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Description

This is a project about Online Library Management. There will be one admin and many users for the web dev app. There are many sections and many books in those sections for the users to read or purchase. The admin can perform CRUD Operations on sections and books.

Technologies Used

- **Flask** as it helps me build web applications in Python, making it easier to handle user requests, manage routing, and create web pages.
- **Flask-SQLAlchemy** to work with databases in my Flask application.
- **Bootstrap** for styling tables, forms and buttons.
- **Vue.js 3**: A modern JavaScript framework used to build interactive user interfaces and single-page applications.
- **JavaScript**: The programming language used to create dynamic and interactive effects within web browsers.
- **Vite CLI**: A build tool that provides a faster and leaner development experience for modern web projects.
- **Node.js and npm**: Node.js is a JavaScript runtime built on Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine, and npm is the package manager for Node.js, used to manage project dependencies.
- **Celery**: An asynchronous task queue/job queue used to handle background tasks in the application.
- **Redis**: An in-memory data structure store used as a database, cache, and message broker, often used with Celery for task queuing.

DB Schema Design

- **User Table:**

Contains user information such as *username*, *password*, *name*, and *admin* status. Each user has a *unique ID* and can be associated with book requests.
- **Section Table:**

Represents different sections in the library. Each section has a *unique ID*, *name*, *creation date*, and *description*.
- **Book Table:**

Stores information about books available in the library. Includes details like *book name*, *content*, *authors*, *date added*, *price*, and the section it belongs to. Each book is associated with a specific section.

- **BookTransaction Table:**

The BookTransaction model represents a record of transactions involving books and users. It includes details such as user name, book name, request date, issue date, return date, status, and optional feedback. Relationships with the User and Book models are established through foreign keys and backreferences.

Architecture and Features

app.py file contains the setup for my Flask application, including creating the Flask app object, setting up the database connection, and importing necessary files like routes.py

routes.py file is responsible for defining the routes (URL endpoints) of my application that users can access. It contains the logic for handling HTTP requests and returning appropriate responses, such as rendering HTML templates, processing form data, and interacting with the database through models.

models.py file defines the database models for the application using Flask-SQLAlchemy. It contains Python classes that represent tables in your database, including fields and relationships between tables.

Basic Routes for Users and Admin:

- Register, login, logout and profile routes to manage their accounts and authentication.

CRUD Operations for Sections and Books:

- Routes for admins to create, read, update, and delete sections and books in the library.

Admin-Specific Routes:

- Routes for admins to view all books, sections, book requests, issue history, and user feedback.
- Dashboard route to access analytics and insights.
- Routes to accept/deny book requests and revoke book access for users.

User-Specific Routes:

- User actions include requesting books, buying books, viewing book issue history, and managing currently issued books.
- Users can also return books and provide feedback about specific books to enhance the library experience.

Search Functionality:

- Both admin and regular users can search based on:
 - Section name
 - Book name ○ Book authors

Video

<https://youtu.be/Tg37XV8n7bU>