

EBD: Database Specification Component

Collaborative News is a web platform for news sharing where you can also interact with other users.

A4: Conceptual Data Model

The purpose of this Conceptual Data Model is to provide a high level view of the static aspects and structures of our application. It shows the classes of our system and the main relationships between them. It's usefull when implementing other aspects of the system, such as the database and during it's inception system flaws can be discovered and corrected.

1. Class diagram

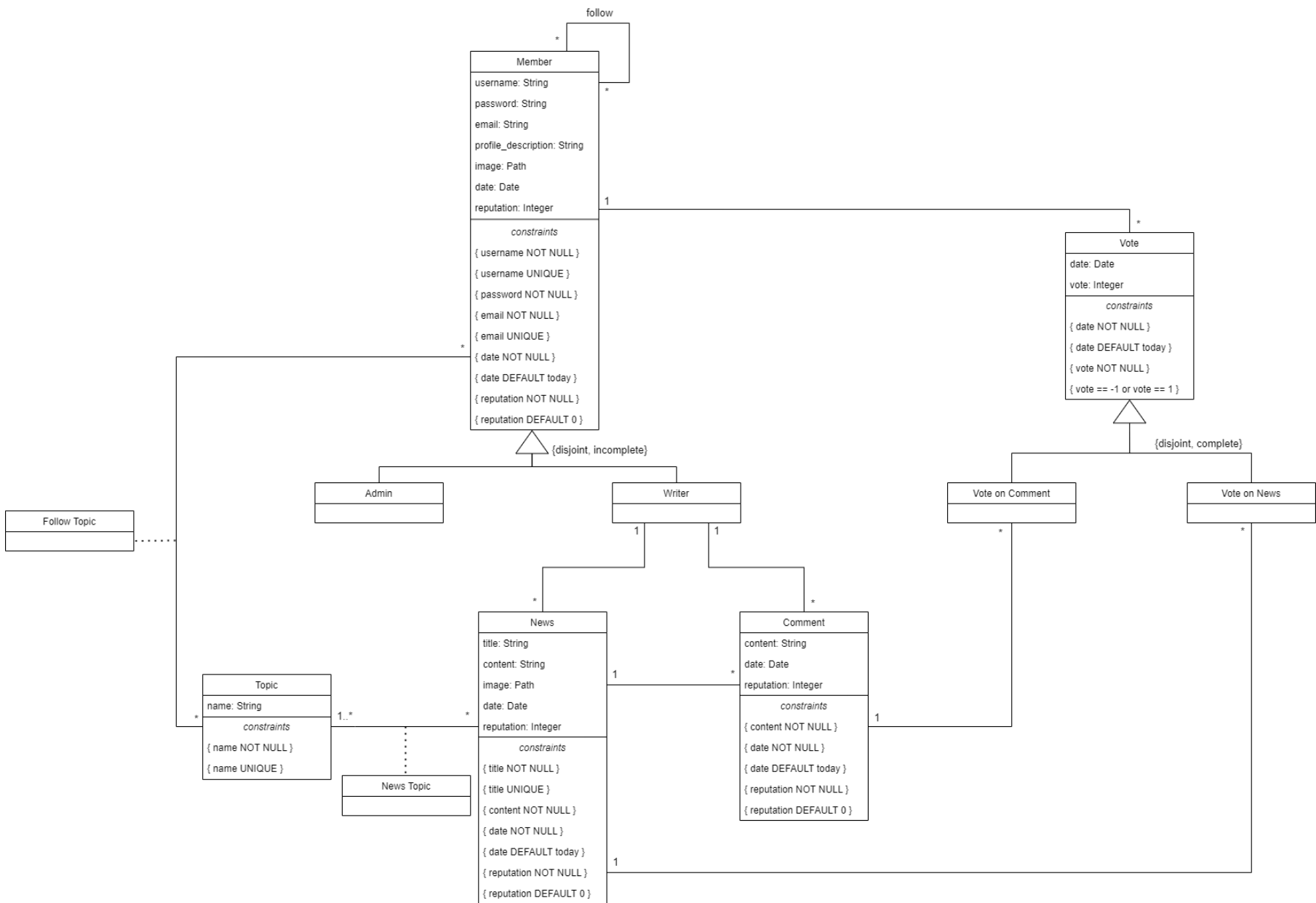


Figure 1: Collaborative News conceptual data model in UML.

2. Additional Business Rules

- BR01. When user account is deleted, shared user data (news items, comments and votes) is kept but is made anonymous
- BR02. User reputation depends on the upvotes and downvotes received on his posts or comments
- BR03. A post or comment cannot be deleted if it has votes or comments
- BR04. The date of a comment or a vote on a post must be greater than the item it refers to ($\text{Comment.date} > \text{News.date}$, $\text{VoteOnNews.date} > \text{News.date}$, $\text{VoteOnComment.date} > \text{Comment.date}$)
- BR05. A user can't vote on his own posts or comments but he can comment his own news items
- BR06. A writer has to have at least one comment or news
- BR07. A user can't vote twice on an item
- BR08. An item's reputation is the sum of votes for that item ($\text{News.reputation} = \text{SUM}(\text{VoteOnNews.vote})$, $\text{Comment.reputation} = \text{SUM}(\text{VoteOnComment.vote})$)

A5: Relational Schema, validation and schema refinement

The goal of the Relational Schema is to represent the data to be entered into the database and describe how that data is structured in tables. The tables are constructed properly and efficiently each representing a single subject and keeping redundant data to an absolute minimum while ensuring data integrity and suporting business rules.

1. Relational Schema

For the vote generalization, the best option is to use the Object-oriented strategy and eliminate the relation for the superclass.

Relation reference	Relation Compact Notation
R01	member(<u>id_member</u> , username UK NN , password NN , email UK NN , profile_description, image UK , date NN DF Today, reputation NN DF 0, is_admin NN)
R02	news(<u>id_news</u> , writer -> member, title UK NN , content NN , image UK , date NN DF Today, reputation NN DF 0)
R03	comment(<u>id_comment</u> , writer -> member, news -> news, content NN , date NN DF Today, reputation NN DF 0)
R04	follow_member(<u>follower</u> -> member, <u>followed</u> -> member)
R05	topic(<u>id_topic</u> , name UK NN)
R06	news_topic(<u>news</u> -> news, <u>topic</u> -> topic)
R07	follow_topic(<u>member</u> -> member, <u>topic</u> -> topic)
R08	vote_on_news(<u>member</u> -> member, <u>news</u> -> news, vote NN CK vote = 1 OR vote = -1, date NN DF Today)
R09	vote_on_comment(<u>member</u> -> member, <u>comment</u> -> comment, vote NN CK vote = 1 OR vote = -1, date NN DF Today)

Legend:

- UK = UNIQUE KEY
- NN = NOT NULL
- DF = DEFAULT
- CK = CHECK

2. Domains

Domain Name	Domain Specification
Today	DATE DEFAULT CURRENT_DATE

3. Schema validation

TABLE R01	member
Keys	{ id_member }, { username }, { email }
Functional Dependencies:	
FD0101	id_member → {username, password, email, profile_description, image, data, reputation, is_admin}
FD0102	username → {id_member, password, email, profile_description, image, data, reputation, is_admin}
FD0103	email → {id_member, username, password, profile_description, image, data, reputation, is_admin}
NORMAL FORM	BCNF

TABLE R02	news
Keys	{ id_news }, { título }
Functional Dependencies:	
FD0201	id_news → {writer, title, content, image, date, reputation}
FD0202	título → {id_news, writer, content, image, date, reputation}
NORMAL FORM	BCNF

TABLE R03	comment
Keys	{ id_comment }
Functional Dependencies:	
FD0301	id_comment \rightarrow {writer, news, content, date, reputation}
NORMAL FORM	BCNF

TABLE R04	follow_member
Keys	{ follower, followed }
Functional Dependencies:	none
NORMAL FORM	BCNF

TABLE R05	topic
Keys	{ id_topic }, { name }
Functional Dependencies:	
FD0501	id_topic \rightarrow {name}
FD0502	name \rightarrow {id_topic}
NORMAL FORM	BCNF

TABLE R06	news_topic
Keys	{ news, topic }
Functional Dependencies:	none
NORMAL FORM	BCNF

TABLE R07	follow_topic
Keys	{ member, topic }
Functional Dependencies:	none
NORMAL FORM	BCNF

TABLE R08	vote_on_news
Keys	{ member, news }
Functional Dependencies:	
FD0801	member, news \rightarrow {vote, date}
NORMAL FORM	BCNF

TABLE R09	vote_on_comment
Keys	{ member, comment }
Functional Dependencies:	
FD0901	member, comment \rightarrow {vote, date}
NORMAL FORM	BCNF

Upon analysis, the relations in our schema were already in Boyce-Codd Normal Form. Therefore, the entire schema itself is in BCNF. This in turn reduces data modification anomalies and reduces data redundancy.

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-- Drop old schema
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DROP TABLE IF EXISTS member CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS news CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS comments CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS follow_member CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS topic CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS news_topic CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS follow_topic CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS vote_on_news CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS vote_on_comment CASCADE;


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-- Tables
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-- Note that plural 'comments' and 'dates' names were adopted because comment and date are reserved words in PostgreSQL.

CREATE TABLE "member"(
  id_member SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  username VARCHAR NOT NULL CONSTRAINT member_username_uk UNIQUE,
  passwords VARCHAR NOT NULL,
  email VARCHAR NOT NULL CONSTRAINT member_email_uk UNIQUE,
  profile_description VARCHAR,
  image VARCHAR UNIQUE,
  dates TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE DEFAULT now() NOT NULL,
  reputation INTEGER DEFAULT 0 NOT NULL,
  is_admin BOOLEAN NOT NULL
);

CREATE TABLE "news"(
  id_news SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  writer INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE SET NULL ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  title VARCHAR NOT NULL CONSTRAINT news_title_uk UNIQUE,
  content VARCHAR NOT NULL,
  image VARCHAR UNIQUE,
  dates TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE NOT NULL DEFAULT now(),
  reputation INTEGER DEFAULT 0 NOT NULL
);

CREATE TABLE "comments"(
  id_comment SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  writer INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE SET NULL ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  news INTEGER REFERENCES news (id_news) ON DELETE RESTRICT ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  content VARCHAR NOT NULL,
  dates TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE DEFAULT now() NOT NULL,
  reputation INTEGER DEFAULT 0 NOT NULL
);

CREATE TABLE "follow_member"(
  follower INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  followed INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  PRIMARY KEY (follower, followed)
);

CREATE TABLE "topic"(
  id_topic SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  name VARCHAR NOT NULL CONSTRAINT topic_name_uk UNIQUE
);

CREATE TABLE "news_topic"(
  id_news INTEGER REFERENCES news (id_news) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  topic INTEGER REFERENCES topic (id_topic) ON DELETE RESTRICT ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  PRIMARY KEY (id_news, topic)
);
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CREATE TABLE "follow_topic"(
  member  INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  topic   INTEGER REFERENCES topic (id_topic) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  PRIMARY KEY (member, topic)
);

CREATE TABLE "vote_on_news"(
  member  INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE SET NULL ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  news    INTEGER REFERENCES news (id_news) ON DELETE RESTRICT ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  vote    INTEGER NOT NULL,
  dates   TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE DEFAULT now() NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (member, news),
  CONSTRAINT vote_ck CHECK ((vote = 1) OR (vote = -1))
);

CREATE TABLE "vote_on_comment"(
  member  INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE SET NULL ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  comments INTEGER REFERENCES comments (id_comment) ON DELETE RESTRICT ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  vote    INTEGER NOT NULL,
  dates   TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE DEFAULT now() NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (member, comments),
  CONSTRAINT vote_ck CHECK ((vote = 1) OR (vote = -1))
);
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A6: Indexes, triggers, transactions and database population

This artifact aims to estimate the amount of data which the database need to support, create indexes in order to retrieve information faster, even at the expense of some space, establish triggers so business rules are followed and the integrity of information uncompromised and implement transactions that provide isolation between concurrent accesses to the database and keep the database consistent even when failrue occurs.

1. Database Workload

Relation reference	Relation Name	Order of magnitude	Estimated growth
R01	member	10 k (tens of thousands)	10 (tens) / day
R02	news	10 k	10 / day
R03	comment	100 k (hundreds of thousands)	100 (hundreds) / day
R04	follow_member	100 k	100 / day
R05	topic	100 (hundreds)	1 (units) / day
R06	news_topic	10 k	10 / day
R07	follow_topic	10 k	10 / day
R08	vote_on_news	100 k	100 / day
R09	vote_on_comment	1 M (millions)	1 k (thousands) / day

2. Proposed Indices

2.1. Performance Indices

Index	IDX01
Relation	news
Attribute	writer
Type	Hash
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No

Index	IDX01
Justification	The access to "writer" from news has to be done fast. Thus, it is necessary to create an index for "writer" to match it with the member quickly. Filtering is done through an exact match so hash is the appropriate structure to use. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "writer" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX write_news ON news USING hash (writer);

Index	IDX02
Relation	news
Attribute	date
Type	B-tree
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to table "news" filtered by a range query based on the "date" attribute will be done frequently. Thus, B-Tree structure is the appropriate choice. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "date" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX news_date ON news USING BTREE (dates);

Index	IDX03
Relation	news
Attribute	reputation
Type	B-tree
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to table "reputation" filtered by a range query based on the "reputation" attribute will be done frequently. Thus, B-Tree structure is the appropriate choice. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "reputation" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX news_reputation ON news USING BTREE (reputation);

Index	IDX04
Relation	comment
Attribute	writer
Type	Hash
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to "writer" from comment has to be done fast. Thus, it is necessary to create an index for "writer" to match it with the member quickly. Filtering is done through an exact match so hash is the appropriate structure to use. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "writer" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX comment_writer ON comments USING hash (writer);

Index	IDX05
Relation	comment
Attribute	news

Index	IDX05
Type	Hash
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to "news" from comment has to be done fast. Thus, it is necessary to create an index for "news" to match it with the news associated quickly. Filtering is done through an exact match so hash is the appropriate structure to use. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "news" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX comment_news ON comments USING hash (news);

Index	IDX06
Relation	follow_member
Attribute	follower
Type	Hash
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to "follower" from follow_member has to be done fast. Thus, it is necessary to create an index for "follower" to match it with the member we want to view who his he following quickly. Filtering is done through an exact match so hash is the appropriate structure to use. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "follower" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX order_by_follower ON follow_member USING hash (follower);

Index	IDX07
Relation	follow_member
Attribute	followed
Type	Hash
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to "followed" from follow_member has to be done fast. Thus, it is necessary to create an index for "followed" to match it with the member we want to view who follows him quickly. Filtering is done through an exact match so hash is the appropriate structure to use. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "followed" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX order_by_followed ON follow_member USING hash (followed);

Index	IDX08
Relation	news_topic
Attribute	topic
Type	Hash
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to "topic" from news_topic has to be done fast. Thus, it is necessary to create an index for "topic" to match the news with the topic which it is associated quickly. Filtering is done through an exact match so hash is the appropriate structure to use. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "writer" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.

Index	IDX08
SQL code	CREATE INDEX news_topics ON news_topic USING hash (topic);

Index	IDX09
Relation	follow_topic
Attribute	member
Type	Hash
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to "member" from follow_topic has to be done fast. Thus, it is necessary to create an index for "member" to match the member with the topics that he follows quickly. Filtering is done through an exact match so hash is the appropriate structure to use. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "writer" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX member_topic ON follow_topic USING hash (member);

Index	IDX10
Relation	vote_on_news
Attribute	news
Type	Hash
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to "news" from vote_on_news has to be done fast. Thus, it is necessary to create an index for "news" to match the vote with the news associated quickly. Filtering is done through an exact match so hash is the appropriate structure to use. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "news" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX news_vote ON vote_on_news USING hash (news);

Index	IDX11
Relation	vote_on_comment
Attribute	comment
Type	Hash
Cardinality	Medium
Clustering	No
Justification	The access to "comment" from vote_on_comment has to be done fast. Thus, it is necessary to create an index for "comment" to match the vote with the comment associated quickly. Filtering is done through an exact match so hash is the appropriate structure to use. The cardinality is medium given the fact that "comment" can appear several times in the table. Clustering is not possible since the update frequency is high.
SQL code	CREATE INDEX comment_vote ON vote_on_comment USING hash (comments);

2.2. Full-text Search Indices

Index	IDX12
Relation	news
Attribute	title, content

Index	IDX12
Type	GIN
Clustering	No
Justification	To provide full-text search features to look for news based on matching titles or content. The index type is GIN because the indexed fields are not expected to change often. Respective trigger (TRIGGER01) is provided below in Trigger's section.
SQL Code	CREATE INDEX search_idx ON work USING GIN (tsvectors);

3. Triggers

Trigger	TRIGGER01
Description	This trigger is used when a news is created or updated, and it is then necessary to update the tsvector associated with it
<div><pre>ALTER TABLE news ADD COLUMN tsvectors TSVECTOR; CREATE FUNCTION news_search_update() RETURNS TRIGGER AS \$\$ BEGIN IF TG_OP = 'INSERT' THEN NEW.tsvectors = (setweight(to_tsvector('english', NEW.title), 'A') setweight(to_tsvector('english', NEW.content), 'B')); END IF; IF TG_OP = 'UPDATE' THEN IF (NEW.title <> OLD.title OR NEW.content <> OLD.content) THEN NEW.tsvectors = (setweight(to_tsvector('english', NEW.title), 'A') setweight(to_tsvector('english', NEW.content), 'B')); END IF; END IF; RETURN NEW; END \$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql; CREATE TRIGGER news_search_update BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE ON news FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE news_search_update();</pre></div>	

Trigger	TRIGGER02
Description	This trigger is used when a new vote is inserted on vote_on_news, and it is necessary to keep track of total reputation from the news

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_news_insert() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
DECLARE
    aux_writer INTEGER;
    aux_id_member INTEGER;
BEGIN
    SELECT writer FROM news WHERE NEW.news = id_news INTO aux_writer;
    SELECT id_member FROM member WHERE NEW.member = id_member INTO aux_id_member;
    IF (aux_writer = aux_id_member) THEN
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'Writer cannot vote on own news';
    END IF;
    UPDATE news SET reputation = reputation + NEW.vote WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_news_insert
    BEFORE INSERT ON vote_on_news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_news_insert();
```

Trigger	TRIGGER03
Description	This trigger is used when a vote is updated on vote_on_news, and it is necessary to keep track of total reputation from the news

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_news_update() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF (NEW.vote <> OLD.vote) THEN
        UPDATE news SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote + NEW.vote WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news;
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_news_update
    AFTER UPDATE ON vote_on_news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_news_update();
```

Trigger	TRIGGER04
Description	This trigger is used when a vote is deleted on vote_on_news, and it is necessary to keep track of total reputation from the news

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_news_delete() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE news SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote WHERE news.id_news = OLD.news;
    RETURN OLD;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_news_delete
    AFTER DELETE ON vote_on_news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_news_delete();
```

Trigger	TRIGGER05
Description	This trigger is used when a new vote is inserted on vote_on_comment, and it is necessary to keep track of total reputation from the comment

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_comment_insert() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
DECLARE
    aux_writer INTEGER;
    aux_id_member INTEGER;
BEGIN
    SELECT writer FROM comments WHERE NEW.comments = id_comment INTO aux_writer;
    SELECT id_member FROM member WHERE NEW.member = id_member INTO aux_id_member;
    IF (aux_writer = aux_id_member) THEN
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'Writer cannot vote on own comment';
    END IF;
    UPDATE comments SET reputation = reputation + NEW.vote WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_comment_insert
    BEFORE INSERT ON vote_on_comment
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_comment_insert();
```

Trigger	TRIGGER06
Description	This trigger is used when a vote is updated on vote_on_comment, and it is necessary to keep track of total reputation from the comment

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_comment_update() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF (NEW.vote <> OLD.vote) THEN
        UPDATE comments SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote + NEW.vote WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.com
ments;
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_comment_update
    AFTER UPDATE ON vote_on_comment
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_comment_update();
```

Trigger	TRIGGER07
Description	This trigger is used when a vote is deleted on vote_on_comment, and it is necessary to keep track of total reputation from the comment

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_comment_delete() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE comments SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote  WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments;
    RETURN OLD;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_comment_delete
    AFTER DELETE ON vote_on_comment
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_comment_delete();
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Trigger	TRIGGER08
Description	This trigger is used when a news is updated, and it is necessary to keep track of total reputation of its writer

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION user_news_reputation() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE member SET reputation = reputation - OLD.reputation + NEW.reputation WHERE NEW.writer = member.id_member;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER user_news_reputation
    AFTER UPDATE ON news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE user_news_reputation();
```

Trigger	TRIGGER09
Description	This trigger is used when a comment is updated, and it is necessary to keep track of total reputation of its writer
<pre>CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION user_comment_reputation() RETURNS TRIGGER AS \$\$ BEGIN UPDATE member SET reputation = reputation - OLD.reputation + NEW.reputation WHERE NEW.writer = member.id_member; RETURN NEW; END \$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql; CREATE TRIGGER user_comment_reputation AFTER UPDATE ON comments FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE user_comment_reputation();</pre>	

Trigger	TRIGGER10
Description	This trigger is used when a comment is inserted, and it checks if the date of the comment is valid (>= date of the news it refers to)
<pre>CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION check_comment_date() RETURNS TRIGGER AS \$\$ BEGIN IF NEW.dates < (SELECT news.dates FROM news WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news) THEN RAISE EXCEPTION 'One can´t make a comment on a news before being released'; END IF; RETURN NEW; END \$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql; CREATE TRIGGER comment_date BEFORE INSERT ON comments FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE check_comment_date();</pre>	

Trigger	TRIGGER11
Description	This trigger is used when a vote on news is inserted, and it checks if the date of the vote is valid (>= date of the news it refers to)

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION check_vote_news_date() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF NEW.dates < (SELECT news.dates FROM news WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news)
    THEN
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'One can't vote on a news before being released';
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_news_date
    BEFORE INSERT ON vote_on_news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE check_vote_news_date();
```

Trigger	TRIGGER12
Description	This trigger is used when a vote on comment is inserted, and it checks if the date of the vote is valid (>= date of the comment it refers to)
<pre>CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION check_vote_comment_date() RETURNS TRIGGER AS \$\$ BEGIN IF NEW.dates < (SELECT comments.dates FROM comments WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments) THEN RAISE EXCEPTION 'One can't vote on a comment before being released'; END IF; RETURN NEW; END \$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql; CREATE TRIGGER vote_comment_date BEFORE INSERT ON vote_on_comment FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE check_vote_comment_date();</pre>	

Trigger	TRIGGER13
Description	This trigger is used to secure that no member can follow himself
<pre>CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION follow_member_insert() RETURNS TRIGGER AS \$\$ BEGIN IF (NEW.follower = NEW.followed) THEN RAISE EXCEPTION 'Member cannot follow himself'; END IF; RETURN NEW; END \$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql; CREATE TRIGGER follow_member_insert BEFORE INSERT ON follow_member FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE follow_member_insert();</pre>	

4. Transactions

Transaction	TRAN01 Add vote on news
Justification	To maintain consistency, it's necessary to use a transaction to ensure that all the code executes without errors. A serializable isolation level is used so that so that it is not possible for the reputation value to be calculated incorrectly, due to the fact that two insertion or update operations are performed in the vote_on_news table

Isolation level	Serializable
<div><pre>BEGIN TRANSACTION; SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE UPDATE news SET reputation = reputation + NEW.vote WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news; COMMIT; BEGIN TRANSACTION; SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE UPDATE news SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote + NEW.vote WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news; COMMIT; BEGIN TRANSACTION; SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE UPDATE news SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote WHERE news.id_news = OLD.news; COMMIT;</pre></div>	

Transaction	TRAN02 Add vote on comment
Justification	To maintain consistency, it's necessary to use a transaction to ensure that the all the code executes without errors. An serializable isolation level is used so that so that it is not possible for the reputation value to be calculated incorrectly, due to the fact that two insertion or update operations are performed in the vote_on_comment table
Isolation level	Serializable

```

BEGIN TRANSACTION;
SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE

UPDATE comments SET reputation = reputation + NEW.vote WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments;

COMMIT;

BEGIN TRANSACTION;
SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE

UPDATE comments SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote + NEW.vote WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments;

COMMIT;

BEGIN TRANSACTION;
SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE

UPDATE comments SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote  WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments;

COMMIT;

```

Annex A. SQL Code

- [Create.sql](#)
- [Populate.sql](#)

A.1. Database schema

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-- Drop old schema
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DROP TABLE IF EXISTS member CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS news CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS comments CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS follow_member CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS topic CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS news_topic CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS follow_topic CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS vote_on_news CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS vote_on_comment CASCADE;

-----
-- Tables
-----

-- Note that plural 'comments' and 'dates' names were adopted because comment and date are reserved words in PostgreSQL.

CREATE TABLE "member"(
  id_member SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  username VARCHAR NOT NULL CONSTRAINT member_username_uk UNIQUE,
  passwords VARCHAR NOT NULL,
  email VARCHAR NOT NULL CONSTRAINT member_email_uk UNIQUE,
  profile_description VARCHAR,
  image VARCHAR UNIQUE,
  dates TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE DEFAULT now() NOT NULL,
  reputation INTEGER DEFAULT 0 NOT NULL,
  is_admin BOOLEAN NOT NULL
);

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CREATE TABLE "news"(
  id_news SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  writer INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE SET NULL ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  title VARCHAR NOT NULL CONSTRAINT news_title_uk UNIQUE,
  content VARCHAR NOT NULL,
  image VARCHAR UNIQUE,
  dates TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE NOT NULL DEFAULT now(),
  reputation INTEGER DEFAULT 0 NOT NULL
);

CREATE TABLE "comments"(
  id_comment SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  writer INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE SET NULL ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  news INTEGER REFERENCES news (id_news) ON DELETE RESTRICT ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  content VARCHAR NOT NULL,
  dates TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE DEFAULT now() NOT NULL,
  reputation INTEGER DEFAULT 0 NOT NULL
);

CREATE TABLE "follow_member"(
  follower INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  followed INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  PRIMARY KEY (follower, followed)
);

CREATE TABLE "topic"(
  id_topic SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  name VARCHAR NOT NULL CONSTRAINT topic_name_uk UNIQUE
);

CREATE TABLE "news_topic"(
  id_news INTEGER REFERENCES news (id_news) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  topic INTEGER REFERENCES topic (id_topic) ON DELETE RESTRICT ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  PRIMARY KEY (id_news, topic)
);

CREATE TABLE "follow_topic"(
  member INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  topic INTEGER REFERENCES topic (id_topic) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  PRIMARY KEY (member, topic)
);

CREATE TABLE "vote_on_news"(
  member INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE SET NULL ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  news INTEGER REFERENCES news (id_news) ON DELETE RESTRICT ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  vote INTEGER NOT NULL,
  dates TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE DEFAULT now() NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (member, news),
  CONSTRAINT vote_ck CHECK ((vote = 1) OR (vote = -1))
);

CREATE TABLE "vote_on_comment"(
  member INTEGER REFERENCES member (id_member) ON DELETE SET NULL ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  comments INTEGER REFERENCES comments (id_comment) ON DELETE RESTRICT ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  vote INTEGER NOT NULL,
  dates TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE DEFAULT now() NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (member, comments),
  CONSTRAINT vote_ck CHECK ((vote = 1) OR (vote = -1))
);

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-- Index
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DROP INDEX IF EXISTS write_news;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS news_date;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS news_reputation;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS comment_writer;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS comment_news;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS order_by_follower;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS order_by_followed;

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DROP INDEX IF EXISTS news_topics;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS member_topic;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS news_vote;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS comment_vote;
DROP INDEX IF EXISTS search_idx;

CREATE INDEX write_news ON news USING hash (writer);
CREATE INDEX news_date ON news USING BTREE (dates);
CREATE INDEX news_reputation ON news USING BTREE (reputation);
CREATE INDEX comment_writer ON comments USING hash (writer);
CREATE INDEX comment_news ON comments USING hash (news);
CREATE INDEX order_by_follower ON follow_member USING hash (follower);
CREATE INDEX order_by_followed ON follow_member USING hash (followed);
CREATE INDEX news_topics ON news_topic USING hash (topic);
CREATE INDEX member_topic ON follow_topic USING hash (member);
CREATE INDEX news_vote ON vote_on_news USING hash (news);
CREATE INDEX comment_vote ON vote_on_comment USING hash (comments);

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-- User-defined Functions and Triggers
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----- TRIGGER_01
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS news_search_update ON news;

ALTER TABLE news
ADD COLUMN tsvectors TSVECTOR;
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION news_search_update() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF TG_OP = 'INSERT' THEN
        NEW.tsvectors = (
            setweight(to_tsvector('english', NEW.title), 'A') ||
            setweight(to_tsvector('english', NEW.content), 'B')
        );
    END IF;
    IF TG_OP = 'UPDATE' THEN
        IF (NEW.title <> OLD.title OR NEW.content <> OLD.content) THEN
            NEW.tsvectors = (
                setweight(to_tsvector('english', NEW.title), 'A') ||
                setweight(to_tsvector('english', NEW.content), 'B')
            );
        END IF;
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER news_search_update
    BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE ON news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE news_search_update();

----- Related Index

CREATE INDEX search_idx ON news USING GIN (tsvectors);

----- TRIGGER_02
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS vote_on_news_insert ON vote_on_news;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_news_insert() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
DECLARE
    aux_writer INTEGER;
    aux_id_member INTEGER;
BEGIN
    SELECT writer FROM news WHERE NEW.news = id_news INTO aux_writer;
    SELECT id_member FROM member WHERE NEW.member = id_member INTO aux_id_member;
    IF (aux_writer = aux_id_member) THEN
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'Writer cannot vote on own news';
    END IF;
    UPDATE news SET reputation = reputation + NEW.vote WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news;

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        RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_news_insert
    BEFORE INSERT ON vote_on_news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_news_insert();

----- TRIGGER_03
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS vote_on_news_update ON vote_on_news;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_news_update() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF (NEW.vote <> OLD.vote) THEN
        UPDATE news SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote + NEW.vote WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news;
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_news_update
    AFTER UPDATE ON vote_on_news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_news_update();

----- TRIGGER_04
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS vote_on_news_delete ON vote_on_news;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_news_delete() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE news SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote WHERE news.id_news = OLD.news;
    RETURN OLD;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_news_delete
    AFTER DELETE ON vote_on_news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_news_delete();

----- TRIGGER_05
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS vote_on_comment_insert ON vote_on_comment;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_comment_insert() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
DECLARE
    aux_writer INTEGER;
    aux_id_member INTEGER;
BEGIN
    SELECT writer FROM comments WHERE NEW.comments = id_comment INTO aux_writer;
    SELECT id_member FROM member WHERE NEW.member = id_member INTO aux_id_member;
    IF (aux_writer = aux_id_member) THEN
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'Writer cannot vote on own comment';
    END IF;
    UPDATE comments SET reputation = reputation + NEW.vote WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_comment_insert
    BEFORE INSERT ON vote_on_comment
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_comment_insert();

----- TRIGGER_06
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS vote_on_comment_update ON vote_on_comment;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_comment_update() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF (NEW.vote <> OLD.vote) THEN
        UPDATE comments SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote + NEW.vote WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments;
    END IF;

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        RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_comment_update
    AFTER UPDATE ON vote_on_comment
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_comment_update();

----- TRIGGER_07
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS vote_on_comment_delete ON vote_on_comment;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION vote_on_comment_delete() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE comments SET reputation = reputation - OLD.vote WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments;
    RETURN OLD;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_on_comment_delete
    AFTER DELETE ON vote_on_comment
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE vote_on_comment_delete();

----- TRIGGER_08
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS user_news_reputation ON news;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION user_news_reputation() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE member SET reputation = reputation - OLD.reputation + NEW.reputation WHERE NEW.writer = member.id_member;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER user_news_reputation
    AFTER UPDATE ON news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE user_news_reputation();

----- TRIGGER_09
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS user_comment_reputation ON comments;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION user_comment_reputation() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE member SET reputation = reputation - OLD.reputation + NEW.reputation WHERE NEW.writer = member.id_member;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER user_comment_reputation
    AFTER UPDATE ON comments
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE user_comment_reputation();

----- TRIGGER_10
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS comment_date ON comments;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION check_comment_date() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF NEW.dates < (SELECT news.dates FROM news WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news)
    THEN
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'One can't make a comment on a news before being released';
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER comment_date
    BEFORE INSERT ON comments
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE check_comment_date();

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----- TRIGGER_11
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS vote_news_date ON vote_on_news;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION check_vote_news_date() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF NEW.dates < (SELECT news.dates FROM news WHERE news.id_news = NEW.news)
    THEN
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'One can't vote on a news before being released';
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_news_date
    BEFORE INSERT ON vote_on_news
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE check_vote_news_date();

----- TRIGGER_12
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS vote_comment_date ON vote_on_comment;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION check_vote_comment_date() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF NEW.dates < (SELECT comments.dates FROM comments WHERE comments.id_comment = NEW.comments)
    THEN
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'One can't vote on a comment before being released';
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER vote_comment_date
    BEFORE INSERT ON vote_on_comment
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE check_vote_comment_date();

----- TRIGGER_13
DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS follow_member_insert ON follow_member;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION follow_member_insert() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF (NEW.follower = NEW.followed)
    THEN
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'Member cannot follow himself';
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END $$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE TRIGGER follow_member_insert
    BEFORE INSERT ON follow_member
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE PROCEDURE follow_member_insert();

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DELETE FROM vote_on_news CASCADE;
DELETE FROM vote_on_comment CASCADE;
DELETE FROM news_topic CASCADE;
DELETE FROM comments CASCADE;
DELETE FROM follow_member CASCADE;
DELETE FROM follow_topic CASCADE;
DELETE FROM topic CASCADE;
DELETE FROM news CASCADE;
DELETE FROM member CASCADE;

INSERT INTO
    member(id_member, username, passwords, email, profile_description, image, dates, reputation, is_admin)
VALUES
    (1, 'jcundict0', '3z0xwZ368o', 'rcashman0@alexa.com', 'I am a 53-year-old semi-professional sports person who enjoys swimmi

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(2, 'lface1', 'tnt0nY', 'edelia1@usatoday.com', 'I am a 24-year-old sous chef who enjoys extreme ironing, watching televisi
(3, 'odemattia2', 'UODTRl3E', 'dpreedy2@wordpress.com', 'I am a 23-year-old health centre receptionist who enjoys recycling
(4, 'tharmstone3', 'JIZH0NdwZNkY', 'dbroggelli3@apache.org', 'I am a 29-year-old chef at chain restaurant who enjoys extrem
(5, 'cpillington4', 'hlNxfr', 'rscrimshaw4@globo.com', 'I am a 73-year-old former government politician who enjoys reading,
(6, 'avasser5', 'jAwSbTp', 'glaurenz5@1und1.de', 'I am a 29-year-old tradesperson assistant who enjoys helping old ladies a
(7, 'mstokey6', 'gwnHiyoAwU', 'mgroger6@dmoz.org', 'I am a 35-year-old personal trainer who enjoys cookery, horse riding an
(8, 'fmilbourne7', 'MVys1p90', 'breide7@cnbc.com', 'I am a 40-year-old intelligence researcher who enjoys meditation, badmi
(9, 'bgrut8', 'JZBxw3', 'mabadam8@merriam-webster.com', 'I am a 26-year-old former town counsellor who enjoys watching YouT
(10, 'bholbury9', 'dhyqgCJj', 'vguerner9@businesswire.com', 'I am a 70-year-old former clerk who enjoys reading, theatre an
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INSERT INTO

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news(id_news, writer, title, content, image, dates, reputation)
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VALUES

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(1, 1, 'Religious discrimination bill introduced to parliament', 'Prime Minister Scott Morrison has introduced proposed law
(2, 2, 'Thousands of NSW teachers to strike over unsustainable workloads and uncompetitive salaries', 'NSW public school te
(3, 1, 'myGov website back online after widespread outage', 'The widespread outage that downed government services website
(4, 1, 'The fear of missing out and the psychology of Black Friday', 'From its somewhat chequered origins in the 1950s when
(5, 1, 'Fears mount over Russian invasion of Ukraine', 'The US may send military advisors and new weaponry to Ukraine as Ru
(6, 1, 'Australian fashion label becomes nations first to be carbon neutral', 'Menswear brand MJ Bale has become the nation
(7, 1, 'Britains army chief warns risk of accidental war with Russia is greater than during Cold War', 'The risk of an acci
(8, 1, 'Millions of COVID-19 home testing kits made by Aussie company recalled in US', 'More than two million at-home COVID
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INSERT INTO

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comments(id_comment, writer, news, content, dates, reputation)
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VALUES

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(1, 2, 1, 'NEVER EVER vote for Labor or Liberal parties EVER Again.', '02/01/2021', 0),
(2, 3, 1, 'What about medical discrimination!!!!', '02/01/2021', 0),
(3, 4, 1, 'How about a freedom of speech bill.', '02/01/2021', 0),
(4, 5, 1, 'Just remember this bill was Morrisons entire ambition as prime minister and its a complete joke.', '02/01/2021',
(5, 1, 1, 'Morrison is clearly not a Christian by his behaviour.', '02/01/2021', 0),
(6, 6, 1, 'We are anything but a democracy.', '02/01/2021', 0),
(7, 7, 1, 'Despite Scotty saying he is a Christian, his actions since early 2020 show that he is more of a devil worshipper
(8, 8, 1, 'Are politicians needed?', '02/01/2021', 0),
(9, 9, 1, 'Never voting mainstream parties again , time for a change and new start in Australia.', '02/01/2021', 0),
(10, 10, 1, 'Nice speech. Took him his ENTIRE term to write it. Perspective.', '02/01/2021', 0);
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INSERT INTO

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follow_member(follower, followed)
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VALUES

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(6, 9),
(3, 9),
(8, 3),
(2, 10),
(1, 6);
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INSERT INTO

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topic(id_topic, name)
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VALUES

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(1, 'War'),
(2, 'Government'),
(3, 'Politics'),
(4, 'Education'),
(5, 'Health'),
(6, 'The Environment'),
(7, 'Economy'),
(8, 'Business'),
(9, 'Fashion'),
(10, 'Entertainment');
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INSERT INTO

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news_topic(id_news, topic)
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VALUES

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(1, 3),
(7, 1),
(3, 2),
(4, 7),
(5, 1),
(2, 4),
(6, 9),
(8, 5);
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INSERT INTO

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        follow_topic(member, topic)

VALUES
(3, 1),
(6, 1),
(2, 2),
(9, 5),
(10, 8),
(10, 7),
(1, 7),
(3, 2),
(7, 3),
(4, 4);

INSERT INTO
        vote_on_news(member, news, vote, dates)

VALUES
(10, 1, 1, '01/01/2021'),
(2, 1, 1, '01/01/2021'),
(3, 1, 1, '01/01/2021'),
(4, 1, -1, '01/01/2021'),
(5, 1, 1, '01/01/2021');

INSERT INTO
        vote_on_comment(member, comments, vote, dates)

VALUES
(1, 1, 1, '02/01/2021'),
(5, 1, 1, '02/01/2021'),
(3, 1, 1, '02/01/2021'),
(4, 1, -1, '02/01/2021');
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