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ABSTRACT

The Theatre Booking Management System (TBMS) is a comprehensive web-based application developed to fully digitize and automate the operations of a theatre, with a particular focus on ticket and snack booking. This project utilizes Structured Query Language (SQL) as the core for managing data storage and retrieval efficiently, ensuring smooth interaction between the frontend and backend systems. Designed to replace traditional manual booking methods, the system streamlines all key functionalities such as movie scheduling, seat allocation, customer registration, ticket generation, and snack ordering. The application aims to deliver a seamless and error-free booking experience to users, while also reducing the operational load on theatre staff. At the backend, a MySQL database is used to manage structured information across multiple interconnected tables such as Theatre, show, seat, booking, snacks. These tables are linked logically to enable consistent and secure data handling. The system ensures that all bookings are validated in real-time, preventing issues like overbooking or duplicate seat allocation. In addition, advanced features such as booking history tracking, cancellation and modification of bookings, snack management, and automated ticket generation are integrated to provide a robust solution. The frontend of the TBMS is designed using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, offering an interactive and responsive interface that works across devices. Users can browse movies, view available seats and snacks, make bookings, and manage their profiles with ease. The platform includes a user authentication system that protects user accounts and restricts access to administrative functions. The admin panel allows theatre managers to add or remove shows, update screen timings, configure seating arrangements, manage snack inventory, and generate daily or weekly reports. This project is implemented and tested on the XAMPP platform, which combines Apache server, PHP, and MySQL database providing a lightweight yet powerful development environment. The use of PHP for server-side scripting ensures smooth communication between the interface and database, enabling real-time updates and secure transactions. The TBMS not only improves the accuracy, speed, and convenience of ticket and snack bookings but also enables scalability for future enhancements. Future versions of this system can include features like online payment gateways, multi-theatre support, and advanced analytics. Overall, this project serves as a practical solution to the growing need for digital transformation in the entertainment industry and provides an efficient platform for both users and theatre administrators.

1. INTRODUCTION

OverviewOfTheProject

The Theatre Booking Management System is a web-based application developed to streamline and automate the movie ticket booking process along with snack ordering services. This system is designed to enhance user convenience by offering an easy-to-use interface where users can browse currently running movies, check available seats, book their tickets, and also order snacks in advance. The project incorporates a well-structured frontend using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to provide a visually engaging and responsive user experience. The backend is developed using PHP, with data management handled through a MySQL database hosted on the XAMPP platform, ensuring a robust and secure environment. Registered users can manage their profiles, view their booking history, and interact with the support team through a contact/query form. On the administrative side, an admin panel allows authorized personnel to manage movie listings, seat arrangements, snack inventories, and monitor all user bookings. This system not only reduces the errors associated with manual ticketing but also saves time for both users and theatre staff. It is scalable, secure, and can be further enhanced by integrating features like online payment, digital ticket generation, and mobile app support in the future..

About Existing System

MANUAL SYSTEM:

The existing theatre ticketing system primarily operates on a manual basis, where staff members handle most operations such as ticket booking, seat allocation, and snack sales without the support of a fully integrated digital platform. This manual system relies heavily on human involvement, which makes it slow, prone to errors, and inefficient, especially during peak hours or when multiple customers are being served simultaneously. Customers are required to physically visit the theatre or make phone calls to inquire about show availability and book tickets, which is not only inconvenient but also lacks transparency regarding real-time seat availability. There is no centralized database to manage booking records, making it difficult to track customer history, generate reports, or manage cancellations and modifications effectively. Additionally, snack ordering is usually done separately at counters, resulting in long queues and wasted time for both customers and staff. Overall, the manual system cannot meet the demands of modern theatre operations where speed, accuracy, and customer convenience are essential.

DrawbacksOfTheExistingSystem

- Manual booking and seat allocation
- No real-time updates
- Overbooking errors
- Time-consuming and error-prone
- No snack booking integration

2. System Requirement Specification

Hardware Specification

Processor	:Dual Core or higher
RAM	:2 GB+
Hard Disk	:512GB or more
Floppy disk	:Not Required (<i>modern systems use USB or cloud storage</i>)
Key Board	:Standard QWERTY Keyboard
Monitor	:15" or above LED Monitor (HD recommended)

Software Specification

Backend	:XAMPP (Apache+MySQL+PHP)
Frontend	: HTML, CSS, JS
Browser	: Web browser

3. DataFlowDiagram

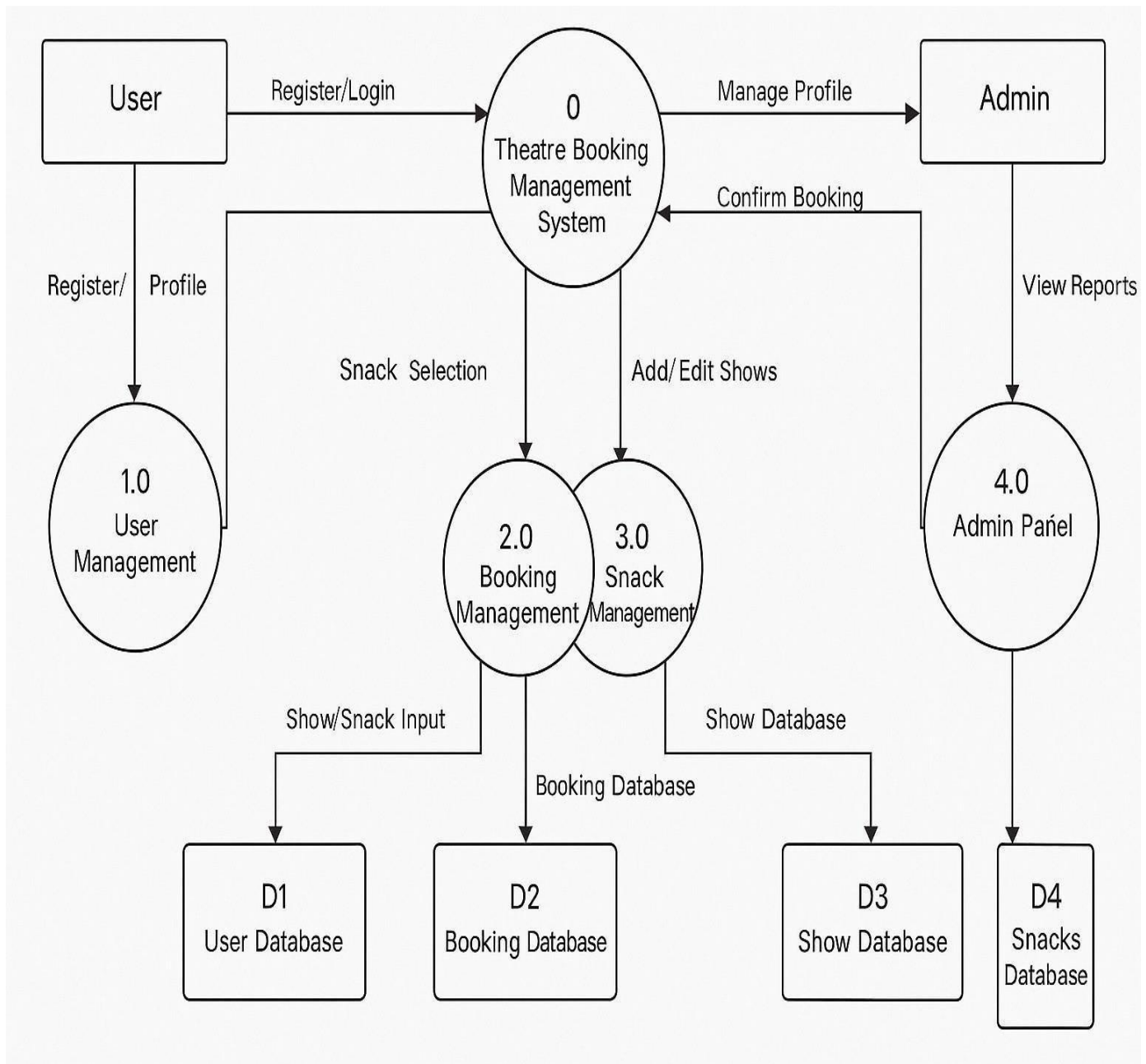


Fig3.1Dataflowdiagram

4. ER-Diagram

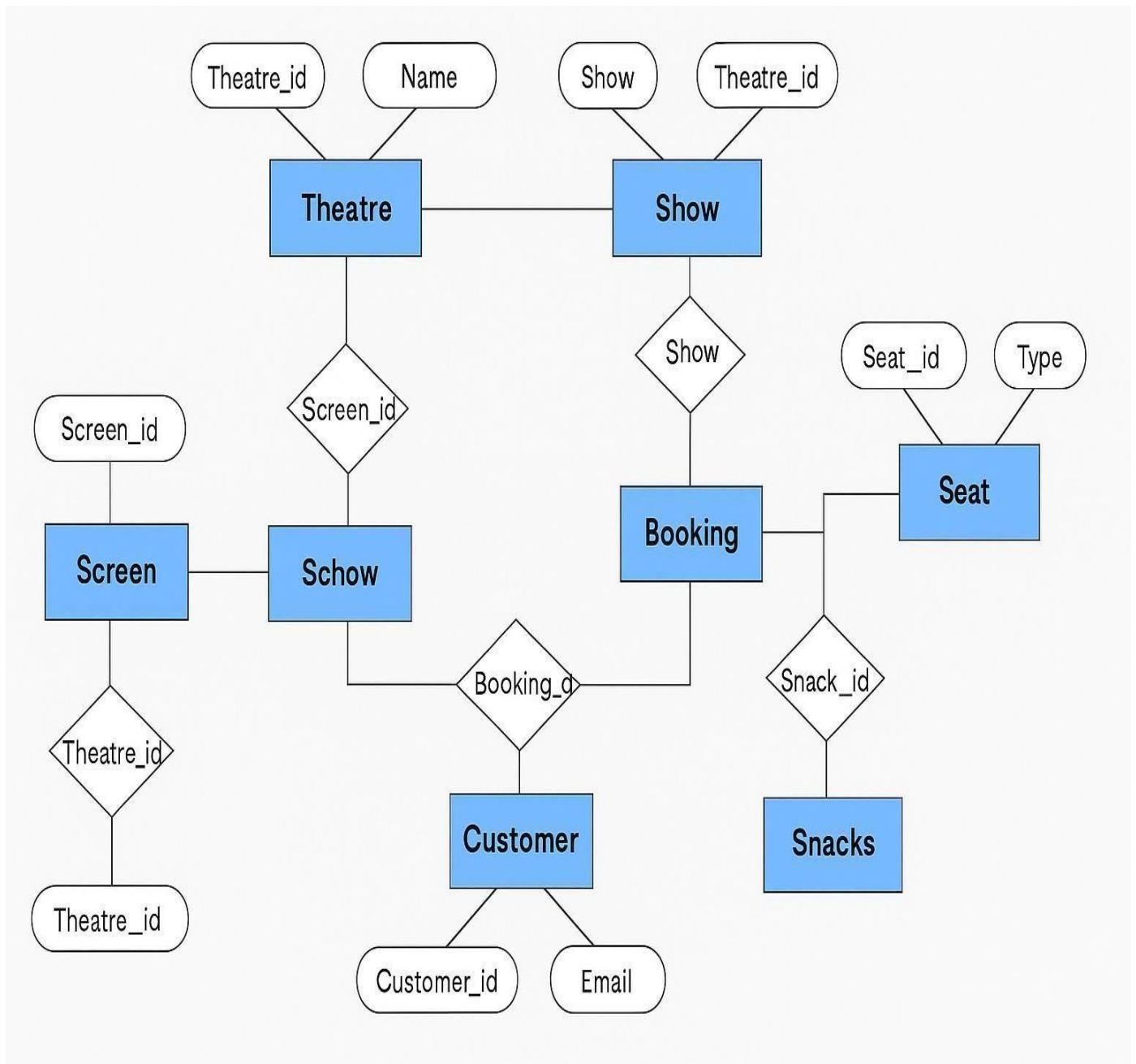


Fig4.1 E-R Diagram for Theatre Ticket Management

5. Implementation

The Theater Booking Management System is a comprehensive web-based application developed with a combination of modern web technologies to simplify and automate the process of movie ticket and snack booking. The backend is powered by PHP, a widely used server-side scripting language, which facilitates the core business logic of the application. Data storage and retrieval are managed using MySQL, a robust relational database system ideal for handling structured data and ensuring data integrity. The entire application is hosted and tested locally using XAMPP, a cross-platform development environment that includes Apache, PHP, and MySQL, making it convenient for development and deployment. The frontend is built using HTML for structuring the web pages, CSS for styling and layout, and JavaScript for adding interactivity and client-side validation. Together, these technologies create a responsive and user-friendly interface that enhances the overall user experience. The system starts by designing and implementing a well-structured relational database containing essential tables such as Users, Seats, Shows, Booking, Snacks, Snack_order and Contact_message. Each table is carefully designed to handle specific functionalities, such as managing user profiles, storing show timings and seat availability, processing bookings, handling snack orders, and recording user queries or feedback. PHP scripts are used to connect the frontend to the backend, enabling users to register and log in securely, view currently available movies, check real-time seat availability, select seats, and optionally add snacks to their bookings. The snack booking feature allows users to pre-order items like popcorn, drinks, nachos, or combo packs, which are added to their final bill. JavaScript plays a vital role in validating input fields, dynamically updating seat selections, and providing instant feedback to users during interactions. On the administrative side, a secure admin panel allows authorized staff to manage movie listings, update seat maps, adjust snack availability and pricing, and review user queries submitted through the contact form. This ensures that the management has full control over the system's operations. The modular design of the system not only promotes easier maintenance and scalability but also allows for the integration of advanced features in the future, such as online payment gateways, mobile app connectivity, and digital ticket scanning. Rigorous testing is conducted to verify that each module performs as expected, with special attention to error handling, data validation, and user flow. Overall, the system delivers a seamless booking experience for users while streamlining the management process for theater staff.

SampleTable:

user_id(int)-PrimaryKey	UniqueIDforeachuser(auto-incremented).
user_name(varchar)	Fullnameoftheuser.
user_email(varchar)	Emailaddressoftheuser(mustbeunique).
user_password(varchar)	Hashedpasswordforloginsecurity.
user_create_at(timestamp)	Timestampwhentheuseraccountwascreated.

TableName:Users**PrimaryKey:**user_id**Description:**AddUsersdetail

profile_id(int)-PrimaryKey	Uniqueidentifierforeachprofile
profile_name(varchar)	Nameoftheuser
profile_email(varchar)	EmailIDassociatedwiththeprofile
profile_phone(varchar)	Phonenumberoftheuser
profile_created_at(TIMESTAMP)	Dateandtimewhentheprofilewascreated
profile_picture(varchar)	PathorURLtotheuser'sprofileimage

Table Name:profiles**PrimaryKey:**profile_id**Description:**Usersprofilesdetails

contact_messages(int)-PrimaryKey	UniqueIDforeachcontactmessage
contact_messages_name(varchar)	Nameofthepersonsubmittingthessage
contact_messages_email(varchar)	Emailaddressofthesender
contact_messages_message(TEXT)	Messageorquerycontentsubmitted bytheuser
contact_messages_submitted_at(TIMESTAMP)	Timestampwhenthemessagewassubmitted

Table Name: contact_messages

Primary Key: contact_messages_id

Description:contact_messagesdetails

snack_orders_id(int)–PrimaryKey	UniqueID foreachsnackorder
popcorn(int)	Quantityofpopcornordered(defaultis0)
drink(int)	Quantityofdrinksordered(defaultis0)
nachos(int)	Quantityofnachosordered(defaultis 0)
combo(int)	Quantityofcombopacksordered(defaultis0)
total(int)	Totalpriceofthesnackorder
order_time(TIMESTAMP)	Timestampwhenthe snackorderwas placed

TableName :Snack

Primary Key:Snack_orders_id(int)

Description :Snakesorderingdetails

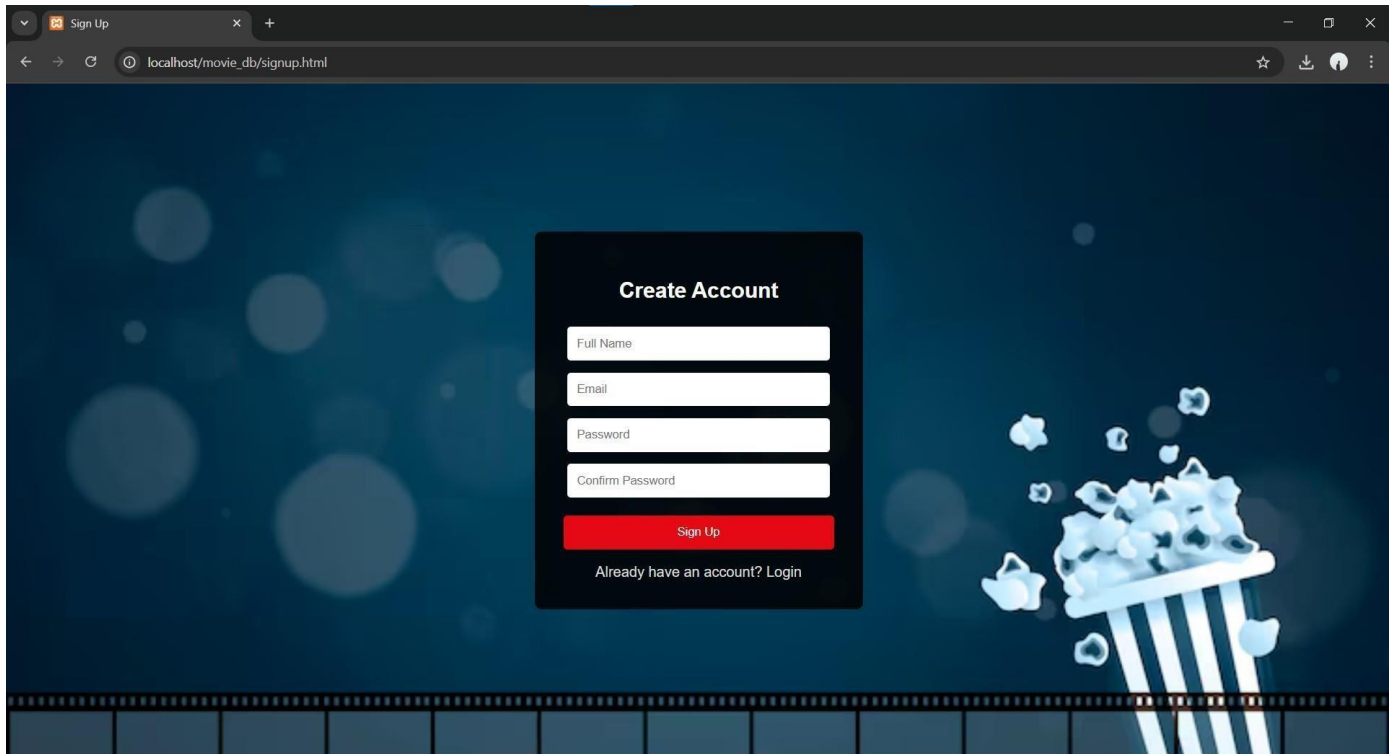
booking_id(int)PrimaryKey	Unique bookingID(auto-incremented)
user_id(int)	IDoftheuserwhomadethebooking(foreignkeytousers.id)
show_id(int)	IDoftheselectedmovieshow(foreignkeytoshows.id)
seat_numbers(varchar)	Commaseparatedlist ofseatnumbersbooked
snack_order_id(int)	IDoftheassociatedsnack order(foreignkeytosnack_orders.id)
total_amount(int)	Totalcostincludingticketandsnacks
booking_time(TIMESTAMP)	Dateandtimewhenthebookingwasmade

TableName :booking

Primary Key: snack_orders_id(int)

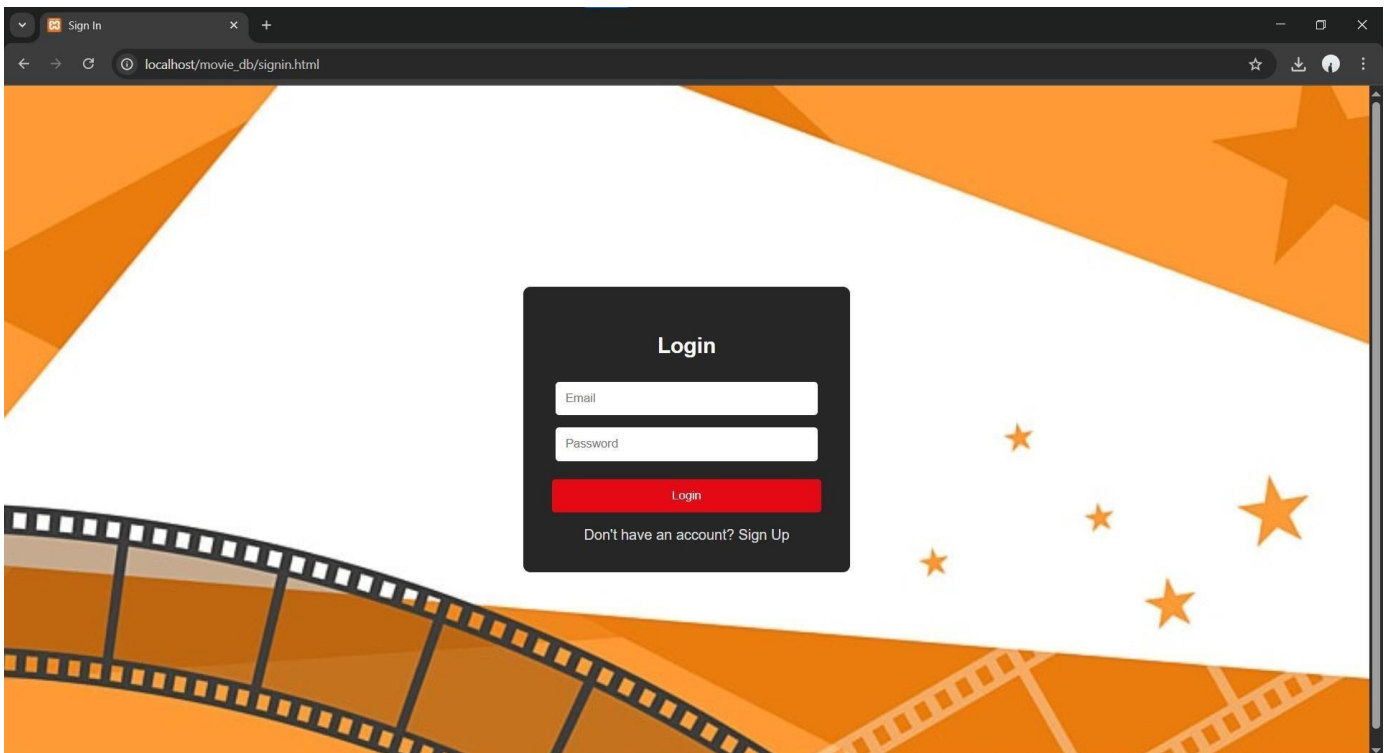
Description :Snakesorderingdetails

6. SAMPLEINPUTANDOUTPUT



A screenshot of a web browser displaying the 'Sign Up' page. The browser's address bar shows 'localhost/movie_db/signup.html'. The page has a dark blue background with a film strip at the bottom and a bucket of popcorn on the right. In the center, there is a black box titled 'Create Account' containing four white input fields: 'Full Name', 'Email', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. Below these fields is a red 'Sign Up' button and a link that says 'Already have an account? Login'.

Fig6.1signuppagefortheatreticketbookingapp



A screenshot of a web browser displaying the 'Login' page. The browser's address bar shows 'localhost/movie_db/signin.html'. The page has an orange and white background with a film strip at the bottom and several orange stars. In the center, there is a black box titled 'Login' containing two white input fields: 'Email' and 'Password'. Below these fields is a red 'Login' button and a link that says 'Don't have an account? Sign Up'.

Fig6.2Loginpage fortheatreticketbookingapp

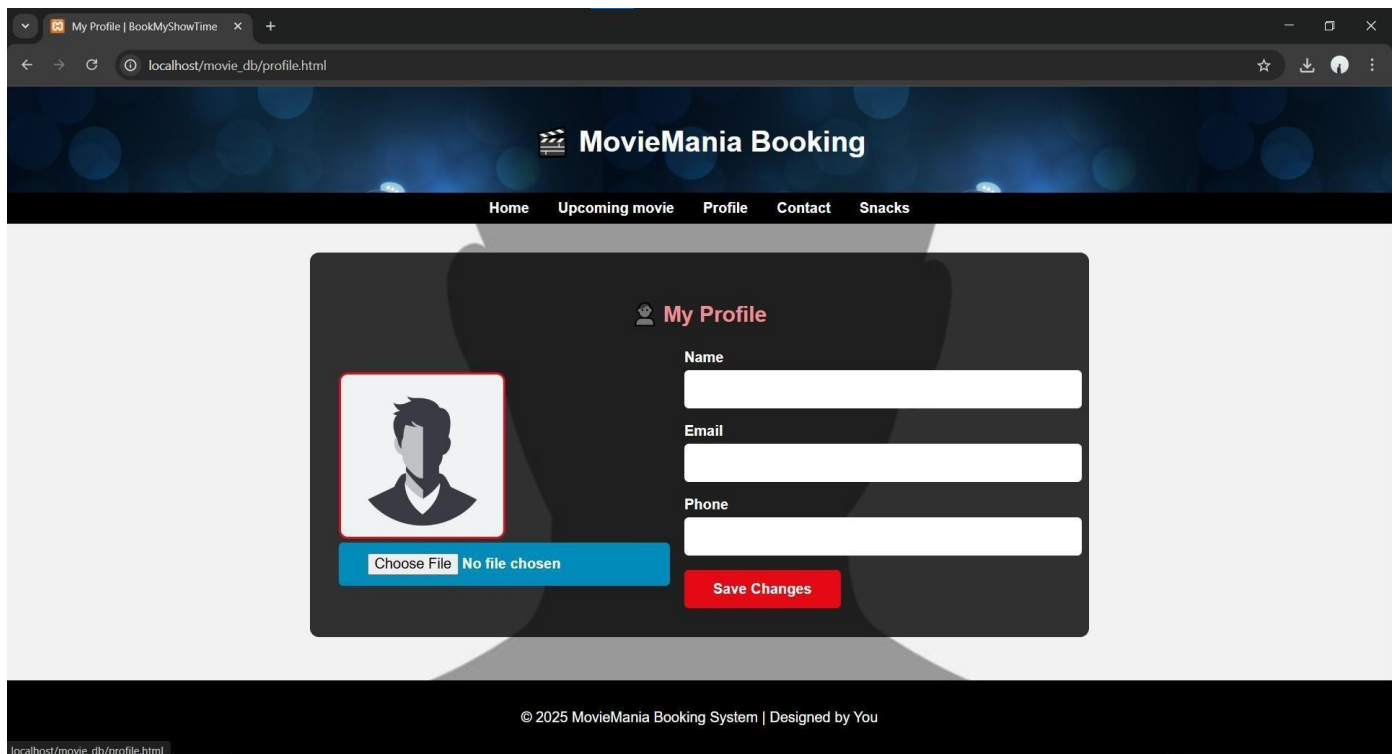


Fig6.3Profilepage fortheatreticketbookingapp

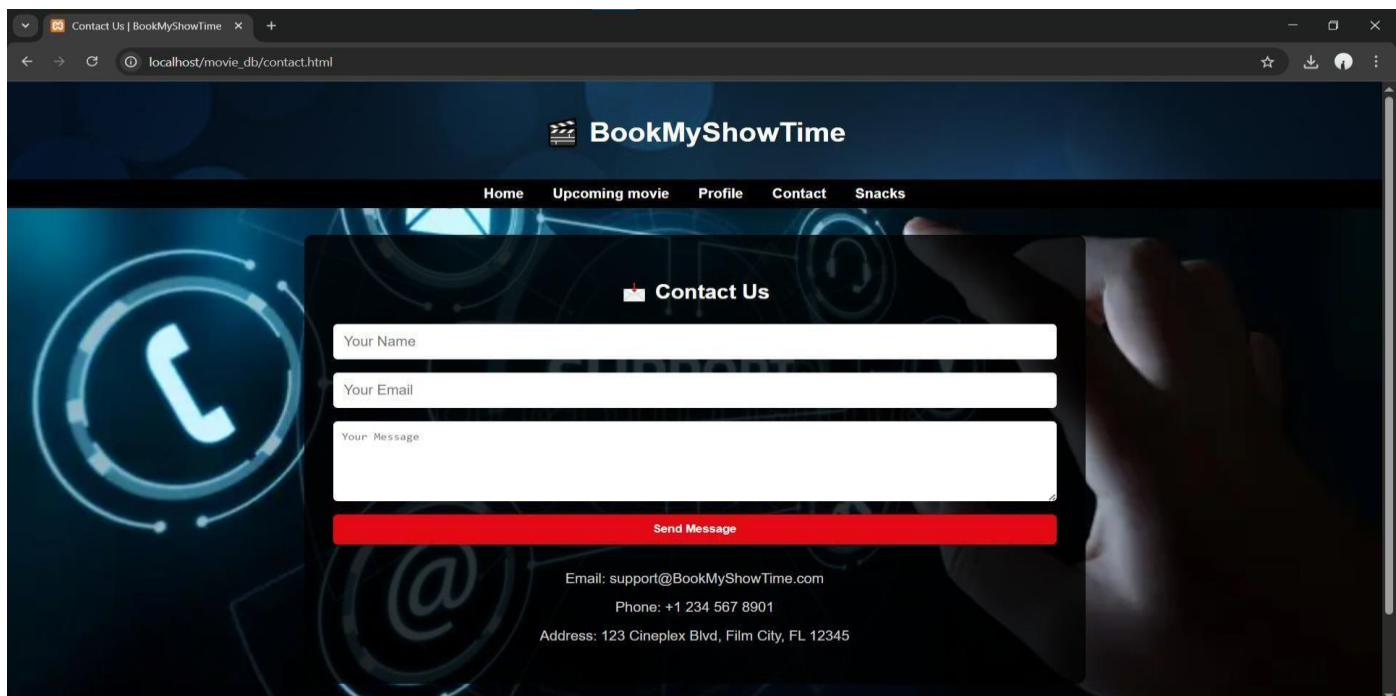


Fig6.4Contactuspagefortheatreticketbookingapp

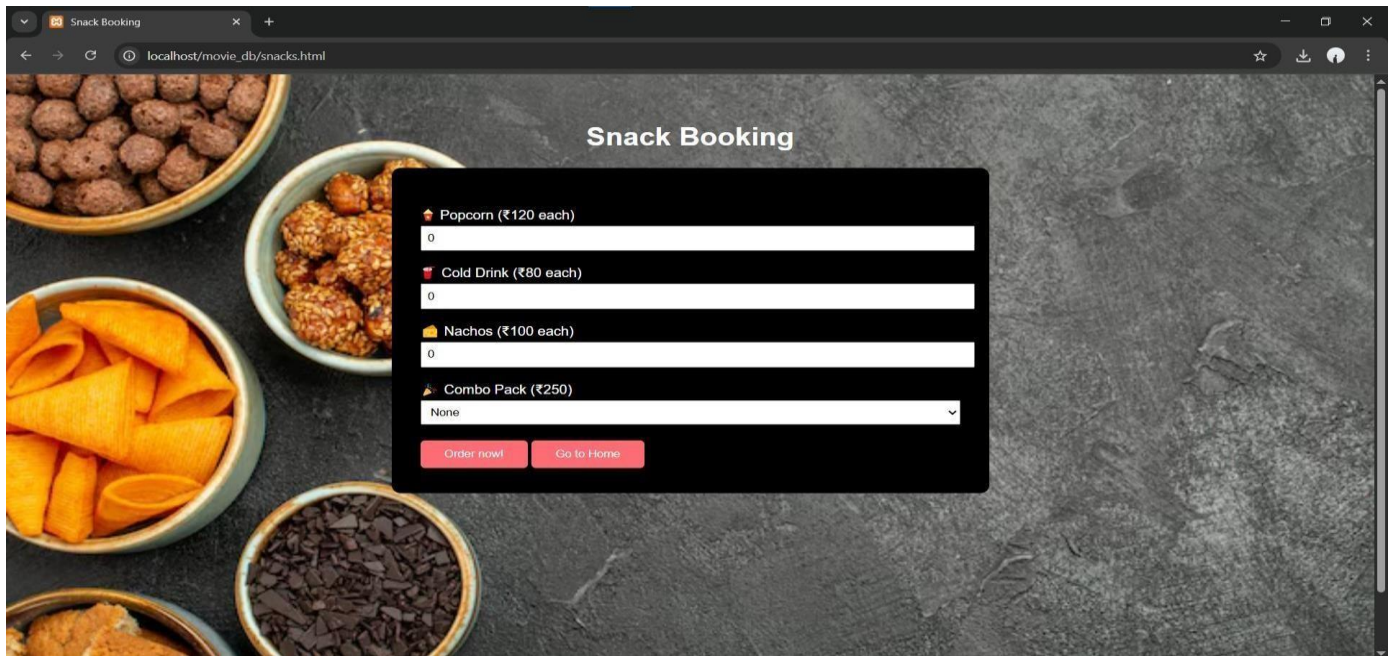


Fig6.5 Snacks booking page for the theatre ticket booking app

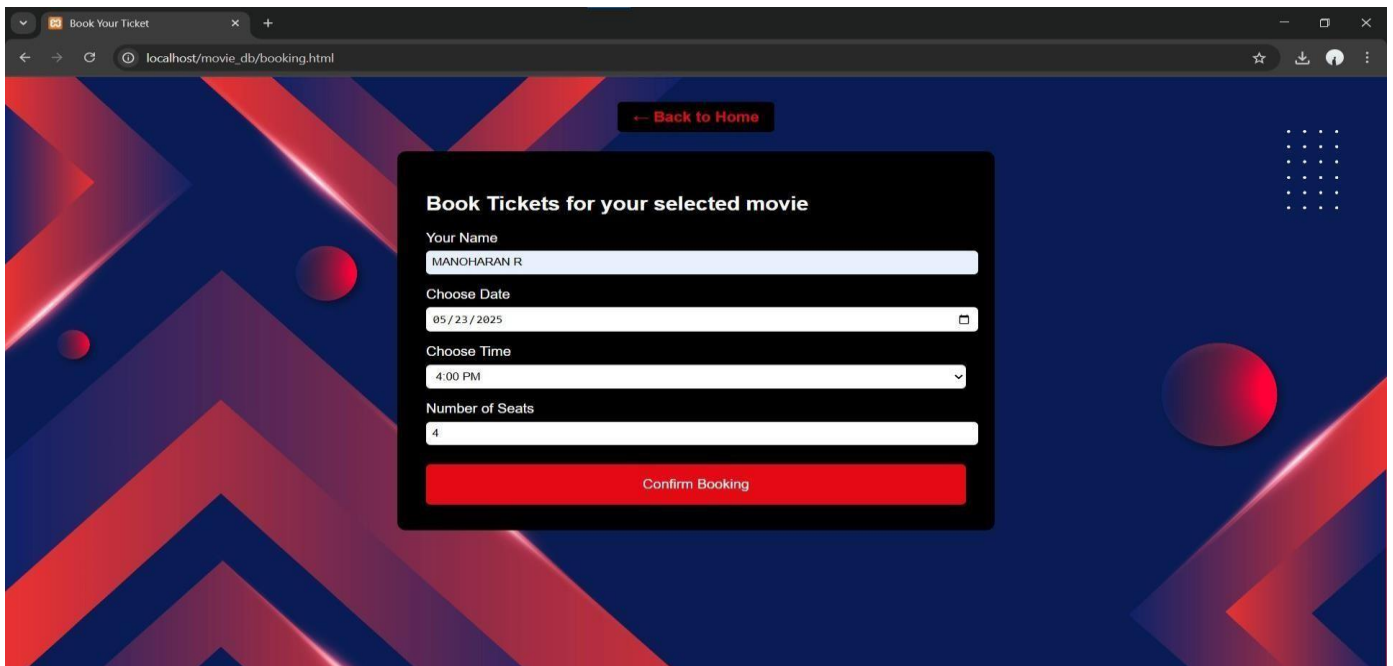


Fig6.6 Seat booking for the theatre ticket booking app

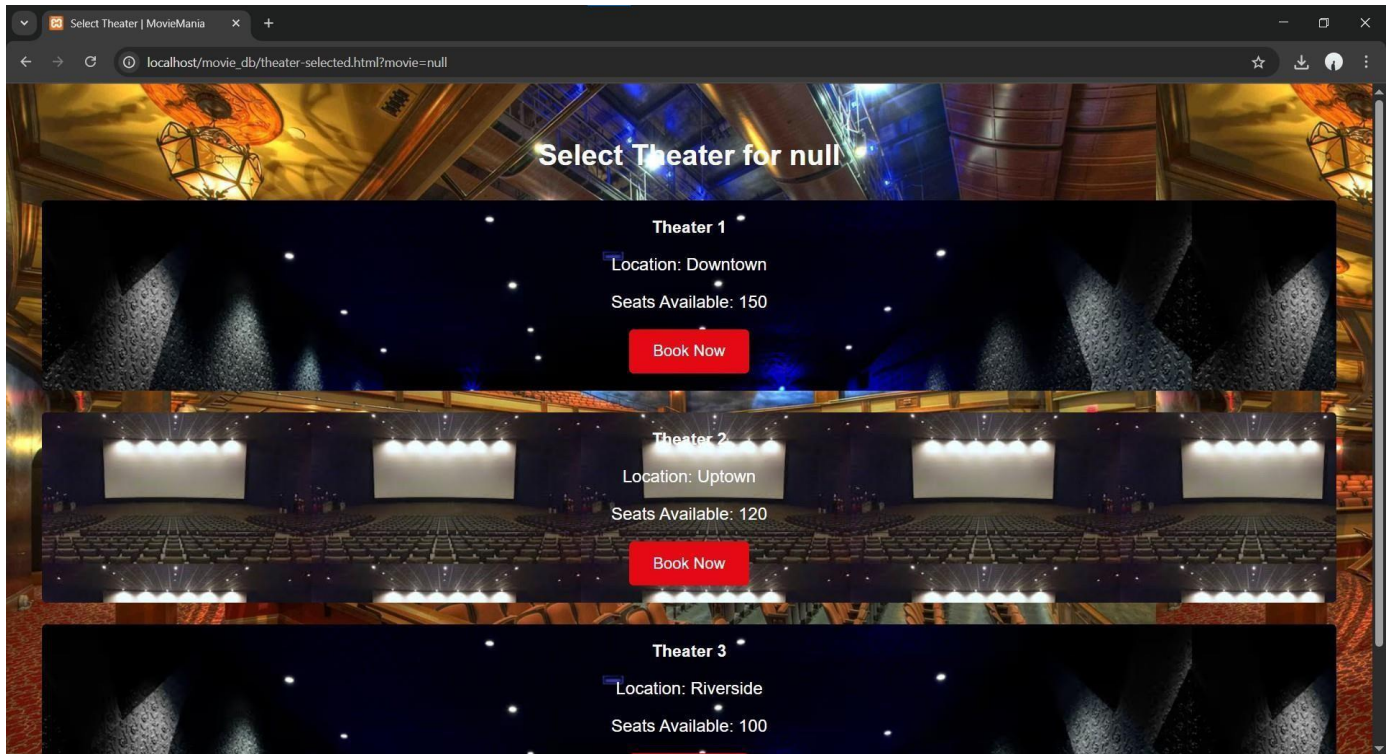


Fig6.7Theatreticketbooking page

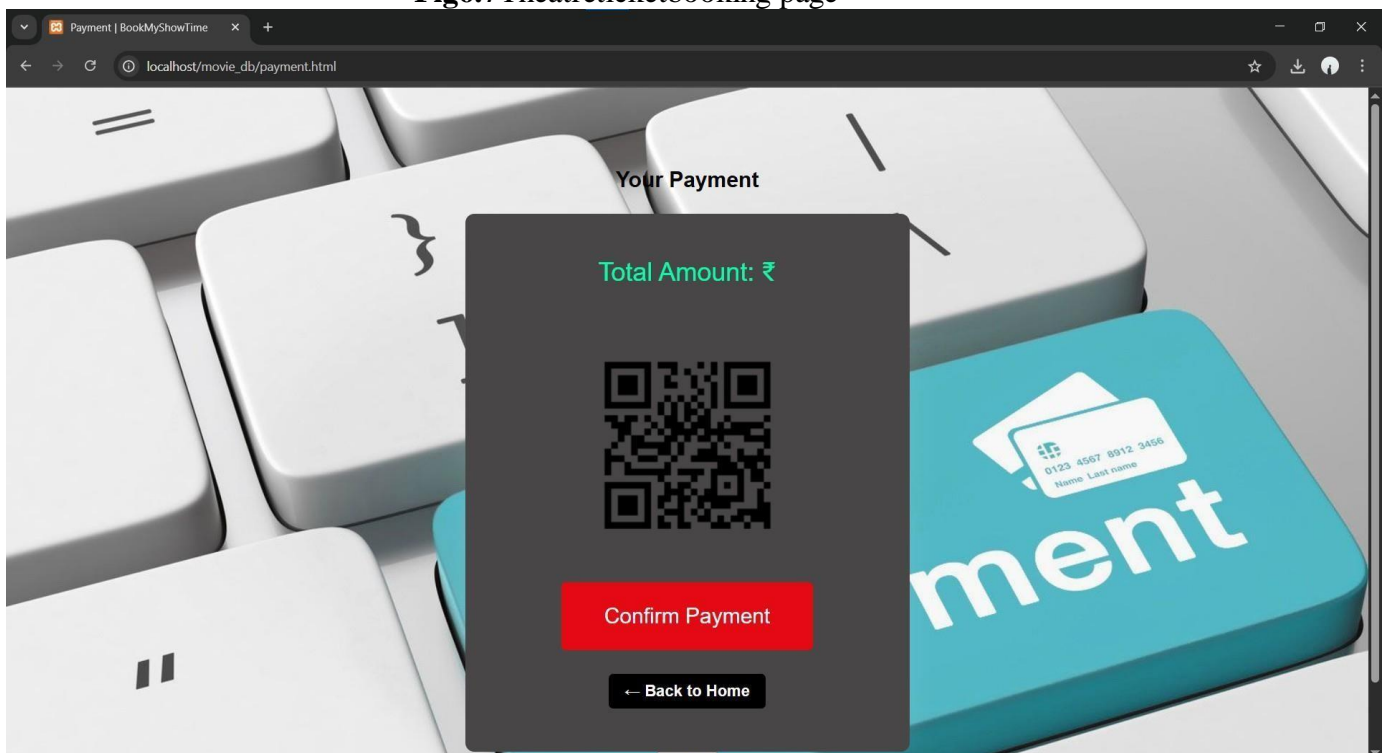


Fig6.8Paymentpagefortheatreticketbooking app

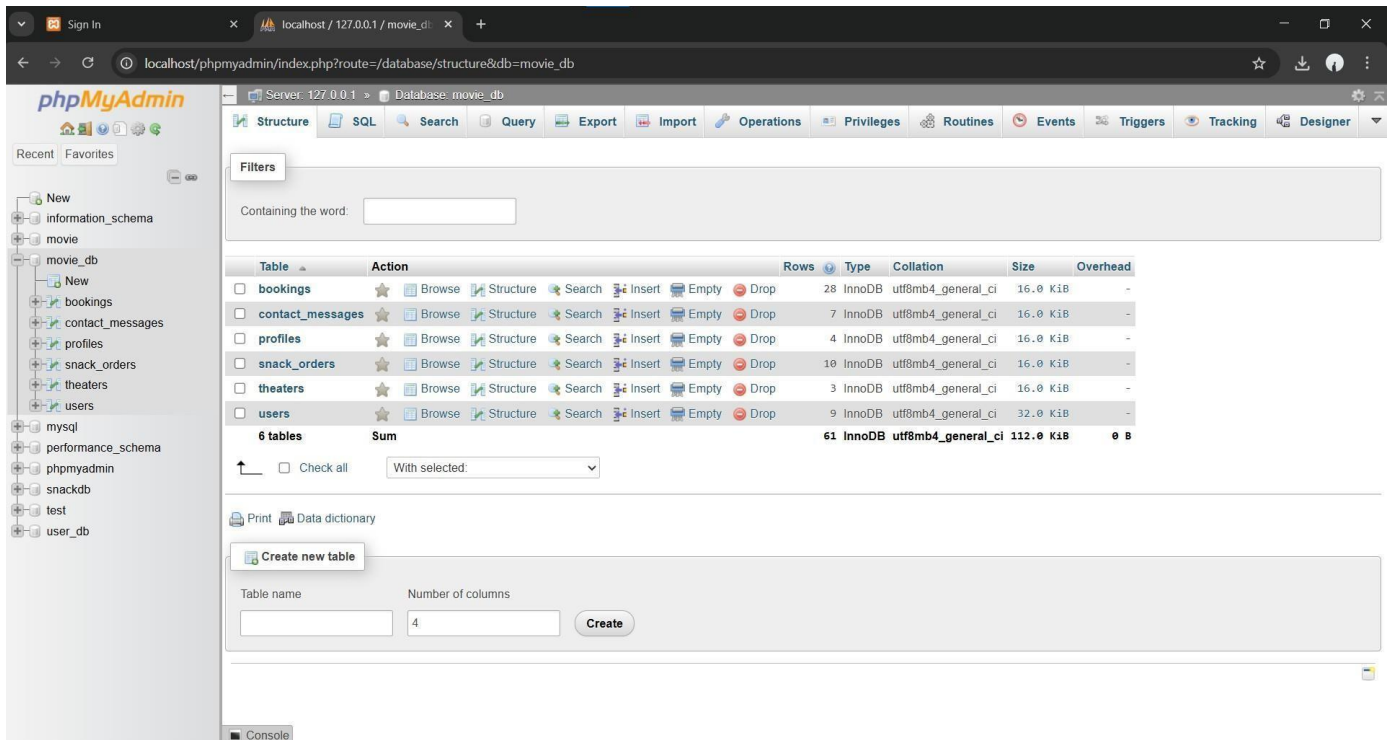


Fig6.9Phpmyadminpagefortheatreticketbookingapp

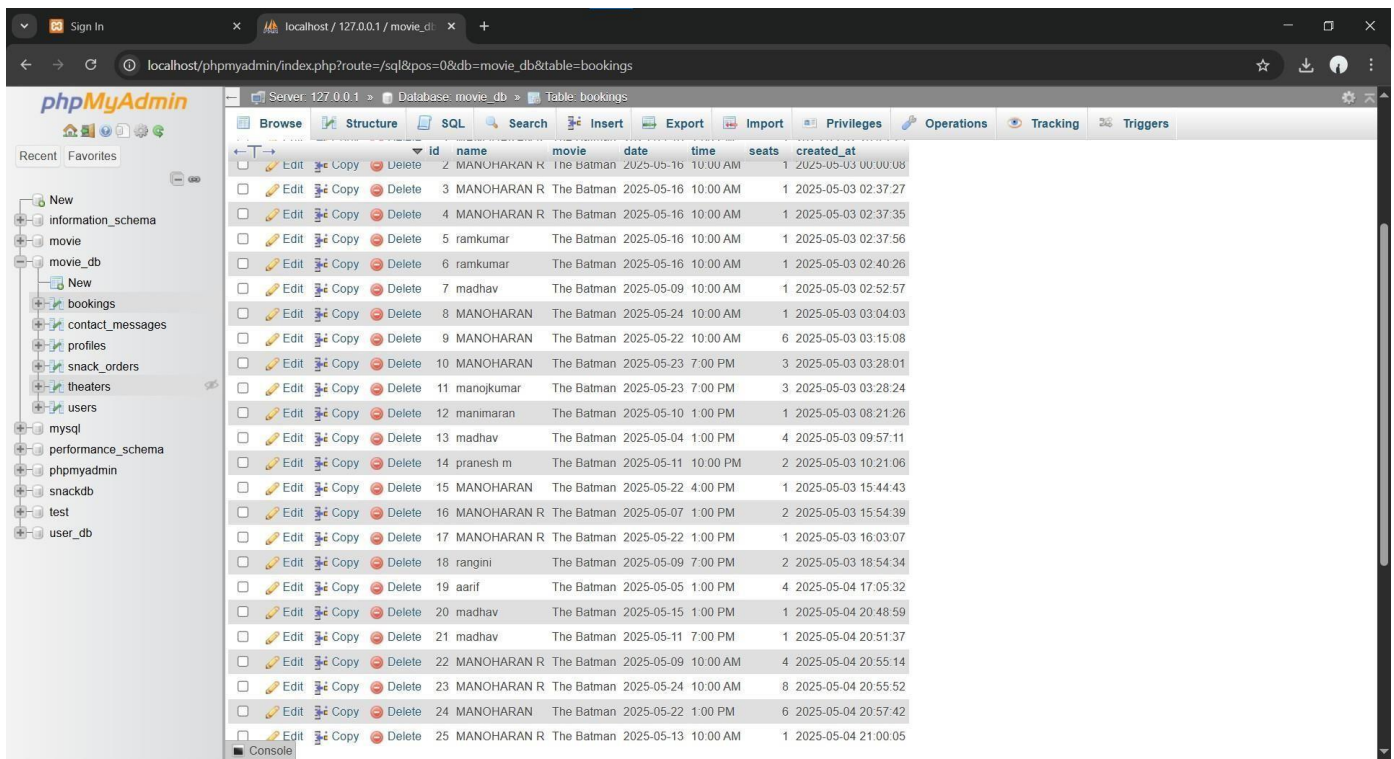


Fig6.10Databasefortheatreticketbooking app

7. Conclusion

The Theater Booking Management System successfully fulfills the essential needs of a modern movie ticket reservation platform. It has been developed and tested using sample data, ensuring optimal performance and usability. The system offers a seamless interface for users to browse movies, select showtimes, book seats, and place snack orders. It also provides administrative functionality for managing shows, monitoring snack inventory, and responding to customer queries via a contact form. With its clean interface, real-time updates, and reliable backend integration using PHP and MySQL, the system significantly reduces the manual effort involved in ticket booking and snack sales. It eliminates double bookings, ensures better record-keeping, and enhances customer convenience. By digitizing and automating the entire process, the platform not only saves time but also enhances the overall theater experience for users and streamlines operations for staff.

Future Enhancements:

- **Online Payment Gateway Integration**
Allow users to pay for tickets and snacks online using debit/credit cards, UPI, or wallets for added convenience.
- **QR Code–Based Ticketing**
Generate QR codes for each booking to enable contactless entry and efficient ticket validation at the theater gate.
- **Mobile App Development**
Develop Android and iOS mobile applications for users to book tickets and snacks anytime, anywhere.
- **Seat Layout Visualization**
Offer a dynamic visual representation of the seating layout to enhance the seat selection experience.
- **Customer Feedback and Rating System**
Let users rate movies and provide feedback on their experience to help theaters improve service quality.
- **Cloud Hosting and Scalability**

Deploy the application on cloud servers to handle high traffic during blockbuster releases and ensure 24/7 availability.

- **Loyalty Program Integration**

Reward frequent users with discounts or free snacks, enhancing customer retention.

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