

relational database designed according to the definitions in Tables 1-6 above to define lists of customers, addresses, product types, baskets, positions of products in a basket for each order, and orders. In Tables 7-12, key field headings are denoted with an asterisk. Customers Table 7 defines customers and each customer is uniquely identified by a CustomerId field. Customers Table 7 also includes a NAME field and a foreign key field AddressId that links addresses in an Addresses table to customers.

TABLE 7

<u>Customers</u>		
CustomerId*	NAME	AddressId
1	John Smith	1
2	David Klein	2

[0103] Addresses Table 8 defines addresses having a town and a street. The Address id itself is a valid unique key for an address and the connection between address and customer is done through the Customers Table 7 (AddressID field).

TABLE 8

<u>Addresses</u>		
AddressId*	Town	Street
1	Athens	Main Street
2	Louisville	Willow Avenue

[0104] Table 9 defines products having names with key ProductId.

TABLE 9

<u>Products</u>	
ProductId*	Name
1	Saw
2	Hammer
3	Wrench
4	Screwdriver

[0105] Table 10 defines shopping baskets having customers with key BasketId.

TABLE 10

<u>Baskets</u>	
BasketId*	CustomerId
1	2
2	1

[0106] Table 11 defines positions of orders in baskets and having products. Positions are dependent on the existence of baskets and orders so the primary key for positions is a combination of PositionId, BasketId, and OrderId.

TABLE 11

<u>Positions</u>			
PositionId*	BasketId*	OrderId*	ProductId
1	1	3	2
2	1	2	3
3	2	1	4

[0107] Table 12 defines orders having customers and indicating whether or not each order is submitted with primary key OrderId.

TABLE 12

<u>Orders</u>		
OrderId*	CustomerId	Submitted
1	1	False
2	2	False
3	2	False

[0108] As shown in FIG. 5, process 150 defines the database operations on backend database 22 that are needed for this simple task using these tables 7-12. Process 150 includes front end application program 12 receiving (152) a name of a customer. Process 150 includes the business software application querying (154) a database with Customers table (Table 7) for the name in the NAME field. Process 150 includes checking if the customer's name matches (156) a row in the Customers table (Table 7). If no match is made, process 150 includes the business software application obtaining (158) the address of the customer, inserting (160) a new row in the Address table (Table 8) with a new AddressID and address, and inserting (162) a new row in the Customers table (Table 7) with a new CustomerId and the AddressID. If a match is made, process 150 includes the business software obtaining (164) a name of a product to order for the customer. Process 150 includes the business software querying (166) the Products table (Table 9) for the product name.

[0109] Process 150 includes checking if the product name matches (168) a row in the Products table (Table 9). If a match is made, then process 150 includes the business software inserting (170) a new order in the Orders table (Table 12) with the customer's CustomerId and setting the Submitted field to "False". Otherwise, process 150 returns to obtaining (164) the name of the product to order. Process 150 includes the business software inserting (172) a new basket in the Basket table (Table 10) with the customer's CustomerId.

[0110] Process 150 includes the business software inserting (174) a new position in the Positions table (Table 11) with the CustomerId, BasketId, and ProductId. Process 150 includes the business software receiving (176) a request to submit the order. Process 150 includes the business software querying (178) the Orders table (Table 12) by the customer's CustomerId and this query returns orders matching the customer's CustomerId. Process 150 includes the business software selecting (180) orders in the Orders table (Table 12) matching the orders for the customer's CustomerId. Process 150 includes the business software setting (182) the Sub-