Database Project

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1. Introduction about the whole design

Our goal is to design a database that is a kind of social networking site for students looking for jobs, as well as those companies looking for employees.

In the first part of this project, we aim to design the backend part, with the following schema, but our database may well change with our designing frontend process.

In the second part of this project, we aim to create the web-based user interface for the database designed in the first part of the project.

For frontend part, since we have two classes of registered users: Students and Company. So before log into this system, we firstly need to identify this user, the beginning page of this system is a login page, before log in or sign up, the user should choose 'Student' or 'Company', then according to user's selection we can proceed:

- a) If the user is registered, check the corresponding Record table to judge if it's correct, in other words, only if both the account and password are correct and stored in the database will this user be able to see the home page of this system.
- b) If the user is a new one, then there is a sign up button to lead this user to a specific sign up page, in the sign up page, firstly user has to choose to be a student or company, then user only needs create a new account, particularly, the new created account cannot exist in the Record table before, as well as a password. After the user click 'finish sign up' button, this account and its password should be inserted into the corresponding Record table and lead this user back to the log in page.

After the user log into this system, user will see the home page of this system. I plan to fill this home page with all kinds of advertisements and selections, through this home page, users are able to go to specific pages such as: My Account, Notifications, Messages, Friends, Search Line, My Applications and etc.

- a) My Account contains my profile, setting and etc for students, in company view, My Account will contains company description, introduction, my followings, something like that.
- b) Notifications contain those announcements from my following companies and some recommended announcements in which the user meets its requirements. For Company, the notification part will show all the announcements they have posted before. Click each announcement will lead to all the application towards this announcement, through these applications the company can see each applicant's profile and resume, so as to decide accept this application or not.
- c) Messages and Friends button only for students because the companies don't need that. Friend requests will show at the Friends part, user can decide to accept this request or not.
- d) Search button will allow users to input some keyword to search in the whole database, including student name, company name, job title, job location and etc.
- e) My Applications for both company and students, user will see the current applications they are working at, and check the status.

Of course, the user can click back to the home page whenever they want and log out of this system.

2. To turn this ER model into relational model, we get the following tables:

Students(sid, sname, sGPA, slevel, suniversity, smajor, sresume, sdescription)

slevel indicates: Bachelor, Master or PhD

sdescription contains keyword of interests and qualifications sresume and sdescription are used as TEXT type primary key: sid

Company(cid, cname, caddress, cindustry, cemail, cdescription) cindustry just briefly indicate what kind of type this company is cdescription contains basic introduction of this company primary key: cid

Friends(sid, fid, fname)

fid is also student ID, fname is student name. Only mutual friend relationship will be recorded in this Friends table.

primary key: sid, fid

Friendrequest(fsenderid, freceiverid, request, requestdate, requeststatus)

fsenderid and freceiverid are both student ID, request is just a text that the sender wants to say, requeststatus can be accepted, declined or unanswered

primary key: fsenderid, freceiverid, requestdate

foreign keys: fsenderid, freceiverid

Announcements(aid, cid, cname, jobtitle, joblocation, jobsalary, jobmajor, joblevel, jobdescription, annoucedate)

jobtitle is keyword of this job, jobmajor corresponds to students'

major, joblevel corresponds to student level

primary key: aid foreigh keys: cid

Following(sid, cid, cname, followingdate)

primary key: sid, cid, followingdate

foreign keys: sid, cid

Application(applyid, sid, aid, applystatus, applydate)

applyid indicates one application process, applystatus can be accepted, declined or unanswered

primary key: applyid foreign keys: sid, aid

Message(msenderid, mreceiverid, aid, text, messagedate) msenderid can be student ID, mreceiverid is student ID, text can

be a brief sentence of this message

primary key: msenderid, mreceiverid, messagedate

foreign keys: aid

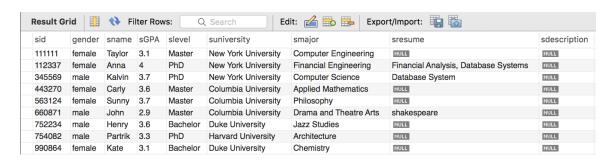
Notification(sid, aid, cname, announcedate)

primary key: sid, aid, announcedate

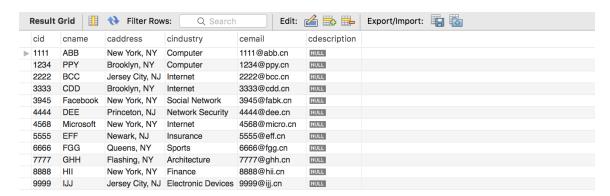
foreign keys: sid, aid

3. I add some sample data in MySQL to test this schema, screenshots below show my testing data:

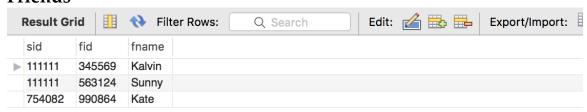
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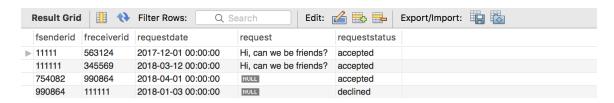
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Friends



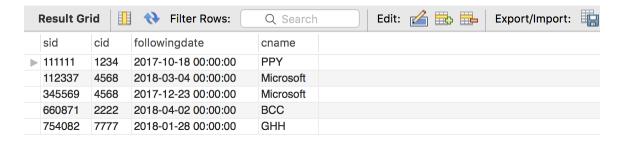
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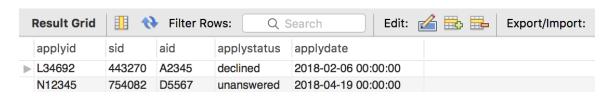
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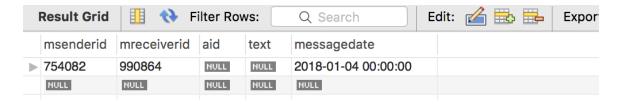
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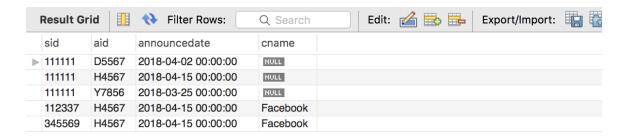
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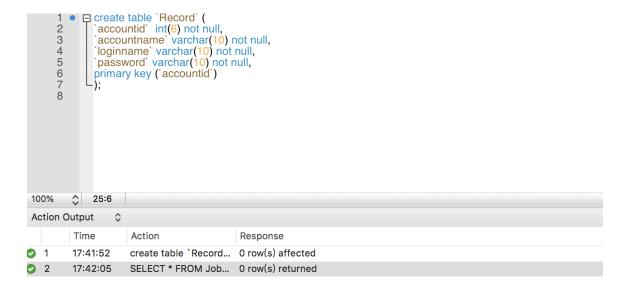
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Notification



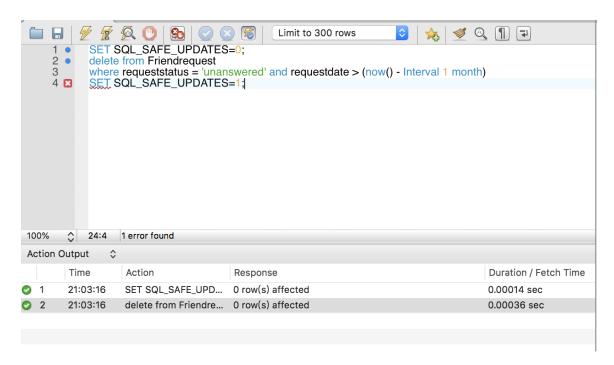
- 4. Write down those queries to test this schema, screenshots as following:
 - 1) Create a table to record the login account name and password



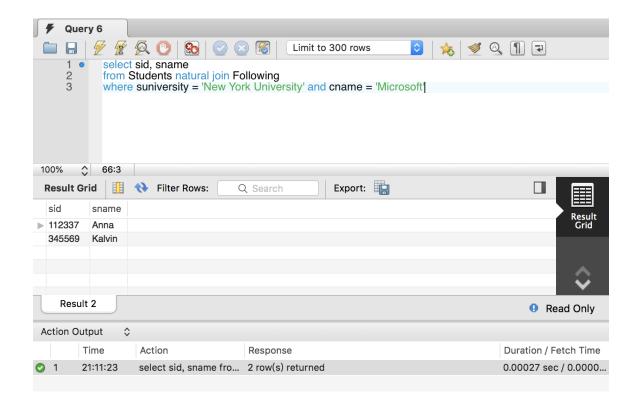
2) Here we need to select a particular user, so for example we want to select the student ID is 111111, his friends.



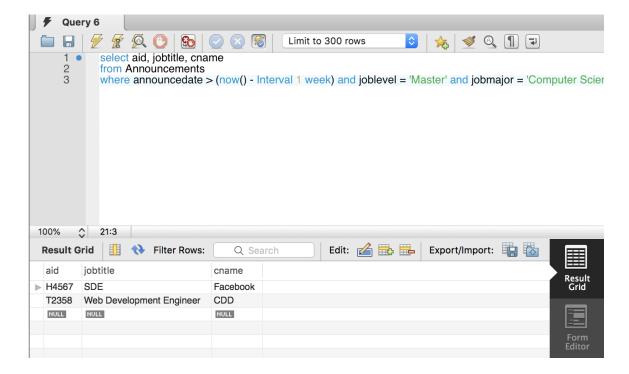
3) To delete a row in Friendrequest table, I need to set SQL safe update to 0, after that, set it back to 1 to guarantee the database security.



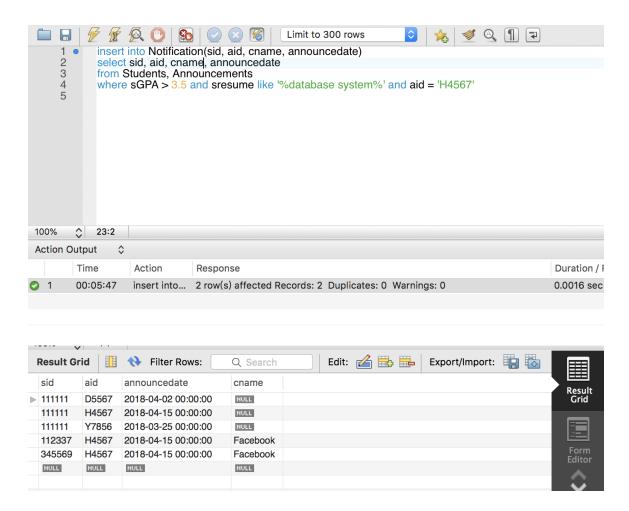
4) List all students from NYU meeting the requirement



5) List all job announcements posted in last week which are looking for someone is MS and study at CS

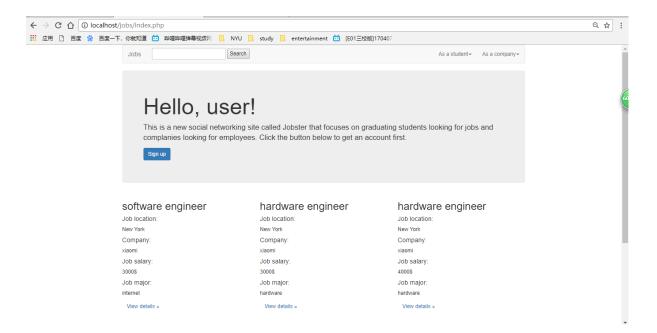


6) For each student who meets the requirement, we add the sid, particular aid and its corresponding company name cname to the Notification table.



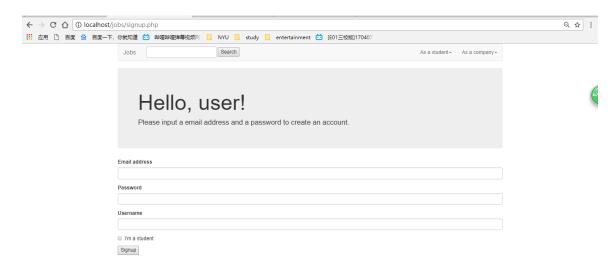
5. Design of the web-based user interface

In this project, we created the web-based user interface for the database designed in the first part of the project.

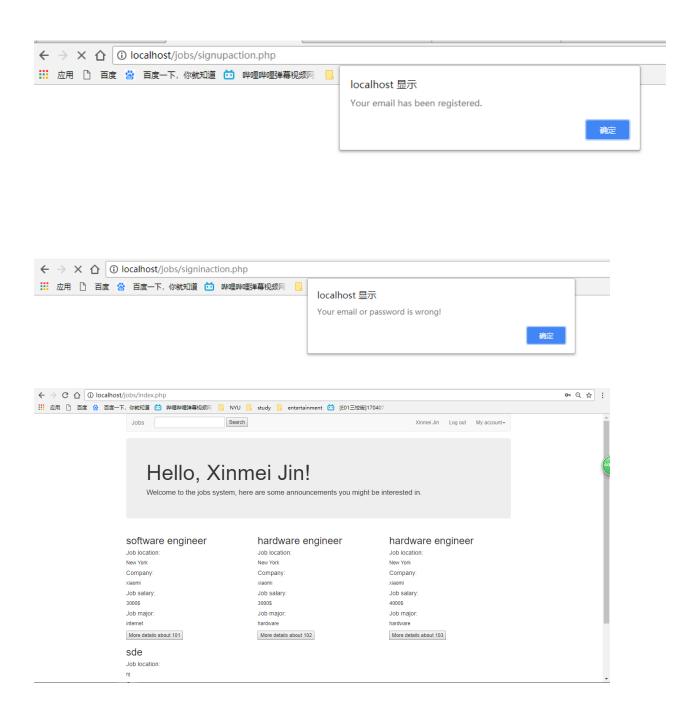


The home page in shown as above, including the "sign up", "search", "As a student", "As a company" part and listing all the jobs posted at the bottom which can be detailed by clicking the view details button.

When clicking the sign up button, page as below will show up:



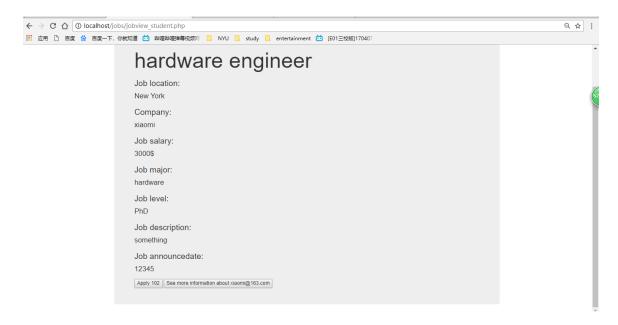
We designed the same sign up page for both companies and students and we put a "I am a student" selection for them to identify if they are companies or students. We also designed a check part for the email that if this email has the right format and if the email has been registered before.



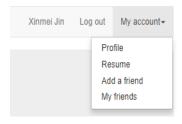
This is a sample homepage for a student. We set this student followed the company "xiaomi" and set her major as "internet", so all the job related to internet and "xiaomi" are recommended for

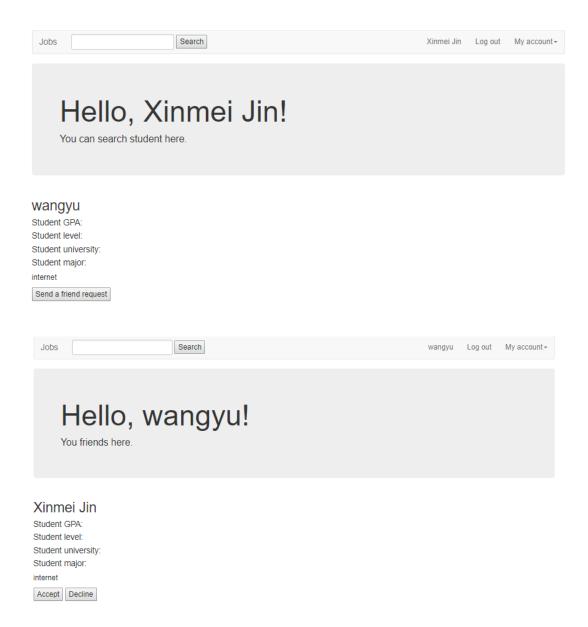
her, listing at the bottom of her homepage.

As clicking the view details button, students can see the details of the job, apply for the job as well as see more information about the company where the student can choose to follow the company.

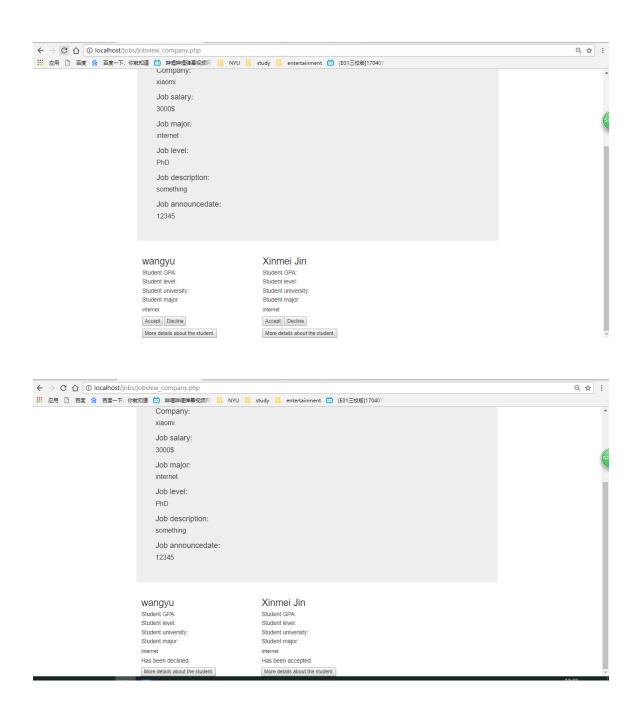


In the "My account" part, the student can edit his/her own profile and this profile can be seen by the companies and his/her friends. The student can also search for friends and add friends in this "My account" part. When receiving a friend request, the student can choose to accept or decline.

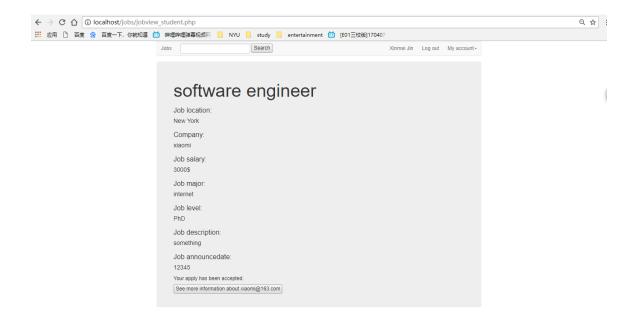




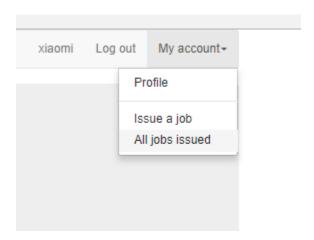
As the company part, after logging in, a company can see all the jobs they posted. When clicking into a specific job they posted, they can see all the applicants for this job and their profiles. They can decide to accept the students or decline them.



For students "Xinmei Jin", she can see that her job apply has been accepted:



They can also edit the company profile which will be shown to the students. In the "My account" part, they can see all the jobs they posted and issue a new job which can be seen by all students.



What's more, on each page, click the "job" on the left top of each page can lead back to the main index homepage.

6. Further design prospect

In the company part, we designed the issue new job part, but we didn't consider the announcement part which can specific push to students who may be interested in this job or fit for this job. The just can be seen to all students. When a student follows a

company, he will see all the jobs posted by this company which may be more than 100 posts. We should make a more specific recommendation for students in the further completion of our project.

In the student part, we will perfect the the message function in the further design.

In this project, we used smarty for tpl (templates) model when coding, making the style of the whole project consistent and elegant.