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INTERNET OF THINGS: LAB 2

The main goal of this lab is to create a database and a php backend to interact with the database.

The steps taken in completing this task has been outlined below.

CREATING THE DATABASE

Apache and MySQL server were started on the XAMPP control panel. Afterwards, the localhost url was entered in the browser to show the Apache dashboard. From the Apache dashboard, I clicked on the phpMyAdmin link in the navigation bar which redirected me to the phpMyAdmin page.

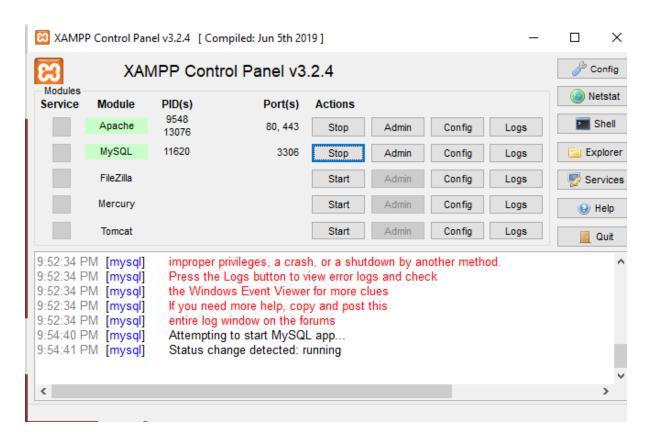


Figure 1: Starting the Apache server and MySQL server



Figure 2: The Apache dashboard

On this page, I started by creating the IoTLab2 database and the simple_data database using an SQL script in the SQL tab of the workspace.



Figure 3: PHPmyAdmin workspace

CREATING THE BACKEND

After creating the tables, I created a folder in **htdocs** folders located in the XAMP root folder. I named this folder lab2. I opened the folder in Visual Studio Code, then I created four php files; **insert.php**, **helper_functions.php**, **delete.php**, **update.php**, **config.php**, and **listings.php**.

I also used a bootstrap template in creating a great graphical user interface for users. Screenshots of the various pages can be seen below:

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<?php
   include "config.php";
include "helper_functions.php";
   if(isset($_GET['insert']))
      $SensorName=$_GET['SensorName'];
      $SensorType=$_GET['SensorType'];
      $CurrentReading=$_GET['CurrentReading'];
      $SensorLocation=$_GET['SensorLocation'];
      //Run the query for insertion into the table name
$sql="INSERT INTO `simple_data` (`SensorName`,`SensorType`,`CurrentReading`,`SensorLocation`)
            VALUES ('$SensorName', '$SensorType', '$CurrentReading', '$SensorLocation')";
      $q=mysqli_query($con,$sql);
      if($q){
         redirectToHome();
         function_alert("Insert Successful");
         include "index.php";
         function_alert("Error: Could not insert the record.");
```

Figure 4: Code for Insert

```
config.php > ...

//Specify the database credentials

sservername= "localhost";

susername="root";

spassword="";

dhame="iotlab2";

//connect to the database

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Figure 5:Code for Connection to the database

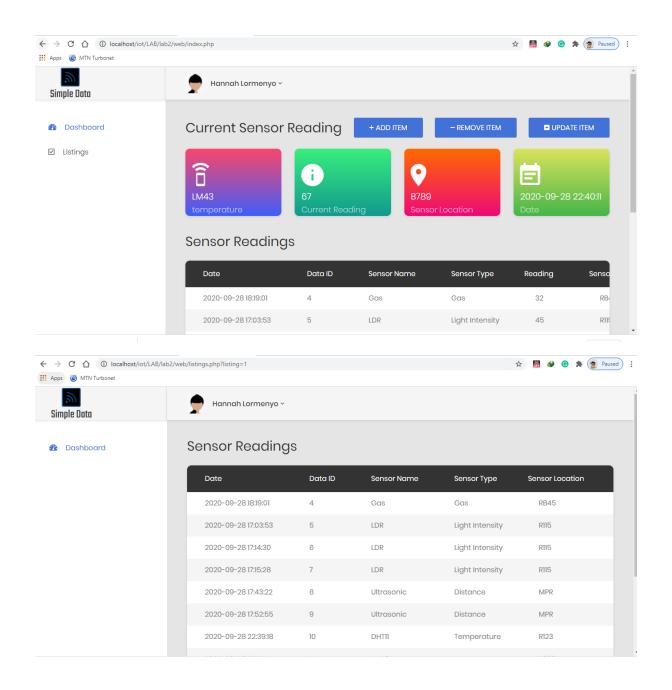
Figure 6: Code for delete

Figure 7: Code for all data listing

Figure 8: Code for Temperature listing

Figure 9: Code for Sensor Listing

Figure 10: Code for Update



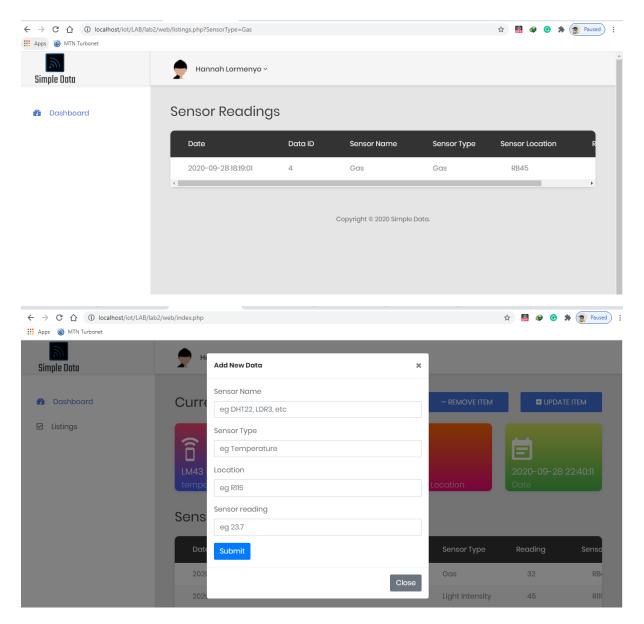


Figure 11: Inserting new data

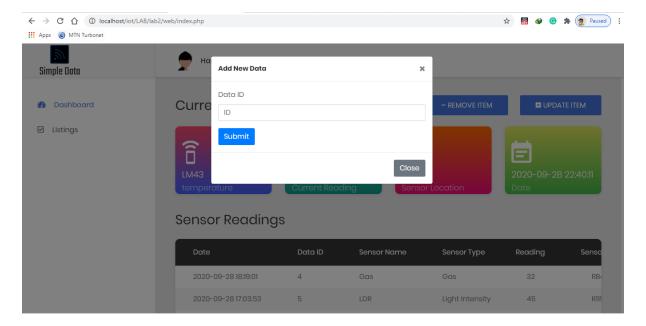


Figure 12: Deleting by ID

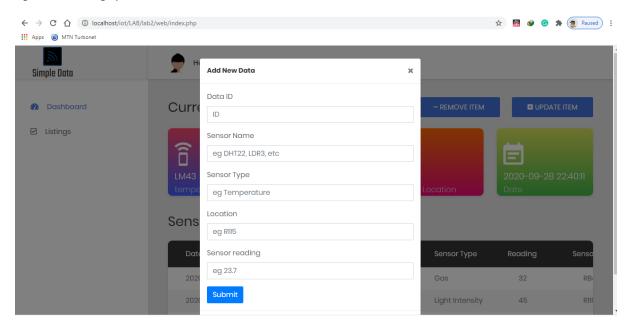
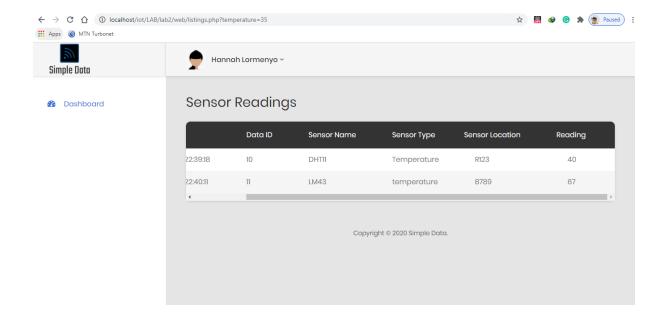


Figure 13: Updating existing data



CONCLUSION

Through this lab, I have learnt how to use XAMPP, PHPMyAdmin, Visual Studio Code and its extensions. I also learnt how to create a database and a backend to interact with the database.