COM1025 Web and Database Systems

Coursework Assignment

[A website showcasing university societies and students]

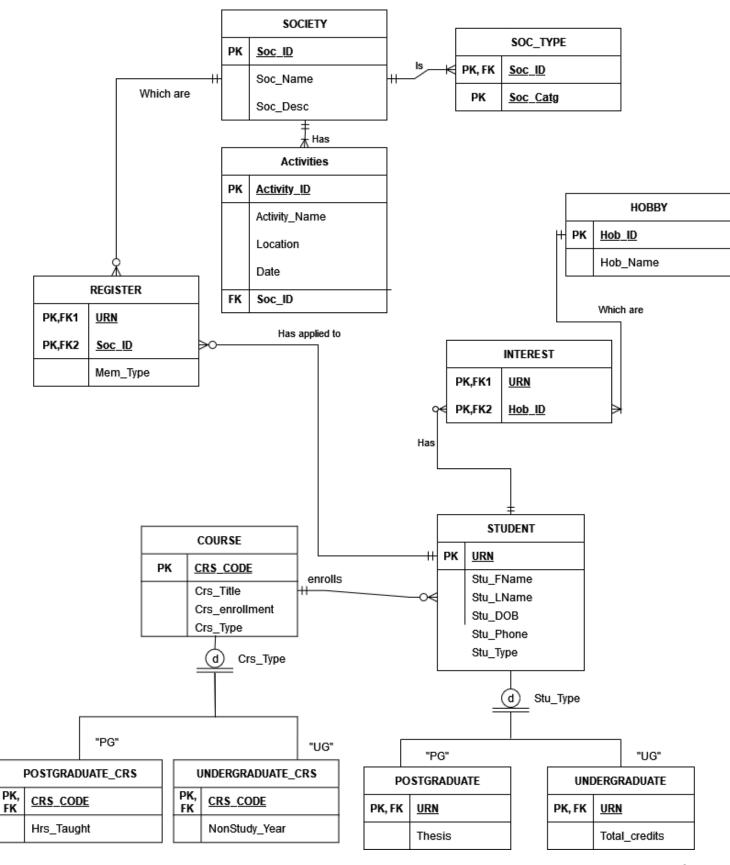
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1 Business Rules and Assumptions

- 1. A university offers courses and has two categories of students: undergraduates and postgraduates.
 - a. The university needs to store the following details about each student: name, date of birth, a phone number and what course they are on.
 - i. We will assume that each student will only go by 1 (full) name. Also, that they will have only 1 phone number, which is 11 digits long. I will only allow those over the age of 18 to be entered as a student.
 - b. A student must be a postgraduate or an undergraduate, but they cannot be both at the same time.
 - i. A Student enrolled in an undergraduate course has a total number of credits.
 - ii. A student enrolled in an postgraduate course has a thesis.
 - iii. For simplicity, on the website when a undergraduate student is created, they are assigned 120 credits. And a postgraduate student's thesis is just called thesis.
 - c. A student must be enrolled on one and only one course while a course can enrol no student or many students.
 - d. A course has a course code, name and enrolment (total number of students on the course)
 - i. A course must be a postgraduate or undergraduate course, but cannot be both at the same time.
 - ii. Undergraduate courses include a non-study year, this is either a Year Abroad, or, a Placement Year, this is implemented as an **Enum**.
 - iii. A Postgraduate course has a number of teaching hours that has to be done with the course.
 - iv. An undergraduate student changing courses can only change to an undergraduate course, likewise for postgraduate students.
 - e. A necessary assumption will be that the students in the database, are just some of the students in the university, i.e. there are other students in the university, that are not in the database. (This will help with keeping the database simple). For example, societies with no members from this database is still an active society (i.e. the members are students not in this database).
 - f. A Student's URN should be 6 digits long and cannot contain any preceding zeros, (i.e. 100000 <= URN <= 999999
- 2. The university also wants to keep data on hobbies of students if they wish to provide that information so that appropriate clubs and societies can be suggested to them.
 - a. A student can have no hobby or can have many hobbies.
 - b. A hobby can be related to no student or to many students.
 - c. The current list of hobbies include: reading, hiking, chess, Taichi, ballroom dancing, football, Tennis, Rugby, climbing, rowing. This is linked to the student via the associative entity Interest.
- 3. In the database that I will be creating, the database will also keep data on a list of societies available.
 - a. A Student can be registered to no society or can be registered up to many societies.
 - b. A Society can be related to none or can be related to many students. This comes from the assumption that there are students in societies who are not in the database.
 - c. The current list of Societies include: Book Club, Chess, Martial Arts, Dancing, Water Sports, Physical Sports.
 - d. The Society table will include an attribute briefly describing the society. There will also be an attribute describing the category of the society (i.e. Active, Relaxed, Difficult, In-person, and Online). This will be a **multi-valued attribute**, as a society can fit into multiple categories.
 - e. As part of a society, a student can be a: Member, Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary. This will be implemented as an **Enum**, in the bridge entity Register. Multiple members are allowed to have the same membership type. E.g. There can be more than one chair (person) for a society.
 - f. A Society must have at least one activity, i.e. Society has **1toM** relationship with activities. These describe events that the society hosts.

2 Extended Entity Relationship Diagram (EERD)

I have extended the EER diagram provided, using the diagrams.net website.



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3 Logical Relational Database Schema
Course (Crs Code, Crs Title, Crs enrollment, Crs Type)
PRIMARY KEY: Crs Code
Undergraduate Crs (Crs Code, NonStudy Year)
PRIMARY KEY: Crs Code
FOREIGN KEY: Crs Code REFERENCES Course (Crs Code)
Postgraduate Crs (Crs Code, Hrs Taught)
PRIMARY KEY: Crs Code
FOREIGN KEY: Crs Code REFERENCES Course (Crs Code)
Student (URN, Stu FName, Stu LName, Stu DOB, Stu Phone, Stu Course,
Stu Type)
PRIMARY KEY: URN
FOREIGN KEY: Stu Course REFERENCES Course (Crs Code)
Postgraduate(URN, Thesis)
PRIMARY KEY: URN
FOREIGN KEY: URN REFERENCES Student (URN)
Undergraduate(URN, Total credits)
PRIMARY KEY: URN
FOREIGN KEY: URN REFERENCES Student (URN)
Hobby(Hob ID, Hob Name)
PRIMARY KEY: Hob ID
Interest(URN, Hob ID)
PRIMARY KEY: URN
PRIMARY KEY: Hob ID
FOREIGN KEY: URN REFERENCES Student (URN)
FOREIGN KEY: Hob ID REFERENCES Hobby (Hob ID)
Society (Soc ID, Soc Name, Soc Desc)
PRIMARY KEY: Soc ID
Activities (Activity ID, Activity Name, Location, Date, Soc ID)
PRIMARY KEY: Activity ID
FOREIGN KEY: Soc ID REFERENCES Society (Soc ID)
Soc Type (Soc ID, Soc Catg)
PRIMARY KEY: Soc ID
PRIMARY KEY: Soc Catg
FOREIGN KEY: Soc ID REFERENCES Society (Soc ID)
Register (URN, Soc ID, Mem Type)
PRIMARY KEY: URN
PRIMAY KEY: Soc ID
FOREIGN KEY: URN REFERENCES Student (URN)
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FOREIGN KEY: Soc ID REFERENCES Society (Soc ID)

4 Website Working with MySQL Database

- index.js contains all the NodeJS code to make the website function. It connects to the database, loads the middleware, and has all the code for get and post requests. The code also contains validation.
- main.css CSS file that contains all the CSS code (styling)
- footer.ejs a common file that contains the footer, it is used in all the webpages.
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- index.ejs The homepage. This contains the HTML to create/load the homepage.
- viewsocities.ejs This contains HTML to create the webpage that lists all the societies.
- society_members.ejs This contains HTML to create the webpage that lists all the members of societies.
- society_member_view.ejs This contains HTML to create the webpage that shows which societies a specific society member has signed up to.
- students.ejs This contains HTML to create the webpage that allows to view all the students.
- student_view This contains HTML to create the webpage that allows you to view a specific student. This is the **view one** page.
- student_edit This contains HTML to create the webpage that allows you to update one a specific student. This is the **update one** page.
- student delete This contains HTML to create the webpage that allows you to delete a specific student.
- student_deleted This contains HTML to create the webpage which confirms if you have deleted a student or not.
- search.ejs This contains HTML to create the webpage that allows you to search for data.
- search_query.ejs This contains HTML to create the results page for the search query and type of search you have done.
- lake-background.jpg This is an image file that is used on the homepage (index.ejs).

I have used the same middleware and modules as we have done in labs, (i.e. NodeJs, Nodemon, Express, BodyParser and MySQL).

5 Advanced Tasks

I believe I have translated the EERD to 3NF and all the tables I have created have appropriate constraints. This includes the appropriate CHECK constraint for Student URN.

The relationship between **Student** and **Hobby** is a many-to-many relationship, so I have created an appropriate bridge entity. Additionally, the relationship between **Student** and **Society** is many-to-many, as well, and so I have created an appropriate bridge entity.

I have created another specialisation hierarchy (**Course** and whether the course is undergraduate or postgraduate). This follows the requirements of a course in real life, i.e. it has a disjoint constraint and complete constraint. I believe that I have translated this correctly. The subtypes have the constraint of "**ON DELETE CASCADE**". The subtype discriminator is of type **ENUM**, such that the disjoint constraint is enforced. The subtypes themselves have different attributes, qualifying it to be valid a specialization hierarchy. Postgraduate Courses include the number of hours of teaching the students have to do for that course, whereas the Undergraduate courses contain an **Enum** stating if that course has a year abroad, or, a placement year.

I also believe that, in both the EERD diagram and the Logical Relational Database Schema, all the relations are in 3NF. So, I have created associative/bridge entities to map the M to M relationship between Student and Hobby, and Student and Society. The bridge entities also have the required constraint of "ON DELETE CASCADE".

In terms of constraints, all the primary keys, for the entities that I have created have the constraint of "NOT NULL"

The **Mem_Type** attribute is defined as an Enum, requiring the attribute to be only from the listed options (Member, Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary). I have also made use of **Enums** for subtype discriminator for the course specialisation hierarchy.

In Database setup file, I have populated all but the activities relation, with the required 5 minimum rows of data. I have not implemented the activities relation.

In the SQL Queries file, I have 4 instances where the JOIN statement uses 3 tables, this is more than the required minimum 1 instance of using 3 tables. Also, I have additional SQL Queries (more than 3). There are 2 subqueries (more than the required minimum of 1). There are two queries that use subqueries. There are 2 queries that use both an INNER JOIN between 3 tables and a subquery.

For the Advanced Taks in the Web development section, I have done numerous advanced tasks. I have added the functionality to create new rows of data (You are able to add a student to the database, from the website), there is NodeJS code to validate the inputs (e.g. checks length of phone number, age of student, the URN is 6 digits and not already used, and that the student type matches the course type (selected)), so that only a valid student is added. I have added the ability to delete rows of data (you are able to delete a student from the database), there is appropriate NodeJS code to delete rows of data. I have added the functionality to search for data, you are able to navigate to a search page, which allows you to search for data and allows you to specify which form of search you want to do. There is appropriate validation done to the search query (e.g. if they do a URN search, the query must be a URN), based on what form of search the user selects, and a results page is shown, showing the data relevant to the search.

In addition to this I have made sure validation is done wherever it is required. For example, when editing a student, you are only shown course options which match their student type (i.e. for undergraduate students, you are only shown the courses that are undergraduate, likewise for postgraduate). There is appropriate validation in the JavaScript so that when creating a student, their date of birth is at least 18 years ago (i.e. only people above the age of 18 are added as students). I have made sure that when a student switches course, is deleted, or are added to the database, that the relevant courses have the enrolment numbers incremented/decremented appropriately.

6 References

I have used the university website to add some courses in the course table (e.g. BMBS Medicine). Apart from that I have not used any websites to elicit business rules. I have not used any external libraries, or CSS templates within my website. I have used an image in my website, I got the image of a public domain website (https://unsplash.com/photos/green-grass-field-near-lake-under-blue-sky-during-daytime-ObqRu3VNDSE).

7 Appendix: Screenshots of Website

