



**CCS6344 - DATABASE & CLOUD SECURITY**  
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# **Assignment 1**

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# Proposal

## Project Objective

To build a Library Management System web application to help with managing the day to day tasks of librarians.

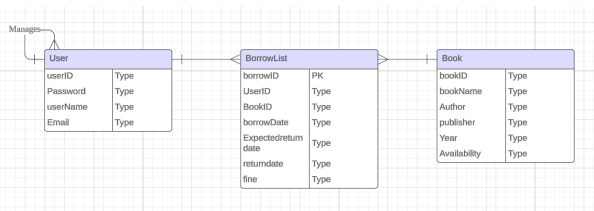
## Design & Implementation

The application is a Library Management System where users can browse the books in the library and the staff can use it to log borrowed and returned books as well as automatically calculate fines for late returns. We plan to implement the application using the Python Django framework and to use MSSQL database server for the database.

## Hardware and Software

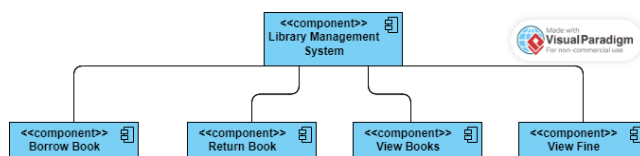
Because we are using the Python Django framework to develop this application, naturally this application will be mainly written in Python. For front-end purposes, we will be using HTML and a bit of CSS. To reduce the complexity, we will only be using Localhost for both Web and Database Servers.

## System and Database design



### Database

The database will be made up of three main tables. Which is User, BorrowList and Book.



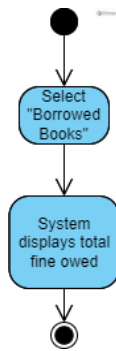
### System

The system will be mainly made up of these 4 components, borrowing books, returning books, viewing books, and viewing fines.

## Securing the database

In security, things mostly revolve around a triad. Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability. In order to preserve it to the best of our abilities, we will implement appropriate security measures. To preserve Confidentiality, we will use encryption and masking on sensitive data. To preserve Integrity, we will use the database server or database roles following the principles of least privilege to mitigate any accidental change on the database. To preserve Availability, we will run constant backups as well as encrypting it to ensure a speedy recovery in case it is needed. There is also the matter of non-repudiation. To counter it, we will set up audits on the server as well as the database. We will also be disabling, renaming and changing the password of the sa account as a precaution.

The Librarians and Patrons are able to view the Library's catalogue using the view catalogue component. They start by selecting the "Catalogue" option and the system will display the books currently in the Library's inventory.



## View fines

In the event that the user returns a book later than the set return date, they will incur fines. The fine amount is calculated at the date of the book's return. The sum of the fines are displayed in "Borrowed Books" and the user can view it by selecting it.

## 2) Description

```

1 from django.db import models
2
3 # Create your models here.
4 class Book(models.Model):
5     title = models.CharField(max_length=100)
6     author = models.CharField(max_length=100)
7     publication = models.CharField(max_length=100)
8     year = models.IntegerField()
9     available = models.BooleanField(default=True)
10
11     def __str__(self):
12         return str(self.id) + self.title
13
14 class BorrowList(models.Model):
15     book = models.ForeignKey(book, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
16     borrower = models.ForeignKey('auth.User', on_delete=models.CASCADE)
17     borrow_date = models.DateField(auto_now_add=True)
18     expects = models.DateField()
19     return_date = models.DateField(blank=True, null=True)
20     fine = models.FloatField(default=0)
21
22     def __str__(self):
23         return (self.borrower.username + self.book.title + self.borrow_date.strftime('%Y%m%d'))
  
```

### a) Models

We first start by creating the models for the objects required by the application. In this case, it is Book and BorrowList. We will use Django's default user model for the users.

```

DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'mssql',
        'NAME': 'LMS',
        'USER': config('DB_USER'),
        'PASSWORD': config('DB_PASSWORD'),
        'HOST': config('DB_HOST'),
        'PORT': '',
        'OPTIONS': {
            'driver': 'ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server',
            'Trusted_Connection': 'yes',
        },
    },
}
  
```

### b) Database connection

We then connect to the database by filling in the database settings in the **settings.py** file located in the Library Management System folder. After doing this, we are able to **makemigrations** and **migrate** the application. This will create the required tables in the database.

```

@login_required(login_url='/login')
@allowed_users(allowed_roles=['Librarians'])
def createBook(request):
    form = BookForm()
    if request.method == 'POST':
        #print('Printing POST:', request.POST)
        form = BookForm(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid():
            form.save()
            return redirect('catalogue')

    context = {'form': form, }
    return render(request, 'bookForm.html', context)
  
```

### c) Views

Next, we create our views in the **views.py** file of the book folder. Here is where we implement the back-end of our website. As an example, beside is the view for a page where Librarians can add books into the database. In this view, we pass in a form named BookForm and if the request method is POST, the book is then saved into the database and the librarian will be redirected to the catalogue page. We also pass in a HTML file to be rendered as its front-end.

```

class BookForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Book
        fields = '__all__'
  
```

### d) Forms

To make the forms we can use, we implement it in a file called **forms.py** in the **book** folder. We do it by assigning what model the form is intended for and specifying the fields we want. In this example, we want to fill in all the

properties of the book model.

```

1 {% extends "base.html" %}
2 {% block title %}LMS-Book Form{% endblock %}
3
4
5 {% block content %}
6
7 <h1>Book Form</h1>
8
9 <form action="" method="post">
10     {% csrf_token %}
11     {{ form.as_p }}
12
13     <input type="submit" name="Submit">
14 </form>
15
16 {% endblock %}

```

## e) Templates

We then implement the front-end for the view to render in a folder called **templates** in the root folder. We used basic HTML and Django's templating engine to construct the web view.

```

urlpatterns = [
    path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
    path('', views.home, name='home'),
    path('register/', views.register, name='register'),
    path('login/', views.login, name='login'),
    path('logout/', views.logout, name='logout'),
    path('catalogue/', views.catalogue, name='catalogue'),
    path('createBook/', views.createBook, name='createBook'),
    path('updateBook/<str:pk>/', views.updateBook, name='updateBook'),
    path('deleteBook/<str:pk>/', views.deleteBook, name='deleteBook'),
    path('borrowList/', views.borrowList, name='borrowList'),
    path('borrowBook/', views.borrowBook, name='borrowBook'),
    path('returnBook/<str:pk>/', views.returnBook, name='returnBook'),
    path('userBorrowed/', views.userBorrowed, name='userBorrowed'),
]

```

## f) Urls

Before a view could be rendered, we need to register its URL in **urls.py** in the **LibraryManagementSystem** folder.

## 3) Security Measures

### a) Parameterised queries

The Django framework uses parameterised queries as its standard query and discourages use of raw queries. This ensures that the application is safe from SQL injections.

### b) Decouple database connection

Using the extension **python-decouple**, the database connection settings are saved in a **.env** file instead of being hardcoded into the application's code in **settings.py**. This ensures that any Login credentials remain hidden from prying eyes.

### c) Access and Authorization

Mainly implemented in the **decorators.py** file in the book folder along with Django's own features.

The **unauthenticated\_user** functions checks for users that are yet to be authenticated and if true it will allow access, if not the user will be redirected to the home page. Used for the login and registration page.

The **allowed\_users** function accepts an array of roles in the Library Management System. The passed role groups will be checked and if true it will grant access. Mainly used for restricting users from librarian components.

## 4) Tests

| ID | Title             | Author           | Publisher              | Year published | Availability | Update                 | Delete                 |
|----|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1  | Chainsawman Vol 1 | Tatsuki Fujimoto | Shonen Jump            | 2019           | X            | <a href="#">Update</a> | <a href="#">Delete</a> |
| 2  | Invincible Vol 1  | Ryan Ottley      | Skybound Entertainment | 2003           | O            | <a href="#">Update</a> | <a href="#">Delete</a> |
| 3  | Metamorphosis     | Franz Kafka      | Kurt Wolff             | 1959           | O            | <a href="#">Update</a> | <a href="#">Delete</a> |

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### Deleting

Before

After

### Book Form

Title:

Author:

Publisher:

Year:

Available: ☒

### Adding

| ID | Title             | Author           | Publisher        | Year published | Availability | Update                 | Delete                 |
|----|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
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| 3  | Metamorphosis     | Franz Kafka      | Kurt Wolff       | 1959           | O            | <a href="#">Update</a> | <a href="#">Delete</a> |
| 4  | 1984              | George Orwell    | Secker & Warburg | 1949           | O            | <a href="#">Update</a> | <a href="#">Delete</a> |

## Threat Modelling

Below is the assessment of our Library Management System (LMS) using the STRIDE and DREAD threat modelling frameworks, with scores assigned to each DREAD category. The final Threat Rating is calculated by averaging the DREAD scores.

### STRIDE and DREAD Assessment

| Risk                             | Category (STRIDE) | D  | R | E | A  | D | Threat Rating |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----|---|---|----|---|---------------|
| Denial of Service (DoS)          | D                 | 7  | 8 | 6 | 9  | 7 | 7.4           |
| Stealing SA Account credentials  | E                 | 9  | 8 | 7 | 8  | 9 | 8.2           |
| DBA Perform malicious actions    | R                 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 9  | 6 | 7.0           |
| SQL Server Remote Code Execution | S,T               | 10 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 9.2           |
| Hijacking                        | S,E               | 9  | 8 | 7 | 9  | 8 | 8.2           |
| Code Injection                   | S,T,I             | 8  | 9 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 8.8           |
| Spoofing                         | S                 | 7  | 7 | 8 | 8  | 7 | 7.4           |
| Whole Value Substitution Attack  | T                 | 8  | 6 | 7 | 7  | 6 | 6.8           |

# PDPA 2010

## Categorization of Personnel

Under the PDPA 2010, the personnel involved in the LMS can be categorised as follows:

- **Data User:** The organisation (the team managing the LMS) responsible for processing personal data.
- **Data Subject:** The patrons and librarians whose personal data is being processed.
- **Data Processor:** Any third-party service providers managing data on behalf of the LMS organisation.

## Data Lifecycle Compliance Mapping

### **Collection:**

- PDPA Requirement: Obtain explicit consent from data subjects and collect only necessary data.
- Compliance Method: Use consent forms and clear privacy policies to inform users. Collect only data essential for library operations.
- Responsible Personnel: Data Protection Officer (DPO) ensures compliance with data collection practices.

### **Processing:**

- PDPA Requirement: Process data fairly and lawfully for specified purposes.
- Compliance Method: Process data according to user consent and for the stated purposes only, such as managing library memberships and book loans.
- Responsible Personnel: IT Manager oversees lawful processing and ensures adherence to policies.

### **Storage:**

- PDPA Requirement: Securely store personal data to prevent unauthorised access, loss, or damage.
- Compliance Method: Implement encryption, access controls, and regular security audits. Store data in secure, access-controlled environments.
- Responsible Personnel: Security Officer manages data security measures and conducts regular audits.

### **Access:**

- PDPA Requirement: Allow data subjects to access and correct their personal data.
- Compliance Method: Provide user-friendly mechanisms for data subjects to request access and correction of their data.
- Responsible Personnel: Customer Support Team facilitates data access requests and corrections.

### **Disclosure:**

- PDPA Requirement: Disclose personal data to third parties only with consent and for legitimate purposes.
- Compliance Method: Establish strict data sharing agreements and obtain explicit user consent before sharing data with third parties.

- Responsible Personnel: Legal Team ensures compliance with data sharing agreements and user consent processes.

**Retention:**

- PDPA Requirement: Retain data only as long as necessary for the purposes for which it was collected.
- Compliance Method: Implement data retention policies and regular reviews to delete unnecessary data.
- Responsible Personnel: Data Manager oversees data retention schedules and deletion processes.

**Destruction:**

- PDPA Requirement: Securely delete personal data that is no longer needed.
- Compliance Method: Use secure deletion methods to ensure data cannot be recovered.
- Responsible Personnel: IT Team performs secure data deletion and ensures compliance with destruction policies.

**Penalties for Non-Compliance**

Non-compliance with PDPA 2010 can result in severe penalties:

- Fines: Up to RM 300,000 depending on the severity of the violation.
- Imprisonment: Up to 2 years for serious breaches of data protection principles.
- Corporate Penalties: Companies may face substantial financial and reputational damage.

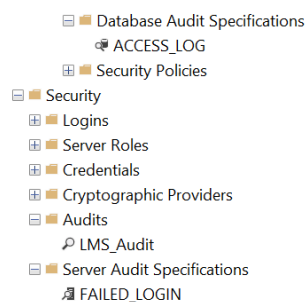


# Security Measures Implementation

Our team has implemented a total of **8** security measures in the SQL database in order to protect the database from internal and external attacks.

## 1) SQL Server Audit

- We have set up an audit for both the Server Audit Specification and the Database Audit Specification.
- Server Audit Specification (**FAILED\_LOGIN**) will record all failed logins.
- Database Audit Specification (**ACCESS\_LOG**) will record any updates to the **dbo.auth\_user** table, logging the users who access the website based on changes to the **last\_login** column.



|   | event_time             | action_id | succeeded | statement  |
|---|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| 1 | 2024-05-19 11:46:55... | UP        | 1         | UPDATE [auth_user] SET [last_login] = @P1 WHERE [auth_user].[id] = @P2                 |
| 2 | 2024-05-19 11:46:25... | LGIF      | 0         | Login failed for user 's-ferhad'. Reason: Password did not match that for the login... |
| 3 | 2024-05-19 11:46:18... | LGIF      | 0         | Login failed for user 's-ferhad'. Reason: Password did not match that for the login... |
| 4 | 2024-05-19 11:45:23... | AUSC      | 1         |  |

## 2) Dynamic Data Masking

- Dynamic data masking (DDM) is used to obfuscate user's first name, last name, and email address in the **dbo.auth\_user** table.
- **Email** masking method is applied to the **email** column.
- **Partial** masking method is applied to the **first\_name** and **last\_name** column.

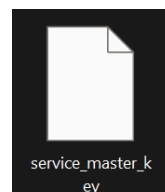
|   | first_name | last_name | email                         |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Siddiq     | Ferhad    | 1211103095@student.mmu.edu.my |
| 2 | Gwen       | Stacy     | gwenstacy@outlook.com         |
| 3 | Peter      | Parker    | peterthespidey@yahoo.com.sg   |
| 4 | Incik      | Oyen      | meowz@gmail.com               |
| 5 | Roronoa    | Zoro      |                               |

|   | first_name | last_name | email         |
|---|------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | S****q     | F****d    | 1XXX@XXXX.com |
| 2 | G****n     | S****y    | gXXX@XXXX.com |
| 3 | P****r     | P****r    | pXXX@XXXX.com |
| 4 | I****k     | O****n    | mXXX@XXXX.com |
| 5 | R****a     | Z****o    | xxxx          |

## 3) Backup Service Master Key

- Since our instance uses encryption features, then backup of the key is required.

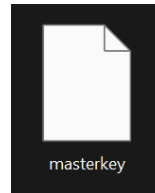
```
--Backup Service Master Key
BACKUP SERVICE MASTER KEY
TO FILE = 'C:\keys\service_master_key'
ENCRYPTION BY PASSWORD = 'Pa$$w0rd' ;
```



## 4) Backup Database Master Key

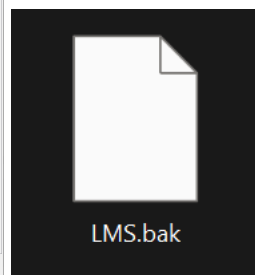
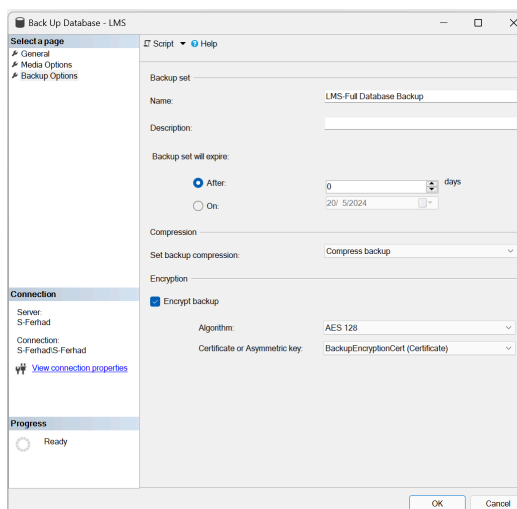
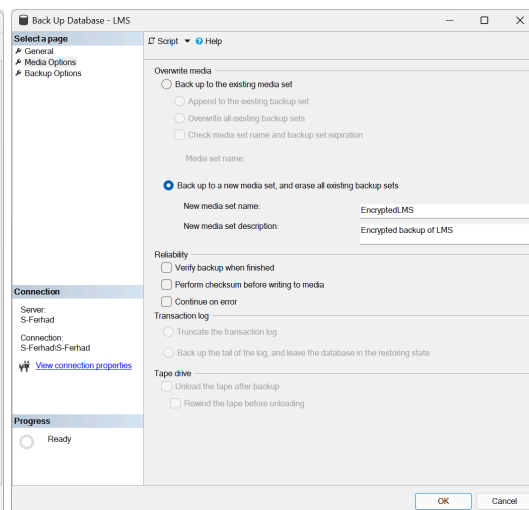
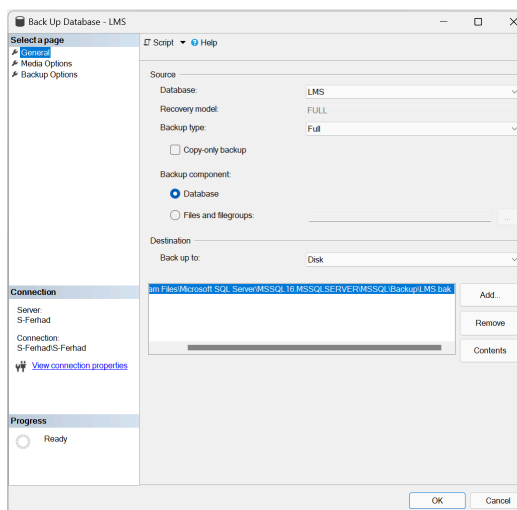
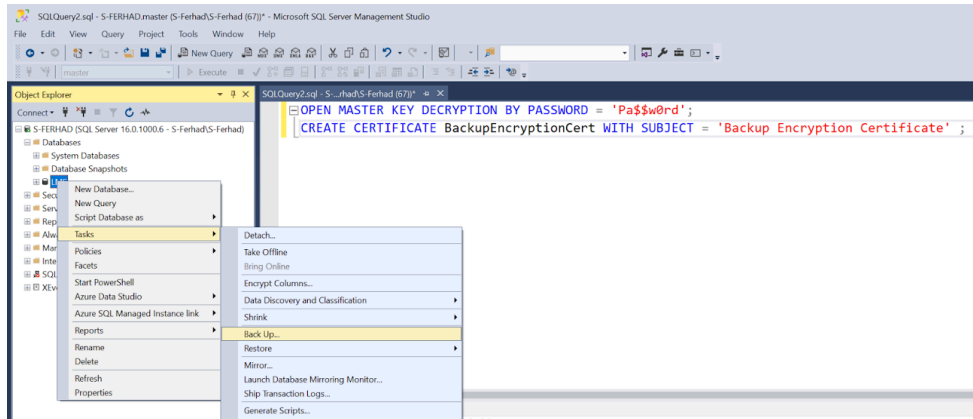
- Since Database Master Key is used to encrypt private keys and certificates within the database, then having a backup of the key is important.

```
--Backup Database Master Key
USE LMS
GO
CREATE MASTER KEY ENCRYPTION BY PASSWORD = 'Pa$$w0rd' ;
BACKUP MASTER KEY TO FILE = 'C:\keys\masterkey'
ENCRYPTION BY PASSWORD = 'Pa$$w0rd';
```



## 5) Backup Encrypted LMS

→ We created a backup of the LMS database, in encrypted and compressed configuration.



## 6) Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)

→ We also implemented TDE that encrypts all data pages and log files of the database using a symmetric key called the **Database Encryption Key**.

```
USE MASTER;
--Open the Master Key
OPEN MASTER KEY DECRYPTION BY PASSWORD = 'Pa$$w0rd';
--Create the Server Certificate
CREATE CERTIFICATE MyServerCert WITH SUBJECT = 'TDECert';
GO
USE LMS;
GO
--Create the Database Encryption Key
CREATE DATABASE ENCRYPTION KEY
WITH ALGORITHM = AES_256
ENCRYPTION BY SERVER CERTIFICATE MyServerCert;
GO
--Enable TDE on the database
ALTER DATABASE LMS
SET ENCRYPTION ON;
GO
```

|   | DatabaseName | encryption_state | encryption_state_desc | percent_complete | encryptor_thumbprint | encryptor_type |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | tempdb       | 3                | Encrypted             | 0                | 0x                   | ASYMMETRIC KEY |
| 2 | LMS          | 3                | Encrypted             | 0                | 0x058D9E6656E55...   | CERTIFICATE    |

## 7) Row-Level Security (RLS)

→ To implement RLS, we need a Security Predicate and a Security Policy.

### a) Security Predicate

→ First, we applied a **Filter Predicate** to filter the rows in **dbo.book\_borrowlist** based on the user's **borrower\_id**, ensuring that only relevant rows are returned when the table or view is queried.

```
CREATE FUNCTION RLS.CheckBorrowList
(@BorrowerID AS INT)
RETURNS TABLE
WITH SCHEMABINDING
AS
RETURN (
    SELECT
        o.borrower_id,
        o.book_id,
        o.borrow_date,
        o.expected_return_date,
        o.return_date,
        o.fine,
        p.is_staff
    FROM
        dbo.book_borrowlist o
    INNER JOIN
        dbo.auth_user AS p ON o.borrower_id = p.id
    WHERE
        (
            -- Check if the user is admin or staff
            IS_MEMBER('db_owner') = 1 OR
            IS_SRVROLEMEMBER('sysadmin') = 1 OR
            (p.is_staff = 1 AND p.username = USER_NAME())
        )
        OR
        (
            -- If not admin or staff, apply row-level security for regular users
            o.borrower_id = @BorrowerID AND p.username = USER_NAME()
        )
)
```

## b) Security Policy

→ Then, we added a security policy that applies the security predicate we just created as a filter on the **dbo.book\_borrowlist** table.

```
CREATE SECURITY POLICY [RLS].[CheckBorrowList_Policy]
ADD FILTER PREDICATE [RLS].[CheckBorrowList]([borrower_id]) ON [dbo].[book_borrowlist]
WITH (STATE = ON, SCHEMABINDING = ON)
GO
```

## c) Implementing RLS

→ Diagrams below show how we tested the result with users in three different roles: Admin, Librarian, and Patron.

--Execute as Admin

SELECT

```
o.borrower_id,
o.book_id,
o.borrow_date,
o.expected_return_date,
o.return_date,
o.fine,
p.is_staff
```

FROM

dbo.book\_borrowlist o

INNER JOIN

dbo.auth\_user AS p ON o.borrower\_id = p.id

|   | borrower_id | book_id | borrow_date | expected_return_date | return_date | fine | is_staff |
|---|-------------|---------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------|----------|
| 1 | 1           | 1       | 2024-05-14  | 2024-05-14           | 2024-05-31  | 0    | 1        |
| 2 | 1           | 1       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-25           | 2024-05-26  | 0.5  | 1        |
| 3 | 2           | 4       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-18           | 2024-06-02  | 7.5  | 1        |
| 4 | 4           | 3       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-16           | NULL        | 0    | 0        |
| 5 | 1           | 5       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-16           | 2024-06-02  | 8.5  | 1        |
| 6 | 4           | 4       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-14           | 2024-05-25  | 10   | 0        |
| 7 | 2           | 2       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-19           | 2024-06-07  | 9.5  | 1        |
| 8 | 5           | 2       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-18           | 2024-06-09  | 11   | 0        |

--Execute as Librarian

EXECUTE AS USER = 'gwenstacy';

SELECT

```
o.borrower_id,
o.book_id,
o.borrow_date,
o.expected_return_date,
o.return_date,
o.fine,
p.is_staff
```

FROM

dbo.book\_borrowlist o

INNER JOIN

dbo.auth\_user AS p ON o.borrower\_id = p.id

REVERT;

|   | borrower_id | book_id | borrow_date | expected_return_date | return_date | fine | is_staff |
|---|-------------|---------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------|----------|
| 1 | 1           | 1       | 2024-05-14  | 2024-05-14           | 2024-05-31  | 0    | 1        |
| 2 | 1           | 1       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-25           | 2024-05-26  | 0.5  | 1        |
| 3 | 2           | 4       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-18           | 2024-06-02  | 7.5  | 1        |
| 4 | 4           | 3       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-16           | NULL        | 0    | 0        |
| 5 | 1           | 5       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-16           | 2024-06-02  | 8.5  | 1        |
| 6 | 4           | 4       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-14           | 2024-05-25  | 10   | 0        |
| 7 | 2           | 2       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-19           | 2024-06-07  | 9.5  | 1        |
| 8 | 5           | 2       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-18           | 2024-06-09  | 11   | 0        |

--Execute as Patron

EXECUTE AS USER = 'meowz';

SELECT

```
o.borrower_id,
o.book_id,
o.borrow_date,
o.expected_return_date,
o.return_date,
o.fine,
p.is_staff
```

FROM

dbo.book\_borrowlist o

INNER JOIN

dbo.auth\_user AS p ON o.borrower\_id = p.id

REVERT;

|   | borrower_id | book_id | borrow_date | expected_return_date | return_date | fine | is_staff |
|---|-------------|---------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------|----------|
| 1 | 4           | 3       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-16           | NULL        | 0    | 0        |
| 2 | 4           | 4       | 2024-05-15  | 2024-05-14           | 2024-05-25  | 10   | 0        |

## 8) Protecting the sa Account

→ In Mixed mode, there are 3 steps that we have taken to mitigate the risk and protect the sa Account:

### a) Disabling the sa Account

--Disable the sa account

```
ALTER LOGIN sa DISABLE;  
GO
```

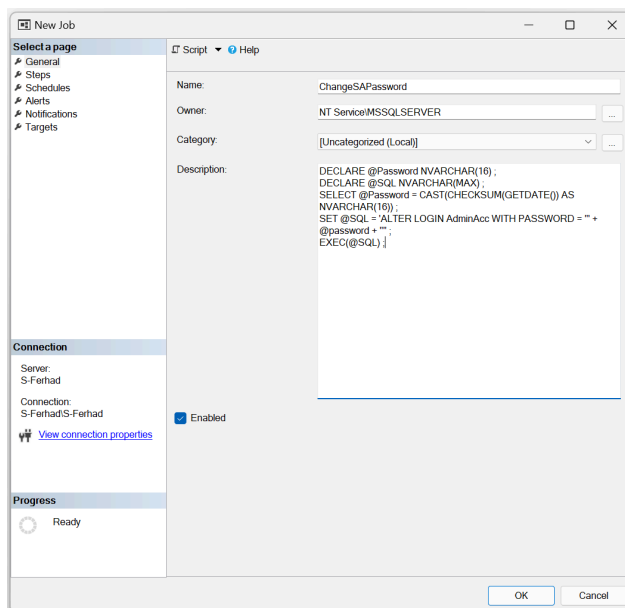
### b) Renaming the sa Account

--Rename the sa account

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ALTER LOGIN sa WITH NAME = AdminAcc;  
GO
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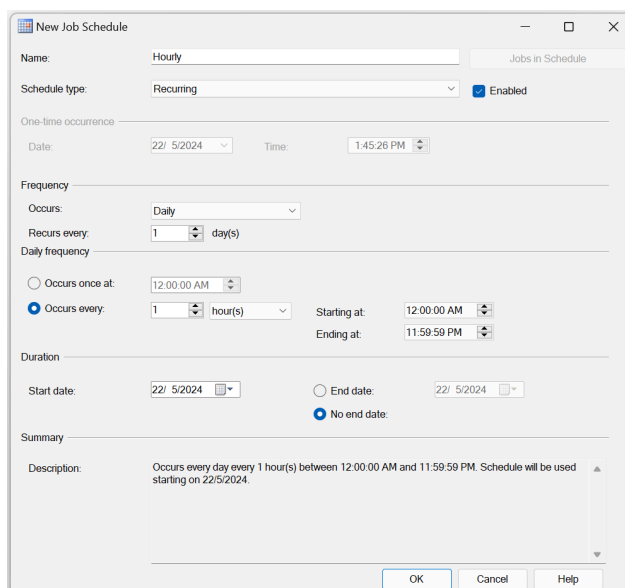
### c) Enforcing password changes

→ We enforced password rotation using a routine on SQL Server.



→ Create an SQL Server Agent job.

→ Specify the name and enter the T-SQL script.



→ Specify the name of the schedule and the frequency.