## **Database Design in 3NF**

addresses (<u>id</u>, <u>customer\_id</u>, is\_billing, recipient, street\_1, street\_2, city, state, zip, active)

customers (id, first\_name, last\_name, email, phone, active)

orders (id, customer\_id, address\_id, date, grand\_total, payment\_receipt)

## Underlines

<u>Solid underlined</u> fields are primary keys; <u>Dotted underlined</u> fields are foreign keys; <u>Double underlined</u> fields are composite keys that are both primary and foreign keys.

## Database Design Notes:

- 1. Strictly speaking, having zip code in the locations table creates a transitive dependency, but given the limited size of the system there is no need to normalize and move zip code and primary city & state into its own table.
- 2. Zip codes must be saved as strings rather than integers since zip codes in the Northeast US start with a leading zero that would not be saved if the data type were integer.
- 3. All phone numbers are saved as a string of numbers without any other characters. Phone numbers include area code, prefix, and suffix as a single numerical string.
- 4. All active fields should default to true in the database; all other booleans should default to false. No other defaults should be set in the database.
- 5. Under orders, it should be noted that grand total is a redundant field as it can easily be recalculated. Creating this summary field, however, will speed up a number of queries and improve overall performance. A trigger would be needed unless the application developers can guarantee referential integrity.