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# INTRODUCTION

Informational Systems are a driving force behind the movement of automatization of business processes, due to the fact that they allow businesses to streamline and greatly improve the efficiency of delivery of value and as such in increase in income.

In many cases the domain of business and the problems it is intending on providing solution for may be unnecessarily complicated by the non-existence of standardized business procedure or management structure.

The goals of the business that is to be automated are as follows:

1. Care for the plants in preparation for their sale.
2. Put plants for sale and organize delivery through the postal service of convenience.
3. Provide customers and employees with instructions for plant care.
4. Track the history of orders and payments and present them in a form that would enhance management’s decision making.

Following from the goals of the business, the goals of this project are as follows:

1. Analyze business domain and create a logical framework of this application, specified roles of actors and map business entities.
2. Select fitting software components.
3. Create SQL statements that would be used to automate business process.
4. Organize application architecture.
5. Create User Interface.
6. Organize testing strategy for the application.

# 1 REQUIREMENTS OF THE INFORMATIONAL SYSTEM

The business process that is being automated by this application has three main roles of actors: consumer, producer and manager. Table 1.1. includes their goals as well as correspondence of input and output data related to them.

Table 1.1 – User Goals

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | Goal | Explanation | Input | Output |
|  | Consumer, Producer, Manager | | | |
| Z1 | Access the system. |  | Login  Password | Session |
|  | Consumer, Producer | | | |
| A1 | Search for plants that can be ordered. | Consumers have this goal to be able to order plants. Producers have this goal for analysis of posted plants. | Plant Groups  Plant Soils  Plant Regions  Price Range  Plant Name  Plant Age | Plants that specify search requirements |
| A2 | Search for instructions for plants. |  | Plant Group  Instruction Title  Instruction Description | Instructions:  Title  Description  Cover  Content |

Continuation of Table 1.1

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A3 | See detailed information for posted plant. | Consumer can do this to be able to perform more informed decision about ordering. | Plant Id | Plant Name  Description  Price  Group  Soil  Regions  Plant Images  Age  Seller Credentials  Caretaker Credentials |
|  | Consumer | | | |
| B1 | Order plant. |  | Post Id  Delivery Address |  |
| B2 | See previously used addresses on order. | This would speed up delivery process and improve experience. |  | Addresses:  City  Location |
| B3 | Confirm order to be delivered. |  | Order Id |  |
|  | Producer, Manager | | | |
| C1 | Find plants that are being prepared for post. |  | Limit to Cared | Plants:  Plant Name  Plant Description  Is cared flag |

Continuation of Table 1.1

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| C2 | Edit plant information. |  | Plant Id  New Plant |  |
| C3 | Create plant. |  | Plant Name  Plant Description  Plant Regions  Plant Soil  Plant Group  Pictures  Age | Plant Id |
| C4 | See plant prepared for sale. | Seeing the plant as a client would see it before it is posted would allow producer to create better posts. | Plant Id | Plant Post with no price specified |
| C5 | Post plant for sale. |  | Plant Id  Price |  |
| C6 | Create Instruction. |  | Group  Cover  Title  Description  Content | Instruction Id |

Continuation of Table 1.1

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| C7 | Find users. | This allows managers to manage producers and producers to manage consumers. | Name  Phone Number | Users:  Name  Phone Number  Roles |
| C8 | Invite users. |  | Login  Roles  Email  Name  Phone Number | User created and email with temporary password send. |
| C9 | Update user roles. | This is limited to adding or removing roles that have lesser priority that the current user. | Login  Role |  |
| C10 | Remove post. | For producers this is limited to post that they have created. | Post Id |  |
| C11 | Update instruction. |  | Instruction Id  New Instruction |  |
| C12 | Reject order. |  | Order Id |  |
| С13 | Start Order delivery |  | Order Id  Tracking Number |  |

Continuation of Table 1.1

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Manager | | | |
| D1 | See popularity for plants based on their group |  |  | Plant Groups:  Income  Stock Number  Instructions |
| D2 | See financial info for plant based on their group |  | Time Range | Plant Groups:  Income  Sales Number  Sold Percent |

# 2 INFORMATIONAL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

## 2.1 High-level overview

Requirements of the application that were provided before create a need for architecture that would allow them to be possible. In this case, we would be using three-tier architecture.



Figure 2.1 – Thee-tier architecture

Three-tier architecture allows us to segregate responsibilities of our architecture into parts in such a fashion that it is much easier to understand and modify them. The main advantage of such architecture over two-tier architecture is separation of client presentation and business logic, which allows us to create multiple versions of client presentations, such as mobile and desktop applications, that use the same business logic component.

## 2.2 Business logic layer architecture

Clean architecture would be used as business layer architecture. Its main goal is to separate the actual business logic of the backend application from infrastructural logic that includes sending emails, querying database and interacting with file system. Its diagram can be seen on a fig. 2.2.



Figure 2.2 – Clean architecture

Here, core represents the base of application and contains system-wide concerns and business entities representation, application represents business logic, infrastructure represents external dependencies and presentation provides a medium for information transfer.

## 2.3 Presentation layer architecture

As a pattern for development of presentation layer MVU pattern would be used. Here, model is an unambiguous and flat representation of all the information that is needed for the application, view is a function that renders model and convenes user interactions, update is a function that receives a model and a message and produces new model and optionally commands, side-effects externally processes commands and posts messages.



Figure 2.3 – MVU pattern

# 3 MODELING OF THE DOMAIN OF INFORMATIONAL SYSTEM

To model the domain of informational system we should defined business entities and their attributes. In relational databases concept of business entity maps to relation and concept of attribute maps to the notion of constraint. So, relations and their constraints are presented in table 3.1.

Table 3.1 – Relations and their constraints

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Field | Description | Constraints |
| “plant\_group” relation | | |
| id | Identifier | PRIMARY KEY (PK) |
| group\_name | Name of the group | NOT NULL |
| “plant\_region” relation | | |
| id | Identifier | PK |
| region\_name | Name of the region | NOT NULL |
| “plant\_soil” relation | | |
| id | Identifier | PK |
| soil\_name | Name of the soil | NOT NULL |
| “person” relation | | |
| id | Identifier | PK |
| first\_name | First name of person | NOT NULL |
| last\_name | Last name of person | NOT NULL |
| phone\_number | Contact address of person | NOT NULL |
| “person\_to\_login” relation | | |
| person\_id | Identifier of person | PK, FK |
| login | Database login of person |  |
| “plant” relation | | |
| id | Identifier | PK |
| group\_id | Group Identifier | FOREIGN KEY (FK), NOT NULL |
| soil\_id | Soil Identifier | FK, NOT NULL |

Continuation of Table 3.1

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Field | Description | Constraints |
| care\_taker\_id | Identifier of employee that is assigned with caring for plant | FK, NOT NULL |
| plant\_name | Name of the plant | NOT NULL |
| description | Description of the plant | NOT NULL |
| created | Date of plant being physically created | NOT NULL |
| “plant\_to\_image” relation | | |
| relation\_id | Identifier | PK |
| plant\_id | Plant identifier | FK, NOT NULL |
| image | Image of the plant | NOT NULL |
| “plant\_to\_region” relation | | |
| id | Identifier | PK |
| plant\_id | Plant Identifier | FK, NOT NULL, UNIQUE (plant\_id, plant\_region\_id) |
| plant\_region\_id | Region Identifier | FK, NOT NULL, UNIQUE (plant\_id, plant\_region\_id) |
| “delivery\_address” relation | | |
| id | Identifier | PK |
| city | Name of the city | NOT NULL, UNIQUE (city, nova\_poshta\_number) |
| nova\_poshta\_number | Number of postal service | NOT NULL, UNIQUE (city, nova\_poshta\_number) |

Continuation of table 3.1

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Field | Description | Constraints |
| “person\_to\_delivery” relation | | |
| id | Identifier | PK |
| person\_id | Person Identifier | FK, NOT NULL |
| delivery\_address\_id | Address Identifier | FK, NOT NULL |
| “plant\_post” relation | | |
| plant\_id | Identifier of plant | PK, FK |
| seller\_id | Identifier of seller | FK, NOT NULL |
| price | Price of plant | NOT NULL, >= 0 |
| created | Date of post creation | NOT NULL |
| “plant\_order” relation | | |
| post\_id | Identifier of post | PK, FK |
| customer\_id | Identifier of customer | FK, NOT NULL |
| delivery\_address\_id | Identifier of address | FK, NOT NULL |
| created | Time of post being ordered | NOT NULL |
| “plant\_delivery” relation | | |
| order\_id | Identifier of order | PK, FK |
| delivery\_tracking\_number | Tracking number for this delivery | NOT NULL |
| created | Time of delivery starting | NOT NULL |
| “plant\_shipment” relation | | |
| delivery\_id | Identifier of delivery | PK, FK |
| shipped | Time of delivery being confirmed | NOT NULL |

Continuation of table 3.1

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Field | Description | Constraints |
| “plant\_caring\_instruction” relation | | |
| id | Identifier | PK |
| instruction\_text | Main text of the instruction, includes formatting | NOT NULL |
| posted\_by\_id | Identifier of producer that created this instruction | FK, NOT NULL |
| plant\_group\_id | Identifier of group | FK, NOT NULL |
| title | Title of instruction | NOT NULL |
| description | Description of instruction | NOT NULL |
| “instruction\_to\_cover” relation | | |
| instruction\_id | Identifier of instruction | PK, FK |
| image | Image of cover | NOT NULL |

There are three types of relationships between relations:

* One-to-one
* One-to-many
* Many-to-many

Relationship “One-to-one” is formalized by adding primary key of main relation to dependent relation as primary and foreign key.

“One-to-one” relationship exists between following tables:

* plant and plant\_post
* plant\_post and plant\_order
* plant\_order and plant\_delivery
* plant\_delivery and plant\_shipment
* person and person\_to\_login
* plant\_caring\_instruction and instruction\_to\_cover

Here, first relation is main and second is dependent.

Relationship “One-to-many” is formalized by adding primary key of main relation to dependent relation as foreign key.

“One-to-many” relationship exists between following tables:

* plant\_group and plant
* plant\_soil and plant
* person and plant
* plant and plant\_to\_image
* person and plant\_order
* delivery\_address and plant\_order
* person and plant\_caring\_instruction
* plant\_group and plant\_caring\_instruction

Here, first relation is main and second is dependent.

Relationship “Many-to-many” is formalized by creating connecting relation that has primary keys of both tables as foreign keys.

Relationship “Many-to-many” exists between following tables:

* plant\_region and plant through plant\_to\_region
* person and delivery\_address through person\_to\_delivery

Here, both sides of relationship go first and then their connecting relation is presented.

# 4 USED TECHNOLOGIES AND SOFTWARE

The informational system is composed of three parts – Data Access layer build with PostgreSQL, Application Layer build with ASP.NET Core framework and Presentation Layer build with Elm, React and Bootstrap 5.

Out of many DBMS possibilities the PostgreSQL has been selected for following reasons:

* complete implementation for relational database standard
* complex and throughout role and group access system
* advanced support for stored procedures using plpgSQL language
* support for byte array storage for storing large images
* support for local views
* throughout documentation
* actively supported and developed

The ASP.NET Core framework for backend application has been selected for well-crafted database access packages, advanced support for creation of REST-full APIs and Microsoft support.

The frontend uses Bootstrap 5 for cross-platform support, accessibility and consistency of the user interface, Elm for its support of zero exception runtime and the guarantee of impossibility of undefined state of User Interface and React for its support for Single Page Application development. All of those frameworks are used within Node JS environment that uses Parcel bundler as a build tool for its support for minimization of static files. Build application is being distributed using Nginx web-host through nginx alpine docker image for its support for caching of local files.

# 5 DATABASE CREATION

# 6 DATABASE USERS

Table 6.1. Access to tables

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Table | User Role | | |
| Consumer | Producer | Manager |
| plant |  | IS | IS |
| plant\_post | S | ISD | ISD |
| plant\_order | IS | SD | SD |
| plant\_delivery |  | I |  |
| plant\_shipment | I |  |  |
| instruction\_to\_cover | S | IS | IS |
| plant\_to\_image | S | IS | IS |
| person\_to\_login | S | S | S |
| plant\_caring\_instruction |  | I | I |
| delivery\_address | IS |  |  |
| person\_to\_delivery | IS |  |  |
| plant\_to\_region |  | I | I |
| person | S | S | S |

Table 6.2. Access to procedures

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Procedure | User Role | | |
| Consumer | Producer | Manager |
| add\_user\_to\_group |  | Execute | Execute |
| create\_user |  | Execute | Execute |
| create\_person |  | Execute | Execute |
| remove\_user\_from\_group |  | Execute | Execute |
| edit\_instruction |  | Execute | Execute |
| edit\_plant |  | Execute | Execute |

Table 6.3. Access to functions

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Function | User Role | | |
| Consumer | Producer | Manager |
| create\_instruction |  | Execute | Execute |
| create\_plant |  | Execute | Execute |
| get\_financial |  |  | Execute |
| place\_order | Execute |  |  |
| post\_plant |  | Execute | Execute |
| search\_instructions | Execute | Execute | Execute |
| search\_plant | Execute | Execute | Execute |
| search\_user | Execute | Execute | Execute |
| set\_current\_user\_id\_care\_taker |  | Execute | Execute |
| set\_current\_user\_id\_seller |  | Execute | Execute |
| set\_current\_user\_id\_instruction |  | Execute | Execute |
| set\_current\_user\_id\_order | Execute |  |  |
| order\_store\_user\_address | Execute |  |  |

Table 6.4. Access to views

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| View | User Role | | |
| Consumer | Producer | Manager |
| dicts\_v | S | S | S |
| current\_user\_addresses | S | S | S |
| instruction\_v | S | S | S |
| current\_user\_orders | S |  |  |
| plant\_orders\_v |  | S | S |
| plants\_v |  | S | S |
| prepared\_for\_post\_v |  | S | S |
| plant\_post\_v | S | S | S |
| plant\_stats\_v |  |  | S |
| user\_to\_roles | S | S | S |

Here, annotations are as follows:

* S: Select, projection of data from the table, view
* I: Insert, additional of tuple to table
* D: Delete, removal of tuple from table
* Execute: Execution of procedure or function

SQL statements used to grant those accesses may be found in Apendix A.

# 7 SQL QUERIES

# 8 STRUCTURE OF THE APPLICATION

# 9 USER INTERFACE FOR THE APPLICATION

# 10 CONCLUSIONS

# 11 REFERENCES

# Appendix A Access Grants

--tables

GRANT INSERT ON plant\_delivery TO producer;

GRANT INSERT ON plant\_shipment TO consumer;

GRANT SELECT ON instruction\_to\_cover TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT INSERT ON instruction\_to\_cover TO producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON plant\_to\_image TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT INSERT ON plant\_to\_image TO producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON person\_to\_login TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON plant TO producer, manager;

GRANT UPDATE ON plant\_id\_seq TO producer, manager;

GRANT UPDATE ON plant\_to\_region\_id\_seq TO producer, manager;

GRANT UPDATE ON plant\_to\_image\_relation\_id\_seq TO producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT, INSERT, DELETE ON plant\_post TO producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON plant\_post TO consumer;

GRANT INSERT ON plant\_caring\_instruction TO producer, manager;

GRANT UPDATE ON plant\_caring\_instruction\_id\_seq TO producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON plant\_order TO consumer;

GRANT SELECT ON plant\_order TO producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON delivery\_address TO consumer;

GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON person\_to\_delivery TO consumer;

GRANT UPDATE ON person\_to\_delivery\_id\_seq TO consumer;

GRANT INSERT ON plant\_to\_region TO producer;

GRANT SELECT ON person TO consumer, producer, manager;

--procedures

GRANT EXECUTE ON PROCEDURE add\_user\_to\_group TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON PROCEDURE create\_person TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON PROCEDURE create\_user TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON PROCEDURE remove\_user\_from\_group TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON PROCEDURE edit\_instruction TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON PROCEDURE edit\_plant TO producer, manager;

--functions

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION create\_instruction TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION create\_plant TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION get\_financial TO manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION place\_order TO consumer;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION post\_plant TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION search\_instructions TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION search\_plant TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION search\_users TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION set\_current\_user\_id\_care\_taker TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION set\_current\_user\_id\_seller TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION set\_current\_user\_id\_instruction TO producer, manager;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION set\_current\_user\_id\_order TO consumer;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION order\_store\_user\_address TO consumer;

GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION delete\_post TO producer, manager;

--views

GRANT SELECT ON dicts\_v TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON current\_user\_addresses TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON instruction\_v TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON current\_user\_orders TO consumer;

GRANT SELECT ON plant\_orders\_v TO producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON plants\_v TO producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON prepared\_for\_post\_v TO producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON plant\_post\_v TO consumer, producer, manager;

GRANT SELECT ON plant\_stats\_v TO manager;

GRANT SELECT ON user\_to\_roles TO consumer, producer, manager;