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Hederlige Harrys Bilar – User Management Database Design Documentation

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1. Introduction

Hederlige Harrys Bilar is a car dealership that requires a user authentication system to manage account registration, login, and password recovery. This document outlines the design, implementation, and optimization of the database and its related components.

2. System Overview

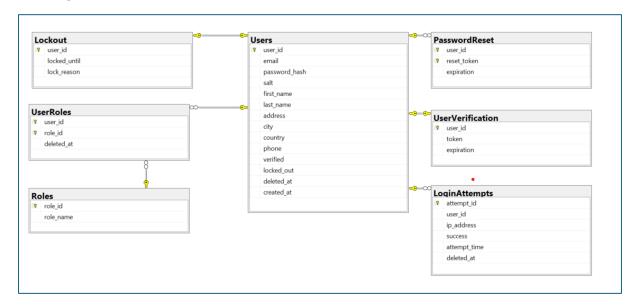
This project involves the development of a secure and optimized database that supports the following functionalities:

- User registration and verification via email token
- Role-based access control (Customer & Admin roles)
- Login attempts tracking with IP logging for security
- Password recovery mechanism with expiration-controlled tokens
- Lockout mechanism which blocks access after repeated failed logins for failed login attempts

- Optimized reporting views for login history and IP-based authentication analysis
- Performance optimizations (indexing, stored procedures, efficient queries)
- The database follows best practices in SQL development, ensuring efficiency, scalability, and security.

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3. Database Structure

3.1 Tables

The system consists of the following tables:

Table Name	Description		
Users	Stores user information (email, hashed password, salt, personal details, verification status, locked status).		
Roles	Defines user roles such as Customer and Admin.		
UserRoles	Maps users to roles in a many-to-many relationship.		
UserVerification	Stores email verification tokens and expiration timestamps.		
PasswordReset	Stores password reset tokens with expiration control.		
LoginAttempts	Logs all login attempts, including IP address, timestamp, and success/failure status.		
Lockout	Stores lockout status for users who exceed failed login attempts.		

3.2 Relationships

- Each user is assigned a role through UserRoles.
- Login attempts are recorded in LoginAttempts linked to users via user id.
- Failed logins can result in a lockout (Lockout table).
- Password resets require a valid, non-expired token from PasswordReset.

4. Stored Procedures

4.1 RegisterUser

- Registers a new user with a salted and hashed password.
- Automatically assigns Customer role.

4.2 VerifyUserEmail

- Validates an email verification token.
- Marks user as verified upon success.

4.3 TryLogin

- Verifies user password (hashed + salted check).
- Logs successful & failed login attempts.
- Implements lockout after 3 failed attempts in 15 minutes.
- Stores debugging info in a temporary table for security analysis.

Error Code	Description
-1	Invalid Email
-2	Account Locked
-3	Too Many Failed Attempts (Locked for 15 Minutes)
-4	Incorrect Password
0	Successful Login

4.4 ForgotPassword

• Generates a password reset token.

- Stores the token in PasswordReset with a 24-hour expiration.
- Validates user before issuing the reset token.

4.5 SetForgottenPassword

- Validates the reset token before allowing password reset.
- Ensures token is still valid (not expired).
- Uses salting and hashing for secure password storage.

5. Views and Reporting

5.1 UserLoginReport

- Displays users' latest successful and failed login attempts.
- Aggregates login history for quick reporting.
- Helps track suspicious login behavior.

5.2 LoginAttemptsPerIP

- Summarizes all login attempts per IP address.
- Uses window functions for cumulative success/failure tracking.

6. Security Features

- Password Hashing: Uses SHA-256 with salting for secure password storage.
- Account Verification: Requires email verification before login is permitted.
- IP-based Logging: Tracks login attempts to detect suspicious activity.
- Account Lockout: Locks accounts after three failed attempts within 15 minutes.
- Token Expiration: Verification and password reset tokens have expiration timestamps.
- Enhanced TryLogin: Blocks login if account is locked and returns error codes for failures.

7. Performance Optimization

- Indexing: Optimized indexes on email, user_id, and attempt_time for faster queries.
- Optimized Stored Procedures: For efficient joins & transaction handling.
- Window Functions in Views (faster reporting calculations).

8. Testing and Validation

- Pre-inserted test accounts for demonstration.
- Stored procedures tested with different scenarios (valid/invalid login attempts, lockouts, password reset).
- SQL queries manually executed to verify the correctness of lockout policies and reporting views.

Measure Execution Time:

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--measure Execution Time
SET STATISTICS TIME, IO ON;
GO

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SQL Server parse and compile time:
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SQL Server Execution Times:
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Insert Test Users:

This test inserts two sample users with hashed passwords and unique salts. Expected Result: Two new user records should appear in the Users table.

Test Successful Login:

This test checks if the login system correctly authenticates a user with the correct password. - Expected Result: Returns 0 (Success) and logs the attempt in the LoginAttempts table.

EXEC TryLogin 'erik.nilsson@gmail.com', 'Lösenord123@X9!b\$2#', '192.168.1.1';

Test Failed Login:

This test checks if the system correctly identifies an incorrect password. Expected Result: Returns -4 (Invalid Password) and logs a failed attempt in LoginAttempts.

EXEC TryLogin 'erik.nilsson@gmail.com', 'WrongPassword', '192.168.1.1';

Simulate Account Lockout (3 Failed Attempts):

This test simulates a brute-force attack by trying an incorrect password three times. Expected Result: After 3 failed attempts, account should be locked (Error Code: -3).

Attempt Login After Lockout:

This test checks if a locked account can still attempt login before the lockout expires. Expected Result: Returns -2 (Account Locked) and prevents login.

Check Login Attempts Log:

This query retrieves all login attempts in order of attempt time. Expected Result: Displays successful and failed login attempts.

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--5. login after lockedout
    EXEC TryLogin 'erik.nilsson@gmail.com', 'Lösenord123@X9!b$2#', '192.168.1.1';
    ---check login attempst
    SELECT * FROM LoginAttempts ORDER BY attempt_time DESC;
     ---
attempt_id user_id ip_address success attempt_time
                    192.168.1.1 1 2025-02-21 22:42:54.430
    6
             1
                    192.168.1.1 0
2
    5
             1
                                     2025-02-21 22:39:38.750
                                 2025-02-21 22:39:38.747
    4
             1
                    192.168.1.1 0
3
                                 2025-02-21 22:39:38.730
4
    3
             1
                    192.168.1.1 0
5
    2
             1
                    192.168.1.1 0
                                     2025-02-21 22:38:34.193
6
    1
              1
                    192.168.1.1
                                      2025-02-21 22:36:29.110
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Check if a user is lockedout Check if User is Locked Out:

This query checks if a user is locked out. -- Expected Result: If locked, the user will have a record in the Lockout table.

Manually Unlock User:

This test removes the user from the Lockout table to allow login attempts again. Expected Result: User should be able to log in after running this command.

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--8. Manually unlocked user

DELETE FROM Lockout WHERE user_id = (SELECT user_id FROM Users WHERE email = 'erik.nilsson@gmail.com');

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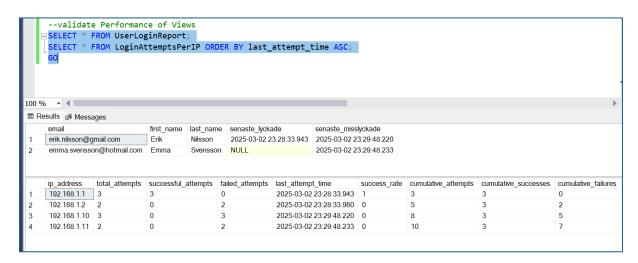
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Verify Login Reporting View:

This test retrieves user login history for analysis. Expected Result: Shows the last successful and failed login attempts for each user.

Check Login Attempts per IP Report:

This test retrieves statistics on login attempts per IP. Expected Result: Shows number of successful and failed login attempts per IP address.



9. Conclusion and Further Development

9.1 Conclusion

This system successfully meets all authentication and security requirements. This includes secure login handling, role management, lockout mechanisms, and password recovery.

9.2 Further Development

To ensure scalability, security, and better performance, the system can be enhanced in several ways.

- Multi-factor authentication (MFA) for additional security.
- Enhanced role-based access control.
- Integration with a front-end web application.
- Real-time monitoring and alerting for security threats.

Category	Improvement	Description	Implementation
Security Enhancements	Implement Two- Factor Authentication (2FA)	Adds an extra layer of security, reducing unauthorized access.	- Implement OTP- based verification via SMS/email. - Use TOTP (Google Authenticator).
	Improve Password Hashing	SHA-256 is good, but bcrypt, Argon2, or PBKDF2 offer better security.	Use Argon2 for stronger hashing.Upgrade to bcrypt with a higher cost factor.
	Account Lockout Improvements	Attackers can bypass lockout by switching IPs.	- Implement progressive delay lockout (15 mins, 30 mins, 1 hour) Allow Admin override for unlocking accounts.
2. Performance Optimizations	Indexing Optimization	Queries may slow down as the database grows.	- Create indexes on frequently searched columns: CREATE INDEX idx_users_email ON Users(email);
	Archive Old Login Attempts	LoginAttempts table can grow very large,	- Move old login records to an archive table. CREATE TABLE

		affecting performance.	LoginAttempts_Archive AS SELECT * FROM LoginAttempts WHERE attempt_time < DATEADD(YEAR, - 1, GETDATE());
	Optimize Views & Queries	Large datasets can slow down reports.	- Use Materialized Views or Indexed Views Optimize by creating indexes on reporting views.
3. Scalability Improvements	Implement Load Balancing	Distribute traffic efficiently across multiple servers.	 Use Read-Replicas for handling queries. Implement Database Sharding (split by region).
	Move Authentication to a Microservice	The monolithic system may not scale well.	- Create an Authentication API using Node.js, .NET, or Python Move authentication logic out of the database.
4. User Experience & Admin Features	Improve Password Recovery	Users may mistype emails or miss reset emails.	- Show password strength indicator. - Enable password reset via SMS.
	Admin Panel for User Management	Admins need better control over user accounts.	- Build a web interface for unlocking accounts, assigning roles, and viewing login history.
	Enable OAuth & Social Login	Users prefer Google, Facebook, or Microsoft login.	- Integrate OAuth 2.0 for third-party authentication Store OAuth access tokens in the Users table.
5. Logging & Monitoring	Enable Real- Time Login Monitoring	Detect brute- force attacks in real-time.	- Set up SQL Server Alerts: CREATE EVENT NOTIFICATION FailedLoginAlert ON DATABASE FOR FAILED_LOGIN TO

		SERVICE 'AlertService';
Log Suspicious Activities	Detect abnormal logins (e.g., multiple country logins).	 Track IP Geolocation and store in LoginAttempts. Notify users if a login happens from a new country.