

Student Event Management System

IT1208 – Web Technologies

Continuous Assessment 2: Short Report

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Database Used: MariaDB

Languages & Tools: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, MariaDB

Development Environment: Fedora Linux + Visual Studio Code



1. System Overview

The *Student Event Management System* is a dynamic web application designed to streamline the process of managing university events.

It allows students to browse upcoming workshops, hackathons, and seminars, view details such as event date and venue, and register easily.

Administrators can create, edit, and delete events, while students can register and view participation status.

The system is developed using **HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, and MariaDB**.

It includes both front-end interactivity and back-end database integration to ensure smooth user experiences and secure data management.

Main Features:

- Responsive and modern UI with a dark-themed design.
- Event CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete).
- Student registration form with client-side JavaScript validation.
- Login and signup system using PHP sessions.
- Data stored securely in a MariaDB database using PDO.
- Event images, dates, and organizers displayed attractively.

Figure 1: Home Page with Event Cards

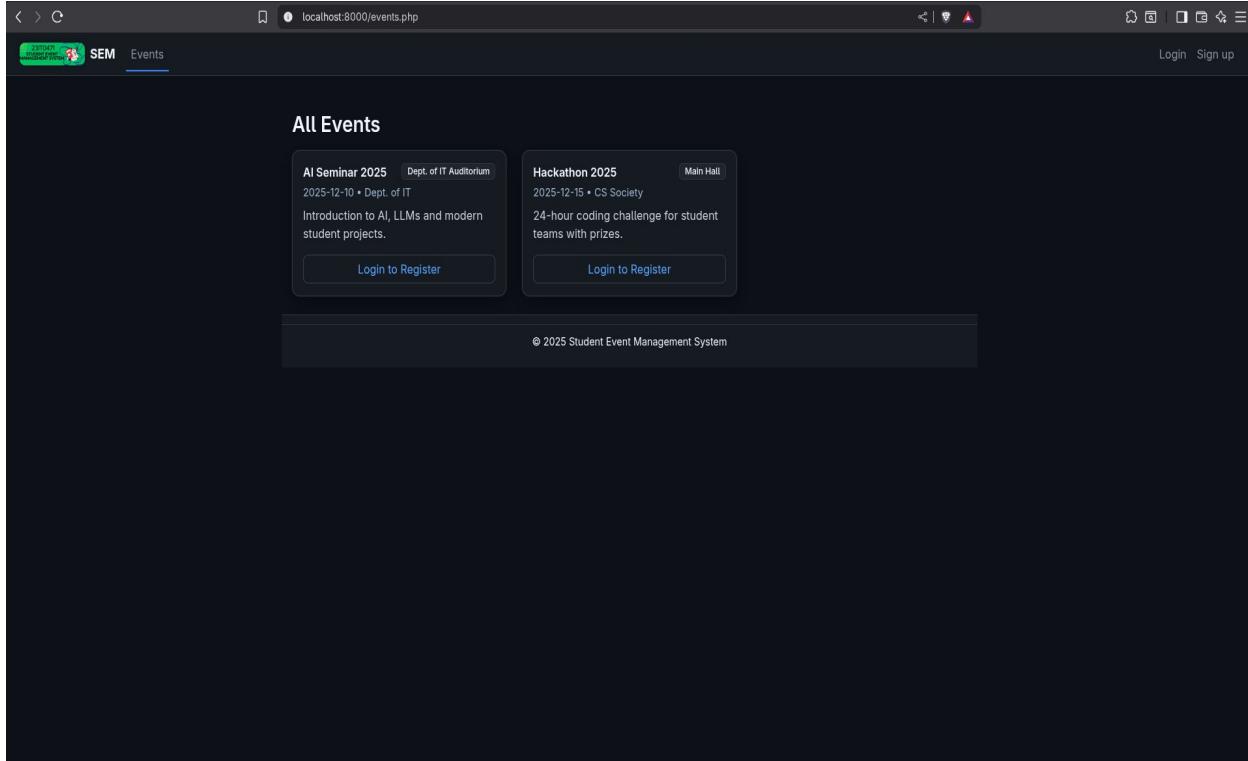


Figure 2: Login and Registration Interface

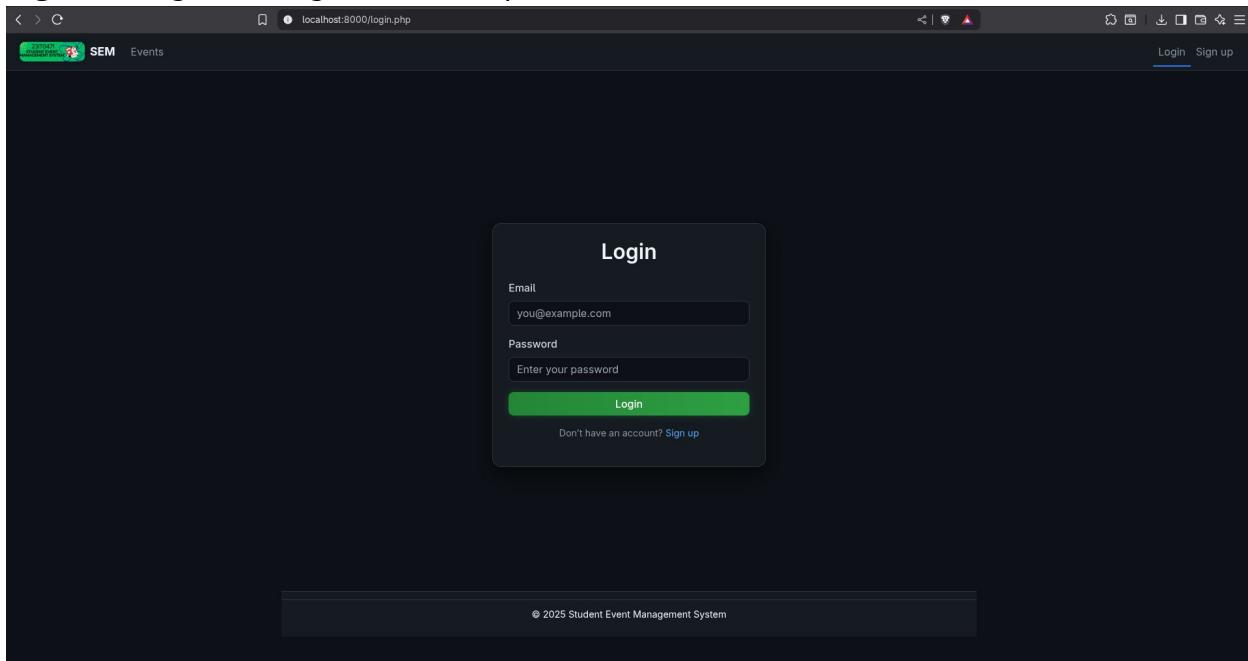


Figure 3: Add Event Form with Image Upload Option

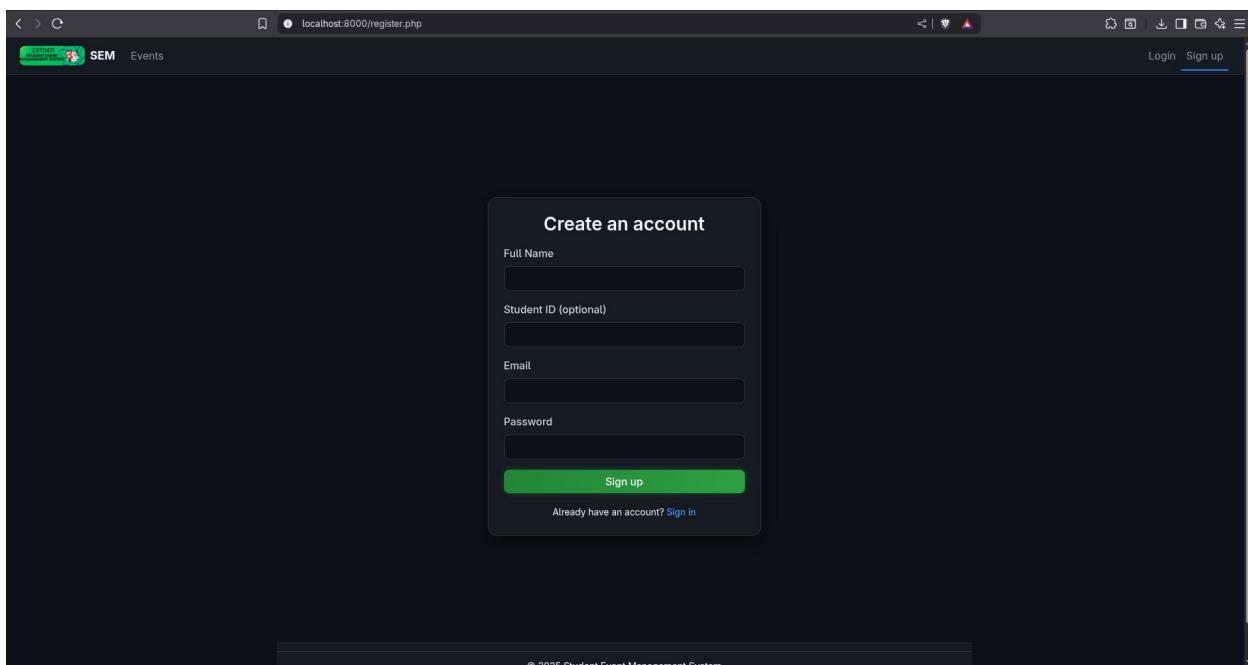


Figure 4: Event List Display with Details and Calendar Icon

The screenshot shows a dark-themed web application interface for adding an event. At the top left is a title "Add Event". To its right is a "ADMIN PANEL" link. Below the title is a descriptive text: "Create a new event for students with clear details and an optional banner to make it stand out on the events page." The main form area contains several input fields and a file upload section.

- Title:** A text input field containing "Fairwell".
- Date:** A date input field showing "11/30/2025". Below it is a calendar modal for November 2025, with the 11th selected. The calendar includes navigation arrows for months and days, and buttons for "Clear" and "Today".
- Venue:** A text input field containing "man hall".
- Event Banner:** An optional file upload section with a "Choose File" button and a preview area showing "footer-banner.png". It specifies a recommended size of "1200 x 600px" and a maximum file size of "2MB". The selected file is "footer-banner.png (0.16 MB)".
- Create Event:** A large green button at the bottom of the form.

2. Database Schema Diagram

The database consists of **three core relational tables** linked through foreign keys.

Tables and Relationships:

- **users** (user_id, name, email, password)
- **events** (event_id, title, date, venue, description, image)
- **registrations** (reg_id, user_id, event_id, registered_at)

Relationships:

- One user can register for many events → **1 : N** (users → registrations).
- One event can have many registrations → **1 : N** (events → registrations).

This structure ensures data normalization, efficient queries, and secure CRUD operations using PDO prepared statements.

3. Core Functionalities

A. Front-End (HTML, CSS, JavaScript)

- Responsive design built with custom CSS.
- Client-side validation for forms (name, email, ID, contact).
- Calendar date picker with purple icon for event creation.
- Dynamic event listing with image banners and details.
- Smooth hover animations and fade-in transitions.

B. Back-End (PHP & MariaDB)

- PHP handles authentication, sessions, and database CRUD.
- PDO ensures secure queries to prevent SQL injection.
- Admin users can create, update, or delete events.
- Student registrations are inserted into the `registrations` table.
- Data retrieved dynamically for event listings and dashboard pages.

C. Optional Enhancements

- Search and filter functionality using PHP and JavaScript.
- Automatic event date highlight and sorting.
- Prepared for future features like email confirmation.

4. Reflection on Learning Outcomes

Through this project, I learned how to integrate multiple web technologies to create a complete, interactive application.

I gained hands-on experience in designing responsive interfaces, handling form validation with JavaScript, and using PHP to manage server-side logic.

Working with MariaDB helped me understand relational database design and query optimization.

I also learned:

- How to structure and connect PHP with a MySQL/MariaDB database using PDO.
- How to create secure login systems using sessions.
- How to use HTML5 and CSS3 to create accessible, user-friendly interfaces.
- How to manage GitHub repositories and run projects on Fedora using the PHP development server.

The project improved my full-stack development skills and understanding of real-world web application workflows.

5. Challenges Faced

Some key challenges I faced during development include:

- Resolving MariaDB permission errors (Access denied for 'root'@'localhost').
- Designing a consistent dark UI that looks clean on all screens.
- Managing database connection errors and ensuring proper PDO error handling.
- Testing responsiveness on different browsers and devices.

Each challenge helped me learn valuable debugging and troubleshooting skills, making this project a strong foundation for future web development work.

6. Conclusion

The **Student Event Management System** successfully meets all assignment requirements. It integrates front-end design, back-end logic, and database interaction into a fully functional, responsive web application.

The system demonstrates a solid understanding of web technologies and can be extended with features such as email confirmation and dashboards in future versions.