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28. The method of claim 26 wherein said first and second subsets of tables have at least one table in common, said table in common including said particular field.

29. The method of claim 26 wherein said information displayed in said first report includes information derived from records in a single table.

30. The method of claim 26 wherein each of said first and second subsets has at least one table linked to another table in a one-to-many relationship.

31. The method of claim 26 wherein at least one of said first and second subsets has at least one table that is not a table of the other of said first and second subsets.

32. A method of presenting information based on a set of tables, in a relational database system wherein

each table includes a number of records, each record having a number of fields,

the method comprising:

providing a first report containing information based on records in a first subset of tables, including information that is correlated with a particular field in said first subset of tables;

providing a second report containing information based on records in a second subset of tables, including information that is correlated with said particular field;

combining said first and second reports into a hypertext report document that is separate from said set of tables;

establishing respective hypertext links and placing said hypertext links in said hypertext reports for portions of information in said first report that correlate with respective given values of the particular field, said hypertext link for a given portion of information in said first report specifying a portion of information of said second report that is characterized by records in said second subset of tables having the value of said particular field in said given such record, the hypertext report, when displayed, allowing the user to navigate between related information at different locations in the hypertext report by invoking said hypertext links.

33. The method of claim 32 wherein said first and second subsets of tables have at least one table in common, said table in common including said particular field.

34. The method of claim 32 wherein said information displayed in said first report includes information derived from records in a single table.

35. The method of claim 32 wherein each of said first and second subsets has at least one table linked to another table in a one-to-many relationship.

36. The method of claim 32 wherein at least one of said first and second subsets has at least one table that is not a table of the other of said first and second subsets.

37. A method of presenting information from a plurality of reports based on, but separate from, a set of tables in a relational database system wherein

each table includes a number of records, each record having a number of fields, and

said plurality of reports includes first and second reports containing information derived from respective first and second subsets of said set of tables,

the method comprising:

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determining a particular field in said first subset of tables, which particular field has key values that are at least partly matched by values in said second subset of tables;

combining said plurality of reports into a hypertext report that is separate from said set of tables;

generating hypertext links and placing said hypertext links in portions of said hypertext report that correspond to said first report, which hypertext links specify said second report and respective values for the particular field;

displaying a portion of said hypertext report corresponding to at least a portion of said first report with information based on records in said first subset of tables, the displayed information including portions correlated with different values for the particular field;

displaying in said first report an indication denoting said hypertext links; and

in response to user input specifying a given hypertext link in said hypertext report corresponding to a given value of the particular field, displaying a portion of said hypertext report corresponding to said second report with information based on records in said second subset of tables, the displayed information for said second report being correlated with records having the given value of the particular field, the hypertext report thus allowing the user to navigate between related information at different locations in the hypertext report by invoking said hypertext links.

38. The method of claim 37 wherein said plurality of reports includes a third report containing information derived from a third subset of tables, and the method further comprises:

determining a further particular field in said second subset of tables, which further particular field has key values that are at least partly matched by values in said third subset of tables;

generating additional hypertext links and placing said hypertext links in portions of said hypertext report that correspond to said second report, which hypertext links specify said third report and values for the further particular field;

in connection with said step of displaying said second report, displaying in said second report an indication denoting said additional hypertext links; and

in response to user input specifying an additional hypertext link in said hypertext report corresponding to a given value of the further particular field, displaying a portion of said hypertext report corresponding to said third report with information based on records in said third subset of tables, the displayed information for said third report being correlated with records having the given value of the further particular field.

39. The method of claim 37 wherein said first and second subsets of tables have at least one table in common, said table in common including said particular field.

40. The method of claim 37 wherein said information displayed in said first report includes information derived from records in a single table.

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