Here’s how the **data flow and implementation process** for the mock test functionality will work with the described tables (Questions, Users, and Response):

**Data Flow for Mock Test Functionality**

1. **User Access and Authentication**:
   * The user logs in or signs up using their credentials (handled via Users table).
   * User data (like user\_id) is retrieved and stored in the session to identify the logged-in user.
2. **Fetch and Display Questions**:
   * The backend fetches questions from the Questions table, including question\_id, options, and other details.
   * These questions are sent to the frontend and displayed to the user in the mock test UI.
3. **User Attempts Questions**:
   * As the user selects answers, their response is temporarily stored on the client side.
   * When the user submits the test or a specific question, the selected response (option\_marked) is sent to the backend.
4. **Validate Response and Store in Database**:
   * The backend receives the submitted response and checks whether the selected option matches the correct\_option in the Questions table.
   * Based on the comparison, a Boolean (is\_correct) is computed.
   * The response is saved in the Response table along with the user\_id, question\_id, option\_marked, and is\_correct.
5. **Generate Results**:
   * Once the test is completed, the backend queries the Response table for all responses by the current user\_id.
   * Correct answers (is\_correct = true) are counted, and a score or result is calculated.
   * Results are sent to the frontend for display or further analysis.

**Steps to Execute**

**1. Design Database Schema**

Ensure the tables are properly structured in the database:

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CREATE TABLE Questions (

question\_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO\_INCREMENT,

question\_text VARCHAR(255),

option\_a VARCHAR(100),

option\_b VARCHAR(100),

option\_c VARCHAR(100),

option\_d VARCHAR(100),

correct\_option CHAR(1) -- e.g., 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D'

);

CREATE TABLE Users (

user\_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO\_INCREMENT,

username VARCHAR(50),

email VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE,

password VARCHAR(255) -- or any hashed representation

);

CREATE TABLE Response (

response\_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO\_INCREMENT,

user\_id INT,

question\_id INT,

option\_marked CHAR(1), -- e.g., 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D'

is\_correct BOOLEAN,

FOREIGN KEY (user\_id) REFERENCES Users(user\_id),

FOREIGN KEY (question\_id) REFERENCES Questions(question\_id)

);

**2. Backend Implementation**

* Use **Java + JDBC** or Spring Boot with database connectivity for the backend.

**Endpoints to Create:**

1. **GET /questions**: Fetches questions for the mock test.
   * Query the Questions table and return all questions.

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SELECT \* FROM Questions;

1. **POST /submit-response**: Handles user responses to a question.
   * Accepts user\_id, question\_id, and option\_marked in the request.
   * Validates the response against the correct\_option in the Questions table.
   * Inserts a record in the Response table with the computed is\_correct value.

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INSERT INTO Response (user\_id, question\_id, option\_marked, is\_correct)

VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?);

1. **GET /result/{user\_id}**: Generates the test result for a specific user.
   * Queries the Response table to count is\_correct = true for the given user.

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SELECT COUNT(\*) AS correct\_answers

FROM Response

WHERE user\_id = ? AND is\_correct = TRUE;

**3. Frontend Implementation**

* Create a dynamic **Mock Test UI**:
  1. **Question Display**: Fetch questions from /questions API and render them one by one or all at once.
  2. **Capture User Responses**: Save selected options temporarily and send them to the /submit-response API when the user submits.
  3. **Show Results**: Fetch and display results from the /result/{user\_id} API.

**4. Execution Flow**

1. **User Logs In**:
   * Authenticate user and fetch their user\_id.
   * Store user\_id in the session.
2. **Load Questions**:
   * Call the GET /questions endpoint to display the test.
3. **Submit Responses**:
   * On submission, send user responses (question-wise or all at once) to the backend.
4. **Store and Validate**:
   * Backend inserts the response in the Response table and computes correctness.
5. **Result Generation**:
   * Fetch results using GET /result/{user\_id} and display scores.

**Key Points to Remember**

1. **Efficiency**: Fetch all questions in one API call to avoid multiple backend requests during the test.
2. **Validation**: Ensure backend checks the correctness of options, even if the frontend validates them for better security.
3. **Session Management**: Use sessions or tokens to identify users during the test.
4. **Data Integrity**: Enforce foreign key constraints in the Response table to maintain relationships between Users and Questions.

By following this process, you'll have a robust system for the mock test functionality that efficiently handles question fetching, response submission, validation, and result generation.

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To manage **multiple mock tests** (e.g., 5 different mock tests), the database structure needs to support a **test hierarchy** and maintain relationships between mock tests, their questions, and user responses. Here's how you can adapt and expand your database schema:

**Updated Database Schema**

Introduce additional tables to differentiate mock tests and associate questions with specific tests.

**1. Table: MockTests**

Stores information about each mock test.

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CREATE TABLE MockTests (

test\_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO\_INCREMENT,

test\_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL, -- e.g., "Aptitude Test", "Technical Test"

test\_description TEXT -- Optional description of the test

);

**2. Table: Questions (Updated)**

Each question is now linked to a specific mock test.

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CREATE TABLE Questions (

question\_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO\_INCREMENT,

test\_id INT, -- Foreign key to MockTests

question\_text VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,

option\_a VARCHAR(100),

option\_b VARCHAR(100),

option\_c VARCHAR(100),

option\_d VARCHAR(100),

correct\_option CHAR(1), -- e.g., 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D'

FOREIGN KEY (test\_id) REFERENCES MockTests(test\_id)

);

**3. Table: Users (Unchanged)**

Stores user details.

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CREATE TABLE Users (

user\_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO\_INCREMENT,

username VARCHAR(50),

email VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE,

password VARCHAR(255)

);

**4. Table: Response (Updated)**

Link responses to specific mock tests and questions.

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CREATE TABLE Response (

response\_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO\_INCREMENT,

user\_id INT, -- Links to Users table

test\_id INT, -- Links to MockTests table

question\_id INT, -- Links to Questions table

option\_marked CHAR(1),

is\_correct BOOLEAN,

FOREIGN KEY (user\_id) REFERENCES Users(user\_id),

FOREIGN KEY (test\_id) REFERENCES MockTests(test\_id),

FOREIGN KEY (question\_id) REFERENCES Questions(question\_id)

);

**Data Flow with Multiple Mock Tests**

1. **Mock Test Management**:
   * Admins or developers add mock test information to the MockTests table (e.g., names, descriptions).
   * Questions are linked to specific tests via the test\_id in the Questions table.
2. **User Access**:
   * When a user selects a specific mock test, its test\_id is retrieved.
   * Questions for the selected test are fetched using test\_id.
3. **User Submits Responses**:
   * The user's responses are linked to the specific test\_id and question\_id in the Response table.
   * This ensures responses are tied to the right mock test.
4. **Results by Test**:
   * The backend computes results for a specific mock test by filtering Response data based on test\_id and user\_id.

**Steps to Manage and Execute Multiple Mock Tests**

**1. Add Mock Test Data**

Insert mock test details into the MockTests table:

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INSERT INTO MockTests (test\_name, test\_description)

VALUES ('Aptitude Test', 'A test to assess logical reasoning and problem-solving skills'),

('Technical Test', 'A test to evaluate programming and technical knowledge');

**2. Add Questions for Each Test**

Insert questions into the Questions table with their respective test\_id:

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INSERT INTO Questions (test\_id, question\_text, option\_a, option\_b, option\_c, option\_d, correct\_option)

VALUES

(1, 'What is 2 + 2?', '3', '4', '5', '6', 'B'),

(1, 'What is the capital of France?', 'Paris', 'Berlin', 'Madrid', 'Rome', 'A'),

(2, 'What is the output of 2 \* 3?', '5', '6', '7', '8', 'B');

**3. Fetch Questions by Mock Test**

When a user selects a mock test, fetch the related questions using test\_id:

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SELECT \* FROM Questions WHERE test\_id = 1; -- For Aptitude Test

**4. Store User Responses**

When the user submits answers, insert their responses into the Response table:

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INSERT INTO Response (user\_id, test\_id, question\_id, option\_marked, is\_correct)

VALUES (1, 1, 101, 'B', TRUE);

**5. Calculate Results by Mock Test**

To generate results for a specific test, filter responses by user\_id and test\_id:

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SELECT COUNT(\*) AS correct\_answers

FROM Response

WHERE user\_id = 1 AND test\_id = 1 AND is\_correct = TRUE;

**Key Points to Remember**

1. **Test Differentiation**:
   * Use test\_id consistently across tables (MockTests, Questions, and Response) to associate data with specific tests.
2. **Dynamic Fetching**:
   * Implement backend APIs to dynamically fetch questions and results based on test\_id.
3. **Result Aggregation**:
   * When calculating scores, always filter by both user\_id and test\_id to ensure accurate results.
4. **Front-End Considerations**:
   * Provide a selection interface for users to choose the desired mock test.
   * Display questions dynamically based on the selected test.
5. **Scalability**:
   * The schema allows easy addition of more mock tests and questions without changes to existing tables.

**API Endpoints for Managing Multiple Mock Tests**

| **Endpoint** | **Purpose** |
| --- | --- |
| GET /mock-tests | Fetch the list of available mock tests. |
| GET /mock-tests/{test\_id} | Fetch details and questions for a specific mock test by test\_id. |
| POST /responses | Save user responses for a specific test. |
| GET /results/{test\_id} | Retrieve results for a user for a specific mock test. |

By following this approach, your database and backend will be well-organized to handle multiple mock tests efficiently!