Design Document

Library Manager

Description

This SQL programming project involves the creation of a database host application that interfaces with a backend SQL database implementing a Library Management System. Users of the system are understood to be librarians (not book borrowers).

Implement

This application is realized using Python, MySQLdb and Tkinter. In total, it has 4 .py files:

* tableCreater.py

The main function is creating these tables in the database:

BOOK

BOOK AUTHORS

AUTHORS

BORROWER

BOOK_LOANS

FINES

Including all those foreign key constraints.

* book authors.py

The main functions include:

- * open books.csv file, parse it and import corresponding data to the BOOK table
- * open books.csv file, parse it and import corresponding data to the AUTHORS table
- * open books.csv file, parse it and import corresponding data to the BOOK AUTHORS table

During manipulations above, some strategies are used:

* For AUTHORS table, a hashset is used to add an author to the table that has been added. Because each author id corresponds to a unique author.

* For BOOK_AUTHORS table, if a book has more than one author, we split these authors up and establish a one-to-many relationship between book and author. Of course, an author may write more than one book, which is another one-to-many relationship.

* borrower.py

open borrowers.csv file, parse it and import corresponding data to the BORROWER table

* Interface.py

This python file includes all of the functions and classes of the application, including:

* create main page()

It generates the welcome and login page.

* check run()

It checks whether username and password match. If it does, go the function selection page. Else it keeps showing this page.

* function selection ()

It gives functions including "Book Manager", "Borrower Manager" and "Fine Manager".

* book menu window ()

It goes to this page if you choose "Book Manager" in the function selection page. You can choose either "Search a book" or "Return a book".

* borrower menu window ()

It goes to this page if you choose "Borrower Manager" in the function selection page. You can choose "Add a borrower".

* fine menu window ()

It goes to this page if you choose "Fine Manager" in the function selection page. You can choose "Update fines", "Show fines" or "Pay fines".

* search book () and show result()

It goes to this page if you choose "Search a book" in the book_menu_window(). You are able to search for a book, given any combination of ISBN, title, and/or Authors. Substring matching is supported. When you click "Search", it will show all the matching books and their information. What's more, they are ordered by the relevance. That is to say, for example, if the

keyword you enter is a part of ISBN, title, and author of a book, this book record will the first one in the result list.

* immediately1 ()

It goes to this page if you click "check_out" in the show_result().

You will fail to borrow the book if:

- * The book has been borrowed and not returned yet
- * You have borrowed 3 books and not returned them yet
- * return book () and return function()

It goes to this page if you click "Return a book" in the book menu window ().

You may get warning message if there is no matching record in the database. If there are matching records, return function() will give the result list and you can choose one to return.

* immediately3 ()

It goes to this page if you click "return" in the return_function(). It will set the return date of the record as today.

* add window ()

It goes to this page if you click "Add a borrower" in the borrower menu window().

You will fail to add a borrower if the borrower with its SSN has already had a library card.

* add_function()

It will add a borrower to the borrower table with the information that is typed into the input fields.

* update_function()

It goes to this page if you click "Update fines" in the fine_menu_window (). This function can update each fine amount in the FINES table.

* pay function() and search function()

It goes to this page if you click "Pay fines" in the fine_menu_window (). You can see the fines amount you have not paid yet. The search_function() can show a borrower's each book loan that has passed the due date. Of course, each result's fine has not been paid yet. You can choose one to pay by clicking "Pay" button.

* immediately2 ()

It goes to this page if you click "Pay" in the search_function(). This function can update a fine record's "Paid" attribute value in the FINES table.

You may fail to pay a record's fine if you have not returned the book yet.

* show_function () and sum_function ()

It goes to this page if you click "Show fines" in the fine_menu_window(). Each borrower can see their total fine amounts that have not been paid. You can pay them all by one click. You may fail if you don't have any fines to be paid now.

* immediately4 ()

It goes to this page if you click "Pay" in the sum_function (). This function can update all fine records' "Paid" attribute that are related to a borrower in the FINES table.

You may fail to pay all records' fines if you have not returned all of the books.

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