

Examination System

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Project Overview

The Examination System is a software solution for an e-learning organization that wants to generate, grade, and customize their exams for their students. The software enables the instructors to fill in the questions bank, then generate an exam based on the course type. The exam is generated fairly based on specific criteria given in the business logic. The students can then take exams in the desired courses. On submission, the exam is graded, and the student's grade is then stored so he can review it whenever. Both the instructor and the student can also view their details via the system UI.

Architecture

Data Layer:

Utilizes a Microsoft SQL Server database to store and manage organization data.

Firstly, the analysis phase, where the requirements were gathered.

Then came the ERD designing phase, where it was determined that there were three main entities (Exam, Instructor and Student).

Based on that ERD, the mapping process took place, after it, a clear schema of the database emerged.

Finally, the implementation phase began, using the MS SQL Server, scripts were formed from the schema, generating stored procedures and detailed tables that will build the software underlying structure.

Logic Layer:

At the start of the system, the system administrator creates an account for the user through the database using the email provided by them. The user is then prompted to enter their username and password, from which the system determines whether the logged in person is an instructor or a student. After being logged in, the system redirects each user to either an instructor layout or a student layout.

The instructors can view their details in their layout. They also have the ability to create questions in the questions bank and generate exams in only the courses they are assigned to. They can also view their department's details, and depending on whether they are the manager or not, they can update the department details. Lastly, they can view their students' grades.

The students can view and edit their details in their layout accordingly. They can take exams in the courses they are assigned to. Lastly, they can view their grades in the courses they are assigned to.

Presentation Layer:

After wrapping up the data and logic layers, comes the presentation layer. The system uses Windows Forms .NET as a user interface to provide accessibility of the system's functions through a friendly interface. The system also uses MetrosetUI as it provides a more elegant look to the forms.

It consists of 3 parts, Login Form, Instructor Form, and Student Form.

- Login Form is responsible for handling the authentication of the user, passing the type of the current user to the business logic.
- Instructor Form is responsible for the instructor's actions and details.
- Student Form is responsible for the student's actions and details.

Database Schema

Main Tables:

- Course: Stores the courses provided by the organization. Consists of **Cr_ID, Cr_Name**.
- Topic: Stores topics that go under each course. Consists of **Topic_ID, Topic_Name, Cr_ID ->** (Relation between Course and Topic)
- Department: Stores the departments. Consists of **Dept_ID, Dept_Name, Dept_Description, Location, Mgr_ID ->** (Relation between Instructor and Department), **MGR_HireDate**.
- Instructor: Stores the instructors' information. Consists of **Ins_ID, Ins_Name, Ins_Salary, Ins_Degree, Dept_ID ->** (Relation between Department and Instructor), **Username**.
- Student: Stores the students' information. Consists of **St_ID, St_Name, St_Phone, St_Age, Street, City, Zip_Code, St_Email, Username, Dept_ID ->** (Relation between Department and Student)
- Exam: Stores the exams generated and whether they are taken or not. Consists of **Ex_ID, Cr_ID, IsAssigned**.
- Question: Stores information about questions. Consists of **Q_ID, Q_Head, Q_Grade, Q_Difficulty, Type, Model_Answer, Cr_ID->** (Relation between Course and Question)
- Question_Choices: Stores the choices for the questions. Consists of **Choice_Desc, Choice_Selector, Q_ID ->** (Relation between Question and Question Choices)

Relation Tables:

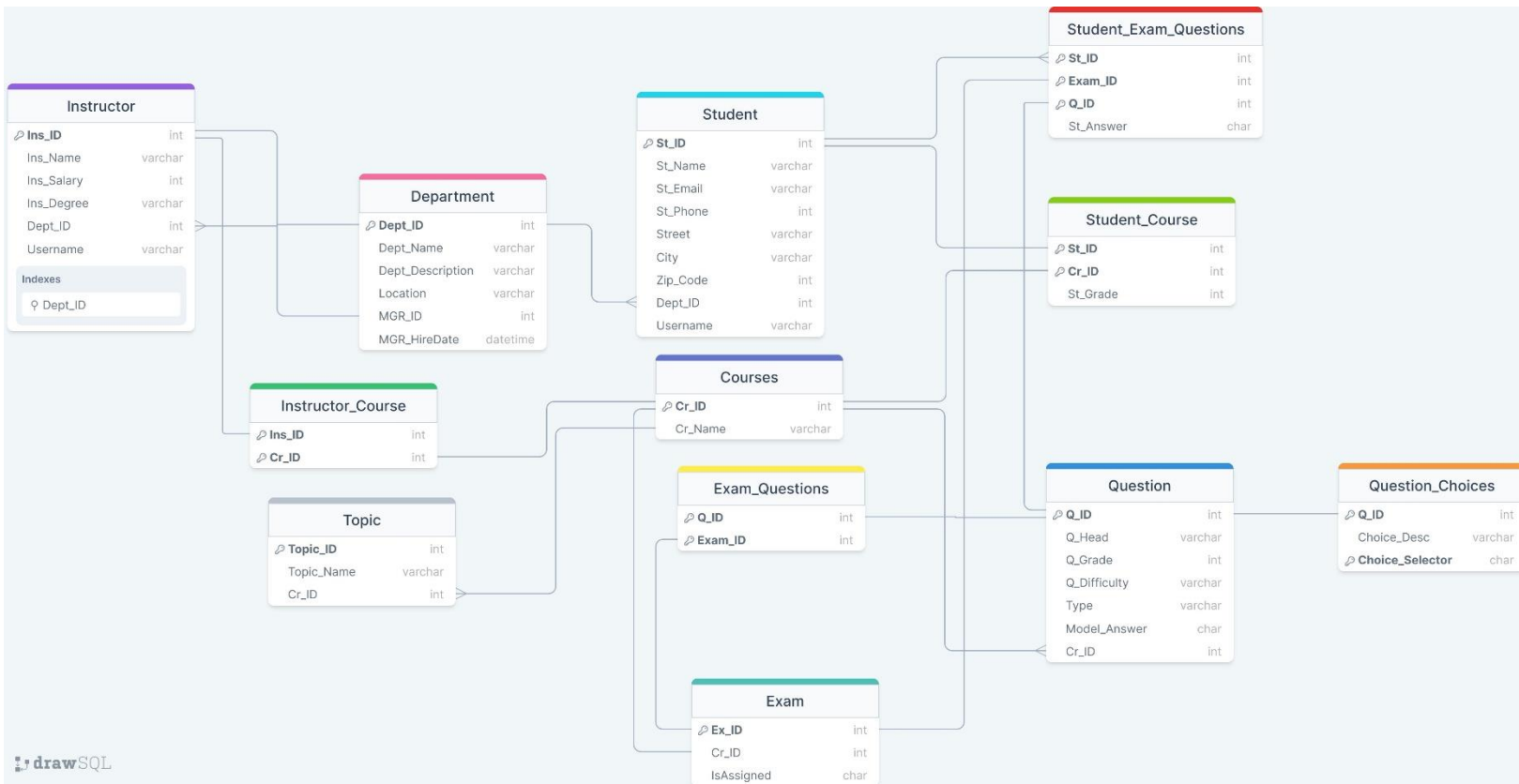
- Instructor_Course: Represents the M-M relationship between the two tables. Consists of
Ins ID, Cr ID
- Exam Questions: Represents the M-M Relationship between the two tables. Consists of
Q ID, Ex ID
- Student Exam Questions: Represents the relationship between the Exam, Student and Question tables. Consists of
St ID, Exam ID, Q ID, St Answer
- Student Course: Represents the M-M relationship between the two tables as well as their grade in said course. Consists of
St ID, Cr ID, St Grade

Login Tables:

- Logins: Stores the Authentication information for the users.
Consists of
Username, Password, AccountType

ERD

Mapping



Diagram

