Restaurant Recommendation Based On MYSQL Database

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Introduction

This report is aimed at providing details on restaurant recommendation system using relational database. This project is part of graduate course Database Systems in Computer Science program of University of Memphis. The database was developed with following concepts:

- Users can be identified by their email-id. Other information stored for a user includes name, date of birth and address. Each user has a star rating (1-5) indicating trustworthiness.
- A user may choose to follow other users.
- Each user reviews one or more restaurants.
- A review contains scores for the following items: Ambiance, Food Quality, Service, Price and Overall Experience. Each score is on a discrete scale of 1 - 5 (5 denoting the largest score). Optional free text comments are also saved.
- Each restaurant has a name and address. The same restaurant name can have multiple addresses. A restaurant belongs to exactly one of the following types: Ethnic, Fast food, Fast casual, Casual dining, Family style or Fine dining.
- A restaurant can serve multiple cuisines. Each user likes one or more cuisines.
- A restaurant accepts coupons. A coupon contains a coupon-code which is unique to a specific restaurant. The discount percentage and a specific date that the coupon is valid is stored. Users can have multiple coupons.

This The project was developed using MySQL, Python, Django web framework and Bootstrap. First we developed ER diagram. Then mapped them to relational table. Wrote SQl query for database creation, table creation and data insertion.

Database design

Figure 1: Mapping the ER (or EER) model to a relational model

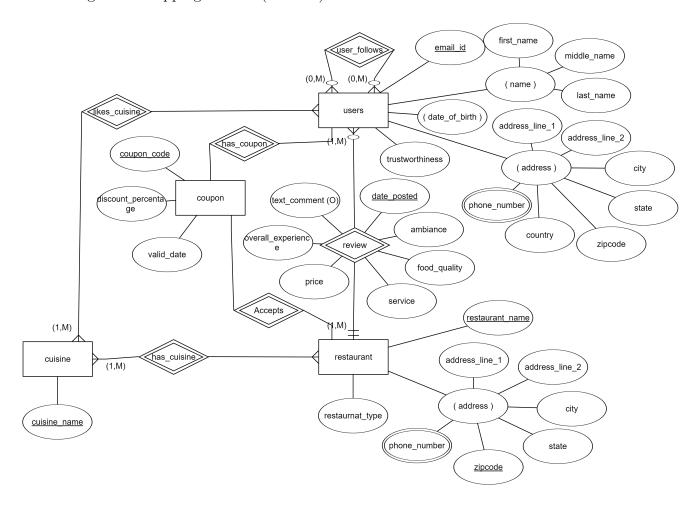
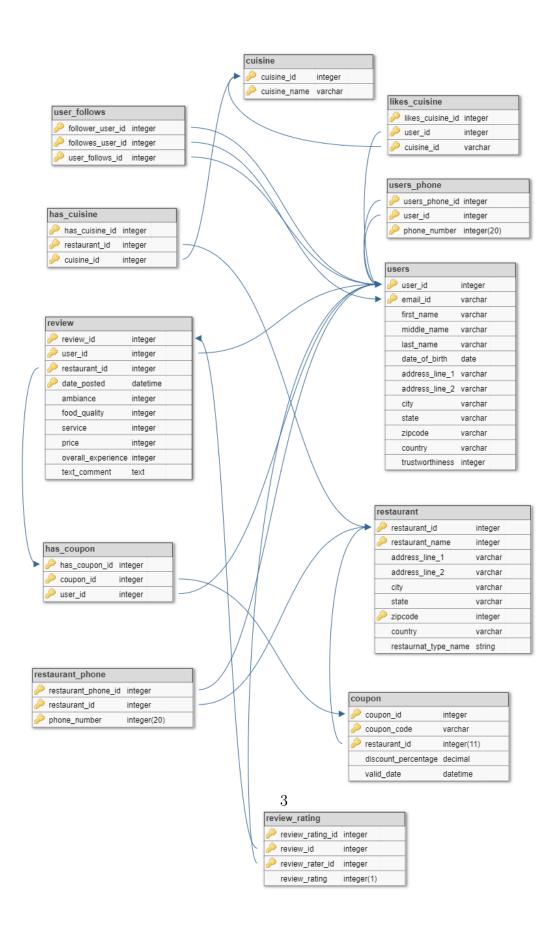


Figure 2: ER (or EER) diagram



Apart from table specified in the requirement, review_rating (user_rating and restaurant_rating not shown) table has been implemented in the MySQL database for trustworthiness calculation. Trustworthiness of user is derived from ratings given by other users for the reviews. Also, a separate table user_trustworthiness table was generated later and restaurant_rating table was also added later on.

Implementation

Implemented restaurant recommendation database using any MySQL. Created database, tables using SQL script. Also, inserted data using a script. into the database. Generated the fron-end using Django and Python. For connecting to MySQL database to python script, MySQLdb connector was used. For connecting to web server, Django web framework was deployed. For front-end development, HTML, Bootstrap has been used in small scale.

For average user trustworthiness:

```
SELECT users.user_id, users.first_name, users.last_name,
    AVG(review_rating.review_rating)
    FROM users, review_rating, review
    WHERE users.user_id = review.user_id
    AND review.review_id = review_rating.review_id
    GROUP BY user_id;
```

For finding favorite cuisine of one user:

For finding close restaurant restaurant recommendations with liked cuisine in same zipcode for one user:

```
SELECT users.first_name, users.last_name, restaurant.restaurant_name,
    restaurant.zipcode FROM restaurant, users, likes_cuisine,
    has_cuisine, cuisine WHERE users.user_id = likes_cuisine.user_id
    AND has_cuisine.restaurant_id = restaurant.restaurant_id
    AND cuisine.cuisine_id = likes_cuisine.cuisine_id
    AND cuisine.cuisine_id = has_cuisine.cuisine_id
    AND restaurant.zipcode = users.zipcode
    AND users.first_name = "Jenifer";
```

For finding close restaurant based on food quality for one user in close proximity(same zipcode):

```
SELECT restaurant.restaurant_name, restaurant.zipcode,
    AVG(review.food_quality) FROM restaurant, review
    WHERE review.restaurant_id = restaurant.restaurant_id
    AND restaurant.zipcode IN (SELECT zipcode FROM users
    WHERE users.first_name = "Jenifer"
    AND users.last_name = "Hudson");
```

Web Interface For Running SQL

Developed web interface using Django open-source web framework. To see search using the web interface, please install Django web framework.

Steps:

- 1. Install pip for python if not installed already.
- 2. Move to python directory or scripts directory in Anaconda.
- 3. Please enter -"pip install Django" for installing Django.

To open project in web interface:

- 1. To runserver for current project go to project folder "restaurant_recommendation" where manage.py file is located.
- 2. Open command prompt in the directory of manage.py and type manage.py preceded by python.exe location and python in the following manner:
- 3. C:\Users\Anjana\Anaconda3\pythonmanage.pyrunserverserver
- 4. (format->locationforpython.exe+python+manage.py)
- 5. To view web interface for search engine go to http://127.0.0.1:8000/

Limitations

The database needed more data to work well and to understand the design efficiency. Also, more informative front end can make usability efficient.