

Early Withdrawal From Certificates of Deposit (Stretch Goal)

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Problem Statement

Among the stretch goals in the [Certificate of Deposit](#) program is to allow customers to redeem their CDs before the maturity date. This would come at the expense of forfeiting the interest the asset is earning and incurring a fee.

Note that I also proposed

- Automatic CD redemption
- Multiple CD rates

but I decided not to implement those features.

Solutions Requirements

- Customers can redeem an immature CD for a penalty.

Solutions Considered

Option 1: Store penalty in `CertificateOfDepositLogs` table

In this approach each CD stores its own early withdrawal penalty

Pros:

- This is very high flexibility. It easily enables implementing different rate packages in the future
- Cons:
- This approach is slightly more complicated because it requires modifying `TestudoBankRepository.java` where the application interfaces with the SQL DB.

Option 2: Make the Early withdrawal penalty a static constant of `MvcController` .

In this approach all penalties are uniform.

Pros:

- This is the simplest possible implementation
- Cons:
- Multiple CD rate options are ultimately a goal, so this just kicks the can down the road for implementing that.

Proposed solution

The `CertificateOfDepositsLog` table will now have a column `EarlyWithdrawalPenaltyRate` (**Option 1**).

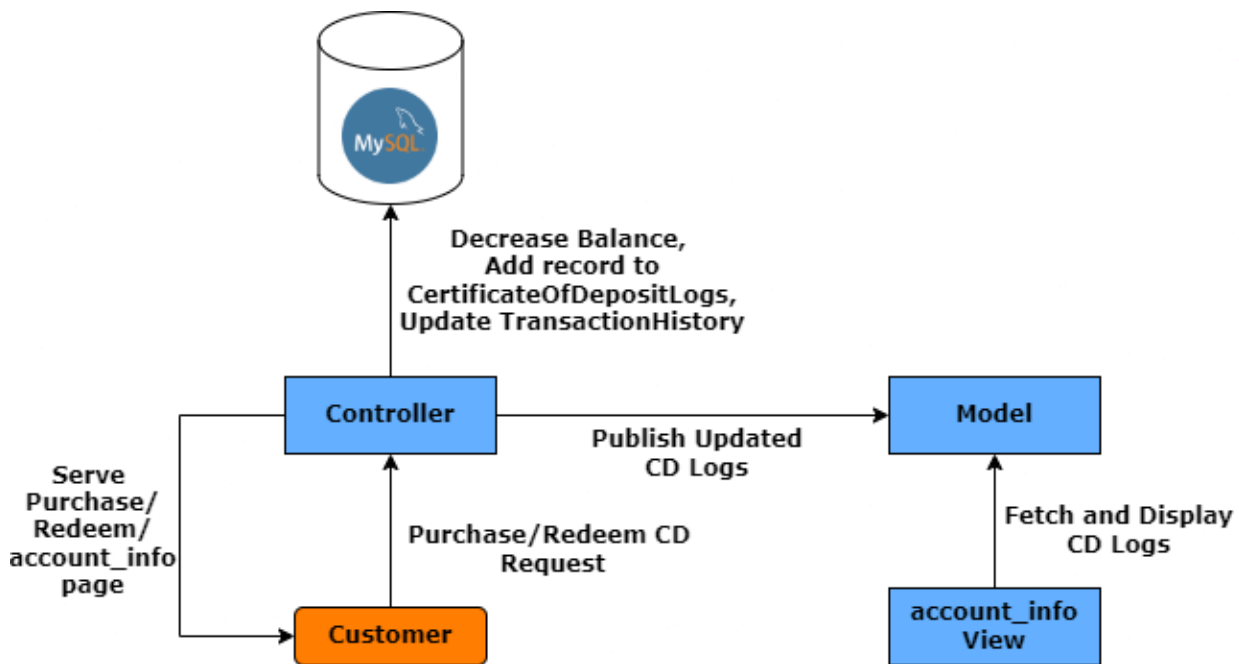
- For now, this will be populated by referencing a static constant of `MvcController`
- This minimizes the complexity of this update while still responsibly preparing for the roll-out of multiple rates.

Parameter setting

We want to disincentivize early withdrawals, while still giving the customers to make a withdrawal in an emergency.

- I will set the `EarlyWithdrawalPenaltyRate` at 10% of the original balance, and no interest will be accrued.

MVC Diagram



MySQL DB Schema



DB Notes

I add the CertificateOfDepositLogs table.

- EarlyWithdrawalPenaltyRate is an attribute of the CD. Including them in the database will make it easy to add more options in the future

Testing

Test Cases:

- CD Redemption before the maturity deadline will result in the initial deposit being repaid less an early withdrawal penalty of 10%
- Other features unaffected, i.e., the minimum deposit still applies, and after the maturity date, customers still earn interest.