



# Hospital Dashboard Backend System

## Relational Database Schema

We define three main tables – **Patients**, **FollowUps**, and **Deliveries** – linked by patient IDs. The schema is normalized so that each visit or delivery is a separate record tied to a patient. For example, `patients.patient_id` is the primary key, and both `followups.patient_id` and `deliveries.patient_id` are foreign keys referencing it. Key tables and fields:

- **patients** (`patient_id` PK, `height`, `weight`, `education`, `income`, `age_at_menarche`, `age_at_marriage`, `age_at_first_pregnancy`, `district`, `village`, `occupation`, `diet`, `medical_condition`).
- **followups** (`followup_id` PK, `patient_id` FK, `visit_number`, `visit_date`, `blood_pressure_sys`, `blood_pressure_dia`, `weight_kg`).
- **deliveries** (`delivery_id` PK, `patient_id` FK, `date_of_delivery`, `age_at_delivery`, `weight_at_delivery`, `haemoglobin_at_delivery`, `placental_weight`, `term_of_delivery`, `type_of_delivery`).

This separation (3rd normal form) allows storing multiple follow-up visits or deliveries per patient without redundancy. For example, the SQL to create these tables might look like:

```
-- Table: patients
CREATE TABLE patients (
  patient_id VARCHAR(10) PRIMARY KEY,
  height_cm DECIMAL(5,2),
  weight_kg DECIMAL(5,2),
  education_years INT,
  income DECIMAL(10,2),
  age_at_menarche INT,
  age_at_marriage INT,
  age_at_first_pregnancy INT,
  district VARCHAR(100),
  village VARCHAR(100),
  occupation VARCHAR(100),
  diet VARCHAR(100),
  medical_condition VARCHAR(100)
);

-- Table: followups
CREATE TABLE followups (
  followup_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  patient_id VARCHAR(10),
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    visit_number INT,
    visit_date DATE,
    blood_pressure_sys INT,
    blood_pressure_dia INT,
    weight_kg DECIMAL(5,2),
    FOREIGN KEY (patient_id) REFERENCES patients(patient_id)
);

-- Table: deliveries
CREATE TABLE deliveries (
    delivery_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    patient_id VARCHAR(10),
    date_of_delivery DATE,
    age_at_delivery INT,
    weight_at_delivery DECIMAL(5,2),
    haemoglobin_at_delivery DECIMAL(4,2),
    placental_weight DECIMAL(5,2),
    term_of_delivery VARCHAR(50),
    type_of_delivery VARCHAR(50),
    FOREIGN KEY (patient_id) REFERENCES patients(patient_id)
);

```

These tables can be visualized in an ER diagram (entities `Patients`, `FollowUps`, `Deliveries` with one-to-many links). Indexes on `followups.patient_id` and `deliveries.patient_id` (via the foreign key) speed up lookups. The schema SQL is provided in a `schema.sql` deliverable file for easy deployment.

## Flask Backend and API Endpoints

We use **Flask** to build a RESTful API server in Python. The app connects to MySQL using a connector library (e.g. `mysql-connector-python` or `PyMySQL`). On startup, we **load initial data** from the Excel files into the database. In code, we can use Pandas' `read_excel` to parse each file into a DataFrame <sup>1</sup>, then iterate the rows to insert into the tables. For example:

```

import pandas as pd
import mysql.connector

# Connect to MySQL
db = mysql.connector.connect(user='root', password='password', host='localhost', database='hospit
cursor = db.cursor()

def load_initial_data():
    # Load patients
    df_pat = pd.read_excel('basic_information.xlsx')
    for _, row in df_pat.iterrows():
        cursor.execute("""INSERT INTO patients
                        (patient_id, height_cm, weight_kg, education_years, income, age_at_menarche, age_at_m

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        age_at_first_pregnancy, district, village, occupation, diet, medical_condition)
        VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s)"""",
        (row['patient_id'], row['ht'], row['wt'], row['education'], row['income'],
        row['ageatmenarche'], row['ageatmarriage'], row['ageatfirstpregnancy'],
        row['district'], row['village'], row['occupation'], row['diet'], row['condition']))
    db.commit()

# Load follow-up visits (flatten wide format)
df_fup = pd.read_excel('followup_data.xlsx')
for _, row in df_fup.iterrows():
    pid = row['patient_id']
    # Handle up to 4 visits per patient
    for v in range(1, 5):
        if pd.notna(row[f'Visit{v}_date']):
            cursor.execute("""INSERT INTO followups
                (patient_id, visit_number, visit_date, blood_pressure_sys, blood_pressure_dia
                VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s)""",
                (pid, v,
                row[f'Visit{v}_date'], row[f'Visit{v}_bpsys'], row[f'Visit{v}_bpdis'], row[f'
    db.commit()

# Load deliveries
df_del = pd.read_excel('delivery_information.xlsx')
for _, row in df_del.iterrows():
    cursor.execute("""INSERT INTO deliveries
        (patient_id, date_of_delivery, age_at_delivery, weight_at_delivery, haemoglobin_at_de
        VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s)""",
        (row['patient_id'], row['dateofdelivery'], row['ageatdelivery'],
        row['weightatdelivery'], row['haemoglobinatdelivery'], row['placentalweight'],
        row['termofdelivery'], row['typeofdelivery']))
    db.commit()

# Initialize DB schema and data at app startup (if needed)
load_initial_data()

```

Next, we define Flask routes (endpoints) for the required API:

- **GET /api/patient/<id>**: Look up patient by ID. This returns JSON with the patient's basic info, and optionally list of follow-ups and delivery records. For example:

```

from flask import Flask, jsonify

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/api/patient/<patient_id>', methods=['GET'])
def get_patient(patient_id):
    cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM patients WHERE patient_id=%s", (patient_id,))

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patient = cursor.fetchone()
if not patient:
    return jsonify({'error': 'Not found'}), 404
# Convert to dict or list for JSON
columns = [col[0] for col in cursor.description]
patient_data = dict(zip(columns, patient))
return jsonify(patient_data) # jsonify sets JSON content type automatically 2

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- **POST /api/patient:** Insert a new patient record. This expects JSON or form data (from the frontend form). We parse `request.json` (or `request.form`) and insert into `patients`. For example:

```

@app.route('/api/patient', methods=['POST'])
def add_patient():
    data = request.json # or request.get_json()
    # Example fields: patient_id, height_cm, weight_kg, etc.
    cursor.execute("""INSERT INTO patients
        (patient_id, height_cm, weight_kg, education_years, income, age_at_menarche,
         age_at_marriage, age_at_first_pregnancy, district, village, occupation, diet, medical_co
         VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s),
        (data['patient_id'], data['height_cm'], data['weight_kg'], data['education_years'], data[
        data['age_at_menarche'], data['age_at_marriage'], data['age_at_first_pregnancy'],
        data['district'], data['village'], data['occupation'], data['diet'], data['medical_condi
    db.commit()
    return jsonify({'status': 'Patient added'}), 201

```

- **Analytics endpoints:** We can create endpoints to run summary queries. For example,
- **GET /api/analytics/delivery\_rates** executes the “deliveries per year” query.
- **GET /api/analytics/followup\_counts** returns visits per patient.
- **GET /api/analytics/weight\_trends** returns average weights over time.

Each route runs a SQL query and returns JSON. For instance:

```

@app.route('/api/analytics/delivery_rates', methods=['GET'])
def delivery_rates():
    cursor.execute("""
        SELECT YEAR(date_of_delivery) AS year, COUNT(*) AS deliveries_count
        FROM deliveries
        GROUP BY YEAR(date_of_delivery)
        ORDER BY year;
    """)
    results = cursor.fetchall()
    return jsonify([{'year': year, 'deliveries': count} for (year, count) in results])

```

Each endpoint uses Flask's `jsonify()` to return JSON (which automatically sets `Content-Type: application/json` <sup>2</sup>). These routes form a simple REST API (GET for lookup/analytics, POST for inserting new data).

## Integrating the React Frontend

The existing React frontend can call these endpoints. For example, the patient data entry form in React should submit to `/api/patient` using `fetch` or `axios`:

- **In React:** When the user submits the form, gather the form state and send a POST request, e.g.:

```
fetch('/api/patient', {
  method: 'POST',
  headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' },
  body: JSON.stringify(newPatientData)
})
.then(res => res.json())
.then(response => console.log(response));
```

Ensure CORS or proxy is configured if frontend is on a different origin. The Flask app should handle this POST and insert the new patient into MySQL. After insertion, the React app can update the UI (e.g. navigate to a patient profile or show success message).

- **Fetching Data:** Similarly, to display patient info, the React app can call `GET /api/patient/<id>` and render the JSON data in the UI. Analytics summaries can be fetched from `/api/analytics/...` and displayed (e.g., as charts or tables).

This way the backend provides a clear JSON API, and the React frontend simply consumes it. The integration logic primarily involves calling the correct endpoint on form submission and handling responses.

## Analytics SQL Queries

Below are example optimized SQL queries for the requested analytics:

1. **Delivery counts per year:** Calculate number of deliveries by year.

```
SELECT YEAR(date_of_delivery) AS year,
       COUNT(*) AS deliveries_count
FROM deliveries
GROUP BY YEAR(date_of_delivery)
ORDER BY year;
```

*Insight:* Shows how many deliveries occurred each year.

2. **Follow-up visit frequency per patient:** Count of visits each patient has.

```
SELECT patient_id,  
       COUNT(*) AS visit_count  
FROM followups  
GROUP BY patient_id  
ORDER BY visit_count DESC;
```

*Insight:* Identifies patients with most follow-ups (e.g. for high-risk monitoring).

3. **Average patient weight over time:** Trend of average weight (from follow-ups) by year.

```
SELECT YEAR(visit_date) AS year,  
       ROUND(AVG(weight_kg),2) AS avg_weight  
FROM followups  
GROUP BY YEAR(visit_date)  
ORDER BY year;
```

*Insight:* Shows how patient weights (on average) change year over year.

(These queries are provided in a `analytics_queries.sql` script.)

## README / Summary

- **Database Design:** We created a normalized schema with `patients`, `followups`, and `deliveries` tables. Each patient can have many follow-up records and deliveries, linked by the patient ID (PK/FK). Fields from the Excel files map directly into these tables. All tables use appropriate keys and data types (e.g. `DATE` for dates, `DECIMAL` for weights).
- **API Structure:** The Flask app exposes RESTful endpoints. Key routes are:
  - `GET /api/patient/<id>` - retrieves a patient record (returns JSON).
  - `POST /api/patient` - adds a new patient (accepts JSON form data).
  - `GET /api/analytics/...` - runs summary queries for analytics. Flask's `jsonify()` is used to send JSON responses easily <sup>2</sup>.
- **Data Loading:** On startup, the Flask app uses Pandas to read the `.xlsx` files and populate MySQL tables. The code uses `pd.read_excel(...)` to parse each file into a DataFrame <sup>1</sup>, then loops through rows to insert into the database. Follow-up data (originally in wide format) is normalized into separate rows per visit.
- **Frontend Integration:** The existing React frontend can call these Flask endpoints. For example, the patient entry form should submit via a POST fetch request to `/api/patient` (JSON body).

Similarly, components can fetch from `/api/patient/:id` to display patient info, and from `/api/analytics/...` to show reports (e.g. plotting delivery counts per year). This clean separation lets the React UI handle user interaction while Flask/MySQL manage data storage and logic.

• **Analytics Insights:** Our SQL queries produce quick summaries:

- *Delivery rates per year* – useful for seeing trends in number of births each year.
- *Follow-up counts per patient* – highlights patient visit frequency.
- *Average weight over time* – shows weight trends, which could correlate with health interventions.

These insights can feed into the dashboard's charts or tables, providing actionable information for hospital planning.

**References:** We use standard libraries like Pandas (`read_excel`) <sup>1</sup> and Flask (`jsonify`) <sup>2</sup> to implement these features efficiently.

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<sup>1</sup> **python - How to read an excel file in flask webserver memory at the start of flask app? - Stack Overflow**

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/70483997/how-to-read-an-excel-file-in-flask-webserver-memory-at-the-start-of-flask-app>

<sup>2</sup> **Use jsonify() instead of json.dumps() in Flask | GeeksforGeeks**

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