Project Title: Model-Managers

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a) Overview

The Model-Managers company enables customers to determine which wind forecast models are most accurate for given locations over specified time intervals. There are a variety of wind forecast models (HRRR, ECMWF, GFS, MBLUE, etc.) which often have different wind forecasts for a given location. Users of these forecast models usually cannot determine what model is the most accurate for their specific location. In other words, they would need to compare the model forecasts to actual data from weather/wind collection devices at specific locations to determine which model is typically more accurate for those locations.

The Model-Managers company solves this problem by storing hourly wind forecasts for a standardized forecast period of 7 days in a database, and then allowing users to interact with a web interface to compare the forecast data against the actual measured data at a location for different time intervals. The 3 criteria used to compare forecast predictions to measured wind are average wind speed, wind direction, and wind gust speed. The Model-Managers company uses the free OpenMeteo API (https://open-meteo.com) to obtain wind forecast data, and a Holfuy (https://api.holfuy.com/) device API to obtain the measured wind forecast data.

The minimal viable product of the Model-Managers company uses 2 weather forecast models (HRRR and ECMWF) and 1 Holfuy device, located at La Bajada Ridge, New Mexico. Model-Managers uses a GitHub repository at https://github.com/skipmcgee/wind-forecast to manage their codebase.

b) Entities:

1. Models:

These are the individual weather models that the Model-Managers product supports.

- a. modelD: int, auto increment, unique, not NULL, PK
- b. modelName: varchar(100), not NULL

Relationships: there is a one to many relationship between models and forecasts. For every model there are many forecasts.

Locations:

The locations where customers desire to compare forecasts to measured values.

- a. locationID: int, auto increment, unique, not NULL, PK
- b. locationName: varchar(300), unique, not NULL
- c. locationLatitude: float, not NULL
- d. locationLongitude: float, not NULL

e. locationAltitude: int. not NULL

Relationships: A one to one relationship exists between locations and sensors. There is only one sensor at a specific location. A one to many relationship exists between locations and forecasts. There are typically greater than one forecast at a single location.

Sensors:

The sensors that can measure the weather data at a specific location.

- a. sensorID: int, auto_increment, unique, not NULL, PK
- b. sensorName: varchar(300), not NULL
- c. sensorLatitude: float, not NULL, FK -> locationLatitude
- d. sensorLongitude: float, not NULL, FK, -> locationLongitude
- e. sensorAPIKey: varchar(300), not NULL
- f. sensorNumber: int, not NULL
- g. sensorAltitude: int, not NULL, FK, -> locationAltitude

Relationships: there is a one to one relationship between sensors and locations.

1. Forecasts:

Hourly forecast information that is common across all weather models.

- a. forecastID: int, auto_increment, unique, not NULL,
- b. forecastDateTime: date, not NULL
- c. forecastTemperature_2m: float, not NULL
- d. forecastPrecipitation: float, not NULL
- e. forecastWeatherCode: varchar(100), not NULL
- f. forecastPressureMSL: int, not NULL
- g. forecastWindSpeed_10m: float, not NULL
- h. forecastWindDirection 10m: float, not NULL
- i. forecastCape: float, not NULL
- j. forecastLatitude: float, not NULL, FK -> locationLatitude
- k. forecastLongitude: float, not NULL, FK, -> locationLongitude
- I. forecastModel: int, not NULL, FK -> modelID

Relationships: there is a many to one relationship between forecasts and locations. There are many forecasts at a single location.

2. Readings:

The actual measured sensor readings at a specific location.

- a. readingID: int, auto increment, unique, not NULL, PK
- b. stationId: int, not NULL, FK -> sensorID
- c. readingDateTime: date, not NULL
- d. readingWindSpeed: float, not NULL
- e. readingWindGust: float, not NULL
- f. readingWindMin: int, not NULL
- g. readingDirection: int, not NULL
- h. readingTemperature: float, not NULL
- i. readingLat: float, not NULL, FK -> sensorLatitude

j. readingLong: float, not NULL, FK -> sensorLongitude

Relationships: there is a many to one relationship between readings and sensors. There are many readings at a single sensor.

c) Entity Relationship Diagram:

