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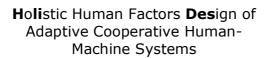


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1 Introduction

This chapter remains the purpose of the document and list the parties involved.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to guarantee that all the parties involved agree on the answers to the following questions regarding the HoliDes PB.

1.1.1 What is the system described actually intended for?

The system described actually is intended for HF experts who want to find MTT for their purposes.

For this reason a web page called: PB app, is created to give to the HF experts the tools necessaries to get a list of MTTs(methods technics and tools) in a friendly way(web application accessible from different devices).

The PB app design and structure are defined in the document: "HoliDes Platform Builder requirements"



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1.1.2 What are the different components of the PB?

- The web app: PB app www.holides.eu/PlatformBuilder.
- The database server: "Platform Builder" located in the MySql server: http://arisrv32.es.atos.net/phpmyadmin/, only the database administrator has rights to manage the database.
- The documentation. Divided in 4 documents:
 - Analysis document:
 - Describes the description of the project.
 - The functionalities.
 - The GUI used in the PB.
 - o Requirements document:

Includina:

- Software engineering: the architecture layers involved and the software components used.
- Requirements: functional and no functional.
- Uses cases.
- Diagrams: sequence diagrams, data flow diagrams and state-transition diagrams.
- Validation report document:
 - It's a test document checking that all the requirements described in the requirements document are working fine. For each validation is attached an image to check that a test is done for each requirement specified.
- Hand book document.
 - It's a user tutorial. Explains how it's working the PB app, including:
 - The URL of the PB app.
 - A couple of users/passwords to access to the PB.
 - An explanation for each PB app screen, including images.



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1.1.3 What functionalities will be implemented?

The PB is helping the final user to find the appropriate MTTs for their purposes, so, the PB has been created as a solution for improving the configuration and instantiation capabilities of the HoliDes HF-RTP.

Then the functionalities to help the HF experts are:

- Instantiation of a HF-RTP.
- MTTs management (inserting, deleting and retrieving MTTs in the PB database), in order to help the HF experts to know which are the indicate MTTs for their purpose.
- Possibility to save the search done in the PB app as a project.
- Get statistics of the number of MTTs used by the user logged in the PB app.
- Possibility to print or export the instantiation of a HF-RTP to a common format files (.xls, .csv).
- Connectivity between MTTs in order to give a vision in a graphical environment.



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1.1.4 Who will use the different components and what is their knowledge?

The HF experts are the users that have rights to access to the PB app.

For each user has provided a different user/pwd to control the access to the PB app.

A user role administrator has created to manage all the PB database entities with rights to do "CRUD" operations: create, read, update and delete, for example: create a new table, view the relations between, delete users, insert a new "HF issue", etc.

They should be used to work with HF knowledge. The descriptions of the MTTs are related with HF terminology.

It's important to remark that the HF experts have a handbook tutorial in case those HF experts don't know how it's working the PB app. The handbook tutorial is included in the PB app, clicking on the menu bar, option handbook.



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1.2 Terminology

Specific terminology used:

HF-RTP: human-factors reference technology platform.

UI: user interface. BL: business logic. DB: data base.

LTE: long term evolution.
MVC: model-view-controller.
MTT: methods technic and tools.

PB: Platform Builder.

GUI: graphical user interface.

HF: human factor.

PB app: Platform Builder application. J2EE: java platform enterprise edition.

1.3 Application description

The HoliDes PB is a solution for improving the configuration and instantiation capabilities of the HoliDes HF-RTP. Based on a HF problem description, the PB aims to set up an instantiation of the HF-RTP for a specific domain project.

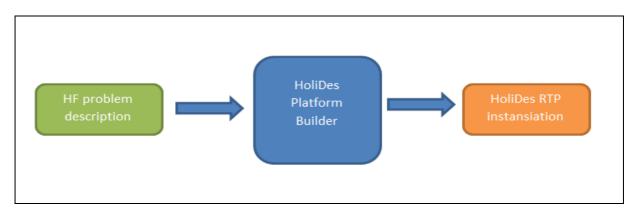


Figure 1 PB conceptual design



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For the accomplishment of the objectives and goals of the PB, a web application will be developed using a three-tier architecture. With this architectural approach, all three tiers are separated onto different computers. The UI runs on the client (what the user is working with).

The BL is running on a separate server, called the business logic tier, middle tier, or service tier. Finally the DB is running on its own database server.

In the client-server solution the client was handling the UI and the BL that makes the client "thick". A thick client means that it requires heavy traffic with the server, thus making it difficult to use over slower network connections like Internet and Wireless (4G, LTE, or Wi-Fi).

By introducing the middle tier, the client is only handling presentation logic (UI). This means that only little communication is needed between the client and the middle tier (BL) making the client "thin" or "thinner". An example of a thin client is an Internet browser that allows you to see and provide information fast and almost with no delay.

As more users access the system a three-tier solution is more scalable than the other solution because you can add as many middle tiers (running on each own server) as needed to ensure good performance (N-tier or multipletier).

Security is also the best in the three-tier architecture because the middle tier protects the database tier.

There is one major drawback to the N-tier architecture and that is that the additional tiers increase the complexity and cost of the installation.



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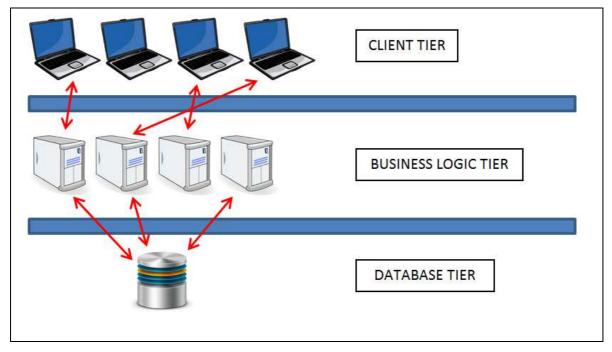


Figure 2 Layered architecture

1.4 Client tier

This is the topmost level of the PB tiered architecture. The client tier displays information related to such services as the whole RTP instantiation process information. It communicates with other tiers by which it puts out the results to the browser/client layer and all other tiers in the network. (In simple terms it is a tier which users can access directly such as a web page, or an operating systems GUI)

1.5 Business logic tier

This tier encodes the real-world business rules that determine how data can be created, displayed, stored and changed.

The processing of the different requests done by the final user will be done in this tier, using dedicated web services, which at the same time, will use the resources provided by the database layer.

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1.6 Database tier

In this tier the information is stored and retrieved from the database. This layer keeps data neutral and independent from application servers or business logic. Giving data on its own tier also improves scalability and performance.



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2 System architecture overview

The final mission of the PB is helping the final user to find the appropriate MTTs for their purposes (e.g. fulfilment of domain specific regulations, dealing with HF problems, designing of a new system... so a system able to provide advanced user interfaces management is needed. For this reason, the software architectural pattern that will be used in the design and development phases will be Model-View-Controller (MVC).

This pattern divides the web application into three interconnected parts, so as to separate internal representations of information from the ways that information is presented or accepted from the user.

The model captures the behaviour of the application in terms of its problem domain, independent of the user interface. The model directly manages the data, logic and rules of the application. A view can be any output representation of information, such as a chart or a diagram; multiple views of the same information are possible, such as a bar chart for management and a tabular view for accountants. The third part, the controller, accepts input and converts it to commands for the model or view.

Using Java technology, the architecture can be represented in the next figure:

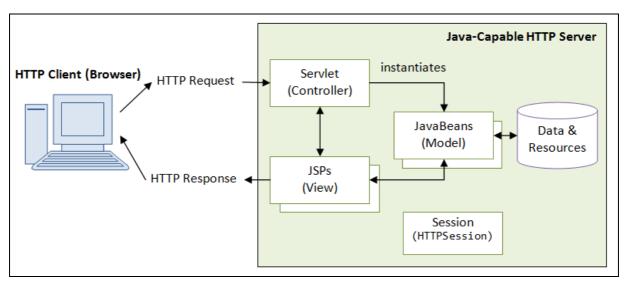


Figure 3 MVC architectural pattern

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2.1 Controller layer

The controller layer sends commands to the model to update the model's state.

The servlets in the PB are developed in java and using J2EE architecture.

2.2 Model layer

The model layer stores data that is retrieved according to commands from the controller and displayed in the view.

The model layer uses object beans class to manage all entity in the J2EE.

2.3 View layer

The view layer generates an output presentation to the user based on changes in the model.

The view layer uses: html, jQuery, datatable jQuery to give a professional view based on responsive design (CSS bootstrap) adaptable automatically for different devices(laptops, pc, smartphones, tablets) and navigators(Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Internet explorer)

2.4 Technological relation

List of the relation between the software used and the layers involved.

Layer	Technological constraints
Controller layer	Java JRE v.1.7, bean objects
Model layer	Java JRE v.1.7, MySQL Server v.5.5

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Client layer

JavaScript jQuery v1.11.1 Bootstrap CSS v3.3.5 Google chart tools DataTable plugin for jQuery v1.10.7



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3 Graphical user interfaces

3.1 Application description

The PB app will have several screens in order to facilitate the user's experience and ease the navigation between them.

There is a main screen where the user can select if he wants to explore the HF ontology or create a customized HF-RTP instantiation. Then, the process goes through different ways, so we will describe each screen individually and finally we'll detail the navigation flow.

3.2 GUI - main

GUI to give to the user the possibility to access to the PB app options, using the user/pwd provided.

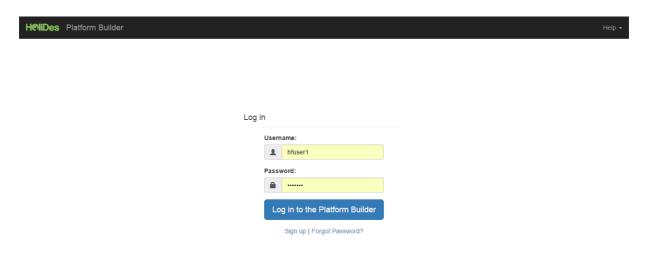


Figure 4 Main screen



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3.3 GUI - Land page

This screen provides 3 possible options, redirect to:

- "Create an HF-RTP Instance"
- "Information & How to"
- "MTT Database"

Welcome to the HoliDes Platform Builder

You can use it to create Human-Factors-RTP-instances for your system development lifecycle and save them within your projects. It proposes you methods, techniques and tools (MTTs) that suit your needs, based on what Human Factors issues you want to resolve, in your domain, and in specific phases of system development.



For more on how the Platform Builder works, and what an HF-RTP is, go to



If you want to explore or manage the MTTs,



Figure 5 Land page

The option "Information & How to" redirects to the PB video tutorial channel. Selection one of the options "Create an HF-RTP Instance" or "MTT Database", a menu bar will appear in the left size:

PB app GUI provides a menu bar to navigate easily between the different options.

View of the menu bar:



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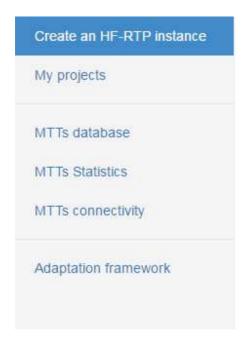


Figure 6 Menu bar

The users here have several options:

- Application selection
 - Create an Instance HF-RTP: the user will go through a process where he will get a customized HF-RTP with a set of methods, techniques and tools for solving his particular HF problematic.
 - o Get my projects: clicking here the user can get his projects saved before.
 - MTTs database: The user can insert a new MTT into the PB, also, can get all the MTTs inserted in the PB.
 - Statistics: provides (in graphic mode) a number of MTTs used by user, selecting a domain previously.
 - o MTTs connectivity: Show the MTTs selected in a graphic. Using a V-Model picture the MTTs will be included in one of these categorizations: analysis, conceptualization, design, system implementation, evaluation, certification and deployment.

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Documentation placed in the help menu dropdown list:

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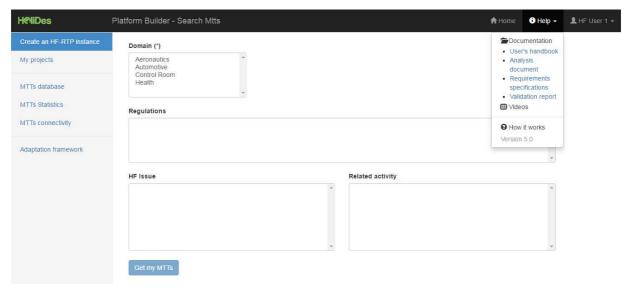


Figure 7 PB navigation bar help menu

- Documentation: here the user will have access to different documentation, reports and training material. This documents will be:
 - User's handbook.
 - Analysis document.
 - o Requirements specification.
 - Validation report.
- Video tutorials:
 - A channel video has been created to include the PB video tutorials.

Click in the link below to access to the video channel:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzBvpl_o7OobL6VCo7ursm9BREddw4jP3

also in the ajaxplorer:

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3.4 GUI - Search MTTs

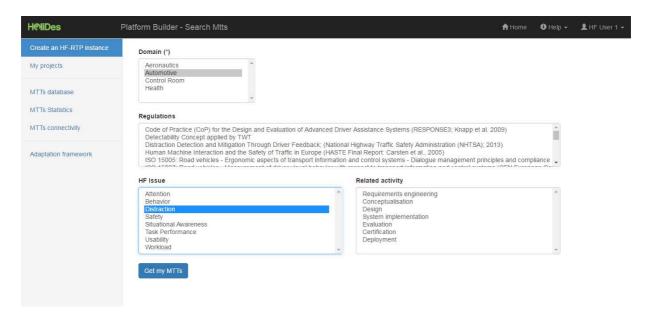


Figure 8 Input page

In this screen of the PB, the user will have access to different functionalities:

- Select the domain for his particular HF problematic.
- Select (if needed) one HF issue for his particular HF problematic
- Select (if needed) one Regulation for his particular HF problematic.
- Select a related activity.
- Get a list of MTTs as first step for his HF-RTP instantiation.



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3.5 GUI - MTTs database

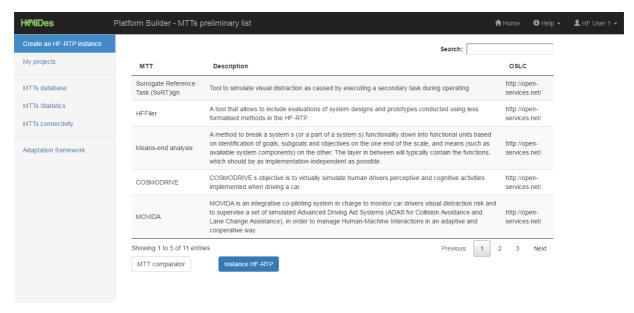


Figure 9 List of MTTs

In this page the user will obtain a list of MTTs according to the input parameters entered in the previous page. This is the first step for getting the HF-RTP, and the user will be able to select those MTTs interesting for him and his particular HF problematic.



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3.6 GUI - HF-RTP instance

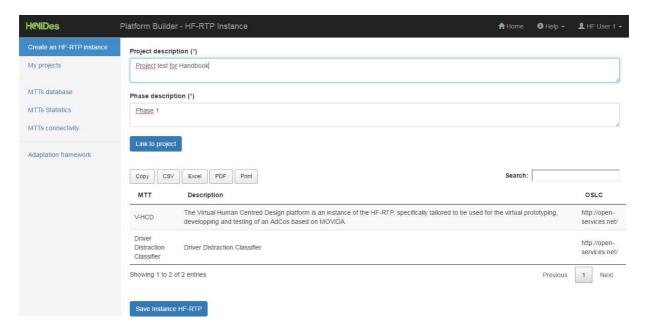


Figure 10 HF-RTP instance

This screen will show the final result of the HF-RTP instantiation process. There are information related with data entered by the user, and the list of MTTs resulting.



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3.7 GUI - My projects

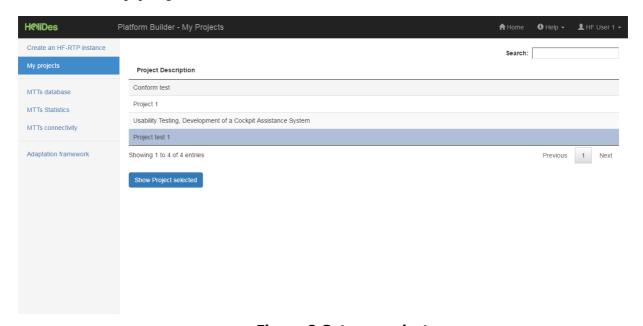
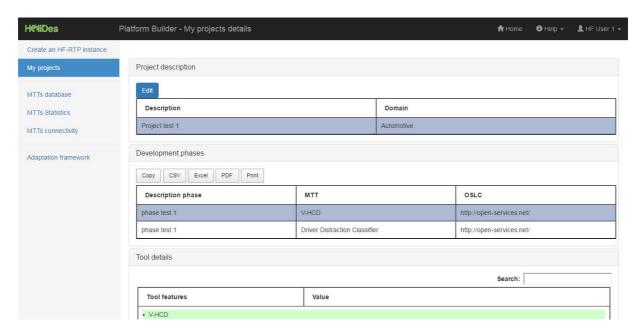


Figure 8 Get my projects

This screen will shows the list of Projects saved by User. Clicking on a project you can get the project details.





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Figure 11 Project details

3.8 GUI - Statistics

Get the number of the MTTS used by user and divided by domain. The result is shown in a graphical environment.

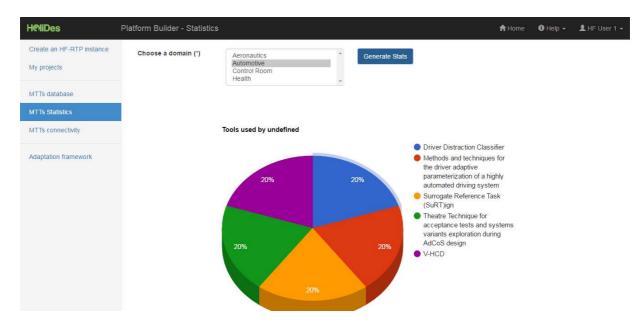


Figure 12 Statistics screen



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3.9 GUI - Connectivity

Get the MTTS filtered by domain, HF issue or related activity. The result is shown in a graphical environment.

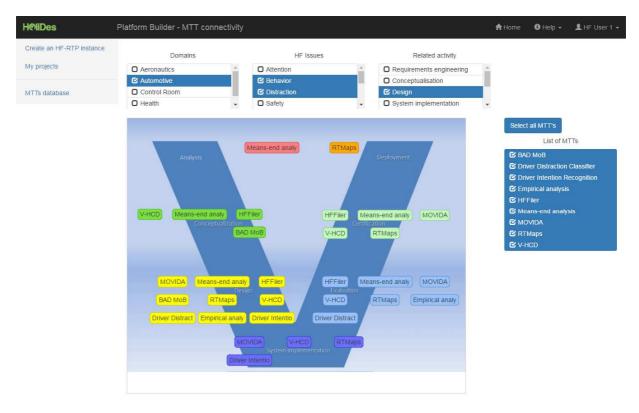


Figure 13 MTTs connectivity



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3.10 GUI - Adaptation framework

Provides an interface to create your own adCos.

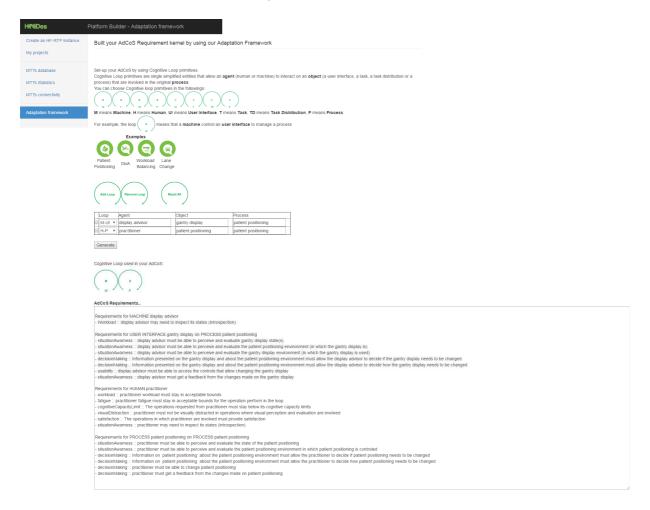


Figure 14 Adaptation framework



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4 DataBase model

4.1 Entity/Relationship Diagram

The Entity relationship diagram of the Holides PB (figure below):

Contains the entities and connections between them, including the tables, fields, primary keys and the foreign keys.

The entities used in the PB database model are:

Provider: Data from HOLIDES MTTs providers. Is the owner of MTT. This entity contains all data interesting and relevant from providers.

Regulations: Regulations allow the user filter for HF. It's linked with Domain entity with identifier domain field.

HF Issue: Descriptions that can help to filter and detail more to find an accurate MTT. It's connected with domain entity.

User: User with access to PB. Including in this entity aim data as: password, user identifier and user personal data. All data is saved in the database and it's protected too.

MTT: Contains each tool included in Holides project. Detailing for each their partner owner or provider.

ToolDetails: Contains for each MTT the details including advantages and disadvantages for each Tool.

Related Activity: This entity contains data as: analysis, design ,evaluation. It's a field describing the activity purpose of the MTT. It's another filter to select the accurate MTT tool.

Domain: is the stage of development in which the problem of HF is framed. Contains: aeronautics, Health, automotive and control rooms domains as a part of each pilot in the HOLIDES project.

RTP: PB results including list of categorized tools. Including information about: domain, HF issues and related activity.

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Project: List of Searches saved in database by HF Users.

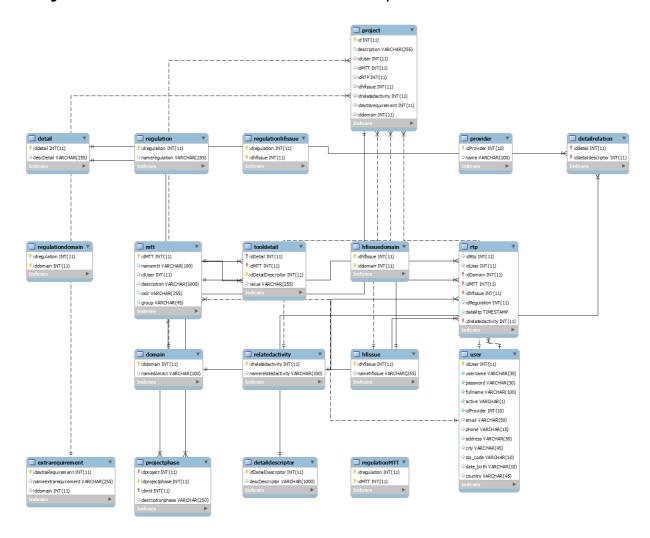


Figure 15 Entity/Relationship model