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CMPT 354 – Database System I

# Project Title: Chemistry Search Engine

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## Project Objective:

* To apply and enhance knowledge about Database System as well as Database Management
* To develop a Search Engine in Chemistry that supports students in reviewing crucial concepts in Chemistry
* To provide additional services including discussion and practice section to assist students in consolidating knowledge in Chemistry

## Project Description:

Recognition of the difficulty students might encounter while studying chemistry. The team decides to create a search engine that allows students to cover the gap in their knowledge. While building the large-scale database to share a vast knowledge of chemistry is the team’s expectation, the group decide to narrow the scale of the application down to chemistry knowledge at the high school level due to limitations of time and resources.

The team concentrates on developing <web-based application> including three major sections which are Search, Practice, and Discussion sections:

* *Search Section:* this is the heart of the program allowing students to seek fundamental knowledge and concepts in chemistry that store in the database.
* *Practice Section:* students can improve their understanding of questions in the Practice Section.
* *Discussion Section:* this is another additional service that the application provides. Students can ask and seek help from their peers via the forum.

The team selects Python as a primary platform to develop the GUI of the program and use MySQL as an official language to build the database management system (DBMS). The team also uses Flask as a web framework to make the program.

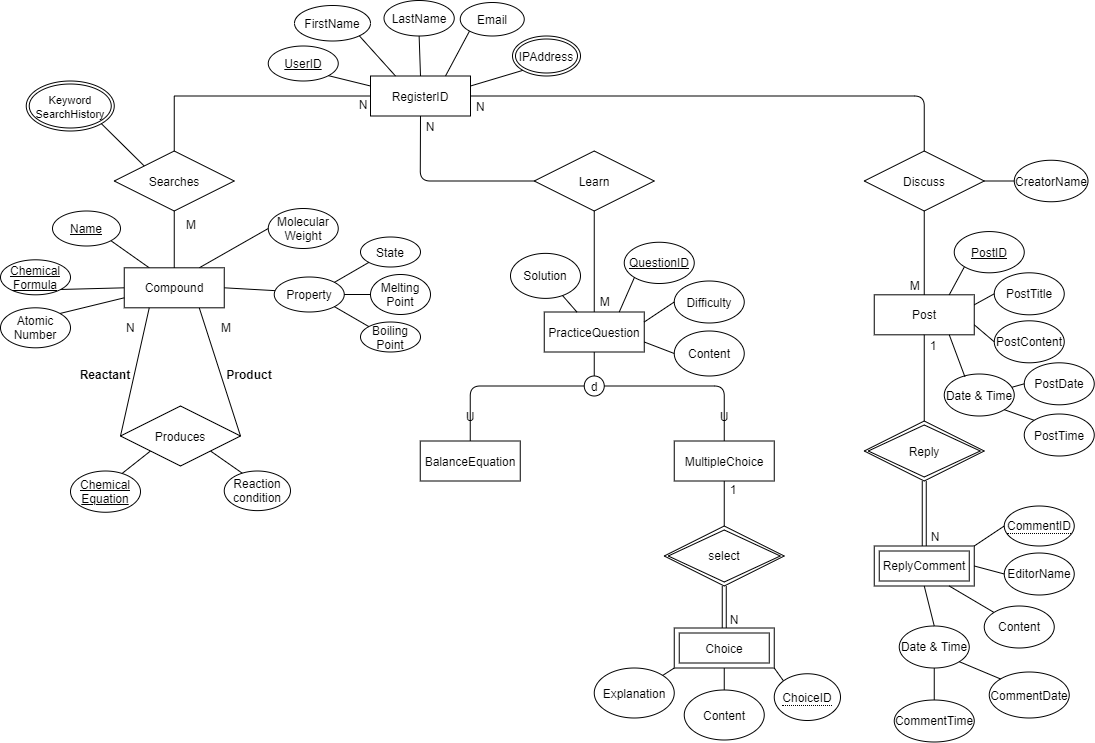
Summary,

* Application: Chemistry Search Engine
* Type of application: Web base application
* Domain: Chemistry knowledge at high school level
* Platform:
  + GUI: Python
  + DBMS: MySQL
  + Other: Flask

## ER Diagram:

Description of ER Diagram:

* Entity: Access, Compound, Reaction, Practice Question, Forum
* Weak Entity: Reply, Choices
* Relation: Searches, Learn, Discuss, Participates in, Prepares
* Generalization/Specialization: Practice Question/[Balance Equation, Problem Solving, Multiple Choice]



The report shows schema and table in the outline of branch, there are 3 branches:

* Searching branch (User entity)
* Learning branch
* Discuss branch

1. ***Searching Branch:***
2. ***Learning Branch:***

### Discuss Branch:

Discuss[PostID, ID, CreatorName]

Post[PostID, Post Title, PostContent, PostDate, PostTime]

Comment[CommentID, PostID, EditorName, Content, CommentDate, CommentTime]

Discuss.ID reference to User.ID

Discuss.PostID reference to Post.PostID

Comment.PostID reference to Post.PostID

#### Table definition:

* “Discuss” table:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attribute Name | Domain | Primary Key/Foreign Key | Other Constraints |
| PostID | INT | P & F | NOT NULL, UNIQUE, CASCADE |
| ID | INT | P & F | NOT NULL, UNIQUE, CASCADE |
| CreatorName | CHAR (200) | NONE | NOT NULL |

* “Post” table:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attribute Name** | **Domain** | **Primary Key/Foreign Key** | **Constraint** |
| PostID | INT | P | NOT NULL, UNIQUE, DEFAULT |
| PostTitle | CHAR (200) | NONE | NOT NULL |
| PostContent | VARCHAR (600) | NONE | NOT NULL |
| PostDate | DATE | NONE | NOT NULL, CHECK (Current post Date) |
| PostTime | TIME | NONE | NOT NULL, CHECK (Current Post Time) |

* “ReplyComment” table:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attribute Name** | **Domain** | **Primary Key/Foreign Key** | **Constraint** |
| PostID | INT | P & F | NOT NULL, UNIQUE, CASCADE |
| CommentID | INT | P & F | NOT NULL, UNIQUE, DEFAULT |
| EditorName | CHAR (200) | NONE | NOT NULL, DEFAULT (“Anonymous”) |
| Content | VARCHAR (500) | NONE | NOT NULL |
| CommentDate | DATE | NONE | NOT NULL, CHECK (Current comment date) |
| CommentTime | TIME | NONE | NOT NULL, CHECK (Current comment time) |

#### SQL dump:

“Post” table:

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Post(

PostID INT NOT NULL UNIQUE,

PostTitle CHAR(200),

PostContent VARCHAR(600) NOT NULL,

PostDate DATE NOT NULL,

PostTime TIME NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (PostID));

“Discuss” table:

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Discuss(

PostID INT NOT NULL UNIQUE,

ID INT NOT NULL,

CreatorName CHAR(200) NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY (PostID, ID),

FOREIGN KEY (PostID) references Post(PostID) ON DELETE CASCADE,

FOREIGN KEY (ID) references RegisterUser(ID) ON DELETE CASCADE);

“ReplyCommnet” table:

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS ReplyComment(

CommentID INT NOT NULL,

PostID INT NOT NULL,

EditorName CHAR(200) DEFAULT “Anonymous”,

Content VARCHAR(500),

CommentDate DATE NOT NULL,

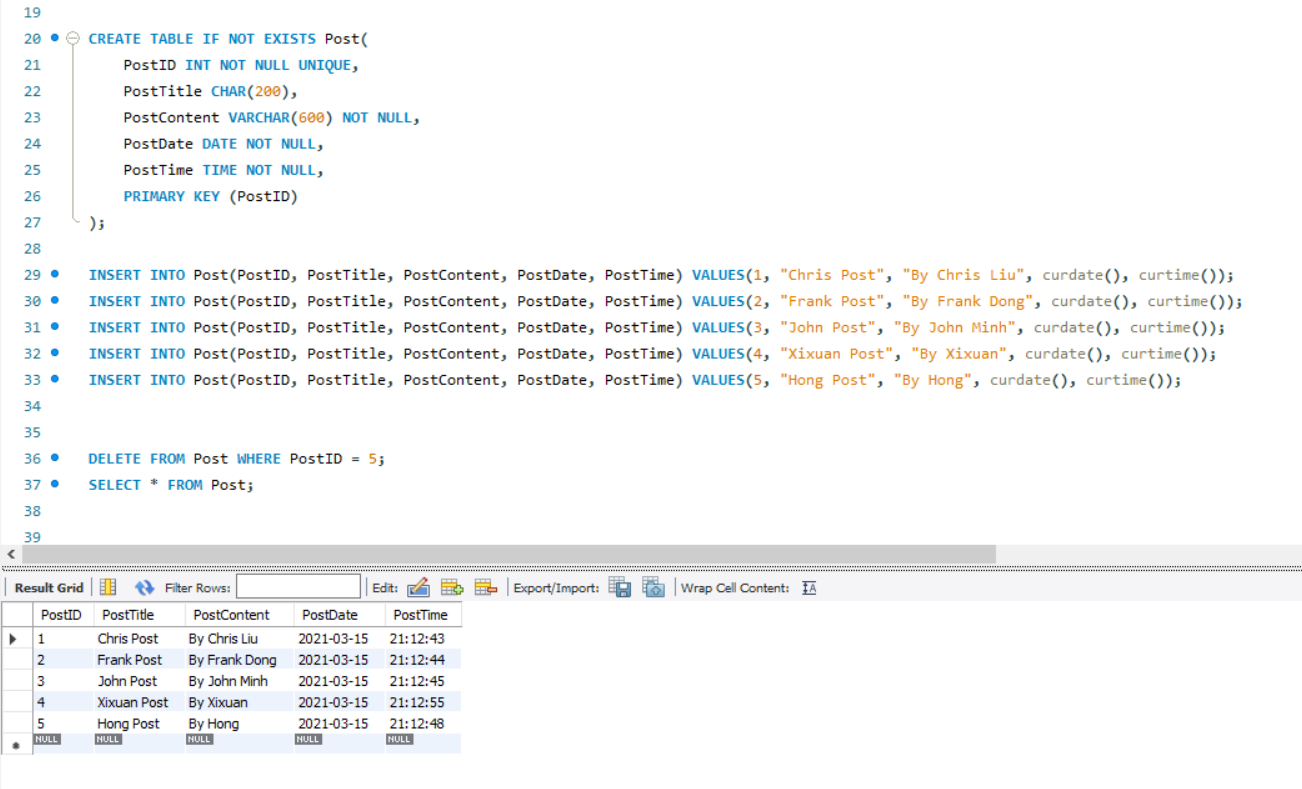
CommentTime TIME NOT NULL,

PRIMARY KEY(CommentID, PostID),

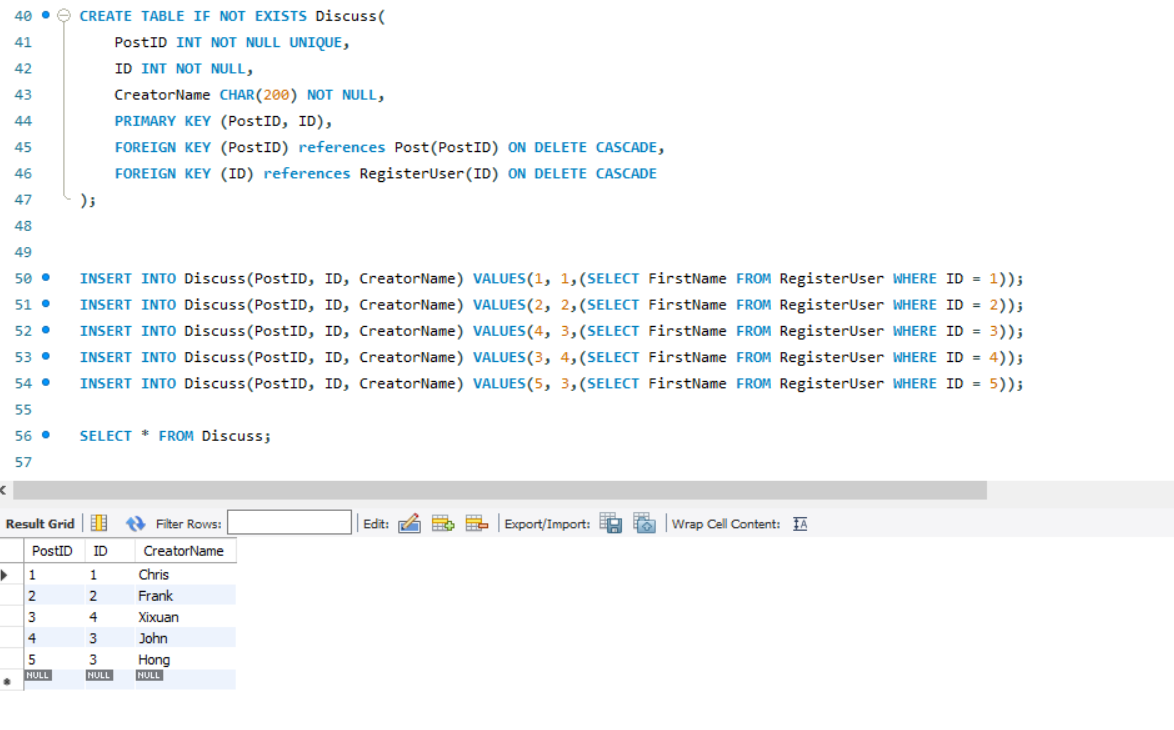
FOREIGN KEY Comment(PostID) references Post(PostID) ON DELETE CASCADE);

#### Screenshot:

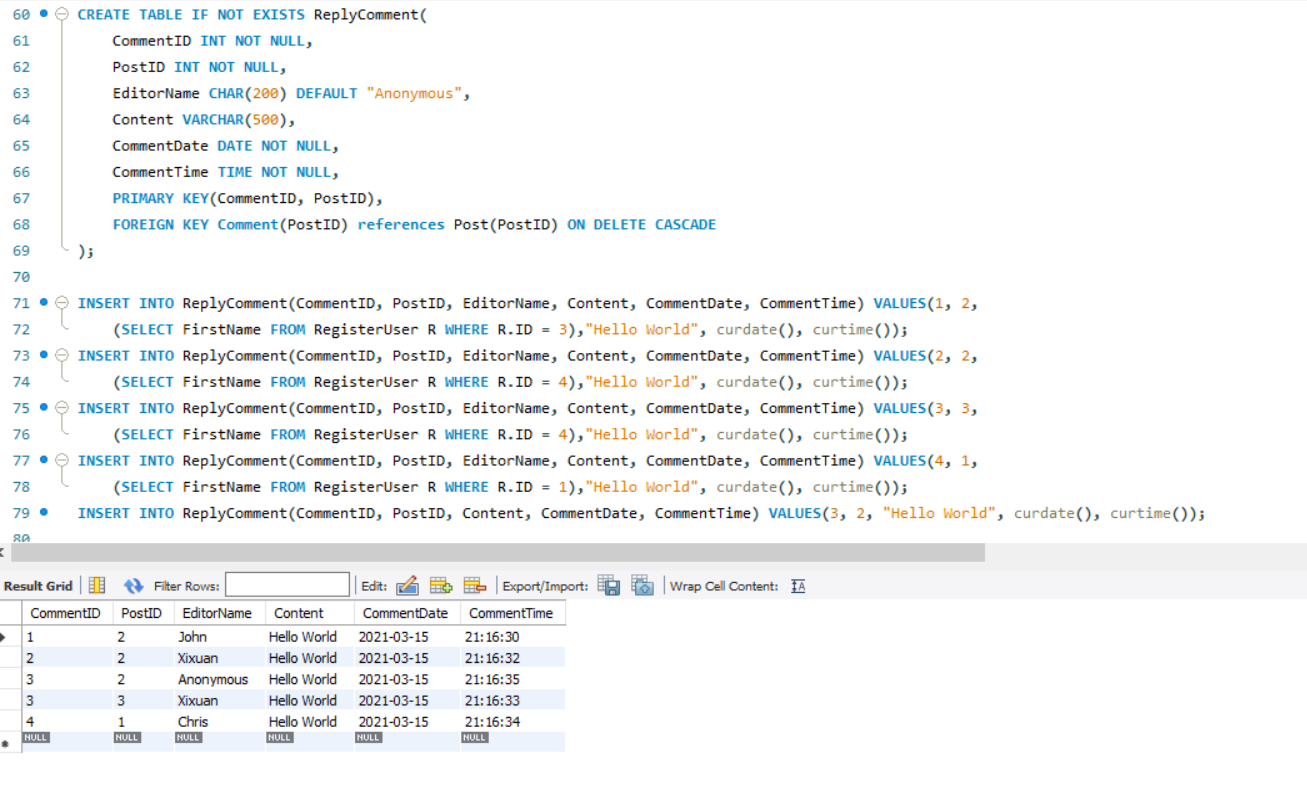
“Post” Table:



“Discuss” Table:

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*“ReplyComment” Table:*

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