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1 Objectives

This project is intended to be a Web App that will be used by ESN Padova, an active section of ESN Italia. It would help them to streamline and facilitate tasks of registering members and maintaining a membership list different every year (currently made by volunteers). The use of a web application would then likely increase the visibility of its events to international students and make it easier to register for events organized by ESN Padua, just from their smartphones.

Furthermore, that allows volunteers to manage events and Erasmus students, since there is the opportunity to join some events only if you're a member of ESN Padova (that corresponds in getting an ESNcard and pay a fee).

At the moment, subscription is made with a paper form, the payment by cash or POS and the overall database is a spreadsheet. Events are managed by communication manager, who post them on Instagram, website and Facebook group. Mainly former platform.

As result, this is a very time consuming process, that requires a lot of effort from volunteers and, what is more, it is not very efficient.

Overall goal is to facilitate the process and build a stronger database.

2 Main Functionalities

Main functionalities are intended to facilitate users and event management, besides a stronger database. Above the list of functionalities asked by a group member, who's also an active volunteer in ESN Padua. After discussing them with the group, we listed these goals for the web abb.

2.1 Database

The main idea and use of the above-presented Web Application are to provide a reliable management system to ESN Pavova.

In fact, at the moment to manage all the ESN Padova members the association uses a Google Spreadsheet, where they're inserted through a Google Form.

This procedure, besides not being reliable and not very agile to changes, may be subjected to input errors and several works every time some specific list (i.e. participant list to a specific event).

A centralized DB (i.e. PostgreSQL) and a user-friendly interface where Erasmus students and International people can autonomously become members can reach the goal of slimming down the work done by the volunteers to manage and keep this spreadsheet updated.

As a second but welcome goal, ESN Padova is also looking for a place where members can see and pay for events. In fact, at the moment the main place where members get to know about an event is through social networks or the website, where it may not be easy to navigate given the amount of information on the website.

2.2 User Management

Erasmus and International students should be able to register and create a new account autonomously through the Web Application. Once they confirmed their email, they are assigned a tier 0 user.

Tier 0 users have limited users and they can only see and participate in certain events that are open and available for everyone and don't require any kind of registration.

Tier 0 users are not to be considered members since they don't possess and paid for an ESNcard (association card), and they didn't insert all the information necessary to be considered a member.

A Tier 0 has to possibility to become a Tier 1 user and become a member of the section once he/she fills in the subscription form and pay the card fee.

Once they did what is above, they can come to the ESN-office with a precompiled document that needs a signature, and they will receive their ESNcard.

Tier 1 users are, in a nutshell, all the Erasmus and International people that are a member of ESN Padova and can participate in all the event available for them.

Tier 1 users can indeed see all the events, participate and pay the fee(if needed) through the use of the application.

2.3 Event Management

The Web Application should have an Event section where Erasmus and International students can easily navigate and see what are the next available events, see the details and participate if they want to.

To create, manage, and easily consult events that ESN Padova organizes, we need to define also other two types of Users, in particular, Tier 2 and 3 users.

Tier 2 users are active ESN volunteers, and as one they can create, and manage their events and provide all the necessary information.

Tier 3 users are admin users that can do all the above with no restriction on visibility.
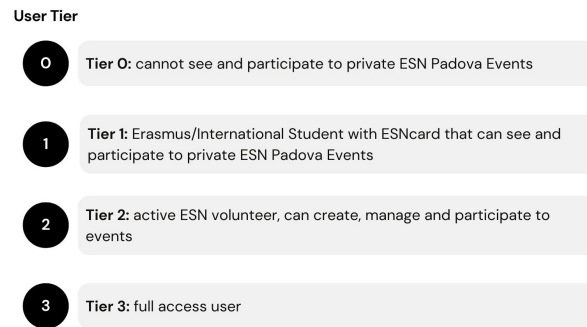
Figure 1: Users tiers.

3 Data Logic Layer

3.1 Entity-Relationship Schema

Our database has 3 main entities, plus an important relation. Others are auxiliary and will explained shortly at the end. Except only one entity, all entities has an integer ID as primary key. Main entities are:

- **Users:** this entity contains all the information about every kind of users, from tier 0 to system admin. This table has new entries every time registration form is filled: the dummy form will generate a tier 0 user, while the real form will generate a tier 1 user. Every attribute is self-explanatory and stored in a very intuitive way: name and surname are varchar(50), all dates are type date with local time zone and so on.
  Here, just as examples, some attributes with their SQL code and few information about them.

  ```
  CREATE TYPE diet AS ENUM ('No_specific', 'Vegetarian',
                            'Vegan', 'Halal', 'Kosher', 'Pescatarian');

  CREATE TABLE public."Users" (
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL UNIQUE CHECK
          email ~* '^[A-Za-z0-9._%+-]+@[A-Za-z0-9.-]+\.[A-Za-z]{2,}$'),
  ...
  "homeCountryAddress" json,
  ...
  "documentFile" text,
  "dietType" diet,
  )
  ```

  In the above snippet, we can see few special features: RegExpr is used to check mail spelling, addresses and similar variables are stores as json, for an easier data access. Diet and others are stored as enum, to avoid user typo and having more readable attributes.

- **Events:** as for users entity, event has a long list of attributes, wisely chosen in relation how events are actually organized. Some events are restricted to certain users, based on tiers, or have a limited number of participants. All these particularities are fully rapresented in the entity.

- **Payment:** this entity contains all the informations about payment for event partecipation. Of course the actual web application isn't linked to real payment methods, but once il will be, this Entity will be related to real payments, in order to tracing them, know most favorite payment methods etc.

- **Participants:** opposed to previous entities, this is a relation between users and events, collecting user role, as listed in this snippet:

  ```
  CREATE TYPE roleTypes AS ENUM ('Organizer', 'Participant',
                                 'Volunteer', 'WaitingList');
  ```

  Furthermore, date helps managing waiting list and attributes

3.2 Other Information

Here some informations about minor entities and relations.
Tags and **Causes** are two entities that are used to classify events. Every ESN event supports at least one cause, such as and can be tagged as . These two entities are used to filter events, in order to hel users to find what fits most their interests.
EventTag, **EventCauses**, **R1** and **R2** are relations without attributes, used only to join tables.
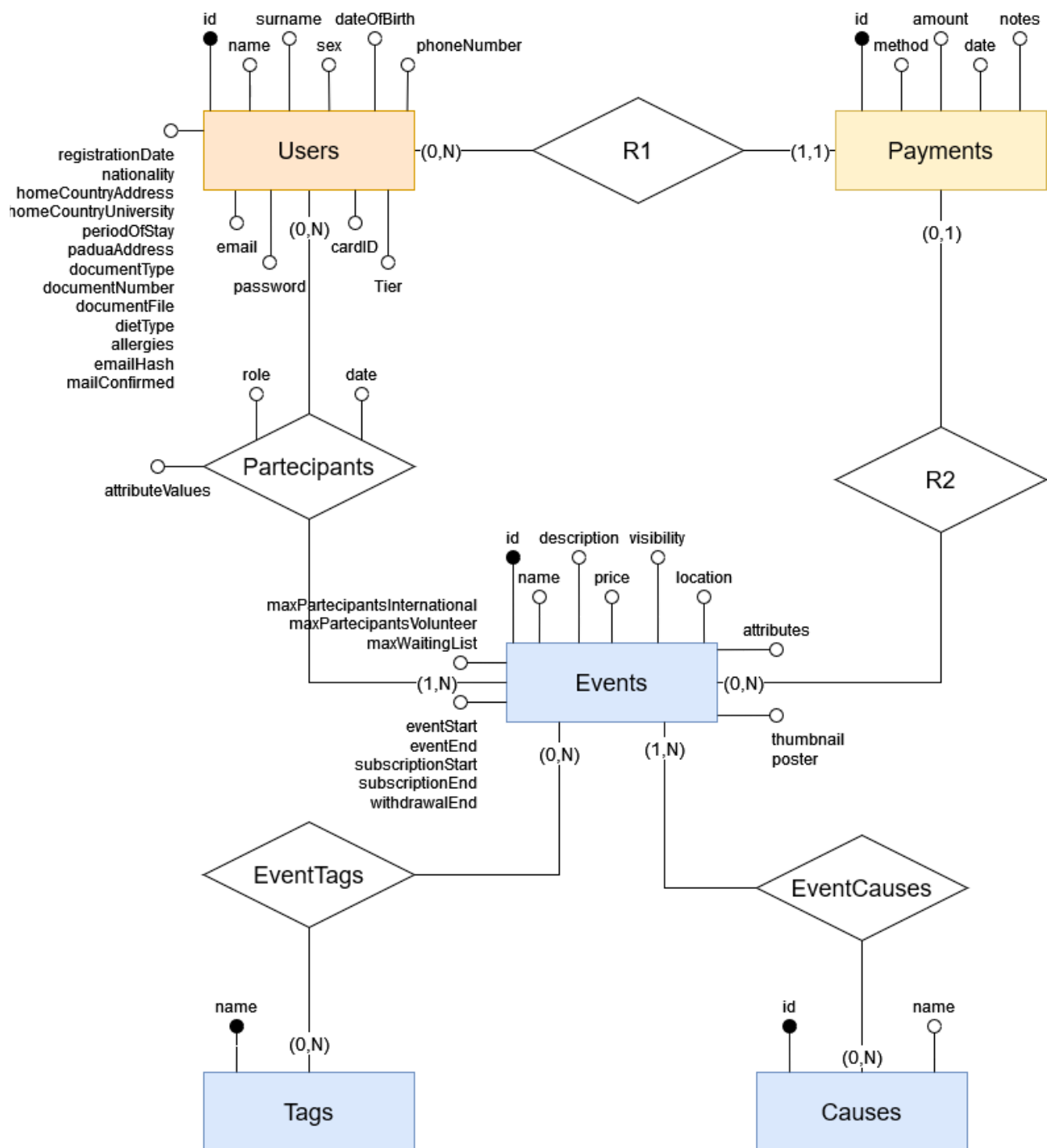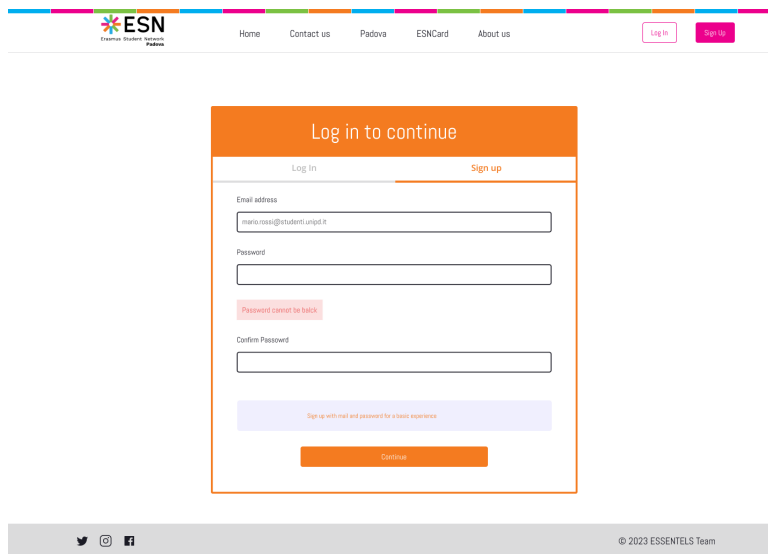
Figure 2: Database ER schema

4 Presentation Logic Layer

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4.1 Signup page

Figure 3: Sign up page

Users can sign up just with mail and password. They will not have access only to their 0 events. For a better experience and more opportunities they are asked to complete their profile with a more detailed form, including these from their hometown. This form is shown in 4 and described in next section.
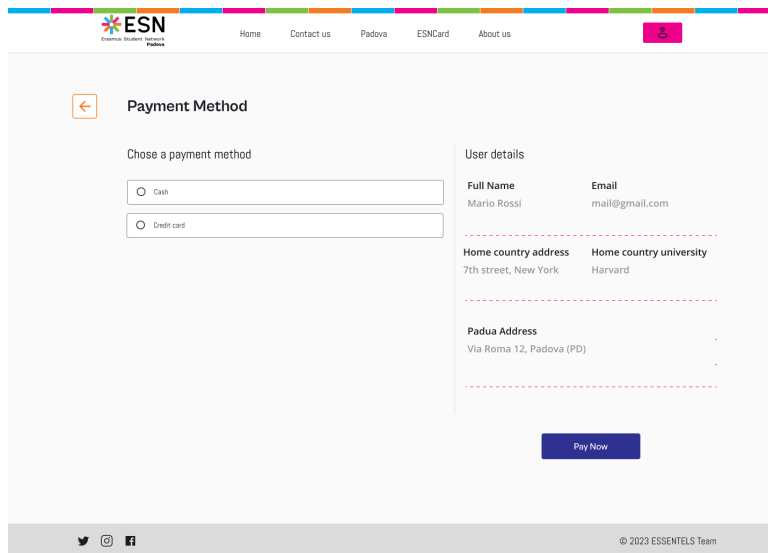
4.2   Registration form

Figure 4: Form for the full registration

When user wants to upgrade to tier 1 they have to pay their subscription (as shown in 5). The form for a full profile asks for many information, here just a few are displayed, but the real form will have more than 10 input boxes.

4.3   Payment page

Figure 5: Payment page

When a user pays his subscription, he will become a tier 1 user. He will be able to participate to more events. Still he cannot create an event (only tier 3 or above users can do that).

4.4 Events list page
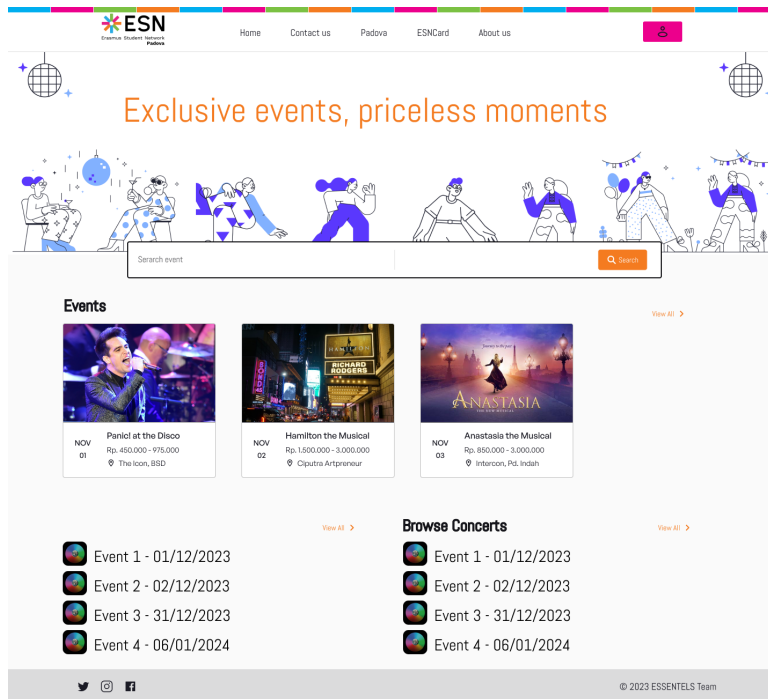
Figure 6: Sign up page

Here all events al listed or filtered by tag. Users are allowed to see only events for their tier or lower ones. Since all events has a location, we decided -according to ESN volunteers- to keep events automatically filtered by tier. Searching by tag or by cause are actually made by a REST API: using GET events are listed, administrator can also use DELETE to delete an event. With a POST request, a new event can be created.
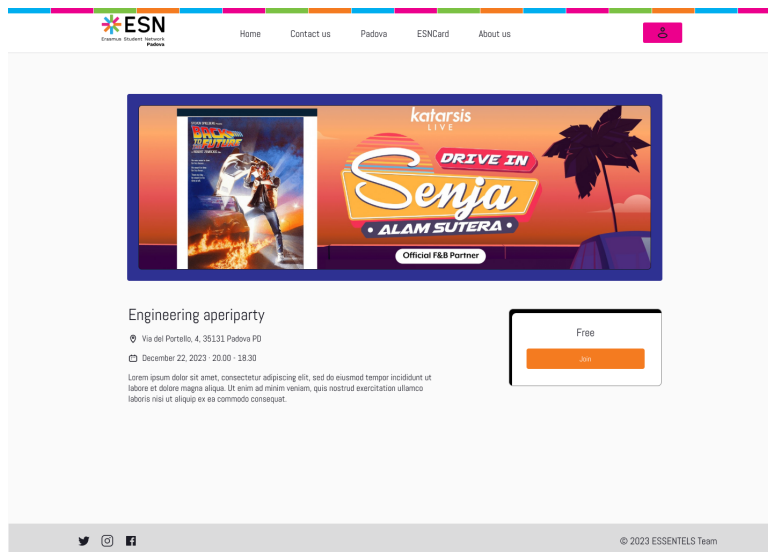
4.5   Join event page

Figure 7: Sign up page

When a user wants to join an event, he can see all the details and the list of participants. Here he can also see more detailed info about the event and confirm his participation. In case some events will ask for a ticket one day, this page will redirect to a payment page, similar to 5, but linked to tickets for cinema, party etc.
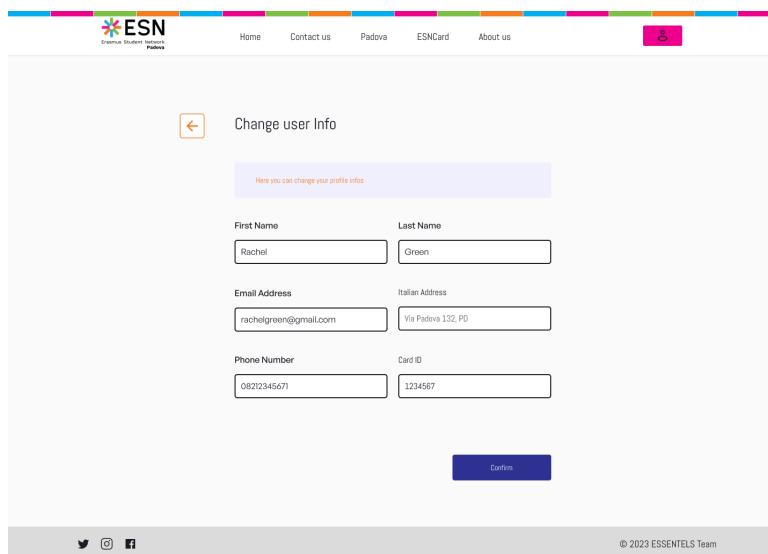
4.6   Change user info

Figure 8: Change user's info

Users can change their profile info. This page can be accessed by each user for his own profile or by an admin for any user.

5 Business Logic Layer

5.1 Class Diagram

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5.2 Sequence Diagram

5.3 REST API Summary

URI	Method	Description	Filter
What is the URI?	What HTTP method uses?	Describe briefly the result of calling the URI	is it behind a filter?

Table 2: Describe in this table your REST API

5.4 REST Error Codes

Error Code	HTTP Status Code	Description
Error Code Identifier	Corresponding HTTP Status Code	Description of the error

Table 3: Describe in this table your REST API

5.5 REST API Details

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- URL: `the URL to retrieve it`

- Method: `Method to retrieve it`

- URL Parameters:

- Data Parameters:

- Success Response:

- Error Response:

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