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Report

Purpose & Scope

The Contract Monthly Claim System (CMCS) allows part-time lecturers to submit monthly teaching claims with supporting documents. Programme Coordinators (PCs) and Academic Managers (AMs) verify/approve claims, while lecturers can track status until settlement. The prototype in this phase is front-end only; workflows and persistence will be implemented later.

Key Design Choices

I selected **ASP.NET Core MVC** for a clean separation of concerns and easy evolution into a full web app later. The data model centers on **Claim** and **ClaimLineItem** to capture multiple sessions per month, with **SupportingDocument** for uploads. **User** carries a **Role** (Lecturer, PC, AM) to drive UI visibility and future authorization. **ClaimStatus** is an enum (Draft, Submitted, UnderReview, Approved, Rejected, Settled). An **AuditLog** entity records state changes for transparency.

Database Structure (Conceptual)

Entities: User, LecturerProfile, Claim, ClaimLineItem, SupportingDocument, AuditLog.
Relationships:

- User 1—1 LecturerProfile (only for lecturer role)
- User 1—* Claim (a lecturer owns claims)
- Claim 1—* ClaimLineItem
- Claim 1—* SupportingDocument
- Claim 1—* AuditLog

GUI Layout (Prototype)

- **Lecturer:** Dashboard (claim list + status chips), “New Claim” form (month, module, totals), Line-items table (date, hours, rate, amount), “Upload Documents” (drag-and-drop), “Submit” button.
- **PC/AM:** Review queue, claim detail view with read-only items, approve/reject actions (disabled in prototype), history panel showing audit entries.
- **Global:** Consistent header, breadcrumbs, and status badges.

Assumptions & Constraints

- Lecturers submit one claim per module per month.
- Files are limited to PDFs/images; virus scanning and storage quotas are future work.

- Authentication/authorization and integrations (HR/Finance) are out of scope for this stage.

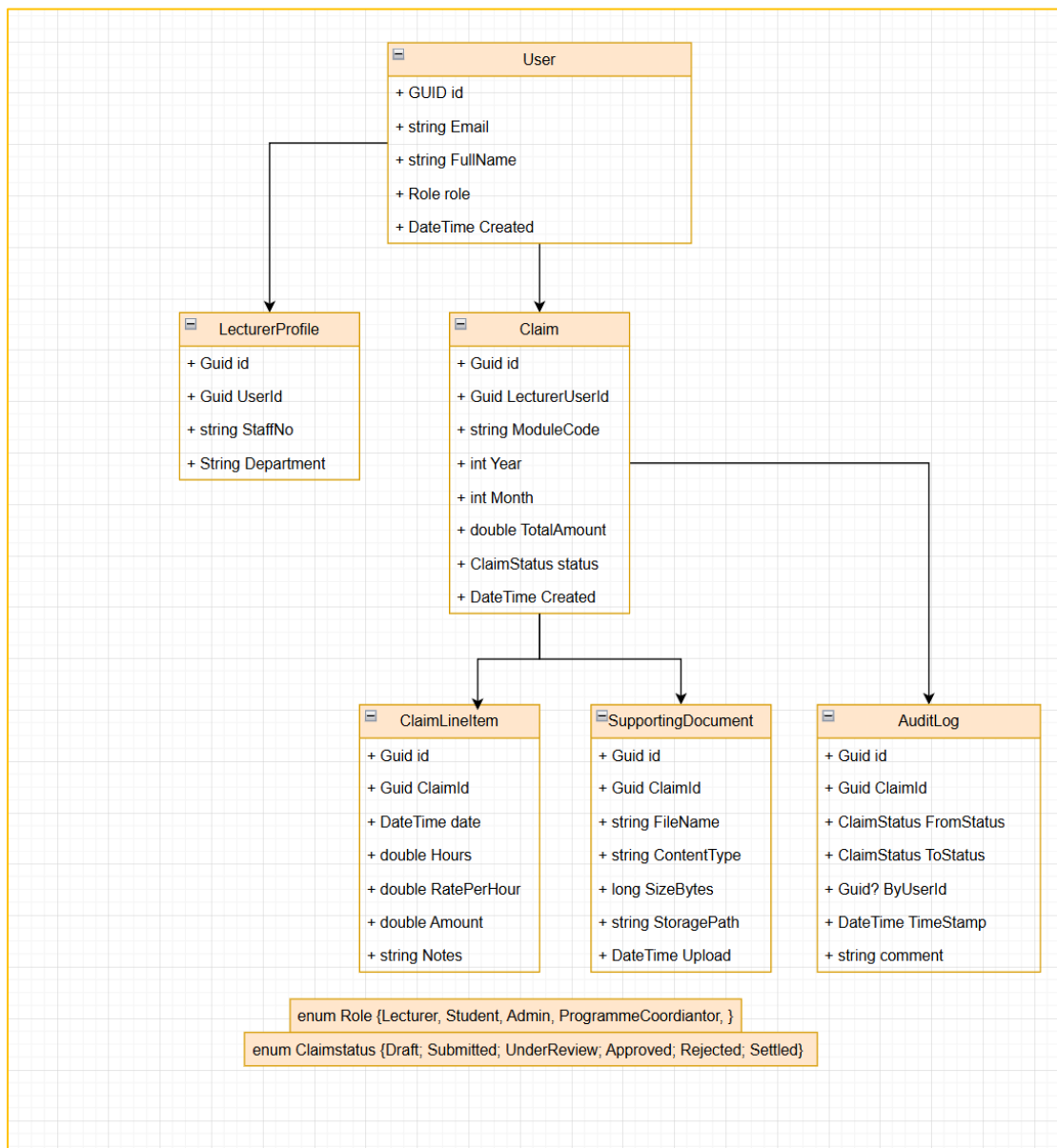
Why this design?

The model normalizes repeating data (line items), supports attachments, and provides a clear approval lifecycle. MVC lets us ship a believable UI now and wire up controllers/repositories later with minimal rework.

Version Control

Frequent small commits with descriptive messages (see plan below) ensure traceability of design decisions and UI iterations.

UML Class Diagram



Project Plan

Timeline (2 weeks suggestion):

- Day 1–2: Finalize requirements & assumptions; draft UML and GUI wireframes.
- Day 3–4: Create ASP.NET Core MVC project; scaffold layout, header, nav, status chips.
- Day 5–6: Build Lecturer pages: Dashboard, New Claim (static form), Line-items (client-side only).
- Day 7: Build Uploads page (no backend; fake list UI).
- Day 8–9: Build PC/AM review screens (read-only views).
- Day 10: Add placeholder controllers/models, sample seed JSON, and mock data service.
- Day 11: Polish UI, accessibility pass, responsiveness.
- Day 12: Prepare report, screenshots, and README; ensure min. 5 descriptive commits.

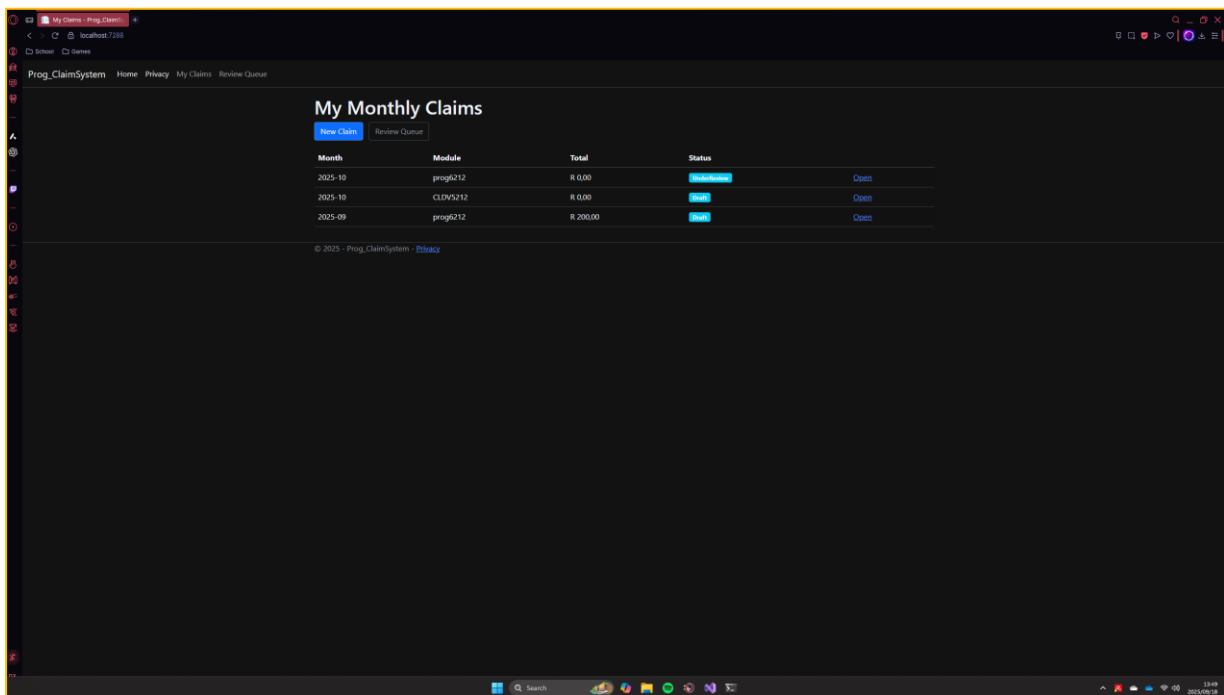
Dependencies: Finish UML before UI fields; base layout before sub-pages; mock data service before listing pages.

Risks & Mitigation: Scope creep → stick to non-functional UI; time loss → reuse Bootstrap/TagHelpers; unclear rules → document assumptions.

MVC front-end scaffold (static, non-functional)

The screenshots provided are in order of succession of how the system will operate on a basic level.

- This is the screen anyone will see when they launch the programme.



- What the user will see once they decide to create a claim, prompting for the name of the lecturer, module code and date of the class they will be teaching.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `localhost:7288/Claims/Create`. The page title is "New Claim". It features a form with four input fields: "Lecturer Name" (containing "Jerome"), "Module Code" (containing "CLDV512"), "Year" (containing "2025"), and "Month" (containing "9"). Below the fields are two buttons: "Create" (in green) and "Cancel" (in grey). At the bottom left, there is a copyright notice: "© 2025 - Prog_ClaimSystem - Privacy".

- The user will then be prompted to fill in the details of the lecture as well as any notes and any supporting documents. Each new claim begins as a draft and can be modified later.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `localhost:7288/Claims/Details/4`. The page title is "Claim 4". It displays the claim details for "Jerome + CLDV512 + 2025-09". The status is "Draft" and the total is "R 0.00". There is an "Add Line Item" section with a table containing one row: Date "2025/10/14", Hours "4", Rate "800", Amount "3200", and Notes "Jerome is one of the reserve lecturers on!". Below this is an "Upload Supporting Document" section with a "Choose File" button and a file name "image_2025-09-18_135105337.png". At the bottom, there is a "Submit / Review" section with "Under Review" and "Update Draft" buttons, and a "Back" button. A copyright notice "© 2025 - Prog_ClaimSystem - Privacy" is at the bottom left.

- The user may add as many different times and lectures as they please to a specific lecturer they are all saved under their name.

Claim 4

Jerome • CLDV5212 • 2025-09

Status: Under Review • Total: R 3 200,00

Add Line Item

yyyy/mm/dd Hours Rate Notes

Date	Hours	Rate	Amount	Notes
2025-10-14	4.0	800.0	3 200,00	Jerome is one of the reserve lecturers on hand. Although he is hard to get on hand as he works for multiple universities within the region, his work is exemplary and deserving of his unorthodox work schedule.

Upload Supporting Document

No file chosen

Submit / Review

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- Once the user decides to go back, they will see the list updated with the new entry as well as the status of said entry. Each entry may be opened at any time to add more or change something.

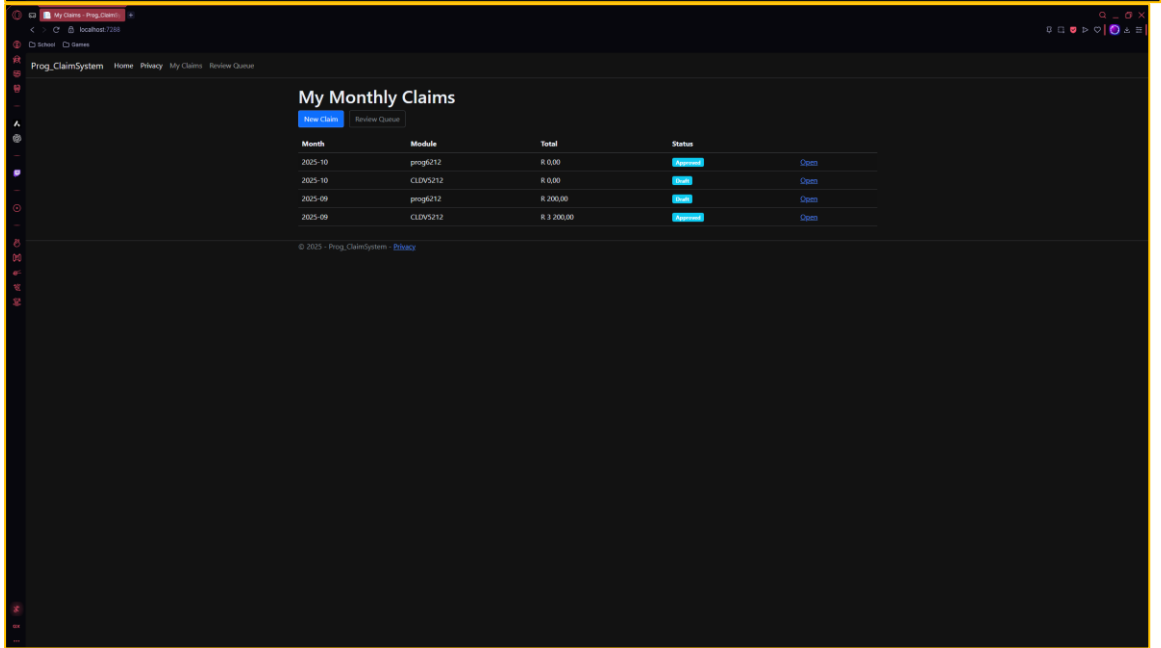
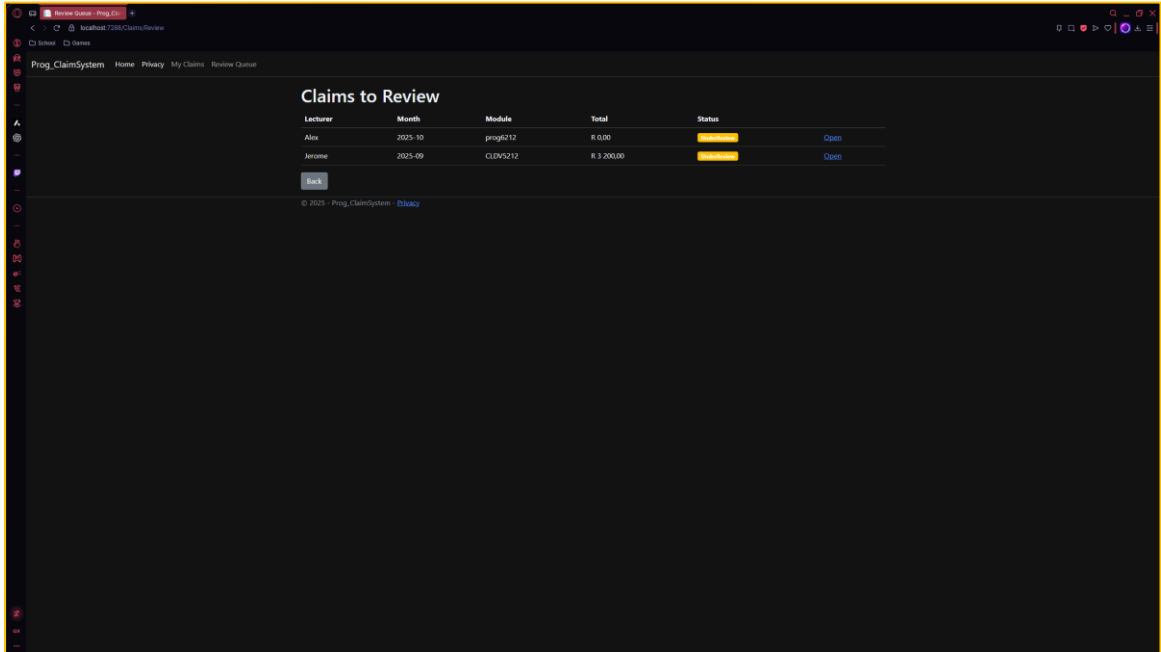
My Monthly Claims

[New Claim](#) [Review Queue](#)

Month	Module	Total	Status	
2025-10	prog6212	R 0,00	Under Review	<input type="button" value="Open"/>
2025-10	CLDV5212	R 0,00	Draft	<input type="button" value="Open"/>
2025-09	prog6212	R 200,00	Draft	<input type="button" value="Open"/>
2025-09	CLDV5212	R 3 200,00	Under Review	<input type="button" value="Open"/>

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- A reviewer would be able to click on the review tab and go see anything that they may need to approve, they can check on any information, documents added to the entry and deny, approve or leave be is up to their discretion.



Github

Github commits as of time of submission:

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'ClaimSystem' by user 'KubhekaMofenyi'. The repository is public and has 417992 commits. The file browser shows a directory structure with files like 'Controllers', 'Data', 'Models', 'Properties', 'Views', 'wwwroot', 'githubutes', 'gitignore', 'ClaimSystem.csproj', 'ClaimSystem.sln', 'Program.cs', 'README.md', 'appsettings.Development.json', 'appsettings.json', 'cncubd', 'cncubd-dm', and 'cncubd-wd'. The right sidebar shows the 'About' tab with no description, no releases, no packages, and a language usage chart showing HTML (14.1%), CSS (1%), and JavaScript (1.1%). Suggested workflows for SLA Generic generator, .NET, and Jekyll using Docker image are also visible.

Link: <https://github.com/KubhekaMofenyi/ClaimSystem.git>