

SE 2141 DATA BASE SYSTEMS

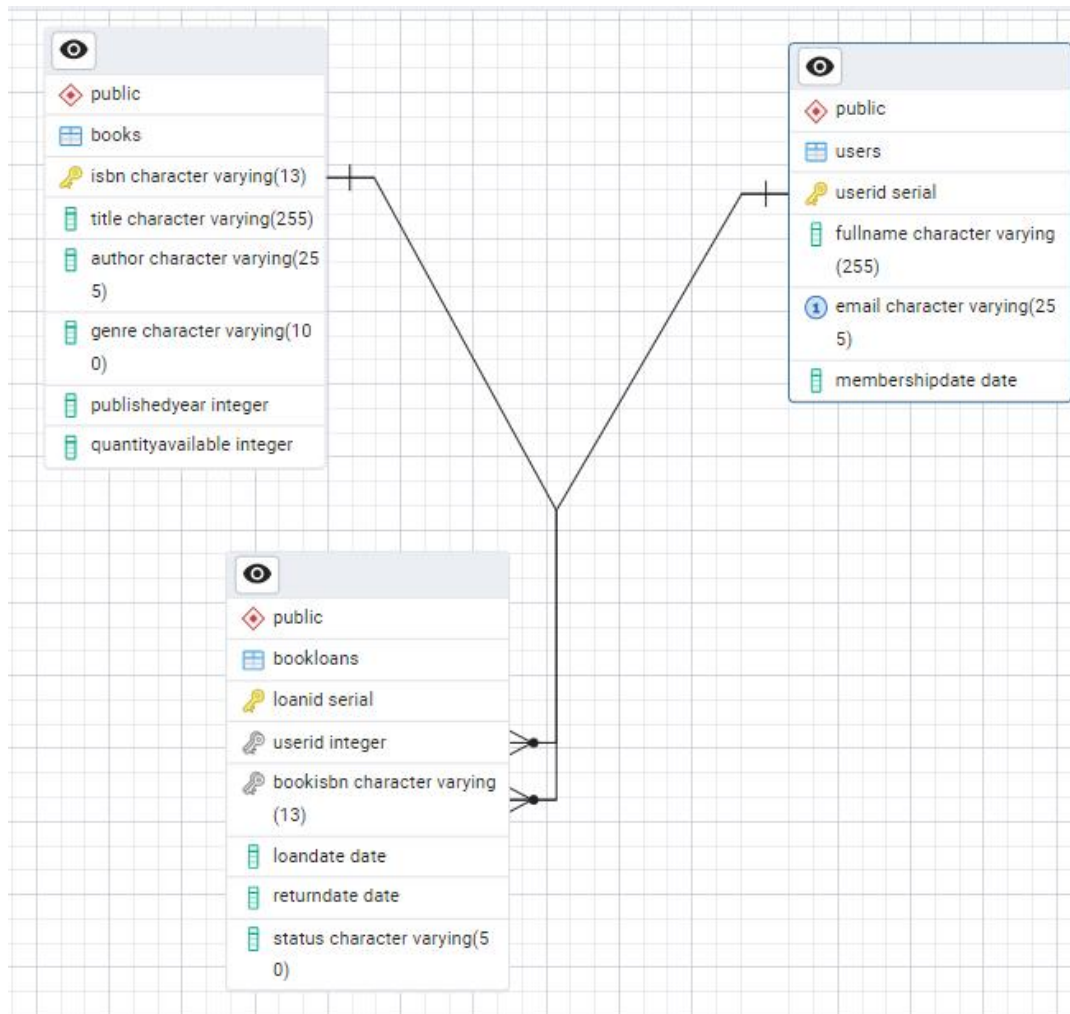
Laboratory #4
Online Library Management
System

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Part 1: Conceptual Design - 25pts

1. Draw an Entity-Relationship (ER) Diagram for the system based on the given requirements. Ensure you specify:

- Entities
- Attributes
- Primary Keys
- Relationships with cardinalities (e.g., one-to-many, many-to-many)



Part 2: Logical Design - 25pts

2. Translate the ER diagram into relational tables. Define:

- Table schemas (list all attributes, data types, and constraints such as primary keys, foreign keys, and NOT NULL).

```
Query    Query History
1  CREATE TABLE Books (
2      ISBN VARCHAR(13) PRIMARY KEY,
3      Title VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
4      Author VARCHAR(255),
5      Genre VARCHAR(100),
6      PublishedYear INT,
7      QuantityAvailable INT NOT NULL
8  );
9
10 CREATE TABLE Users (
11     UserID SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
12     FullName VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
13     Email VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
14     MembershipDate DATE NOT NULL
15 );
16
17 CREATE TABLE BookLoans (
18     LoanID SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
19     UserID INT NOT NULL REFERENCES Users(UserID),
20     BookISBN VARCHAR(13) NOT NULL REFERENCES Books(ISBN),
21     LoanDate DATE NOT NULL,
22     ReturnDate DATE,
23     Status VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL
24 );
25
```

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CREATE TABLE

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Part 3: SQL Queries

3. Write SQL queries for the following scenarios (15pts each):

- a. Insert a new book into the library with a quantity of 5.
- b. Add a new user to the system.
- c. Record a book loan for a user.
- d. Find all books borrowed by a specific user.
- e. List all overdue loans

Query Query History

```
1 INSERT INTO Books (ISBN, Title, Author, Genre, PublishedYear, QuantityAvailable)
2 VALUES ('9781234567890', 'The Great Library', 'John Doe', 'Fiction', 2022, 5);
3
```

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INSERT 0 1

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Query Query History

```
1 INSERT INTO Users (FullName, Email, MembershipDate)
2 VALUES ('Alice Smith', 'alice.smith@example.com', CURRENT_DATE);
3
```

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INSERT 0 1

Query returned successfully in 91 msec.

Query Query History

```
1 INSERT INTO BookLoans (UserID, BookISBN, LoanDate, Status)
2 VALUES (1, '9781234567890', CURRENT_DATE, 'borrowed');
3
```

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INSERT 0 1

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Query Query History

```
1 SELECT b.Title, b.Author, bl.LoanDate, bl.Status
2 FROM BookLoans bl
3 JOIN Books b ON bl.BookISBN = b.ISBN
4 WHERE bl.UserID = 1 AND bl.Status = 'borrowed';
```

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	title character varying (255)	author character varying (255)	loandate date	status character varying (50)
1	The Great Library	John Doe	2024-12-11	borrowed

Query Query History

```
1 SELECT bl.LoanID, u.FullName, b.Title, bl.LoanDate, bl.ReturnDate
2 FROM BookLoans bl
3 JOIN Users u ON bl.UserID = u.UserID
4 JOIN Books b ON bl.BookISBN = b.ISBN
5 WHERE bl.Status = 'overdue';
6
```

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loanid integer	fullname character varying (255)	title character varying (255)	loandate date	returndate date
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Part 4: Data Integrity and Optimization

4. Explain how you would ensure:

- The prevention of borrowing books when no copies are available. (15 pts)
- Fast retrieval of overdue loans. (20 pts - with CODE and actual screenshot of performance)

To prevent borrowing books when no copies are available, the system uses a combination of constraints and triggers. The Books table includes a QuantityAvailable column with a CHECK constraint to ensure the value never drops below zero. A trigger function validates book availability before any loan is processed, raising an exception if no copies are available. Another trigger automatically updates the quantity when books are borrowed or returned, ensuring real-time accuracy. This approach enforces data integrity, prevents errors, and maintains a consistent record of book availability.

```
Query    Query History
1  CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION check_book_availability()
2  RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
3  BEGIN
4      IF (SELECT QuantityAvailable FROM Books WHERE ISBN = NEW.BookISBN) <= 0 THEN
5          RAISE EXCEPTION 'No copies available for this book.';
6      END IF;
7      RETURN NEW;
8  END;
9  $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
10
```

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CREATE FUNCTION

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```
Query    Query History
1  CREATE TRIGGER trigger_check_availability
2  BEFORE INSERT ON BookLoans
3  FOR EACH ROW
4  EXECUTE FUNCTION check_book_availability();
5
```

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CREATE TRIGGER

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```
Query    Query History
1  CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION update_quantity_on_loan()
2  RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
3  BEGIN
4      IF NEW.Status = 'borrowed' THEN
5          UPDATE Books SET QuantityAvailable = QuantityAvailable - 1 WHERE ISBN = NEW.BookISBN;
6      ELSEIF NEW.Status = 'returned' THEN
7          UPDATE Books SET QuantityAvailable = QuantityAvailable + 1 WHERE ISBN = NEW.BookISBN;
8      END IF;
9      RETURN NEW;
10 END;
11 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
12
```

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CREATE FUNCTION

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```
Query    Query History
1  CREATE TRIGGER trigger_update_quantity
2  AFTER INSERT OR UPDATE ON BookLoans
3  FOR EACH ROW
4  EXECUTE FUNCTION update_quantity_on_loan();
5
```

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CREATE TRIGGER

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Part 5: Reflection (25 pts)

5. What challenges might arise when scaling this database to handle millions of users and books? Suggest one solution for each challenge.

There are a number of difficulties in scaling an online library management system's database to accommodate millions of users and volumes. Caching and indexing are essential for effective retrieval, particularly for past-due loans and book availability, as query performance may deteriorate with increasing data volume. In order to maintain smooth scalability, distributed database systems or cloud-based solutions may be necessary because the sheer volume of data may exceed single-server storage limits. By using row-level locking and streamlining transaction processing, transaction conflicts caused by concurrent borrowing by a wide user base can be avoided. Although maintaining data integrity across large datasets is more difficult, the stability and dependability of the system can be protected using automated monitoring tools, frequent data audits, and solid backup plans.