BRAIN RUSH

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INTRODUCTION

Brain Rush is a modern online learning platform aimed at providing students and instructors with an engaging and user-friendly environment. The platform offers a wide range of courses across various categories, helping users acquire new skills and knowledge. Our focus is on delivering a personalized, interactive, and efficient learning experience tailored to individual needs. Brain Rush is built with scalability, data integrity, and future growth in mind, ensuring it meets the demands of the ever-evolving e-learning industry.

ABOUT PROJECT

Brain Rush is designed as an innovative platform for course creation, enrollment, and feedback management. It allows instructors to manage their courses efficiently while enabling students to track their learning progress with ease.

From a technical perspective, Brain Rush uses a relational database structure to ensure data consistency and performance. Dynamic triggers are implemented to manage key metrics, such as total enrollments and average ratings, automatically. The platform's modular design supports scalability and allows for seamless future enhancements. Brain Rush is a step forward in transforming online education through innovative technology and user-centric solutions.

TECHNOLOGIES USED:

BACKEND:

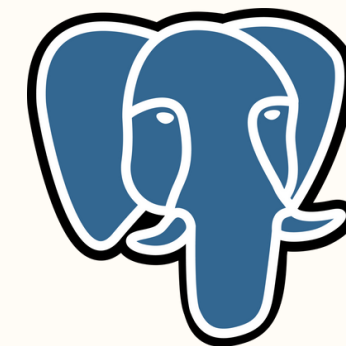JAVA   SPRING BOOT   SPRING DATA JPA   SPRING WEB   FLYWAY

FRONTEND   DATABASE

HTML   JS   THYMELEAF   POSTGRESQL

DATABASE

you can learn more about the database in the
db_schema_documentation

LOGICAL DESIGN

The Brain Rush database is designed using a relational model to ensure efficiency, scalability, and data integrity. It includes six main tables:

1. Instructor - Stores instructor details and links them to courses.

2. Category - Organizes courses into categories for easy filtering.

3. Course - Contains course information, linked to instructors and categories.

4. Student - Tracks student data for enrollment and feedback.

5. Enrollment - Manages student-course relationships with a Many-to-Many structure.

6. Feedback - Captures course ratings and comments from students.

WHY WE CHOSE THIS LOGICAL DESIGN

We chose this design for Brain Rush to ensure a normalized, scalable, and efficient structure. Each table represents a distinct concept, reducing redundancy and maintaining data integrity.

Relationships like Instructor-Course (One-to-Many) and Student-Enrollment-Course (Many-to-Many) enable flexible connections, while separate tables for Category and Feedback allow for easy management of course organization and reviews.

Built-in constraints, such as unique keys and checks on values (e.g., ratings 0-5), ensure data validation.

Cascading rules (e.g., ON DELETE CASCADE and SET NULL) simplify maintenance by preserving data integrity during updates or deletions.

This modular design supports future expansion and provides a robust foundation for the Brain Rush platform.

ENTITY-RELATIONSHIP (E-R) MODEL
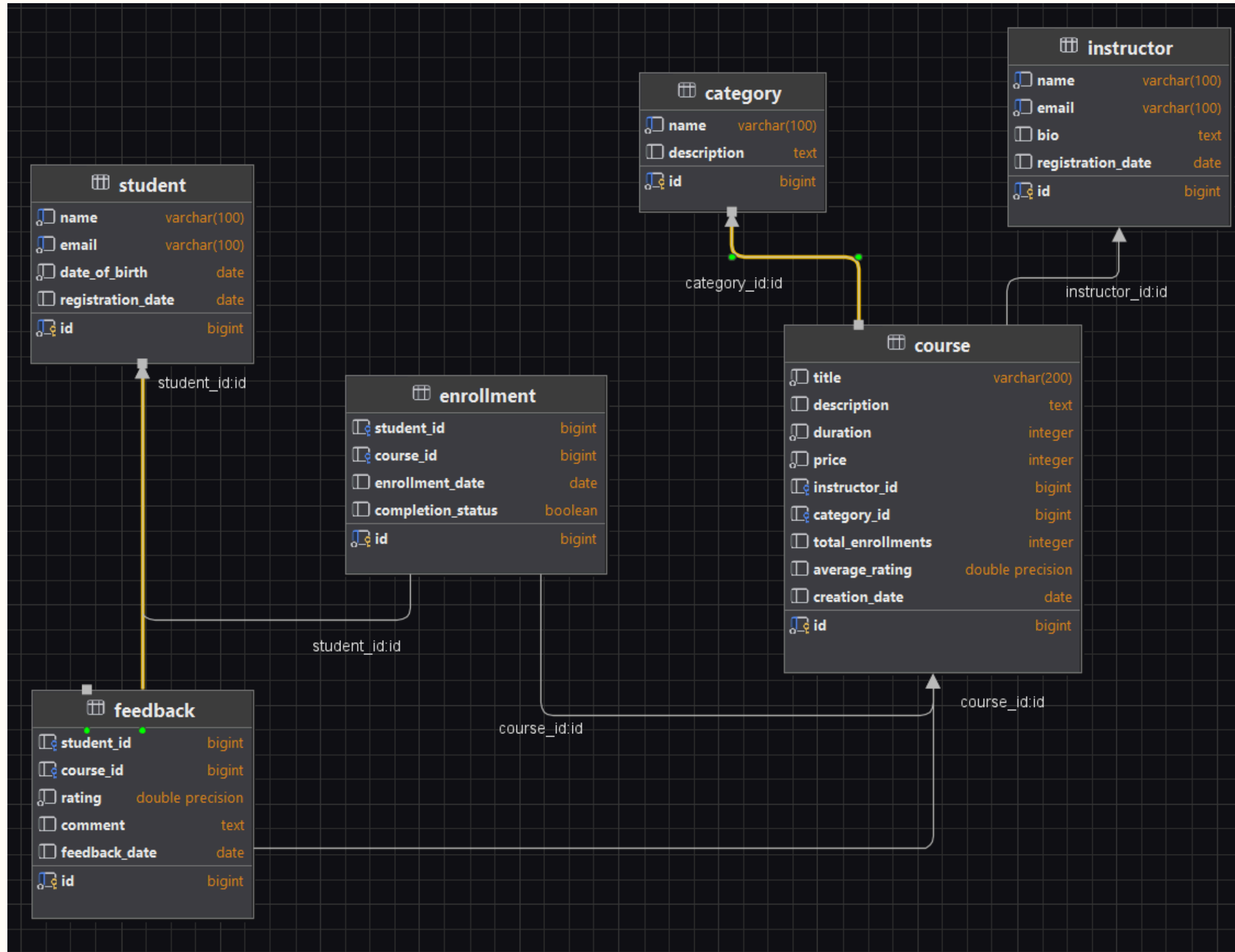
FRONTEND

you can learn more about the frontend in the
user_guide documentation

CATEGORY PAGE

http://localhost:8888/category

The Category Page is designed to allow users to effectively manage categories within the application. Below is a detailed guide to help navigate and utilize its features.

Brain Rush   Course   Student   Instructor   Feedback

Category Management

Create New Category

Search Category by Name

Enter category name

Search Category

Artificial Intelligence
Courses on machine learning, AI, and robotics.

Update

Cloud Computing
Courses on cloud platforms like AWS, Azure, and GCP.

Update

Cybersecurity
Courses on information security and ethical hacking.

Update

Data Science
Courses about data analysis, visualization, and machine learning.

Update

Mobile Development
Courses on building Android and iOS applications.

Update

Programming
Courses related to software development and programming languages.

Update

MAIN FEATURES

1. Create New Category
2. Search Category by Name
3. View All Categories
4. Update Category Information

INSTRUCTOR PAGE

http://localhost:8888/instructor

The Instructor Page provides a centralized system for managing instructors in a course database. This user guide will help you navigate and use the various features available on this page.

MAIN FEATURES

1. Create New Instructor;
2. Search Instructor by Name;
3. View All Instructors;
4. Update Instructor Information.

STUDENT PAGE

http://localhost:8888/student

The Student Page is designed to help users easily manage student records. Below is a comprehensive guide on how to navigate and use the page features.

MAIN FEATURES

1. Create New Student;
2. Search Student by Name;
3. View All Students;
4. Update Student Information.

COURSE PAGE

http://localhost:8888/course

The Course Page is designed to help users efficiently manage and oversee courses within the system. This guide provides a comprehensive overview of the features available and how to use them effectively.

MAIN FEATURES

1. Create New Course;
2. Search Courses;
3. Sort Courses;
4. View All Courses;
5. Update Course Information;
6. Enroll Students;
7. Unenroll Students;
8. Write Feedback.

Brain Rush   Category Student Instructor Feedback

Course Management

Create New Course

Search by

Title

Enter search term

Search Courses

Sort by

Duration

Sort Courses

Design Thinking

Learn the principles of design thinking.

Instructor: Laura Wilson

Category: UI/UX Design

Duration: 25 hour

Average Rating: 0

Agile Project Management

Master agile project management methodologies.

Instructor: Emily Clark

Category: Project Management

Duration: 35 hour

Average Rating: 0

Machine Learning Basics

An introduction to machine learning concepts.

Instructor: John Doe

Category: Data Science

Duration: 40 hour

Average Rating: 0

FEEDBACK PAGE

The Feedback Management page is a tool designed to help users easily manage course and student feedback records. This guide provides an overview of the main features, instructions on how to navigate and use the page, error handling, and technical notes.

MAIN FEATURES

1. Search Feedback;
2. View All Feedbacks;
3. Update Feedback Information;
4. Delete Feedback;
3. Sort Feedback.

CHALLENGES

TOTAL_ENROLLMENTS

CHALLENGE

In our project, the Course table includes a Total_Enrollments attribute that tracks the number of students enrolled in each course. The challenge was ensuring this number updates automatically: increasing when a new student enrolls and decreasing when a student unenrolls.

```sql
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Course (
    ID BIGSERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    Title VARCHAR(200) NOT NULL,
    Description TEXT,
    Duration INT NOT NULL,
    Price INT NOT NULL,
    Instructor_ID BIGINT REFERENCES Instructor(ID) ON DELETE SET NULL,
    Category_ID BIGINT REFERENCES Category(ID) ON DELETE SET NULL,
    Total_Enrollments INT DEFAULT 0 CHECK (Total_Enrollments >= 0),
    Average_Rating FLOAT DEFAULT 0.0 CHECK (Average_Rating BETWEEN 0 AND 5),
    Creation_Date DATE DEFAULT CURRENT_DATE
);
```

SOLUTION

To solve this, we implemented a trigger that adjusts the Total_Enrollments value whenever a record is added to or removed from the Enrollment table. This ensures the enrollment count stays accurate without requiring manual updates.

```sql
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION update_total_enrollments_on_insert()
RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE Course
    SET Total_Enrollments = Total_Enrollments + 1
    WHERE ID = NEW.Course_ID;
    RETURN NEW;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;


CREATE TRIGGER after_enrollment_insert
    AFTER INSERT ON Enrollment
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE FUNCTION update_total_enrollments_on_insert();
```

```sql
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION update_total_enrollments_on_delete()
RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE Course
    SET Total_Enrollments = Total_Enrollments - 1
    WHERE ID = OLD.Course_ID;
    RETURN OLD;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;


CREATE TRIGGER after_enrollment_delete
    AFTER DELETE ON Enrollment
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE FUNCTION update_total_enrollments_on_delete();
```

AVERAGE_RATING

CHALLENGE

In our project, the Course table includes an Average_Rating attribute that stores the average rating of each course. The challenge was ensuring this value updates automatically whenever a student leaves feedback with a rating or deletes their feedback.

```sql
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Course (
    ID BIGSERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    Title VARCHAR(200) NOT NULL,
    Description TEXT,
    Duration INT NOT NULL,
    Price INT NOT NULL,
    Instructor_ID BIGINT REFERENCES Instructor(ID) ON DELETE SET NULL,
    Category_ID BIGINT REFERENCES Category(ID) ON DELETE SET NULL,
    Total_Enrollments INT DEFAULT 0 CHECK (Total_Enrollments >= 0),
    Average_Rating FLOAT DEFAULT 0.0 CHECK (Average_Rating BETWEEN 0 AND 5),
    Creation_Date DATE DEFAULT CURRENT_DATE
);
```

SOLUTION

To address this, we implemented a trigger that recalculates the Average_Rating whenever a record is added to or removed from the Feedback table. This ensures the rating remains accurate without requiring manual updates.

```sql
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION update_average_rating_on_insert()
RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE Course
    SET Average_Rating = (
        SELECT COALESCE(AVG(Rating), 0)
        FROM Feedback
        WHERE Course_ID = NEW.Course_ID
    )
    WHERE ID = NEW.Course_ID;
    RETURN NEW;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
CREATE TRIGGER after_feedback_insert
    AFTER INSERT ON Feedback
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE FUNCTION update_average_rating_on_insert();
```

```sql
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION update_average_rating_on_delete()
RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    UPDATE Course
    SET Average_Rating = (
        SELECT COALESCE(AVG(Rating), 0)
        FROM Feedback
        WHERE Course_ID = OLD.Course_ID
    )
    WHERE ID = OLD.Course_ID;
    RETURN OLD;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
CREATE TRIGGER after_feedback_delete
    AFTER DELETE ON Feedback
    FOR EACH ROW
    EXECUTE FUNCTION update_average_rating_on_delete();
```

FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

AUTHORIZATION

- **Enable Role-Based Authorization:** Implement a robust access control system to assign permissions based on user roles, ensuring secure and structured interactions.

- **Develop Login and Sign-Up Features:** Provide a seamless authentication process with secure email and password registration. Allow users to specify their roles during sign-up and enable token-based authentication for secure session management.

- **Define User Roles:** Establish distinct roles for Students, Instructors, and Admins, each with tailored access:

  - *Students* can enroll in courses, provide feedback, and track progress.

  - *Instructors* can create, manage, and monitor their courses.

  - *Admins* oversee platform management, including users, courses, and categories.

ENHANCED PERSONALIZATION

- Implement AI-driven recommendations to suggest courses based on student interests, performance, and learning history.

- Introduce personalized learning paths to guide students through progressive course levels.

GAMIFICATION FEATURES

- Add badges, points, and leaderboards to boost student engagement.

- Develop course completion certificates with customizable designs.

COURSE CREATION ENHANCEMENTS

- Offer instructors more tools to design engaging content, such as video editing and interactive modules.

- Enable peer reviews and collaboration for course development.

MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT

- Build a mobile application for seamless access to courses on the go.

- Include offline learning capabilities for better accessibility.

MULTI-LANGUAGE SUPPORT

- Expand the platform's reach by offering courses and interfaces in multiple languages.

SUBSCRIPTION AND PRICING MODELS

- Introduce flexible pricing options like subscriptions or pay-per-module systems.

- Offer discounts for students or bulk enrollments.

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