Deliverable 3 - Final Project Documention

Project Title

• CarGoNow (Car Rental Management System)

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1. Project Scope

The CarGoNow project aims to develop a desktop application that simplifies and enhances the management of a car rental business. This system is designed to benefit car rental companies, their administrators, employees, and customers. The project's primary clients could include car rental companies, car fleet management businesses, and individuals looking to streamline their car rental operations.

Below some companies that could use our project in their company:

- Enterprise.
- National.
- Alamo.
- Hertz.
- Avis.
- Budget.
- Dollar.
- Thrifty.

Users and Beneficiaries:

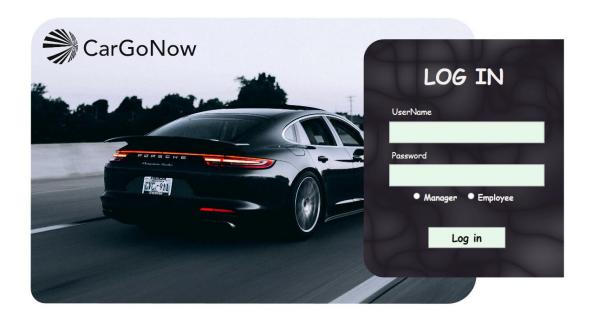
- Administrators (managers): These users have full control over the system and manage user accounts, vehicle inventory, and generate reports.
- Employees: Responsible for handling reservations, check-ins, check-outs, and generating bills.

2. Project Functionalities

This section provides a detailed overview of the key functionalities developed for the CarGoNow application.

User Management (Login Screen):

- The application supports both administrator and employee roles with authentication.
- User profiles can be managed, allowing users to update their login credentials.



• Admin Screen:

The admin interface furnishes access to a breadth of data, including employee, car, client, reservation, bill, and settings data. Administrators enjoy elevated permissions within the application.

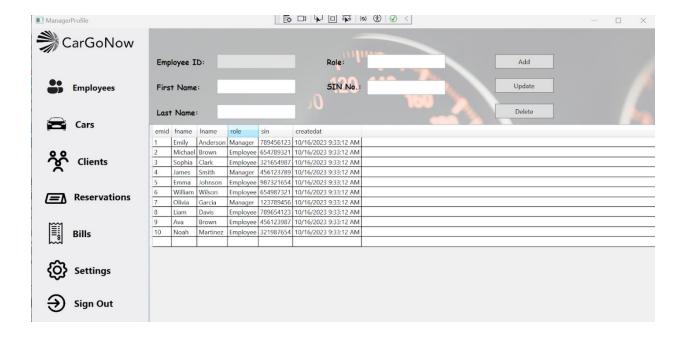
• Employee Screen:

In contrast, regular employees have less access level compared to administrators.

Both roles have the option to log out of the system.

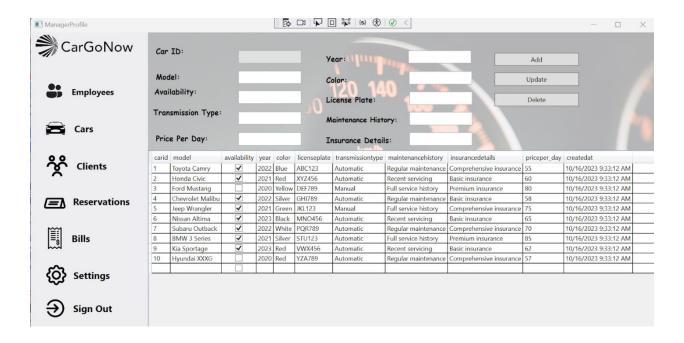
Employee Management

This user control view is accessible just by admin roles (managers). Within this interface, users can insert a new employee to the system by inserting the required data as the screen shows. In addition to that, users can update, and delete any record from this screen.



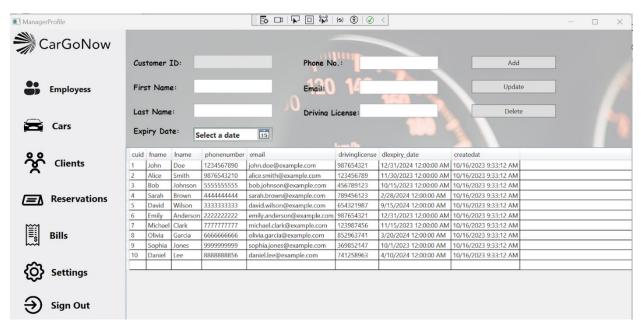
Vehicle Management

- Users (managers) can add, edit, and delete vehicles with details such as make, model, year, etc.
- Employees only can check the available cars in the system.
- Vehicle availability status is tracked to ensure accurate reservation management.
- Maintenance and service scheduling features are implemented for each vehicle.



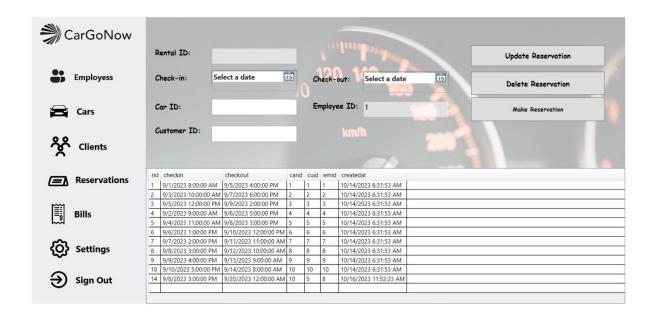
Client Management

- Users can add and manage customer profiles.



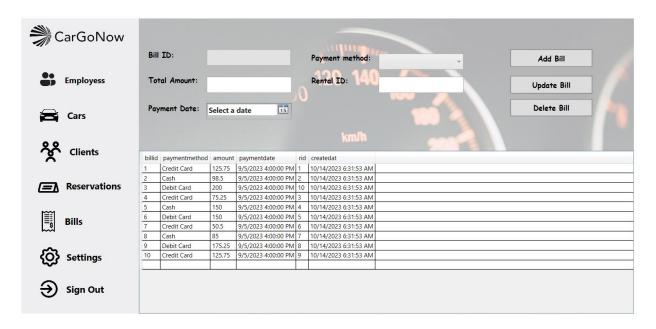
Reservation Management

- Users can make, modify, or cancel reservations.
- A calendar view is available for checking vehicle availability.



Bill Management

- Users (both admins and employees) can generate bills associated with specific reservations. In addition, users can update, and delete any record from this screen.
- Bill calculations are based on the duration of the reservation and the corresponding daily rate for the selected car.



Rental Transactions

- The application handles check-in (reservation) and check-out (return) of vehicles.
- Rental agreements and invoices are automatically generated based on transaction details.

Reporting and Analytics

- The application can generate reports on revenue, reservations, and vehicle usage.
- Visualizations and data insights are provided to help users make informed decisions.

Integration with REST API

The project has planned to integrate the database with a REST API to enable future scalability and remote data access.

We integrated the Employee functionalities with REST API and linked the CarGoNowServer with CarGoNowApp for that class.



Unit Tests:

We added unit tests to ensure that the functionality of our project works as expected. We implemented the unit tests using the NUnit framework for one class (Bill calculation).

Mid-term Project Updates

The project has successfully completed tasks related to database schema design, user interface implementation, and database connectivity before the mid-term presentation. Test validation (CarGoNowApp Test) and REST API (CarGoNowDB Server) have been implemented after that.

3. Project Setup

We employed the following frameworks and tools to develop the CarGoNow application:

- Database: MySQL 8.0.34 for Windows 64-bit.
- Database Management: MySQL Workbench 8.0.34 for Windows 64-bit.
- Framework: .NET Framework 4.7.2.
- User Interface Framework: Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF).
- Programming Language: C#.
- Integrated Development Environment (IDE): Visual Studio Enterprise 2022.
- Rest API: Swagger development tool.

To set up and run the CarGoNow application on the end user's machine, the process involves packaging the application into an installer (e.g., MSI installer). Subsequently, all necessary prerequisite frameworks, such as the .NET Framework, need to be installed. Additionally, the installation process should include setting up the MySQL database on the user's machine, given that the application heavily relies on a local

database for most of its functionalities (REST API for the remote database still needs to be implemented to cover all functionalities, not limited to the employee class alone. This is crucial to eliminate reliance on the local database and enable seamless operation with a remote database.). It is essential to ensure that any required libraries or dependencies (DLLs) are either included with the application installer or already present on the client machine.

One important change we need to make for running and testing the application on the user's machine is to ensure that the application utilizes the correct connection string to connect to the MySQL database. The connection string should encompass the server address, database name, username, and password.

The project's source code is hosted on GitHub for version control, collaboration, and project tracking. Shared storage is managed through a Google Drive folder.

4. Work Progress in Future

In the near future, the project can be expanded and improved by adding the following functionalities:

- Integration with REST API for the others screens such as clients, reservations, etc.
- Implementing additional features for customer feedback and reviews.
- Developing a mobile application for customers to make reservations and check vehicle availability.
- Integration with external systems, such as payment gateways for online payments.
- Expanding reporting capabilities for more in-depth analytics.

The CarGoNow Car Rental Management System aims to provide a comprehensive, efficient, and user-friendly solution for car rental businesses, focusing on user management, vehicle management, reservation management, rental transactions, and robust security measures. The project's integration with end users through user stories ensures that the specific needs of each user category are met. The project delivers a fully functional application, user documentation, source code, and a support plan for long-term sustainability.