

-an online forum database design

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1. Introduction

A forum database designed for CUHKSZ programmers as a problem-solving tool

MAIN FUNCTION

Link the question to its correct answer

User

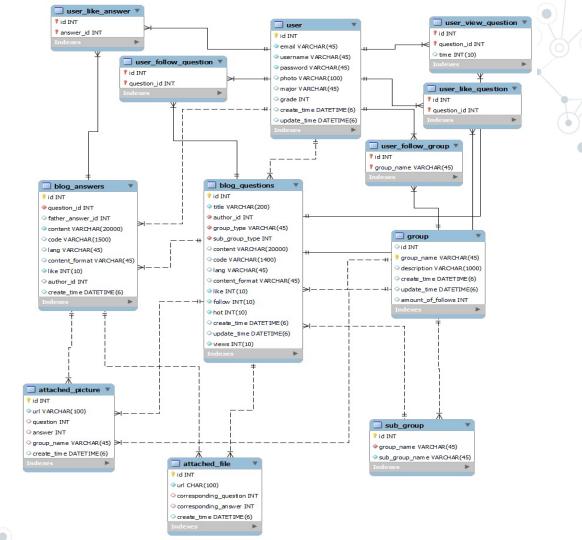
Login, Register, Upload profile...

Blog

Post, Like, Follow, Answer...



E-R diagram



Schema

user(id, email, username, password, photo, major, grade, create time, update time) group(id, group name, description, create time, update time, amount of follows) sub group(id, group name, sub group name) blog questions(id, title, author id, group type, sub group type, content, code, lang, content format, like, follow, hot, create time, update time, views) blog answers(d, question id, father answer id, content, code, lang, content format, like, author id, create time) file(<u>id</u>, url, corresponding question, corresponding answer, create time) picture(<u>id</u>, url, question, answer, group name, create time)

Normalization

group(id, group_name, sub_group_name, description, create_time, update_time, amount_of_follows)

id	group_name	sub_group_name	description	create_time	update_time	amount_of_follows
1	CSC3170	{Assignment1, Assignment2,}	Database System	2022-04-30	null	100



group(<u>id</u>, group_name, description, create_time, update_time, amount_of_follows)

id	group_name	description	create_time	update_time	Amount_of_follows
1	CSC3170	Database System	2020-04-30	Null	100

sub_group(id, group_name, sub_group_name)

id group_name		sub_group_name		
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Normalization

Nonprime attributes are fully functionally dependent on the primary key (id)

No nonprime attributes are transitively dependent on the primary key (id)



Sample Queries



DDL: Definition with integrity constraints

```
-- Table structure for table `Our project blog questions`
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `Our project blog questions`;
CREATE TABLE `Our project blog questions` (
  `id` int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  `title` varchar(200) NOT NULL,
  `author_id` int NOT NULL,
  `group type` varchar(45) NOT NULL,
  `sub_group_type` int NOT NULL,
  `content` varchar(20000) DEFAULT NULL,
  `code` varchar(1400) DEFAULT NULL,
  `lang` varchar(45) DEFAULT NULL,
  `content_format` varchar(45) DEFAULT NULL,
  `like` int(10) unsigned zerofill NOT NULL,
  `follow` int(10) unsigned zerofill NOT NULL,
  `hot` int(10) unsigned zerofill NOT NULL,
  `create_time` datetime(6) DEFAULT NULL,
  `update_time` datetime(6) DEFAULT NULL,
  `views` int(10) unsigned zerofill NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY ('id'),
  KEY `sub_group_name_idx` (`sub_group_type`),
 KEY `email_idx` (`author_id`),
 KEY `group_type_idx` (`group_type`),
  CONSTRAINT `author_id` FOREIGN KEY (`author_id`) REFERENCES `Our_project_user` (`id`),
  CONSTRAINT `group_type` FOREIGN KEY (`group_type`) REFERENCES `Our_project_group` (`group_name`),
  CONSTRAINT `sub_group_type` FOREIGN KEY (`sub_group_type`) REFERENCES `Our_project_sub_group` (`id`)
  ENGINE=InnoDB AUTO INCREMENT=6 DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb3;
```

Query 1: directly interacts with database

```
LOCK TABLES `Our_project_user_like_answer` WRITE;
INSERT INTO `Our_project_user_like_answer` VALUES (4,1),(5,1),(2,2),(5,2),(3,3),(1,4),(3,4),(4,4);
UNLOCK TABLES;
```

Concurrency control



Query 2: Query within python: SELECT

```
conn = pymysql.connect(host="175.
                                        84", port=3306, user="
                                                                    , passwd='
                                                                                          ', db='
                                                                                                          charset="utf8
cursor = conn.cursor()
Answer_T = []
Answer_C = []
blockNumberTotalList = []
lenList = len(question)
searchIndex = 1
for item in question:
    if item[0].isalpha:
        sql = 'select * from Our_project_{} where WORDS = "{}";'.format(item[0].upper(), item)
        cursor.execute(sql)
        a=cursor.fetchall()
        # print(a)
        # print(len(a))
    else:
        sql = 'select * from Our_project_{} where WORDS = "{}";'.format('OTHERS', item)
        cursor.execute(sql)
        a=cursor.fetchall()
    for i in range(len(a)):
        if a[i][1] not in blockNumberTotalList: blockNumberTotalList.append(a[i][1])
        Ttemp1 = [0]*(lenList+1)
        Ctemp1 = [0]*(lenList+1)
        Ttemp1[0] = a[i][1]
        Ttemp1[searchIndex] = a[i][2]
        Ctemp1[0] = a[i][1]
        Ctemp1[searchIndex] = a[i][3]
        Answer_T.append(Ttemp1)
        Answer C.append(Ctemp1)
    searchIndex += 1
searchIndex -= 1
conn.close()
```

Query 3: Query within python: UPDATE

```
import pymysql
#delete demo with host language.
#1. connect to the DB
conn = pymysql.connect(host="
                                      ", port=3306, user=" ", passwd=
                                                                              ", db="CSC3170", charset="utf8")
cursor = conn.cursor()
#2. command
newUsername = 'hands'
newpassword = '123123'
sql = "update our_project_user set username=%s and password=%s"%(newUsername, newpassword)
cursor.execute(sql)
#3. commit
cursor.commit()
#4. close conection
cursor.close()
conn.close()
```

Query 3: Query within python: **DELETE**

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#delete demo with host language.
#1. connect to the DB
                                                                               ", db="CSC3170", charset="utf8")
conn = pymysql.connect(host=""
                                        , port=3306, user="
                                                               , passwd=
cursor = conn.cursor()
deleteId = 3
sql = "Delete from our_project_user where id=%s"
cursor.execute(sql, deleteId)
#3. commit
cursor.commit()
#4. close conection
cursor.close()
conn.close()
```

Other Ways

Alternative Method: Query set

```
titleDB = Blog_Questions.objects.values('title')
for title in titleDB:
    DBlist.append(title['title'].upper())
print(DBlist)
```

It is less comprehensive than SQL, but still a way to interact with the database.



Speed up queries with index

Hash Index

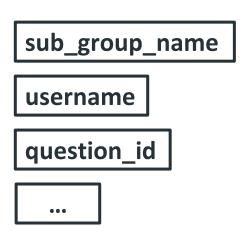
Advantage: faster when searching for a specific row (e.g. user id)

Disadvantage: Use "memory" engine, volatile, not secure



B-Tree Index

Advantage: can improve speed on searching for a range of values



username

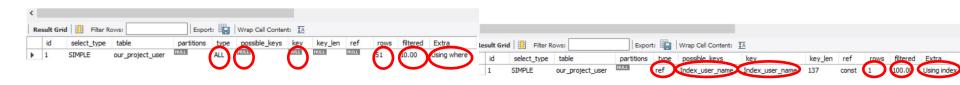
before

- Defore
- ALTER TABLE csc3170.our_project_user ADD INDEX Index_user_name (username);

 EXPLAIN SELECT id FROM csc3170.our_project_user WHERE username = 'hehfei';

 2 -- DROP INDEX Index_user_name on csc3170.our_project_user;
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 3 EXPLAIN SELECT id FROM csc3170.our_project_user WHERE username = 'hehfei';

after



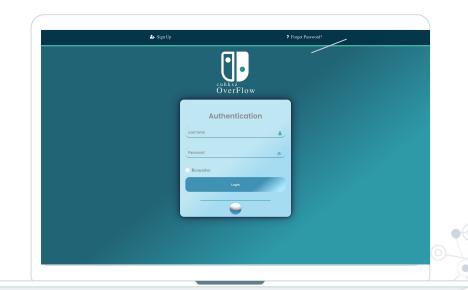
```
username = request.POST['username']
userid = User.objects.filter(username = username).values()[0][['id']]
```



5.Web Demo

http://www.cuhksz-stackoverflow.cn/









Searching Process

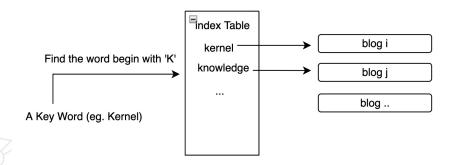
Filter questions into serval key words Sort the blogs based on similarity

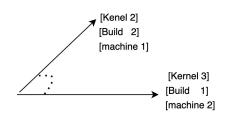
Search the keywords in inverted index table

Search Engine

- Key word tokenized: Natural Language processing (filter the stop words, tense identify, upper letter)
- Searching Speed: inverted index table

Similarity Comparision: TF-IDF, key words vector projection





Thanks!

If you have any questions, feel free to raise up!

