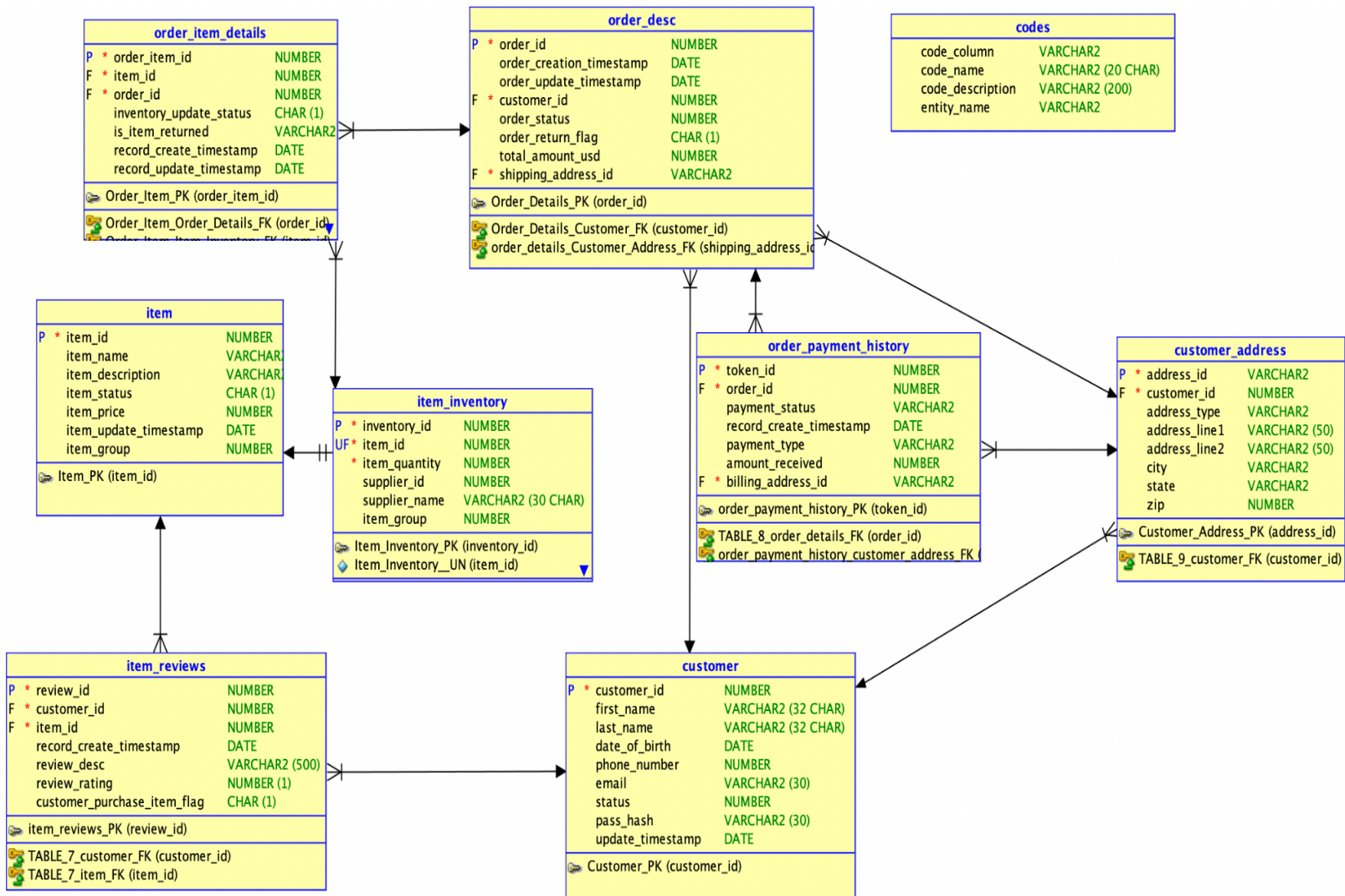
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## **1. Business Problem & Solution**

In the retail industry, it is vital that companies are able to keep up with the supply and demand on products they are offering. Some companies may choose to keep track of this supply and demand through physical books and paperwork, and over time this can result in insufficient storage space, misplaced orders by human error, and overall customer dissatisfaction.

Our proposed solution demonstrates how a retail company that sells electronic items goes about digitally managing inventory based on orders that are fulfilled and returned. First and foremost, we allow customers to create accounts within our system that store data such as first name, last name, address, etc. This data is used when a customer creates an order with different items to ensure that the right orders are being associated with the right customers. In addition to this, when an order is placed, we will make sure that the correct amount of each item in the order is removed from the inventory. On the other hand, if a customer wants to return an item, we also have the capability to create a return order and readjust the inventory of the item.

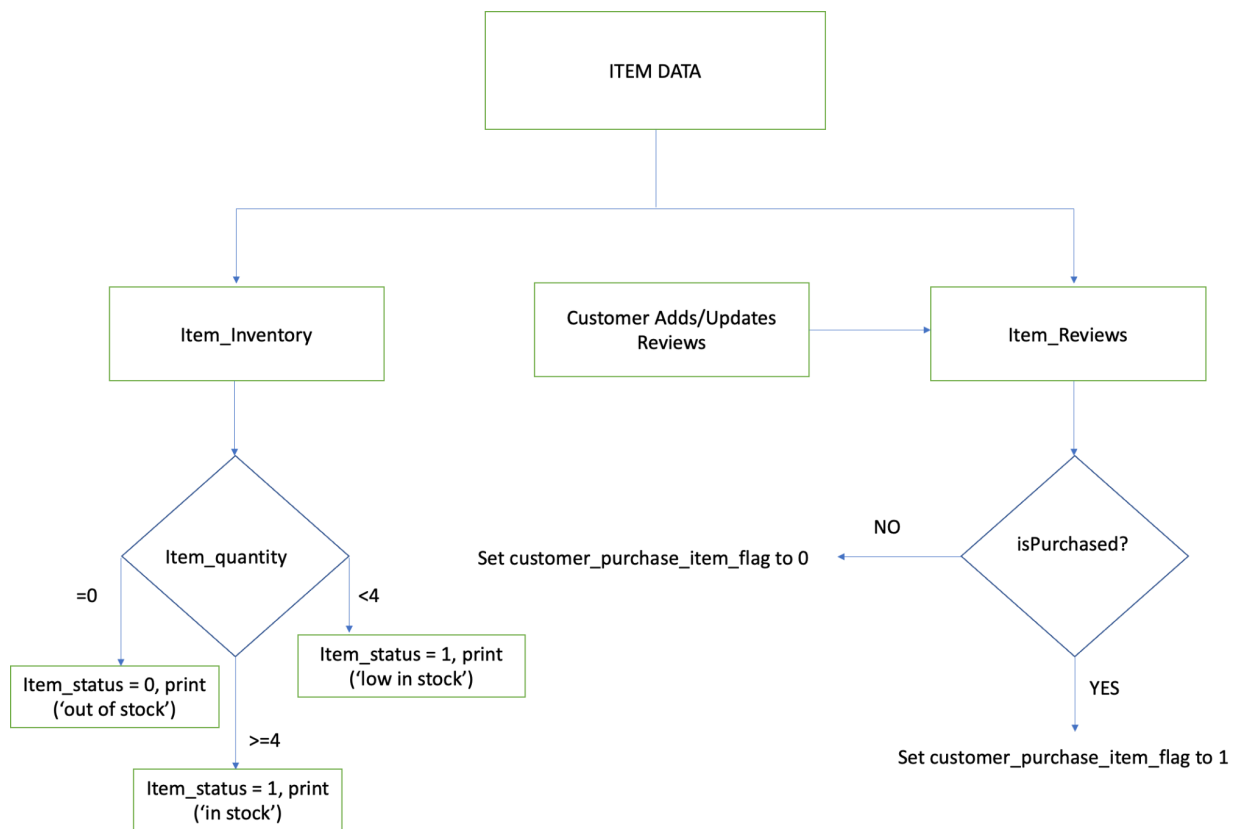
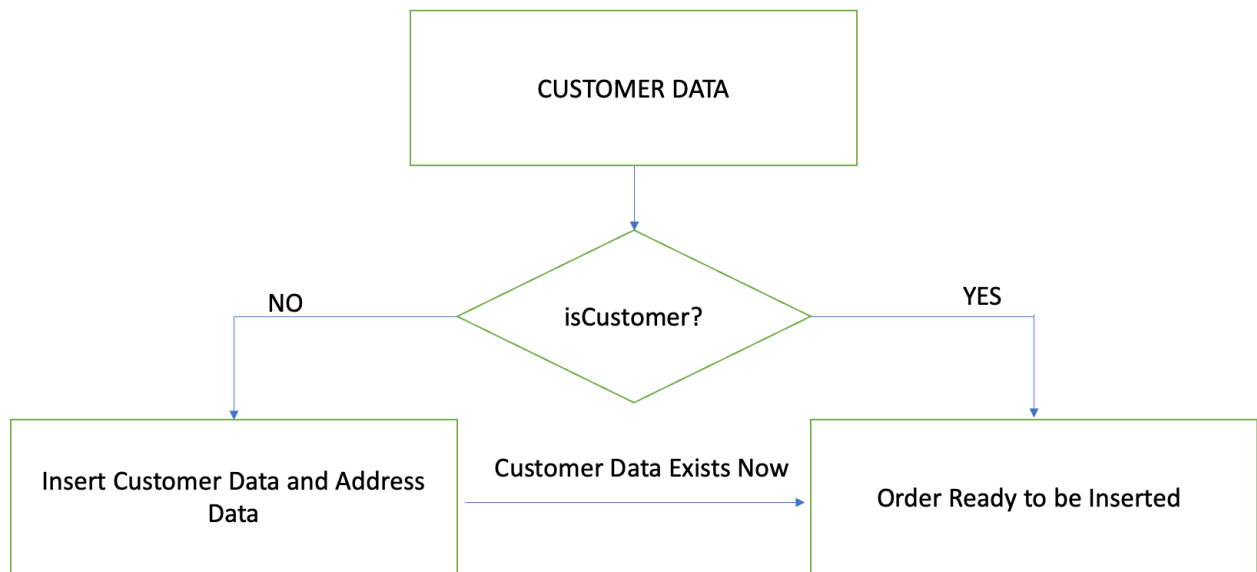
## 2. Database Model

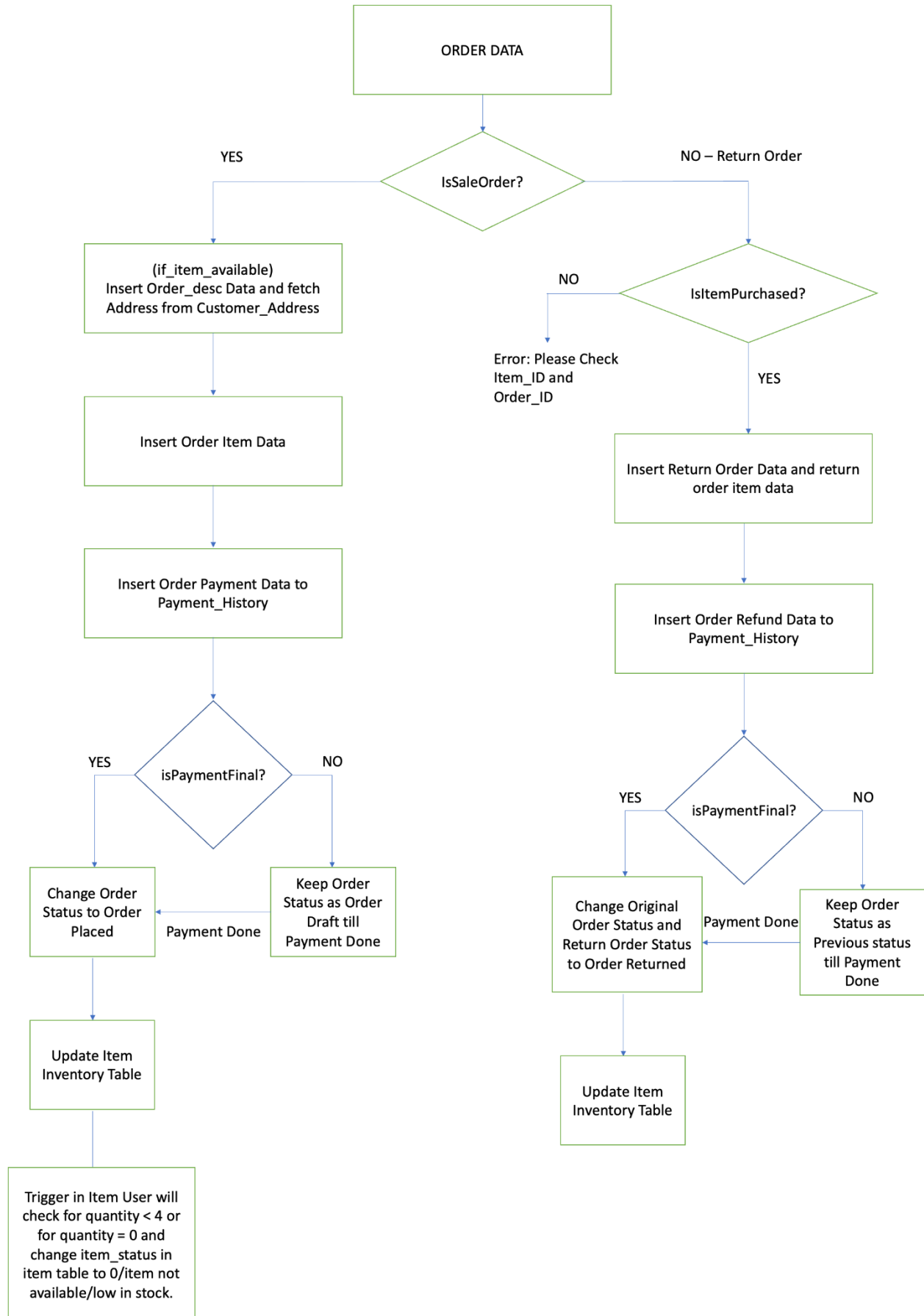


Our database design consists of 9 tables:

- **Customer table** - Consists of customer demographics and login information
- **Customer\_Address table** - Consists of billing/shipping addresses
- **Order\_Details table** - Consists of specific details of orders made by the customers
- **Order\_Item table** - Consists of status of item inventory and relationships between orders and items
- **Item\_Inventory table** - Consists of item quantities
- **Item table** - Consists of item information
- **Item\_Reviews table** - Consists of all customer reviews of a particular table
- **Order\_Payment\_History table** - Consists of all payments paid against the order
- **Codes table** - A legend to all codes used in various tables in our database

### 3. Data Flow Diagrams





#### 4. Business Rules

- 1) Our company wants to focus only on Electronic Items as a main product. Our inventory will include items like cell phones, cell phone accessories, laptops, etc.
- 2) In our project, shipping\_address\_id will point to the address\_id column in the table Customer\_Address. In the Customer\_Address table, an address may be just a shipping address, just a billing address, or both. Each of these categories will be given a code accordingly.
- 3) Our company is relatively new and therefore we only have one supplier for each item at the moment. As the company continues to grow and expand, we may add more suppliers in the future.
- 4) If a customer wants to return an order then the return request will be considered as a new return order. The new return order will behave similar to a new order request, except the amount paid will be refunded and the item\_quantity will be adjusted.
- 5) The Codes reference table will be pre-set for all the tables that have a status column.
- 6) A customer may deactivate their profile, but their tuple will not be removed from the customer table. Instead, their status will change from 1 (active) to 0 (inactive).
- 7) Our company does not accept cash payments - it only accepts debit, credit, and gift cards. We know a payment has been registered once the record is added to the Order\_Payment\_History table.
- 8) When a customer is trying to return an item purchased in a sale order, our system first checks if the customer has actually purchased the item in the said order. If everything returns TRUE, the order is return-eligible.

## 5. Views

Throughout our database we will be implementing views to facilitate our company's order management and fulfillment operations. The views below are integral for the process because we do not want to always display information such as update timestamps, statuses, passwords, etc. and views will help us decide which information is visible to which roles. The following are views we will be implementing:

- **Customer\_View:** Consists of the following columns: customer.first\_name, customer.last\_name, customer\_address.address\_line1, customer\_address.address\_line2, customer\_address.city, customer\_address.zip, customer\_address.state, customer.phone\_number, customer.email will display's customers demographic information that can be accessed and modified by the customer.
- **Item\_View:** Consists of the following columns: item.item\_name, item.item\_description, item.item\_price, and item\_inventory.item\_quantity for customers to access the items and their details.
- **Order\_Desc\_Item\_Payment\_View:** This view will consist of three tables: Order\_Item\_Details, Order\_Desc, and Order\_Payment\_history. It will consist of the following columns: order\_desc.order\_id, order\_payment\_history.payment\_status, order\_desc.order\_status, order\_desc.total\_amount\_usd, order\_payment\_history.payment\_type, order\_item\_details.item\_id to help the customers to keep track of every transaction.
- **Item\_Reviews\_View:** Consists of the following columns: item\_reviews.item\_id, item.item\_name, item.item\_description, item\_reviews.review\_desc, item\_reviews.customer\_id, customer.first\_name, item\_reviews.review\_rating for customers to access the reviews of different items.
- **Order\_Desc\_Item\_Customer\_View:** This view will consist of three tables: Order\_Item\_Details, Order\_Desc, and Customer. It will have the following columns: order\_desc.order\_id, order\_desc.customer\_id, customer.first\_name, customer.last\_name, order\_desc.order\_status, order\_desc.total\_amount\_usd, and order\_item\_details.item\_id, item.item\_name.



## 6. Security Details

### Team Member Roles

1. **Database Administrator - Simran:** The database administrator (DBA) will be responsible for monitoring and assisting the database in all stages from development to install. The DBA should be able to assist the team when the database connection lags or when the overall performance of the database is down. The DBA will have access to CREATE, UPDATE, and DELETE.
2. **Application DBA - Reha, Aman:** The application database administrator (DBA) will be responsible for creating the users within the database as well as determining which users have access to specific database objects and actions. Alongside this, the application DBA is responsible for granting roles and privileges when the developers need access. The Application DBA will have access to CREATE, UPDATE, and DELETE. Additionally, the Application DBA will be responsible for creating the Codes table which is referenced throughout the database.
3. **Monitoring User - Sindhu, Saloni, Niraj:** The monitoring user will be responsible for checking for performance issues within the database as well as performing metrics on the different procedures in the database. Such performance will help ensure that the database is performing well, and if there are any issues, the monitoring user should work with the DBA to fix the problem in a timely manner.
4. **Application Developer - All Members:** The application developers will break down the business requirements and propose possible solutions to the team. They will be utilizing PL/SQL to create tables, views, procedures, etc. that will satisfy the problem at hand in an efficient way. Alongside this, they are responsible for testing their code alongside the Application DBA to ensure that they have the appropriate roles required. Developers will be given privileges to CREATE and UPDATE tables, but they will need to work with a DBA to DELETE a table to ensure that no sensitive information is being deleted.

### User Roles

1. **Customer\_Owner:** The Customer\_Owner role is responsible for creating and maintaining the tables called Customer and Customer\_Address. They will be able to CREATE and UPDATE these tables and with the assistance of a DBA, they will also be able to DELETE. They will also have UPDATE privileges for Item\_Reviews, Order\_Payment\_History, Order\_Item\_Details and Order\_Desc. Additionally, they will have READ access to Item\_View, Order\_Desc\_Item\_Payment\_View, and Item\_Reviews\_View.
2. **Order\_Owner:** The Order\_Owner role is responsible for creating and maintaining the tables called Order\_Desc, Order\_Payment\_History, and Order\_Item\_Details. Similar to the previous role, they will be able to CREATE and UPDATE the previously mentioned tables and with DBA assistance they will be able to DELETE as well. They will also

have UPDATE privileges to Item\_Inventory. Finally, they will have READ access to Item\_View, Order\_Desc\_Item\_Payment\_View, and Customer\_Address.

3. **Item\_Owner:** The Item\_Owner role is responsible for creating and maintaining the tables called Item, Item\_Inventory, and Item\_Reviews. Similar to the previous two roles, they will be able to CREATE and UPDATE the previously mentioned tables and with DBA assistance they will be able to DELETE as well. They will have READ access to Customer\_View and Order\_Desc\_Item\_Customer\_View.

## 7. ER Diagram

ER Model for Order & Inventory Management

