City of Delano Public Works Department Sewer & Waste Treatment Water Production

FINAL PROJECT

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- I. Fact-Finding, Information Gathering and Conceptual Database Design
 - a. Fact Finding Techniques and Information Gathering Fact finding is used to gain an understanding of what will be needed in order to develop and implement an Information Management System. There are a variety of ways that information can be gathered including phone conversations and e-mails consisting of survey as well as face to face meetings.

The information you are seeking will generally direct you to which methods you will use. If you are looking for a generic response from many people then surveys will be a very convenient way to go. However, if you would like a very detailed account of specific requirements then face to face meetings will be more appropriate.

Once you begin understanding what the requirements will be you can begin to develop small components that will eventually make up the final System.

i. Methods Used

Kick off meeting

The Development Team made arrangements to have an initial face to face meeting with some of the stakeholders of the project. The Stakeholders consisted of Department Heads and Middle Managers of the divisions that will work directly with the System once it is in place.

Interviews

Following the initial meeting the Development Team began making individual one on one meetings with many of the Divisions staff members. This included the Administrative Secretary and Office Assistant to the Division Manager and Lead Technicians.

The Team began documenting the internal work flow for a service request for the Water and Sewer Divisions. Copies of their forms were obtained to better understand what information the Division wanted to keep track of.

ii. Introduction to the Organization

The City of Delano's population has reached more than 53,972, as of 2009. This makes it the second largest City by population in Kern County. The City operates many essential services for the Citizens of Delano including Water Utilities, Solid Waste, and Streets.

The City's current System for managing the day to day operations of the Public Works Department is outdated and tedious. Many of their routine tasks are done manually and on hard copies. They would like to stream line common tasks into an automated system. This will help manage their Work Orders and will provide a way track Citizen Requests.

iii. Structure of the Organization

This project will focus specifically on the Water Production and Sewer Divisions of the Public Works Department. The Divisions consists Certified Technicians that manage the Cities

Infrastructure. The Department will enter a service request when they need to service one of their assets which include water pipes, water valves, and fire hydrants.

iv. Major Objects

The Database System will use an Entity named EMPLOYEE to represent the standard employee for the City. Any EMPLOYEE can work for only one DEPARTMENT. There are certain EMPLOYEES who HAS_SKILLS that are TECHNICANS. The TECHNCIAN WORKS_ON submitted SERVICE_REQUESTs for ATYPE of asset. ATYPE of asset is defined by the attributes within the entity ASSET.

v. Data Views

Each employee can view their SERVICE_REQUESTs. Due to the complexity of some of the SERVICE_REQUESTs multiple TECHNICIANs may work on a single SERVICE_REQUEST. Only one type of asset can be related to a SERVICE_REQUEST.

b. Conceptual Database Design

- i. Entity Set Description
 - EMPLOYEE
 - This Entity Type represents all Employees in the City. Since this database will focus on one Department, we will only require basic employee information to be used.
 - Candidate keys: empID, SSN
 - Primary key: empID
 - Strong/Weak Entity: Strong
 - Fields to be indexed: empID

Attribute/ Description	empID	fName	lName	mName	DOB	SSN	Phone Number	Wage
Description	Unique Identifier	First Name	Last Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Social Security Number	Home Number	Hourly Rate
Domain/ Type	Char	Varchar	Varchar	Varchar	Date	nchar	Nchar	float
Value/ Range	9	50	50	50		9	10	
Default Value	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NULL (Y/N)	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N
Single/ Multi	Single	Single	Single	Single	Single	Single	Multi	Single
Simple/ Composite	Simple	Simple	Composite	Simple	Simple	Simple	Composite	Simple

DEPARTMENT

- This Entity Type represents all Departments in the City.

- Candidate keys: deptID

- Primary key: deptID

Strong/Weak Entity: strongFields to be indexed: deptID

Attribute/ Description	deptID	deptName	deptLocation
Description	Unique Identifier	First Name	Last Name
Domain/ Type	Char	Varchar	Varchar
Value/ Range	9	50	50
Default Value	N/A	N/A	N/A
NULL (Y/N)	N	N	N
Single/ Multi	Single	Single	Single
Simple/ Composite	Simple	Simple	Composite

TYPE

- This entity represents a type of asset being serviced.

Candidate keys: assetID

- Primary key: assetID

Strong/Weak Entity: StrongFields to be indexed: assetID

Attribute/ Description	typeID	аТуре
Description	Unique	First
	Identifier	Name
Domain/	Char	Varchar
Туре		
Value/	9	50
Range		
Default	N/A	N/A
Value		
NULL (Y/N)	N	N
Single/	Single	Multi
Multi		
Simple/	Simple	Simple
Composite		

ASSET

- Each type of asset is defined by a set of attributes with the ASSET entity

- Candidate keys: assetID

- Primary key: assetID

Strong/Weak Entity: StrongFields to be indexed: assetID

Attribute/ Description	assetID	Geometry	InsDate	LstMaintenance
Description	Unique Identifier	First Name	Last Name	Middle Name
Domain/ Type	Char	varchar	DateTime	DateTime
Value/ Range	9	10		
Default Value	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NULL (Y/N)	N	Υ	N	N
Single/ Multi	Single	Single	Single	Single
Simple/ Composite	Simple	Simple	Simple	Simple

SERVICE_REQUEST

- The entity SERVICE_REQUEST will be used to track when a SERVICE_REQUEST is opened and closed.

- Candidate keys: serviceID

Primary key: serviceID

- Strong/Weak Entity: Strong

- Fields to be indexed: assetID

Attribute/ Description	serviceID	openDate	closeDate
Description	Unique Identifier	Open Date	Close Date
Domain/ Type	Char	DateTime	DateTime
Value/ Range	9		
Default Value	N/A	N/A	N/A
NULL (Y/N)	N	N	N
Single/ Multi	Single	Single	Single
Simple/ Composite	Simple	Simple	Simple

ii. Relationship Set Description

- WORKS_FOR
 - This is a Relationship between and EMPLOYEE and DEPARTMENT
 - Entity Set Involved: EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT
 - Mapping cardinality: 1..1
 - Participation Constraints: Total Participation for EMPLOYEE

POSSESES

- This is a Relationship between and EMPLOYEE and TECHNCIAN
- Entity Set Involved: EMPLOYEE, TECHNICIAN
- Mapping cardinality: M..M
- Participation Constraints: This is an optional relationship for EMPLOYEE

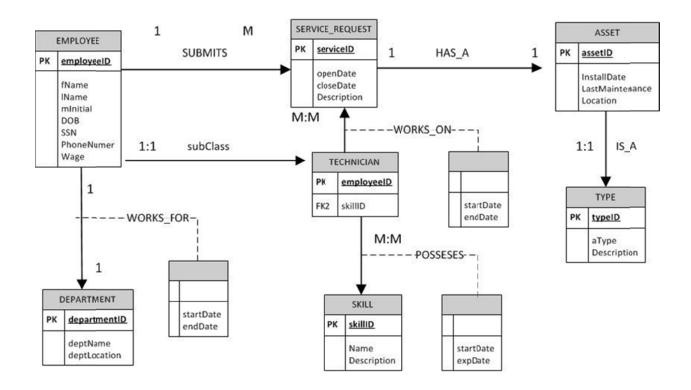
WORKS ON

- This is a Relationship between TECHNCIAN and SERVICE_REQUEST
- Entity Set Involved: TECHNICIAN, SERVICE REQUEST
- Mapping cardinality: M..M
- Participation Constraints: Total Participation for TECHNICIAN

iii. Related Entity Set

- TECHNICIAN
 - TECHNICIAN is a specialization of EMPLOYEE. It is disjointedness constraint.
 - Specialization/Generalization
 - Aggregation/has-relationship

iv. E-R Diagram



II. From ER (Conceptual) Model to Relational (Logical) Model

a. ER Model and Relational Model

i. Description

Prior to the implementation of a database system there are some prerequisite steps that need to be completed. These steps include the creation of an Entity-Relationship Model and the Relational model. The ER Diagram previously discussed is a representation of the organization of the systems data. It serves as a guide in determining the required components of a developed database system.

The creation of a relational model is required in order to develop an efficient application for the organization. It is defined by a set of relations which have constraints on their specific domains.

ii. Comparison

The entity relationship is meant to provide a framework of information for which to base a conceptual model on. It does not require specific details required for an implementation. Instead it is focused on providing a visual representation of how data is organized and where it flows. It provides attributes, relationships, and cardinality.

The relational model provides the database developer with an understanding of how the data will be constrained for it given domains. It builds on the ER model by creating valid tuples and their given relationships. This model is a more accurate representation of how the database will physically be created.

iii. Conversion

There are several steps to take when converting an ER model to a relational model. A conceptual design provides the basic structure from which the relational model will be built and the relational model's relations will be mapped.

The first step will include creating a relation R for every regular strong entity type. This includes all simple attributes for the entity E. A primary key will be chosen from the attributes of the entity to uniquely identify the relation R.

The second step will include the mapping of the weak entity types. For each week entity type we will create a relation R and will include all the simple attributes for the entity E. We will also include a foreign key attribute.

The third step will map binary 1:1 relations types. For every binary relation R we need to identify its relations as S and T. There are three possible approaches which include the Foreign Key method, the merged relation method, and the cross-reference method.

In the fourth step we will focus on mapping the binary 1:M relationship types. For every 1:M relation R we will identify the S that corresponds the entity of the M-side of the relationship. We include a foreign key in S the primary key of the relation T.

A fifth step includes the mapping of binary M:N relationship types. For every binary M:N relation R we will create a new relation S to represent R. We will include a foreign key attribute in S.

iv. Define Constraints

A relation consists of an ordered set of unique tuples, with each tuple having the same amount and type of attributes. In the relational model Entities are represented and each row is a valid instance, record, or tuple for the entity. The constraints ensure that no primary key can be NULL. This ensures that there exists a unique element of each tuple in the relation. This is necessary for comparisons and representations in queries and data integrity. The constraints for foreign keys exist to enforce referential integrity.

b. Convert the ER Database

- i. EMPLOLYEE Relation
 - Attributes
 - empID

Domain: Integer, Cannot be NULL

- fName

Domain: String, up to 30 Characters

- IName

Domain: String variable characters, cannot be NULL

mName

Domain: String variable characters, can be NULL

- DOB

Domain: DateTime, Cannot be Null

- SSN

Domain: Integer, Cannot be Null

Wage

Domain: Currency, cannot be NULL

- PhoneNumber

Domain: String, cannot be NULL

Constraints

Primary Key

empID will be the primary key. This unique identifier cannot be NULL.

Foreign Key

Works_For is the Foreign Key which corresponds to a deptID. All employees belong to one department.

- Business Rules
- Candidate Keys
 - empID, SSN

ii. DEPARTMENT Relation

Attributes

deptID

Domain: Integer, Cannot be NULL

deptName

Domain: String, up to 30 Characters, cannot be NULL

Location

Domain: String, up to 20 Characters, cannot be NULL

Constraints

Primary Key

deptID will be the Primary Key

- Foreign Key
- Business Rules
- Candidate Keys
 - deptID, deptName

iii. SERVICE_REQUEST relation

- Attributes
 - serviceID: DateTime, cannot be NULL

- openDate: DateTime, cannot be NULL

- closeDate: DateTime, can be NULL

Constraints

- Primary Key

serviceID is the Primary Key, it cannot be null.

- Foreign Key
- Business Rules

The closeDate has to be greater than the openDate. The serviceID will be incremented.

- Candidate Keys
 - serviceID

iv. TECHNICIAN relation

- Attributes
 - emplD

Domain: integer, cannot be NULL

POSSESES

Domain: integer, cannot be NULL

- Constraints
 - Primary Key empID
 - Foreign Key
 - Business Rules

A TECHNICIAN is a child class of EMPLOYEE. All TECHNICIAN s must possess a skill

 Candidate Keys emplD

Attributes

v. TYPE relation

typeID:

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- aType

Domain: String, up to 20 Characters, cannot be NULL

- Description:

Domain: String, up to 150 Characters, cannot be NULL

- Constraints
 - Primary Key

typeID is the Primary Key

- Foreign Key
- Business Rules
- Candidate Keys
 - typeID

vi. ASSET relation

- Attributes
 - assetID

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- InsDate

Domain: DateTime, cannot be NULL

- LstMaintenance
- Domain:DateTime, can be NULL
- Location

Domain: String, can be NULL

- IS_A:

Domain: Integer value corresponds to type of asset, cannot be NULL

Constraints

Primary Key

assetID is the unique identifier. Must only cont numeral values that increment

Foreign Key

IS_A is the unique identifier that every ASSET must have that relates it to the type of asset it is.

- Business Rules
- Candidate Keys
 - assetID

vii. WORKS_FOR relation

- Attributes
 - strDate

Domain: DateTime, cannot be NULL

endDate

Domain: DateTime, can be NULL

- emplD

Domain: Integer, Cannot be NULL

- deptID
- Constraints
 - Primary Key
 - Foreign Key empID, deptID
 - Business Rules
- Candidate Keys

viii. WORKS_ON

Attributes

- strDate

Domain: DateTime, cannot be NULL

- endDate

Domain: DateTime, can be NULL

- empID

Domain: Integer, Cannot be NULL

- serviceID

Domain: Integer, Cannot be NULL

- Constraints
- Candidate Keys

ix. HAS_A

- Attributes
 - serviceID

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- assetID

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- Constraints
 - Primary Key
 - Foreign Key serviceID, assetID
 - Business Rules
- Candidate Keys
- x. SUMBITS_A
 - Attributes
 - empID

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- serviceID

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- Constraints
 - Primary Key
 - Foreign Key
 - empID, serviceID Business Rules

In order for a work order to close it must have an close date.

Candidate Keys

xi. IS A

- Attributes
 - typeID

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- assetID

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- Constraints
 - Primary Key
 - Foreign Key

typeID, assetID are both required

- Business Rules
- Candidate Keys

xii. POSSESES

- Attribute
 - empID

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- skillID

Domain: Integer, cannot be NULL

- Constraints
 - Primary Key
 - Foreign Key

empID & skillID are both required

- Business Rules

All technicians are required to have a skill. Some skills are associated with Certifications which are required to be maintained. If the Certification expires then the technician may not be able to perform certain work items.

Candidate Keys

xiii. SKILL

- Attributes
 - skillID

Domain: Integer, Cannot be NULL

SkillName

Domain: String, Variable Length, cannot me null

Description

Domain: String, Variable Length, cannot me null

- Constraints
 - Primary Key skillID
 - Foreign Key
 - Business Rules
- Candidate Keys
 - skillID

c. Design Relation Instances

i. EMPLOYEE(empID, fName, IName, mName, DOB, SSN, PhoneNumber)

empID,	fName	lName	mName	DOB	SSN	PhoneNumber
01	John	Rodriguez		7/1/1970	555-66-8888	661-720-2201
02	Steve	Smith		8/1/1977	555-66-9999	661-720-2202
03	Taylor	Dane		9/7/1978	555-77-6644	661-720-2202
04	Jason	Davis		10/71974	555-77-7755	661-720-2203
05	Ted	Mason		1/8/1972	555-66-8822	661-720-2204
06	Jason	Frank	Alexander	2/15/1976	555-88-6644	661-720-2205
07	Doug	Parker	Author	2/28/1978	555-88-4482	661-720-2206

ii. DEPARTMENT(deptID, deptName, Location)

deptID	deptName	Location
01	Water Production	Corporation Yard
02	Sewer	Treatment Plant
03	Waste Water	Treatment Plant
04	Water Treatment	Corporation Yard

iii. SERVICE REQUEST(serviced,openDate, closeDate)

serviceID	srtDate	endDate	Description
01	10/10/2010		Water Leak
02	10/1/2010	10/5/2010	Water
			PipeMaintenance
03	9/30/2010		Clogged Drain
04	8/30/2010	9/1/2010	Waste Water Leak

iv. TECHNICIAN(empID, skillID)

empID	skillID	
01	03	
02	01	

03	03	
04	01	
05	02	

v. TYPE(typeID, aType)

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typeID	аТуре
01	Water Valve
02	Water Pipe
03	Waste Water Valve
04	Waste Water Pipe

vi. ASSET(assetID, InsDate, LstMaintenance, Location)

assetID	InsDate	LstMaintenance	Location
01	2/10/2000	2/10/2010	Lexington St
02	2/15/2000	2/15/2009	Lexington St
03	3/15/2005	5/30/2010	Jefferson St
04	1/30/1998	9/27/2003	Jefferson St

vii. WORKS_FOR(deptID, strDate, endDate)

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empID	deptID	strDate	endDate
01	01	1/2/2000	
02	02	11/10/2005	
03	03	7/15/2008	
04	04	8/20/2003	

viii. WORKS_ON(serviceID, empID, strDate, endDate)

serviceID	empID	strDate	endDate
01	02	1/20/2010	2/1/2010
02	02	2/15/2010	2/16/2010
03	01	7/1/2010	7/2/2010
04	05	8/15/2010	

ix. IS_A(typeID,assetID)

typeID	assetID
01	01
02	02
03	03
04	04

x. HAS_A(serviceID, typeID)

serviceID	typeID
01	01
02	02

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03	03
04	04

xi. SUBMITS_A(empID, serviceID)

empID	serviceID
01	01
02	02
03	03
04	04

xii. POSSESES(empID,skillID)

empID	skillID

xiii. SKILL(skillID, Name, Description)

skillID	Name	Description
01	Water Operator	State Certified
02	Waste Water Operator	State Certified
03	Maintenance Technician	Misc. Employee
04	Data Entry	Misc. Employee

d. Queries

- Select all technicians who worked on service requests.
- Select all technicians who have more than 2 service requests.
- Select All employees who have submitted a service request.
- Show what skills all technicians have
- Show Employees with no skills
- Show all open service requests
- Which employees have open service requests?
- What types of assets has service requests?
- Show Former Employees
- Show Departments with more than 1 Employee

e. Query Representation

Select all technicians who worked on service requests.

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Relational Algebra

π (employee_id) σ (er_technician T * er_works_on W)

T=employee_id = W.employee_id

Tuple Relational Calculus

{e|er_employee(e) ^ (∃T)(er_technician(T) ^ (∃W)(er_works_on(W) ^ W.employee_id = T.employee_ID)}

Domain Relational Calculus

SELECT T.EMPLOYEE_ID

FROM ER_TECHNICIAN T

WHERE EXISTS(SELECT * FROM ER_WORKS_ON W WHERE W.EMPLOYEE_ID = T.EMPLOYEE_ID);
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• Select all technicians who have more than 2 service requests.

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Relational Algebra

π(P.*) σ(er_possesses P)

Tuple Relational Calculus
{p|er_possesses(p) ^ (∃W)(er_works_on(W) ^ p.employee_id = W.employee_id) }

Domain Relational Calculus

SELECT P.*
FROM ER_POSSESSES P

WHERE EXISTS(SELECT EMPLOYEE_ID, COUNT(*)
FROM ER_WORKS_ON W

WHERE P.EMPLOYEE_ID = W.EMPLOYEE_ID

HAVING COUNT(*) > 1);
```

• Select All employees who have submitted a service request.

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Relational Algebra

Tuple Relational Calculus

{e|er_employee_id(e) ^ (∃S)(er_submits_a(S) ^s.employee_id = e.employee_ids}
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Domain Relational Calculus

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SELECT E.EMPLOYEE_ID

FROM ER_EMPLOYEE E

WHERE EXISTS (SELECT * FROM ER_SUBMITS_A S

WHERE S.EMPLOYEE_ID = E.EMPLOYEE_ID);
```

Show what skills all technicians have

Relational Algebra

Tuple Relational Calculus

{p | er_possesses(p) }

Domain Relational Calculus

SELECT P.SKILL_ID, P.EMPLOYEE_ID FROM ER_POSSESSES P;

Show Employees with no skills

Relational Algebra Tuple Relational Calculus

{e|er_employee(e) ^ ~(∃P)(er_possesses(P) ^ P.employee_id = e.employee_id}

Domain Relational Calculus

SELECT E.F_NAME, E.L_NAME
FROM ER_EMPLOYEE E
WHERE NOT EXISTS(SELECT * FROM ER_POSSESSES P WHERE P.EMPLOYEE_ID = E.EMPLOYEE_ID);

• Show all open service requests

Relational Algebra

Tuple Relational Calculus

{s|er_service_requests(s) ^ s.end_date = NULL}

Domain Relational Calculus

SELECT S.SERVICE_ID, S.START_DATE, S.END_DATE FROM ER_SERVICE_REQUEST S
WHERE END_DATE IS NULL;

Which employees have open service requests?
 Relational Algebra
 Tuple Relational Calculus

Domain Relational Calculus

SELECT UNIQUE SA.EMPLOYEE_ID

FROM ER_SUBMITS_A SA INNER JOIN ER_SERVICE_REQUEST SR ON (SA.SERVICE_ID = SR.SERVICE_ID)

WHERE SR.END_DATE IS NULL;

What types of assets has service requests?

Relational Algebra
Tuple Relational Calculus
Domain Relational Calculus

SELECT A.* FROM ER_A_TYPE A

WHERE EXISTS(SELECT UNIQUE IA.TYPE_ID

FROM ER_HAS_A HA INNER JOIN ER_IS_A IA ON(HA.ASSET_ID = IA.ASSET_ID));

Show Former Employees

Relational Algebra

Tuple Relational Calculus

Domain Relational Calculus

SELECT WF.EMPLOYEE_ID

FROM ER_WORKS_FOR WF INNER JOIN ER_DEPARTMENT D ON(WF.DEPARTMENT_ID = D.DEPARTMENT_ID)

WHERE NOT WF.END_DATE IS NULL;

• Show Departments with more than 1 Employee

Relational Algebra
Tuple Relational Calculus
Domain Relational Calculus

SELECT D.*

FROM ER_DEPARTMENT D

WHERE EXISTS(SELECT EMPLOYEE_ID, COUNT(*) FROM ER_WORKS_FOR WF

WHERE WF.DEPARTMENT_ID = D.DEPARTMENT_ID

HAVING COUNT(*) > 1);

III. Implementation of Relational Database

a. SQL*PLUS

With the creation of the relational model completed, the description for each relation will be used to develop a database that will meet the requirements of the attributes, constraints, and relationships. We will use the Oracle Relational Database Management System implementation of SQL. Structured Query Language is a language used to manipulate data within a Relational Database Management System. SQL was first introduced by Edgar F. Codd in his 1970 paper, "A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks." It was first developed at IBM in the 1970s. It has since gone through the standardization process. Today there are now many popular implementations including Microsoft's Transact-SQL, or T-SQL, MySQL, and Oracle. Oracle provides a command line interface called SQL*PLUS which allows SQL commands to be run interactively. This tool allows users to create and destroy a database very quickly.

b. Schema Objects in Oracle

The Oracle Database Management System uses a collection of schema objects to form a schema. A tablespace is used to logically organize the structure of the database. Schema objects are logical data structures which are stored in a tablespace within the database. The data for each schema object is stored in the tablespace's data files. This allows a tablespace to contain several different types of schema objects.

i. Tables

Tables represent relations from the relational model. They are the basic storage unit for an Oracle database. A table's columns represent the relation's attributes. The rows in the table represent a records or tuple in the relation. Each attribute has a unique name. The Tables store information about the relation's primary key, foreign keys, and constraints. After the table is created, data can be inserted into rows which represent the existence of tuples.

ii. Views

Views are virtual tables that return tuples from one or more tables. They are used when a command will be used repeatedly. Views do not use storage space like a table. Views can be used to display data that simplify the actual representation for users.

iii. Dimensions

Dimensions are relationships between columns in a table. This can be used between columns of that exist in the same table or in separate tables.

iv. Sequences

Sequence generators create a sequential set of numbers. The sequence numbers can then be used to determine order for queued operations or requests. They can be used to generate primary keys for a specific table.

v. Synonyms

Synonyms are aliases for different types of schema objects, such as tables, procedures, or views. They do not require any storage space. Synonyms can be used to hide internal data from outside users and can be used simplify SQL commands.

vi. Indexes

Databases optimize the traversal of each table by caching the values of unique attributes, such as primary keys. Indexes are used as additional attributes that will allow the database to more quickly accesses their values during comparisons. Indexes can also be created for combinations of certain attributes.

vii. Database Links

Database links are hard-coded, read-only links to other databases. These links allow one database to perform queries and retrieve results using another database.

viii. Stored procedures and functions

These can be used to automate repetitive tasks. A stored procedure or function always performs the same task as instructed upon its creation. Functions in Oracle always return a single value to the user, while stored procedures do not.

ix. Packages

Packages are a set of specific stored procedures, functions, and cursors. They act as a single unit of instructions. This is ideal for large-scale operations performed by stored procedures. Packages organize and simplify design requirements for databases that require complex tasks.

c. Schema Objects in this project

In this project, the two most frequently used schema objects are the table and the view. Most of the tables are created using syntax similar to this:

```
CREATE Table [TableName]
(
attributes attribute types nullable?,
... ... ...,
....,
Constraints:
pk_tablename PRIMARY KEY (AttributeName)
k_ParentName_ChildName FOREIGN KEY (AttributeName) REFERENCES ParentName
(ParentAttributeName)
);
```

The scheme objects created are as follows:

ER_DEPARTMENT Department Relation ER EMPLOYEE **Employee Relation** ER_SERVICE_REQUEST Service Request Relation **ER TECHNICIAN Technician Relation ER SKILL** Skill Relation ER_A_TYPE Type Relation ER ASSET **Asset Relation** ER_WORKS_FOR **Works For Relation** ER WORKS ON Works On Relation ER_IS_A Is A Relation ER_HAS_A Has A Relation ER_SUBMITS_A Submits A Relation ER_POSSESSES **Possesses Relation**

Following are the schemas and instances for each relation:

ER_DEPARTMENT

CS342 SQL> desc er_depart Name	ment; Null?	Туре	
DEPARTMENT_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)	
DEPARTMENT_NAME LOCATION	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(25) VARCHAR2(30)	
CS342 SQL> select * from e	r_department;		
DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	LOCATION	
1	ENGINEERING	CITY HALL	

2	PLANNING	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
3	WATER PRODUCTION	CORPORATION YARD

4 SEWER WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
5 STREETS CORPORATION YARD

ER_EMPLOYEE

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Name	Null?	Туре
EMPLOYEE_ID F_NAME M_NAME L_NAME BIRTH_DATE SOCIAL SECURITY	NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL	NUMBER(4) VARCHAR2(25) VARCHAR2(20) VARCHAR2(30) DATE NUMBER(12)
PHONE	NOT NULL	NUMBER(10)

CS342 SQL> select * from er_employee;

EMPLOYEE_I	D F_NAME	M_NAME	L_NAME	BIRTH_DATE	SOCIAL_SECURITY	Y PHONE
1	Lucas	Alexander	Skye	01-JAN-70	123456789	6615550001
2	Alvin		Chipmunk	02-FEB-80	234567891	6615550002
3	Simon		Chipmunk	03-MAR-80	345678912	661555003
4	Theodore		Chipmunk	04-APR-80	456789123	6615550004
5	Billy	Joe	Armstrong	05-MAY-71	567891234	6615550005
6	Tim		Armstrong	06-JUN-72	678912345	6615550006
7	Scott		Weiland	07-JUL-73	789123456	6615550007
8	Tom		Morello	08-AUG-74	891234567	6615550008
9	Karen	Lee	Orzolek	22-NOV-78	912345678	6615550009
10	Dave		Navarro	09-SEP-74	129834765	6615550010

ER_SERVICE_REQUEST

CS342 SQL> DESC ER SERVICE REQUEST;

Name	Null?	Туре
SERVICE_ID START_DATE END_DATE DESCRIPTION	NOT NULL NOT NULL	NUMBER(4) DATE DATE VARCHAR2(30)

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_SERVICE_REQUEST;

SERVICE_ID	START_DATE	END_DATE	DESCRIPTION	
1	01-JAN-10	02-JAN-10	WATER LEAK	
2	10-JAN-10	11-JAN-10	SEWER LEAK	
3	02-FEB-10	02-FEB-10	WATER LEAK	
4	12-FEB-10	13-FEB-10	SEWER LEAK	
5	03-MAR-10	03-MAR-10	MAINTENANCE	
6	13-MAR-10	14-MAR-10	MAINTENANCE	
7	04-APR-10	04-APR-10	MAINTENANCE	
8	14-APR-10	14-APR-10	WATER LEAK	
9	05-MAY-10	10-MAY-10	REBUILD	
10	15-MAY-10	16-MAY-10	WATER LEAK	
11	06-JUN-10	10-JUN-10	REBUILD	

12	07-JUL-10	MAINTENANCE
13	08-AUG-10	MAINTENANCE

ER_TECHNICIAN

Name	Null?	Туре
EMPLOYEE_ID SKILL_ID		NUMBER(4) NUMBER(4)

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_TECHNICIAN;

EMPLOYEE_ID	SKILL_ID
6	1
7	2
8	3
9	4
9	5
1	2

ER_SKILL

CS342 SQL> DESC ER_SKILL;

Name	Null?	Туре
SKILL_ID SKILL_NAME DESCRIPTION	NOT NULL NOT NULL	NUMBER(4) VARCHAR2(30) VARCHAR2(30)

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_SKILL;

SKILL_NAME	DESCRIPTION
Water Operator	State Certified
Waste Water Operator	State Certified
Maintenance Technician	Misc. Employee
Data Entry	Misc. Employee
Street Technician	Misc. Employee
	Water Operator Waste Water Operator Maintenance Technician Data Entry

ER_A_TYPE

CS342 SQL> DESC ER_A_TYPE;

Name	Null?	Туре	
TYPE_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)	
A_TYPE	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(25)	
DESCRIPTION		VARCHAR2(30)	

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_A_TYPE;

TYPE_ID	A_TYPE	DESCRIPTION
1	Water Valve	Copper
2	Water Line	PVC
3	Sewer Valve	Copper
4	Sewer Line	PVC
5	Generator	Gas Power
6	Fire Hydrant	Cast Iron

ER_ASSET

CS342 SQL> DESC ER_ASSET;

Name	Null?	Туре
ASSET_ID INSTALL_DATE LAST_MAINTENANCE LOCATION	NOT NULL NOT NULL	NUMBER(4) DATE DATE VARCHAR2(25)

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_ASSET;

ASSET_ID	INSTALL_DATE	LAST_MAINTENANCE	LOCATION
1	01-JAN-81	12-DEC-09	CORPORATION YARD
2	02-FEB-82	11-NOV-09	LEXINGTON AVE
3	03-MAR-99	10-OCT-08	JEFFERSON ST
4	04-APR-04	04-MAY-10	DCCF
6	02-FEB-02	03-MAR-03	CECIL AVE ST
7	10-OCT-90	12-DEC-02	CITY HALL
8	11-NOV-01		
9	06-JUN-96	02-FEB-07	
10	09-SEP-99	09-SEP-09	
5	05-MAY-05	01-JAN-09	WWTP

ER_WORKS_FOR

CS342 SQL> DESC ER_WORKS_FOR;

Name	Null?	Туре
EMPLOYEE_ID DEPARTMENT ID	NOT NULL NOT NULL	NUMBER(4) NUMBER(4)
START_DATE	NOT NULL	DATE
END_DATE		DATE

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_WORKS_FOR;

EMPLOYEE_ID DEPAI	RTMENT_ID	START_DATE	END_DATE
1	 5	01-JAN-01	11-NOV-09
2	4	02-FEB-02	
5	3	03-MAR-03	
4	1	04-APR-04	
3	2	05-MAY-05	
7	4	06-JUN-06	
6	3	07-JUL-07	
8	1	08-AUG-08	
9	2	09-SEP-09	
10	5	10-OCT-10	

ER_WORKS_ON

CS342 SQL> DESC ER_WORKS_ON;

Name	Null?	Туре
EMPLOYEE_ID SERVICE_ID START_DATE END_DATE	NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL	NUMBER(4) NUMBER(4) DATE DATE

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_WORKS_ON;

EMPLOYEE_ID	SERVICE_ID	START_DATE	END_DATE
6	1	02-JAN-10	02-JAN-10
6	7	04-APR-10	04-APR-10
6	10	16-MAY-10	16-MAY-10
6	3	02-FEB-10	02-FEB-10
6	13	10-AUG-10	
7	2	11-JAN-10	11-JAN-10
7	4	13-FEB-10	13-FEB-10
7	8	14-APR-10	14-APR-10
7	11	08-JUN-10	10-JUN-10
7	12	10-JUL-10	
8	5	03-MAR-10	03-MAR-10
6	6	13-MAR-10	13-MAR-10
6	9	07-MAY-10	09-MAY-10

ER_IS_A

CS342 SQL> DESC ER_IS_A;

Name	Null?	Туре
ASSET_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
TYPE_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_IS_A;

ASSET_ID	TYPE_ID	
1	5	
2	2	
3	4	
4	3	
5	3	
6	1	
7	5	

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8	1
9	6
10	6

ER_HAS_A

CS342 SQL> DESC ER_HAS_A	
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Name	Null?	Туре
SERVICE_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
ASSET_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_HAS_A;

SERVICE_ID ASSET_ID

1	8
2	4
3	2
4	3
5	7
6	9
7	6
8	4
9	10
10	8
11	5
12	3
13	2

ER_SUBMITS_A

CS342 SQL> DESC ER_SUBMITS_A

Name	Null?	Туре
EMPLOYEE_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
SERVICE_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_SUBMITS_A;

SERVICE_ID
1
2
3
4
5
6
7

4	8
1	9
2	10
3	11
4	12
5	13

ER_POSSESSES

CS342 SQL> DESC ER_POSSESSES;

Name	Null?	Туре
EMPLOYEE_ID SKILL_ID START_DATE END_DATE	NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL	NUMBER(4) NUMBER(4) DATE DATE

CS342 SQL> SELECT * FROM ER_POSSESSES;

EMPLOYEE_ID	SKILL_ID	START_DAT E	END_DATE
6	1	08-AUG-08	
7	2	07-JUL-07	
8	3	08-AUG-08	
9	4	09-SEP-09	
9	5	10-OCT-10	
1	2	02-FEB-02	10-OCT-09

d. SQL Queries

Select all technicians who worked on service requests.

SELECT T.EMPLOYEE_ID
FROM ER_TECHNICIAN T
WHERE EXISTS(SELECT * FROM ER_WORKS_ON W WHERE W.EMPLOYEE_ID = T.EMPLOYEE_ID);

EMPLOYEE_ID ------6 7

Select all technicians who have more than 2 service requests.

SELECT P.* FROM ER_POSSESSES P WHERE EXISTS(SELECT EMPLOYEE_ID, COUNT(*) FROM ER_WORKS_ON W WHERE P.EMPLOYEE_ID = W.EMPLOYEE_ID HAVING COUNT(*) > 1);

EMPLOYEE_ID	SKILL_ID	START_DATE	END_DATE
6	1	08-AUG-08	
7	2	07-JUL-07	

Select All employees who have submitted a service request.

SELECT E.EMPLOYEE_ID
FROM ER_EMPLOYEE E
WHERE EXISTS (SELECT * FROM ER_SUBMITS_A S
WHERE S.EMPLOYEE_ID = E.EMPLOYEE_ID);

EMPLOYEE_ID			
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Show what skills all technicians have

SELECT P.SKILL_ID, P.EMPLOYEE_ID FROM ER_POSSESSES P;

SKILL_ID EMPLOYEE_ID			
1	6		
2	7		
3	8		
4	9		
5	9		
2	1		

Show Employees with no skills

SELECT E.F_NAME, E.L_NAME
FROM ER_EMPLOYEE E
WHERE NOT EXISTS(SELECT * FROM ER_POSSESSES P WHERE P.EMPLOYEE_ID = E.EMPLOYEE_ID);

F_NAME	L_NAME
D:11	
Billy	Armstrong
Dave	Navarro
Theodore	Chipmunk
Alvin	Chipmunk
Simon	Chipmunk

Show all open service requests

SELECT S.SERVICE_ID, S.START_DATE, S.END_DATE

FROM ER_SERVICE_REQUEST S WHERE END_DATE IS NULL;

SERVICE_ID	START_DATE	END_DATE
12	07-JUL-10	
13	08-AUG-10	

Which employees have open service requests?

SELECT UNIQUE SA.EMPLOYEE_ID

FROM ER_SUBMITS_A SA INNER JOIN ER_SERVICE_REQUEST SR ON (SA.SERVICE_ID = SR.SERVICE_ID)
WHERE SR.END_DATE IS NULL;

EMPLOYEE_ID -----5

What types of assets has service requests?

SELECT A.* FROM ER_A_TYPE A
WHERE EXISTS(SELECT UNIQUE IA.TYPE_ID
FROM ER_HAS_A HA INNER JOIN ER_IS_A IA ON(HA.ASSET_ID = IA.ASSET_ID));

TYPE_ID	A_TYPE	DESCRIPTION	
1	Water Valve	Copper	
2	Water Line	PVC	
3	Sewer Valve	Copper	
4	Sewer Line	PVC	
5	Generator	Gas Power	
6	Fire Hydrant	Cast Iron	
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Show Former Employees

SELECT WF.EMPLOYEE_ID
FROM ER_WORKS_FOR WF INNER JOIN ER_DEPARTMENT D ON(WF.DEPARTMENT_ID = D.DEPARTMENT_ID)
WHERE NOT WF.END_DATE IS NULL;

EMPLOYEE_ID
-----1

Show Departments with more than 1 Employee

SELECT D.*

FROM ER_DEPARTMENT D

WHERE EXISTS(SELECT EMPLOYEE_ID, COUNT(*) FROM ER_WORKS_FOR WF

WHERE WF.DEPARTMENT_ID = D.DEPARTMENT_ID

HAVING COUNT(*) > 1);

DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	LOCATION
1	ENGINEERING	CITY HALL
2	PLANNING	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3 WATER PRODUCTION CORPORATION YARD

4 SEWER WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

5 STREETS CORPORATION YARD

IV. Stored Subprograms, Packages and Triggers

a. Common Features in Oracle PL/SQL and Microsoft Transact-SQL

Oracle PL/SQL and Microsoft's Transaction has evolved overtime to complement the needs of developers. Through the use of standardization the two languages have a comparable set of tools for use by developers. Both languages support basic commands to create tables, constraints, and functions. The also support commands such as cursors, stored procedures, triggers, and packages. The primary differences are in the syntax used to create and maintain these objects in the database.

Stored subprograms, or stored procedures, are supported in both PL/SQL and T-SQL and are used for tasks that can be run repeatedly and quickly by specific users. Tasks can typically consist of inserting, deleting, or updating records in the database. By only allowing the users to interface with the subprograms sensitive information can be protected.

b. Oracle PL/SQL

Most PL/SQL sub programs follow a similar syntax for declaration. Code statements are organized into blocks and there are three main sections of a block:

- Declaration: Declaration of variables, cursors, and user-defined exceptions are made here.
- Execution: This portion consists of the SQL statements that perform the task's job.
- Exception: This section catches any exceptions, either system or user-defined, raised during execution of the task.

Layout:

```
DECLARE
variable_name variable_type := value | DEFAULT
BEGIN
SELECT | INSERT | UPDATE | DELETE
END;
```

Variable types:

Oracle PL/SQL support standard types such as numbers, floating points, character arrays, dates, and unique IDs.

Cursors:

They are user-defined SQL statements that allow traversal of a table using a loop structure. They are defined with the following syntax.

```
DECLARE

CURSOR cursor_name [parameters]

IS select_statement;

After creation, a cursor can be used in the following format:

BEGIN

FOR t in cursor_name LOOP

Perform tasks

END LOOP;

END;
```

Control statements

These are used to manage the logic of a PL/SQL subprogram. With all procedural languages the location of each statement can cause unexpected results. The following are example control statements:

```
IF condition THEN statement;
ELSEIF condition THEN statement;
END IF;
LOOP
EXIT WHEN can be used to quit this loop
END LOOP;
FOR I IN lowerbound .. upperbound LOOP
statement
END LOOP;
FOR cursor_variable IN cursor_name LOOP
statement
END LOOP;
Exception Handling
```

In PL/SQL users can also catch and raise exceptions. The syntax to raise and handle exceptions is as follows:

```
DECLARE
User_defined_exception EXCEPTION;

BEGIN
IF condition THEN RAISE User_defined_exception;
END IF;

EXCEPTION
WHEN Exception_name THEN statement;

END;
```

Stored procedures

Each Stored procedures can perform complex tasks on the database while maintaining abstraction. The structure of a stored procedure depends on the type of work it will be performing.

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] PROCEDURE procedure_name
[ (variablename IN|OUT variabletype)]
AS
(DECLARE variables go here)
BEGIN
SQL statements
```

END;

Stored functions

Stored functions are very similar to stored functions with the exception that they return a value. The following is the syntax for a stored function.

Packages

Packages are a collection of stored procedures and stored functions.

```
CREATE PACKAGE package_name AS
PROCEDURE names...;
FUNCTION names...;
END package_name;
CREATE PACKAGE BODY package_name AS
PROCEDURE name IS...
BEGIN
Statements
END;
FUNCTION name RETURN DATATYPE IS...
BEGIN
Statements
RETURN variable
END;
END package_name;
```

Triggers

Triggers allow for the easy collection of records, logs, and audits. Triggers are executed when a specific condition is met. These typically include UPDATE, DELETE, and INSERT. Once the triggers are created they will automatically perform. There is no need to maintain or check data before or after the operations.

c. Oracle PL/SQL Subprograms

I have create several subprograms for this database project. Included are 2 Stored Procedures, 4 Functions, and 1 trigger.

Stored Procedures

ER_SP_INSERT_EMPLOYEE

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE er_sp_insert_employee
                         IN NUMBER,
      empID
      fName
              -1
                         N VARCHAR2,
      DOB
                         IN DATE,
     oPhone
                         IN VARCHAR2,
     cPhone
                         IN VARCHAR2,
      eMAIL
                         IN VARCHAR2,
      deptID
                         IN NUMBER,
                         IN DATE,
      sDate
      eDATE
                         IN DATE
)
AS
BEGIN
 INSERT INTO er_employee
 VALUES
 (
               empID,
               fName,
               DOB,
               oPhone,
               cPhone,
               eMAIL
 );
 INSERT INTO er_works_for
 VALUES
      empID,
     deptID,
     sDate,
     eDate
 EXCEPTION
      WHEN OTHERS THEN
     ROLLBACK;
      raise_application_error( -40001, 'An error occurred in ' || SQLCODE ||
               '-ERROR-' || SQLERRM );
END er_sp_insert_employee;
```

ER_SP_INSERT_SERVICE_REQUEST

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE er_sp_insert_service_request (
servID IN NUMBER,
empID IN NUMBER,
assetID IN NUMBER,
sDate IN DATE,
eDate IN DATE,
```

```
descn
                IN VARCHAR2
AS
BEGIN
INSERT INTO er_service_request
 VALUES
                servID,
                sDate,
                eDate,
                descn
 );
 INSERT INTO er_submits_a
      empID,
      \mathsf{servID}
 );
 INSERT INTO er_has_a
      servID,
      assetID
 );
 EXCEPTION
      WHEN OTHERS THEN
      ROLLBACK;
       raise_application_error( -40001, 'An error occurred in ' || SQLCODE ||
                '-ERROR-' || SQLERRM );
END er_sp_insert_service_request;
```

FUNCTIONS

ER_FUN_GETSKILLS

This function returns the number of skills an employee has.

```
create or replace function er_fun_getskills(empID IN number)
return number
is numSkills number(10);
begin
    select count(*)
    into numskills
    from er_technician
    where er_technician.employee_id = empID;
    return(numSkills);
end;
/
```

ER_FUN_GETEMPLOYEES

This function returns the number of employees a department has.

```
create or replace function er_fun_getemployees(deptID IN number)
return number
is numEmployees number(10);
begin
select count(*)
into numEmployees
from er_works_for
```

```
where er_works_for.department_id = deptID;
return(numEmployees);
end;
/
```

ER_FUN_GETASSETS

This function returns the number of assets of a specific type

```
create or replace function er_fun_getassets(typeID IN number)
  return number
  is numAssets number(10);
  begin
    select count(*)
  into numAssets
  from er_is_a
  where er_is_a.type_id = typeID;
  return(numAssets);
  end;
/
```

ER_FUN_GETSKILLAVG

This function returns the average skills each technician has in a department

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION er_fun_getskillavg(deptID IN NUMBER)
RETURN NUMBER
avgskills NUMBER(10) := 0;
no_skills NUMBER(10) := 0;
no_employees NUMBER(10) := 0;
CURSOR employees IS
SELECT employee_ID, department_ID FROM er_works_for ORDER BY department_id;
BEGIN
avgskills := 0;
no_skills := 0;
no_employees := er_fun_getemployees(deptID);
FOR e IN employees LOOP
IF e.department_id = deptID THEN no_skills := no_skills + er_fun_getskills(e.employee_ID);
END LOOP;
avgskills := trunc(no_skills/no_employees, 3);
RETURN(avgskills);
END;
```

TRIGGERS

This trigger tracks updates made to ER_SERVICE_REQUEST

```
ER_TR_UPDATE_SERVICE_REQUEST
```

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER er_tr_update_service_request

```
BEFORE UPDATE
ON er_service_request
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
INSERT INTO er_sr_logtable
VALUES(:old.service_id, :old.end_date);
END;
/
```

V. Graphical User Interface Design and Implementation

a. Daily Activities

This application will service many positions within the organization.

i. Administrative Staff

Administrative Users will be able to submit service requests for and generate reports. They will be able to view Assets by Type, View Employees, and Submitted Service Requests.

ii. Technicians

Technicians can add/update the service requests, view all service requests, and view their certifications.

iii. Managers

The Management Team can add/delete all items in the database. These items include employees, assets, and service requests. They can keep track of their technicians certifications.

b. Relations, Views and Subprograms

In order to meet the needs and requirements this application will access most of the relations that are built into the database. Each of these relations will have a corresponding Table Adapter to facilitate data access and manipulation.

i. RELATIONS

ER_A_TYPE
ER_ASSET
ER_DEPARTMENT
ER_HAS_A
ER_IS_A
ER_SERVICE_REQUEST
ER_SKILL
ER_SUBMITS_A
ER_TECHNICIAN
ER_WORKS_FOR
ER_WORKS_ON

ii. VIEWS

ER_VW_AST_TYP
ER_VW_EMP_DEPT
ER_VW_SR_AST_TYP
ER_VW_TEC_SKL_DEPT
ER_VW_UP_EMP_DEPT

iii. SUBPROGRAMS

ER_SP_DELETE_TECHNICIAN
ER_SP_INSERT_ASSET
ER_SP_INSERT_EMPLOYEE
ER_SP_INSERT_SERVICE_RECORD
ER_SP_UPDATE_EMPLOYEE
ER_SP_UPDATE_EMPLOYEE

These relations are used in the application to display the data in a meaningful way for the users. The Views are used to combine relations together to represent information that is used to perform tasks

within the application. The tasks include viewing which skills a technicians possess by department. The service requests submitted along with the assets and type.

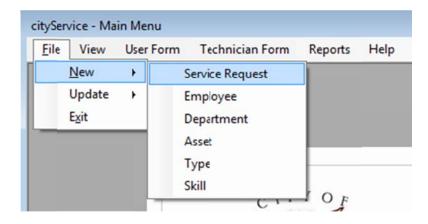
c. Screen Shots

The applications interface is organized using a menu strip. The menu consists of options for File, View, User, Technician, Report and Help. An overview will be given of each of the menu options. The Main Form is a Multiple Document Interface. Each of the Windows forms that are selected via the menu options are child forms.



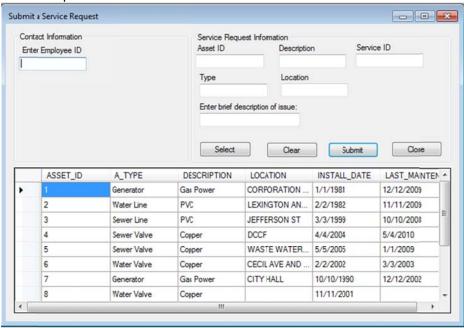
File -> New

These options can be used to create new objects within the system. Several stored procedures are used to insert data into the database. The stored procedures are a more efficient method to use for repetitive tasks.



Each of the options has a Windows Form to perform the tasks offered. The most complex forms include SubmitRequest and Add Employee.

SubmitRequest

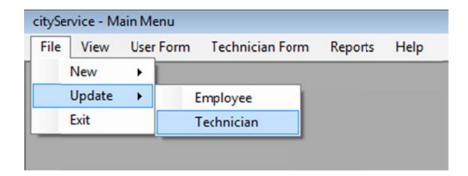


This form is used to add a new Service Request. A user will need to enter their employee ID. They will browse for the asset. This Data Grid View uses a view, ER_VW_AST_TYP, in order to display they required information. A user can enter their employee ID, browse for an asset, and provide a brief description of the issue. If they make a mistake prior to submitting their request, then they can clear all entered information to start the process over.

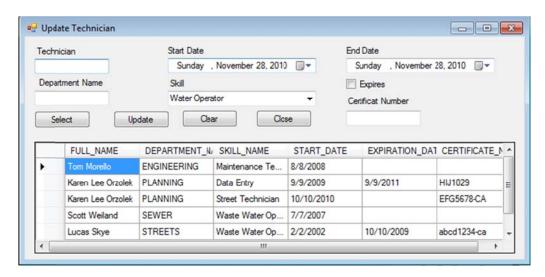
Once an asset is selected its information will be populated within the Service Request Information Group Box.

File -> Update

To update an Employee or a Technician you can navigate to these forms. These options also used stored procedures to update the necessary tables within the database.

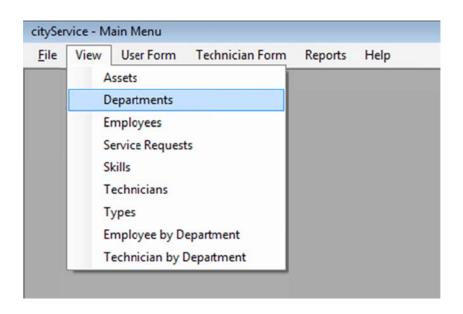


UpdateTechnician

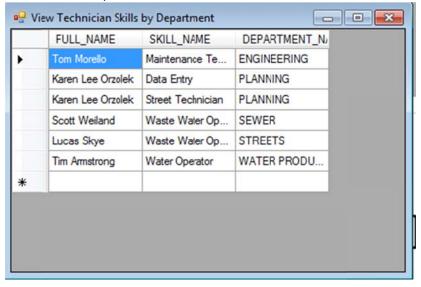


This form can be used to add a skill to an existing Technician as well as modify any attribute associated with their skills, including expiration dates and certification numbers. This form uses view ER_TEC_SKL_DEPT in the Data Grid View to display the information provided. Here you can select the technician that will be update. Once selected, a technicians information will populate some of the text fields, then a new skill can be added by selecting the appropriate skills from the combo boxes.

The application also has forms to view data within the database. These forms use Data Grid Views to either display data directly in the tables or use views to construct the necessary arrangement of data.

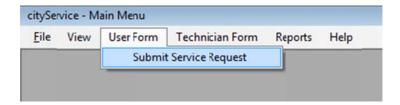


ViewTechSkillDept



This form uses a view ER_VW_TEC_SKL_DEPT to display technicians along with their skills and the departments they work for.

User Form -> Submit Service Request



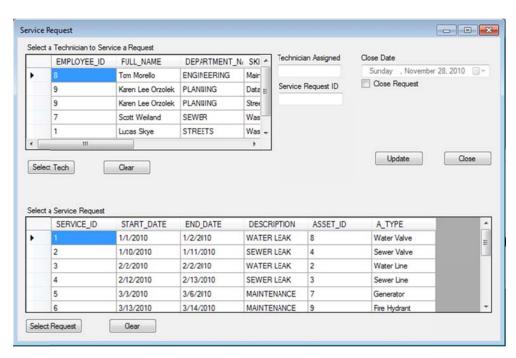
This option uses the same windows form as File -> New -> Service Request

Technician Form -> Service Request



The Technician Forms menu is used to allow Technicians to access the information needed for them to do their job.

ServiceRequest



This form will be used to assign a technician to a service request as well as closing out the request. The form uses two different Data Grid Views in conjunction with database views to display meaningful information in order to facilitate the needed actions.

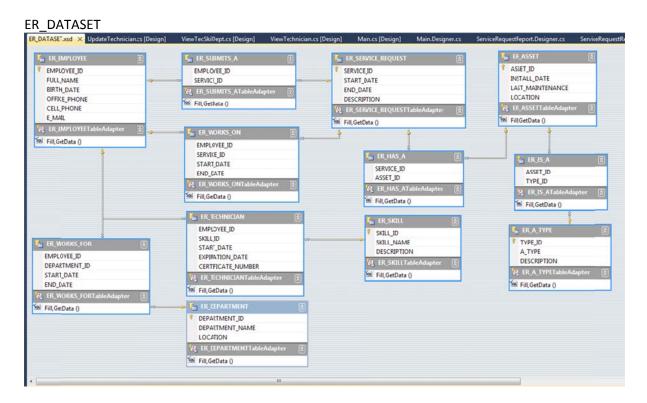
d. Description of Code

The design of the graphical user interface was started early in the development process. This was done to ensure the application had an intuitive look and feel to it. The application uses a Multiple Documents Interface which uses a parent form and several child forms. To navigate within the application a series of menu items are used on a tool strip. Each option on the tool strip is meant to represent a series of functions. These include creating new objects, viewing data, and working with the data.

The application was written using in C# under Visual Studio 2010. This is Microsoft's latest release of its popular Integrated Development Environment. In order to connect to the Oracle Database on Helios, I installed Oracle's development tools for Visual Studio, Oracle Data Access Components with Oracle Developer Tools for Visual Studio 11.2.0.1.2. These tools allowed a seamless integration of Oracle data components into the Visual Studio IDE.

In order to connect to the database a connection string is used. The connection string consists of many parameters such as the hostname, port number, and username/password. The connection string allows the application to gain access to the appropriate resources on the host.

A dataset was created to access the data components with in the database.



The dataset contains table adapters for each of the tables that are accessed by the application. Table adapters provide needed functionality such as filling the data grid views.

The application consists of many different forms that accomplish specific tasks. These forms include:

AddDepartment AddAsset AddType AddSkill Main ServiceRequest ServiceRequestReport SubmitRequest Splash UpdateEmployee UpdateTechnician ViewAssets ViewDepartments ViewEmpDept ViewEmployees ViewServiceRequests ViewSkills ViewTechnician ViewTechSkillDept ViewTypes AboutUs

AddEmployee

I tried to use friendly names and describe the purpose of each form as it was developed. A general overview will be given of the main forms.

Main

This is the parent MDI form. From it you can gain access to the menu tool strip and all child forms.

SubmitRequest

This child form is used to submit a service request. It is a friendly interface that users can navigate. It consists of several command buttons that have event handlers that are used to make appropriate calls to the database.

AddEmployee

This child form is used to add an employee to the database. It provides a friendly interface is used to provide a one stop form for adding an employee. Combo drop box is used to house the departments which an employee can be a part of. Most of the forms that are used to "Add" objects have the same look and feel. This consistency is ideal for staff to learn how to operate the application.

ServiceRequest

This child form is used by technician and managers. It allows a technician to be assigned to a service request. It also provides all service requests in a data grid view. A technician can browse the submitted requests and view all data pertaining to the request.

UpdateEmployee

This child form is used to modify any attribute of an employee. These attributes include phone numbers, e-mail address, and which department they work for. I tried to use the same general layout of the Add forms for consistency and ease of use.

ViewTechSkillDept

This child form provides information on the technicians. It uses a data grid view to display the technician along with their skills and which department they work for. Just as the Add forms all

provide similar functionality. I wanted all the "View" forms to display the data in a meaningful way. I want to provide a friendly interface that allows users to gain access to the information they need.

e. Major Steps in Design and Implementation

I set out to develop a friendly interface to a robust database. The features incorporated into the application are needed in the day to day operations of the department for which it was developed. I chose to use an MDI application because I did not want to clutter the desktop of the users. I wanted to provide an application that was intuitive and does not require a lot of technical knowhow. The users of the application will be focused on performing specific tasks so I wanted to ensure that they are provided all the functionality to complete each process within one interface.

Microsoft's Visual Studio 2010 is a robust IDE with many features built into it. The IDE auto generates code and has a feature called intelli-sense. This allows you to quickly find the appropriate handlers and methods.

I started developing this application first by creating a basic structure for how the interface was going to be presented. I initially did not concern myself with how it would function. Staying focused with the layout and the look and feel of the application.

Once I was comfortable with the basic a layout of the application I connected it to the database using the connection string. The first forms I created were the View forms. I wanted to ensure that the application was communicating with the database in an appropriate manner.

After verifying that the data was being represented correctly I began working on AddEmployee form. I used this form as template for the way the rest of the forms were going to be laid out. This is done to ensure that all forms maintained a consistency the users would be comfortable with. This process continued with each of the Add forms and with the Update Forms.

The SubmitRequest and ServiceRequest forms were created to provide two different aspects of a service request. The SubmitRequest is used to simplify submitting a service request. I did not want users to have to navigate several form to complete this task. The same thought went behind the ServiceRequest form.

Conclusion

This project was conceived out of a need to automate the day to day operations in the Public Works Department at the City of Delano. I had been approached by the Department Head to assist them and develop an application that will allow their staff to keep track of their daily activities. This project has served as a very powerful mile stone. I will now begin to migrate this application to Microsoft SQL Server and integrate it with ESRI ArcServer. It is my hope that I can provide a rich internet application that allows its users to work smarter.