

DATABASES

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ABOUT

General idea: Admin Panel based on the CRUD app.
Usability: saving data about members (in this case about international participants in some event).

In my project administrator can:

- login to his own panel
- create: first name, last name, age and nationality
- read: using the table administrator has a clear view on the data
- update: opportunity to change name, last name or age
- delete: remove user from the database

MY ACHIVEMENTS

1. What I wanted to achieve?

First of all, I wanted to gather my knowledge which I gained during this semester. And in the result build a functional and working system which will cover all project requirements.

My assumed achievementy:

- understanding of relations between php and sql (possibility of saving, displaying, deleting etc. new member in the database)
- get ready with project before deadline

2. Why I wanted to build it?

There is no special excuse about topic of my project. I wanted to come up with something simple and clear which will cover all requirements and at the same time does not complicate my project. And I think that this system is very common so I am pretty much sure that i can use it somewhere in the future.

RISK ANALYSIS

1. The time constraint
2. Lack of knowledge
3. Another project - time pressure

What could go wrong?

That I will not finish my project.

Another thing - that I could get some problems in case of debugging my code.

TIME TABLE:

I've started working on the project right after my Web Development exam. So I split my work between days.

19-20.06 - creating database consists of 3 tables and making relations

21-24.06 - all necessary php files, connecting with database

26-30.06 - saving data in the database, deleting, receiving data from the database, update

31.06 - last changes, report

1.06 - hand in before deadline

USED TOOLS

MAMP :

- standard for Mac OS X operating system
- stands for Mac, Apache, MySQL, PHP - can be easy enable or disable
- everything is in a one folder, this makes backing up very easy

SUBLIME TEXT 2:

- Multiple cursors which let user write or edit in multiple places in a document at the same time
- Easy way to intend your code
- Package control: This add-on let's user install plugins within seconds directly from the editor

MySQL WORKBENCH:

- allows to edit db schema as a diagram and the export as sql code
- vizualizing DB structure (good especially for beginners)

CODE ANALYSIS

DB connection: I used both: PDO and MYSQLI

I was not sure which connection will suits me more that's why I practised both of them. I assumed that for the project purpose it will be totally fine. And I realize that in the future during other projects I will stick till one.

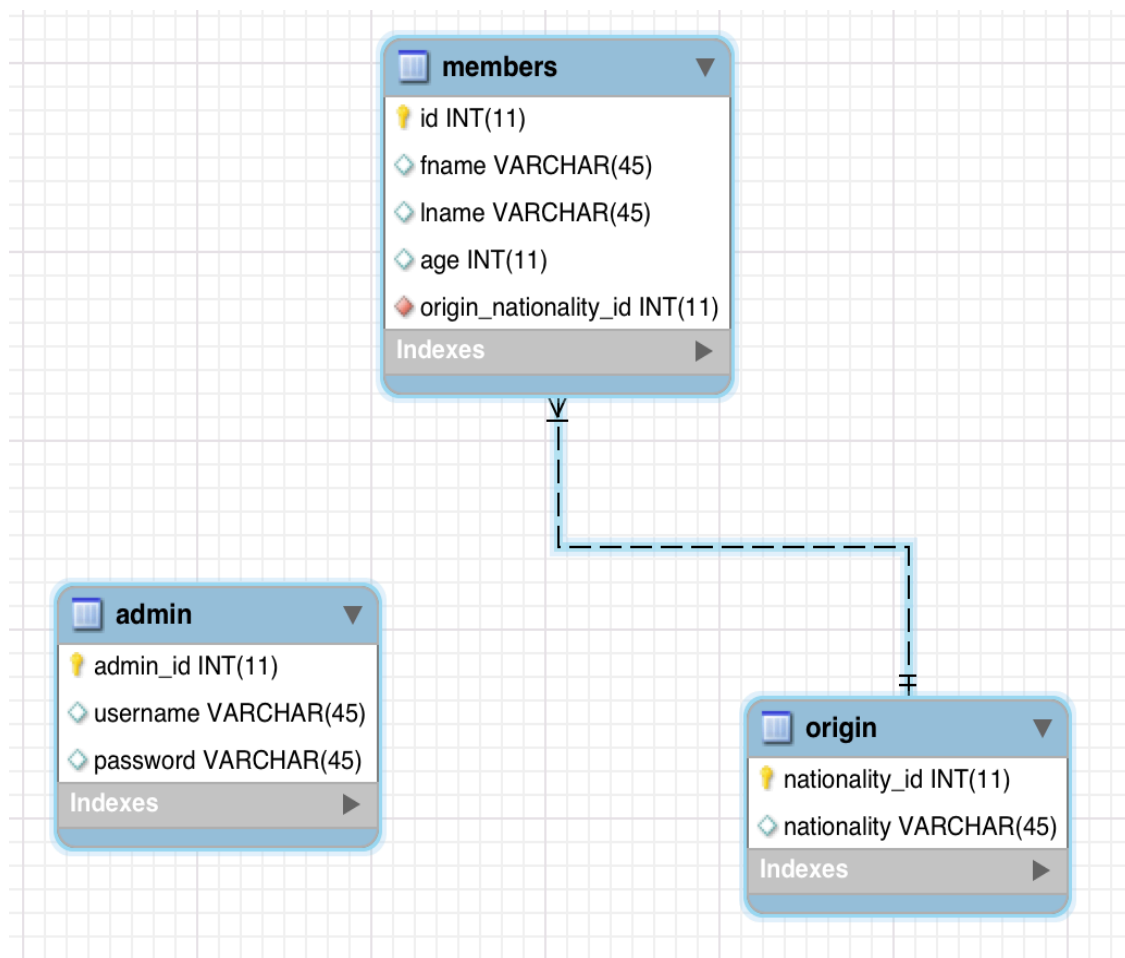
What could be done better?

I think my code structure. Sometimes it is a little bit messy so I have someting to imporove.

What was the most difficult part of the system?

I think the most part was to combine everything together, to make it work. Or even harder was debugging my own code, cause sometimes I could not find my own mistakes. The hard part for me was to insert data into table with foreign key.

DATABASE DESIGN



STRUCTURE OF THE DB

Database is normalized and contains 3 separated tables: admin, origin and members. Each table is implemented with AUTO_INCREMENT - reason: to add next rows with different ids.

1. admin:

does not have any connections. It is only for the admin to have a view inside the page after login

2. origin:

store nationalities

3. members:

store information about members and their's origin

Relation: origin -> members : one to many.

I decided to use this connection because following the logic each member can have only one nationality.

SQL

```
$oQuery = $oDb->prepare("SELECT * FROM origin");
$oQuery->execute();
$aResults = $oQuery->fetchAll(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);
for( $i = 0; $i < count($aResults); $i++ )
{
    echo ( "<option value=".$aResults[$i]['nationality_id']. ">
    <p class='options'>".$aResults[$i]['nationality']. "</p>
    </option>" );
}
```

1st part :

make a selector which display all data /nationalities / from database. First of all, I create a query which connects with db and prepare statment to wchi is gon- na be executed. Then I make a variable which wil store all data from database as an array. Then I loop through an array to make it possible to display all data. At the end i put all data inside the option. I set up also a value then I will be able to insert into database.

```
<?php
include('connect.php');
//if (isset($_GET["page"])) { $page = $_GET["page"]; } else { $page=1; };
//$start_from = ($page-1) * 6;
$result = $db->prepare("SELECT * FROM members INNER JOIN origin ON members.
origin_nationality_id = origin.nationality_id ");
$result->execute();
for($i=0; $row = $result->fetch(); $i++){
?>
    <tr class="record">
        <td><?php echo $row['fname']; ?></td>
        <td><?php echo $row['lname']; ?></td>
        <td><?php echo $row['age']; ?></td>
        <td><?php echo $row['nationality']; ?></td>
        <td><a href="editform.php?id=<?php echo $row['id']; ?>"> edit </a> |
<a href="delete.php?id=<?php echo $row['id']; ?>"> delete </a></td>
    </tr>
<?php
    }
?>
```

I had to select from table which has one foreign key to make it work I used INNER JOIN.

`“SELECT * FROM members INNER JOIN origin ON members.
origin_nationality_id = origin.nationality_id “`

First of all I select all data from table called members. It contains (id, fname, age, origin_nationality_id). I did not want to display origin_nationality_id but the value which is hidden behind. To make it, I joined another table (using INNER JOIN) called origin and I needed to assign member's id to nationality's id. It is all done by using 'ON'. So I take a name of the table which has a foreign key and its id and then assign to another table.

CONCLUSION

What I have reached?

- First of all, useful knowledge which I will be able to use in the future
- working system
- satisfaction and motivation for the next projects
- experience
- stubbornness, even if I had some difficulties I did not give up

What can you do better?

Organize my code better, and do not mess there. I can improve it by coding more clearly, using comments, indentation and correct structure.

Was it successful?

I can truly say that yes. I have done what I planned. Maybe I could do more but since I have just started my web development adventure I am glad and satisfied. Most things are working without any errors and collisions. But I think in the future I need to set the bar higher ;)