A Co Equipment Inventory Database (EID) 12/16/2019 IST 659

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Project Summary

By Army regulation, the same individual cannot conduct a sensitive item inventory in consecutive months. Operations Company have 23 different career management fields all with varying equipment needs. Inventorying each sensitive item has become a lengthy process as it is difficult to determine where each piece of equipment is stored, match correct serial numbers and flag which piece of equipment needs a scheduled service. With 800 separate pieces of equipment, 506 being sensitive items, the inventory process takes longer than the allocated 48 hour Inactive Duty for Training Weekend. Given that the same person cannot conduct an inventory each month the ten sections within the company rotate individuals through the inventory each month. The same person seldom gets assigned the inventory so the assigned Soldier does not have familiarity with location and identification of equipment.

How the relevant information is stored is also splintered. Equipment nomenclature, line item number and serial numbers are only found on the equipment sub-hand receipts, the document assigning accountability of section equipment to a specified owner. This database will be utilized to accurately catalog each sensitive item, serial number, section and location. It will also calculate equipment scheduled services.

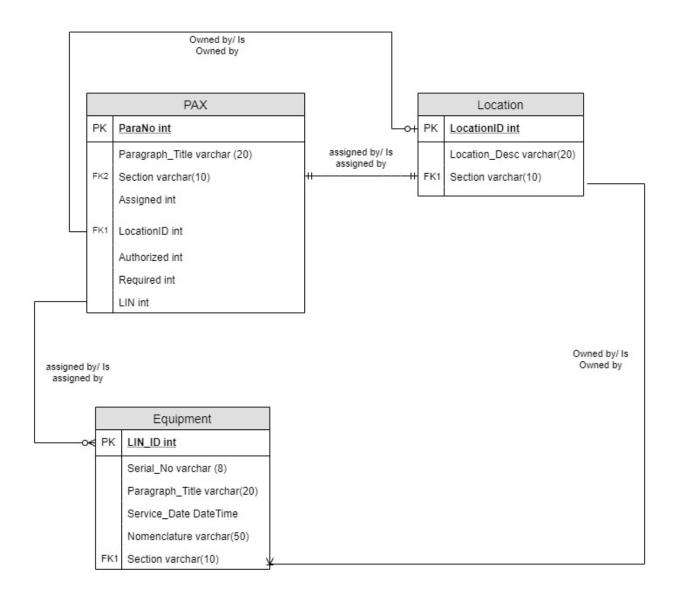
The unit Supply Sergeant can query for the equipment location, serial number and section owner, giving the individual conducting the inventory relevant information to quickly identify and locate section equipment.

The Tables will be populated via an excel spreadsheet that contains the following Fields:

Paragraph Number Paragraph Title Section Line Number (LIN) Nomenclature Required Service Date Authorized Assigned Serial **Number Location** Description Location ID NIIN **Equipment Type Equipment Description** Key Number

The majority of the relevant information is the Section, Serial Number, Location, Key Number and service date. Being able to quickly identify this information answers the questions of *Where is the equipment located? Who owns the equipment that is missing? When is the equipment due for service?*

The Conceptual/Logical Model

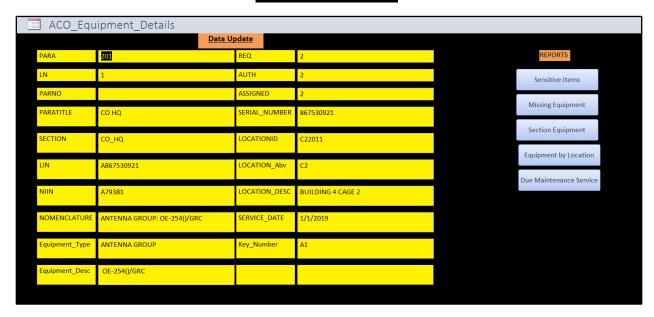


Normalized Logical Model

Inventory(<u>ParaNo, Paragraph_Title</u>, <u>Section</u>, <u>LocationID</u>, Location_Desc, Serial_No, Service_Date, Nomenclature)

Equipment(<u>LIN_ID,</u> Serial_Number, Paragraph_Title, Service_Date, Nomenclature, <u>Section</u>)
Location(<u>LocationID</u>, Location_Desc, <u>Section</u>)

User Interface



For ease of the inexperienced user, the front-end user interface would be a MS Access form with various pre-set queries for routine reporting requirements. The form interface option specifies what would need to entered to update the database and provide simple, click button options to generate frequent inquires.

The first part of the form allows the Unit Supply Sergeant to update information as equipment allocation changes. The second part of the form run report specific queries to generate routine inspection requirements.

Sensitive Items

The Sensitive items report would provide the listing of all sensitive items that have to be inventoried each month. The report includes location, key numbers, and assigned section.

Missing Equipment

Assists the Company Executive Officer and Supply Sergeant identify which section owns the missing equipment by entering the serial number when prompted.

Equipment by Location

Provides listing of equipment located in a specific storage unit or location by use of a parameter calling for the location abbreviation.

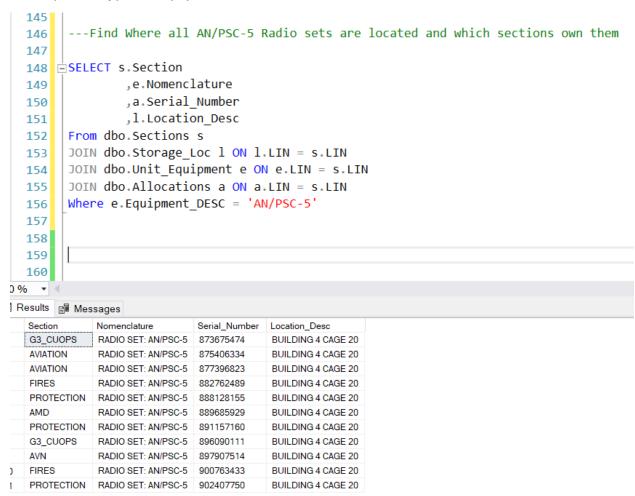
Due Maintenance Service

Identifies what piece or pieces of equipment are due for service by entering "Immediate" or "Scheduled" in the parameter prompt. The listing would include section owner of equipment, seral number, location and key assigned.

Significance of the Database

Unit leadership could leverage this database to accurately identify the location, section owner, assigned keys etc. to the unit equipment. The database could also be used to determine when a piece of equipment is due for immediate or scheduled service. See queries with sample results below:

Find specific type of equipment



Identify which equipment is stored where and is owned by which section

```
180
             --Which equipment is in BUILDING 4, CAGE 8, who owns it and when is it due for service?
     181
     182
           SELECT se.Section
                  ,se.Nomenclature
     183
     184
                  ,se.Serial Number
     185
                  ,e.Service_Date
                  ,se.NIIN
     186
                  ,1.key_number
     187
             FROM dbo.Section_Equipment se
     188
             JOIN dbo.Unit_Equipment e ON e.LIN = se.LIN
     189
     190
             JOIN dbo.Storage Loc 1 ON 1.LIN = se.LIN
             Join dbo.ACO_EQUIPMENT_DETAILS d ON d.LIN = se.LIN
     191
            WHERE d.LOCATION Abv = 'C8'
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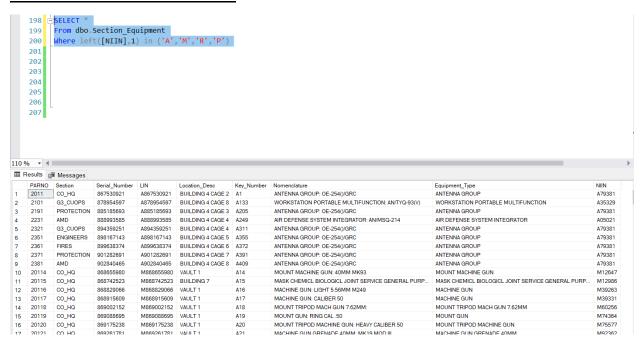
    ■ Results    ■ Messages
                                                                 Serial_Number
     Section
                  Nomenclature
                                                                              Service_Date
                                                                                                           key_number
                 WORKSTATION PORTABLE MULTIFUNCTION: AN/TYQ-93(V)
     G3 CUOPS
                                                                              2019-05-13 00:00:00.000
                                                                                                  A35329
                                                                 878954597
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                  ANTENNA GROUP: OE-254()/GRC
                                                                 902840465
                                                                              2020-02-13 00:00:00.000
                                                                                                   A79381
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                  DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ELEC: 120/208V 3PH 40AMP
                                                                 872896587
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     G3 CUOPS
                  DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ELEC: 120/208V 3PH 40AMP
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     PROTECTION RADIAC SET: AN/UDR-13
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                  RADIAC SET: AN/VDR-2
     ENGINEERS
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     ENGINEERS
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                  RADIAC SET: AN/UDR-13
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11
     PROTECTION
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     PROTECTION RADIAC SET: AN/UDR-13
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 12
                  TAPE READER GENERAL PURPOSE: KOI-18/TSEC
     G3 CUOPS
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 13
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 14
     AVIATION
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     G3 CUOPS
                  UTILITY RECEPTACLE:
                                                                 874281275
                                                                              2019-03-20 00:00:00.000 U89185
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Identify which equipment have completed scheduled service maintenance

```
1/0
          --How many masks have completed scheduled services?
    171
    172 Select se Section
              ,count(se.Serial_Number) as total_masks
    173
    174
          From dbo.Section_Equipment se
    175
         JOIN dbo.Unit_Equipment e ON e.LIN = se.LIN
    176
         Where se.NIIN = 'M12986' and e.Service Type = 'COMPLETED'
    177
         Group By Section
    178
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    ■ Results    ■ Messages
              total_masks
    Section
    AMD
               1
2
    AVIATION
    AVN
               2
    C2
               6
    CO_HQ
5
    ENGINEERS
    FIRES
    G3_CUOPS
    G5_FUOPS
9
    PROTECTION 6
10
```

Provide list of all sensitive items



Identify which section owns the missing equipment

```
---Who owns the missing equipment?
    202
    203 SELECT PARNO, Section, Serial Number
           FROM dbo.Section Equipment se
    204
           Where se.Serial Number in
    205
           ('877223737'
    206
           , '877742995'
    207
           ,'878175710'
    208
           , '878694968'
    209
           , '879214226'
    210
           ,'879820027'
    211
           , '880512371'
    212
           , '881464344'
    213
           ,'882329774')
    214
    215
    216
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PARNO
           Section
                      Serial_Number
     2066
            AVIATION
                      877223737
1
     2073
            AVIATION
                      877742995
2
     2084
            ENGINEERS 878175710
3
     2094
            ENGINEERS 878694968
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     2104
            G3_CUOPS
                      879214226
     2115
            G5_FUOPS
                      879820027
6
            G5_FUOPS
7
     2126
                      880512371
     2134
            FIRES
                      881464344
8
     2148
            FIRES
                      882329774
9
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SQL Code

/*Please note that the data in this table is fictional and does not represent the actual capability of a particular unit*/

```
-- CREATE Base Table Structure
CREATE TABLE Unit_Equipment
       (LIN varchar(20) Not Null,
              Nomenclature varchar(100) Not Null,
               Service Date DATETIME Not Null,
       CONSTRAINT Unit_Equipment_PK PRIMARY KEY (LIN));
CREATE TABLE SECTIONS
       (PARNO INT Not NULL,
               PARTITLE varchar(100) Not Null,
               SECTION varchar(20) Not Null,
               LIN varchar(20) Not Null,
        CONSTRAINT SECTIONS PK PRIMARY KEY (PARNO),
        CONSTRAINT SECTIONS_FK1 FOREIGN KEY (LIN) References UNIT_Equipment(LIN));
CREATE TABLE Storage_Loc
       (LocationID varchar(20) Not Null,
       Location_Desc varchar(50) Not Null,
               Key_Number varchar(5) Not Null,
       CONSTRAINT Storage_Loc_PK PRIMARY KEY (LocationID));
CREATE TABLE ALLOCATIONS
       (LIN varchar(20) Not Null,
               PARNO int Not Null,
               REQ int Not Null,
              AUTH int Not Null,
               Assigned int Not Null,
               Serial Number int Not Null,
       CONSTRAINT AllocationS_PK PRIMARY KEY (LIN));
--Add columns to Equipment Table Describing equipment
ALTER TABLE dbo.Unit Equipment
ADD Equipment_Type varchar(100) Not Null;
ALTER TABLE dbo.Unit_Equipment
ADD Equipment_DESC varchar(100);
--INSERT Data from imported equipment CSV file
INSERT INTO dbo. Unit Equipment (LIN. Nomenclature, Equipment Type, Equipment Desc, Service Date)
SELECT DISTINCT(a.LIN)
               .a.Nomenclature
               ,a.Equipment_Type
               ,a.Equipment_Desc
               a.Service Date
FROM dbo.ACO_EQUIPMENT_DETAILS a;
INSERT INTO dbo.SECTIONS (PARNO, PARTITLE, SECTION, LIN)
SELECT a.PARNO
               .a.PARATITLE
               .a.SECTION
               .a.LIN
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FROM dbo.ACO_EQUIPMENT_DETAILS a;
--Add additional columns to tables for more filtering options
ALTER TABLE dbo.Storage_Loc
ADD LIN varchar(20) Not Null;
ALTER TABLE dbo. Sections
ADD NIIN varchar(20);
INSERT INTO dbo.Storage_Loc (LocationID, Location_Desc, Key_Number,LIN)
SELECT a.LocationID
       ,a.Location_DESC
       ,a.Key_Number
       .a.LIN
FROM dbo.ACO_EQUIPMENT_DETAILS a;
INSERT INTO dbo.Allocations (LIN,PARNO,REQ,AUTH,Assigned,Serial_Number)
SELECT a.LIN
       ,a.PARNO
       ,a.REQ
       ,a.AUTH
       ,a. Assigned
       ,a.Serial_Number
FROM dbo.ACO_EQUIPMENT_DETAILS a;
-- CREATE VIEW of Section Equipment
CREATE VIEW [Section_Equipment]
AS
Select s.PARNO
               ,s.Section
               ,a.Serial_Number
               s.LIN
               .I.Location Desc
               ,I.Key_Number
               ,e.Nomenclature
               ,e.Equipment_Type
               d.NIIN
From dbo.SECTIONS s
Join dbo.ALLOCATIONS a on s.PARNO = a.PARNO
JOIN dbo.Storage Loc I on I.lin = s.lin
Join dbo.Unit Equipment e on e.lin = s.lin
JOIN dbo.ACO_EQUIPMENT_DETAILS d on d.parno = s.parno;
--- CREATE PROCEDURE For all Equipment under a Specific NIIN
CREATE PROCEDURE Select SerialNumbers @NIIN nvarchar(20)
AS
SELECT * FROM dbo.Section Equipment WHERE NIIN = @NIIN
GO:
Execute Select SerialNumbers @NIIN = 'N05482'
--Selects all equipment, serial numbers, and locations for a specific section
CREATE PROCEDURE Select Section @Section varchar(20)
SELECT * FROM dbo.Section Equipment WHERE Section = @Section
GO;
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Execute Select_Section @Section = 'Co_HQ'
---Add maintenance requirements info
Alter Table dbo.Unit_Equipment
Add Service_Type varchar(50)
Alter Table dbo.Unit_Equipment
Add Due varchar(50)
--Identify when a piece of equipment is due for service
UPDATE dbo.Unit Equipment
SET Service_Type = 'COMPLETED'
WHERE datediff(d,GetDate(),Service_Date)<1
UPDATE dbo.Unit_Equipment
SET Service_Type = 'IMMEDIATE'
WHERE datediff(d,GetDate(),Service Date) between 1 and 60
UPDATE dbo.Unit_Equipment
SET Service_Type = 'SCHEDULED'
WHERE datediff(d,GetDate(),Service_Date)>60
UPDATE dbo.Unit_Equipment
SET Due = 'YES'
WHERE datediff(d,GetDate(),Service_Date) between 1 and 60
UPDATE dbo.Unit_Equipment
SET Due = 'NO'
WHERE datediff(d,GetDate(),Service_Date)>60 or Service_Type = 'COMPLETED'
Select * From dbo.Unit_Equipment
---Find Where all AN/PSC-5 Radio sets are located and which sections own them
SELECT s.Section
               ,e.Nomenclature
               ,a.Serial_Number
               ,I.Location_Desc
From dbo. Sections s
JOIN dbo.Storage_Loc I ON I.LIN = s.LIN
JOIN dbo.Unit Equipment e ON e.LIN = s.LIN
JOIN dbo.Allocations a ON a.LIN = s.LIN
Where e.Equipment_DESC = 'AN/PSC-5'
--Identify how many Night Vision Goggles each section owns
Select se. Section
        ,count(se.Serial_Number) as total_NVGs
From dbo.Section_Equipment se
Where se.NIIN = 'N05482'
Group By Section
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```
--How many masks have completed scheduled services?
Select se. Section
       ,count(se.Serial_Number) as total_masks
From dbo.Section_Equipment se
JOIN dbo.Unit_Equipment e ON e.LIN = se.LIN
Where se.NIIN = 'M12986' and e.Service_Type = 'COMPLETED'
Group By Section
--Which equipment is in BUILDING 4, CAGE 8, who owns it and when is it due for service?
SELECT se.Section
       ,se.Nomenclature
       ,se.Serial_Number
       ,e.Service_Date
       ,se.NIIN
       ,l.key_number
FROM dbo.Section_Equipment se
JOIN dbo.Unit_Equipment e ON e.LIN = se.LIN
JOIN dbo.Storage_Loc I ON I.LIN = se.LIN
Join dbo.ACO_EQUIPMENT_DETAILS d ON d.LIN = se.LIN
WHERE d.LOCATION_Abv = 'C8'
--Which pieces of equipment are sentitive items?
SELECT *
From dbo.Section_Equipment
Where left([NIIN],1) in ('A','M','R','P')
---Who owns the missing equipment?
SELECT PARNO, Section, Serial_Number
FROM dbo.Section_Equipment se
Where se.Serial_Number in
('877223737'
,'877742995'
,'878175710'
,'878694968'
,'879214226'
,'879820027'
,'880512371'
,'881464344'
,'882329774')
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Reflection

This project helped me understand the meticulous and detail-oriented requirements in building a simple database. Having previous experience with MS SQL Server, I was able to get through most of the sections with ease however I made various novice mistakes that would set me back in moving forward with completing the database. The first area that gave me some difficulty was realizing that primary keys could not be duplicates when inserting the data into the columns that were designated as Primary or Foreign Keys. I could not use the actual LIN numbers as multiple pieces of equipment are categorized under one LIN number. I created a fictional 'NIIN' to use as the LIN number and assigned the LIN number unique yet sequential identifier. Similar actions were taken with the PARNO and Location ID so they could not be used as Primary or Foreign Keys.

I learned to be careful of how many characters you list for when identifying a varchar data type. I ran into variation truncation errors when trying to insert my data into tables. I made the initial mistake of deleting columns that did not work, thinking that the special characters might have had something to do with it. But after researching the error message I saw that it was a simple misrepresentation of the number of characters in the string and updated the data type. (i.e. Nomenclature varchar(100) vice Nomenclature varchar(20)). Ironically the stored procedures were the easiest scripting of this project; when I was a contractor for the National Guard Bureau I struggled creating or modifying stored procedures.

One the major time savers for this project was the ability to import a flat file of the data so that I could use that table to insert data into my base tables. But I learned that there must be some caution observed with this step. You have to be careful that you import the data in the correct data type; that column spellings matched those used to construct the base tables and that you list the appropriate number of characters in the string for the varchar data type.

Overall this project prepared me to read schemas and understand the basics behind database development. It will be useful when having to review enterprise solutions presented by contract vendors or assist me in proposing changes to existing databases.

GLOSSARY

Assigned- total number of positions or equipment provided

Authorized- total number of positions or equipment allowed

Equipment Type- Main category of equipment

Equipment DESC- Sub-component of equipment

Line Number (LIN)- Line item specific number assigned to each piece of equipment

Location Description- Description of where equipment is stored

Location ID- alphanumeric code where equipment is stored

New Information Identity Number (NIIN)- six-character alphanumeric identification of the generic nomenclature assigned to identify nonexpendable and type classified expendable or durable items of equipment during their life cycle authorization and supply management.

Nomenclature – name designation

Paragraph Number (PARNO) - Numeric identification of Soldier or Equipment position

Paragraph Title – identification of position specific section and warfighting function

Required- total number of positions or equipment needed

Section- Subpart of warfighting function

Serial Number- a number showing the position of an item in a series, especially one printed on paper currency or on a manufactured article for the purposes of identification

Service Date- date equipment due for maintenance services