



PROJECT REPORT

Faculty Data CRUD Manager

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PYTHON ESSENTIALS

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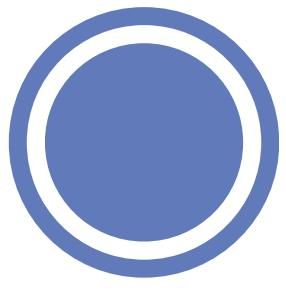


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Introduction

Managing basic faculty information such as names, departments, qualifications, and experience is a common requirement in academic settings. When this information is maintained manually in notebooks or scattered across spreadsheets, updating and retrieving it becomes inconvenient. There is also a higher chance of errors or outdated entries.

This project aims to develop a small but functional desktop application to simplify faculty data management. The system allows users to add new faculty records, view all existing entries in a table, update any selected record, and delete entries that are no longer required. It has been developed using Python, Tkinter for the user interface, and SQLite for database storage.

The purpose of the project is not only to build a working CRUD application but also to understand basic programming concepts, GUI development, data handling, and modular code structure. Through this project, I was able to explore how different components of a simple application come together to form a complete solution.



Problem Statement

➔ Problem

Handling faculty information manually can lead to several issues such as inconsistent data, difficulty in locating records, and challenges in updating old entries. When information is scattered across different files or handwritten documents, maintaining it becomes time-consuming and prone to mistakes.

➔ Vision

To address this, there is a need for a simple system where:

- New faculty details can be added easily
- All stored entries can be viewed together
- Any selected entry can be modified without hassle
- Old or incorrect records can be deleted
- The data remains stored permanently in a structured format



SCOPE

1

Basic Faculty Management System

This project focuses on building a simple desktop application that allows faculty information to be stored and managed in an organized digital format, reducing dependence on manual or spreadsheet-based methods.

2

Core CRUD Functionality

The scope includes implementing essential operations such as adding new faculty details, viewing the stored list, updating existing records, and deleting inaccurate or unwanted entries.

3

Local Storage Using SQLite

The system is designed for single-user use and relies on SQLite for storing data locally. This keeps the project lightweight and removes the need for server setups or online database systems.

4

Limited Faculty Data Fields

The project handles only basic fields—name, department, qualification, and experience. It intentionally excludes complex academic or administrative data to maintain clarity and simplicity.

5

Exclusion of Advanced Features

Features like login systems, cloud syncing, multi-role access, advanced analytics, and elaborate UI design are beyond the scope. These are intentionally not included to keep the project focused on learning fundamentals.

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Learning-Oriented Project Structure

The project mainly aims to help understand GUI building, database operations, and modular programming in Python. The system acts as a foundation that can be expanded in the future but remains simple at this stage for educational clarity.

OBJECTIVE

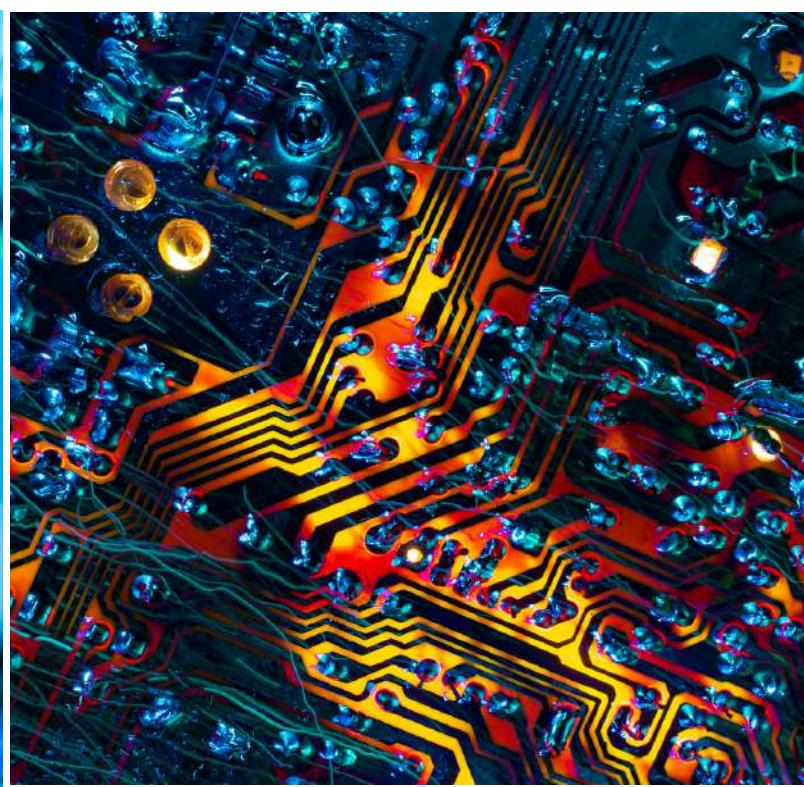
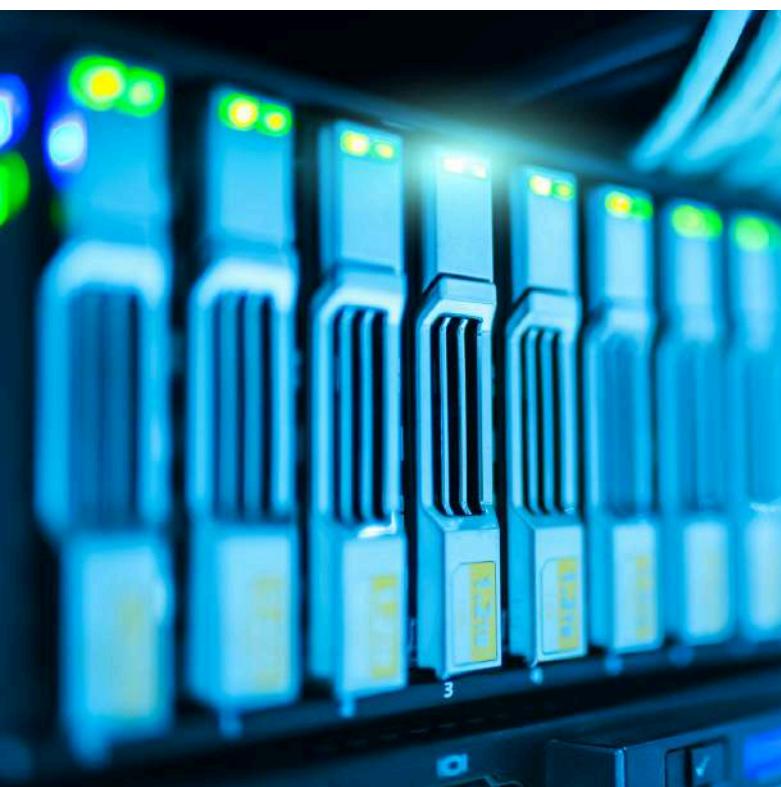


- ➡ Build a Functional Management Tool
- ➡ Simplify Faculty Record Handling
- ➡ Practice CRUD Operations
- ➡ Learn GUI Development
- ➡ Connect GUI with a Database
- ➡ Implement Modular Programming
- ➡ Develop Practical Programming Skills

Functional Requirements

→ These are the specific functions the system must perform:

- The system should allow entering new faculty details (Name, Department, Qualification, Experience).
- It should store the faculty data permanently in a database.
- The system must display all saved records in a table format.
- Users must be able to select any record from the table.
- The system should allow updating the selected record with new values.
- The system should allow deleting any selected record.
- The system should refresh the table automatically after every insert, update, or delete.



Non-Functional Requirements

The interface should be simple, clean, and easy to understand for beginners.

Usability

All operations (add, update, delete, display) should execute almost instantly.

Performance

Data must be stored safely in the SQLite database

Reliability

Portability

The project should run smoothly on systems with Python installed.

Maintainability

Code must be separate i.e. database logic differ from GUI logic, so changes are easy.

Scalability

Even if many records are added, the program should still perform properly.

System Architecture

The system follows a simple three-layer architecture



User Interface Layer (GUI – Tkinter)

This layer handles all the screens, input boxes, buttons, and the table used to display faculty records.



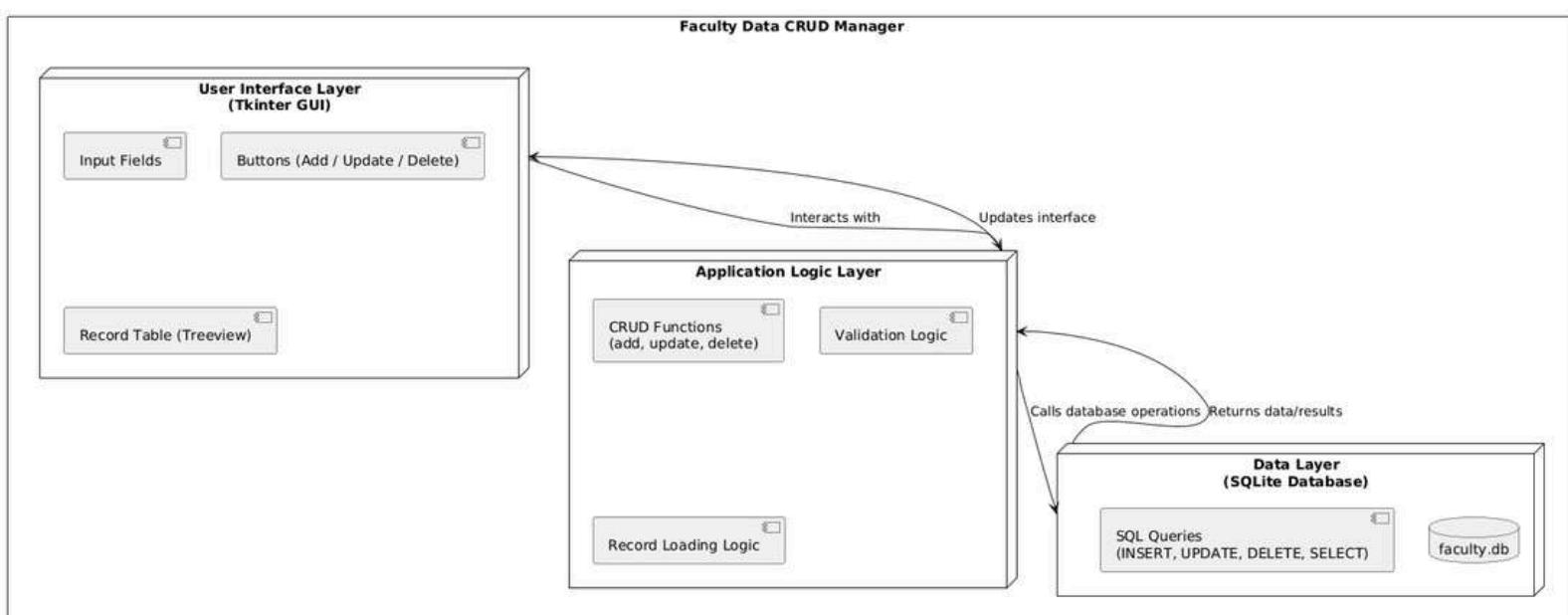
Logic Layer (Python Functions)

This layer processes inputs (like adding or updating), triggers database functions, and refreshes the displayed data.



Database Layer (SQLite)

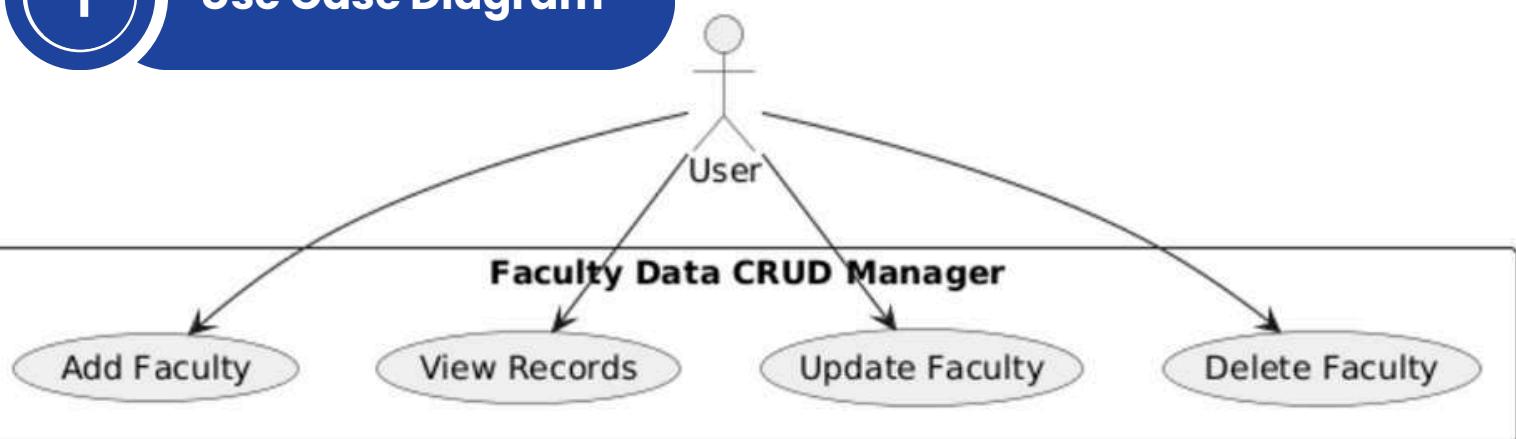
This layer stores the faculty information in a structured table called faculty. It acts as permanent storage for all entries.



Design DIAGRAMS

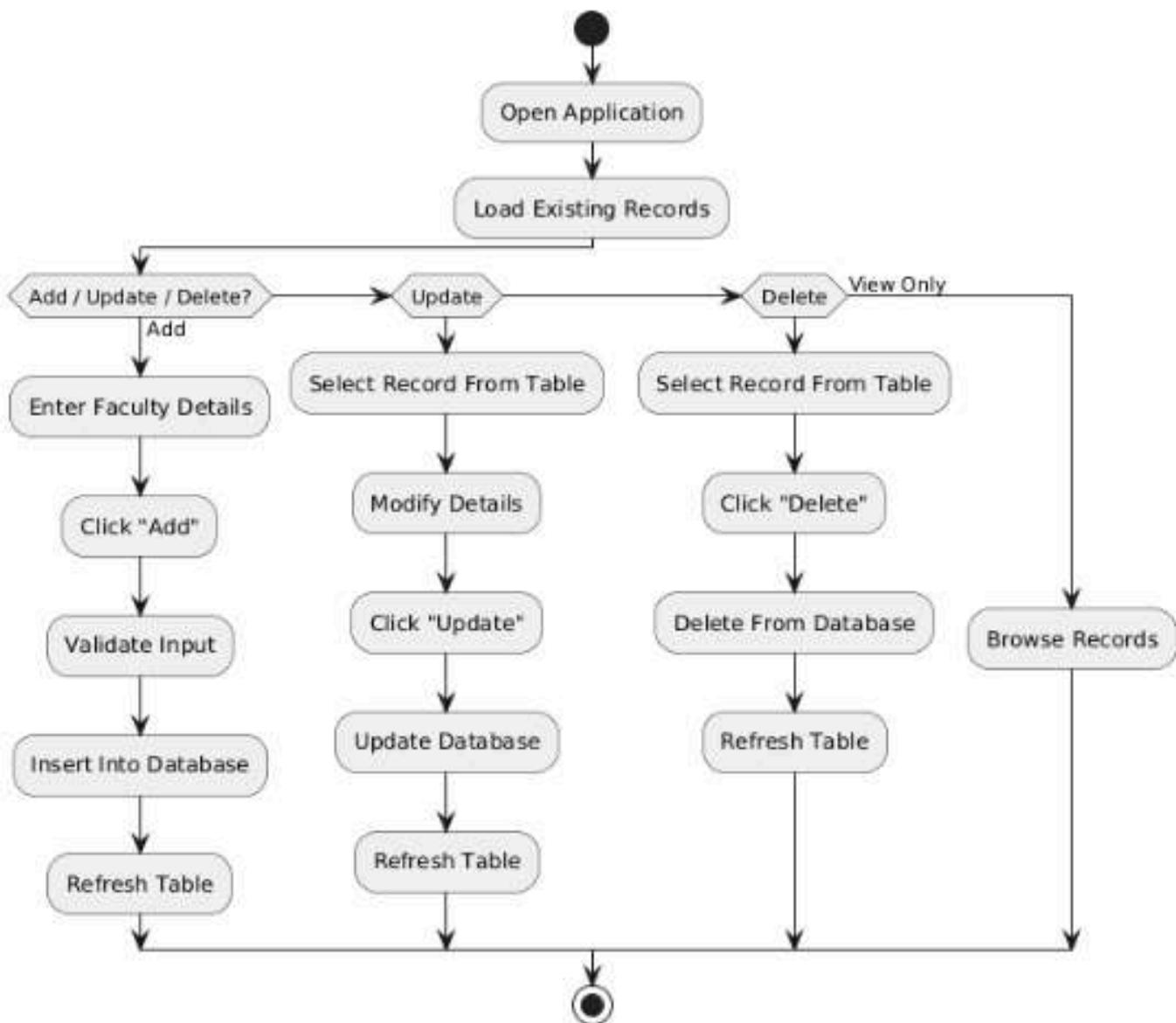
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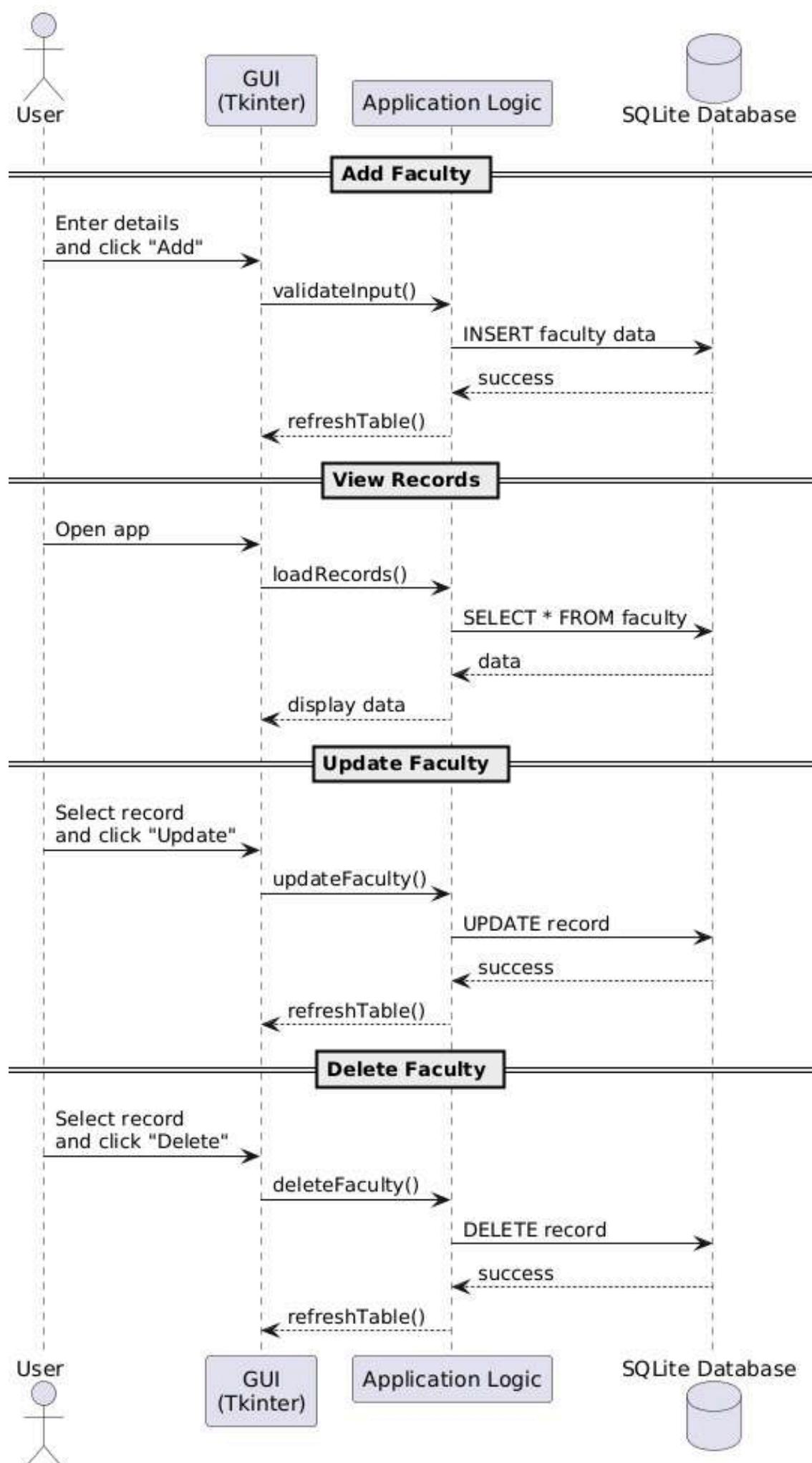
Use Case Diagram



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Workflow Diagram



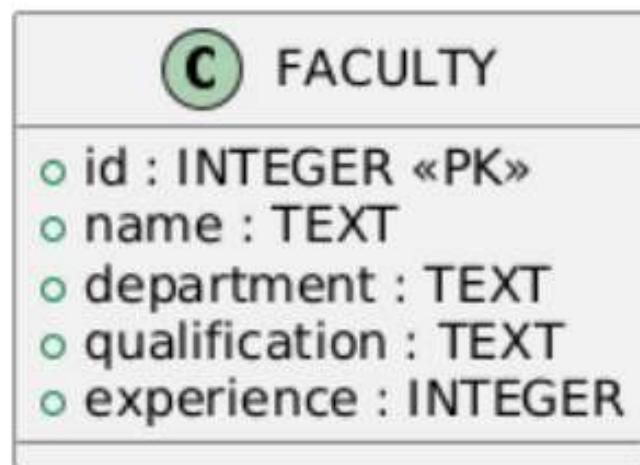
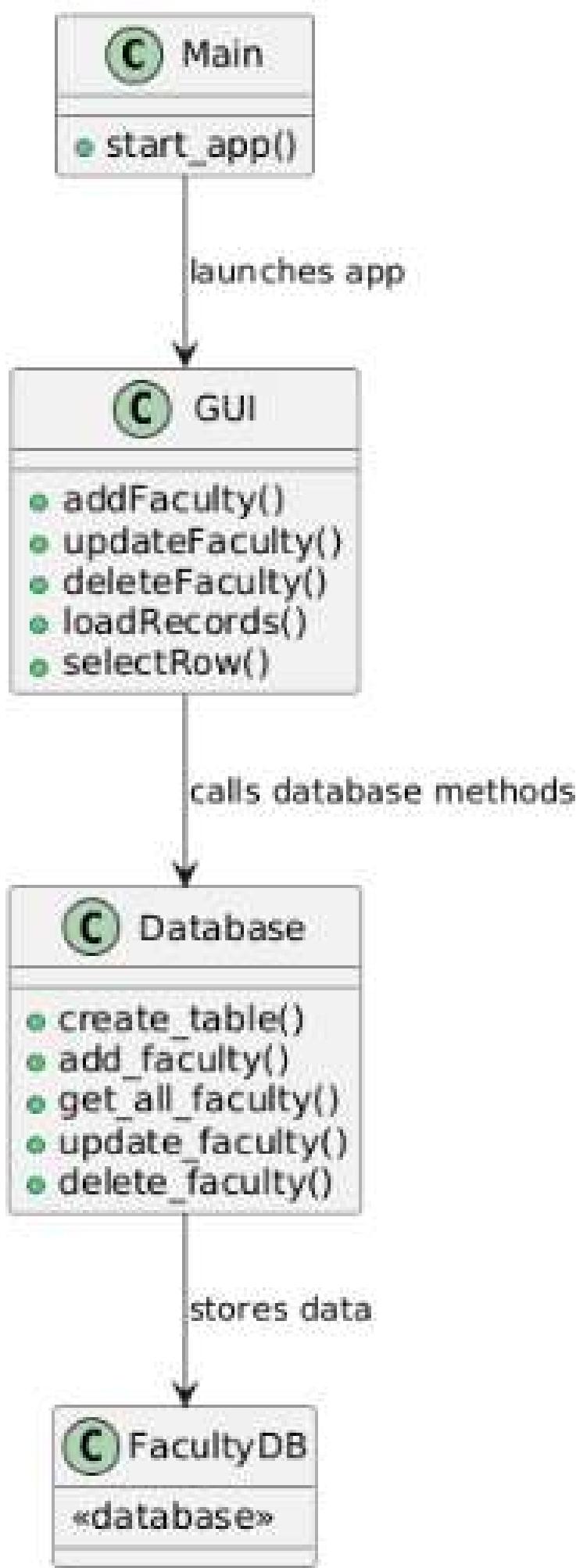


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Class Diagram

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ER Diagram



Design Decisions & Rationale

1

Using Tkinter for GUI

Tkinter is built into Python, easy to learn, and perfect for small applications. For this project, I didn't need a fancy interface, so Tkinter made sense.

2

Using SQLite for the database

SQLite is lightweight and does not require a server setup. A simple .db file is enough for storing faculty data.

3

Separating GUI and database code

I kept the database functions in a separate file (database.py) and the GUI in gui.py. This makes the project clearer and easier to maintain.

4

Using Treeview for the table

Treeview provided a clean way to display multiple fields of each record. It also allows easy row selection, which was required for update and delete.

5

Adding validation messages

To avoid wrong or empty inputs, I added basic checks before adding or updating records. This makes the app more user-friendly.

Implementation Details

The project is split into different files, each responsible for a specific part of the system.

gui.py

This contains:

- Input fields
- Buttons
- Treeview table
- Functions for add, update, delete
- Basic validation
- Display messages for errors and successes

It handles everything the user sees and interacts with.

database.py

This file contains all the SQL logic:

- Creating the table
- Adding new records
- Fetching all records
- Updating records
- Deleting records

The GUI calls these functions whenever needed.

main.py

This is the file that simply starts the application by calling the main function from gui.py.

faculty.db

This is the SQLite database file that stores all faculty records permanently.



SCREENSHOTS

① Home Screen

The screenshot shows the application window titled "Faculty Data Manager". At the top, there are four input fields labeled "Name", "Department", "Qualification", and "Experience", each with a corresponding text input box. Below these fields are three buttons: "Add Faculty", "Update Faculty", and "Delete Faculty". A horizontal table header is visible at the bottom, showing columns for "Id", "Name", "Dept", "Qual", and "Exp".

② Adding a Record

The screenshot shows the application window titled "Faculty Data Manager". In the input section, the "Name" field contains "Rahul Sharma", "Department" is "CSE Core", "Qualification" is "PHD", and "Experience" is "5". Below the input fields, a green message says "Record added successfully!". The same three buttons as the previous screenshot are present: "Add Faculty", "Update Faculty", and "Delete Faculty". The table below has one row with data: Id 1, Name Rahul Sharma, Dept CSE Core, Qual PHD, and Exp 5.

Id	Name	Dept	Qual	Exp
1	Rahul Sharma	CSE Core	PHD	5

3

Selecting a record

Faculty Data Manager

	Name	Ajeet Singh
	Department	AI ML
	Qualification	M Tech
	Experience	8

Add Faculty Update Faculty Delete Faculty

Id	Name	Dept	Qual	Exp
1	Rahul Sharma	CSE Core	PHD	10
2	Ajeet Singh	AI ML	M Tech	8

4

Updating a record

Faculty Data Manager

	Name	Rahul Sharma
	Department	CSE Core
	Qualification	PHD
	Experience	10

Record updated successfully!

Add Faculty Update Faculty Delete Faculty

Id	Name	Dept	Qual	Exp
1	Rahul Sharma	CSE Core	PHD	10
2	Ajeet Singh	AI ML	M Tech	8

5

Deleting a record

Faculty Data Manager

Name	<input type="text"/>
Department	<input type="text"/>
Qualification	<input type="text"/>
Experience	<input type="text"/>

Record deleted successfully!

Add Faculty Update Faculty Delete Faculty

Id	Name	Dept	Qual	Exp
1	Rahul Sharma	CSE Core	PHD	10

6

Validation Error

Faculty Data Manager

Name	<input type="text" value="Ajeet Singh"/>
Department	<input type="text"/>
Qualification	<input type="text" value="M Tech"/>
Experience	<input type="text" value="8"/>

All fields are required

Add Faculty Update Faculty Delete Faculty

Id	Name	Dept	Qual	Exp
1	Rahul Sharma	CSE Core	PHD	5

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Project Structure

```
main.py - EduStaff Manager - Visual Studio Code - Untracked
Project-1-CSE > src > main.py
1   from gui import start_app
2   start_app()
```

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the following details:

- Explorer View:** Shows the project structure under "EDUSTAFF MANAGER". It includes a "Project-1-CSE" folder containing "Screenshots" and a "src" folder containing "main.py", "database.py", and "gui.py". There are also "README.md" and "Statement.md" files.
- Editor View:** The main editor window displays the content of "main.py". The code is as follows:


```
1   from gui import start_app
2   start_app()
```
- Output View:** The "OUTPUT" tab shows the results of running the application:


```
[Running] python -u "c:\Users\niyat\EduStaff Manager\Project-1-CSE\src\main.py"
[Done] exited with code=0 in 89.888 seconds
[Running] python -u "c:\Users\niyat\EduStaff Manager\Project-1-CSE\src\main.py"
```
- Bottom Status Bar:** Shows "Screen Reader Optimized", "Ln 2, Col 12", "Spaces: 4", "UTF-8", "CRLF", "Python", "3.14.0", and "Go Live" button.

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Database File

	id	name	department	qualification	experience
1	1	Rahul Sharma	CSE Core	PHD	10
2					

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the following details:

- Explorer View:** Shows the database file "faculty.db" under "EDUSTAFF MANAGER".
- Main Area:** Displays the contents of "faculty.db" using the SQLite viewer. It shows a table named "faculty" with the following data:

	id	name	department	qualification	experience
1	1	Rahul Sharma	CSE Core	PHD	10
2					
- Bottom Status Bar:** Shows "SQLITE VIEWER ... v0.10.6", "Page 1 / 1", and "Try Hydejack, a Jekyll theme for hackers, nerds, and academics".

Testing Approach

Since this is a small application, I focused mainly on manual testing.

-Here are the tests I performed:

Entered valid details and checked if the record appears in the table.



Tried adding a record with missing details to confirm the error message appears.



Selected a record, edited the fields, and checked if the table updated correctly.



The application performed correctly for all tests.

Challenges Faced

1

Understanding how GUI and database connect

In the beginning, it was confusing to figure out how Tkinter buttons link to database functions. After practicing, it became clearer.

2

Treeview Selection Handling

Getting the selected row's data and automatically filling it back into the text fields took time to understand, especially the part where Treeview stores values.

3

Refresh Issues

Sometimes after adding or updating, the table didn't refresh properly. Fixing this required re-calling the load_records() function at the right places.

4

Managing File Structure

Keeping separate files for GUI, database, and main program was new for me. Initially, I mixed things, but later understood how to structure the project neatly.

5

Avoiding Invalid Inputs

At first, the app allowed empty values. Adding proper validation and message boxes improved the reliability.

Key Learnings

Working on this project taught me several important things, both technical and practical.

Overall, this project was a very good introduction to building a complete mini-application from scratch.

Understanding
CRUD
operations

Connecting
different
components

Tkinter
basics

Debugging
skills

Project
structuring

Using SQLite
database



Future Enhancements

④ Search functionality

A search box to quickly find a faculty member by name or department.

④ Sorting Options

Allow sorting the table by experience, department, alphabetical order, etc.

④ Export to Excel/CSV

A button to export all data into a file for easy sharing.

④ Login System

Add user login so only authorized users can modify the database.

④ Better UI Design

Improve the look of the GUI using custom Tkinter themes or a more modern library.

④ Multiple Tables

Add related features like student data or time-table management.

Conclusion

This project helped me put together everything I learned in the course into one working application. Building the Faculty Data CRUD Manager gave me practical experience in connecting a GUI with a database, handling user input, and organizing a real application properly.

Even though the project is small, it showed me how complete systems are built step by step—from designing the structure to implementing the code and finally testing it.

Overall, this project was a great learning experience and gave me confidence to take on bigger applications in the future.



REFERENCES

These are the resources I used to understand concepts and fix issues during development:

- Python Official Documentation (Tkinter & SQLite)
- StackOverflow discussions for Treeview and Tkinter-related errors
- GeeksforGeeks articles on Tkinter and SQLite basics
- YouTube tutorials on CRUD applications using Tkinter and SQLite
- Class notes and materials from the course