
Library Management System - Project Part 2: Library Database Requirements

EECS447: Database Systems

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Project Overview

- This project is a Library management system (LMS) that is designed to take in a detailed amount of information about books and be able to manage memberships and clientele along with profiles and account management. The database demonstrates critical vast wealth of information into an easily readable and navigable interface for a client's simplicity.

Scope

- This project will develop a resource management system for books and magazines, storing details such as title, author, ISBN or issue number, publication data, genre, and availability. It will also include a client and membership management system with unique IDs, contact information, membership categories (regular, student, senior), and borrowing restrictions. A tracking system will manage borrowed, returned, and reserved media with timestamps, client details, and rules for borrowing limits and late return fees. A user interface will enable staff to check out and return items, add new resources, manage accounts, calculate fines, and view availability and client profiles.

Glossary

- **PostgreSQL:** Adds objects-oriented features to sql, such as inheritance and custom data types along with additional features
- **Flask:** Python based web framework
- **React:** JavaScript library for building user interfaces

Stakeholders (order does not matter)

1. Librarians and Associate(library staff)
2. Clients(members)
 - Regular, Student, and Senior memberships
3. IT staff and Admins
4. Developers(Us developers)
5. Professor and TA(Saiedian and Sophia)

Functional Requirements

These are functions that will be included in the database at minimum

User Management

- Data user information: Unique profile IDs, membership level, contact information, name, age.
- Membership types(Age based): Junior, regular, student, senior.
- Borrowing limits correspond with membership types.

Storage information

- Data: book ISBN, issue number, publication date, genre, availability.
- Magazines: unique ID, number, publication date, genre, availability.
- Digital Media: Unique ID, publication date, director, genre, availability.

Interface functionality

- User borrowing and returning processes.
- Paying late fees.
- Track date of return, late fees, check out date, and renewal dates.
- Borrowing history tracking.
- Automate calculating fees and fee reports.

Access

- Library admins have admin access.
- Developers have admin and full access.
- Clients have restricted access.

Database Requirements

Hardware Requirements

EECS Server Environment (Primary Deployment)

- **Processor:** Multi-core x86_64 architecture
- **Memory:** Minimum 2GB RAM allocated for database operations
- **Storage:** Minimum 10GB available disk space for:
 - Database files (~500MB estimated for project data)
 - Transaction logs and backups
 - System overhead
- **Network:** Stable network connection for remote access

Local Development Environment (Alternative)

- **Processor:**
 - Intel Core i3 or AMD equivalent (minimum)

- Intel Core i5 or better (recommended)
- **Memory:**
 - 4GB RAM (minimum)
 - 8GB RAM (recommended for optimal performance)
- **Storage:**
 - 50GB available disk space (minimum)
 - SSD recommended for better I/O performance
- **Network:** Internet connection for software downloads and GitHub access

Software Requirements

Backend

- PostgreSQL
- Flask (Python)
 - Connects to database to run queries

Frontend

- React (Javascript)
 - For a simple UI for the users to interact with the backend and the database.

* - indicates that an attribute can be NULL

ITEMS (Every book/movie/magazine in the database)

item_id	type	title	publication_date	publisher	availability	held_by*
INT	VARCHAR / INT	VARCHAR(128)	DATETIME	VARCHAR(32)	BOOL	INT
Primary key	Whether it is a book or magazine	Title of work	Can be a full date and time or just a year	-	Is it in stock?	<i>Foreign key referencing clid - ON DELETE SET NULL</i>

BOOKS

item_id	authorfirst*	authorlast	ISBN	genre
INT	VARCHAR(32)	VARCHAR(32)	INT	String array
<i>Foreign key ref. item_id</i>	-	-	-	-

MEDIA

item_id	directorfirst	directorlast	genre
INT	VARCHAR(32)	VARCHAR(32)	String array
<i>Foreign key ref. item_id</i>	-	-	-

MAGAZINES

item_id	issue_number
INT	INT
<i>Foreign key ref. item_id</i>	

CLIENTS

clid	firstname	lastname	phone	email	member_type	account_status
INT	VARCHAR(32)	VARCHAR(32)	INT?	VARCHAR(64)	INT	VARCHAR(8)
Primary key	-	-	-	-	<i>Foreign key ref. member_type_id - ON DELETE SET NULL</i>	-

MEMBERSHIPS

member_type_id	member_type_name	borrowing_limit	late_fee_rate	checkout_length
INT	VARCHAR(16)	INT	FLOAT	INT
Primary key	-	-	Daily rate of late fee	Days before late

RESERVATIONS

item_id	reserved_by	date_of_reservation
INT	INT	DATETIME
<i>Foreign key ref. item_id</i>	<i>Foreign key ref. clid</i>	

[Database spreadsheet](#)

