

DanceLink - Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)

Database Schema Design

Core Entities and Relationships


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    erDiagram
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ FORUM_REPLIES : "replies to"
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ FORUM_ANALYTICS : "analytics for"
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ DASHBOARD_LAYOUTS : "layout for"
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ DASHBOARD_WIDGETS : "widgets for"
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ AUDIT_LOGS : "audit for"
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ USER_GOALS : "goals for"
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ USER_ACTIVITY_LOG : "activity log for"
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ SUBSCRIBED : "subscribed to"
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ UNSUBSCRIBED : "unsubscribed to"
        FORUM_POSTS ||--o{ IS_PUBLIC : "is public"

        FORUM_POSTS {
            string id PK
            string user_id FK
            string category
            string title
            string content
            string tags
            int views_count
            int likes_count
            int replies_count
            bool is_pinned
            bool is_locked
            datetime created_at
            datetime updated_at
        }

        FORUM_REPLIES {
            string id PK
            string post_id FK
            string user_id FK
            string parent_id FK
            string content
            int likes_count
            bool is_solution
            datetime created_at
            datetime updated_at
        }

        FORUM_ANALYTICS {
            string id PK
            string user_id FK
            int login_count
            int class_bookings
            int event_bookings
            float total_spent
            int forum_posts
            int forum_replies
            int partner_requests
            float avg_class_rating
            datetime last_login
            datetime created_at
            datetime updated_at
        }

        DASHBOARD_LAYOUTS {
            string id PK
            string name
            string description
            string template
            int columns
            bool is_default
            bool is_active
            datetime created_at
            datetime updated_at
        }

        DASHBOARD_WIDGETS {
            string id PK
            string dashboard_id FK
            string widget_type
            int position_x
            int position_y
            int width
            int height
            string settings
            string title
            bool is_visible
            datetime created_at
            datetime updated_at
        }

        AUDIT_LOGS {
            string id PK
            string user_id FK
            string admin_id FK
            string action
            string table_name
            string record_id
            string old_values
            string new_values
            string ip_address
            string user_agent
            datetime created_at
        }

        USER_GOALS {
            string id PK
            string user_id FK
            string title
            string description
            string goal_type
            float target_value
            float current_value
            datetime start_date
            datetime end_date
            int priority
            string status
            datetime created_at
            datetime updated_at
        }

        USER_ACTIVITY_LOG {
            string id PK
            string user_id FK
            string activity_type
            string entity_type
            string entity_id
            string action
            string details
            string ip_address
            string user_agent
            datetime created_at
        }

        SUBSCRIBED {
            string subscribed_at PK
            string unsubscribed_at PK
            string created_at
            string updated_at
        }

        UNSUBSCRIBED {
            string subscribed_at PK
            string unsubscribed_at PK
            string created_at
            string updated_at
        }

        IS_PUBLIC {
            string is_public PK
            string created_at
            string updated_at
        }
  
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The diagram illustrates the database structure for a forum system. It includes tables for forum posts, replies, analytics, dashboard layouts, widgets, audit logs, user goals, user activity log, and subscription status. Relationships are shown between attributes in different tables, such as foreign key relationships between user IDs and post IDs, and between post IDs and replies.

| updated_at |

Relationships

One-to-Many Relationships

- **USERS** → **CLASS_BOOKINGS** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **EVENT_BOOKINGS** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **PARTNER_REQUESTS** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **TESTIMONIALS** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **NOTIFICATIONS** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **FORUM_POSTS** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **FORUM_REPLIES** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **AUDIT_LOGS** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **USER_DASHBOARDS** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **USER_ANALYTICS** (1:1)
- **USERS** → **USER_GOALS** (1:N)
- **USERS** → **USER_ACTIVITY_LOG** (1:N)
- **USER_DASHBOARDS** → **DASHBOARD_WIDGETS** (1:N)
- **CLASSES** → **CLASS_BOOKINGS** (1:N)
- **EVENTS** → **EVENT_BOOKINGS** (1:N)
- **FORUM_POSTS** → **FORUM_REPLIES** (1:N)
- **FORUM_REPLIES** → **FORUM_REPLIES** (1:N - self-referencing for nested replies)

Many-to-Many Relationships

- **CLASSES** ↔ **INSTRUCTORS** (through CLASS_INSTRUCTORS)
- **USERS** ↔ **USERS** (through PARTNER_MATCHES for partner matching)
- **USER_DASHBOARDS** ↔ **DASHBOARD_LAYOUTS** (through dashboard_id and layout configuration)

Key Constraints

Primary Keys (PK)

- All tables have an auto-incrementing `id` as primary key

Foreign Keys (FK)

- `user_id` references `USERS(id)`
- `admin_id` references `ADMINS(id)`
- `class_id` references `CLASSES(id)`
- `event_id` references `EVENTS(id)`
- `instructor_id` references `INSTRUCTORS(id)`
- `post_id` references `FORUM_POSTS(id)`
- `parent_id` references `FORUM_REPLIES(id)`
- `dashboard_id` references `USER_DASHBOARDS(id)`

Unique Constraints

- `USERS.email`
- `ADMINS.email`
- `ADMINS.username`

Indexes (for performance)

- email fields (`USERS`, `ADMINS`, `NEWSLETTERS`)
- foreign key fields
- `created_at/updated_at` timestamps
- status fields
- search fields (`name`, `title`, `category`)

Data Types and Constraints

Common Field Types

- `id`: `BIGINT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY`

- **email:** VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE NOT NULL
- **password_hash:** VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL
- **created_at/updated_at:** TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
- **is_active/is_featured/is_read:** BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE/FALSE
- **status:** ENUM('active', 'inactive', 'pending', 'cancelled', 'completed')
- **rating:** DECIMAL(3,2) DEFAULT 0.00 (0.00 to 5.00)
- **price/amount_paid:** DECIMAL(10,2)
- **JSON fields:** preferences, social_links, tags (MySQL JSON type)

Business Rules

1. Users can book multiple classes and events
2. Instructors can teach multiple classes
3. Classes can have multiple instructors (primary and assistant)
4. Events have capacity limits
5. Partner matching is mutual (both users must agree)
6. Forum replies can be nested (threaded discussions)
7. Admin actions are logged for audit trail
8. Soft deletes for important data (is_active flag)
9. Each user can have multiple dashboards but only one default
10. Dashboard widgets are configurable and can be resized/repositioned
11. User analytics are automatically calculated based on user activity
12. User goals track progress toward specific dance achievements
13. Activity logs track all user interactions for analytics purposes

Security Considerations

- Password hashing (bcrypt)
- JWT tokens for authentication
- Role-based access control (RBAC)
- Input validation and sanitization
- Audit logging for admin actions
- Rate limiting on API endpoints