



TOPIC:-

University Timetable Management System

Course: Programming In C

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Problem Statement:-

In many educational institutions, creating a schedule by hand is a time-consuming and prone to error. It becomes difficult to effectively manage subject distribution, faculty availability, and student batches. The project's objective is to develop and implement a C program that arranges and methodically automates the faculty management, student record management, and schedule creation processes.

Objective:-

- To develop a C-based system for automatic timetable generation.
- To manage student records including name, ID, date of birth, and batch.
- To manage faculty records with subject allocation.
- To generate a conflict-free timetable using randomization.
- To allow searching of student and faculty timetables.

Software / Tools Used:-

Operating System:- Windows 11

Compiler:- GCC (MinGW) Compiler

Algorithm of Project:-

- 1. START**
- 2. INPUT:** Load student data, faculty data, and timetable from files.
- 3. INITIALIZE:** Start the random number generator using current time.
- 4. DISPLAY:** Show the main menu with the following options:
 - Add Student
 - Add Faculty
 - Generate Timetable
 - Search Student
 - Search Faculty
 - Exit
- 5. INPUT:** Read the user's choice.
- 6. PROCESS:**
 - If choice = 1, accept and store student details.
 - If choice = 2, accept and store faculty details.
 - If choice = 3, generate the timetable automatically.
 - If choice = 4, search and display student timetable.
 - If choice = 5, search and display faculty timetable.
- 7. REPEAT:** Return to the main menu until the user selects Exit.
- 8. SAVE:** Store all updated student, faculty, and timetable data into files.
- 9. OUTPUT:** Display program exit message.
- 10. STOP**

Pseudocode of Project:-

```
1  BEGIN TimetableSystem
2
3  INPUT current_time
4  SET random_seed = current_time
5
6  CALL LoadStudents
7  CALL LoadFaculty
8  CALL LoadTimetable
9
10 REPEAT
11    DISPLAY "1. Add Students"
12    DISPLAY "2. Add Faculty"
13    DISPLAY "3. Generate Timetable"
14    DISPLAY "4. Search Student"
15    DISPLAY "5. Search Faculty"
16    DISPLAY "6. Exit"
17
18    INPUT choice
19
20    IF choice == 1 THEN
21      |   CALL AddStudents
22    END IF
23
24    IF choice == 2 THEN
25      |   CALL AddFaculty
26    END IF
27
28    IF choice == 3 THEN
29      |   CALL GenerateTimetable
30    END IF
31
32    IF choice == 4 THEN
33      |   CALL SearchStudent
34    END IF
35
36    IF choice == 5 THEN
37      |   CALL SearchFaculty
38    END IF
39
40 UNTIL choice == 6
41
42 CALL SaveStudents
43 CALL SaveFaculty
44 CALL SaveTimetable
45
46 OUTPUT "Program Ended Successfully"
47
48 END TimetableSystem
```

Output Of Program (Screenshots:-)

1:- Adding Student Details:-

```
PS D:\C Language\C PROJECT> gcc src/*.c -I include -o timetable_app
PS D:\C Language\C PROJECT> ./timetable_app.exe

== Timetable System ==
1. Add Students
2. Add Faculty
3. Generate Timetable
4. Search Student
5. Search Faculty
6. Exit
Choose: 1
How many students? 3
Enter name: Ujjawal Chaurasia
DOB (DD-MM-YYYY): 23-09-2007

Enter name: Aarav Rana
DOB (DD-MM-YYYY): 15-06-2007

Enter name: Jaideep Singh
DOB (DD-MM-YYYY): 12-09-2007
```

2:- Adding Faculty Data:-

```
== Timetable System ==
1. Add Students
2. Add Faculty
3. Generate Timetable
4. Search Student
5. Search Faculty
6. Exit
Choose: 2
How many faculty? 3
Enter name: Mr. Ashish Bhatnagar
Choose subject:

1. Advanced Engineering Mathematics
2. Programming in C
3. Linux Lab
4. Problem Solving
5. E.V.S

Enter Subject Number the Faculty teaches: 2

Enter name: Mr. Sunil Pujari
Choose subject:

1. Advanced Engineering Mathematics
2. Programming in C
3. Linux Lab
4. Problem Solving
5. E.V.S

Enter Subject Number the Faculty teaches: 3

Enter name: Ms. Damanpreet Kaur
Choose subject:

1. Advanced Engineering Mathematics
2. Programming in C
3. Linux Lab
4. Problem Solving
5. E.V.S

Enter Subject Number the Faculty teaches: 4
```

3:- Generating Timetable:-

```
== Timetable System ==
1. Add Students
2. Add Faculty
3. Generate Timetable
4. Search Student
5. Search Faculty
6. Exit
Choose: 3
Timetable generated.
```

4:- Searching Student Timetable:-

```
== Timetable System ==
1. Add Students
2. Add Faculty
3. Generate Timetable
4. Search Student
5. Search Faculty
6. Exit
Choose: 4
Enter student name: Aarav Rana

Student: Aarav Rana(Id: 1013), Batch 1

Monday:
14:00-15:00 Linux Lab (Mr. Sunil Pujari)
17:00-18:00 Problem Solving (Mr. Baldiya Mitra)

Tuesday:
10:00-11:00 Programming in C (Mr. Bhuvam Bam)
11:00-12:00 Linux Lab (Mr. Sunil Pujari)
14:00-15:00 Advanced Engineering Mathematics (Ms. Rishu Gandhi)
15:00-16:00 Advanced Engineering Mathematics (Ms. Rishu Gandhi)

Wednesday:
08:00-09:00 Programming in C (Mr. Ashish Bhatnagar)
10:00-11:00 Linux Lab (Dr. Supreet Singh)
16:00-17:00 Programming in C (Ms. Roshi Mishra)
17:00-18:00 Programming in C (Mr. Mohsin Furkhan Dar)

Thursday:
09:00-09:00 Programming in C (Mr. Ashish Bhatnagar)
11:00-12:00 Problem Solving (Ms. Damanpreet Kaur)
15:00-16:00 Problem Solving (Ms. Madhuri Mishra)
17:00-18:00 E.V.S (Mr. Vaibhav Saini)

Friday:
09:00-10:00 Linux Lab (Mr. Jitendra Yadav)
12:00-13:00 Linux Lab (Mr. Jitendra Yadav)
15:00-16:00 Programming in C (Mr. Bhuvam Bam)

Saturday:
08:00-09:00 E.V.S (Mr. Vaibhav Saini)
09:00-10:00 Problem Solving (3)
12:00-13:00 Linux Lab (Dr. Supreet Singh)
```

5:- Searching Faculty Timetable:-

```
== Timetable System ==
1. Add Students
2. Add Faculty
3. Generate Timetable
4. Search Student
5. Search Faculty
6. Exit
Choose: 5
Enter faculty name: Mr. Sunil Pujari

Faculty: Mr. Sunil Pujari (Subject: Linux Lab)
Monday:
08:00-09:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 13)
12:00-13:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 5, 8)
14:00-15:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 1)
17:00-18:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 4, 20)

Tuesday:
08:00-09:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 5)
11:00-12:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 1, 13)
15:00-16:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 9)
16:00-17:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 8)

Wednesday:
12:00-13:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 12)
15:00-16:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 12)

Thursday:
08:00-09:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 3)
10:00-11:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 6)
11:00-12:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 19)
12:00-13:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 9)
16:00-17:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 10)

Friday:
10:00-11:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 8)
12:00-13:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 21)
13:00-14:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 19)
16:00-17:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 13)

Saturday:
09:00-10:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 6)
15:00-16:00 Linux Lab (Batches: 15)
```

6:- Saving all changes and Exiting the program

```
== Timetable System ==
1. Add Students
2. Add Faculty
3. Generate Timetable
4. Search Student
5. Search Faculty
6. Exit
Choose: 6
Saved and exiting.
PS D:\C Language\C PROJECT> █
```

Source Code (All .c files):-

1:- main.c

```
src > C main.c > ...
1 // Including all standard library and user_defined library.
2
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <stdlib.h>
5 #include <time.h>
6
7 #include "student.h"
8 #include "faculty.h"
9 #include "timetable.h"
10
11 int main(){
12     srand((unsigned)time(NULL)); // Define in stdlib.h that makes your timetable different every time by randomizing subjects and slots.
13
14     load_students(); // Read data from student, faculty and timetable binary data.
15     load_faculty();
16     load_timetable();
17
18     int ch;
19     while (1){
20         printf("\n*** Timetable System ***\n");
21         printf("1. Add Student\n");
22         printf("2. Add Faculty\n");
23         printf("3. Generate Timetable\n");
24         printf("4. Search Student\n");
25         printf("5. Search Faculty\n");
26         printf("6. Exit\n");
27         printf("7. Save and Exit\n");
28         scanf("%d", &ch);
29
30         if (ch == 1) add_student();
31         else if (ch == 2) add_faculty();
32         else if (ch == 3) generate_timetable();
33         else if (ch == 4) search_student();
34         else if (ch == 5) search_faculty();
35         else if (ch == 6) {
36             save_student(); // Save all changes made in student, faculty and timetable binary file.
37             save_faculty();
38             save_timetable();
39             printf("Saved and exiting.\n");
40             break;
41         }
42         else {
43             printf("Invalid Choice! Enter Again\n");
44         }
45     }
46
47     return 0;
48 }
```

2:- student.c

```
src > C student.c > ...
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <string.h>
3 #include "student.h"
4 #include "timetable.h"
5
6 Student students[MAX_STUDENTS];
7 int student_count = 0;
8 int next_student_id = 1000;
9
10 static void Flush_stdin(){ // It clears leftover input from the keyboard buffer so the next input works correctly.
11     int c;
12     while ((c = getchar()) != '\n' && c != EOF) {}
13 }
14
15 static int cl_equal(const char *a, const char *b){ // Compare strings and convert uppercase to lowercase.
16     while (*a && *b){
17         char x = *a - 'A' + 'a';
18         if (x <='A' && x >='Z') x += 32;
19         if (y >='A' && y <='Z') y += 32;
20         if (x != y) return 0;
21         a++; b++;
22     }
23     return *a == 0 && *b == 0;
24 }
25
26 void save_students(){
27     FILE *f = fopen("studentsB.dat", "wb");
28     if (!f) return;
29     fwrite(&student_count, sizeof(int), 1, f);
30     fwrite(&next_student_id, sizeof(int), 1, f);
31     fwrite(students, sizeof(Student), student_count, f);
32     fclose(f);
33 }
34
35 void load_students(){
36     FILE *f = fopen("studentsB.dat", "rb");
37     if (!f) return;
38     fread(&student_count, sizeof(int), 1, f);
39     fread(&next_student_id, sizeof(int), 1, f);
40     fread(students, sizeof(Student), student_count, f);
41     fclose(f);
42 }
```

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src > C student.c > ...
43
44     void add_students(){
45         int n;
46         printf("How many students? ");
47         if (scanf("%d", &n) != 1){
48             flush_stdin();
49             return;
50         }
51         flush_stdin();
52
53         for (int i=0;i<n;i++){
54             if (student_count >= MAX_STUDENTS){
55                 printf("Limit reached.\n");
56                 break;
57             }
58
59             Student S;
60             S.student_id = next_student_id++;
61
62             printf("Enter name: ");
63             fgets(S.name, MAX_NAME, stdin);
64             S.name[strcspn(S.name, "\n")] = 0; // strcspn() removes extra \n for clear result.
65
66             printf("DOB (DD-MM-YYYY) ");
67             scanf("%d-%d-%d", &S.dob.day, &S.dob.month, &S.dob.year);
68             flush_stdin();
69
70             S.batch = (student_count / MAX_STUDENTS_PER_BATCH) + 1;
71             student_count++;
72             S;
73
74             printf("\n");
75         }
76         save_students();
77     }
78
79     void search_student(){
80         char student_name[MAX_NAME];
81         printf("Enter student name: ");
82         flush_stdin();
83         fgets(student_name, MAX_NAME, stdin);
84         student_name[strcspn(student_name, "\n")] = 0;
85
86         for (int i=0;i<student_count;i++){
87             if (ci_equal(student_name, students[i].name)){
88                 printf("Student: %s (Id: %d), Batch %d\n", students[i].name, students[i].student_id, students[i].batch);
89                 printf("Time Table: ");
90                 print_batch_timetable(students[i].batch);
91                 return;
92             }
93         }
94         printf("Not found.\n");
95     }

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3:- faculty.c

```

src > C faculty.c > add_faculty()
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <string.h>
3  #include <stdlib.h>
4  #include "faculty.h"
5  #include "timetable.h"
6
7  Faculty fac[MAX_FACULTY];
8  int faculty_count = 0;
9  int next_faculty_id = 1;
10
11 static void flush_stdin(){ // It clears leftover input from the keyboard buffer so the next input works correctly.
12     int c;
13     while ((c = getchar()) != '\n' && c != EOF) {}
14 }
15
16 static int randint(int a, int b){
17     return a + rand() % (b - a + 1);
18 }
19
20 static int ci_equal(const char *a, const char *b){ // Compare strings and convert uppercase to lowercase.
21     while (*a && *b){
22         char x = *a, y = *b;
23         if (x >= 'A' && x <= 'Z') x += 32;
24         if (y >= 'A' && y <= 'Z') y += 32;
25         if (x != y) return 0;
26         a++; b++;
27     }
28     return *a == 0 && *b == 0;
29 }
30
31 void save_faculty(){
32     FILE *f = fopen("faculty0.dat","wb");
33     if (!f) return;
34     fwrite(&faculty_count, sizeof(int), 1, f);
35     fwrite(&next_faculty_id, sizeof(int), 1, f);
36     fwrite(fac, sizeof(Faculty), faculty_count, f);
37     fclose(f);
38 }
39
40 void load_faculty(){
41     FILE *f = fopen("faculty0.dat","rb");
42     if (!f) return;
43     fread(&faculty_count, sizeof(int), 1, f);
44     fread(&next_faculty_id, sizeof(int), 1, f);
45     fread(fac, sizeof(Faculty), faculty_count, f);
46     fclose(f);
47 }
48

```

```
src > C faculty.c > add_faculty()
48
49     void add_faculty(){
50         int n;
51         printf("How many faculty? ");
52         scanf("%d", &n);
53         flush_stdin();
54
55         for (int i=0;i<n;i++){
56             if (faculty_count >= MAX_FACULTY){
57                 printf("Limit reached.\n");
58                 break;
59             }
60
61             Faculty F;
62             F.faculty_id = next_faculty_id++;
63
64             printf("Enter name: ");
65             fgets(F.name, MAX_NAME, stdin);
66             F.name[strcspn(F.name, "\n")] = 0;
67
68             printf("Choose subject:\n\n");
69             for (int s=0;s<SUBJECT_COUNT;s++){
70                 printf("%d. %s\n", s+1, subjects[s]);
71             }
72
73             printf("\n");
74             int c;
75             printf("Enter Subject Number the Faculty teaches: ");
76             scanf("%d", &c);
77
78             if (c > SUBJECT_COUNT) {
79                 printf("Invalid Option. Please Select Again\n");
80
81                 printf("Enter Subject Number the Faculty teaches: ");
82                 scanf("%d", &c);
83             }
84             flush_stdin();
85             F.subject_id = c - 1;
86
87             fac[faculty_count++] = F;
88
89             printf("\n");
90
91         save_faculty();
92     }
```

```
src > C faculty.c > ...
93
94     int random_faculty_for_subject(int subj){
95         int list[MAX_FACULTY], count = 0;
96         for (int i=0;i<faculty_count;i++){
97             if (fac[i].subject_id == subj)
98                 list[count++] = fac[i].faculty_id;
99         }
100        if (count == 0) return 0;
101
102        return list[rand() % count];
103    }
104
105    void search_faculty(){
106        char faculty_name[MAX_NAME];
107        printf("Enter faculty name: ");
108        flush_stdin();
109        fgets(faculty_name, MAX_NAME, stdin);
110        faculty_name[strcspn(faculty_name, "\n")] = 0;
111
112        printf("\n");
113
114        for (int i=0;i<faculty_count;i++){
115            if (ci_equal(faculty_name, fac[i].name)){
116                print_faculty_timetable_grouped(fac[i].faculty_id);
117                return;
118            }
119        }
120        printf("Not found.\n");
121    }
```

4:- timetable.c

```
Src > C timetable.c > ...
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include <string.h>
4  #include <time.h>
5
6  #include "timetable.h"
7  #include "faculty.h"
8  #include "student.h"
9  #include "common.h"
10
11 cell timetable[MAX_BATCHES][DAYS][SLOTS];
12
13 /* Subject names */
14 const char *subjects[SUBJECT_COUNT] = {
15     "Advanced Engineering Mathematics", "Programming in C", "Linux Lab", "Problem Solving", "E.V.S"
16 };
17
18 /* Day names */
19 const char *daynames[DAYS] = {
20     "Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", "Friday", "Saturday"
21 };
22
23 int randint(int a, int b){
24     return a + rand() % (b - a + 1);
25 }
26
27 /* Count how many batches a faculty teaches at the same time */
28 int faculty_slot(int faculty_id, int day, int slot){
29     int count = 0;
30
31     for (int b = 0; b < MAX_BATCHES; b++){
32         if (timetable[b][day][slot].faculty_id == faculty_id){
33             count++;
34         }
35     }
36     return count; /* Maximum allowed = 2 */
37 }
38
39 void save_timetable(){
40     FILE *f = fopen("timetableB.dat","wb");
41     if (!f) return;
42
43     fwrite(timetable, sizeof(cell), MAX_BATCHES * DAYS * SLOTS, f);
44     fclose(f);
45 }
46
47 void load_timetable(){
48     FILE *f = fopen("timetableB.dat","rb");
49     if (!f) return;
50
51     /* initialize empty timetable */
52     for (int b=0; b<MAX_BATCHES; b++){
53         for (int d=0; d<DAYS; d++){
54             for (int s=0; s<SLOTS; s++){
55                 timetable[b][d][s].subject_id = -1;
56                 timetable[b][d][s].faculty_id = 0;
57                 timetable[b][d][s].hour = 0 + s;
58             }
59         }
60     }
61     fread(timetable, sizeof(cell), MAX_BATCHES * DAYS * SLOTS, f);
62     fclose(f);
63 }
64 }
```

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Src > C timetable.c > ...
64
65     void generate_timetable(){
66
67         /* clear timetable first */
68         for (int b=0; b<MAX_BATCHES; b++){
69             for (int d=0; d<DAYS; d++){
70                 for (int s=0; s<SLOTS; s++){
71                     timetable[b][d][s].subject_id = -1;
72                     timetable[b][d][s].faculty_id = 0;
73                     timetable[b][d][s].hour = 0 + s;
74                 }
75             }
76
77             /* generate timetable */
78             for (int b=0; b<MAX_BATCHES; b++){
79                 for (int d=0; d<DAYS; d++){
80
81                     int periods = randint(MIN_PERIODS, MAX_PERIODS);
82                     int used[SLOTS] = {0};
83                     int done = 0;
84
85                     while (done < periods){
86                         int slot = randint(0, SLOTS-1);
87                         if (used[slot]) continue;
88                         used[slot] = 1;
89
90                         int subj = randint(0, SUBJECT_COUNT-1);
91                         int assigned_faculty = 0;
92
93                         /* Try to find a faculty who is free (max 2 loads allowed) */
94                         for (int try = 0; try < 20; try++){
95                             int fid = random_faculty_for_subject(subj);
96                             if (fid == 0) break;
97
98                             if (faculty_slot(fid, d, slot) < 2){
99                                 assigned_faculty = fid;
100                                break;
101                            }
102
103                             timetable[b][d][slot].subject_id = subj;
104                             timetable[b][d][slot].faculty_id = assigned_faculty;
105
106                             done++;
107                         }
108                     }
109
110                     save_timetable();
111                     printf("Timetable generated.\n");
112     }
113 }
```

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src > C timetable.c > ...
115 void print_batch_timetable(int batch){
116     if (batch < 1 || batch > MAX_BATCHES){
117         printf("Invalid batch.\n");
118         return;
119     }
120
121     int b = batch - 1;
122
123     for (int d=0; d<DAYS; d++){
124         printf("%s:\n", daynames[d]);
125
126         int any = 0;
127
128         for (int s=0; s<SLOTS; s++){
129             if (timetable[b][d][s].subject_id != -1){
130                 any = 1;
131
132                 int hour = timetable[b][d][s].hour;
133                 int subj = timetable[b][d][s].subject_id;
134                 int fid = timetable[b][d][s].faculty_id;
135
136                 char fname[MAX_NAME] = "TBA";
137
138                 if (fid != 0){
139                     for (int i=0; i<faculty_count; i++){
140                         if (fac[i].faculty_id == fid){
141                             strcpy(fname, fac[i].name);
142                             break;
143                         }
144                     }
145
146                     printf(" %02d:00-%02d:00 %s (%s)\n",
147                           | hour, hour+1, subjects[subj], fname);
148                 }
149             }
150         }
151         printf("\n");
152
153         if (!any) printf(" No classes\n");
154     }
155 }
156

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src > C timetable.c > ...
156 void print_faculty_timetable_grouped(int faculty_id){
157
158     int fidx = -1;
159     for (int i=0; i<faculty_count; i++){
160         if (fac[i].faculty_id == faculty_id){
161             fidx = i;
162             break;
163         }
164     }
165
166     if (fidx == -1){
167         printf("Faculty not found.\n");
168         return;
169     }
170
171     printf("Faculty: %s (subject: %s)\n",
172           | fac[fidx].name,
173           | subjects[fac[fidx].subject_id]);
174
175     for (int d=0; d<DAYS; d++){
176         printf("%s:\n", daynames[d]);
177
178         int any = 0;
179
180         for (int s=0; s<SLOTS; s++){
181             int batches[3];
182             int count = 0;
183
184             for (int b=0; b<MAX_BATCHES; b++){
185                 if (timetable[b][d][s].faculty_id == faculty_id){
186                     if (count < 2){ /* Show max 2 only */
187                         | batches[count] = b + 1;
188                     }
189                     count++;
190                 }
191             }
192
193             if (count > 0){
194                 any = 1;
195                 int hour = 8 + s;
196
197                 printf(" %02d:00-%02d:00 %s (Batches: ",
198                   | hour, hour+1, subjects[fac[fidx].subject_id]);
199
200                 int show = count;
201                 if (show > 2) show = 2; /* print max 2 */
202
203                 for (int k=0; k<show; k++){
204                     printf("%d", batches[k]);
205                     if (k+1 < show) printf(", ");
206                 }
207
208                 printf(")\n");
209             }
210         }
211         printf("\n");
212
213         if (!any) printf(" No classes\n");
214     }
215 }
216

```

Conclusion:-

The Timetable Management System was successfully designed and implemented using the C programming language. The program efficiently manages student and faculty records and generates an automatic schedule with suitable subject and faculty allocation. This project helped me understand file handling, structures, arrays, and modular programming in C. The system successfully accomplishes the project's original objectives.

Future Enhancements:-

- Adding a option to search timetable by entering batch number.
- Adding a option to show list of students in a batch number entered by user.
- Adding a option to show list of faculties by the subject they teach (subject was entered by user).