

I. Designing Ticketmaster

1. requirements and goals of the system
 - a. functional requirements
 - i. List other cities where affiliated cinemas are located
 - ii. Select a city to display movies released in that city
 - iii. When you select a movie, it displays the movie theater and the available performance time.
 - iv. Select a performance at a specific cinema and book a ticket
 - v. Shows the seating arrangement at the cinema and selects multiple seats
 - vi. Reserved / available seat classification
 - vii. Must be able to secure a seat for 5 minutes prior to payment to complete the reservation
 - viii. Waiting customers should be served on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - b. non-functional requirements
 - i. High concurrent-must be handled fairly and elegantly even if there are multiple requests for the same seat
 - ii. Ticket Reservation = Financial Transaction: System must be secure and database ACID compliant
2. design considerations
 - a. User authentication is not required
 - b. Partial ticket orders are not processed (ex) get all tickets or get nothing
 - c. Fairness is essential
 - d. To prevent system abuse, reservations cannot be made for more than 10 seats at a time
 - e. The system needs to be designed for scalability and requires high availability (availability)-to cope with the surge of traffic

3. capacity estimation

a. assume

- i. views : 3B views/month
- ii. sells : 10M tickets/month
- iii. cities : 500
- iv. average each city has 10 cinemas
- v. average each cinema has 2000 seats
- vi. shows : 2 shows/day
- vii. seat booking size : 50 byte (ID, NumberOfSeats, ShowID, MovieID, SeatNumbers, SeatStatus, Timestamp, etc)
- viii. movie info size : 50 byte

b. estimation

- i. $500 \text{ (cities)} * 10 \text{ (cinemas)} * 2000 \text{ (seats)} * 2 \text{ (shows)} * (50 + 50) \text{ byte} = 2\text{GB / day}$
- ii. 3.5 TB / 5years

4. system apis - soap, rest api

a. SearchMovie (api_dev_key, keyword, city, lat_long, radius, start_datetime, end_datetime, postal_code, includeSpellcheck, results_per_page, sorting_order)

- i. keyword: Keyword to search
- ii. lat_long (string): Latitude and longitude to search
- iii. start_datetime (string): Start date time
- iv. end_datetime (string): End date time
- v. includeSpellcheck (enum: 'yes' or 'no'): Include spelling suggestions in the response
- vi. results_per_page (number): Number of results to return per page
- vii. sorting_order (string): Sort order of search results
- viii. return (json)

b. ReserveSeats (api_dev_key, session_id, movie_id, show_id, seats_to_reserve [])

- i. session_id (string): User's session ID to track the reservation, if the reservation time (5 minutes)

expires, the user's reservation is removed from the server through session_id

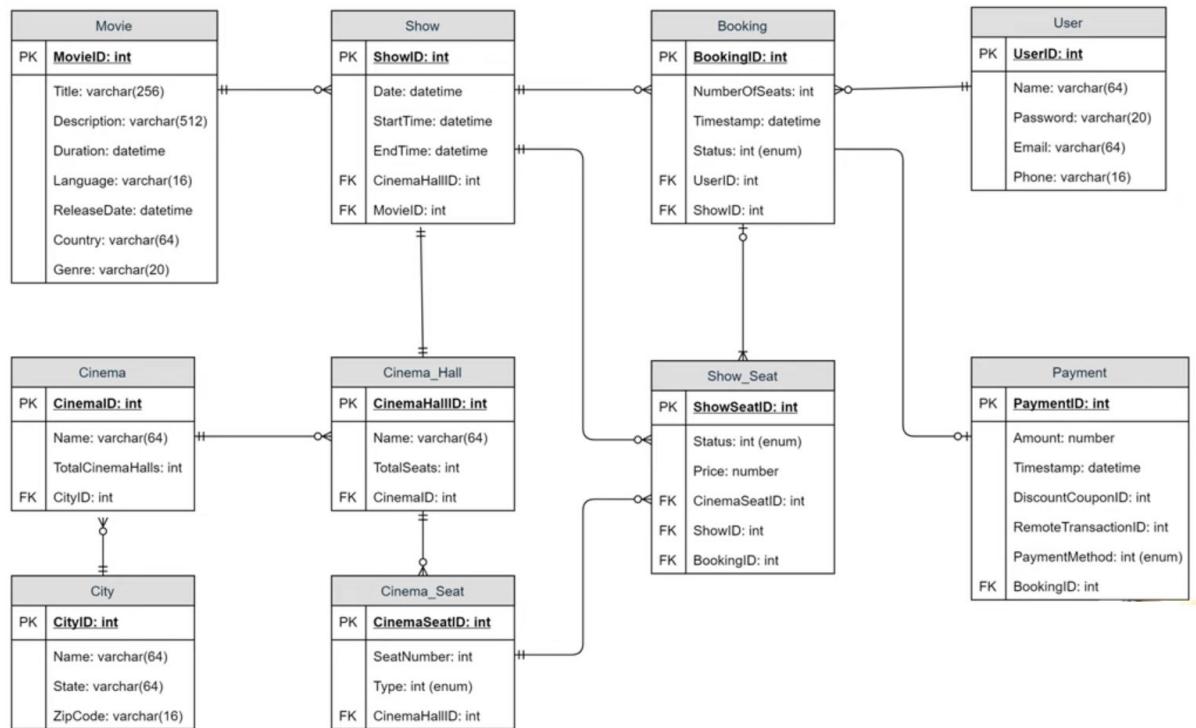
- ii. show_id (string): Show reservation
- iii. seats_to_reserve (number): Array containing the seat ID to reserve
- iv. return (json)
 - Reservation success
 - Failure to Book-Show All
 - Failed reservation-retry, reservation already held by another user

5. database design

a. consideration

- i. Each city has multiple theaters
- ii. Each cinema has multiple halls
- iii. Each movie has multiple shows
- iv. Each show has multiple seats
- v. User can make multiple reservations

b. ERD Reference



6. high level design

- a. web server: User session management
- b. applicaton server: ticket management
- c. db server: data storage
- d. cache server: Improved performance (response speed)

e.

7. component design-Assuming that the service is provided by a single server

- a. ticket reservation workflow
 - i. Movie Search
 - ii. Movie Selection
 - iii. Time selection
 - iv. Select number of seats
 - v. If there are selected seats-> Show theater map
 - vi. If there are no magnets selected
 - Manseok (marked as error to the user)
 - User no longer wants to reserve, but there is another show, so return to the theater map
 - Go to the standby page
 - ✓ Go to the theater map page when the number of seats required is available
 - ✓ Error message if all seats are reserved while waiting or if there are fewer seats in the reservation pool

- ✓ Cancel waiting and go to movie search page
 - ✓ User sessions expire and can return to the movie search page and wait up to an hour
- vii. If the seat is successfully reserved, the user is given 5 minutes to pay. After 5 minutes, the seat is transferred to another user
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- b. How does the server track all active reservations that haven't been reserved yet, and how to track all waits?
- i. ActiveReservationService
 - Track all active reservations and remove expired reservations from the system
 - ✓ Requires HashMap data structure
 - ✓ HashMap head always points to the oldest reservation record-> reservation expires when timeout is reached
 - ✓ key : ShowID
 - ✓ value: HashMap with BookingID and reservation start time
 - Process user payments in cooperation with external financial services

- Whenever a reservation is completed / expired, WaitingUserService is signaled to provide service to waiting customers.

ii. WaitingUserService

- Track all pending user requests and notify the longest waiting waiter to select a seat as soon as the required number of seats is available
- HashTable
 - ✓ Save all waiting users
 - ✓ key : CinemaID
 - ✓ value: UserID, HashMap with waiting start time

iii. Client can use Long Polling to keep up to date information on reservation status-Server notifies the user of this request when seat is available

iv. Reservation expiration

- ActiveReservationsService on Server tracks the expiration of active reservations (based on reservation time)
- Timer (during expiration time) that client and server may not be synchronized is displayed.

8. concurrency

- a. Handles concurrency so that two users cannot reserve the same seat
 - i. Using SQL DB Transaction
 - ii. When using SQL-SERVER, you can lock and update rows using Transaction Isolation Levels
 - iii. When a row is read within a transaction, a write lock on the row is acquired so that others cannot update it
 - iv. If transaction is successful, reservation tracking can be started in ActiveReservationService

9. fault tolerance

- a. What if ActiveReservationsService or WaitingUserService crashes?
 - i. Every active reservation can be read from the 'Reservation' table whenever the ARS crashes
 - Status remains reserved (1) until the reservation is completed
 - ii. Master-slave configuration: slave can take over when master crashes
 - There is no means to recover data unless there is a master-slave setting when WUS crashes because the waiting user is not stored in the db.

- b. Set the master-slave db to have fault tolerance in the db

10. data partitioning

- a. database partitioning
 - i. Partitioning by MovieID ensures that all shows in the movie are on a single server
 - ii. In case of hot movie, a lot of load is imposed on the server.
 - iii. A better way is to partition based on ShowID-load is distributed to other servers
- b. ActiveReservationService and WaitingUserService partitioning
 - i. web server: manage sessions of all active users, and handle all communication with users
 - ii. Assign application server to both ARS and WUS based on ShowID using Consistent hashing
 - iii. All reserved and standby users of a specific show are processed by a specific server set
 - iv. workflow-Suppose you assign 3 servers to show for LB of consistent hashing
 - Update DB to remove reservation or mark it as expired
 - Update the seat status in the 'Show_Seat' table

- Remove reservation from Linked HashMap
 - To identify the user who has been waiting the longest, a message is broadcast to all WUS servers that have a standby user at the show.
 - Sends a message to the WUS server to handle the request with the oldest standby user if the required seat is available
- v. The following happens each time you make a successful reservation:
- The server holding the reservation sends a message to all servers waiting for the user in the show, causing the server to expire all waiting users requiring more seats than are available.
 - Upon receiving the above message, all servers with waiting users query the DB to find the number of seats currently available-DB cache is very helpful in executing this query once.
 - Expire all waiting users who want to reserve more seats than available seats-WUS iterates and processes HashMaps of all waiting users