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## JustRecipe

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Databases*

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# Introduction

# Chapter 1

## Dataset

In this first chapter of this document we will talk about searching for the initial dataset.

As specified in the project documentation, the dataset had to be at least 50MB large, and this quantity could not be generated directly within the application. So we did an initial search, finding two datasets, which were generated by their authors by performing the scraping on the sites *www.FoodNetwork.com* and *www.Epicurios.com*. The second dataset was more complete (more nutritional values), so it was used as the main dataset. The other dataset was used to complement the other, reaching a total of 67.8 MB, with 45349 recipes.

To correctly extract the data present in the two datasets we wrote a program in Java, called *RecipeReader*, thanks to which we adapted the two different formats and removed the duplicates (recipes with the same title that were present in both datasets). To implement this program we used the GSON library and the Jackson library.

The variety property is ensured by using two different sources. The velocity / variability properties are ensured because comments and recipes are eliminated and added inside the application, indeed this data may lose importance after a certain time interval since new data quickly arrives.

# Chapter 2

## Design

### 2.1 Introduction To The Application

The topic of cuisine is extensively widespread in our society. In fact we can think at the success achieved by tv shows related to cooking in the last years and also at the fact that a lot of chefs are becoming superstars. Then there is another important factor: the coronavirus outbreak.

With the coronavirus outbreak a lot of people became cuisine lovers, in fact at the first moments of the pandemia several ingredients as flour and yeast were very hard to find, because people were confined in their home and so they had more free time.

But this topic is not a recente one. The first recipe book dates back to eighth century B.C. and it is the so-called *Eraclio* (by the name of the city in which he was found). Then also an important latin writer, Apicio, wrote one of the most important recipe books of the roman era: *De Re Coquinaria* which dates back to the first century B.C..

So the topic of cuisine is inherent to human nature, because the necessity of eating is a basic need. Furthermore, everyone has experimented the infamous question: “What will I eat this evening?”. JustRecipe has the aim of answer to this question, it has the aim of helping university student or workers to retrieve and to do fast and simple recipes.

So this application is basically a recipe book but it is also more than this.

JustRecipe is also a social network which allow people to enjoy, to ex-change ideas about cooking, to feel less lonely in this hard period.

### 2.2 Requirements

#### 2.2.1 Main Actors

The main actors of the application are four:

- Unregistered User  
He is the user which open the application for the first time, in order to access he must sign-up.
- User  
He is the normal user (the registered one).
- Moderator  
He is in charge of controlling the comments and eventually delete the ones which contain abuses.
- Administrator  
He is the most powerful actor, he can delete users and recipes and he is also in charge of elect moderators

Each actor can do all the features of the previous ones in the list.

## 2.2.2 Functional Requirements

### Features offered to the Unregistered User

- Registration

In order to access the application an user must sign-up. Otherwise he is not allowed to access and to use all the functionalities.

### Features offered to the Registered User

- Login/Logout

The only way to access the application, as we said previously, is to sign-up and login. At the end the user can logout and close the session.

- Search a recipe

It's possible to search a recipe searching for the title and for categories.

- Browse suggested recipes

The suggestions will be offered in a proper section, they are done considering the relationships between the user logged, the users followed by the user logged and so on so forth.

- Browse recipes of following users

In a proper section (i.e. the Homepage) the user can browse the recipes of the following user. Indeed he can see only a snapshot of the recipes. If he wants a more in-depth view, he can click on it and see the recipe page in which he is able to see all the recipe details.

- Add a recipe

The user can insert a new recipe.

- Edit own recipes

The user can edit the recipes previously added by himself.

- Comment recipes

Every user can make a comment about recipes

- Follow another user

The most important feature of each social network: the users can follow each others.

- Like a recipe

In order to evaluate a recipe each user can like its.

### Features offered to the Moderator

- Delete comments

The moderator is in charge of delete comments which contain racist abuse, crude terms and so on so forth.

### Features offered to the Administrator

- Delete users

The admin can delete the users which don't respect the application guidelines.

- Delete recipes

The admin can delete recipes not correctly inserted

- Elect moderators

In order to handle better the application, the admin can elect some users as moderators.

### 2.2.3 Non-Functional Requirements

### 2.2.4 Actors and Use Cases

The use case diagram of the application is described in the figure 2.1



Figure 2.1: Use Case Diagram

Some observations on the diagram are necessary:

- The circles in blue are the ones which described actions available only for the owner of the object on which the actions are applied.

So, in detail, this means that a **User** can edit/delete a profile if and only if he owns this profile. Then he can edit a recipe and/or a comment if and only if he adds that recipe or that comment.

- When we are seeing the recipe detail we can go on the user that have been added that recipe. So the extend relation between *View Recipe* and *View User* means this.
- The action *Browse Recipes of following users* is available only if the **User** follows at least one user. Otherwise he can start to follow users and only after this he can see suggested

recipes (*Browse Suggested Recipes*). In this case, due to the fact that the user follows nobody, he will see the most famous recipes in general because it's impossible to suggest specific recipes due to the fact that he has no following and no likes or comments.

- The actions in red are the ones that can be performed only by the **Administrator**
- The actions in orange are the ones that can be performed only by the **Moderators**

## 2.3 UML Class Diagram

Let analyze the UML Class Diagram. There are three main entities: User, Comment, Recipe. It's important to point out that the **User** of the Use Case Diagram is here the so-called *Registered User* and the *User* of this diagram is the generic user. Then we underline the fact that, in order to represent the three actors of the use case diagram, a generalization is needed.

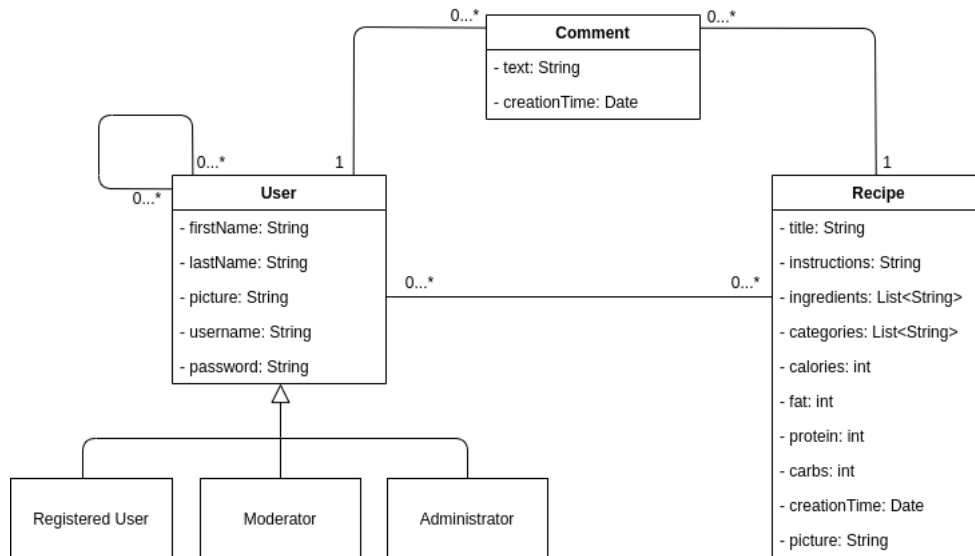


Figure 2.2: UML Analysis Classes Diagram with generalization unsolved

Observing the figure 2.2 it's possible to understand that we can resolve the generalization putting an attribute in the entity *User*. It is an integer and we call it *role*: if it's a *Normal User* role is 0; if *Moderator* then 1; if *Administrator* then 2.

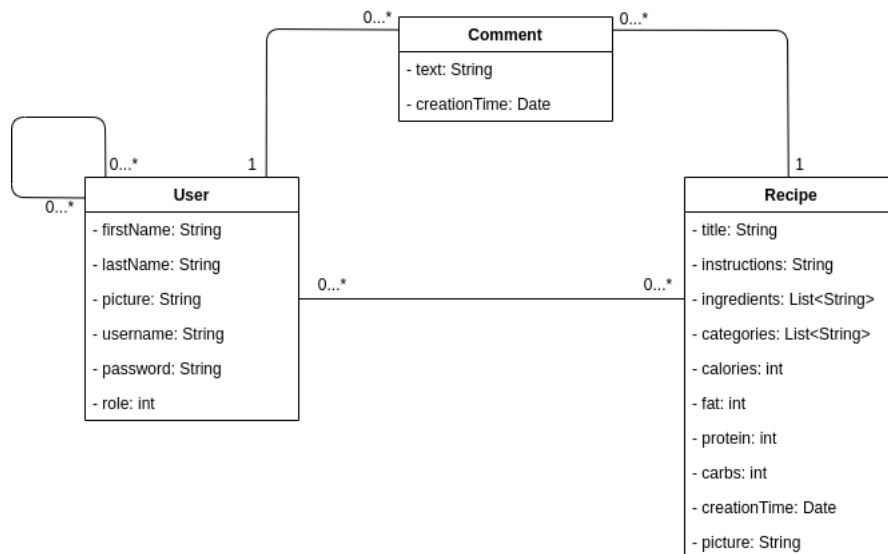


Figure 2.3: UML Analysis Classes Diagram



## 2.4 Data Model

### 2.4.1 DocumentDB

```
1 {
2   "_id":
3     {"$oid": "5fdb5fd86796ee4e73ef5b84"},
4   "title":
5     "Lentil, Apple, and Turkey Wrap ",
6   "instructions":
7     "1. Place the stock, lentils, celery, carrot, thyme, and
8     salt in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat
9     to low and simmer until the lentils are tender, about 30
10    minutes, depending on the lentils. (If they begin to
11    dry out, add water as needed)..." ,
12   "ingredients":
13     ["4 cups low-sodium vegetable or chicken stock", "1 cup
14     dried brown lentils", ...],
15   "categories":
16     ["Sandwich", "Bean", "Fruit", "Tomato", "turkey", ...],
17   "calories":
18     426,
19   "fat":
20     7,
21   "protein":
22     30,
23   "carbs":
24     20,
25   "creationTime":
26     {
27       "$date": "2020-12-17T13:40:40.658Z"
28     },
29   "authorUsername":
30     "oscar.evans",
31   "picture":
32     "https://assets.epicurious.com/photos/551
33     b0595e7851a541a30b23f/master/pass/239173_lentil-apple-
34     and-turkey-wrap_6x4.jpg",
35   "comments":
36     [
37       {
38         "authorUsername": "oliver.smith",
39         "text": "Very good!!!",
40         "creationTime":
41           {
42             "$date": "2020-12-17T13:50:40.658Z"
43           }
44       },
45       {
46         "authorUsername": "jessica.evans",
47         "text": "Fantastic",
48         "creationTime":
49           {
50             "$date": "2020-12-17T13:52:40.658Z"
51           }
52       },
53       ....
54     ]
55 }
```

### **2.4.2 GraphDB**

## **2.5 Distributed Database Design**

### **2.5.1 Replicas**

### **2.5.2 Sharding**

## **2.6 Software Architecture**

## Chapter 3

# Implementation and Test

### 3.1 Main Modules

### 3.2 Main Packages and Classes

### 3.3 Most Relevant Queries

In the following section will be presented the most relevant query performed with MongoDB and Neo4J. Some important point must be underlined:

- The operation of *skip* and *limit*, use in the most of the following queries, are necessary due to implementation reasons. In fact the results are not shown all in the same page (because of the size of the database the output can be huge) but only a subset of the result are shown (for instance, the first X) and in order to go on and see the other result, the query will be performed with different value of *<howManyToSkip>* (the first time is 0, the second is X) and *<howManyToGet>* (it's a fixed number, must be equal to the previous X)
- In Neo4J part, due to performance reasons, some queries compute also followers, followings and recipes added by each user. This is necessary because when the user is given as result this information must be showed and if we don't compute it here we have to do another query for each user.

#### 3.3.1 MongoDB

##### Recipes of the user

This query gives the opportunity to collect all the recipes written by a specific User through checking the author username field. This search is case sensitive cause we are using the username.

- Input: a string who rapresent an username (unique through the users), how many recipe to skip, and how many to get.
- Output: a list of recipes, all added by the user erlier selected, ordered by the .

```
1 db.recipes.aggregate (
2   [
3     {
4       $match :
5       {
6         authorUsername : <authorUsername>
7       }
8     },
9     {
10      $sort :
```

```

11     {
12         creationTime : -1
13     }
14 },
15 {
16     $skip: <howManyToSkip>
17 },
18 {
19     $limit: <howManyToGet>
20 }
21 ]
22 )

```

### Search for recipe title

Given a portion of the title, this query is capable of returning as a result a set of recipes whose titles contain it. Research must be case insensitive (see *options:"i"* in the regexMatch step of the aggregation)

- Input: portion of the title, how many recipes to skip and how many recipes to get.
- Output: set of recipes.

```

1 db.recipes.aggregate (
2   [
3     {
4       $match :
5       {
6         title:
7         {
8           $regex: /^.*<portionOfTheTitle>.*$/,
9           $options: "i"
10        }
11      }
12    },
13    {
14      $sort :
15      {
16        creationTime : -1
17      }
18    },
19    {
20      $skip: <howManyToSkip>
21    },
22    {
23      $limit: <howManyToGet>
24    }
25  ]
26 )

```

### Search for recipe category

Given the category, or a part of this, the query returns recipes that belong to it. The search is case insensitive.

It's important to point out that a recipe belongs to more than one categories, so a recipe can be part of the result of the search of two different categories (this is normal and it is allowed).

- Input: portion of the category or the entire one *<portionOfTheCategory>*, how many recipes to skip *<howManyToSkip>* and how many to get *<howManyToGet>*.

- Output: set of recipes belonging to the given category

```

1 db.recipes.aggregate (
2   [
3     {
4       $match :
5       {
6         categories:
7         {
8           $regex: /^.*<portionOfTheCategory>.*$/,
9           $options: "i"
10        }
11      }
12    },
13    {
14      $sort :
15      {
16        creationTime : -1
17      }
18    },
19    {
20      $skip: <howManyToSkip>
21    },
22    {
23      $limit: <howManyToGet>
24    }
25  ]
26 )

```

### Search for recipe ingredients

This query give the possibility to find a specific number of recipes given some of the recipe ingredients. The search is case insensitive for a more easy to use experience.

- Input: a list of ingredients, how many recipes to skip and how many recipe to show.
- Output: a list of recipes, all of them have at least all the ingredients specified before. The results are ordered from the newer to the older recipe.

```

1 db.recipes.aggregate (
2   [
3     {
4       $match :
5       {
6         ingredients:
7         {
8           $regex: /^.*<ingredients[i]>.*$/,
9           $options: "i"
10        }
11      }
12    },
13    {
14      $sort :
15      {
16        creationTime : -1
17      }
18    },
19    {
20      $skip: <howManyToSkip>

```

```

21 },
22 {
23     $limit: <howManyToGet>
24 }
25 ]
26 )

```

### Most common recipe categories

This query allows you to get a ranking of the categories most used by users for their recipes.

- Input: how many categories to skip, how many categories to get.
- Output: list with the categories ordered by the number of use.

```

1 db.recipes.aggregate (
2   [
3     {
4       $unwind : "$categories"
5     },
6     {
7       $group :
8       {
9         _id : "$categories",
10        numberOfRecipes:
11        {
12          $sum: 1
13        }
14      }
15    },
16    {
17      $project:
18      {
19        'category': '$_id',
20        numberOfRecipes: 1,
21        _id: 0
22      }
23    },
24    {
25      $sort :
26      {
27        numberOfRecipes : -1
28      }
29    },
30    {
31      $skip: <howManyToSkip>
32    },
33    {
34      $limit: <howManyToGet>
35    }
36  ]
37 )

```

### Recipes with below average calories - TO DO

#### Last Comments

The query returns the last comments sorted for creation time, in order to have the most recent as first and the most old as last.

- Input: *howManyToGet* and *howManyToSkip*
- Output: set of the last comments sorted by creation time in descendant order.

```

1 db.recipes.aggregate (
2   [
3     {
4       $unwind : "$comments"
5     },
6     {
7       $sort :
8       {
9         comments.creationTime : -1
10      }
11    },
12    {
13      $skip: <howManyToSkip>
14    },
15    {
16      $limit: <howManyToGet>
17    }
18  ]
19 )

```

### 3.3.2 Neo4J

*Tabella con dominio grafo e descrizione*

#### Suggested Recipes - MANCA CODICE

We have two levels of suggestions with different relevance.

- First Level  
Recipe  $R$  is a first level suggestion for the user  $X$  if  $R$  has been added by the user  $Y$  where  $Y$  is followed by  $X$  ( $X \rightarrow Y$ ). Or  $R$  has been added by  $Z$  where  $Z$  is followed by  $Y$  ( $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$ ).
- Second Level  
Recipe  $R$  is a second level suggestion for the user  $X$  if  $R$  has been added by the user  $Y$  where  $Y$  is the owner of at least  $N$  recipes liked by  $X$ .

#### Recipes of following users

This query returns all the recipes of the following users of a specific user.

- Input: How many recipe name to skip, how many recipe name to show and a string who represents a specific username.
- Output: A set of recipe name of the specific user's following users have added.

```

1 MATCH (u1:User{username:$username})-[:FOLLOWS]->(u2:User)-[a:
   ADDS]->(r:Recipe)
2 RETURN r.title AS title, r.calories AS calories,
3        r.fat AS fat, r.protein AS protein, r.carbs AS carbs,
4        r.picture AS picture, u2.username AS authorUsername
5 ORDER BY a.when DESC
6 SKIP $skip LIMIT $limit

```

### Most followed and active users

This query returns the list of the most followed and active users, namely the influencers. Most followed means that the list is ordered by the number of followers. Active means that the list is ordered by the number of recipes added by the user.

- Input: How many users to skip, how many users to show.
- Output: A list of the most followed and active users.

```
1 MATCH (u:User)
2 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[f1:FOLLOWS]-(:User)
3 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[f2:FOLLOWS]->(:User)
4 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[a:ADDS]->(:Recipe)
5 RETURN u.firstName, u.lastName, u.username,
6        u.firstName AS firstName, u.lastName AS lastName,
7        u.picture AS picture, u.username AS username,
8        u.password AS password, u.role AS role,
9        COUNT(DISTINCT f1) AS follower,
10       COUNT(DISTINCT f2) AS following,
11       COUNT(DISTINCT a) AS numRecipes
12 ORDER BY follower DESC, numRecipes DESC
13 SKIP $howManySkip LIMIT $howMany
```

### Most liked users

This query returns the list of the most liked users, namely the users who received more like to their recipes.

- Input: How many users to skip, how many users to show.
- Output: A list of the most liked users.

```
1 MATCH (u:User)
2 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[a:ADDS]->(:Recipe)-[l:LIKES]-(:User)
3 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[f1:FOLLOWS]-(:User)
4 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[f2:FOLLOWS]->(:User)
5 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[a:ADDS]->(:Recipe)
6 RETURN u.firstName, u.lastName, u.username,
7        u.firstName AS firstName, u.lastName AS lastName,
8        u.picture AS picture, u.username AS username,
9        u.password AS password, u.role AS role,
10       COUNT(DISTINCT f1) AS follower,
11       COUNT(DISTINCT f2) AS following,
12       COUNT(DISTINCT a) AS numRecipes,
13       COUNT(DISTINCT l) AS totLikes
14 ORDER BY totLikes DESC
15 SKIP $howManySkip LIMIT $howMany
```

### Best Recipes

This query returns the list of the best recipes, namely the most liked ones.

- Input: How many recipes to skip, how many recipes to show.
- Output: A list of the best recipes.



```

1 MATCH (:User)-[:LIKES]->(r:Recipe)
2 MATCH (u:User)-[:ADDS]->(r)
3 RETURN r.title AS title, r.calories AS calories,
4        r.fat AS fat, r.protein AS protein, r.carbs AS carbs,
5        r.picture AS picture, u.username AS authorUsername,
6 COUNT(DISTINCT l) AS likes
7 ORDER BY likes DESC
8 SKIP $skip LIMIT $limit

```

To clarify, the first match is used to avoid to consider the recipes which have not at least one like, and the second match is used to find the user that adds the recipe.

### Search for username

Given a portion of the username, this query is able to return all users whose usernames contain it. The search must be case insensitive, so the toLower function is used.

- Input: portion of the username, how many users to skip and how many users to get.
- Output: set of users.

```

1 MATCH (u:User)
2 WHERE toLower(u.username) CONTAINS toLower($username)
3 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[:FOLLOWS]-(:User)
4 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[:FOLLOWS]->(:User)
5 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[:ADDS]->(:Recipe)
6 RETURN u.firstName AS firstName, u.lastName AS lastName,
7        u.picture AS picture, u.username AS username,
8        u.password AS password, u.role AS role,
9 COUNT(DISTINCT f1) AS follower,
10 COUNT(DISTINCT f2) AS following,
11 COUNT(DISTINCT a) AS numRecipes
12 SKIP $skip LIMIT $limit

```

### Search for user's full-name

Given the full-name or a part of it, the query returns the users that contains in their full-name the given input. The query is case-insensitive.

- Input: The full-name (*\$fullName*), how many users to skip (*\$skip*) and how many users to get (*\$limit*).
- Output: The users that contains in their full-name the given input *\$fullName*.

```

1 MATCH (u:User)
2 WHERE
3   toLower(u.firstName+' '+u.lastName)
4   CONTAINS toLower($fullName)
5   OR
6   toLower(u.lastName + ' ' + u.firstName)
7   CONTAINS toLower($fullName)
8 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[:FOLLOWS]-(:User)
9 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[:FOLLOWS]->(:User)
10 OPTIONAL MATCH (u)-[:ADDS]->(:Recipe)
11 RETURN u.firstName AS firstName, u.lastName AS lastName,
12        u.picture AS picture, u.username AS username,
13        u.password AS password, u.role AS role,
14 COUNT (DISTINCT f1) AS follower,
15 COUNT (DISTINCT f2) AS following,

```

```
16     COUNT (DISTINCT a) AS numRecipes  
17     SKIP $skip LIMIT $limit
```

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### 3.4 Tests and Statistical Analysis

## Chapter 4

# User Manual