

A Low-code approach for enforcing Fine-Grained Access Control in Database-centric applications

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Abstract. In this report, I propose a low-code approach to realize a model-driven proposal to enforce fine-grained access control in database-centric applications. The works involve designing the related metamodels and their domain specific languages, then, applying some model transformation and model manipulation techniques to generate the final executable artifacts on the database level.

1 Introduction

Model-Driven Engineering (MDE) is a software development methodology that focuses on creating *models* of different views of a system, and then automatically generating different system artifacts from these models, such as code and configuration data. *Model-Driven Security* (MDS) is a specialization of model-driven engineering for developing secure systems. In a nutshell, designers specify system models along with their security requirements and use tools to automatically generate security-related system artifacts, such as access control infrastructures.

SQL Security Injector (SQLSI) is my first and latest work in the MDS discipline. The project attempts to enforce *fine-grained access control* (FGAC) in database-centric application using model-driven methodology. So far, this involves (i) to propose a formal methodology to express and enforce access control policy in finer granularity [1], then (ii) to realize the aforementioned work and show it in a notable case study [2], and finally, (iii) to prove the proposal correctness. In regard to the second goal, since the inputs in the proposal are indeed models of different kinds, I believe it makes sense to apply a more *low-code* approach, taking advantage of the knowledge I have learned from the course, to replace the current *ad hoc* realization represented in [2].

Organization The rest of the report is organized as follows. In Section 2, I provide main remarks about the SQLSI idea and design, including some related works and their drawbacks, from which uplift the approach in this report. Next, in Section 3, I introduce the input and output of this new approach. Then, in Section 4, I describe the realization and technology used of this approach in more detail. Finally, in Section 5, I conclude the report with some possible future works.

2 Background and Motivation

2.1 Traditional approach vs SQLSI approach

Figure 1 shows the main difference between traditional and model-driven approach in enforcing FGAC in database-centric application. In particular:

Traditional approach On the left-hand side is the traditional approach to enforce FGAC in database-centric applications. Firstly, the policy will be manually implemented and enforced on the application layer. Next, given an SQL statement, the application layer sends it to the data layer from which returns the result. The application layer must then enforce the FGAC policy to the result and finally, returns the answer to the client.

SQLSI approach On the right-hand side is the SQLSI model-based approach. This approach requires an application *data-model* that corresponds to the underlying database in the data layer and a *security-model* that defines the FGAC policy and respects the given data-model. In a nutshell, the SQLSI component has two main functionalities:

- (i) Given those data- and security-models, SQLSI component generates a set of SQL *authorization functions* which are executable in the database.
- (ii) Then, instead of issuing directly the SQL statements from the application layer, SQLSI will *rewrite* these statements into semantically-equivalent SQL *secure stored-procedures* in which *injects* the necessary access control policy via means of aforementioned SQL *authorization functions*.

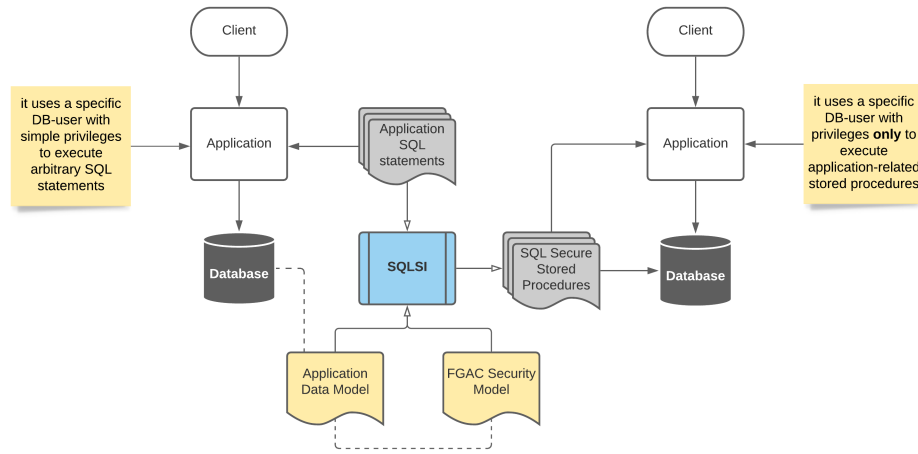


Fig. 1: Traditional approach vs. SQLSI approach

2.2 SQLSI realization vs low-code realization

In this report, I focus on realizing the first functionality of SQLSI, in a more low-code fashion. To distinguish this with the former realization which exists in [2], let us call this new approach **SQLSIemf**. Then, the following work of **SQLSIemf** will be primary:

- (i) Define the metamodel of data-model, security-model, and their domain-specific languages.
- (ii) Define simple metamodel for relational database and the transformation from data-model to this relational database model.
- (iii) Define the code-generation from my relational database model to actual SQL database schema script.
- (iv) Define the transformation from the *user-input* version to the *normalized* version of the security-model.
- (v) Define the code-generation from security-model to a set of SQL authorization functions.

Figure 2 shows the workflow in a nutshell, including the technology used, whose detail will be explained in Section 3 and Section 4.

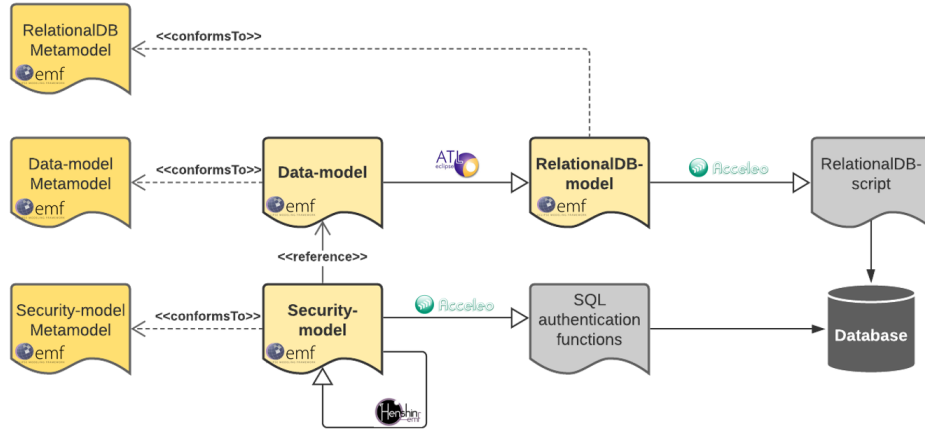


Fig. 2: Proposed approach - **SQLSIemf** in a nutshell

2.3 Related work

[2] presents a Java implementation of the whole SQLSI component, including the SQL authorization functions generation. In this realization, the data-model and security-model are represented as Java object hierarchies and consequently, every model transformation and manipulation was implemented manually through the

help of the visitor design pattern. Indeed, for the functionality that is related, this is a very ad hoc approach, compared to the modern realization in this report.

In the past, there are some attempts to implement intelligent web-based editors for these data-model and security-model. To elaborate, these implementations are the final product of bachelor theses, using Ace, an embeddable code editor written in JavaScript. On the one hand, these approaches are, again, very ad hoc, since any syntactic change in the model requires (a handful of) manual changes in the source code. And on the other hand, due to the time allotted for the final thesis, the students do not have enough time to thoroughly understand these models and therefore implemented the editors in a way that is very hard to maintain or extend. In my approach, we avoid both drawbacks by using the Eclipse Modelling Framework (EMF) and the available modelling technologies, for instances, Xtext, Acceleo and ATL.

3 The SQLSIemf Metamodels

3.1 Input Metamodels

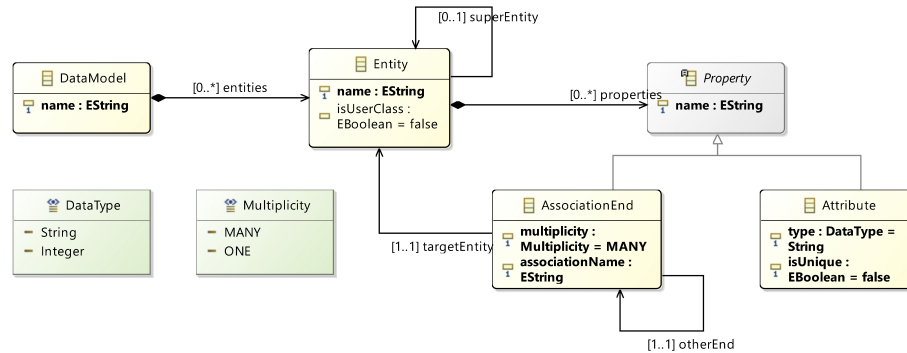


Fig. 3: SQLSIemf metamodel for data-models.

Metamodel for data-models For SQLSIemf, a data-model contains entities and associations between them. An entity may have properties which are attributes or associations-ends.

The data-model metamodel for SQLSIemf is shown in Figure 3. The **DataModel** is the root element: it has a **name** and contains a set of **Entity**s. Every **Entity** represents an entity in the data model: it has a **name** and contains a set of **Property**(-ies). Every **Property** can be either an **Attribute** or an **AssociationEnd**.

- Each **Attribute** represents an attribute of the entity: its unique property depends on a boolean value **isUnique** and its **type** can be either **String** or **Integer**.
- Each **AssociationEnd** represents an association between its container **Entity** with another **Entity**¹: its **Multiplicity** is either **MANY** or **ONE**. Finally, each **AssociationEnd** is linked to its opposite **AssociationEnd**, and also with its **targetEntity**.

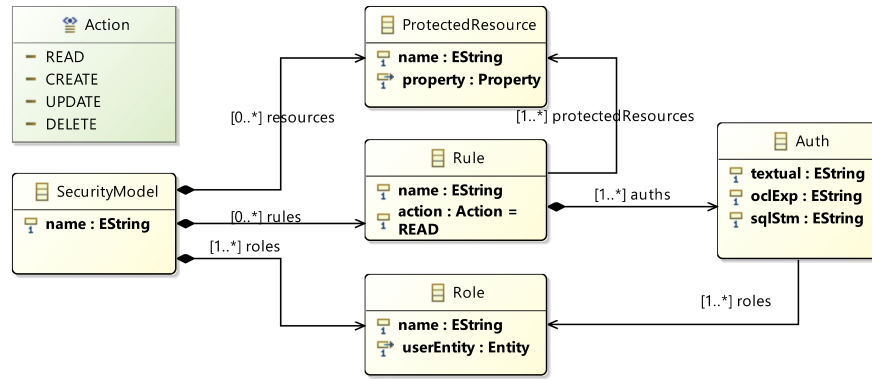


Fig. 4: SQLSIemf metamodel for security-models.

Metamodel for security-models For SQLSIemf, a security-model of a data-model contains a list of “fine-grained” rules which represent the authorization constraints for a data-model. Each rule formally states that the user can perform *action* a on *resources* $\{p_1, p_2, \dots\}$ using roles $\{r_1, r_2, \dots\}$ under conditions c .

The security-model for SQLSIemf is shown in Figure 4. The **SecurityModel** is the root element, it has a **name** and contains a set of **ProtectedResources**, a set of **Rules** and a set of **Roles**. Naturally, every instance of **SecurityModel** associates with an instance of **DataModel**.

- Each **ProtectedResource** represents a resource that the security-model intend to enforce FGAC. Every protected resource has a **name** and is linked to a **Property** of the referenced **DataModel**.
- Each **Role** represents a role in the application: it has a **name**. Naturally, all the roles must refer to the *user-Entity* instance from the referenced **DataModel**.
- Each **Rule** represents a FGAC-rule in the application: it has a **name** and an **action** (chosen from the CRUD-action). Furthermore, every rule also refers

¹ not necessary be a different one

to resources will be protected along with a set of **Authorization** conditions, which state the scenarios when the *resource* is allowed to perform the *action*.²

3.2 Output Metamodels

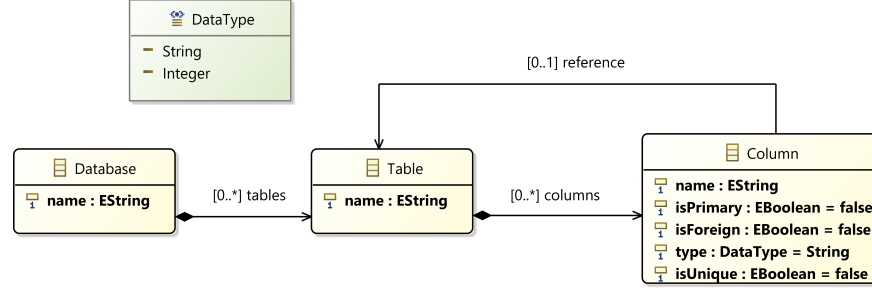


Fig. 5: SQLSIemf metamodel for relational database.

Metamodel for Relational Schema The relational schema metamodel is shown in Figure 5. It is self-explanatory, therefore its description shall be omitted from this report to save some spaces.

4 The SQLSIemf Language and Design

For the sake of clarity, let us continue this section of SQLSIemf language and design by associating it with a running example.

4.1 A Simple University Management System

Consider a simple UML class diagram **University** in Figure 6a containing four entities: **RegisterUser**, for representing register users; **Lecturer**, for representing lecturers; **Student**, for representing students; and **Course**, for representing the courses in the university. Every **RegisterUser** have a **name** and a unique **email**. A **Lecturer** is a **RegisterUser** with a **salary** attribute, for representing his/her monthly income. A **Student** is also a **RegisterUser** with a year **intake**. A **Course** has a **name** and a year. Every **Course** is taught by exactly one **Lecturer** and can have none or many **Students**. Additionally, every **Lecturer** can teach none or many **Courses** as well as every **Student** can enroll in none or many **Courses**.

² In this model, we allow user to write authorization constraints under three different means: either textual, OCL constraint or SQL boolean statement. Furthermore, each authorization constraint can be enforced for a set of **Roles**.

4.2 Domain-Specific Language for the Input Models

DSL for data-model Figure 6b shows **University** written in our domain specific language. For the interested readers, the specification of this language can be seen in the repository. The additional features (e.g. validating, error-handling, scoping) will be leave for future works.

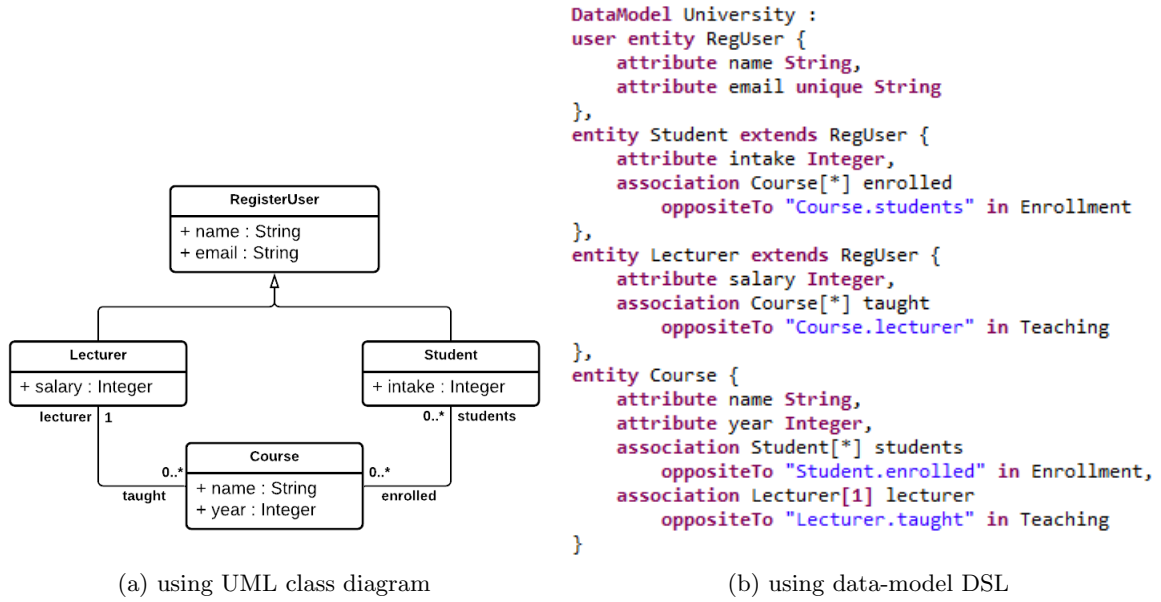


Fig. 6: University representation

DSL for security-model Consider the following security-model for **University**:

- Protected resources: **name** and **email** of the **RegisterUser**, **salary** of the **Lecturer** and **intake** year of the **Student**.³
- Role: There are three roles, namely, the role **Administrator**, **Lecturer** and **Student**.
- Permissions: each item represents a rule to enforce, which will be textually explained, follows by its OCL expression representation.
 - Any user can read any user's basic information. Formally, **true**
 - Administrator can read any student intake year. Formally, **true**

³ Please note that the properties in **DataModel** which does not appear here simply mean that they are unprotected, i.e. they can be accessed by all means.

- Student can read its classmates' intake year. Formally,
`caller.enrolled→exists(c|c.students→includes(self))`⁴
- Lecturer can read his\her students' intake year. Formally,
`caller.taught→exists(c|c.students→includes(self))`
- Lecturer can read its own salary. Formally,
`caller = self`

Figure 7 shows a fragment of the above security-model written in our domain specific language. For the interested readers, the specification of this language can be seen in the repository. The additional features (e.g. validating, error-handling, scoping) will be leave for future works.

```

Rule readStudentSpecificInfo {
  action READ (studentIntake)
  auths {
    roles (Administrator)
    condition: {
      textual "Administrator can read
any student intake year"
      oclExp "true"
      sqlStm "TRUE"
    },
    roles (Student)
    condition: {
      textual "Student can read its classmates' intake year"
      oclExp "caller.enrolled→exists(c|c.students→includes(self))"
      sqlStm "caller = self"
    },
    roles (Lecturer)
    condition: {
      textual "Lecturer can read its students' intake year"
      oclExp "caller.taught→exists(c|c.students→includes(self))"
      sqlStm "EXISTS (SELECT 1
FROM (SELECT * FROM teaching WHERE lecturer = caller) as TEMP1
JOIN (SELECT * FROM enrollment WHERE students = self) as TEMP2
ON TEMP1.taught = TEMP2.enrolled)"
    }
  }
}

```

Fig. 7: A snippet of University security-model

4.3 Model Transformation: from Data Model to Relational Schema

Some transformation remarks Since transformation from UML class diagram to relational database is widely considered as a “Hello world!” example in

⁴ This is an OCL constraint in which `self` represents the user (object) whose information is accessed and `caller` represents the user (subject) whose are accessing the information.

the world of model transformation. The detail description of this section have been reduced to save some spaces for other interesting parts.

In short, my model transformation from **DataModel** to **RelationalDatabase** is implemented using ATLAS Transformation Language. It is very simple and indeed very similar to the example provided in the course. The main difference is that: during the transformation, it (i) creates a **Role-Table** and (ii) link this with the **Table** that correspond to the user-**Entity** via a new association **Table**.

Code generation: Relational database to executable script In addition to the above transformation, I also provide a database schema generation using Acceleo. In this current version, I only support database schema generation that is executable on MySQL Server⁵ but it can be easily extended to other relational database languages by create different configuration files.⁶ For interested readers, Appendix A shows the generated **University** MySQL database schema script.

4.4 Model Manipulation: Security Model

Rationale From the user’s perspective, it is most often easier to create an FGAC rule of structure: “*role r* is able to perform *action a* on *resource p* under *condition c*”. In contrast, from the system’s perspective, it is easier to enforce the FGAC policy if all the rules follow this order: *action-resource-role-condition*. For this reason, a model manipulation for security-model is needed. Since refining is not well-supported in ATLAS Transformation Language, Henshin has been chosen for this task.

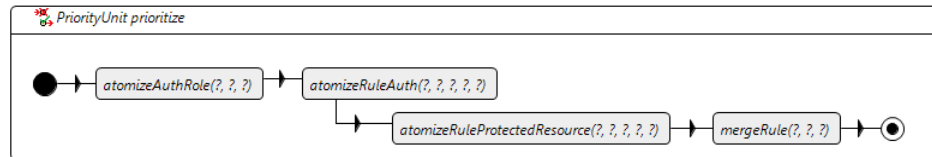


Fig. 8: The main unit in our transformation

Remarks Due to the space limit, the main unit is displayed in Figure 8 . For interested readers, the full transformation can be visited in the repository. In short, the manipulation procedure is as follows:

⁵ Working version: 8.0.16 MySQL Community Server.

⁶ Since the relational database meta-model respects the standard SQL relational database system, we should be able to generate SQL database schema script for any given relational database management systems (i.e. Oracle, PostgreSQL, etc.), as long as these systems follow the same standard.

1. *atomizeAuthRole()*: For every authentication condition that applies for two different roles, we split those roles by create a copy of the original authentication condition. This will be applied exhaustively.
2. *atomizeRuleAuth()*: Next, for every rule that contains more than one authentication condition, we split those conditions by create a copy of the original rule. This will be applied exhaustively.
3. *atomizeRuleProtectedResource()*: Then, for every rule that protects more than one resource, we split those protection by create a copy of the original rule. This will be applied exhaustively.
4. *mergeRule()*: Finally, for every rule that protects the same resource and have the condition that applies for the same role, we merge them together.

Code generation from Security Model to a Secure Authorization SQL-function In addition to the above transformation, we also provide an SQL authorization functions code generation using Acceleo. In this current version, we only support SQL code generation that is executable on MySQL Server.⁷ For interested readers, Appendix B shows the generated **University** SQL authorization functions artifact.

5 Conclusions and Future Work

In this report, I have proposed a novel approach to enforce FGAC policy in database-centric applications.

In regard to the course, this project covers a large range of materials being taught throughout the whole semester. During this period, in addition to the lectures' notes, the Eclipse community has been a very good source when it comes to some specific, difficult questions. With the total credit points of six, I under-estimated the complexity of the proposed project and hence, spent more time to complete it than I should have done.

In regard to the line of research, this approach provides more usability. This project opens up many interesting future works, one of which can eventually turn into the master's thesis.

Future works The following items describe potential future works, order by importance.

- As one may notice in the sample use-case in Appendix C, the project is not complete, in the sense that there are still implementation errors in some execution steps. Therefore, the highest priority is to find solutions to these unsolved problems.
- Also, there are many improvements that can be done. For example, one can implement additional features for the DSLs' editors or implement a pop-up menu in Eclipse for some of the execution steps or to realize the second functionality of SQLSI in this modern fashion.

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- The availability of metamodels certainly opens up more possibility of mapping between these models with other formalisms. One of the interesting mapping is to first order logic. This is very important since it is needed in order to prove the correctness of the application.
- Inspired by the SecureUML metamodel, the security-model in this paper is only the simplified version of it. On the one hand, improving to the complete version of the metamodel could be one potential future work. On the other hand, the transformation from the security model to its normalized version also seems to be very interesting, and I believe it fits great for the Transformation Tool Contest as a contest proposal.⁸

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⁸ Transformation Tool Contest: A contest for users and developers of transformation tools. Part of the Software Technologies: Applications and Foundations (STAF) federated conferences.

A Sample generated Relational Database script

```
DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS UNIVERSITY;
CREATE DATABASE UNIVERSITY;
USE UNIVERSITY;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Role;
CREATE TABLE Role(
  RoleID INT(11) PRIMARY KEY,
  name VARCHAR(200) UNIQUE
);
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS RegUser;
CREATE TABLE RegUser(
  RegUserID INT(11) PRIMARY KEY,
  name VARCHAR(200),
  email VARCHAR(200) UNIQUE
);
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Student;
CREATE TABLE Student(
  StudentID INT(11) PRIMARY KEY,
  RegUserID INT(11) UNIQUE,
  FOREIGN KEY (RegUserID) REFERENCES RegUser(RegUserID),
  intake INT(11)
);
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Lecturer;
CREATE TABLE Lecturer(
  LecturerID INT(11) PRIMARY KEY,
  RegUserID INT(11) UNIQUE,
  FOREIGN KEY (RegUserID) REFERENCES RegUser(RegUserID),
  salary INT(11)
);
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Course;
CREATE TABLE Course(
  CourseID INT(11) PRIMARY KEY,
  name VARCHAR(200),
  year INT(11)
);
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS RegUserRole;
CREATE TABLE RegUserRole(
  role INT(11) UNIQUE,
  FOREIGN KEY (role) REFERENCES Role(RoleID),
  RegUserRole INT(11) UNIQUE,
  FOREIGN KEY (RegUserRole) REFERENCES RegUser(RegUserID)
);
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Teaching;
CREATE TABLE Teaching(
  taught INT(11) UNIQUE,
  FOREIGN KEY (taught) REFERENCES Course(CourseID),
  lecturer INT(11) UNIQUE,
  FOREIGN KEY (lecturer) REFERENCES Lecturer(LecturerID)
```

```

);
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS Enrollment;
CREATE TABLE Enrollment(
students INT(11) UNIQUE,
FOREIGN KEY (students) REFERENCES Student(StudentID),
enrolled INT(11) UNIQUE,
FOREIGN KEY (enrolled) REFERENCES Course(CourseID)
);

```

B Sample generated authorization functions

```

USE UNIVERSITY;

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DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_regUserEmail;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_regUserEmail
(self INT(11), caller INT(11), role VARCHAR(200))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
IF (role = 'Administrator')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_regUserEmail_Administrator(self, caller);
END IF;
IF (role = 'Lecturer')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_regUserEmail_Lecturer(self, caller);
END IF;
IF (role = 'Student')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_regUserEmail_Student(self, caller);
END IF;
END //
DELIMITER ;

```

```

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_regUserName;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_regUserName
(self INT(11), caller INT(11), role VARCHAR(200))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
IF (role = 'Administrator')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_regUserName_Administrator(self, caller);
END IF;
IF (role = 'Lecturer')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_regUserName_Lecturer(self, caller);
END IF;
IF (role = 'Student')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_regUserName_Student(self, caller);
END IF;
END //

```

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DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_lecturerSalary;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_lecturerSalary
(self INT(11), caller INT(11), role VARCHAR(200))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
IF (role = 'Administrator')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_lecturerSalary_Administrator(self, caller);
END IF;
IF (role = 'Lecturer')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_lecturerSalary_Lecturer(self, caller);
END IF;
IF (role = 'Student')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_lecturerSalary_Student(self, caller);
END IF;
END //
DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_studentIntake;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_studentIntake
(self INT(11), caller INT(11), role VARCHAR(200))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
IF (role = 'Administrator')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_studentIntake_Administrator(self, caller);
END IF;
IF (role = 'Lecturer')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_studentIntake_Lecturer(self, caller);
END IF;
IF (role = 'Student')
THEN RETURN auth_READ_studentIntake_Student(self, caller);
END IF;
END //
DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_regUserEmail_Administrator;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_regUserEmail_Administrator
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM (SELECT 0 OR (TRUE)) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
END //

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DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_regUserEmail_Lecturer;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_regUserEmail_Lecturer
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM (SELECT 0 OR (TRUE)) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
END //
DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_regUserEmail_Student;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_regUserEmail_Student
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM (SELECT 0 OR (TRUE)) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
END //
DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_regUserName_Administrator;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_regUserName_Administrator
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM (SELECT 0 OR (TRUE)) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
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(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
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DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM (SELECT 0 OR (TRUE)) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
END //
DELIMITER ;

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DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_regUserName_Student;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_regUserName_Student
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM (SELECT 0 OR (TRUE)) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
END //
DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_lecturerSalary_Administrator;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_lecturerSalary_Administrator
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM (SELECT 0) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
END //
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CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_lecturerSalary_Student
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM (SELECT 0) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
END //
DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_studentIntake_Administrator;
DELIMITER //

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```

CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_studentIntake_Administrator
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM (SELECT 0 OR (TRUE)) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
END //
DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_studentIntake_Lecturer;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_studentIntake_Lecturer
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
SELECT res INTO result FROM
(SELECT 0 OR (EXISTS
(SELECT 1
FROM (SELECT * FROM teaching WHERE lecturer = caller) as TEMP1
JOIN (SELECT * FROM enrollment WHERE students = self) as TEMP2
ON TEMP1.taught = TEMP2.enrolled)
)
) AS TEMP;
RETURN result;
END //
DELIMITER ;

DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS auth_READ_studentIntake_Student;
DELIMITER //
CREATE FUNCTION auth_READ_studentIntake_Student
(self INT(11), caller INT(11))
RETURNS INT DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE result INT DEFAULT 0;
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RETURN result;
END //
DELIMITER ;

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C Use-case: A simple University Management System