



- Briefly describe the table designs and the meanings of each table and column.

#### 1. Table Name: authors (Entity set)

- Description: This table stores information about authors, including their ID, name, registration time, phone number, and ID card.
- Columns:
  - author\_id: a unique identifier for each author, automatically incremented by the system (SERIAL type)
  - author\_name: the author's name (text type, not null and unique, **primary key**)
  - author\_registration\_time: the date and time when the author registered (TIMESTAMP type)
  - author\_phone: the author's phone number (text type)
  - author\_id\_card: the author's identification card number (text type)

#### 2. Table Name: posts (Entity set)

- Description: This table stores information about posts made by authors, including the post's title, content, posting time, location, and the author who made the post.
- Columns:
  - post\_id: a unique identifier for each post, automatically incremented by the system (SERIAL type, **primary key**)
  - title: the title of the post (text type, not null)
  - content: the content of the post (text type, not null)
  - post\_time: the date and time when the post was published (TIMESTAMP type)
  - post\_city: the city where the post was published (text type)
  - author\_name: the name of the author who published the post (text type, foreign key to authors.author\_name, not null)

#### 3. Table Name: categories (Entity set)

- Description: This table stores information about post categories, including the category's ID and name.
- Columns:
  - category\_id: a unique identifier for each category, automatically incremented by the system (SERIAL type, **primary key**)
  - category\_name: the name of the category (text type, not null and unique)

#### 4. Table Name: post\_category (Relationship set)

- Description: This table represents the many-to-many relationship between posts and categories. Each row represents a post and its associated category.
- Columns:
  - post\_id: the id of the post (integer type, foreign key to posts.post\_id)
  - category\_id: the id of the category (integer type, foreign key to categories.category\_id)
- **Primary Key:** (post\_id, category\_id)

#### 5. Table Name: **author\_followers (Relationship set)**

- Description: This table represents the many-to-many relationship between authors and their followers. Each row represents an author and their follower.
- Columns:
  - author\_name: the name of the author being followed (text type, foreign key to authors.author\_name)
  - follower\_name: the name of the follower (text type, foreign key to authors.author\_name, not null)
- **Primary Key:** (author\_name, follower\_name)

#### 6. Table Name: **post\_favorites (Relationship set)**

- Description: This table represents the many-to-many relationship between authors and their followers. Each row represents an author and their follower.
- Columns:
  - post\_id: the id of the post being favorited (integer type, foreign key to posts.post\_id)
  - favorite\_author\_name: the name of the author who favorited the post (text type, foreign key to authors.author\_name, not null)
- **Primary Key:** (post\_id, favorite\_author\_name)

#### 7. Table Name: **author\_shared\_posts (Relationship set)**

- Description: This table represents the many-to-many relationship between authors and posts that they have shared. Each row represents a post and the author who shared it.
- Columns:
  - post\_id: the id of the post being shared (integer type, foreign key to posts.post\_id)
  - shared\_author\_name: the name of the author who shared the post (text type, foreign key to authors.author\_name, not null)
- **Primary Key:** (post\_id, shared\_author\_name)

#### 8. Table Name: **author\_liked\_posts (Relationship set)**

- Description: This table represents the many-to-many relationship between authors and posts that they have liked. Each row represents a post and the author who liked it.
- Columns:
  - post\_id: the id of the post being liked (integer type, foreign key to posts.post\_id)
  - liked\_author\_name: the name of the author who liked the post (text type, foreign key to authors.author\_name, not null)
- **Primary Key:** (post\_id, liked\_author\_name)

#### 9. Table Name: **first\_replies (Entity set)**

- Description: This table stores information about the first reply to a post, including the reply's ID, content, rating, and author.
- Columns:
  - post\_id: the id of the post being replied to (integer type, foreign key to posts.post\_id)

- first\_id: a unique identifier for each first reply, automatically incremented by the system (SERIAL type, **primary key**)
- first\_content: the content of the first reply (text type, not null)
- first\_stars: the number of stars received by the first reply (integer type)
- first\_author: the name of the author who wrote the first reply (text type, foreign key to authors.author\_name, not null)

#### 10. Table Name: second\_replies (Entity set)

- Description: This table stores information about the second reply to a post, including the reply's ID, content, rating, and author, as well as the ID of the first reply that it is associated with.
- Columns:
  - second\_id: a unique identifier for each second reply, automatically incremented by the system (SERIAL type, **primary key**)
  - first\_id: the id of the first reply being replied to (integer type, foreign key to first\_replies.first\_id)
  - second\_content: the content of the second reply (text type, not null)
  - second\_stars: the number of stars received by the second reply (integer type)
  - second\_author: the name of the author who wrote the second reply (text type, foreign key to authors.author\_name, not null)