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1 Problem Specification

During the sanitary emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many programs and applications developed thanks to the use of Big Data proved to be particularly effective in different settings and scenarios, such as the hospital administration, the hospitalizations organization or the analysis of data relating to various clinical cases. Among the various areas that have been supported by these technologies there is also that which concerns the tracking of populations belonging to a given geographical area and the collection of all information regarding the tests carried out and the vaccination status.

Our project aims to create an information system suitable for this specific use case and to do this it is necessary to design a database that allows us to store large amounts of data derived from heterogeneous sources and to carry out targeted queries useful for different purposes. The NoSQL document-based approach, known for being based on managing data saved in JSON-like documents, is the optimal one in this case and MongoDB is the open source database management software that is best suited to accomplish this task thanks to the considerable scalability guaranteed by the automatic data sharding and ease of use thanks to the dynamic schemes developed starting from the archived documents.

2 Hypotheses

During the design phase, some considerations were made regarding how to structure and implement the database to obtain a solution that was effective and performing but at the same time consistent with the real current scenarios. First of all, two types of documents have been created: Certification and AuthorizedBody; the first represents a sort of "medical chart" containing the following fundamental information for each individual:

1. list of tests she/he has undergone,
2. list of vaccine doses that have been administered,
3. personal details (such as name, surname, date of birth, etc.),
4. one or more emergency contacts to call in case of need.

Within the documents stored in the database for each of these four fields, subfields have been provided (as shown in the "jsonSchema.json" file into the "documents" folder) to manage the various data with MongoDB in order to execute specific queries and commands.

The second document contains details related to the Authorized Bodies, i.e. institutional places where it is possible to get vaccinated and/or where

one can undergo a test, the fields are based on specific assumptions about where these places are located and the healthcare personnel working there.

At last, in order to record a greater number of elements to be processed within the dataset, while ensuring the meaningfulness and consistency of the information stored, some assumptions and limitations have been established in the creation of the data managed by the database, therefore:

- each Authorized Body is associated with a document identified by a unique ID, which is directly referred to in the test/vaccine lists of the Certification document;
- each test/vaccine was associated with only one member of the healthcare personnel who represents a sort of "responsible" for that given administration;
- for the sake of simplicity in data management, it was decided that for each Authorized Body there should be a list consisting of at most 5 members of the healthcare personnel, "responsible" for the various tests/vaccines to which they are associated;
- each person can come from any Italian location, but only Authorized Bodies belonging to the city of Milan with the relative coordinates have been examined for the purpose of performing more in-depth analysis on the data;
- vaccines were administered throughout the last year while tests during the last month.

3 ER Diagram

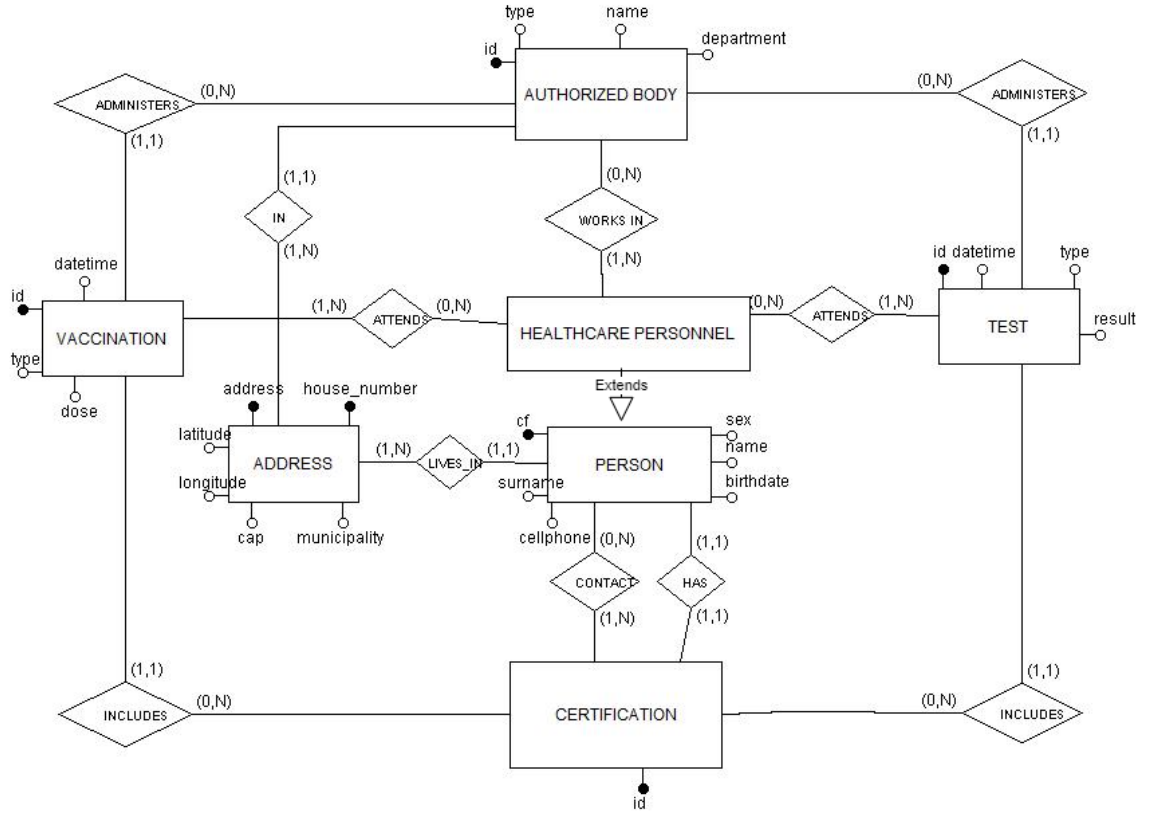


Figure 1: E-R Diagram

Starting from the considerations previously exposed regarding the implementation hypotheses, we have drawn an ER diagram (**Figure 1**) which includes 7 different entities and 4 many-to-many relationships described below in the logical model:

- **Address**(Address, HouseNumber, CAP, Latitude, Longitude, Municipality)
- **AuthorizedBody**(ID, Department, Name, Type)
- **Certification**(ID)
- **HealthcarePersonnel**(CF, Birthdate, Cellphone, Name, Sex, Surname)
- **Person**(CF, Birthdate, Cellphone, Name, Sex, Surname)
- **Test**(ID, Datetime, Result, Type)

- **Vaccination**(ID, Datetime, Dose, Type)
- **AttendsTest**(HealthcarePersonnel.CF, Test.ID)
- **AttendsVaccination**(HealthcarePersonnel.CF, Vaccition.ID)
- **Contact**(Certification.ID, Person.CF)
- **WorksIn**(AuthorizedBody.ID, HealthcarePersonnel.CF)

The **Person** entity describes each individual and their personal data, **HealthcarePersonnel** is a specialization of **Person** and includes all the people (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, etc.) who work (as indicated by the many-to-many **WorksIn** relationship) at an **AuthorizedBody**. Both the **Test** and **Vaccination** entities are linked to **HealthcarePersonnel** by the many-to-many **AttendsTest** and **AttendsVaccination** relationships, while the link with **AuthorizedBody** is given by the one-to-many **AdministersTest** and **AdministersVaccination**. Each **Person** can have one and only one (one-to-one relationship **Has**) **Certification**, that contains information regarding how many and which tests a person has undergone and whether or not he has received one or more doses of the vaccine, in fact, **Certification** is in a one-to-many relationship with both **Test** and **Vaccination**, through **IncludesTest** and **IncludesVaccination**, respectively. Furthermore, each **Certification** must also include for each **Person** a sort of "emergency contact" with its details as evidenced by the many-to-many **Contact** relationship. Finally, to save information relating to the geographical location of persons and authorized bodies, an **Address** entity was added with specific attributes, connected to **Person** and **AuthorizedBody** respectively by the one-to-many **LivesIn** and **In** relationships.

4 Dataset Description

Before starting to execute queries and commands based on the design choices that are previously established to define the database structure, it was necessary to generate some sample datasets so that it was possible to work on realistic data during the development and testing phases of the developed features.

There are 2 datasets and they follow the characteristics of the documentary approach, in fact, they represent the Certification and Vaccination documents with the various fields and subfields that trace the structure of the tables expressed in the ER model, they were generated randomly through scripts in Python and were finally saved in .csv format (you can find them into the folder "db") in order to facilitate the import into MongoDB, below you can consult a table with some metrics to understand the dimensions of the datasets used.

Pharmacies	6	Tests	302
Hospitals	10	Certifications	300
Vaccination Hubs	4	Vaccinations	365
Tot Authorized Bodies	20	Healthcare Personnel	56

5 Queries and Commands

The correct functioning of the information system involves the implementation of some essential commands and queries for the database in order to properly support the app and to ensure the right execution of searches among the data available for statistical or practical purposes.

First of all you need to load the .csv files in two separate collections (authorizedBodies and certifications), you can find them following the path "db/ab.csv" and "db/certification.csv"

When you are importing the data make sure to change the datatypes in:

- All the dates/datetime from String to Date
- In certifications test/vaccine.id_authorized_body from String to ObjectId
- In authorizedBodies _id from String to ObjectId

5.1 Queries

5.1.1 Find all the people with the Reinforced GreenPass

This query allows us to find all people in possession of a reinforced green-pass after the latest regulations, that is, all those who have been vaccinated in the last 9 months.

QUERY

```
db.certifications.find({
  "$and": [{"vaccination":{"$exists":true}},
  {"vaccination.datetime":{"$gte":new Date(
    ISODate().getTime() - 1000 * 3600 * 24 * 270)}}},
  {"vaccination.datetime":{"$lte":new Date(
    ISODate().getTime())}}}]
},{
  "person.name":1,
  "person.surname":1,
  "vaccination":1
})
```

The output is given by:

- The ObjectId of the certification document
- The name and the surname of the person
- The datetime of the vaccination

OUTPUT

```
{ _id: ObjectId("61af82fb2468d4592b37b6ee"),
  person: { name: 'Luca', surname: 'Colombo' },
  vaccination:
    [ { datetime: 2021-09-07T17:31:42.000Z },
      { datetime: 2021-10-05T17:31:42.000Z } ] }
{ _id: ObjectId("61af82fb2468d4592b37b70e"),
  person: { name: 'Lorenzo Federico Giuseppe',
    surname: 'Tomasi' },
  vaccination: [ { datetime: 2021-11-14T10:18:51.000Z } ] }
{ _id: ObjectId("61af82fb2468d4592b37b6e9"),
  person: { name: 'Vincenzo', surname: 'Maggiani' },
  vaccination:
    [ { datetime: 2021-10-23T15:51:37.000Z },
      { datetime: 2021-11-20T16:51:37.000Z } ] }
. . .
```


5.1.2 Find the number of vaccinations ordered per month

This query allows us to retrieve some statistical data on the number of the vaccinations per month.

QUERY

```
db.certifications.aggregate(  
  { $unwind : "$vaccination" },  
  { $group: {  
    _id: {month: { $month: "$vaccination.datetime" },  
    year: { $year: "$vaccination.datetime" } },  
    count: { $sum: 1 }  
  }  
}, {  
  "$sort": {count: -1}  
}  
)
```

The output is given by:

- The count of the vaccinations
- The months and year

OUTPUT

```
{ _id: { month: 11, year: 2021 }, count: 41 }  
{ _id: { month: 2, year: 2021 }, count: 36 }  
{ _id: { month: 10, year: 2021 }, count: 36 }  
{ _id: { month: 8, year: 2021 }, count: 36 }  
{ _id: { month: 4, year: 2021 }, count: 35 }  
{ _id: { month: 3, year: 2021 }, count: 32 }  
{ _id: { month: 12, year: 2021 }, count: 29 }  
{ _id: { month: 5, year: 2021 }, count: 27 }  
{ _id: { month: 7, year: 2021 }, count: 27 }  
{ _id: { month: 9, year: 2021 }, count: 26 }  
{ _id: { month: 1, year: 2021 }, count: 22 }  
{ _id: { month: 6, year: 2021 }, count: 14 }
```

5.1.3 Find the age average of unvaccinated people

This query also allows us to get a statistical information about the age of the unvaccinated people

QUERY

```
db.certifications.aggregate([
  { $match : {
    "person.birthdate" : { $exists : true},
    "vaccine":{"$exists":false}
  } },
  { $project : {"ageInMillis" : {$subtract :
    [new Date(), "$person.birthdate"] } } },
  { $project : {"age" : {$divide :
    ["$ageInMillis", 31558464000] } }},
  // take the floor of the previous number:
  { $project : {"age" : {$subtract : ["$age",
    {$mod : ["$age",1]]}}},
  { $group : { _id : true, avgAge : { $avg : "$age" } } },
  { $project: { "avgAge": { $round: ["$avgAge", 2] } } }
])
```

The output is given by:

- The age average

OUTPUT

```
{ _id: true, avgAge: 58.14 }
```

5.1.4 Find all currently infected people

This query allows us to find people currently infected, i.e. those whose last test is positive.

QUERY

```
db.certifications.aggregate([
  {$addFields : {test : {$reduce : {
    input : "$test",
    initialValue : {datetime :
      new ISODate('2000-01-01T00:00:00')},
    in : {$cond: [{gte : ["$$this.datetime",
      "$$value.datetime"]}, "$$this", "$$value"]}}}
  }},
  { $match: {"test.result": "Positive"}},
  {$project: {
    "person.name": "$person.name",
    "person.surname": "$person.surname",
    "person.codice_fiscale": "$person.codice_fiscale",
  }}
])
```

The output is given by:

- The ObjectId of the certification document
- The name and surname of the person
- The CF of the person

OUTPUT

```
{ _id: ObjectId("61af82fb2468d4592b37b71e"),  
  person:  
    { name: 'Adele',  
      surname: 'Mantovani',  
      codice_fiscale: 'MNTDLA62D60C059I' } }  
{ _id: ObjectId("61af82fb2468d4592b37b71b"),  
  person:  
    { name: 'Ferruccio',  
      surname: 'Meloni',  
      codice_fiscale: 'MLNFRC61D17B246A' } }  
{ _id: ObjectId("61af82fb2468d4592b37b7ab"),  
  person:  
    { name: 'Riccardo',  
      surname: 'Brumat',  
      codice_fiscale: 'BRMRCR65T22F356R' } }
```

5.1.5 Find the number of tests per authorized body (JOIN)

This query allows us to find the number of tests that each authorized body did, in this query we use the JOIN of the two document in order to retrieve the name and the type of the authorized body starting from the id in the certification document.

MongoDB is not optimized to perform this type of operation like relational databases, so the query is optimized to perform the join on as few elements as possible grouping the tests in pipeline before the join.

QUERY

```
db.certifications.aggregate([
  { $unwind : "$test" },
  {$group:{
    _id:"$test.id_authorized_body",
    count:{$sum:1}
  }},
  {
    "$lookup": {
      "from": "authorizedBodies",
      "localField": "_id",
      "foreignField": "_id",
      "as": "authorizedBodyInfo"
    }
  },
  {
    "$project":{_id:0,count:1,
      "authorizedBodyInfo.name":"$authorizedBodyInfo.name",
      "authorizedBodyInfo.type":"$authorizedBodyInfo.type"
    }
  }
])
```

The output is given by:

- The count of the tests done
- The name of the authorized body
- The type of the authorized body

OUTPUT

```
{ count: 17,
  authorizedBodyInfo: [ { name: [ 'Policlinico' ],
                        type: [ 'Hospital' ] } ] }
{ count: 21,
  authorizedBodyInfo: [ { name: [ 'Auxologico San Luca' ],
                        type: [ 'Hospital' ] } ] }
{ count: 25,
  authorizedBodyInfo: [ { name: [ 'San Raffaele' ],
                        type: [ 'Hospital' ] } ] }
{ count: 19,
  authorizedBodyInfo: [ { name: [ 'San Paolo' ],
                        type: [ 'Hospital' ] } ] }
{ count: 26,
  authorizedBodyInfo: [ { name: [ 'San Giuseppe' ],
                        type: [ 'Hospital' ] } ] }
{ count: 15,
  authorizedBodyInfo: [ { name: [ 'Ospedale Fiera' ],
                        type: [ 'Hospital' ] } ] }
. . .
```

5.2 Commands

5.2.1 Insert a new Authorized Body (CREATE)

In this command we insert in the `authorizedBodies` collection a new document.

COMMAND

```
db.authorizedBodies.insertOne({
  "address":{
    "address":"Via Roma",
    "cap":"24030",
    "geopoint":"45.0000 9.0000",
    "house":"13b",
    "municipality":"Bergamo",
  },
  "department":"covid test",
  "name":"Farmacia Comunale",
  "type":"pharmacy",
  "healthcarePersonnel":[
    {
      "cellphone":"+393476574382",
      "codice_fiscale":"DNTHGB87P15G764J",
      "name":"Carlo",
      "role":"pharmacist",
      "surname":"Merlutti",
    }
  ]
})
```

5.2.2 Insert a test in a Certification (UPDATE)

In this command we add to a given certification (via ObjectId) a new test as a subdocument in the ArrayList field test.

COMMAND

```
db.certifications.updateOne({
  "_id":ObjectId('61af82fb2468d4592b37b70e')
},{
  "$push":{
    "test":{
      "$each":[{
        "datetime":ISODate('2021-12-08T16:20:00'),
        "healthcarePersonnel":{
          "codice_fiscale":"PLCLRT48C02C224Y",
          "name":"Alberto Christian",
          "surname":"Paolucci"
        },
        "id_authorized_body":
          ObjectId('61acd3e25ca7e964a122def1'),
        "result":"Positive",
        "type":"Molecular"
      }]
    }
  }
})
```

5.2.3 Delete all the Authorized Bodies that test and are pharmacies (DELETE)

In this command we simulate a change of regulations where the pharmacies can no longer test people and therefore we delete this kind of authorized body from the collection.

COMMAND

```
db.authorizedBodies.deleteMany({
  "$and":[
    {"type":"pharmacy"},
    {"department":"covid test"}]
})
```


6 UI Description & User Guide

6.1 UI Description

The design of the information system ended with the development of *ContagionShield*, an application connected to the database with a simple GUI that is very intuitive and easy to use. The UI was created with the Python programming language by means of the libraries: *PySimpleGUI* for the creation of the graphical interface, *Py2neo* to work with Neo4j through the syntax offered by Python and *pandas* to manage the analysis and manipulation of data, you can find these ones into the folder "contagionshield".

As you can see from **Figure 3**, the main screen of the application is divided into two sections: one on the left that allows you to create customizable queries by choosing date, place, time interval and whether to display the vaccinated, non-vaccinated or with negative test, in **Figure 4** there is an example query with the results obtained; the other side section on the right (**Figure 5**) presents some predefined queries, some of them follow the ones specified and described in Chapter 5 of the report.

Finally, as shown in **Figure 6**, it is possible to execute some of the commands already presented in Chapter 5 by reaching the appropriate section of the application by means of the "Commands" button in the lower left corner of the main screen. The executable commands allow you to create new meetings between several people by indicating their social security numbers, the date and time, create new visits to public places by specifying who went to a given place and when and in the end you can also delete all the visits to public places recorded in the last year.

6.2 User Guide

In order to run *ContagionShield* it is necessary to verify some requirements and to perform some actions:

- At first you have to check if you have the right Python version installed by using the command: `python --version`, if not you could download it from the official website: <https://www.python.org/>
- Then make sure your local database is at `localhost:7687` and that it has "smbud" as password
- Install the required packages (in the "contagionshield" folder): `pip install -r requirements.txt`
- Finally make it run by navigating to the folder where you have been saved the materials, then into "contagionshield" folder and run: `python contagionshield.py`
- From there you can execute queries about the collected data

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