

## Modelling Databases > Coding Practice

In this practice set, let's build a relational database for a typical social networking site.


In a social networking site, we have *user*, *post*, *group*, and *comment* entities.

Use Case:

- A *user* can create multiple posts. Each *post* can have only one user.
- A *user* can make multiple comments to a post. Each *comment* can have only one user.
- A *post* can have multiple comments. Each *comment* can have only one post.
- A *user* can be in multiple groups. Each *group* can have multiple users.

**Answer all the questions at once. The database resets everytime you navigate out of the practice set**

### QUESTIONS

1. Write a query to represent the *user* entity type in the relational database. Below are the attributes of a user entity type. 

attribute	description
id	an integer to uniquely identify a user - key attribute
name	a string of max length 250 characters
gender	a string of max length 50 characters
email_id	a string of max length 500 characters

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**CREATE TABLE user (id INTEGER NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR(250), gender VARCHAR(50), email\_id VARCHAR(500));**

2. We have created a *user* table in the database. 

Now, let's write a query to represent the *post* entity type and its relation with *user* entity type.


Below are the attributes of the post entity type.

attribute	description
post_id	an integer to uniquely identify a post - key attribute
content	a text field
published_at	datetime field

Note:

- Create a table in such a way that if we delete a user from the *user* table, then the related posts in the *post* table must be automatically deleted.

**CREATE TABLE post (post\_id INTEGER NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, content TEXT, published\_at DATETIME, user\_id INTEGER, FOREIGN KEY(user\_id) REFERENCES user(id) ON DELETE CASCADE);**

3. We have created *user* and *post* tables in the database. Now, users want to comment on the posts. So, let's create a *comment* table. 

Write a query to represent the *comment* entity type, and its relation with *user* and *post* entity types.

- Attributes of a comment entity type are given below.


attribute	description
comment_id	an integer to uniquely identify a comment - key attribute
content	a text field
commented_at	datetime field

Note:

Create a table in such a way that:

- If we delete a user from the *user* table, then the related comments in the *comment* table must be automatically deleted.
- Similarly, if we delete a *post*, then the comments related to the post must be automatically deleted.

**CREATE TABLE COMMENT (comment\_id INTEGER NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, content TEXT, commented\_at DATETIME, user\_id INTEGER, post\_id INTEGER, FOREIGN KEY(user\_id) REFERENCES user(id) ON DELETE CASCADE, FOREIGN KEY(post\_id) REFERENCES post(post\_id) ON DELETE CASCADE);**

4. Any social network application has groups with users of similar interests.   
Now, let's create a *group\_details* table that stores the information about a group.

Write a query to represent the *group\_details* entity type in the relational database. Below are the attributes of the entity type.

attribute	description
id	an integer to uniquely identify a group - key attribute
name	a string of max length 500 characters

**CREATE TABLE group\_details (id INTEGER NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR(500));**

5. A user can be in multiple groups, and a group can contain many users.

Now, let's create *user\_group* table to capture the many-to-many relationship between *user* and *group* entity types.

Below are the attributes of the relationship.

attribute	description
joined_at	a datetime field
is_admin	a boolean field

Note:

Create this junction table in such a way that if we delete a user/group, then the related data in the *user\_group* must be automatically deleted.

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CREATE TABLE user_group (joined_at DATETIME, is_admin BOOLEAN, user_id INTEGER, group_id INTEGER,  
FOREIGN KEY(user_id) REFERENCES user(id) ON DELETE CASCADE, FOREIGN KEY(group_id) REFERENCES  
group_details(id) ON DELETE CASCADE);
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