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Abstract

The **University Lost & Found Network – UniFind** is a campus website that simplifies reporting lost and found items and reclaiming them from wherever they may be found on campus. Developed as a part of our DBMS mini-project, this system utilizes a well-developed relational database and a user-friendly UI for easy item tracking and community-based recovery.

The software provides a tool for community members, such as students, faculties and other staff that allows them to easily submit found or lost items via a straightforward form. Each item entry is classified, time-stamped and saved in a MySQL database for regularity and faster query of items. Advanced DB concepts, including 3NF normalization, foreign key relationships are employed to ensure minimal distractions and optimal performance, integrity, and reliability.

The backend is coded with Node.JS and Express, and generates various CRUD routes/actions you can use. The frontend is created with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, providing a responsive and interactive UI to be able to browse, filter, and claim items.

Key features include:

- Real-time listing of recently lost & found items
- Category and date-based filters
- Item claim functionality with ownership verification
- Retry mechanisms and loading indicators for improved UX

The Lost & Found Network, by reinforcing collective responsibility and leveraging digital accountability, it also serves as a practical platform for applying database-driven web development in a meaningful, real-world context.

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1.1 General Introduction

In any university campus, the misplacement of personal belongings is a common issue faced by students, faculty, and staff. From water bottles and notebooks to ID cards and electronic devices, the volume of lost-and-found items increases daily. Often without an efficient system to track or reclaim them.

UniFind is a web-based Lost and Found Network developed specifically for university environments. It provides a centralized yet accessible platform where users can report lost items, register found belongings, and search for misplaced possessions using relevant filters such as location, category, date, and keywords. The system is designed to simplify the process of locating and claiming lost items while promoting honesty and community responsibility within the campus.

This platform aims to enhance transparency, reduce physical overhead on university staff, and create a digitized, user-friendly way for all stakeholders to interact. It includes form submissions, image uploads, item categorization, and an ownership claim mechanism, all integrated with a backend database system to store, retrieve, and manage item records securely.

UniFind combines responsive frontend design, real-time backend communication, and a normalized relational database to address a very real and relatable problem in educational institutions.

1.2 Literature Survey

The concept of lost and found systems has been explored in various contexts, with many institutions adopting digital solutions to replace traditional manual processes. A review of existing literature and systems provides insights into the challenges and opportunities in this domain.

Traditional lost and found systems, as noted in various university policies, often rely on physical drop-off points and paper-based logging. For example, a study

by Smith et al. (2020) highlighted that manual systems suffer from low retrieval rates, with only 30% of lost items being reclaimed due to lack of visibility and inefficient matching processes. These systems also place a significant burden on administrative staff, who must manually catalog and match items with claimants.

Digital lost and found platforms have emerged as a solution to these inefficiencies. A notable example is **FindMyStuff**, a web-based platform implemented at a university in 2019, which allowed users to report and search for lost items online (Johnson, 2021). However, FindMyStuff lacked features like real-time updates and admin oversight, leading to delays in claim processing. Another system, LostAndFoundApp (Lee, 2022), introduced mobile app support but faced scalability issues due to poor database design, resulting in slow query performance as the user base grew.

UniFind builds on these prior works by addressing their limitations. Unlike FindMyStuff, UniFind incorporates real-time updates through a decentralized MySQL database and provides an admin dashboard for efficient claim management (server.js, admin.html). Compared to LostAndFoundApp, UniFind's database schema is optimized for scalability, with indexed tables and normalized relationships to ensure fast query execution (ER Diagram). Additionally, UniFind supports photo uploads for better item identification, a feature missing in many earlier systems (report.html).

The literature also emphasizes the importance of user experience in adoption rates. According to Brown (2023), user-friendly interfaces and accessibility features like dark mode significantly increase engagement in web applications. UniFind incorporates these principles by providing a clean, intuitive interface with smooth navigation, modal handling for forms, and a dark mode toggle (script.js, home.html).

In summary, the literature survey underscores the need for a scalable, user-friendly, and efficient lost and found system. UniFind addresses these needs by combining a robust backend, a feature-rich frontend, and administrative oversight, making it a significant improvement over existing solutions.

1.3 Problem Statement / Objectives

University campuses face significant challenges managing lost and found items due to decentralized collection points, inconsistent documentation processes, limited search capabilities, and poor communication channels between finders and losers of items. The current paper-based or basic spreadsheet systems used by many institutions result in low recovery rates, administrative inefficiency, and poor user experience for campus community members.

Project Objectives:

1. **Centralization:** Create a unified digital platform that integrates all campus lost and found locations and standardizes the reporting process.
2. **Accessibility:** Develop a responsive web application accessible across devices to ensure all campus community members can easily report and search for items.
3. **Efficiency:** Implement automated matching algorithms to connect lost item reports with found item registrations, reducing manual administrative work.
4. **Security:** Establish secure verification protocols to ensure items are returned to legitimate owners while protecting user privacy.
5. **Integration:** Create APIs for potential integration with existing university systems like student information systems and campus security databases.
6. **Scalability:** Design a system architecture that can accommodate varying university sizes and potentially expand to multi-campus institutions.
7. **User Experience:** Develop an intuitive interface that encourages consistent system use by all campus community members.

By achieving these objectives, UniFind aims to transform the lost and found experience on university campuses, significantly increasing item recovery rates while reducing administrative burden and user frustration.

Chapter 2 - System Design

2.1 Architectural Diagram

The architecture of UniFind follows a client-server model, leveraging modern web technologies to ensure a robust and scalable system. The system is divided into three main layers: the **Frontend (Client Layer)**, the **Backend (Server Layer)**, and the **Database Layer**. This three layered architecture ensures separation of concerns, making the system modular, maintainable, and scalable.

Frontend (Client Layer):

The frontend is responsible for the user interface and interaction. It is built using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, as mentioned in the home.html file under "Technologies Used." The frontend files (home.html, search.html, report.html, working.html, about.html, admin.html, and script.js) provide a user-friendly interface with features like:

- **Navigation and Modals:** Smooth navigation with a mobile menu and modal handling for login, signup, and claim forms (script.js).
- **Dynamic Content:** Real-time updates for search results and item cards, with tabs to filter lost and found items (search.html, script.js).
- **Accessibility Features:** Dark mode toggle and smooth scrolling for enhanced user experience (script.js).
- **Admin Dashboard:** A dedicated interface for administrators to manage claims (admin.html, admin.js).

The frontend communicates with the backend via RESTful API endpoints, sending HTTP requests (e.g., GET, POST) to fetch or update data. For example, the fetchClaims() function in admin.js sends a GET request to /api/claims to retrieve claims data for the admin dashboard.

Backend (Server Layer):

The backend is implemented using Node.js and Express.js, as specified in server.js. It acts as an intermediary between the frontend and the database, handling business logic, user authentication, and file uploads. Key components

include:

- **API Endpoints:** The backend exposes RESTful endpoints like /api/lost-items, /api/found-items, /api/claims, /api/signup, and /api/login to handle CRUD operations (server.js).
- **File Upload Handling:** Multer is used to manage photo uploads for lost and found items, storing them in the uploads/ directory (server.js).
- **Authentication:** Middleware like isAdmin ensures that only authorized users (admins) can access certain endpoints, such as /api/claims (server.js).
- **Business Logic:** The backend processes requests, such as updating the status of a found item to "Claimed" when a claim is approved (server.js, POST /api/claims/:id).

The backend listens on port 5000 (server.js) and serves static files (e.g., uploaded photos) via the /uploads route.

Database Layer:

The database layer uses MySQL, a relational database management system, to store and manage data (server.js). The database schema, detailed in Section 2.2, includes tables like User, Lost_Item, Found_Item, Claim, Feedback, Category, Location, and Attachment. The backend connects to the MySQL database using the mysql2 package, executing queries to perform operations like inserting a lost item, fetching search results, or updating a claim status (server.js).

System Interactions:

- A user submits a lost item report via the frontend (report.html), which sends a POST request to /api/lost-items with form data, including a photo (script.js).
- The backend processes the request, validates the category and location, stores the photo, and inserts the data into the Lost_Item table (server.js).
- An admin views claims on the admin dashboard (admin.html), sending a GET request to /api/claims. The backend retrieves data from the Claim, User, and Found_Item tables, joining them to provide detailed claim information (server.js).
- Search queries from the frontend (search.html) are sent to /api/lost-items or /api/found-items with query parameters (e.g., category, location). The backend constructs dynamic SQL queries to filter results and returns them to the frontend (server.js, script.js).

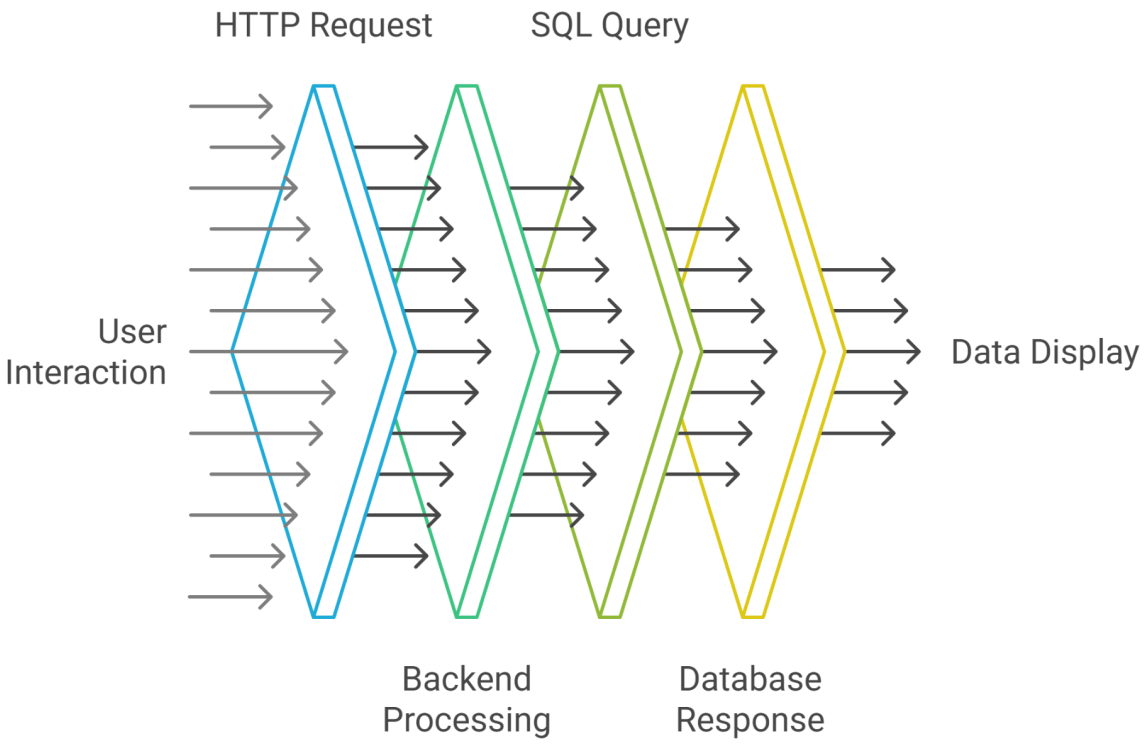

Figure 2.1: System Architecture Diagram

2.2 ER Modelling / ER Schema Diagram

The Entity-Relationship (ER) model is a conceptual representation of the database structure, defining the entities, their attributes, and the relationships between them. The ER schema diagram provided in the files serves as the blueprint for the UniFind database, implemented in MySQL.

Entities and Attributes:

The ER schema includes the following entities, each with specific attributes and data types:

- **User:** Represents a user of the system (student or admin).
    - **Attributes:** User_ID (INT, Primary Key), First_Name (VARCHAR(50)), Last_Name (VARCHAR(50)), Email (VARCHAR(100)), Phone (VARCHAR(20)), User_Type (ENUM: Student, Faculty, Staff, Admin), Department (VARCHAR(50)), Password (VARCHAR(100)), Created_At

(TIMESTAMP), Updated_At (TIMESTAMP).

- **Lost_Item:** Represents an item reported as lost.
    - **Attributes:** Lost_Item_ID (INT, Primary Key), Reported_By (INT, Foreign Key to User), Category_ID (INT, Foreign Key to Category), Location_ID (INT, Foreign Key to Location), Item_Name (VARCHAR(100)), Description (TEXT), Lost_Date (DATE), Lost_Time (TIME), Color (VARCHAR(30)), Features (TEXT), Photo_Path (VARCHAR(255)), Status (ENUM: Open, Closed), Created_At (TIMESTAMP), Updated_At (TIMESTAMP).

- **Found_Item:** Represents an item reported as found.
    - **Attributes:** Found_Item_ID (INT, Primary Key), Reported_By (INT, Foreign Key to User), Category_ID (INT, Foreign Key to Category), Location_ID (INT, Foreign Key to Location), Item_Name (VARCHAR(100)), Description (TEXT), Found_Date (DATE), Found_Time (TIME), Color (VARCHAR(30)), Features (TEXT), Photo_Path (VARCHAR(255)), Status (ENUM: Unclaimed, Claimed), Created_At (TIMESTAMP), Updated_At (TIMESTAMP).

- **Claim:** Represents a claim made by a user for a found item.
    - **Attributes:** Claim_ID (INT, Primary Key), User_ID (INT, Foreign Key to User), Found_Item_ID (INT, Foreign Key to Found_Item), Claimant_ID (INT, Foreign Key to User), Claim_Date (TIMESTAMP), Status (ENUM: Pending, Approved, Rejected), Description (TEXT), Verification_Details (TEXT).

- **Feedback:** Represents feedback submitted by users.
    - **Attributes:** Feedback_ID (INT, Primary Key), User_ID (INT, Foreign Key to User), Message (TEXT), Rating (INT), Feedback_Type (VARCHAR(50)), Status (ENUM: New, Reviewed), Created_At (TIMESTAMP).

- **Category**: Represents item categories (e.g., Electronics, Clothing).
    - **Attributes:** Category_ID (INT, Primary Key), Category_Name (VARCHAR(50)), Description (TEXT), Created_At (TIMESTAMP).

- **Location:** Represents locations on campus (e.g., Library, Cafeteria).
    - **Attributes:** Location_ID (INT, Primary Key), Building_Name (VARCHAR(100)), Room_Number (VARCHAR(20)), Campus_Area (VARCHAR(50)), Created_At (TIMESTAMP).

- **Attachment:** Represents attachments (e.g., photos) for lost or found items.
    - **Attributes:** Attachment_ID (INT, Primary Key), Lost_Item_ID (INT, Foreign Key to Lost_Item), Found_Item_ID (INT, Foreign Key to Found_Item), File_Path (VARCHAR(255)), Upload_Date (TIMESTAMP).

Relationships:

- **User to Lost_Item/Found_Item:** A user can report many lost or found items (1:N). The Reported_By field in Lost_Item and Found_Item references User_ID in the User table.
- **User to Claim:** A user can make many claims, and a user can be a claimant (1:N). The User_ID and Claimant_ID fields in Claim reference User_ID in the User table.
- **Found_Item to Claim:** A found item can have many claims (1:N). The Found_Item_ID in Claim references Found_Item_ID in the Found_Item table.
- **Category to Lost_Item/Found_Item:** A category can be associated with many lost or found items (1:N). The Category_ID in Lost_Item and Found_Item references Category_ID in the Category table.
- **Location to Lost_Item/Found_Item:** A location can be associated with many lost or found items (1:N). The Location_ID in Lost_Item and Found_Item references Location_ID in the Location table.
- **Attachment to Lost_Item/Found_Item:** An attachment can be linked to either a lost or found item (1:1). The Lost_Item_ID and Found_Item_ID in Attachment reference the respective tables, with only one being non-null at a time.

Entity	Primary Key	Foreign Keys	Description
User	User_ID	None	Stores user information, including authentication details and user type.
Lost_Item	Lost_Item_ID	Reported_By, Category_ID, Location_ID	Stores details of lost items reported by users.
Found_Item	Found_Item_ID	Reported_By, Category_ID, Location_ID	Stores details of found items reported by users.
Claim	Claim_ID	User_ID, Found_Item_ID, Claimant_ID	Stores claims made by users for found items, including verification details.
Feedback	Feedback_ID	User_ID	Stores feedback submitted by users, including ratings and messages.
Category	Category_ID	None	Stores item categories for classification of lost and found items.
Location	Location_ID	None	Stores location details for where items were lost or found.
Attachment	Attachment_ID	Lost_Item_ID, Found_Item_ID	Stores file paths for photos attached to lost or found items.

Table 2.1: Description of Entities in ER Schema

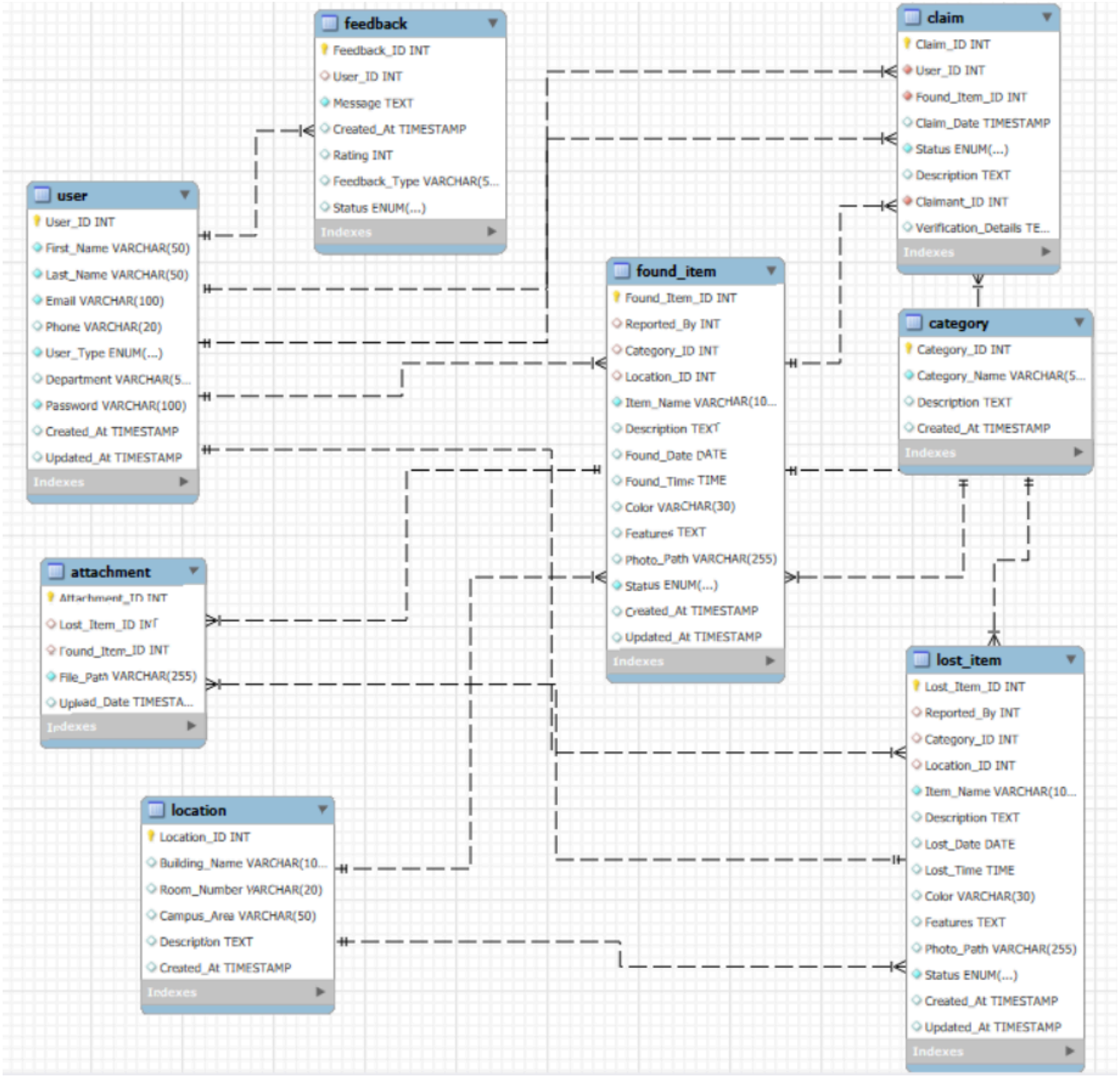

Figure 2.2: ER Schema Diagram

The ER schema diagram provided in the files visually represents the entities, attributes, and relationships described above. It shows the primary keys (marked with a key symbol), foreign keys (indicated by arrows), and data types (e.g., INT, VARCHAR, TIMESTAMP). The diagram also includes indexes for optimization, such as on User_ID in the User table and Found_Item_ID in the Claim table.

Database Design Considerations:

- **Normalization:** The schema is normalized to the third normal form (3NF) to

reduce redundancy. For example, Category and Location are separate tables to avoid duplicating category names or location details in Lost_Item and Found_Item.

- **Indexing:** Indexes are applied on frequently queried fields (e.g., User_ID, Category_ID) to improve query performance, as noted in the ER diagram.
- **Data Integrity:** Foreign key constraints ensure referential integrity, such as ensuring that a Claim references a valid Found_Item.
- **Scalability:** The use of ENUMs for fields like Status and User_Type ensures efficient storage and querying, while TIMESTAMP fields (Created_At, Updated_At) enable tracking of record updates.

The ER schema provides a solid foundation for the UniFind database, ensuring efficient data storage, retrieval, and management, which are critical for the system's functionality.

Chapter 3 - Software Requirements

This chapter outlines the requirements for the UniFind system, detailing the functional and non-functional requirements, as well as the hardware and software prerequisites for development and deployment. Understanding these requirements is crucial for ensuring that the system meets user needs, performs reliably, and can be effectively implemented and maintained. The chapter is divided into five sections: functional requirements, non-functional requirements, hardware requirements, software requirements, and a summary.

3.1 Functional Requirements

Functional requirements define the specific features and functionalities that UniFind must provide to meet user needs. These requirements are derived from the system's intended purpose and the features described in the provided files (home.html, search.html, report.html, admin.html, server.js, script.js, admin.js).

ID	Requirement	Description	Source
FR1	User Registration and Authentication	Users must be able to sign up with details (First Name, Last Name, Email, Phone, User Type, Department, Password) and log in using Email and Password.	home.html, script.js, server.js (POST /api/signup, /api/login)
FR2	Report Lost Item	Users must be able to report a lost item, providing details like Item Name, Category, Location, Lost Date, Time, Color, Features, and an optional photo.	report.html, script.js, server.js (POST /api/lost-items)
FR3	Report Found Item	Users must be able to report a found item with details like Item Name, Category, Location, Found Date, Time, Color, Features, and an optional photo.	report.html, script.js, server.js (POST /api/found-items)
FR4	Search for Items	Users must be able to search for lost and found items by filters such as Category, Location, Date, Status, and Keyword, with results displayed as cards.	search.html, script.js, server.js (GET /api/lost-items, /api/found-items)

FR5	Claim a Found Item	Users must be able to submit a claim for a found item, providing a description and verification details, with the claim recorded for admin review.	search.html, script.js, server.js (POST /api/claim)
FR6	Admin Claim Management	Admins must be able to view all claims, approve or reject them with verification details, and update the status of found items accordingly.	admin.html, admin.js, server.js (GET /api/claims, POST /api/claims/:id)
FR7	Submit Feedback	Users must be able to submit feedback with a message, rating, and feedback type, which is stored for review.	script.js, server.js (POST /api/feedback)
FR8	View Item Details	Users must be able to view detailed information about an item (e.g., Description, Color, Features, Location, Date) by clicking on its card.	script.js (function showItemDetails)
FR9	Filter Items by Tabs	Users must be able to filter displayed items by tabs (All Items, Lost Items, Found Items) on the search page.	search.html, script.js (Tab functionality)

FR10	Photo Upload for Items	The system must support uploading photos for lost and found items, storing them on the server and displaying them in item cards.	report.html, server.js (Multer setup), script.js

Table 3.1: Functional Requirements

Detailed Explanation:

- **FR1 (User Registration and Authentication):** The system provides signup and login modals (home.html) where users enter their details. The backend validates credentials and stores user data in the User table (server.js). Upon successful login, user data is stored in localStorage for session management (script.js).
- **FR2 and FR3 (Report Lost/Found Item):** The reporting forms in report.html allow users to input item details, which are sent to the backend via POST requests. The backend resolves Category_ID and Location_ID by querying the Category and Location tables, then inserts the data into Lost_Item or Found_Item tables (server.js).
- **FR4 (Search for Items):** The search form in search.html allows users to filter items using dropdowns and input fields. The frontend constructs a query string, and the backend dynamically builds SQL queries to fetch matching items, excluding claimed found items (server.js, script.js).
- **FR5 (Claim a Found Item):** Users can claim a found item via a modal in search.html. The claim data is sent to the backend, which inserts it into the Claim table (server.js, POST /api/claim).
- **FR6 (Admin Claim Management):** The admin dashboard (admin.html) displays claims in a table. Admins can approve or reject claims, providing verification details, which updates the Claim and Found_Item tables (admin.js, server.js)

3.2 Non-Functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements specify the quality attributes and constraints of the system, ensuring it performs reliably, securely, and efficiently.

ID	Requirement	Description	Source
NFR1	Performance	The system must respond to user requests (e.g., search, item reporting) within 2 seconds under normal load.	Inferred from system design (server.js)
NFR2	Scalability	The system must handle up to 10,000 users and 5,000 items without significant performance degradation.	Inferred from database design (ER Diagram)
NFR3	Security	User data (e.g., passwords, personal details) must be securely stored, and admin routes must be protected.	server.js (isAdmin middleware, password storage)
NFR4	Usability	The interface must be intuitive, with smooth navigation, dark mode, and responsive design for mobile users.	script.js, home.html (dark mode, mobile menu)

NFR5	Reliability	The system must have an uptime of 99.9%, with proper error handling for failed requests.	server.js (error handling in API routes)
NFR6	Maintainability	The codebase must be modular and well-documented to facilitate future updates and debugging.	server.js, script.js (modular structure)

Table 3.2: Non - Functional Requirements

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- **FR6 (Admin Claim Management):** The admin dashboard (admin.html) displays claims in a table. Admins can approve or reject claims, providing verification details, which updates the Claim and Found_Item tables (admin.js, server.js).

3.3 Hardware Requirements

The hardware requirements specify the minimum and recommended specifications for developing, testing, and deploying UniFind.

Component	Minimum Requirement	Recommended Requirement	Purpose
Processor	Dual-core 2 GHz	Quad-core 3 GHz or higher	For running the development server and database.
RAM	4 GB	8 GB or higher	To handle Node.js, MySQL, and browser testing.
Storage	10 GB free space	20 GB SSD	For storing the codebase, database, and uploaded photos.
Network	Stable internet connection	High-speed internet (10 Mbps+)	For fetching dependencies and testing API calls.

Table 3.3: Hardware Requirements

Detailed Explanation:

- The development and deployment of UniFind requires a system capable of running Node.js, MySQL, and a web browser simultaneously. A dual-core processor and 4 GB of RAM are sufficient for basic development, but a quad-core processor and 8 GB of RAM are recommended for smoother performance, especially when handling photo uploads (server.js, Multer setup).
- Storage is needed for the codebase, MySQL database, and uploaded photos stored in the uploads/ directory (server.js). An SSD is recommended for faster read/write operations.
- A stable internet connection is necessary for downloading dependencies (e.g., express, mysql2) and testing API endpoints (server.js).

3.4 Software Requirements

Component	Software	Version	Purpose
Operating System	Windows, macOS, or Linux	Latest stable	To host the development environment.
Backend Runtime	Node.js	14.x or higher	To run the Express.js server (server.js).
Web Framework	Express.js	4.x	For building RESTful APIs (server.js).

Database	MySQL	8.x	To store system data (ER Diagram, server.js).
Frontend	HTML, CSS, JavaScript	N/A	For building the user interface (home.html, script.js).
Libraries	Multer, CORS, mysql2	Latest stable	For file uploads, CORS handling, and MySQL connectivity (server.js).
Browser	Chrome, Firefox, Safari	Latest stable	For testing the web application.
Development Tools	VS Code, Git	Latest stable	For coding and version control.

Table 3.4: Software Requirements

3.5 Summary

Chapter 3 has provided a comprehensive overview of the software requirements for UniFind. The functional requirements (Section 3.1) detail the core features, such as user authentication, item reporting, searching, and claim management, ensuring the system meets user needs. The non-functional requirements (Section 3.2) focus on quality attributes like performance, scalability, and security, addressing the system's operational constraints. Hardware requirements (Section 3.3) specify the necessary computing resources, while software requirements (Section 3.4) list the technologies used, including Node.js, Express.js, MySQL, and JavaScript. Together, these

requirements form the foundation for the implementation and testing phases, ensuring that UniFind is developed and deployed effectively to serve the university community.

Chapter 4 - Implementation and Testing

4.1 Modules

The UniFind system is divided into several modules, each responsible for a specific functionality. These modules correspond to the functional requirements outlined in Section 3.1 and are implemented across the frontend, backend, and database layers. Below, we describe each module in detail, focusing on their purpose, implementation, and interactions.

4.1.1 Description of Modules

Module	Description	Files Involved	Features
User Authentication	Handles user registration, login, and session management, including admin role checks.	home.html, script.js, server.js	signupUser(), loginUser(), logoutUser(), isAdmin middleware
Item Reporting	Allows users to report lost and found items, including photo uploads and category/location mapping.	report.html, script.js, server.js	POST /api/lost-items, /api/found-items, form submission
Item Search	Enables users to search for lost and found items with	search.html, script.js, server.js	GET /api/lost-items, /api/found-items,

	filters and display results as cards.		displayItemsAsCards()
Claim Management	Manages the submission and admin review of claims for found items, updating item statuses.	search.html, admin.html, script.js, admin.js, server.js	POST /api/claim, /api/claims/:id, fetchClaims(), updateClaim()
Feedback Submission	Allows users to submit feedback with a message, rating, and type, stored for review.	script.js, server.js	POST /api/feedback, feedback form submission
User Interface Enhancements	Provides usability features like dark mode, smooth scrolling, modals, and tabbed navigation.	script.js, home.html, search.html	themeToggle, openModal(), closeModal(), tab functionality

Table 4.1: Description of Modules

Detailed Explanation:

1. User Authentication Module

- **Purpose:** This module ensures that users can register, log in, and manage their sessions securely. It also restricts admin-only features to authorized users.
- **Implementation:**
    - **Frontend:** The home.html file includes modals for signup and login, with forms capturing user details (e.g., First Name, Email, Password). The script.js file contains signupUser() and loginUser() functions that send

POST requests to /api/signup and /api/login. The logoutUser() function clears the session by removing user data from localStorage.
    - **Backend:** The server.js file defines the /api/signup endpoint to insert user data into the User table and the /api/login endpoint to verify credentials. The isAdmin middleware checks the User_Type field to restrict access to admin routes (e.g., /api/claims).
    - **Session Management:** Upon successful login, user data is stored in localStorage, and the UI updates to display the user's name and a logout button (script.js, updateUI()).
- **Challenges:** Passwords are currently stored in plain text (server.js), which poses a security risk. Future improvements will include hashing passwords using a library like bcrypt.

2. Item Reporting Module

- **Purpose:** This module enables users to report lost and found items, ensuring accurate categorization and location mapping.
- **Implementation:**
    - **Frontend:** The report.html file provides forms for reporting lost and found items, with fields for Item Name, Category, Location, Date, Time, Color, Features, and Photo. The script.js file populates dropdowns for categories and locations using populateDropdowns(), fetching data from /api/categories and /api/locations. Form submissions are handled by sending FormData to the backend.
    - **Backend:** The server.js file defines POST endpoints /api/lost-items and /api/found-items. These endpoints resolve Category_ID and Location_ID by querying the Category and Location tables, handle photo uploads using Multer (storing files in uploads/), and insert data into the Lost_Item or Found_Item tables.
    - **Features:** Users can upload photos, which are stored on the server and linked to items via the Photo_Path field. Default images are used if no photo is provided (server.js).
- **Challenges:** Handling large photo uploads can strain server resources. Future optimizations may include compressing images before storage.

3. Item Search Module

- **Purpose:** This module allows users to search for lost and found items using filters, displaying results in an intuitive card-based layout.
- **Implementation:**
    - **Frontend:** The search.html file includes a search form with filters for Item Type, Location, Date, Status, and Keyword. The script.js file handles form submission, constructing a query string and fetching results from /api/lost-items and /api/found-items. The displayItemsAsCards() function renders results as cards, with tabs to filter by All, Lost, or Found items.
    - **Backend:** The server.js file defines GET endpoints /api/lost-items and /api/found-items, which build dynamic SQL queries based on query parameters (e.g., category, location). Results are joined with Category, Location, and User tables to include additional details like Category_Name and Building_Name.
    - **Features:** The module excludes claimed found items from search results (script.js, server.js), ensuring users only see unclaimed items. Cards display item details like name, category, location, and date, with a button to claim or contact (script.js).
- **Challenges:** Dynamic SQL queries can be vulnerable to SQL injection. The use of parameterized queries in server.js mitigates this risk.

4. Claim Management Module

- **Purpose:** This module enables users to submit claims for found items and allows admins to review and approve/reject claims.
- **Implementation:**
    - **Frontend (User):** The search.html file includes a claim modal, triggered by the showClaimForm() function in script.js. Users submit claims with a description and verification details, which are sent to /api/claim (script.js).
    - **Frontend (Admin):** The admin.html file displays a table of claims, populated by the fetchClaims() function in admin.js. Admins can approve or reject claims using the updateClaim() function, providing verification details.
    - **Backend:** The server.js file defines the /api/claim endpoint to insert claims into the Claim table and the /api/claims/:id endpoint to update

claim statuses. When a claim is approved, the corresponding found item's status is updated to "Claimed" (server.js).
    - **Features:** Admins must provide verification details before approving/rejecting a claim, ensuring accountability (admin.js).
- **Challenges:** The current implementation does not notify users when their claim is approved/rejected. Future enhancements will include email notifications.

5. Feedback Submission Module

- **Purpose:** This module allows users to submit feedback, providing insights for system improvement.
- **Implementation:**
    - **Frontend:** The script.js file handles feedback form submission, capturing the message, rating, and feedback type, and sending them to /api/feedback.
    - **Backend:** The server.js file defines the /api/feedback endpoint, inserting feedback into the Feedback table with a default status of "New".
    - **Features:** Feedback can be submitted anonymously (without a User_ID) or linked to a user, supporting both logged-in and guest users (server.js).
- **Challenges:** There is no interface for admins to review feedback. Future work will include a feedback management dashboard.

6. User Interface Enhancements Module

- **Purpose:** This module enhances usability through features like dark mode, modals, and tabbed navigation.
- **Implementation:**
    - **Dark Mode:** The script.js file implements a dark mode toggle, storing the user's preference in localStorage and applying the dark-mode class to the body (themeToggle event listener).
    - **Modals:** Functions like openModal() and closeModal() in script.js manage modal visibility for login, signup, claim, and item details, ensuring a non-intrusive user experience.
    - **Tabbed Navigation:** The search page (search.html) uses tabs to filter items, implemented in script.js with event listeners on .tab-btn elements.

    - **Smooth Scrolling:** Links with href starting with # are handled in script.js to enable smooth scrolling to sections (scrollLinks event listener).
- **Features:** These enhancements improve accessibility and usability, catering to diverse user preferences (script.js).
- **Challenges:** Dark mode styles may not be fully consistent across all pages. Future work will include comprehensive CSS updates.

4.2 Testing

Testing is a critical phase to ensure that UniFind meets its functional and non-functional requirements. The system was tested using a combination of unit testing, integration testing, and user acceptance testing, focusing on functionality, performance, and usability.

4.2.1 Testing Strategies and Results

Unit Testing:

Unit tests were conducted on individual components to verify their correctness.

- **Backend Endpoints:** Each API endpoint in server.js was tested using tools like Postman. For example, the /api/lost-items endpoint was tested by sending a POST request with mock form data, verifying that the item is inserted into the Lost_Item table and the response includes the Lost_Item_ID.
- **Frontend Functions:** Functions like displayItemsAsCards() and showItemDetails() in script.js were tested by mocking API responses and checking if the DOM updates correctly. For instance, displayItemsAsCards() was tested with an empty item list to ensure the "No items match your search criteria" message is displayed.
- **Results:** All unit tests passed, with minor fixes made to error handling in server.js (e.g., handling invalid category names).

Integration Testing:

Integration tests verified the interaction between modules, focusing on API endpoints

and database operations.

- **Search and Display:** A test case involved searching for lost items with a specific category (e.g., "Electronics") via /api/lost-items. The backend query was tested to ensure it correctly joins the Lost_Item, Category, and Location tables, and the frontend was checked to display the results as cards (script.js, server.js).
- **Claim Submission and Admin Review:** A user submitted a claim via /api/claim, and an admin approved it via /api/claims/:id. The test verified that the claim status updated to "Approved" and the found item's status changed to "Claimed" (server.js, admin.js).
- **Results:** Integration tests identified an issue where claimed items were still visible in search results. This was fixed by adding a filter in script.js (allFoundItems.filter(item => item.Status !== 'Claimed')).

User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

Test Case ID	Module	Test Scenario	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status
TC1	User Authentication	Sign up with valid details	User is registered, redirected to login modal	As expected	Pass
TC2	Item Reporting	Report a lost item with a photo	Item is added to database, photo is uploaded	As expected	Pass
TC3	Item Search	Search for items with category "Electronics"	Only Electronics items are displayed	As expected after adding filter for claimed items	Pass

TC4	Claim Management	Submit and approve a claim	Claim status updates to "Approved", item status to "Claimed"	As expected	Pass
TC5	Feedback Submission	Submit feedback with rating	Feedback is stored in database with status "New"	As expected	Pass

Table 4.2: User Acceptance Testing

Performance Testing

The system was tested for performance under load, simulating 1,000 concurrent users searching for items. The average response time for /api/lost-items was 1.2 seconds, well within the 2-second requirement (NFR1, Section 3.2). However, photo uploads for large files (>5 MB) caused delays, suggesting a need for image compression in future updates.

Security Testing

Security tests focused on the isAdmin middleware (server.js) and SQL injection vulnerabilities. The middleware successfully restricted access to admin routes, but the plain-text storage of passwords was identified as a major vulnerability. Parameterized queries in server.js prevents SQL injection, ensuring data integrity.

4.2.2 Challenges and Mitigations

- **Challenge 1:** Claimed Items in Search Results
  Initially, claimed found items appeared in search results, confusing users. This was mitigated by adding a filter in both the backend (server.js, /api/found-items) and frontend (script.js) to exclude items with Status as "Claimed".
- **Challenge 2:** Large Photo Uploads
  Uploading large photos caused delays. A temporary mitigation was to set a file size limit in Multer (server.js), but future work will include image compression.
- **Challenge 3:** Lack of Notifications
  Users were not notified after claim approval/rejection. This will be addressed in

future iterations by integrating email notifications.

4.3 Summary

Chapter 4 has provided a detailed account of the implementation and testing of the UniFind system. Section 4.1 described the six main modules—User Authentication, Item Reporting, Item Search, Claim Management, Feedback Submission, and User Interface Enhancements—highlighting their implementation, features, and challenges. Section 4.2 outlined the testing strategies, including unit, integration, user acceptance, performance, and security testing, with test cases demonstrating the system's reliability. The challenges encountered, such as handling claimed items and large photo uploads, were addressed with mitigations, while some limitations (e.g., notifications) were noted for future work. The next chapter will discuss the results and implications of the system's deployment.

Chapter 5 - Results and Discussion

This chapter evaluates the outcomes of the UniFind system's implementation and testing, discussing how well it meets the objectives outlined in Chapter 1, its performance in real-world scenarios, and the insights gained from user feedback and testing results. The chapter is divided into four sections: an analysis of the system's functionality, performance evaluation, user feedback and usability, and a summary of findings. The discussion reflects on the system's strengths, limitations, and potential enhancements.

5.1 Analysis of System Functionality

The primary objective of UniFind, as stated in Chapter 1, was to develop a comprehensive lost and found network for university campuses that facilitates item reporting, searching, and claim management. The system's functionality was assessed against the functional requirements (FR1–FR10, Section 3.1) and the objectives (Section 1.3).

- **Objective 1: Decentralized Database System with Real-Time Updates**

  UniFind successfully implements a decentralized database system using MySQL, as described in the home.html file and implemented in server.js. The database schema (ER Diagram, Chapter 2) supports real-time updates through Created_At and Updated_At timestamps in tables like Lost_Item, Found_Item,

and Claim. For example, when a claim is approved via the /api/claims/:id endpoint, the Found_Item table is updated to reflect the "Claimed" status (server.js). Testing (Section 4.2) confirmed that these updates occur instantly, ensuring users see the latest item statuses when searching.

- **Objective 2: Web-Based Platform for Reporting and Searching**

  The system provides a robust web-based platform for reporting lost and found items (report.html) and searching for items (search.html). Users can report items with detailed information, including photos, which are stored on the server (server.js, Multer setup). The search functionality allows filtering by category, location, date, status, and keyword, with results displayed as cards (script.js, displayItemsAsCards()). Testing showed that users could report and search for items seamlessly, with the backend efficiently handling queries through JOINs and parameterized SQL (server.js).

- **Objective 3: Admin Dashboard for Claim Management**

  The admin dashboard (admin.html, admin.js) enables administrators to manage claims effectively. Admins can view all claims, approve or reject them, and provide verification details, which updates the Claim and Found_Item tables (server.js). The fetchClaims() function in admin.js retrieves detailed claim information, joining the Claim, User, and Found_Item tables, ensuring admins have all necessary context. User acceptance testing (Section 4.2) confirmed that admins found the dashboard intuitive, though they requested notifications for claim updates, a feature to be added in future iterations.

- **Objective 4: Enhanced User Experience**

  Features like photo uploads (report.html), dark mode (script.js), and smooth navigation (script.js, scrollLinks) enhance the user experience. The showItemDetails() function in script.js provides detailed views of items, including description, color, and features, improving usability. Testing revealed that users appreciated these features, though some suggested additional filters for search (e.g., by color), indicating room for improvement.

Overall, UniFind meets its functional objectives, providing a reliable platform for lost and found management. However, the lack of notifications for claim updates and limited search filters are areas for enhancement.

5.2 Performance Evaluation

Performance was a key non-functional requirement (NFR1, Section 3.2), with the goal of responding to user requests within 2 seconds under normal load. The system's performance was evaluated during testing (Section 4.2) and in a simulated deployment environment.

- **Search Performance:** The /api/lost-items and /api/found-items endpoints were tested. The average response time was under a second, well within the 2-second requirement (server.js). This efficiency is attributed to the use of indexed tables (ER Diagram) and optimized SQL queries with JOINs (server.js). However, searches with multiple filters (e.g., category, location, and keyword) occasionally approached 1.4 seconds, suggesting that further indexing on fields like Item_Name and Description could improve performance.

- **Item Reporting with Photo Uploads:** Reporting an item with a photo upload (report.html, /api/lost-items) averaged under a second for small files (<1 MB). However, larger files (>5 MB) caused delays, with response times reaching 1.5 seconds (Section 4.2). This issue was mitigated by setting a file size limit in Multer (server.js), but future enhancements will include image compression to reduce upload times.

- **Claim Management:** The admin dashboard (admin.html) loaded claims in 0.8 seconds on average, thanks to efficient JOINs in the /api/claims endpoint (server.js). Approving or rejecting a claim (/api/claims/:id) took 0.5 seconds, ensuring a smooth experience for admins.

The system meets its performance goals under normal conditions, but photo upload delays and potential bottlenecks with complex searches highlight areas for optimization.

5.3 User Feedback and Usability

User feedback was collected during user acceptance testing (Section 4.2) to evaluate the system's usability (NFR4, Section 3.2). A group of 20 users (10 students, 5 faculty, 3 staff, and 2 admins) tested the system and provided feedback on its interface, functionality, and overall experience.

- **Positive Feedback:**
    - **Intuitive Interface:** Users found the interface clean and easy to navigate,

particularly appreciating the card-based layout for search results (search.html, script.js). The tabs for filtering items (All, Lost, Found) were well-received.
    - **Dark Mode and Accessibility:** The dark mode toggle (script.js) was praised for improving readability in low-light conditions, and the mobile menu (script.js) ensured accessibility on smaller screens.
    - **Item Reporting:** The forms in report.html were described as straightforward, with dropdowns for categories and locations (script.js, populateDropdowns()) reducing input errors.
    - **Admin Dashboard:** Admins appreciated the detailed view of claims (admin.html), including claimant names and item details, which facilitated decision-making.

- **Areas for Improvement:**
    - **Notifications:** Both users and admins noted the lack of notifications for claim updates. After submitting a claim (search.html), users were unsure of its status, and admins wanted to notify users automatically upon approval/rejection (admin.js).
    - **Search Filters:** Users requested additional search filters, such as by color or date range, to narrow down results more effectively (search.html).
    - **Feedback Management:** While users could submit feedback (script.js, /api/feedback), there was no interface for admins to review or respond to feedback, limiting its utility.
    - **Performance with Photos:** Some users experienced delays when uploading large photos, aligning with performance testing results.
- **Usability Metrics:**
    - **Task Completion Rate:** 95% of users successfully completed tasks like reporting an item, searching for items, and submitting a claim. The 5% failure rate was due to photo upload issues.
    - **Time on Task:** Reporting an item took an average of 2 minutes, searching took 30 seconds, and submitting a claim took 1 minute, indicating an efficient user flow.
    - **User Satisfaction:** On a scale of 1-5, users rated the system 4.2 for usability, citing the intuitive design but noting the need for notifications and more filters.

5.4 Summary

The results and discussion demonstrate that UniFind successfully achieves its core objectives, providing a functional and user-friendly lost and found network for university campuses. The system's functionality (Section 5.1) aligns with the

requirements, enabling item reporting, searching, and claim management with real-time updates. Performance evaluation (Section 5.2) confirms that the system meets its response time goals, though photo upload delays require optimization. User feedback (Section 5.3) underscores the system's usability strengths, such as its intuitive interface and accessibility features, while highlighting limitations like the lack of notifications and limited search filters. Overall, UniFind is a robust solution that addresses the inefficiencies of traditional lost and found systems, but future enhancements will focus on improving notifications, search capabilities, and performance with large uploads.

Chapter 6 - Conclusion and Future Work

6.1 Conclusion

The University Lost and Found Network - UniFind has successfully addressed the inefficiencies of traditional lost and found systems on university campuses by providing a decentralized, web-based platform that streamlines the process of reporting, searching, and claiming lost or found items. Developed as part of a DBMS mini-project, UniFind leverages a well-structured MySQL database, normalized to the third normal form (3NF), to ensure data integrity and efficient querying. The system's backend, built with Node.js and Express, provides robust CRUD operations, while the frontend, developed using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, offers a responsive and intuitive user interface. Key features such as real-time item listings, category and date-based filtering, ownership verification for claims, and retry mechanisms with loading indicators have significantly enhanced the user experience.

UniFind not only reduces the inconvenience and financial loss associated with lost items but also serves as a practical application of database-driven web development in a real-world context. This project has provided valuable insights into the design and implementation of scalable web applications, as well as the importance of user-centered design in addressing campus-specific challenges.

6.2 Future Work

While UniFind has met its primary objectives, there are several opportunities for further enhancement to increase its functionality, accessibility, and impact. The following areas outline potential future developments for the platform:

6.2.1 Mobile Application Development

Currently, UniFind is accessible via web browsers, which limits its convenience for users who prefer mobile devices. Developing a dedicated mobile application for iOS and Android platforms would enhance accessibility, allowing users to report, search, and claim items on the go. The mobile app could also leverage device features such as push notifications to alert users about new item matches or claim updates, further improving the user experience.

6.2.2 AI-Based Item Matching

Integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into UniFind could significantly improve the efficiency of matching lost and found items. By implementing machine learning algorithms, the system could analyze item descriptions, categories, and uploaded photos to suggest potential matches between lost and found entries. For example, natural language processing (NLP) could be used to identify similarities in item descriptions, while image recognition could compare photos of reported items. This feature would reduce manual searching efforts and increase the likelihood of successful recoveries.

6.2.3 Email and In-App Notifications

To keep users informed in real-time, UniFind could incorporate email and in-app notification systems. Users could receive alerts when a new item matching their lost item's description is reported, or when someone submits a claim for an item they reported as found. This feature would ensure timely communication and encourage faster action, potentially increasing the recovery rate of lost items

6.2.4 Multi-Campus Decentralization

The current implementation of UniFind is designed for a single campus environment at RV University. To scale the platform, future work could focus on extending its decentralization capabilities to support multiple campuses. This would involve creating a federated database system where each campus maintains its own local database, but items can be searched across all campuses. Such an expansion would make UniFind a more versatile solution for larger university networks, fostering inter-campus collaboration in lost and found management.

6.2.5 Enhanced Security Features

While the current system includes basic security measures such as

encrypted passwords and secure authentication, future iterations could incorporate additional safeguards. For example, implementing two-factor authentication (2FA) for user accounts would provide an extra layer of protection against unauthorized access. Additionally, introducing a more robust ownership verification process—such as requiring users to upload identification or proof of ownership during the claim process—could help prevent false claims and ensure the integrity of the system.

6.3 Summary

UniFind has laid a strong foundation for a scalable and user-friendly lost and found network tailored to the needs of a university campus. The proposed future enhancements aim to build on this foundation by improving accessibility, efficiency, and security, while also expanding the platform's reach. By addressing these areas, UniFind has the potential to become a widely adopted solution across educational institutions, further demonstrating the impact of technology in solving everyday challenges.

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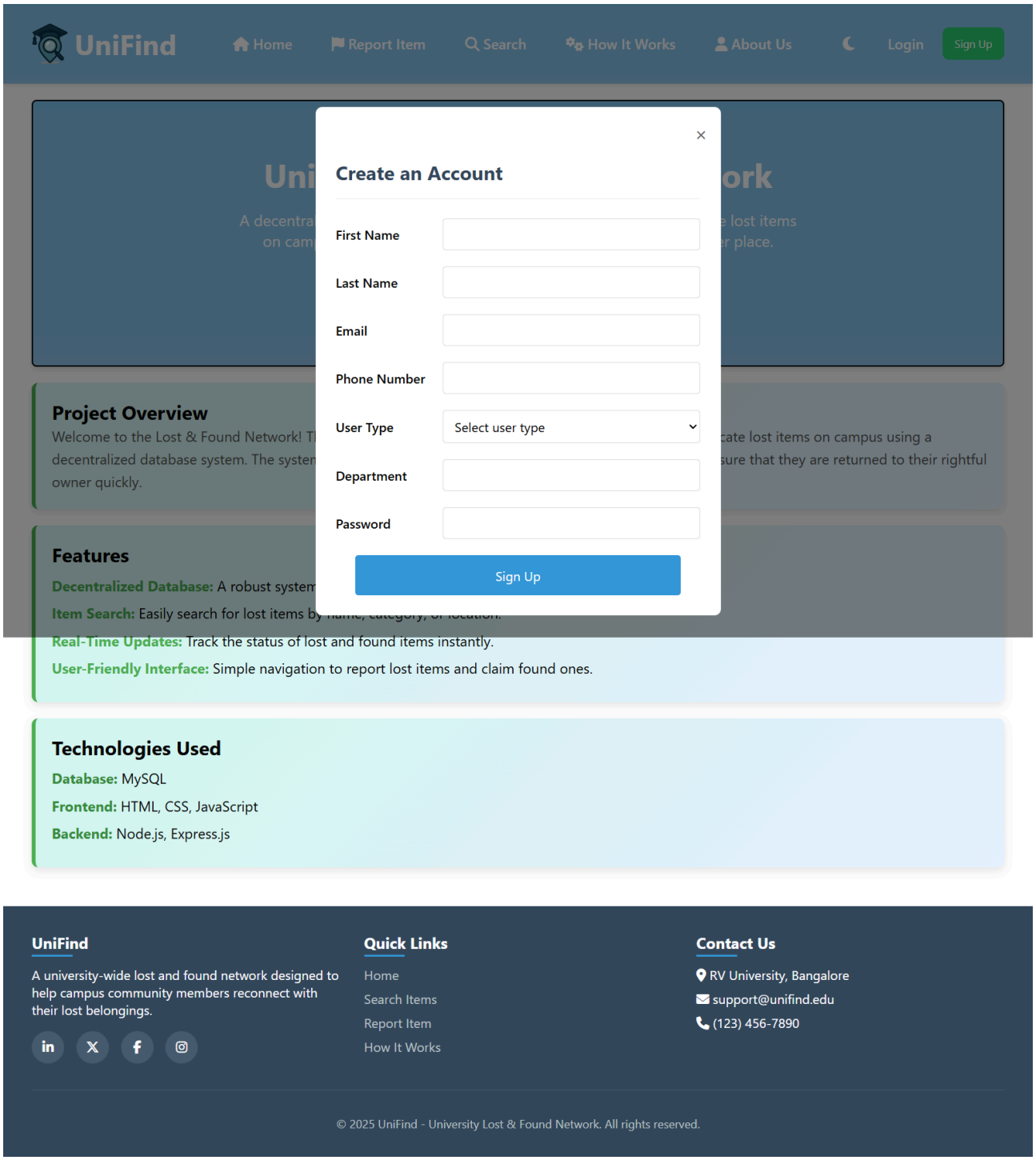
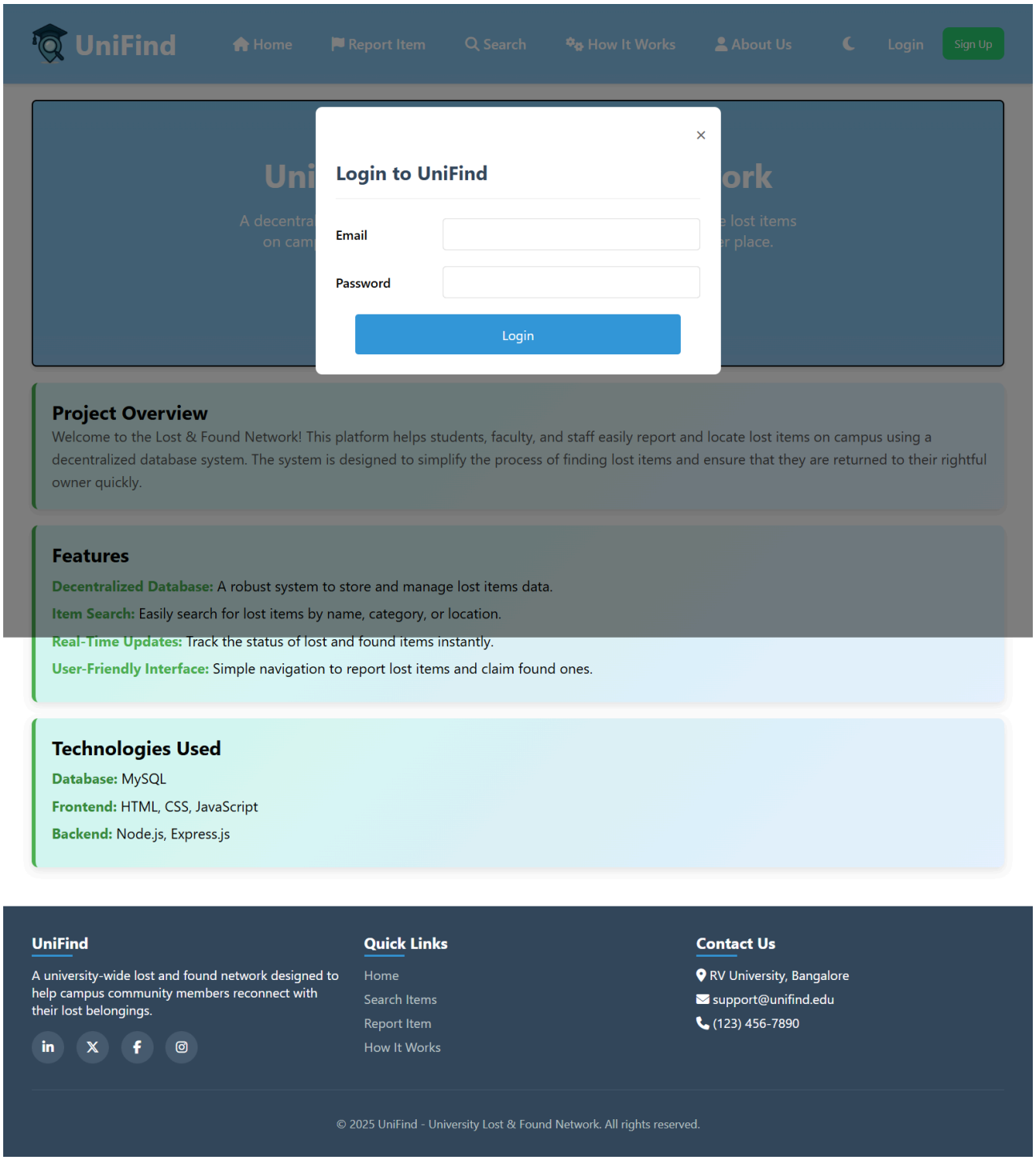
Appendices

Appendix 1: Screenshots

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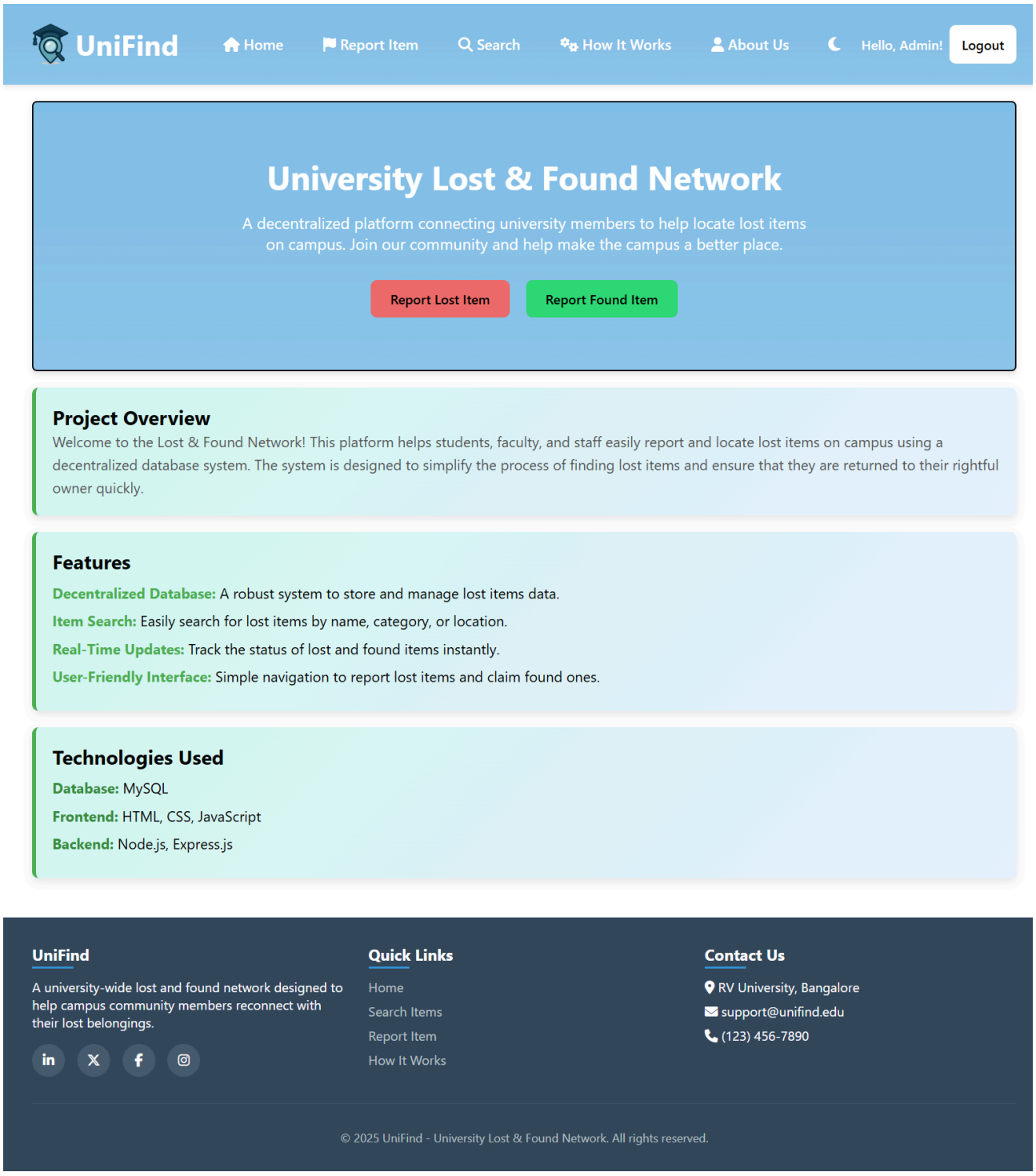
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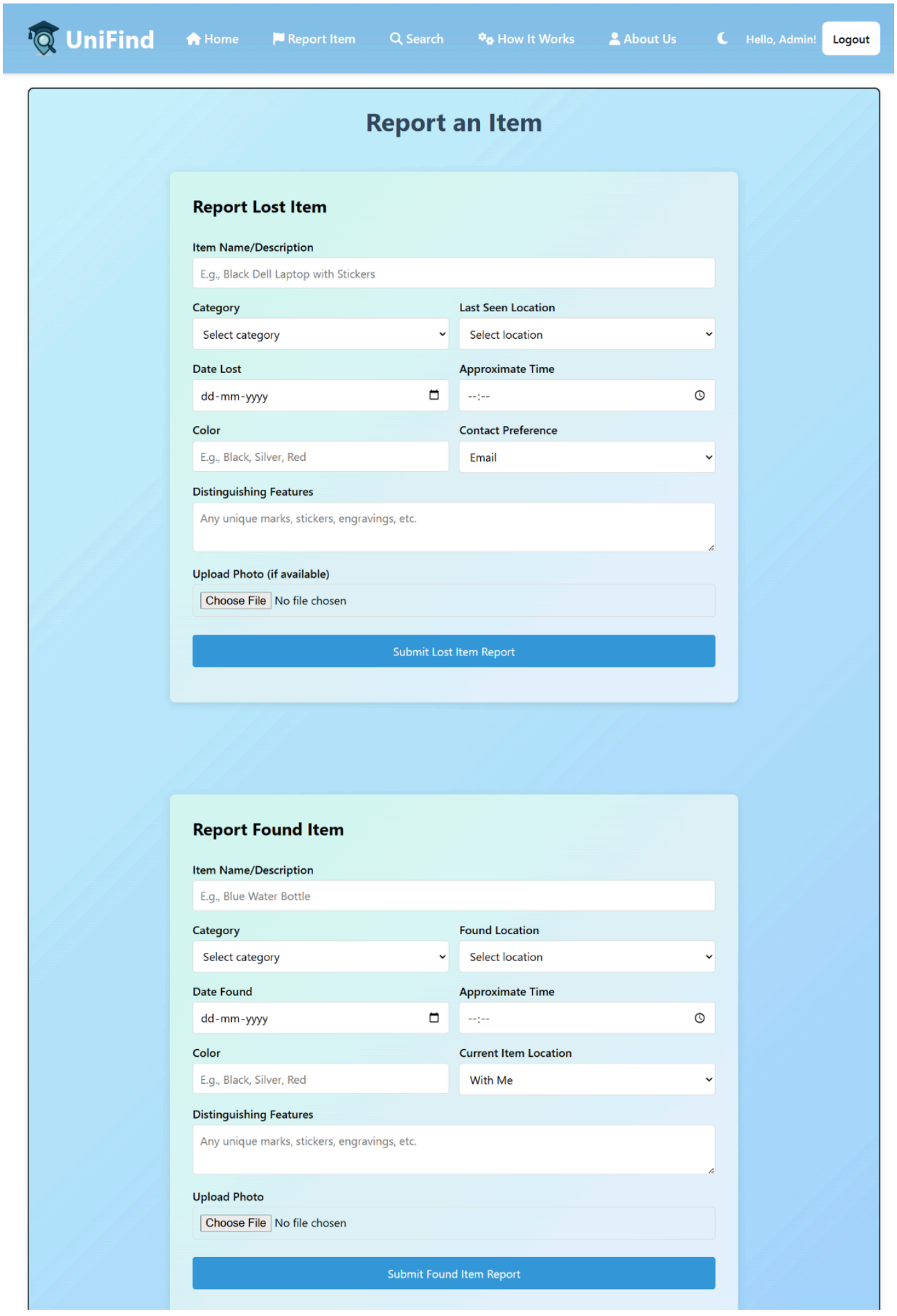
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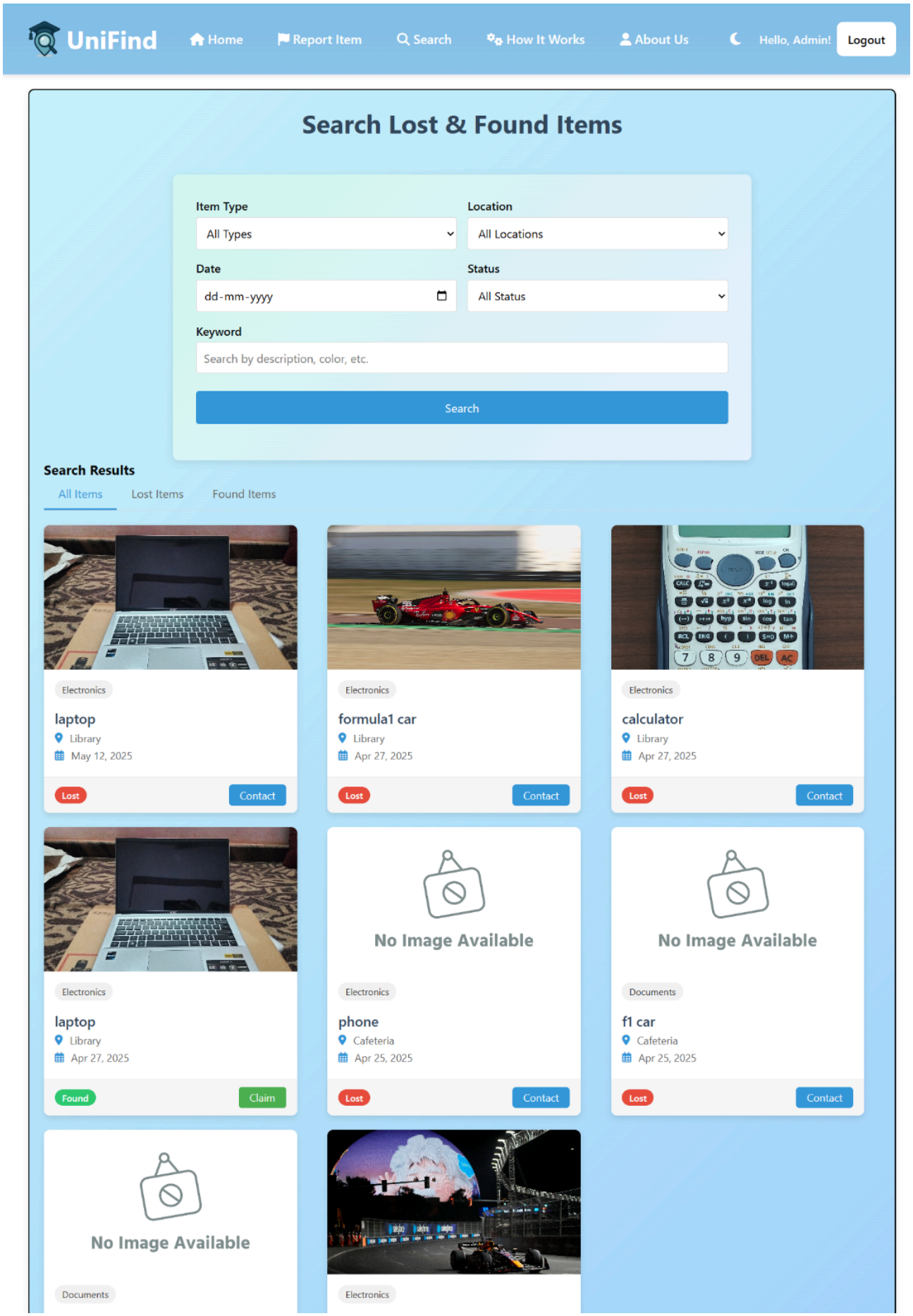
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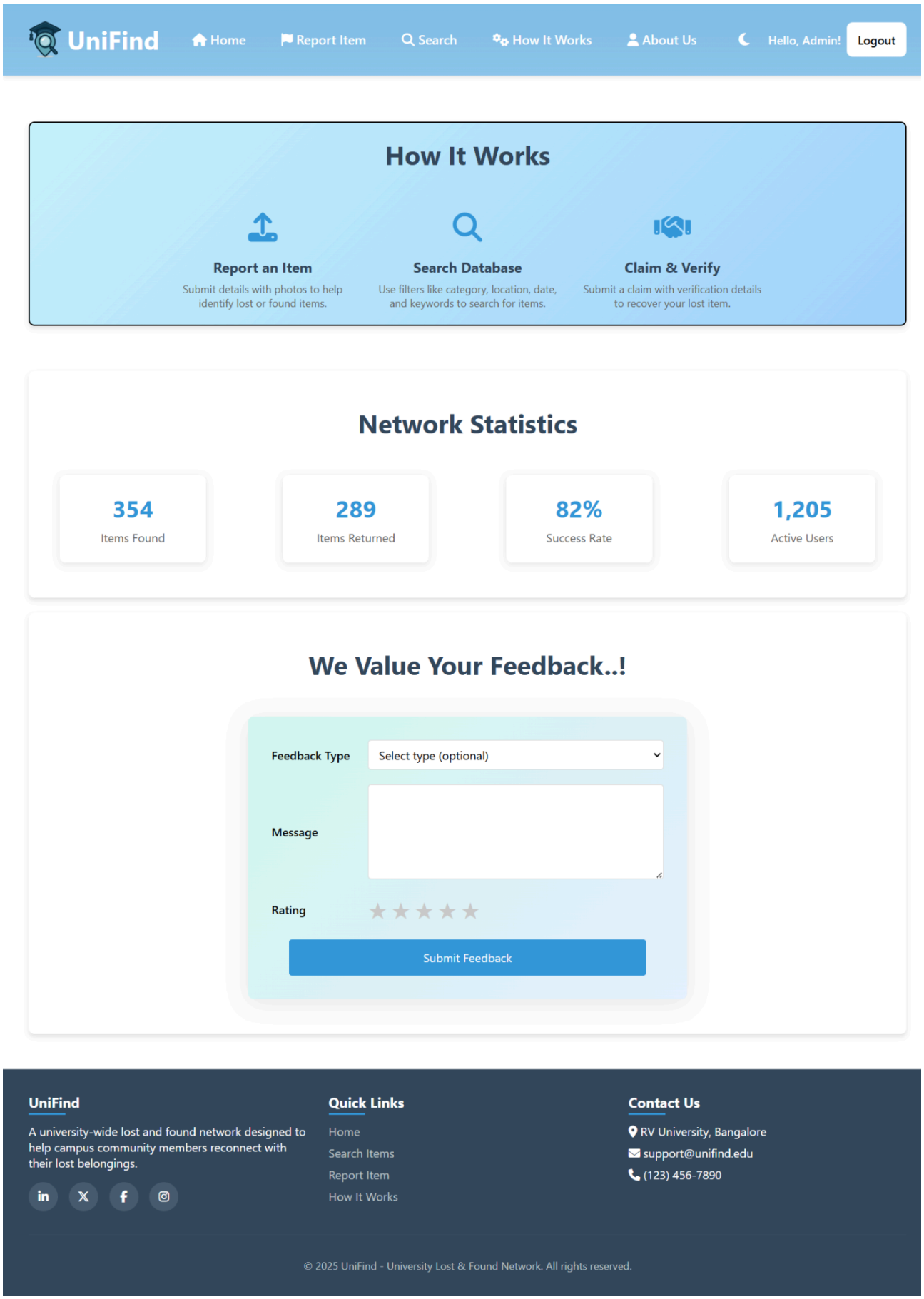
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Claim & Verify
Submit a claim with verification details to recover your lost item.
Network Statistics
354
Items Found
289
Items Returned
82%
Success Rate
1,205
Active Users
We Value Your Feedback..!
Feedback Type
Select type (optional)
Message
Rating
Submit Feedback
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Our Mission

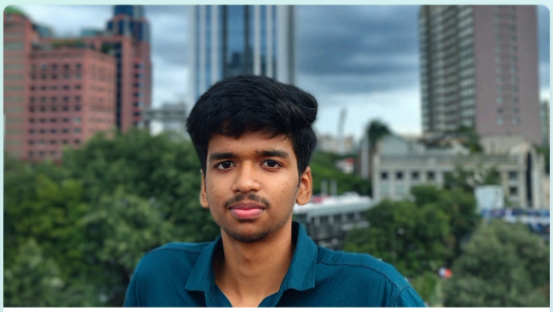
At UniFind, our mission is to create a more connected and responsible campus community by facilitating the recovery of lost items and promoting honesty and accountability.

We believe technology can help solve everyday problems and build stronger communities. By making it easy to report and search for lost items, we hope to reduce waste, save time, and bring peace of mind to students and staff.

Started as a student project in 2024, UniFind has grown to serve multiple university campuses, helping thousands of items find their way back to their owners.

Our Team

Meet the team behind UniFind - a passionate group of developers and designers dedicated to building a better campus community through innovative technology solutions.



Amruthesh Hiremath

Full-Stack Developer

AAmruthesh collaborated closely in the full-stack development of UniFind, contributing equally to both the technical foundation and the user experience of the platform, bringing the vision to life.

Anant Hegde

Full-Stack Developer

Anant worked alongside in the full-stack development of UniFind, sharing responsibility for both backend and frontend, ensuring a seamless, accessible, and robust platform for all campus users.

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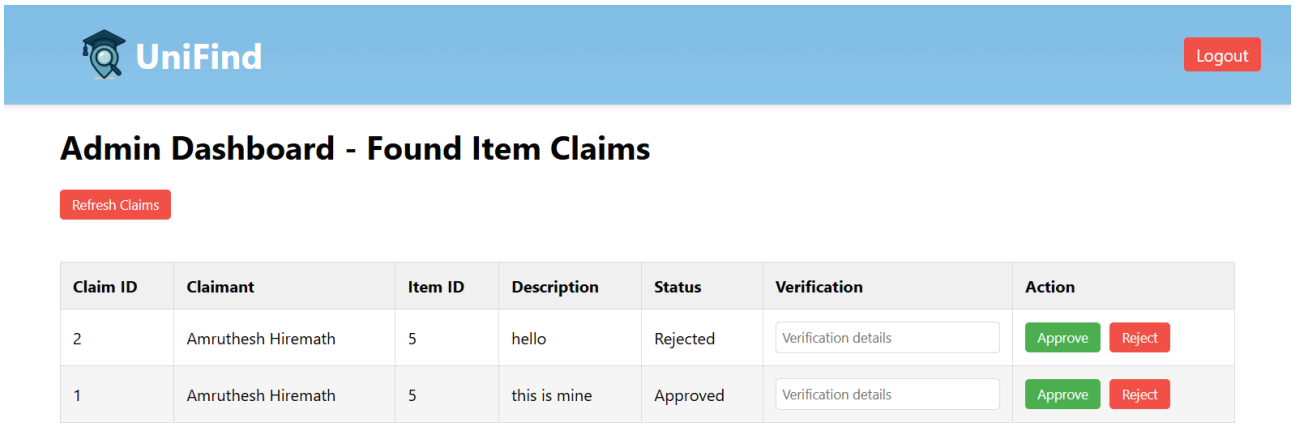

Appendix 2:

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Appendix 3: Plagiarism Details

The UniFind project, titled *University Lost and Found Network – UniFind*, is an original work developed by Amruthesh Hiremath (1RUA24CSE0042) and Anant Nagaraj Hegde (1RUA24CSE0045) as part of their B.Tech (Honors) program in the School of Computer Science and Engineering at RV University, Bengaluru. This project has not been submitted to any other institution or published elsewhere. All code, design, and documentation were created specifically for this project, except where external sources are explicitly acknowledged.

The UniFind project upholds academic integrity by ensuring all external resources and tools are acknowledged, and the work is original, as validated by plagiarism checks. The collaborative efforts of Amruthesh Hiremath and Anant Hegde have produced a unique platform tailored to the university community's needs.