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Infological Modelling Sample

Relational Databases Basics



Disclaimer

In real life this is a LONG iterative process. It may take days and months. And even here (with this extremely simplified sample) you'll have to spend a lot of time in order to comprehend all the information.

Initial setup

We are working on the database for the "File Exchange" service. Here is the info from the customer:

- 1. The application may contain several pages (the quantity, the hierarchy, and the contents may vary).
- 2. Application users may create groups and join such groups.
- 3. Each user may have several roles with a set of permissions for each role.
- 4. Users may upload and download files, share files with specific users, groups of users, and the whole world.
- 5. Users may comment files.
- 6. Each file has a rating.
- 7. There may be replies to comments (and other replies) up to 10 levels of nesting depth.
- 8. Each file must belong to a category, which determine the set of permissions and limitations.
- 9. The application shall log all actions of all users.
- 10. There must be possibility to ban users, groups of users, and non-registered users (by ip address).
- 11. The application shall display (with minimum time delay) the following statistics: total users, total uploaded files quantity and volume, total downloaded files quantity and volume.

Entities

#	Requirement text	Entity
1	The application may contain several pages (the quantity, the hierarchy, and the contents may vary).	Page.
2	Application users may create groups and join such groups.	User, user group.
3	Each user may have several roles with a set of permissions for each role.	Role, permission.
4	Uses may upload and download files, share files with specific users, groups of users, and the whole world.	File.
5	Users may comment files.	Comment.
6	Each file has a rating.	Mark.
7	There may be replies to comments (and other replies) – up to 10 levels of nesting depth.	Comment.
8	Each file must belong to a category, which determine the set of permissions and limitations.	File category.
9	The application shall log all actions of all users.	Log.
10	There must be possibility to ban users, groups of users, and non-registered users (by ip address).	Ban reason.
11	The application shall display (with minimum time delay) the following statistics: total users, total uploaded files quantity and volume, total downloaded files quantity and volume.	Statistics.



Entities

- 1. Page.
- 2. User.
- 3. User group.
- 4. Role.
- 5. Permission.
- 6. File.
- 7. Comment.
- 8. Mark.
- 9. File category.
- 10. Log.
- 11. Ban reason.
- 12. Statistics.

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1. Page:

- a. Id.
- b. Parent page (rFK).
- c. Name (to display on the page itself).
- d. Name in menu (unique within one menu level).
- e. Title (TITLE HTML-tag).
- f. Keywords (meta ... keywords HTML-tag).
- g. Description (meta ... description HTML-tag).
- h. Text.

2. User:

- a. Id.
- b. Login (unique).
- c. Password (sha256-hash).
- d. E-mail (unique).
- e. Registration datetime (up to seconds).
- f. Birth date (up to days).
- g. Speed bonus for uploads (FK).
- h. Speed bonus for uploads expiration datetime (up to seconds).
- i. Volume bonus for uploads (FK).
- j. Volume bonus for uploads expiration datetime (up to seconds).

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3. Bonus:

- a. Id.
- b. Quantity of uploaded files needed to achieve the bonus.
- c. Volume of uploaded files needed to achieve the bonus.
- d. Speed addition.
- e. Volume addition.

4. User group:

- a. Id.
- b. Owner (FK).
- c. Name (unique).
- d. Description.

5. Role:

- a. Id.
- b. Name (unique).
- c. Upload volume limit (bytes).
- d. Download volume limit (bytes).
- e. Upload quantity limit.
- f. Download quantity limit.
- g. Download speed limit (bytes per second).

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- 6. Permission:
 - a. Id.
 - b. Name (unique).
 - c. Description.
- 7. File:
 - a. Id.
 - b. Size (bytes).
 - c. Creation datetime (up to seconds).
 - d. Expiration datetime (up to seconds).
 - e. Original name (without extension).
 - f. Original extension.
 - g. Name on server (sha256-hash).
 - h. Control sum (sha256-hash).
 - i. Deletion link (for unregistered users, sha256-hash).
- 8. Public access link:
 - a. Id.
 - b. File (FK).
 - c. Hash (sha256-hash).
 - d. Expiration datetime (up to seconds).
 - e. Access password (may be NULL, sha256-hash).

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- 9. File access permission:
 - a. Id.
 - b. File (FK).
 - c. Action (FK).
 - d. User (FK).
 - e. Group (FK).
 - f. "Allowed for any registered user" flag.
 - g. "Allowed for anybody" flag.
- 10. Mark:
 - a. Id.
 - b. File (FK).
 - c. User (FK).
 - d. Value (1 to 10).
- 11. Comment:
 - a. Id.
 - b. File (FK).
 - c. Comment (FK).
 - d. Text.
 - e. User (FK).
 - f. Creation datetime (up to seconds).

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12. File category:

- a. Id.
- b. Name (unique).
- c. Age restriction (may be NULL, FK).

13. Age restriction:

- a. Id.
- b. Minimal age (years).
- c. Name (unique).
- d. Description.

14. Log:

- a. User (FK, NULL for non-registered users).
- b. Ip-address.
- c. Operation (FK).
- d. File (if applicable, FK).
- e. Datetime (up to seconds).
- f. Parameters (if applicable, text).

15. Operation:

- a. Id.
- b. Name (unique).

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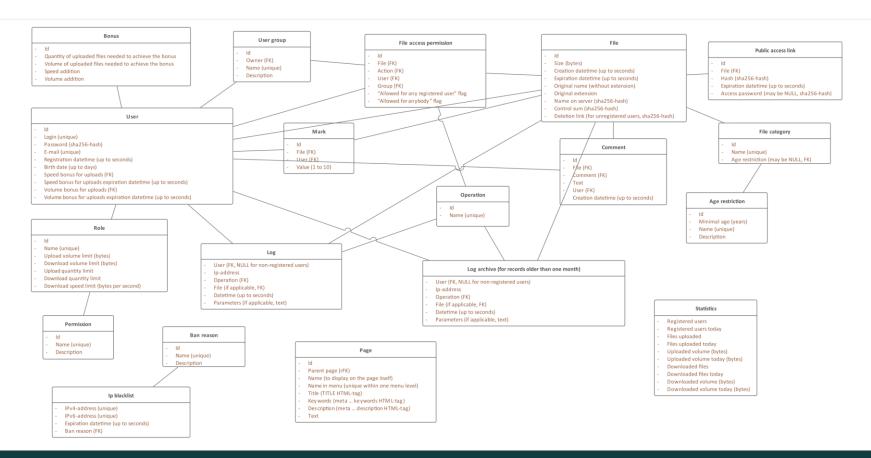
- 16. Log archive (for records older than one month):
 - a. User (FK, NULL for non-registered users).
 - b. Ip-address.
 - c. Operation (FK).
 - d. File (if applicable, FK).
 - e. Datetime (up to seconds).
 - f. Parameters (if applicable, text).
- 17. Ban reason:
 - a. Id.
 - b. Name (unique).
 - c. Description.
- 18. Ip blacklist:
 - a. IPv4-address (unique).
 - b. IPv6-address (unique).
 - c. Expiration datetime (up to seconds).
 - d. Ban reason (FK).

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19. Statistics:

- a. Registered users.
- b. Registered users today.
- c. Files uploaded.
- d. Files uploaded today.
- e. Uploaded volume (bytes).
- f. Uploaded volume today (bytes).
- g. Downloaded files.
- h. Downloaded files today.
- i. Downloaded volume (bytes).
- j. Downloaded volume today (bytes).

Final view, graphical representation (UML)



Quick live demo...

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