# **Art Gallery Management System**

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## **Background**

Art galleries can host up to thousands of pieces of visual art. Each gallery has information about each piece of artwork, including artist details such as their name, address, and age. As well as information about the artwork itself like artist, year made, title, type, and price. Art galleries can also host art shows that potential customers can attend to view the various pieces of artwork to purchase or rent. Once the piece is sold or rented out, the art gallery also keeps information about the buyer or renter such as name, address, total amount spent, etc. Keeping track of all of this information can get very complicated. We are proposing a database to model an art gallery. The database will allow galleries to track and organize their collected data so that they can better understand what pieces will sell best in their gallery, and who they may be able to market the piece to. It will keep track of art shows that have taken place at the gallery, as well as various artworks that have been sold or rented through the gallery. This will help art galleries keep an updated record of all sales or rent agreements that have taken place. The database will also store information about potential customers, such as styles, mediums, and artists they prefer. This will allow the gallery to market specific pieces to customers who are likely to buy them. The database is essentially aimed at providing a cohesive model of all information an art gallery needs to be successful.

## **Data Description**

We created our data because we could not find consistent data for each of the entities in our database. Creating our own assured us that our queries would be successful, and while it was more work upfront, we do not have to clean and inspect a database we would have found online. Below is an example of some of the tuples created for the Artwork table.

title	year	style	medium	asking_price	artist_id	collector_id
Disturbance	2018	Abstract	Ink on Paper		98452	100423
Hollowed Dre	2020	Modern	Graphite on	Paper	98320	100424
Lonely Subm	2015	Impressionis	Oil Paint		82304	100425
Approval of F	2019	Modern	Ink on Paper		76182	100426
Duty of Crim	2021	Contemporar	Acrylic		56329	100427
Repulsive En	2021	Pop Art	Chalk		17840	100428
Divine Freed	2020	Abstract	Graphite on	Paper	42940	100429
Dramatic Dir	2013	Impressionis	Oil Paint		90732	100430
Mirrors of De	2017	Contemporar	Ink on Paper		80374	100431
Discovery of	2020	Modern	Pastels		98234	100432

## **Functional Dependencies**

These dependencies are for the relational schemas in the following section.

#### Artwork

Artwork's attributes are a list of information about the piece of artwork. These attributes are all functional independent of one another, so the only functional dependency is the primary key {title, artist id} implying all of the other attributes.

- title, artist\_id → {title, year, style, type, medium, asking price, artist id, collector id}
- This is in BCNF because {title, artist id} is a superkey

#### Artist

Artist's attributes are a list of personal information about the artist and the type of artwork they create. These attributes are all functional independent of one another, so the only functional dependency is the primary key artist id implying all of the other attributes.

- artist\_id → {artist\_id, first\_name, ... art\_type} (all attributes of artist)
- This is in BCNF because artist id is a superkey

#### Customer

Customer's attributes are a list of personal information about the customer and the type of artwork they like. These attributes are all functional independent of one another, so the only functional dependency is the primary key customer id implying all of the other attributes.

- customer\_id → {customer\_id, first\_name, ... artist\_id} (all attributes of customer)
- This is in BCNF because <code>customer\_id</code> is a superkey

#### Collector

Collector's attributes are a list of personal information about the collector and the type of artwork they collect. These attributes are all functional independent of one another, so the only functional dependency is the primary key collector\_id implying all of the other attributes.

- collector\_id → {collector\_id, first\_name, ... artist\_id} (all attributes of collector)
- This is in BCNF because collector id is a superkey

## Artshow

Artshow has the added constraint that no two art shows can have the same name, as well as the constraint that more than one art show cannot occur at the same address on the same day. This we have the functional dependencies

- show\_name → {show\_name, start\_date, ... time} (all attributes of artshow)
- start\_date, end\_date, address → {show\_name, start\_date, ... time}
   (all attributes of artshow)
- This is in BCNF because {show\_name} and {start\_date, end\_date, address} are superkeys

#### Rent

Rent's attributes are a list of important information about a rent agreement. These attributes are all functional independent of one another, so the only functional dependency is the primary key invoice num implying all of the other attributes.

- invoice\_num → {invoice\_num, start\_date, return\_date, duration, rent fee, artist percentage, renter id}
- This is in BCNF because invoice num is a superkey

#### Sale

Sale's attributes are a list of important information about a sale contract. These attributes are all functional independent of one another, so the only functional dependency is the primary key invoice\_num implying all of the other attributes.

- invoice\_num → {sale\_date, invoice\_num, sale\_price, artist percentage, buyer id}
- This is in BCNF because invoice num is a superkey

#### Renter

Renter's attributes are a list of personal information about the renter. These attributes are all functional independent of one another, so the only functional dependency is the primary key renter\_id implying all of the other attributes.

- renter\_id → {renter\_id, first\_name, last\_name, street\_num, street name, city, state, zip code, phone num, num rents}
- This is in BCNF because renter id is a superkey

## **Buyer**

Buyer's attributes are a list of personal information about the buyer. These attributes are all functional independent of one another, so the only functional dependency is the primary key buyer\_id implying all of the other attributes.

- buyer\_id → {buyer\_id, first\_name, last\_name, street\_num, street\_name, city, state, zip\_code, phone\_num, num\_purchases}
- This is in BCNF because buyer id is a superkey

## Displayed in, Sold in, Rented in

These relations all have three attributes in either a many-to-many or a one-to-one relationship. For displayed\_in, many artworks can be displayed in the same art show, and many art shows can display the same artworks. For sold\_in, only one artwork can be associated with a single sale contract. The same goes for rented\_in; only one artwork can participate in a single rent agreement. Therefore, since no single attribute is a super key, none of these relations have non-trivial functional dependencies and are all in BCNF.

## **Relational Schemas**

```
ArtWork (title CHAR(100),
year YEAR,
style CHAR(50),
type CHAR(50),
medium CHAR(50),
asking_price DECIMAL(8,2),
artist_id INT,
```

```
collector_id, INT,
PRIMARY KEY(title, artist_id),
FOREIGN KEY(artist_id REFERENCES Artist),
FOREIGN KEY(collector id REFERENCES Collector))
```

This table holds information about artwork at the gallery. The Artwork entity in the ER diagram is a weak entity that is many-to-one with the Artist entity through the relation Creates. So, it has been merged into this relation by adding the foriegn key "artist\_id" as a primary key. The Artwork entity also has a many-to-one relationship with the owns relation in the ER diagram, so it has been merged into this relation by adding the foreign key "collector id".

```
(artist id
Artist
                              INT,
             first name
                              CHAR (25),
             last name
                            CHAR (25),
             street num
                            INT,
             street name
                             CHAR (50),
             citv
                              CHAR (50),
             state
                             CHAR (50),
             state
zip_code
                            INT,
                             INT,
             art medium
                              CHAR (50),
             art style
                              CHAR (50),
             art type
                              CHAR (50),
             PRIMARY KEY(artist id))
```

This entity represents an artist that can create artwork. The attributes art\_medium, art\_type, and art\_style are the medium used to create the artwork (i.e. watercolor paints), the type of artwork (i.e. a painting), and the style of artwork (i.e. modern art).

```
Customer
           (customer id
                           INT,
            first name
                            CHAR (25),
                          CHAR (25),
            last name
                          INT,
            street num
            street name
                           CHAR (50),
                           CHAR (50),
            city
            state
                           CHAR (50),
            zip_code
                           INT,
            preferred style CHAR(50),
            preferred medium CHAR(50),
            phone num VARCHAR (25),
            artist id INT,
            PRIMARY KEY (customer id),
            FOREIGN KEY(artist id REFERENCES Artist))
```

This table holds information about potential customers that visit an art gallery. The Likes relation in the ER diagram is many to one (many customers can like one artist, but one customer cannot like more than one artist) so it has been merged into this relation by adding the artist\_id field.

```
Collector (first name
                           CHAR (25),
            last name
                             CHAR (25),
            collector id
                            INT,
            Collection type
                            CHAR (50),
            collection style CHAR(50),
            collection medium CHAR(50),
            street num
                           INT,
            street_name
                           CHAR (50),
            city
                           CHAR (50),
            state
                           CHAR (50),
            zip code
                           INT,
            phone num
                            VARCHAR (25),
            artist id
                            INT,
            PRIMARY KEY (collector id),
            FOREIGN KEY(artist id REFERENCES Artist))
```

This table holds information about collectors that collect an artist's works. The collected\_by relation in the ER diagram is many to one (many collectors can collect from one artist, but one collector cannot collect from more than one artist) so it has been merged into this relation by adding the artist id field.

```
ArtShow
            (show name
                            CHAR (50),
            start_date end_date
                            DATE,
                           DATE,
                            TIME,
            time
            street num
                           INT,
            street name
                            CHAR (50),
            city
                             CHAR (50),
            state
                             CHAR (50),
            zip_code
                             INT,
            PRIMARY KEY(show name))
```

This entity represents an art show that can take place at an art gallery and host artwork. The attribute show\_name is the name of the art show. We are assuming that art show names are all unique, so this can be the primary key.

```
Rent
           (invoice num
                          INT,
           start date
                           DATE,
           return date
                          DATE,
           duration
                           INT,
           rent_fee
                          DECIMAL(8,2),
           artist percentage INT,
           renter id
                           INT,
           PRIMARY KEY (invoice num),
           FOREIGN KEY(renter id REFERENCES Renter))
```

This table holds information about Rent contracts when an artwork is rented to a renter. The rented\_to relation in the ER diagram is a many-to-one (one renter can have many rent contracts but one rent contract cannot belong to more than one renter) so it has been merged into this relation by adding the

renter\_id field. There is total participation on the Rent side because a renter cannot have a rent without a rent agreement, and a rent agreement cannot exist without a renter.

```
Sale (sale_date DATE,
    invoice_num INT,
    sale_price DECIMAL(8,2),
    artist_percentage INT,
    buyer_id INT,
    PRIMARY KEY(invoice_num),
    FOREIGN KEY(buyer id REFERENCES Buyer))
```

This table holds information about Sale contracts when an artwork is sold to a buyer. The sold\_to relation in the ER diagram is a many-to-one (one buyer can have many sale contracts but one sale contract cannot belong to more than one buyer) so it has been merged into this relation by adding the buyer\_id field. There is total participation on the Sale and the Buyer side because a buyer cannot be sold to without a sale agreement, and a sale agreement cannot exist without a buyer.

```
Renter(renter_id INT,
first_name CHAR(25),
last_name CHAR(25),
street_num INT,
street_name CHAR(50),
city CHAR(50),
state CHAR(50),
zip_code INT,
phone_num VARCHAR(25),
num_rents INT,
PRIMARY KEY(renter_id))
```

This entity represents a person who is renting artwork. The attribute "num\_rents" keeps track of the number of times each renter has rented artwork.

```
Buyer (buyer id
                               INT,
             first name
                              CHAR (25),
             last name
                              CHAR (25),
             street_num INT, street_name CHAR(50),
                              CHAR (50),
             city
                              CHAR (50),
             state
             zip code
                               INT,
             phone_num VARC num_purchases INT,
                               VARCHAR (25),
             PRIMARY KEY(buyer id))
```

This entity represents a person who is buying artwork. The attribute "num\_purchases" keeps track of the number of times each buyer has bought artwork.

```
Displayed_in(show_name CHAR(50),

title CHAR(100),

artist_id CHAR(50),

PRIMARY KEY(show_name, title, artist_id),

FOREIGN KEY(show_name REFERENCES ArtShow),

FOREIGN KEY(title, artist id REFERENCES ArtWork))
```

This relation keeps track of which artworks are displayed in an art show. Each artwork can be displayed in multiple shows, and each show can have many artworks displayed at it. Therefore, this relationship is many-to-many. There is total participation on the ArtShow side because artwork cannot be displayed without an art show.

This relation stores invoice numbers that are given to a piece of artwork when it is rented out. Each artwork can be a part of one rent interaction, and each rent interaction can only be for one piece of artwork. Therefore the relationship is one-to-one. There is total participation on the Rent side because an artwork can not be rented without a rent contract.

This relation stores invoice numbers that are given to a piece of artwork when it is sold. Each artwork can be a part of one sale interaction, and each sale interaction can only be for one piece of artwork. We are assuming that once an artwork is sold to a buyer, it will not be sold again. Therefore the relationship is one-to-one. There is total participation on the Sale side because an artwork can not be sold without a sale contract.

The Likes relation in the ER diagram has been merged into Customer since each customer can like at most one artist (the Customer to Artist relationship is many-to-one). Note that Customer does not have total participation in Likes, so the artist id field in Customer can take null values.

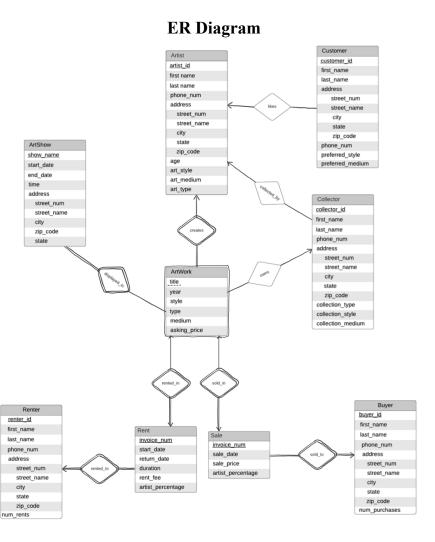
The Collected\_By relation in the ER diagram has been merged into Collector since each collector can collect at most one artist (the Collector to Artist relationship is many-to-one). Note that Collector does not have total participation in Collected\_By, so the artist\_id field in Collector can take null values.

The Creates relation in the ER diagram has been merged into Artwork since Artwork is a weak entity, and each artwork can be created by at most one artist (the Artwork to Artist relationship is many-to-one). Note that Artwork has total participation in Creates, so the artist id field in Artwork cannot be null.

The Owns relation in the ER diagram has been merged into Artwork since each Artwork can be owned by at most one collector (the Artwork to Collector relationship is many-to-one). Note that Artwork does not have total participation in Owns, so the collector id in Artwork can take null values.

The Rented\_To relation in the ER diagram has been merged into Rent since each rent agreement can be for at most one renter (the Rent to Renter relationship is many-to-one). Note that Rent does have total participation in rented\_to, so the renter\_id field in Rent cannot take null values.

The Sold\_To relation in the ER diagram has been merged into Sale since each sale agreement can be for at most one buyer (the Sale to Buyer relationship is many-to-one). Note that Sale does have total participation in sold to, so the buyer id field in Sale cannot take null values.



## **Example Queries**

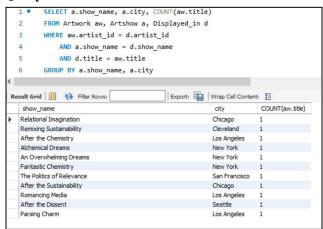
- 1. It is important for art galleries to know which shows are successful. The more successful an individual show is, the more money they make, and the more galleries can improve future events. There can be many measures of success. For this query, we will be finding the list of cities that have sold more than 10 pieces.
  - o SQL:

```
SELECT a.show_name, a.city, COUNT(aw.title)
FROM Artwork aw, ArtShow a, Displayed_in d
WHERE aw.artist_id = d.artist_id
          AND a.show_name = d.show_name
          AND d.title = aw.title
GROUP BY a.show name, a.city
```

• Relational Algebra:

$$\Pi_{\textit{show.name, city}}(ArtShow)(\sigma_{\textit{titleCount}>10}(_{\textit{title}}\varsigma_{\textit{Count(title) as titleCount}}(ArtWork)))$$

Query Results:



- 2. Valuing pieces of art can be difficult. The artist may overvalue a piece they put a lot of work into, and a gallery may undervalue a piece so they can sell it quickly. An artist asks the art gallery to help price one of their art pieces. The piece is of ink on paper medium. The art gallery will query the data to find the average cost of pieces with ink on paper medium.
  - o SQL:

```
SELECT AVG(Sale.sale_price) as avg_cost_to_buy
FROM Sale, Artwork a, Sold_in s
WHERE Sale.invoice_num = s.invoice_num
    AND s.title = a.title
    AND s.artist_id = a.artist_id
    AND a.medium = "ink on paper"
```

• Relational Algebra:

```
\Pi_{\mathit{AVG}(\mathit{sale.price})}(\mathit{Sale}\bowtie\mathit{Sold.in})\bowtie(\sigma_{\mathit{ArtWork.medium}\,=\,"ink\ on\ paper"}(\mathit{ArtWork})
```

Query Results:

```
1 • SELECT AVG(Sale.sale_price) as avg_cost_to_buy
2 FROM Sale, Artwork a, Sold_in s
3 WHERE Sale.invoice_num = s.invoice_num
4 AND s.title = a.title
5 AND s.artist_id = a.artist_id
6 AND a.medium = 'Ink on Paper'

Result Grid Filter Rows:

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```

- 3. Some art galleries will host a preview or open house before the initial opening. They invite prospective buyers to presale some of the work. In order for this to be successful, due to the limited space available, they only want to send invites to the buyers that are most likely to purchase a piece of art at the event. In this query we are finding the buyers that have spent more than \$1000 at the gallery in the past 5 years, and their address to send the invitation to.
  - o SQL:

#### • Relational Algebra:

```
\Pi_{id, first.name, last.name, street.num, street.name, city, state, zip.code}(Buyer)(\sigma_{SUM(Sale.sale.price) > 1000}(Sale)
\wedge \quad (Buyer \bowtie_{Buyer.buyer.id = Sale.buyer.id} Sale))
```

Query Results:

```
SELECT T1.buyer_id, T1.first_name, T1.last_name,
             T1.street_num, T1.street_name, T1.city, T1.state,

→ FROM (SELECT b.buyer_id, b.first_name, b.last_name, b.street_num, b.street
                               total spent
                       FROM Buyer b, Sale
            WHERE b.buyer_id = Sale.buyer_id
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            GROUP BY b.buyer_id) as T1
      WHERE T1.total_spent > 1000
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buyer_id first_name last_name street_num street_name city
                                                              state
                                                                           zip code
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         Aaron
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         Jessica
                   Sanchez 348
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                                                   Chicago
                                                              Illinois
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```

4. There are many components to what makes an art gallery successful. One of these components is renting. Designers will often call galleries with a certain price range for a client, and the style they are looking for in hopes curators can help select a piece. To help the curators find pieces for designers to select to rent, we will query the data to find artworks under \$2500 that are currently available to rent.

## o SQL:

```
SELECT aw.title, aw.artist_id

FROM Artwork aw, Rented_in r, Rent

WHERE aw.title = r.title

AND aw.artist_id = r.artist_id

AND aw.title = r.title

AND r.invoice_num = Rent.invoice_num

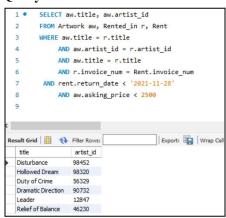
AND rent.return_date < GETDATE()

AND aw.asking price < 2500
```

• Relational Algebra:

```
\Pi_{title,\,artist.id}(\sigma_{ArtWork.asking.price < 2500}(ArtWork \bowtie Rented.\,in) \bowtie (\sigma_{Rent.return.date < 12/5/21}(Rent))
```

Query Results:



- 5. Customer service is extremely important to this industry. With the end of the calendar year quickly approaching, curators want to make sure they call and thank their newest customers in hopes that they will continue to buy pieces in the future. This query will find the buyer name and phone number of buyers who have **only** bought pieces in 2021.
  - o **SQL**:

```
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT b2.buyer_id

FROM Buyer b2, Sale s2

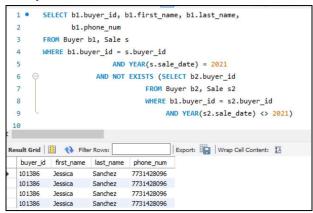
WHERE b1.buyer_id = s2.buyer_id

AND YEAR(s2.sale date) <> 2021)
```

• Relational Algebra:

```
\Pi_{buyer.id,\,first.name,\,last.name,\,phone.num}(\sigma_{sale.date\ =\ 2021}Buyer\bowtie\ Sale})
/\Pi_{buyer.id,\,first.name,\,last.name,\,phone.num}(\sigma_{sale.date\ <>\ 2021}Buyer\bowtie\ Sale})
```

Query Results:

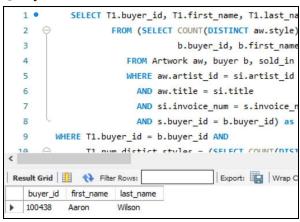


- **6.** Curators are trying to find a better way to potentially identify designers as they typically purchase more than the average buyer. We will query the data to find the names and ids of buyers who have purchased at least one of every style.
  - o SQL:

## Relational Algebra:

```
temp1 \rightarrow (\prod_{\substack{p \text{ distinct.styles}(count(style))}} (Artwork \bowtie Sold. in)) \bowtie (\prod_{\substack{buyer.id, first.name, last.name}} (Buyer \bowtie Sale)) temp2 \rightarrow (\prod_{\substack{p \text{ num.styles}(count(style))}} (Artwork)) \prod_{\substack{buyer.id, first.name, last.name}} (\sigma_{\substack{temp1.buyer.id = buyer.buyer.id \text{ and } temp1.distinct.styles = temp2.num.styles}} (temp1 \bowtie Buyer))
```

#### Query Results:



Note: With the way our database is set up, all of the queries that we came up with to gather information that would be relevant to an art gallery use aggregate functions or special SQL functions. Aggregate functions and SQL functions are not supported in tuple relational calculus, so we were not able to write tuple relational calculus for any of our queries. Therefore, we came up with one additional query for the sake of demonstrating that we can write in tuple relational calculus.

- 7. Find the pairs of ids of buyers and renters who share the same name.
  - o SQL:

```
SELECT b.buyer_id, r.renter_id
FROM Buyer b, Renter r
WHERE b.first_name=r.first_name AND
b.last_name=r.last_name
```

• Relational Algebra:

```
\Pi_{buyer.id, \ renter.id} \ (Buyer \bowtie_{Buyer.first.name = Renter.first.name \land Buyer.last.name = Renter.last.name} Renter)
```

• Tuple Relational Calculus:

```
\{t^{(2)}|(\exists b)(\exists r) (Buyer(b) \land Renter(r) \land t[1] = b[buyer.id] \land t[2] = r[renter.id] \land b[first.name] = r[first.name] \land b[last.name] = r[last.name] \}
```

## **Implementation**

We used MySQL as our DBMS for the backend of the application. The MySQL workbench allowed us to create and test our queries easily. Our front end web app was created using Django and python web framework. The front end was written in html and css, and integrated with Django to handle website routing and backend functionality. Our web app and MySQL server are run locally.

## **Team Contributions**

## Sophia

- Created ER model and ER diagram
- Went through relational schemas and combined redundant tables using foreign keys
- Wrote queries in SQL
- Wrote the code for the front end of the web app
- Worked on web app functionality/back end with Grace
- Worked on the Functional Dependency section with Emily
- Worked on the relational algebra with Emily

#### Grace:

- Created the DBMS in MySQL and Django
- Created the queries in MySQL and Django
- Wrote the basic code needed for the web app
- Created the rough draft of the relational schemas

## **Emily:**

- Responsible for the background section
- Creating the data and writing the corresponding section
- Wrote the initial example queries in plain english
- Assisted in Functional Dependency section

## Demo

Team Github repository: <a href="https://github.com/gleverett/ArtDatabaseSite">https://github.com/gleverett/ArtDatabaseSite</a> Demo given to TA Minh Pham on 12/3/21.

## **Takeaways**

Getting more in depth practice of writing queries in the multiple ways we learned throughout the course was very beneficial. The added layer of writing these queries in SQL and allowing them to run was the largest takeaway from this project. This allowed us to not only double check that the queries we wrote were correct, but let us visualize the outcomes that we are predicting when doing the theoretical practice problems. Using Django and python to create a working web app was above and beyond what we learned in this course. We were able to put together the components we learned in this course and other CS courses to implement our database and create a functional front end user interface.