Goldi-Locks Self-Storage Relational Database

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Overview

Goldi-Locks Self-Storage is a company I work for in my hometown of Colchester, CT. The facility is comprised of 5 buildings containing nearly 600 units and these provide most of the profitability of the business. The sample data I use in this database will not be accurate to the actual facility, but rather representative of situations likely to occur in the normal operation of the company.

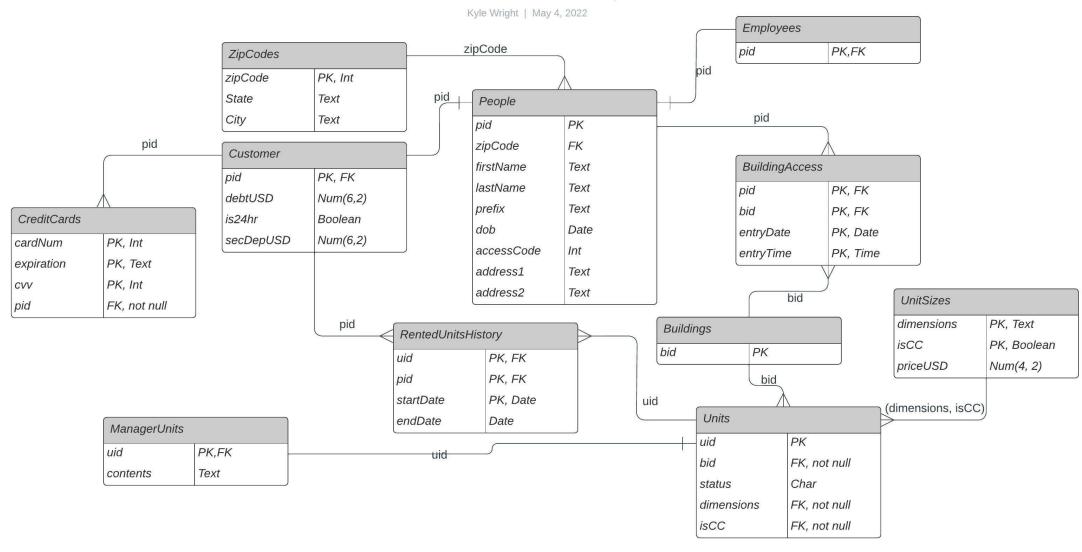
A well-managed database would be highly beneficial to Goldi-Locks, because as it stands now several hours per week are devoted to keeping proper and accurate records for the current standing of every unit. While no database can replace the need for physical "walk-throughs", the total time investment of record keeping can be slashed down by a substantial margin.

Finally, it is worth noting that this database will not be used by Goldi-Locks in its current state. There are many existing programs which the database would need to communicate with that I do not have the specifications for, and although I suspect that there is little to no data security currently in place, I would not trust this database to keep credit card information safe for example.

Objectives

- Establish a database capable of handling the relationships between units and customers
- Leave room for expansion upon the database
- Organize pertinent information with proper views
 - For this objective, I have investigated the most common questions asked through the daily operation of the storage facility

Goldi-Locks Self-Storage



Buildings (table)

- Basic table with only a primary key
- Used to enforce referential integrity with units (units must be in a building)
- Also used to track traffic through buildings as all doors are keypad entry
- Helpful for formatting of certain programs, such as a GUI of all units sorted by building

```
--Buildings--
CREATE TABLE Buildings (
    bid int not null,
primary key(bid)
);
```

_	bid [PK] integer
1	1
2	2

UnitSizes (table)

- All units at a storage facility conform to specific dimensions
- Climate controlled units are temperature and humidity regulated, thus being more expensive
- Not accurate prices
- Dimensions is not technically atomic, as it can be separated, but the information is used only when both are together, thus they represent one column

```
--UnitSizes--
CREATE TABLE UnitSizes (
    dimensions text not null, --not strictly atomic
    isCC     boolean not null, --is climate controlled
    priceUSD    numeric(6,2), --monthly rate
    primary key(dimensions, isCC)
);
```

dimensions [PK] text	iscc [PK] boolean	priceusd numeric (6,2)
5x5	true	65.00
10x10	true	110.00
10x10	false	80.00
10x20	false	130.00
	5x5 10x10 10x10	5x5 true 10x10 true 10x10 false

ZipCodes (table)

- Included mostly to maintain conformity to 3NF
- Currently used only for the People table, but could be used for a MovingCompanies table for example

```
--ZipCodes--
CREATE TABLE ZipCodes (
    zipCode
                 text not null,
    state
                  text,
                                    zipcode
                                                state
                                                             city
                                    [PK] text
    city
                  text,
                                                text
                                                             text
 primary key(zipCode)
                                                Connecticut
                                                            Colchester
                                    06415
                                    06249
                                                Connecticut
                                                            Lebanon
```

Units (table)

- Each row represents one unit
- The status is rather self-explanatory, but "restricted" refers to units which are sold, but that have not been paid in full
- Status can be null, as there are times when unit status is unknown
- Foreign keys to Buildings and UnitSizes

```
CREATE TABLE Units (
    uid         int not null,
    bid         int not null references Buildings(bid),
    status         char, --V=vacant,0=occupied,R=restricted
    dimensions text not null,
    isCC         boolean not null,
    foreign key(dimensions, isCC) references UnitSizes(dimensions, isCC),
    primary key(uid)
);
```

4	uid [PK] intege	bid integer	status character (19	dimensions text	iscc boolean
1	1	1	0	10x10	false
2	2	1	0	10x20	false
3	3	1	0	10x10	true
4	4	2	V	5x5	true
5	5	2	R	5x5	true
6	6	2	0	10x10	false
7	7	2	0	10x20	false

ManagerUnits (table)

- ManagerUnits are units which have been claimed by the manager
 - This could be storage for operations of the business such as tools or inventory
 - Can also be units which have been reclaimed after a customer accrues enough debt
- Contents is another column which is not necessarily atomic, but the business value of knowing what is in each unit is too high not to include it
 - Contents could be its own table
 - The text field is used as a description thus the description need not be divided

People (table)

- Rather standard people table, used as a base for Customers and Employees
- AccessCode is unique as it is used to identify people who enter buildings
- Worthy addition to this table would be phone numbers, though this could also be accomplished with another table so that people can have multiple phone numbers

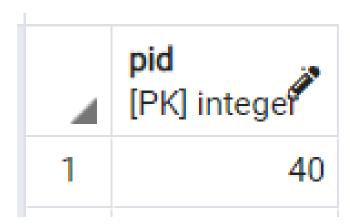
```
--People--
CREATE TABLE People (
   pid
             int not null,
   zipCode text references ZipCodes(zipCode),
   address1 text, --line 1
   address2 text, --line 2
   prefix
             text,
   firstName text not null,
   lastName
               text,
   dob
               date,
   accessCode int UNIQUE,
 primary key(pid)
```

4	pid [PK] integer	zipcode. text	address1 text	address2 text	prefix text	firstname text	lastname text	dob date	accesscode integer
1	10	06415	30 Main St.	[null]	Dr.	Alan	Labouseur	1972-02-13	2633
2	20	06415	786 Park Blvd.	[null]	Dr.	Donald	Schwartz	2061-07-05	5714
3	30	06249	13 Smith St.	Apt. A	[null]	Rick	Treu	1984-05-16	[null]
4	40	06415	89 Lebanon Ave.	[null]	Mr.	Greg	Vilardo	2001-04-26	1198
5	50	06249	2 Cragin Dr.	[null]	Ms.	Linda	Baker	1972-02-13	[null]

Employees (table)

- This table is mostly included as a preparation for future expansion of the database
- Still useful in distinguishing between people and permissions
- Foreign key to People

```
--Employees--
CREATE TABLE Employees (
    pid         int not null references People(pid),
    primary key(pid)
);
```



Customers (table)

- Foreign key to People
- DebtUSD and secDepUSD are self-explanatory
 - SecDepUSD is generally one month of unit's rent
- Is24hr refers to Customers who pay extra to be able to access their unit at any time
 - Others can access only when the facility is open typically 9-5

4	pid [PK] integer	debtusd numeric (8,2)	is24hr boolean	secdepusd numeric (8,2)
1	10	0.00	true	245.00
2	20	100.00	false	65.00
3	40	20.00	false	110.00
4	30	0.00	false	0.00

BuildingAccess (table)

- Provides a record of People who entered Buildings and the date and time of access
 - Data can be imported from the security system theoretically
- Foreign keys to Buildings and People

4	pid [PK] integer	bid [PK] integer	entrydate [PK] date	entrytime [PK] time without time zone
1	40	1	2022-03-02	13:17:09
2	10	1	2022-03-02	22:31:43
3	40	2	2022-03-03	09:03:54
4	20	1	2022-03-04	11:42:43
5	20	2	2022-03-04	10:14:27

CreditCards (table)

- Contains credit card information
 - Billing address should be present in People table
- A credit card cannot exist without a person
 - All credit cards must be removed from the database before a person is removed
 - Cannot have a card that is not assigned to a person

4	cardnum	expiration	cvv	pid
	[PK] text	[PK] text	[PK] text	integer
1	5927384994129411	10/25	905	10

RentedUnitsHistory (table)

- This table seems confusing at first, but it is a complete record of all rentals on all units
 - Current and past
- A currently rented unit is signified by a "null" in the endDate column
 - This seems like data duplication with the Units "status" column, but the truth is that units can be occupied even if there is no renter
 - This must be reconciled by clearing out the unit

4	uid [PK] integer	pid [PK] integer	startdate [PK] date	enddate date
1	2	10	2022-03-01	[null]
2	6	10	2022-03-01	[null]
3	5	20	2021-11-15	[null]
4	3	40	2021-05-12	[null]
5	4	30	2021-12-03	2022-02-28
6	2	20	2021-11-15	2022-02-17

VacantUnits (view)

- Very commonly asked question in normal operation
- Shows all available units

```
--VacantUnits--
CREATE VIEW VacantUnits (uid, bid, status, dimensions, isCC)
AS
    select u.uid, u.bid, u.status, u.dimensions, u.isCC
    from Units u
                                                          uid
                                                                  bid
                                                                                      dimensions<sub>n</sub>.
                                                                          status
                                                                                                 iscc
    where status = 'V'
                                                                          character (1)
                                                                                      text
                                                                                                 boolean
     ;
                                                                                      5x5
                                                                                                 true
```

SoldUnits (view)

- Another question often asked
- Removes ManagerUnits, as these units are not owned by Customers and thus are not being paid for

```
--SoldUnits--
CREATE VIEW SoldUnits (uid, bid, status, dimensions, isCC)
AS

select u.uid, u.bid, u.status, u.dimensions, u.isCC
from Units u
where status = '0' and u.uid not in(select uid
from ManagerUnits)
;
```

4	uid intege	bid intege	status character (1	dimensions text	iscc boolean
1	2	1	0	10x20	false
2	3	1	0	10x10	true
3	6	2	0	10x10	false

RestrictedUnits (view)

- A restricted unit is the unit of someone who is behind on payments, and is locked by an additional lock which can only be unlocked by the manager key
- After a certain period, unit will be reclaimed by management and the contents dealt with
 - The period is technically 30 days, though Goldi-Locks often gives people more leeway

```
--RestrictedUnits--
CREATE VIEW RestrictedUnits (uid, bid, status, dimensions, isCC)
AS

select u.uid, u.bid, u.status, u.dimensions, u.isCC
from Units u
where status = 'R'and u.uid not in(select uid
from ManagerUnits)
:
```

4	uid intege ☐	bid intege	status character (1	dimensions text	iscc boolean
1	5	2	R	5x5	true

ManagerUnits (view)

This view is used simply to show unit data on ManagerUnits

```
--ManagerUnits--

CREATE VIEW ManagerUnitsView (uid, bid, status, dimensions, isCC, contents)

AS

select u.uid, u.bid, u.status, u.dimensions, u.isCC, mu.contents

from Units u inner join ManagerUnits mu on(u.uid = mu.uid)

;
```

4	uid intege	bid intege	status character (1)	dimensions text	boolear boolear	contents text
1	1	1	0	10x10	false	tools, light bulbs, spare boxes
2	7	2	0	10x20	false	Oldsmobile Cutlass 442

CustomersInDebt (view)

 This is not a specific question often asked, but a useful view nonetheless, especially when deciding where to attempt to collect debt from

4	pid intege	firstname text	lastname text	debtusd numeric (8,2)	address1 text	address2 text	city text	state text	zipcode text
1	20	Donald	Schwartz	100.00	786 Park Blvd.	[null]	Colchester	Connecticut	06415
2	40	Greg	Vilardo	20.00	89 Lebanon Ave.	[null]	Colchester	Connecticut	06415

TotalDebtAndSecDep (view)

• These totals are useful for the accounting aspect of the business – must be able to pay back security deposits, and should attempt to keep debt low

```
--TotalDebtAndSecDep--

CREATE VIEW TotalDebtAndSecDep (totalDebtUSD, totalSecDepUSD)

AS

select sum(c.debtUSD), sum(c.secDepUSD)

from Customers c

;
```

4	totaldebtusd numeric	totalsecdepusd numeric	
1	120.00	420.00	

EmployeeAccess (view)

• Simple view which shows all employee access history

```
--EmployeeAccess--
CREATE VIEW EmployeeAccess (pid, building, entryDate, entryTime)

AS

select ba.pid, ba.bid, ba.entryDate, ba.entryTime
from BuildingAccess ba
where pid in(select pid
from Employees)

order by entryDate desc
;
```

4	pid intege	building integer	entrydate date	entrytime time without time zone
1	40	2	2022-03-03	09:03:54
2	40	1	2022-03-02	13:17:09

CustomerAccess (view)

 Another simple view which shows Customer access minus the access by Customers who are also Employees

```
--CustomerAccess--

CREATE VIEW CustomerAccess (pid, building, entryDate, entryTime)

AS

select ba.pid, ba.bid, ba.entryDate, ba.entryTime

from BuildingAccess ba

where pid in(select pid

from Customers

where pid not in(select pid

from Employees))

order by entryDate desc

;
```

4	pid intege	building integer	entrydate date	entrytime time without time zone
1	20	1	2022-03-04	11:42:43
2	20	2	2022-03-04	10:14:27
3	10	1	2022-03-02	22:31:43

UnitsQuickReport (view)

- Uses multiple views and tables to give a quick report on the status of the who facility
- In a UI, each total could be used as a hyperlink which pulls up a window of the corresponding view or table referenced from

4	total bigin	manager bigint	vacant bigint		restricted bigint
1	7	2	1	3	1