

Automated Network Request Management in ServiceNow

Data Architecture

1. Introduction

Data architecture plays a critical role in the Automated Network Request Management system by defining how network-related information is structured, stored, and managed within ServiceNow. A well-designed data architecture ensures data consistency, scalability, and seamless integration with automation workflows. This phase focuses on creating a custom table, defining fields, and configuring forms to support backend processing.

2. Creation of Network Database Table

Objective

To create a centralized table to store and manage all network request-related data.

Procedure

The screenshot shows the ServiceNow 'Table - New Record' interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'All', 'Favorites', 'History', 'Workspaces', and 'Admin'. The main form is titled 'Table - New Record' and contains fields for 'Label' and 'Name'. There are also checkboxes for 'Create module' and 'Create mobile module', and dropdown menus for 'Add module to menu' and 'New menu name'. At the bottom of the form are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Database Table in ServiceNow

*Figure 2.1:
Creation of
Network*

- Navigate to **System Definition → Tables**.
- Click **New** to create a new table.
- Enter the following details:

- **Name:** Network Database
- **Label:** u_network_database
- Click **Submit** to create the table.

This table serves as the primary backend repository for network request records.

3. Creation of Fields

Objective

To define structured fields (columns) that store request-specific information in the Network Database table.

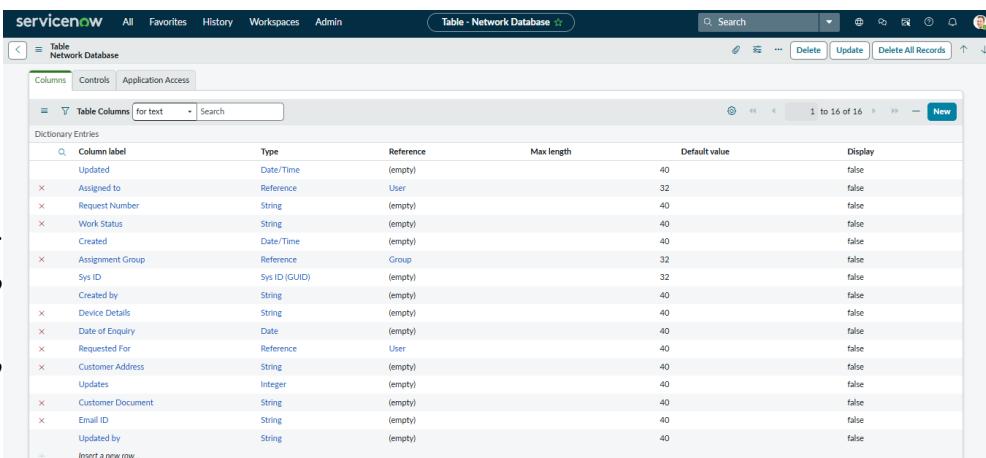
Procedure

- Open **System Definition → Tables**.
- Search and select **Network Database**.
- Navigate to the **Columns** related list.
- Click **New** to add a field.
- Define required field attributes and submit.

4. Field Properties Configuration

Each field is configured using appropriate properties to ensure correct data storage and validation.

Figure 4.1:
Defined for
Network Database



The screenshot shows the ServiceNow Table - Network Database interface. The top navigation bar includes links for All, Favorites, History, Workspaces, Admin, and a search bar. Below the header, there are tabs for Columns, Controls, and Application Access, with Columns selected. A search bar at the top of the list area contains the placeholder "Table Columns for text". The main table displays 16 dictionary entries, each with a delete icon (red X). The columns are: Column label, Type, Reference, Max length, Default value, and Display. The data for the first few rows is as follows:

Column label	Type	Reference	Max length	Default value	Display
Updated	Date/Time	(empty)	40	false	
Assigned to	Reference	User	32	false	
Request Number	String	(empty)	40	false	
Work Status	String	(empty)	40	false	
Created	Date/Time	(empty)	40	false	
Assignment Group	Reference	Group	32	false	
Sys ID	Sys ID (GUID)	(empty)	32	false	
Created by	String	(empty)	40	false	
Device Details	String	(empty)	40	false	
Date of Enquiry	Date	(empty)	40	false	
Requested For	Reference	User	40	false	
Customer Address	String	(empty)	40	false	
Updates	Integer	(empty)	40	false	
Customer Document	String	(empty)	40	false	
Email ID	String	(empty)	40	false	
Updated by	String	(empty)	40	false	

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Field Attributes

- **Column Label:** User-friendly field name
- **Column Name:** Auto-generated internal field name
- **Data Type:**
 - String
 - Integer
 - Choice
 - Reference
- **Mandatory:** Enabled for critical data
- **Default Value:** Configured when required
- **Read-Only:** Used for system-generated or calculated fields

After configuration, fields are saved and added to the table schema.

5. Adding Fields to Forms

Objective

To make backend fields accessible to users through forms.

Procedure

- Navigate to **System UI → Forms**.
- Open the required form.
- Launch **Form Designer**.
- Drag the newly created fields onto the form layout.
- Save or publish the form.

6. Testing and Validation

- Create a new record in the Network Database table.
- Verify field visibility and behavior.
- Validate mandatory, read-only, and default value configurations.

7. Best Practices Followed

- Proper naming conventions for fields
- Selection of appropriate data types
- Use of UI Policies and Client Scripts where required
- Consistent schema design for scalability

8. Conclusion

The data architecture for the Automated Network Request Management system establishes a robust foundation for backend operations. By creating a dedicated table with well-defined fields and validations, the system ensures reliable data storage, seamless automation, and future scalability.