Cario

Definition

Cario is car system program designed to serve car exhibition and garages owners . Using our car system program you can add , filter , edit and delete cars whenever you want . Our program elegant with the adding pictures feature , you can add pictures to the car you want so you can recognize the car by just seeing its picture , color selection is one of the features that we are proud of .

In this report I am going to demonstrate how our program works , what obstacles we faced and how we managed to solve them properly .

Design

We put an effort in choosing the appropriate colors that can give the user the best possible experience , our prevalent color was gray , gray was the color that had the honor to be chosen as background color for our program , red was the color we used for distinguishing errors so the user get noticed if an input has been entered in a wrong way .

Our program has responsive design, it is neat whatever its situation is, maximized, minimized or whatever, it is always neat and can maintain its beautiful design.

Insertion

For adding a car in your database, you are supposed to input all the values of the attributes of the car; model, horsepower, max speed, color and the image of the car.

The input is tested before any operation is done to it, we make sure that your input will be suitable to be inserted in its vessel.

Every input has its corresponding private data member in a class called car . We faced a problem by entering the color of the car into its private data member , so we

had to think in a way that can make it possible , after a lot of brainstorming , the way we chose was segmentation the color into its basic components ; blue , red , green and obesity . We used two bitwise operations called shifting right and left , using these operations, we could assemble the segments into an integer variable by shifting the values of the segment :

int icol = (col.Color.A << 24) | (col.Color.R << 16) | (col.Color.G << 8) | col.Color.B;

We have shifted the first segment 24 digit to the left, as well as the second component we shifted it 16 digits to the left ... etc, Then we did an OR operation to all components and zipped them into one single variable, we stored this variable in a private data member in our class.

For uploading image, after the user has chosen the picture he/she wants we save its address in an invisible textbox then we took the text and save it in a private data member in our car class.

Our program has the ability to read the data in the textboxes and write it into a file so you can save your input data and retrieve them whenever you want using the read from file button, which copies the data in the file and puts it in the input fields, so you can continue your insertion.

To add car into your collection, you must press "Add" button which adds your car to the database after checking that every input is suitable to be inserted (valid), if not then an error message pops up to the user letting him/her know that he/she must validate his/her input data.

Presentation

After you have inserted your cars successfully, now you can browse them by pressing the "Show available cars" button. By moving to the next page, you can see a table containing the existed cars, every car has its unique ID, you can browse them and you can update (edit) any property you want in any record you want, remove queries is one of the available features, filtering the shown cars feature helps you find cars depending on specific attribute(s) that you choose yourself.

How are the queries shown?

After we have inserted every car property in the database, we can now present the database info into our DataGridViewer.

But here comes the obstacles;

Presenting ID, car model, max speed and price is not a hard task to do, due to that all of them is a text input (string), which is fine, but this is not the case for pictures and colors.

For presenting a picture we had to break it down to its basic components (blue, red, green, obesity), if you can recall, we have assembled them into one integer variable, now it is the time to disassemble this variable so we can extract every single component alone, then we use these components to build a color, then set this color as a background color for a cell belonging to the corresponding car.

The pictures had a special treat!, can you recall when we saved their address? We used this address to access the picture, then saves it in a file in our project, so that our pictures are existed in the project whoever the user is and whatever the host device is!

After storing them locally , we use the address that is in the database to access these pictures and show them correctly in their suitable cells .

Conclusion

Facing those obstacles was really a challenge I will never forget about!

From choosing the idea , to dividing roles , to searching for the best methods and apply them ! It was a long enjoyable journey !

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