#### ONLINE EXAMINATION SYSTEM

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## 1. Project Profile

Title	Online Examination System	
Aim	The Online Examination System aims to enhance accessibility by allowing students to create and take exams. It ensures security with robust authentication and provides diverse question formats. Objectives include a user-friendly interface, secure login, dynamic exam creation and efficient data storage.	
Duration	6 Months	
Team Size	4 Members	
Technology Used	HTML, MYSQL, CSS, JAVASCRIPT,PHP	
Guide	Dr. Maitri Jhaveri	

Table 1: Project Profile

## **Group Profile**

Name	Roll Number	Course
Lamin Janka	16	MSC CS IV
Parin Makwana	17	MSC CS IV
Juhi Modi	20	MSC CS IV
Ishika Thakkar	111	MSC CS IV

**Table 2: Group Profile** 

## 2. Analysis

#### a. Software Requirement Specification (SRS):

The Software Requirement Specification (SRS) for the Online Examination System encompasses several key components to provide a comprehensive understanding of the system's requirements and specifications.

User requirements are delineated with precision, delineating the roles of different user categories such as students, administrators, and instructors. Each user role is elucidated with its corresponding functionalities and access permissions within the system.

Functional requirements elucidate the system's operational capabilities, encompassing features such as

- user authentication
- profile management
- question bank administration
- exam creation and management
- results processing.

Non-functional requirements elaborate on system attributes like

- performance as in response times
- security
- reliability as in availability standards
- · usability, and scalability.

## **Feasibility Study:**

#### 1. Economic Feasibility

The project's costs were analysed and found to be within budget. Using open-source technologies like PHP and MySQL reduces software costs. The primary expenses are for hardware, hosting, and development time, all of which are manageable..

#### 2. Technical Feasibility

We evaluated the technical requirements and found them feasible. The project uses proven technologies like PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. These are well documented, supported, and compatible with major browsers and OS. The development team has expertise in these technologies, ensuring efficient development and maintenance.

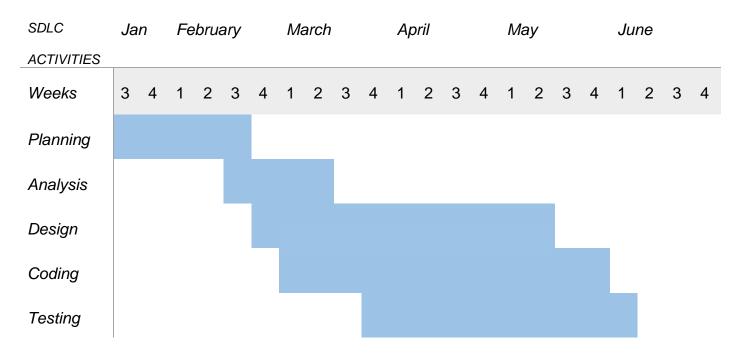
### 3. Schedule Feasibility

The project timeline was reviewed and found to be realistic. Tasks are evenly distributed among four team members, ensuring balanced workloads. The project phases are planned to fit within the designated timeframe, with milestones set to monitor progress. This structured approach ensures the project can be completed on schedule.

#### 4. Resource Feasibility

We assessed the availability of resources and confirmed they are sufficient. The development team has the necessary skills in PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Required hardware and software are accessible. The team is also adequately staffed, ensuring the project can be completed on schedule.

#### **b.** Timeline Chart



### c. Software Development Model Used

The Online Examination System uses the iterative software development model. In this approach, the project is developed in small, manageable sections called iterations. Each iteration involves planning, designing, coding, and testing a part of the system. This allows for regular feedback and improvements, ensuring the final product meets user requirements and adapts to changes effectively.

### **Iterative Development Model**

The iterative software development model involves breaking down the development process into smaller, repeatable cycles called iterations. Each iteration encompasses planning, design, implementation, and testing of a part of the software. Feedback from each iteration is used to refine and improve subsequent versions, allowing for flexibility, continuous improvement, and better adaptation to changing requirements throughout the development lifecycle.

#### d. Work Distribution

NAME	WORK DONE
Ishika and Juhi	Question Bank & Front-end
Parin and Lamin	Database design & Back-end

## 3. Design

## a. System Architecture

The system architecture for the online examination system includes three main roles: Student, Faculty, and Administrator. Each role interacts with the system through a dedicated interface and has specific functionalities.

#### 1. Presentation Layer:

- User Interfaces: Separate interfaces for Students, Faculty, and Administrators, developed using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to ensure a responsive and user-friendly experience.
- Client-Side Scripting: JavaScript enhances the user experience by providing dynamic content updates and form validation.

#### 2. Application Layer:

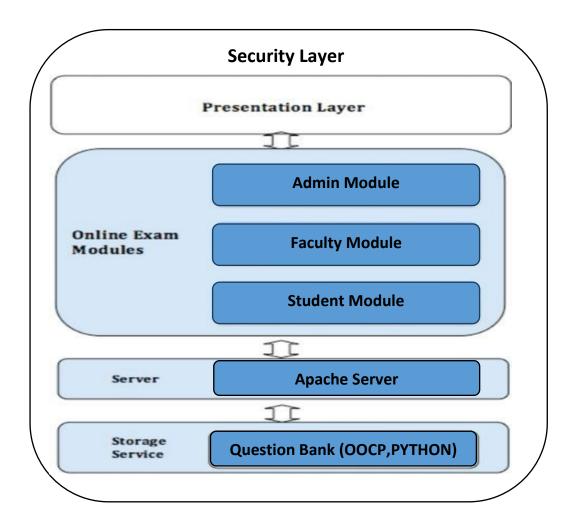
- Server-Side Scripting: PHP handles server-side logic, including user authentication, exam generation, and result processing.
- Business Logic:
  - Student Module: Manages exam participation, answer submission, and result viewing.
  - Faculty Module: Manages question creation, exam configuration, and performance tracking.
  - Admin Module: Manages user accounts, oversees exam integrity, and generates reports.

### 3. Data Layer:

- Database Management System (DBMS): MySQL is used to store and manage data, including user details, questions, answers, exam results, and session data.
- Database Access: PHP scripts interact with the MySQL database to retrieve and update data as required by the application.

### 4. Security Layer:

- Authentication and Authorization: Secure login mechanisms ensure that only authenticated users can access the system.
- Data Encryption: Sensitive data such as passwords is encrypted to protect against unauthorized access.



## **b.** Module Hierarchy

The module hierarchy of the online examination system, based on roles, ensures modularity and ease of maintenance. The main modules are:

#### 1. Profile Management:

- o **Registration Module:** Handles user registration and stores user credentials.
- Login Module: Authenticates users and manages sessions.
- Profile Management Module: Allows users to view and edit their profiles.

#### 2. Student Module:

- Exam Participation Module: Manages exam access, question display, and answer submission
- Result Viewing Module: Allows students to view their exam results and performance history.
- Progress Tracking Module: Enables students to track their progress over time.

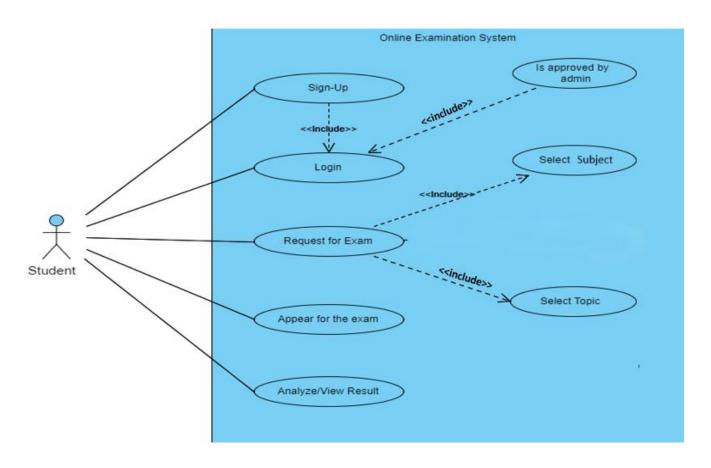
#### 3. Faculty Module:

- Question Bank Management: Allows faculty to create, edit, and categorize questions.
- Exam Configuration: Enables faculty to set up exams, including selecting questions, setting difficulty levels, and scheduling.
- Performance Analysis: Provides tools for faculty to analyze student performance and generate reports.

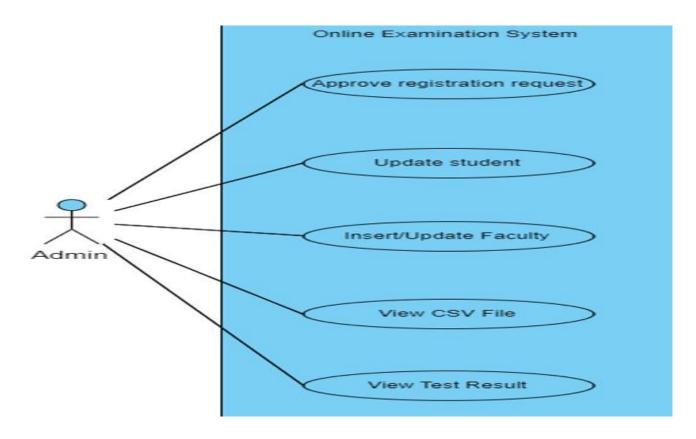
#### 4. Admin Module:

- User Management: Allows administrators to manage user accounts and permissions.
- Exam Integrity: Monitors and ensures the integrity of exams.
- Report Generation: Generates comprehensive reports on system usage, exam results, and user activity.

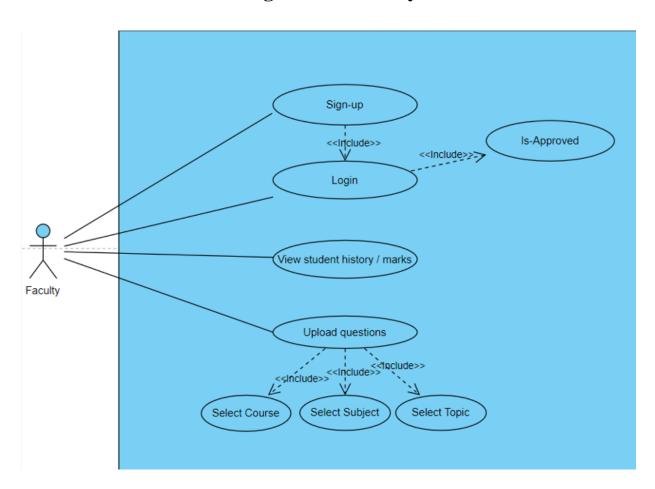
## c. Use Case Diagrams Diagram for Student:



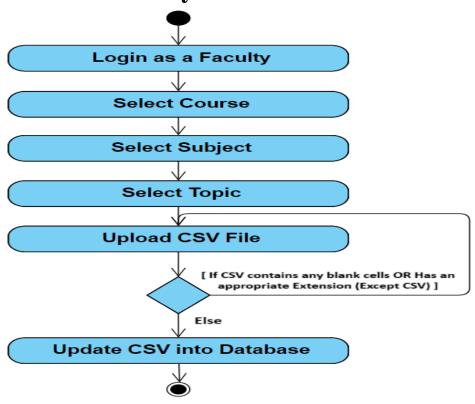
## **Diagram for Admin:**



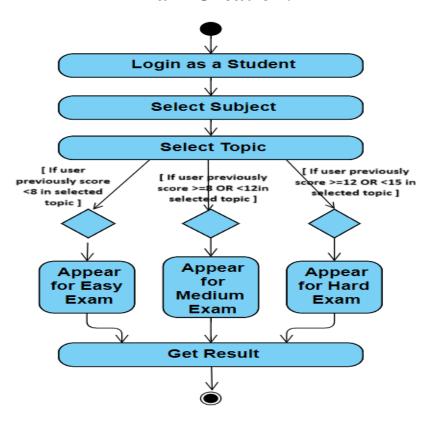
## **Diagram for Faculty:**



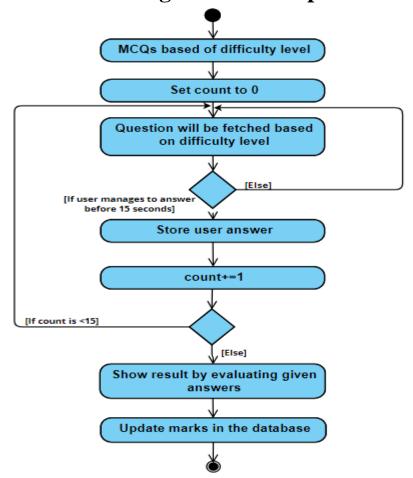
## d.Activity Diagrams Faculty



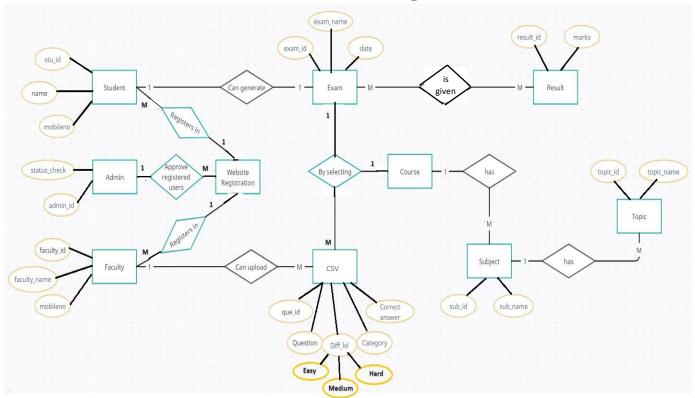
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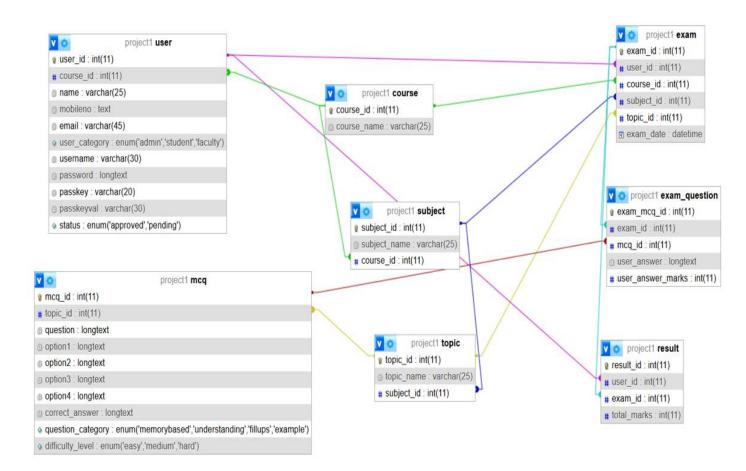
## **Elaborating Exam Conception**



## e. ER Diagram



## f. Database Design



## 7. Implementation

## a. Tools & Technologies Used

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- □ HTML5
- □ CSS3
- □ JavaScript
- □ JQuery
- □ MySQL
- □ Apache
- □ XAMPP
- ☐ Git
- □ GitHub
- □ Visual Studio Code

## **b. Database Screenshots User Table:**

Column		Data
user_id (PK)	int(11)	1
course_id (FK)	int(11)	1
name	varchar(25)	ABC
mobileno	text	9227488547
email	varchar(45)	abc@gmail.com
username	varchar(30)	abc@123
password	long text	Abc@123
user_category	enum('admin', 'student', 'faculty')	student
passkey	varchar(20)	favbook
passkey_value	varchar(30)	harrypotter
status	enum('approved', 'pending')	approved

## **Course table:**

Column		Data
course_id (PK)	int(11)	1
course_name	varchar(25)	MSCCS

## **Subject Table:**

Column		Data
subject_id (PK)	int(11)	1
subject_name	varchar(25)	ооср
course_id (FK)	int(11)	1

## **Topic Table:**

Column		Data
topic_id (PK)	int(11)	1
topic_name	varchar(25)	Array
subject_id (FK)	int(11)	1

## MCQ Table:

Column		Data
mcq_id (PK)	int(11)	1
topic_id (FK)	int(11)	1
question	longtext	What is Array?
option1	longtext	Α
option2	longtext	В
option3	longtext	С
option4	varlongtext	D
correct_answer	longtext	С
question_category	enum('memorybase d', 'understanding', 'fillups', 'example')	memorybased
difficulty_level	enum('easy', 'medium', 'hard')	easy

## **Exam Table:**

Column		Data
Exam_id	Int(11)	1
User_id	Int(11)	1
Course_id	Int(11)	1
Subject_id	Int(11)	1
Topic_id	Int(11)	1
Exam_date	datetime	2024-06-07 8:21:33

## **Exam Question Table:**

Column		Data
exam_mcq_id (PK)	int(11)	1
exam_id (FK)	int(11)	1
mcq_id (FK)	int(11)	1
user_answer	longtext	Answer
user_answer_marks	int(11)	Either 0 or 1

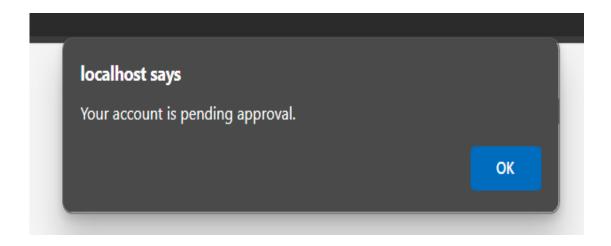
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exam_id (FK)	int(11)	1
total_marks	int(11)	7

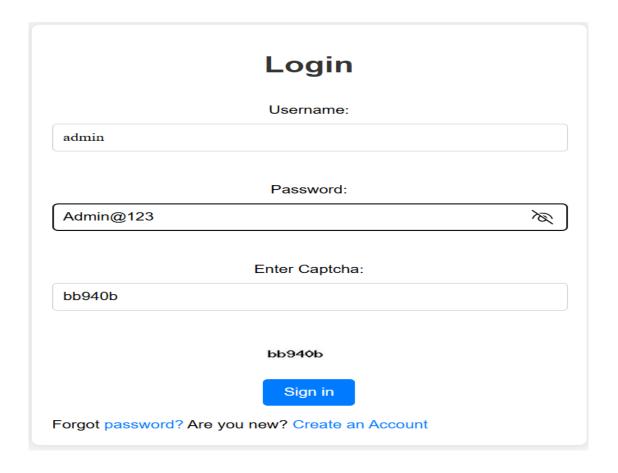
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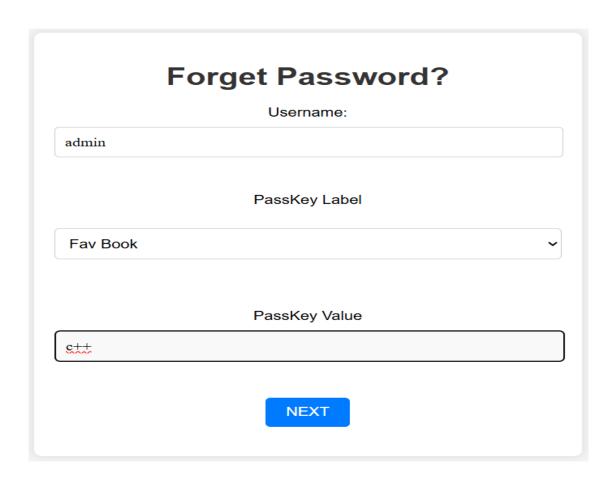
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Name
Enter your name
* Name is required
Mobile No.
Enter your mobile number
* Mobile no is required  Email id.
Enter your email address
* Email is required
Choose Category
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Choose a Category  * Select user category Option
Choose Course
Choose a Course
* Select user course Option
Username:
Enter your username
* Username is required
Password (One Uppercase & lowercase & number & Uniquevalue(@#\$%^&*-) is required)
Enter your password
* Password is required
PassKey if you forget the Password
Choose a passkey v
* Select Passkey Option
PassKey Value
Enter your passkey value
* Please fill passkey value
☐ Agree to Terms of Service:
* Accept terms of services before submit.
Sign in

Login					
Username:					
rohan_mehta_123					
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Sign in					
Forgot password? Are you new? Create an Account					

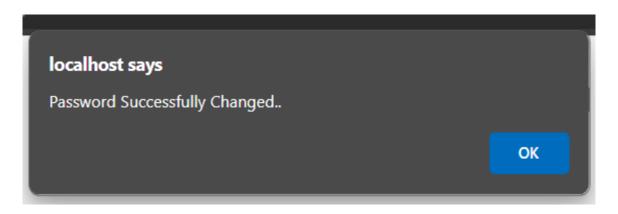


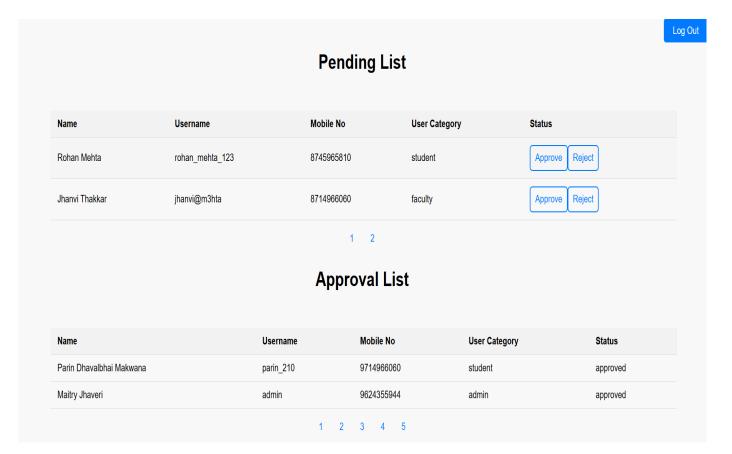
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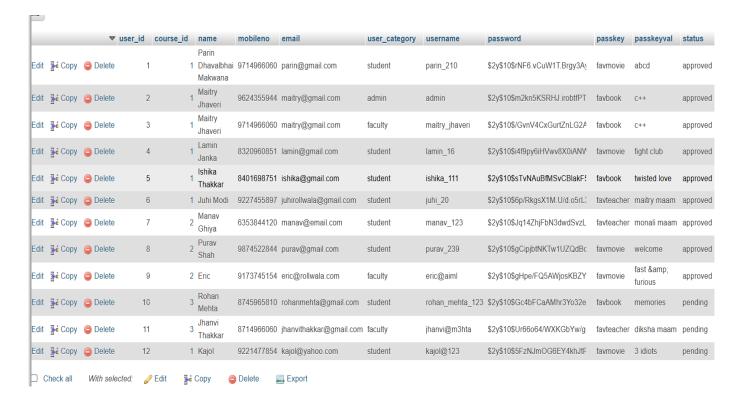




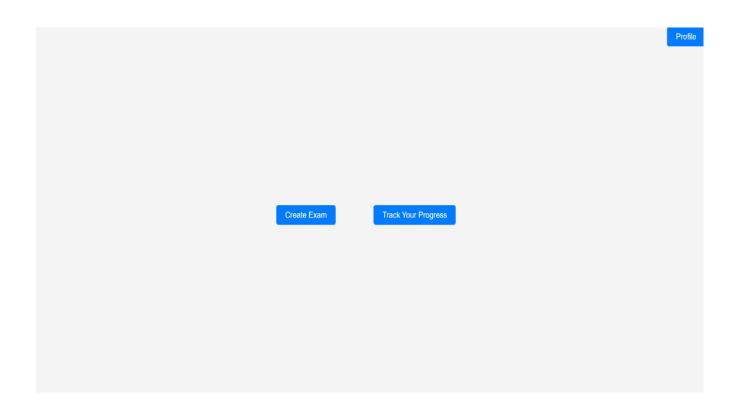


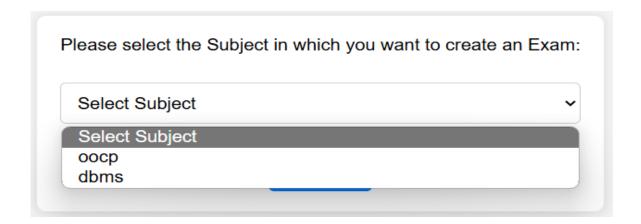


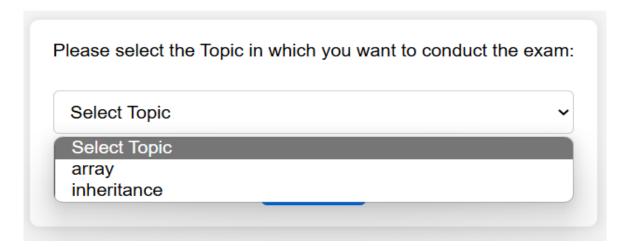


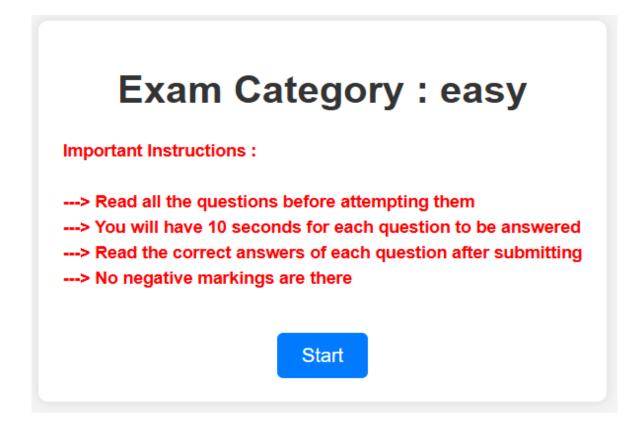


#### **Student**









#### Question 2:

A linear collection of data elements where the linear node is given by means of pointer is called\_\_\_\_

?Linked list

?Node list

Primitive list

Unordered list

Submit

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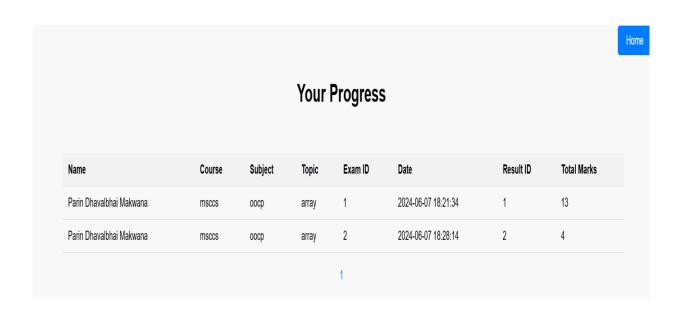
Correct Answer: ?Linked list

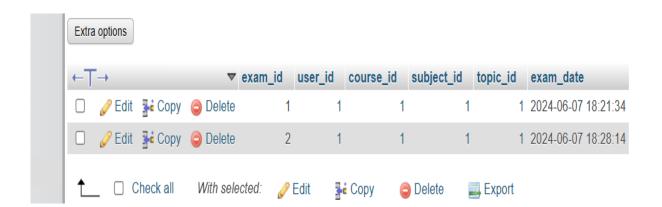
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## **Exam Category: hard**

 Exam ID
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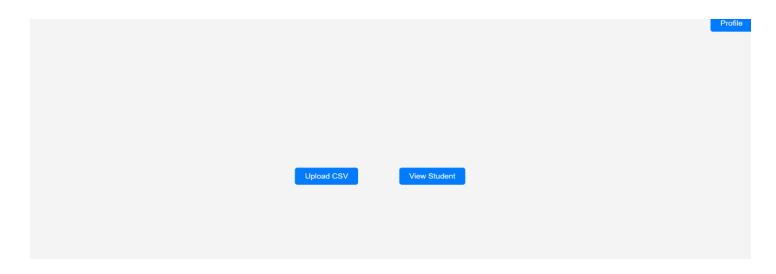


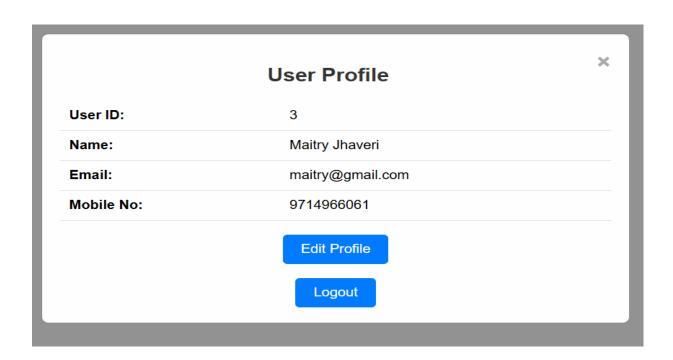


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Delete	1	1	132	NULL	0
Delete	2	1	130	Primitive list	0
Delete	3	1	107	All of the above	1
Delete	4	1	140	10 20	1
Delete	5	1	108	It does not store data and is used as a placeholde	1
Delete	6	1	56	A data structure representing an element in the li	1
Delete	7	1	90	It simplifies certain algorithms like round-robin	1
Delete	8	1	18	Null pointer is returned	1
Delete	9	1	76	*	1
Delete	10	1	112	previous; next	1
Delete	11	1	111	data; next	1
Delete	12	1	109	Storing the length in the first node	1
Delete	13	1	136	sentinel	1
Delete	14	1	113	deletion at the beginning	1
Delete	15	1	28	Linked lists require manual memory management	1
Delete	16	2	45	NULL	0
Delete	17	2	27	NULL	0
Delete	18	2	42	NULL	0
Delete	19	2	49	heap sort	0
Delete	20	2	23	It improves memory allocation efficiency	0
Delete	21	2	19	It degrades performance	1
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Delete	23	2	57	Deletion at the end	0
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## **Faculty**

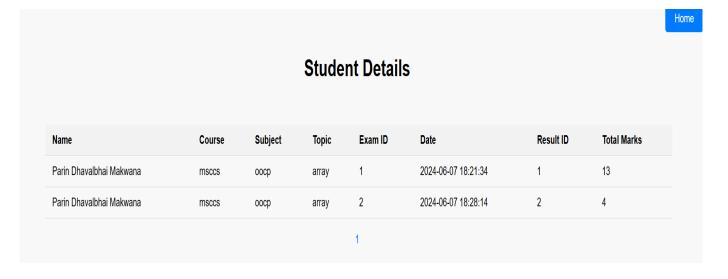


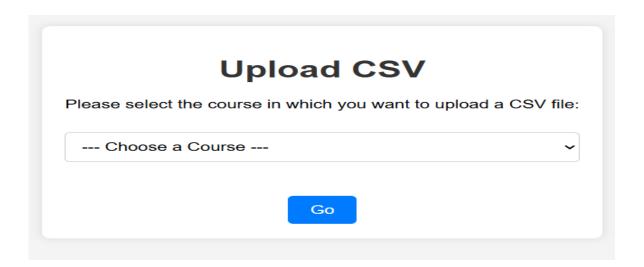


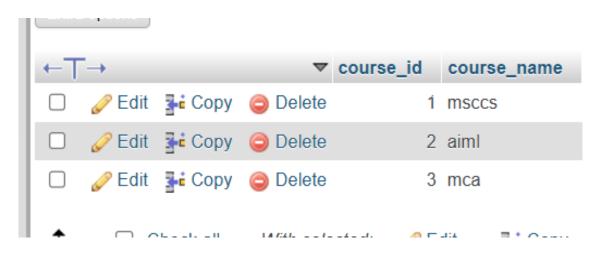
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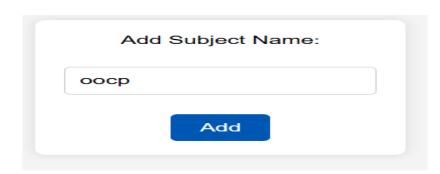
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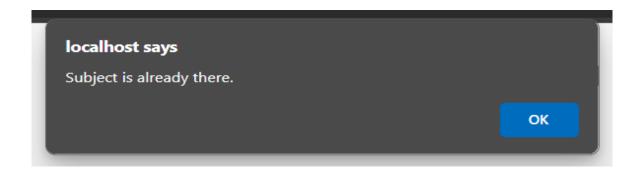


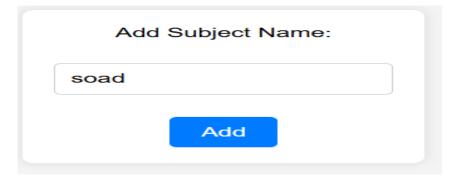


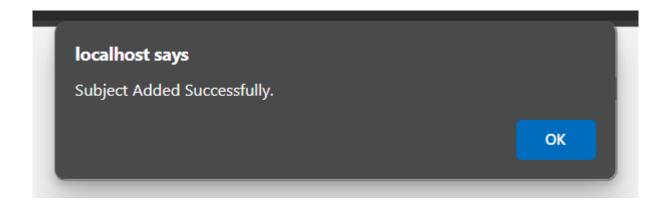


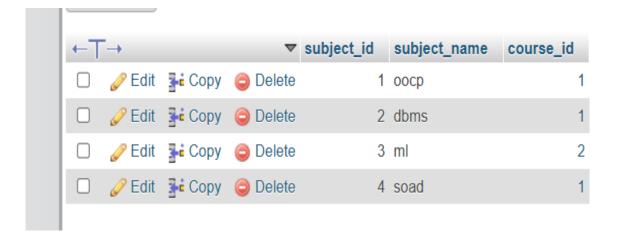


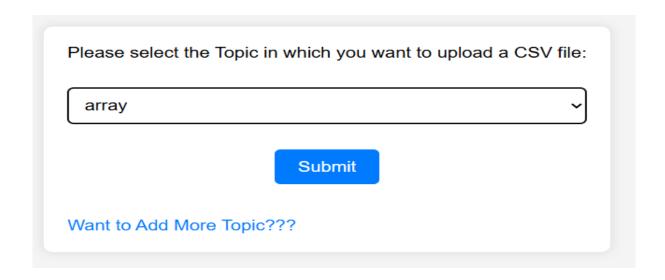




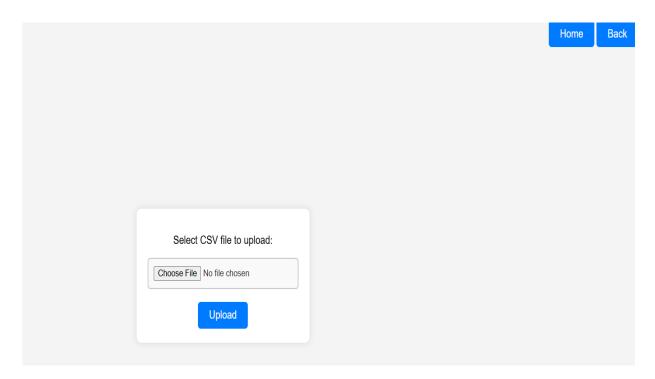












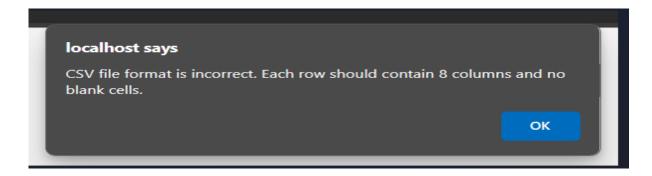
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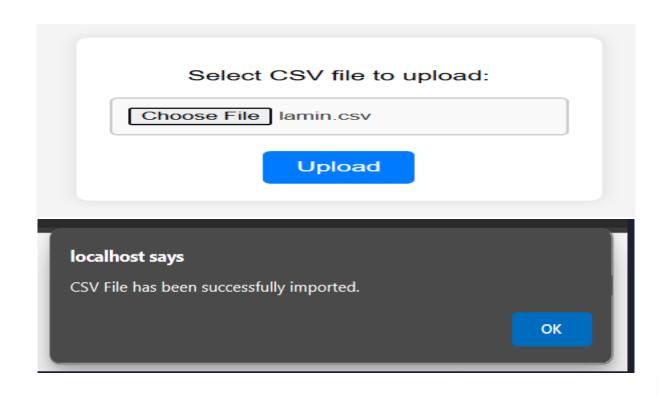




## If CSV contains any blank cell







▼ mcq_id	topic_id	question	option1	option2	option3	option4	correct_answer	question_category	difficulty_l
te	1	What is a linked list?	A linear data structure	A sorting algorithm	A type of tree structure	A database query language	A linear data structure	memorybased	easy
te	2	Which of the following is true about a singly link	Each node has two pointers	Traversal can only be done in one direction	It requires less memory than a doubly linked list	Deletion at the middle requires O(1) time complexi	Traversal can only be done in one direction	memorybased	easy
te	3	What is the time complexity of inserting a node at	0(1)	O(log n)	O(n)	O(n log n)	0(1)	memorybased	medium
te	4	Which of the following is not an advantage of a li	Dynamic size	Ease of insertion/deletion at any position	Random access of elements	Efficient memory utilization	Random access of elements	memorybased	medium
te	5	What is the purpose of a tail pointer in a linked	It points to the previous node	It points to the next node	It points to the last node	It points to the first node	It points to the last node	memorybased	easy
te	6	In a circular linked list, how does the last node	NULL pointer	It points to the previous node	it points to a special marker indicating the end	it directly points to first node	it directly points to first node	understanding	medium
te	7	Which type of linked list allows traversal in both	singly linked list	doubly linked list	circular linked list	skip list	doubly linked list	memorybased	easy
te	8	What is a dummy node in a linked list?	A node with null pointers	A node with data equal to zero	A node used as a placeholder	A node that is disconnected from the list	A node used as a placeholder	memorybased	medium
te	9	How is memory allocated for nodes in a linked list	Contiguous allocation	Stack allocation	Heap allocation	Global allocation	Heap allocation	memorybased	easy
te 1	0	Which operation in a linked list has the highest t	Insertion at the beginning	Insertion at the end	Deletion at the beginning	Deletion at the end	Deletion at the end	understanding	hard
te 1	1 '	What is the memory overhead for each node in a sin	4 bytes	8 bytes	12 bytes	16 bytes	4 bytes	memorybased	hard
te 1	2	How does memory allocation for nodes in a linked l	Nodes are allocated contiguously in memory	Nodes are allocated on the stack	Nodes are allocated dynamically on the heap	Nodes are allocated statically	Nodes are allocated dynamically on the heap	memorybased	medium
		What is the significance of		It naints to the provisus	It naints to the next needs in the	It contains materials about the	It naints to the new rode in the		

## 8. Testing

## a. Test cases

Sr. no	Date	Action	Exact Outcome	Expected Outcome	States
1	20/3/24	Login of users	Logged in successfully	Logging in successfully	Pass
2	28/3/24	CSV shouldn't upload if it contains any blank cell in it	CSV went to the database	CSV should not go to the database	Fail
3	29/3/24	CSV shouldn't upload if it contains any blank cell in it	upload if it update in the contains any database up		Pass
4	24/4/24	Exams should be created and marks should be displayed	As per the answers given by students, appropriate marks are given	As per the answers given by students, appropriate marks are given	Pass
5	28/4/24	Time constraint given to each question	The question still appears when time is over	The question should skip and instead next question should be fetched	Fail
6	22/5/24	Time constraint should appear for each question	The question gets skipped and instead next question will be displayed.	The question gets skipped and instead next question will be displayed.	Pass

#### **Constraints**

**Scalability**: The system may face challenges in handling a large number of concurrent users, leading to performance issues.

**Security**: Ensuring data security and protecting against potential vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and other cyber-attacks.

**Integration:** Difficulty in integrating with other educational platforms or systems due to varying data formats and standards.

**Browser Compatibility**: Ensuring consistent functionality across different web browsers and devices may require extensive testing and optimization.

**Accessibility:** The system is designed such that people with severe disabilities may not be able to use the system effectively..

**Internet Dependency:** Reliance on stable internet connectivity, which may be a limitation in regions with poor internet infrastructure.

**Time:** Tight project deadlines may affect the thoroughness of development, testing, and deployment processes.

### **Future Work**

**Responsive Design**: Enhancing the user interface to ensure a seamless experience across different devices, including smartphones and tablets.

**Personalization**: Incorporating personalized learning paths and recommendations based on user performance and preferences.

User Feedback: Incorporating user feedback to continuously improve the system's features, usability, and functionality.

**Agile Development**: Adopting agile development methodologies to ensure continuous delivery of enhancements and new features based on evolving user needs.

## **Appendix**

#### **Survey Questionnaire**

- 1. How often do you use online examination systems?
  - o Daily
  - o Weekly
  - o Monthly
  - o Rarely
- 2. What features do you find most important in an online examination system?
  - o User-friendly interface
  - o Secure login
  - o Real-time progress tracking
  - o Adaptive learning
  - o Diverse question formats
- 3. Rate your overall satisfaction with online examination systems on a scale of 1 to 5.
  - o 1 (Very Dissatisfied)
  - o 2 (Dissatisfied)
  - o 3 (Neutral)
  - o 4 (Satisfied)
  - o 5 (Very Satisfied)
- 4. What challenges have you faced using online examination systems?
  - Technical issues
  - Security concerns
  - o Inadequate feedback
  - Limited question types

## **Example Data in CSV**

Question	Opt1	Opt2	Opt3	Opt4	Correct Answer	Category	Difficulty Level
What is a linked list?	A linear data structure	A sorting algorithm	A type of tree structure	A database query language	A linear data structure	memorybased	easy
Which of the following is true about a singly linked list?	Each node has two pointers	Traversal can only be done in one direction	It requires less memory than a doubly linked list	Deletion at the middle requires O(1) time complexity	Traversal can only be done in one direction	memorybased	easy
What is the time complexity of inserting a node at the beginning of a linked list	O(1)	O(log n)	O(n)	O(n log n)	O(1)	memorybased	Medium
What is the memory overhead for each node in a singly linked list in a 32-bit system?	4 bytes	8 bytes	12 bytes	16 bytes	4 bytes	memorybased	Hard
In a doubly linked list, the number of pointers affected for an insertion operation will be	5	0	1	none of the above	none of the above	understanding	Easy

#### **Technical Specifications**

• Programming Languages: PHP, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

• **Database**: MySQL

• **Server**: Apache (via XAMPP)

• **Security Measures**: CAPTCHA for login, SSL encryption

• Browser Compatibility: Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge

#### **User Guide**

- 1. **Registration**: Visit the registration page and fill out the required fields.
- 2. **Creating an Exam**: Navigate to the 'Create Exam' section, enter the exam details, and add questions.
- 3. **Taking an Exam**: Go to the 'Take Exam' section, select an exam, and start answering the questions.
- 4. **Viewing Results**: After completing an exam, go to the 'Results' section to view your performance.

#### Glossary

- **Self-Assessment:** A system feature allowing users to evaluate their own learning and performance.
- **Iteration**: A cycle in the iterative development model that includes planning, designing, coding, and testing.
- **CAPTCHA**: A security measure to verify that a user is human, preventing automated access.

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