

CSCE 156: Project 2

Jstagram 2.0 Design Document

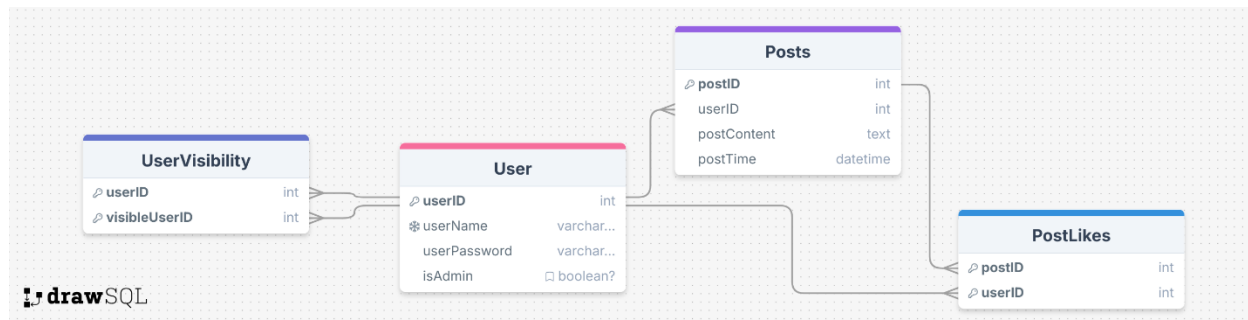
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Introduction

Jstagram 2.0 is a social media application designed to offer core functionalities like user account management, post creation, and visibility control. The app supports two types of users: regular users and admins. At high level, regular users can manage their visibility lists, create and interact with posts, and like or unlike posts. Admins have additional powers, such as promoting users, creating or deleting accounts, and managing all posts in the system. Targeted audience include users looking for a lightweight, controlled social media platform and developers aiming to learn the integration of Java and MySQL in a real-world application.

ER Diagram

Jstagram 2.0 is a social media application designed to offer core functionalities like user



3NF Compliance

All database tables are designed to comply with the Third Normal Form (3NF):

1. User Table

Attributes: userID (PK), userName, userPassword, isAdmin.

1NF: All attributes are atomic; no repeating groups.

2NF: No partial dependencies; primary key is a single attribute (userID).

3NF: No transitive dependencies; all attributes depend solely on the primary key.

2. Posts Table

Attributes: postID (PK), userID (FK), postContent, postTime.

1NF: All attributes are atomic.

2NF: No partial dependencies; primary key is postID.

3NF: No transitive dependencies; each attribute depends only on postID.

3. UserVisibility Table

Attributes: userID (PK, FK), visibleUserID (PK, FK).

1NF: All attributes are atomic.

2NF: Composite primary key (userID, visibleUserID); no partial dependencies.

3NF: No transitive dependencies; attributes depend only on the composite primary key.

4. PostLikes Table

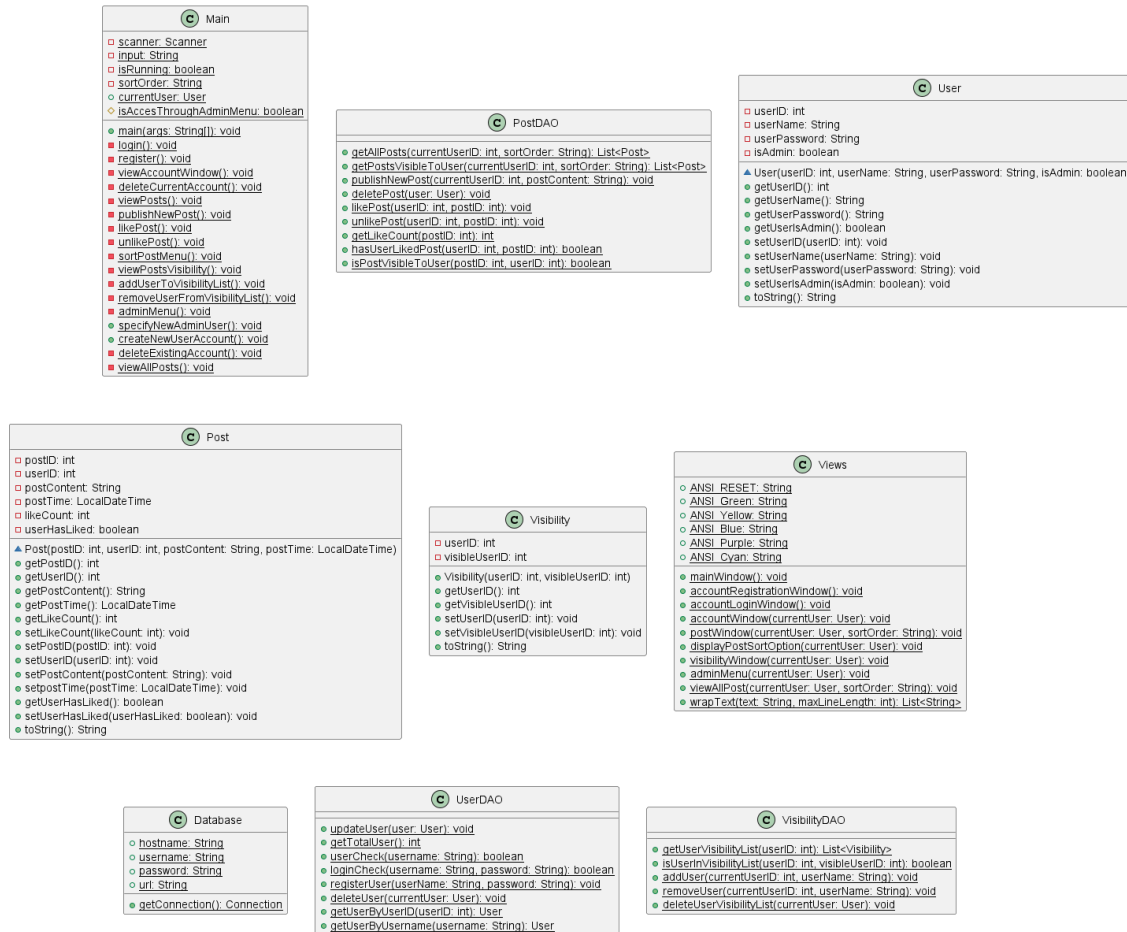
Attributes: postID (PK, FK), userID (PK, FK).

1NF: All attributes are atomic.

2NF: Composite primary key (postID, userID); no partial dependencies.

3NF: No transitive dependencies; attributes depend only on the composite primary key.

UML Diagram



Mapping

User Table ↔ User Class

-Stores user details like userID, userName, userPassword, and isAdmin.

Posts Table ↔ Post Class

-Contains post information including postID, userID, postContent, and postTime.

UserVisibility Table ↔ Visibility Class

-Manages which users can see whose posts.

PostLikes Table ↔ Managed by PostDAO

-Handles liking and unliking posts, and tracks like counts.

Data Access Objects (DAOs) like **UserDAO**, **PostDAO**, and **VisibilityDAO** are responsible for CRUD operations and database interactions for their respective entities.

Post Window

To display all posts visible to the current user, we use the ***getPostsVisibleToUser()*** method in the **PostDAO** class. This method constructs a SQL query that retrieves posts based on the current user's visibility settings and the desired sort order.

```
public static List<Post> getPostsVisibleToUser(int currentUserID, String sortOrder) throws SQLException {
    String sql;

    if (sortOrder == "userName ASC" || sortOrder == "userName DESC") {
        sql = "SELECT Posts.* FROM Posts JOIN User ON Posts.userID = User.userID WHERE Posts.userID = ? OR Posts.userID IN (SELECT userID FROM UserVisibility WHERE visibleUserID = ?)";
    } else {
        sql = "SELECT * FROM Posts WHERE userID = ? OR userID IN (SELECT userID FROM UserVisibility WHERE visibleUserID = ?)";
    }

    sql += " ORDER BY " + sortOrder; // this query is handled internally, so no need to worry about sql injection

    List<Post> posts = new ArrayList<>();
    try (Connection conn = Database.getConnection(); PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(sql)) {
        pstmt.setInt(1, currentUserID);
        pstmt.setInt(2, currentUserID);
        ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();
        while (rs.next()) {
            Post post = new Post(rs.getInt("postID"), rs.getInt("userID"), rs.getString("postContent"),
                                rs.getTimestamp("postTime").toLocalDateTime());

            post.setLikeCount(getLikeCount(post.getPostID()));
            post.setUserHasLiked(hasUserLikedPost(currentUserID, post.getPostID()));

            posts.add(post);
        }
    }
    return posts;
}
```

The full method.

Firstly, we start by creating an SQL query that selects posts either made by the current user or by users who are on the current user's visibility list.

```
if (sortOrder == "userName ASC" || sortOrder == "userName DESC") {
    sql = "SELECT Posts.* FROM Posts JOIN User ON Posts.userID = User.userID WHERE Posts.userID = ? OR Posts.userID IN (SELECT userID FROM UserVisibility WHERE visibleUserID = ?)";
} else {
    sql = "SELECT * FROM Posts WHERE userID = ? OR userID IN (SELECT userID FROM UserVisibility WHERE visibleUserID = ?)";
}
```

If the posts need to be sorted by the username (either ascending or descending), we include a JOIN with the User table

```
SELECT Posts.* FROM Posts JOIN User ON Posts.userID = User.userID WHERE Posts.userID = ? OR Posts.userID IN
(SELECT userID FROM UserVisibility WHERE visibleUserID = ?)
```

If the sorting is by other criteria, we use a simpler query.

```
SELECT * FROM Posts WHERE userID = ? OR userID IN (SELECT userID FROM UserVisibility WHERE visibleUserID = ?)
```

Then we append the desired sort order to the SQL query later. This allows the user to sort the posts by time, username, or likes.

```
sql += " ORDER BY " + sortOrder; // this query is handled internally, so no need to worry about sql injection
```

sortOrder is set by **sortPostMenu()** method from Main class,

```
char option = input.charAt(0);
switch (Character.toLowerCase(option)) {
    case '*': // sort post in time ascending
        sortOrder = "postTime ASC";
        status = false;
        break;
    case '-': // sort post in time descending
        sortOrder = "postTime DESC";
        status = false;
        break;
    case '+': // sort post in username alphabet ascending
        sortOrder = "userName ASC";
        status = false;
        break;
    case '=': // sort post in username alphabet descending
        sortOrder = "userName DESC";
        status = false;
        break;
    case '^': // sort post in like count ascending
        sortOrder = "(SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Postlikes WHERE Postlikes.postID = Posts.postID) ASC";
        status = false;
        break;
    case '^': // sort post in like count descending
        sortOrder = "(SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Postlikes WHERE Postlikes.postID = Posts.postID) DESC";
        status = false;
        break;
    default:
        System.out.println("Invalid input. Please enter a valid options!!");
}
if (status == false) {
    break; // break the loop
}
```

Part of the code from SortPostMenu() in Main class

then pass over through **ViewPost()** method in main class

```
break;
case 'u': // unlike a post
    unlikePost();
    Views.postWindow(currentUser, sortOrder);
    break;
case '*': // sort post
    sortPostMenu();
    if (isAccessThroughAdminMenu == true) {
        Views.viewAllPost(currentUser, sortOrder);
    } else {
        Views.postWindow(currentUser, sortOrder);
    }
    break;
case 'r':
```

Part of the code from ViewPost() in Main class

ViewPost() method will then call **View.postWindow(currentUser, sortOrder)** passing the sortOrder then we finally call **getPostVisibleToUser()** method to append the select statement

```
public static void postWindow(User currentUser, String sortOrder) throws SQLException {
    List<Post> posts = PostDAO.getPostsVisibleToUser(currentUser.getUserID(), sortOrder);
    StringBuilder output = new StringBuilder();
    System.out.print("\n\n");
}
```

Part of the code from postWindow() in View class

We then use a prepared statement to execute the query. We replace the placeholders (?) with the current user's ID. This ensures that we're only fetching posts relevant to the user.

As we retrieve each post from the database, we create a Post object. We also get additional information like the number of likes on the post and whether the current user has liked it. Finally, we collect all the Post objects into a list and return them. This list is then used to display the posts in the user's post window.

```

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    pstmt.setInt(1, currentUserID);
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    ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();
    while (rs.next()) {
        Post post = new Post(rs.getInt("postID"), rs.getInt("userID"), rs.getString("postContent"),
            rs.getTimestamp("postTime").toLocalDateTime());

        post.setLikeCount(getLikeCount(post.getPostID()));
        post.setUserHasLiked(hasUserLikedPost(currentUserID, post.getPostID()));

        posts.add(post);
    }
}
return posts;

```

By using this method, we can retrieve all the posts that the current user is allowed to see, based on their visibility settings. We use a single SQL query to get all the necessary data, which makes the process faster and reduces the load on the database.

Testing

Initialize database with *dbinit.sql* script

(use campus wifi for better performance, different network have GREAT DELAY when retrieving data)

Main Window: Check if the user count is displayed correctly by querying the database.

Account Login: Test both valid and invalid login attempts.

Post Window:

- Check if posts is correctly visible to the user.
- Adding new posts and checking the database for updates.
- Sorting posts by time, username, and likes.
- Like and unlike post

Visibility Window:

- Add and remove users from the visibility list.
- Check if post visibility table is correctly update on database server.

Admin Test: specify new admin, creating/deleting accounts and viewing all posts.

Bonus

1. **Create New Accounts:** user can register account in Main Menu page
2. **Delete Accounts:** user can delete it's own account in Account Window
3. **Sorting Posts:** can be access with ' * ' in Post Window
4. **Like and Unlike Posts:** can be access with ' L ' or ' U ' in Post Window
5. **Admin Accounts:** David is the admin user, when logging in there will be a special menu option called "Admin Menu" appear on the account window. By choosing it you will have access to admin features.