Library Management System

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1.1 INTRODUCTION

A Library Management System (LMS) is an essential tool for efficiently managing the vast amounts of information found in libraries. It enables libraries to automate the cataloging of books, manage circulation, track inventory, and maintain records of library members. As libraries increasingly adopt digital solutions, LMS software has become indispensable in simplifying and streamlining operations, improving accessibility, and enhancing user experience. This system serves as a backbone for modern libraries, helping them manage resources more effectively and ensuring that patrons can access materials with ease.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of a Library Management System is to provide a comprehensive solution for managing library operations such as book issue and return, member management, cataloging, and inventory control. Specific goals include:

- **Efficient Cataloging: Automating the categorization and storage of books and other resources to ensure quick access and retrieval.**
- **User Management: Maintaining a database of members and their borrowing history to ensure smooth circulation.**
- **Inventory Tracking: Keeping track of available and borrowed resources in real-time to avoid duplication or loss of materials.**
- **Reporting and Analysis: Providing detailed reports on the usage of library resources, which helps in making informed decisions on acquisitions and resource management.**

Moreover, the LMS aims to enhance the overall library experience by reducing administrative burdens, minimizing human errors, and improving user satisfaction.

1.3 MODULES

A Library Management System is typically composed of several modules that handle different aspects of library operations. Key modules in a standard LMS include:

- **Book Cataloging Module: This module allows for the classification, cataloging, and indexing of books and other resources in the library. It includes details such as title, author, genre, and ISBN, making it easier for users to search and find materials.**
- **Member Management Module: This module stores and manages user information, including member registration, login credentials, and borrowing history. It tracks overdue books, fines, and renewals to ensure that members comply with library policies.**
- **Circulation Module: Responsible for managing the check-out and check-in process, this module monitors the borrowing and return of materials, calculates due dates, and manages reservations for books that are currently unavailable.**
- **Inventory Management Module: This module tracks the physical stock of books and other library materials, alerting staff when resources are low or when books need to be repaired or replaced.**
- **Reporting and Analytics Module: Generates reports on library usage, resource popularity, and circulation trends. These insights assist in collection development and resource optimization.**

In conclusion, each module works together to create a cohesive and functional system, ensuring smooth library operations and an improved experience for both staff and patrons.

SURVERY OF TECHNOLOGIES:

2.1 Software Description:

A **Library Management System (LMS)** is a software application used by libraries to manage and automate the daily operations of library functions. These systems help librarians track and manage resources like books, journals, digital media, and more. An LMS typically includes features for cataloging, circulation, user management, acquisition, and reporting. Libraries may use an LMS to streamline

the borrowing process, manage inventory, and provide better services to library patrons.

Key features of a typical Library Management System include:

- **Catalog Management**: Storing and organizing information about books, journals, multimedia, and other library resources.
- **User Management**: Managing user registrations, memberships, and user activity like book borrowing and returns.
- **Book Circulation**: Facilitating checkouts, returns, reservations, and renewals of library materials.
- **Search and Retrieval**: Providing a user-friendly interface for searching resources by title, author, genre, etc.
- **Reporting**: Generating reports on usage statistics, overdue books, and inventory management.
- **Security**: Keeping track of borrowed materials and ensuring the protection of sensitive user data.

Some LMS applications may also include integration with online catalogs, support for e-books, and features for managing online loans or digital media.

2.2 Languages

When developing or working with a Library Management System, several programming languages and technologies are typically employed. The two primary languages used in the development and management of such systems are **SQL** for database management and **Python** for backend and automation tasks.

2.2.1 SQL (Structured Query Language)

SQL is a domain-specific language used to manage and manipulate relational databases. In the context of a Library Management System, SQL is used to store, retrieve, update, and delete data within the database. This data typically includes information about books, users, transactions, and other resources.

Common SQL tasks in a Library Management System include:

- **Database Design and Schema Creation**: Designing tables to store data such as book titles, authors, user information, and transaction logs.
- **CRUD Operations**: Performing Create, Read, Update, and Delete operations on data. For example:
    - Insert a new book record.
    - Retrieve a list of available books.
    - Update the status of a borrowed book.
    - Delete records of books that are no longer available.
- **Complex Queries**: Writing queries to filter and sort records based on criteria such as available books, overdue items, or user borrowing history.
- **Join Operations**: Combining data from multiple tables, such as linking books with their authors or linking users with borrowed materials.
- **Indexes**: Creating indexes to speed up query performance, especially when the library has a large collection.

2.2.2 Python

Python is a versatile, high-level programming language widely used in the development of software applications, including Library Management Systems. Python can be employed for tasks such as backend development, automation, data analysis, and integration with other services.

In an LMS, Python can be used for:

- **Backend Development**: Python's frameworks (such as Django or Flask) can be used to create the backend of a Library Management System. These frameworks help manage routing, templating, user authentication, and database interactions.
- **Automation**: Python can be used to automate tasks like sending reminders to users about overdue books or sending notifications when new books are added to the catalog.
- **Data Processing and Reporting**: Python's libraries (such as pandas or matplotlib) are useful for data analysis and generating reports on user activities, library usage, and book statistics.

- **APIs and Integrations**: Python can interact with external APIs to extend the functionality of an LMS, such as integrating with e-book platforms or online book databases.
- **Testing and Maintenance**: Python scripts can be used to perform unit testing, maintain the system, and handle system logs.

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3. REQUIREMENTS AND ANALYSIS

The requirements and analysis phase of developing a Library Management System (LMS) is essential for defining the functionality and constraints of the system. In this phase, we gather the necessary **functional** and **non-functional** requirements, identify the hardware and software needed, create a clear data model (e.g., ER Diagram), and apply normalization techniques to ensure data integrity and efficiency.

3.1 Requirement Specification

Requirement specification outlines the functional and non-functional requirements that the Library Management System must fulfill. This includes a detailed list of features, user roles, and system expectations.

Functional Requirements

These define the operations and functionalities the system should support:

1. **User Management:**
    - Users must be able to register, login, and manage their profiles (e.g., updating contact information, password reset).
    - Users can search for books by title, author, genre, or other metadata.
    - Users can borrow and return books, and see the status of their borrowed books.
    - The system must allow users to reserve books that are currently unavailable.
2. **Book Management:**
    - The system must allow admins to add, update, and delete books.

- Admins can categorize books by genre, author, or any other attributes.
- The system should maintain the availability status of each book (e.g., available, borrowed, reserved, lost).
- Books must have metadata such as title, author, ISBN, genre, publisher, publication year, etc.

3. **Transaction Management:**
   - The system must record the borrowing and return transactions for each user.
   - The system should calculate the due dates based on the book's borrowing time (e.g., 7 days, 14 days).
   - The system should calculate late fees for overdue books.
4. **Search and Filtering:**
   - Users should be able to search books by various parameters such as title, author, ISBN, and genre.
   - The system should provide filters to narrow down the search results (e.g., by availability, genre, etc.).
5. **Notification and Alerts:**
   - The system must send notifications to users about overdue books, due dates, or book availability (e.g., if a reserved book becomes available).
   - Admins should receive notifications for overdue books, low inventory, or system issues.
6. **Reporting:**
   - The system must generate reports on:
     - Books borrowed by users.
     - Overdue books and pending returns.
     - Most popular or frequently borrowed books.
     - User statistics and activity.

Non-Functional Requirements

These define the performance, security, and usability expectations for the system:

1. **Performance:**
    - The system should handle multiple concurrent users without significant degradation in response time.
    - The system should be scalable to accommodate a growing library catalog and user base.
2. **Security:**
    - The system must ensure that sensitive user information (e.g., personal details, borrowing history) is securely stored.
    - The system should use authentication mechanisms (username/password, potentially multi-factor authentication) to control access.
3. **Usability:**
    - The user interface should be intuitive and easy to use for both library staff and patrons.
    - The system should be accessible through both web and mobile interfaces.
4. **Reliability and Availability:**
    - The system must be reliable, ensuring minimal downtime.
    - The system should support regular backups of the database to prevent data loss.

3.2 Hardware and Software Requirements

Hardware Requirements:

The hardware requirements specify the hardware infrastructure needed to run the Library Management System effectively.

- **Server Hardware (for Hosting the LMS):**

- Processor: Minimum of 2.5 GHz multi-core processor (e.g., Intel Xeon, AMD Ryzen).
- RAM: At least 8 GB of RAM for smooth operation.
- Storage: SSD with at least 500 GB of storage space, scalable based on the library's collection size.
- Network: High-speed internet connection (e.g., 100 Mbps or higher) for fast data access.
- Backup Device: External storage or cloud-based solutions for data backup.

- **Client Devices (for Library Users and Staff):**
  - Desktop/Laptop: At least 4 GB RAM, 500 GB storage.
  - Mobile Devices: Smartphones and tablets for users to access the LMS remotely (iOS/Android).
  - Network: Stable internet connection for remote access and usage.

Software Requirements:

The software requirements outline the operating systems, database management systems (DBMS), and other tools needed to develop and run the LMS.

- **Operating System:**
  - Server: Linux (Ubuntu, CentOS) or Windows Server for hosting the LMS.
  - Client: Windows, macOS, or Linux for desktop; Android or iOS for mobile clients.
- **Database Management System (DBMS):**
  - **MySQL** for relational database management. These DBMS are well-suited for handling large datasets and support complex queries.
- **Programming Languages:**
  - **Python** for backend development.
  - **HTML5**, **CSS3** for the user interface.

- **Frameworks:**
    - **Flask** (Python frameworks) for backend development and API integration.

3.3 ER Diagram

The **Entity-Relationship (ER) Diagram** represents the system's data model and the relationships between entities in the Library Management System. Here's a high-level overview of the entities:

Entities:

- **User**: Stores information about the library user.
    - Attributes: user_id, name, email, phone_number, address, user_type (e.g., Student, Staff), membership_status
- **Book**: Stores details about the books available in the library.
    - Attributes: book_id, title, author, ISBN, genre, publisher, publish_date, status (available/borrowed)
- **Transaction**: Stores the borrowing and returning details of books.
    - Attributes: transaction_id, user_id, book_id, borrow_date, return_date, due_date, late_fee
- **Reservation**: Stores records of book reservations.
    - Attributes: reservation_id, user_id, book_id, reservation_date, status
- **Staff**: Represents the library staff who manage the LMS.
    - Attributes: staff_id, name, role, email, phone_number

Relationships:

- **User - Transaction**: A user can have many transactions, and each transaction is linked to one user. This is a **one-to-many** relationship.
- **Book - Transaction**: A book can be borrowed many times, but each transaction is linked to only one book. This is a **one-to-many** relationship.

- **User - Reservation**: A user can reserve many books, but each reservation corresponds to one book. This is a **one-to-many** relationship.
- **Book - Reservation**: A book can have many reservations, but each reservation corresponds to one book. This is a **one-to-many** relationship.

Example ER Diagram:

3.5 Normalization

Normalization is the process of organizing data to minimize redundancy and dependency by dividing large tables into smaller ones. The goal is to ensure data integrity and reduce the risk of anomalies when data is updated.

Steps for Normalization:

1. **1st Normal Form (1NF):**
    - Ensure that each column contains atomic (indivisible) values, and each record is unique (no repeating groups).

Example: In a Books table, avoid storing multiple authors in one column (e.g., "Author1, Author2"). Instead, create a separate Authors table and link them through a foreign key.

2. **2nd Normal Form (2NF):**
    - Ensure that the table is in 1NF and that every non-key column is fully dependent on the primary key.
    - Eliminate partial dependency, i.e., non-key attributes should not depend on only part of a composite primary key.

Example: In a table storing Student_Courses, remove the dependency of course_name on only part of the primary key (student_id). Instead, store course information in a separate Courses table.

3. **3rd Normal Form (3NF):**
    - Ensure that the table is in 2NF and that there are no transitive dependencies (i.e., non-key attributes should not depend on other non-key attributes).
    - Eliminate columns that do not directly relate to the primary key.

Example: In a Books table, publisher_address depends on the publisher_name. You should remove this column and create a separate Publishers table to store address information.

4. PROGRAM CODE:

Python:

```
from flask import Flask, render_template, request, flash, session, redirect, url_for
import mysql.connector
from mysql.connector import Error

app = Flask(__name__)
app.secret_key = 'your_secret_key_here'

def get_db_connection():
    return mysql.connector.connect(
        host="localhost",
        user="root",
        password="No#123456",
        database="library_management"
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    )

@app.route('/')
def home():
    return render_template("Home.html")

@app.route('/signup', methods=["GET", "POST"])
def signup():
    if request.method == "POST":
        em = request.form["email"]
        pwd = request.form["password"]
        pwd2 = request.form["pwd2"]
        if pwd != pwd2:
            flash("Passwords don't match...", category='error')
            return render_template("signup.html")
        try:
            conn = get_db_connection()
            cursor = conn.cursor()
            cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users WHERE email = %s", (em,))
            user = cursor.fetchone()
            if user:
                flash("User already exists...", category='error')
                return render_template("signup.html")
            query = "INSERT INTO users(email, password) VALUES (%s, %s)"
            cursor.execute(query, (em, pwd))
```

```
            conn.commit()
            session['email'] = em
            return redirect(url_for('index'))
        except Error as e:
            flash(f"An error occurred: {e}", category='error')
        finally:
            cursor.close()
            conn.close()
    return render_template("signup.html")


@app.route('/login', methods=["GET", "POST"])
def login():
    if request.method == "POST":
        em = request.form["email"]
        pwd = request.form["password"]
        try:
            conn = get_db_connection()
            cursor = conn.cursor()
            cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users WHERE email = %s AND
password = %s", (em, pwd))
            user = cursor.fetchone()
            if not user:
                flash("Invalid email or password...", category='error')
                return render_template("login.html")
            session['email'] = em
            return redirect(url_for('index'))
```

```
        except Error as e:
            flash(f"An error occurred: {e}", category='error')
        finally:
            cursor.close()
            conn.close()
    return render_template("login.html")

@app.route('/index', methods=["GET", "POST"])
def index():
    if 'email' not in session:
        return redirect(url_for('login'))

    e = session['email']
    borrowed_books = []
    search = None
    try:
        conn = get_db_connection()
        cursor = conn.cursor()
        cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM books WHERE user = %s", (e,))
        borrowed_books = cursor.fetchall()

        if request.method == "POST":
            nam = request.form["sname"]
            query = "SELECT * FROM books WHERE book_title LIKE %s"
            cursor.execute(query, ("%" + nam + "%",))
```

```
            search = cursor.fetchall()
            print("Search Results:", search)    # This line for debugging
    except Error as e:
        flash(f"An error occurred: {e}", category='error')
    finally:
        cursor.close()
        conn.close()

    return render_template("index.html", borrowed_books=borrowed_books,
search_results=search)


@app.route('/return', methods=["POST"])
def returnb():
    book_id = request.form['book_id']
    try:
        conn = get_db_connection()
        cursor = conn.cursor()
        cursor.execute("UPDATE books SET user = NULL, b_date = NULL,
return_date = NULL WHERE bookid = %s", (book_id,))
        conn.commit()
    except Error as e:
        flash(f"An error occurred: {e}", category='error')
    finally:
        cursor.close()
        conn.close()
    return redirect(url_for('index'))
```

```
@app.route('/get', methods=["POST"])
def get():
    book_id = request.form['book_id']
    em = session['email']
    try:
        conn = get_db_connection()
        cursor = conn.cursor()


        cursor.execute("SELECT user FROM books WHERE bookid = %s",
(book_id,))
        current_user = cursor.fetchone()
        if current_user and current_user[0] is not None:
            flash("Book is already borrowed...", category='error')
            return redirect(url_for('index'))


        cursor.execute("UPDATE books SET user = %s, b_date = CURRENT_DATE,
return_date = CURRENT_DATE + INTERVAL 7 DAY WHERE bookid = %s",
(em, book_id))
        conn.commit()
    except Error as e:
        flash(f"An error occurred: {e}", category='error')
    finally:
        cursor.close()
        conn.close()
    return redirect(url_for('index'))
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if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
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Results and Disscussion:

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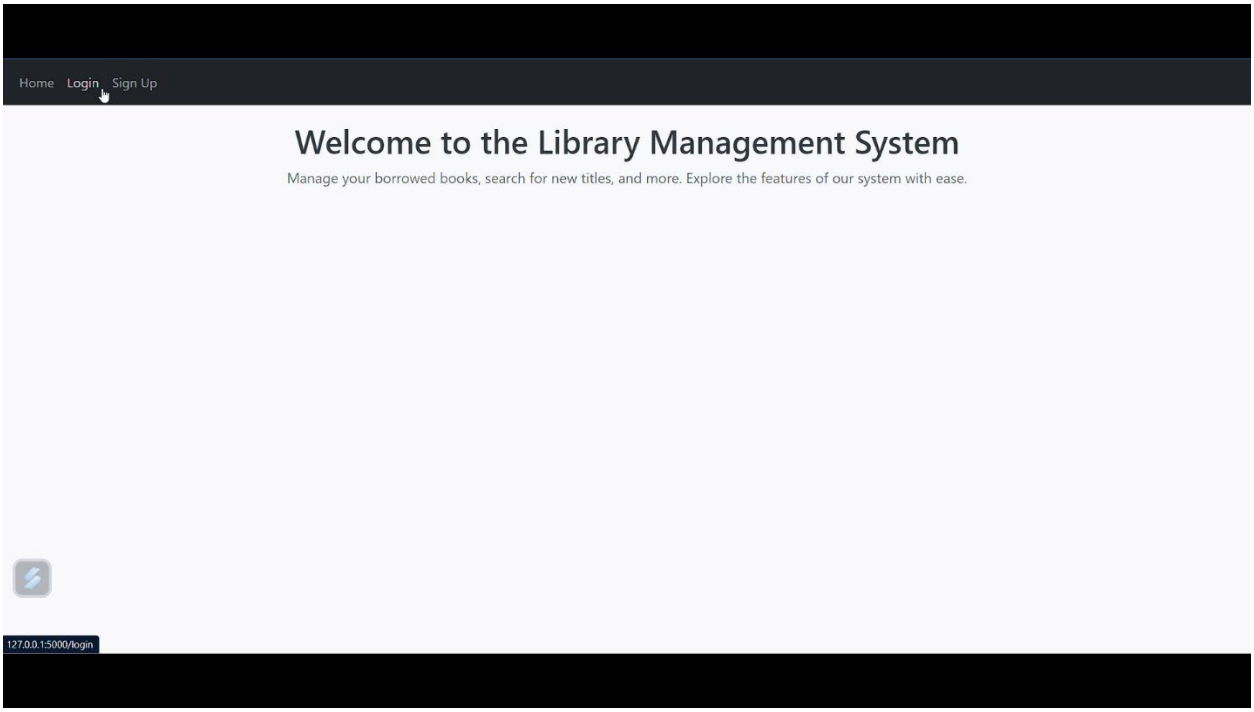

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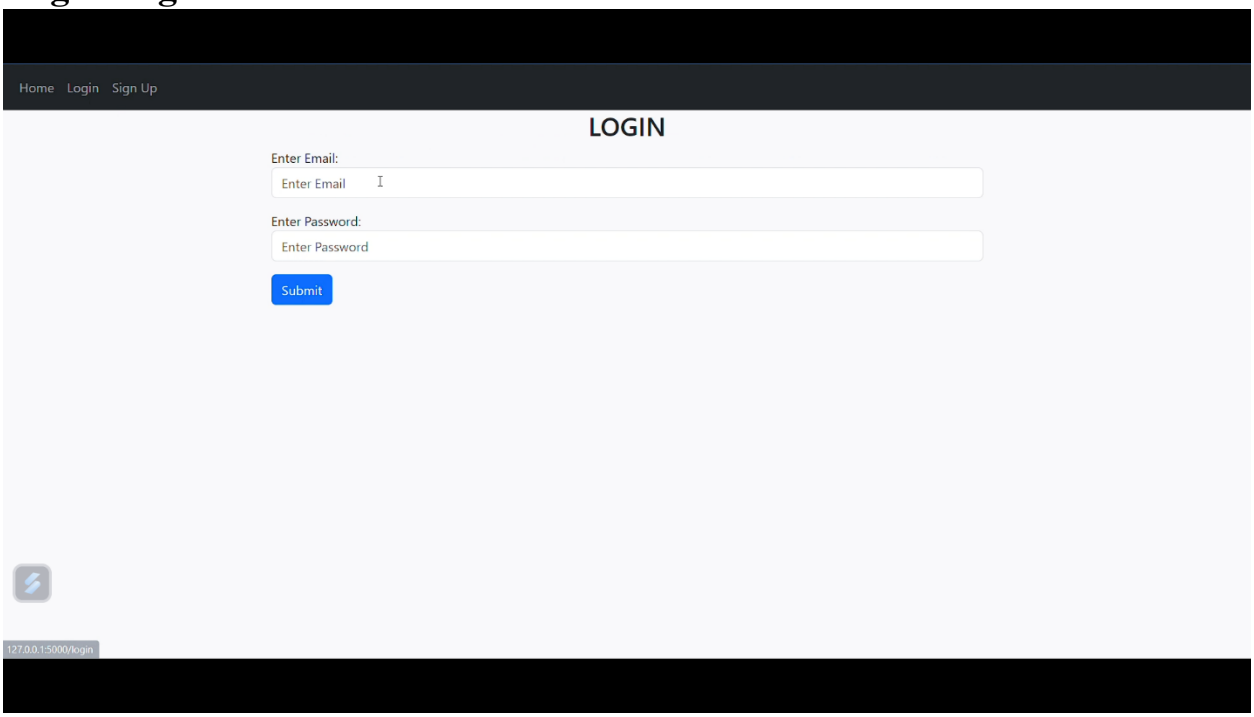

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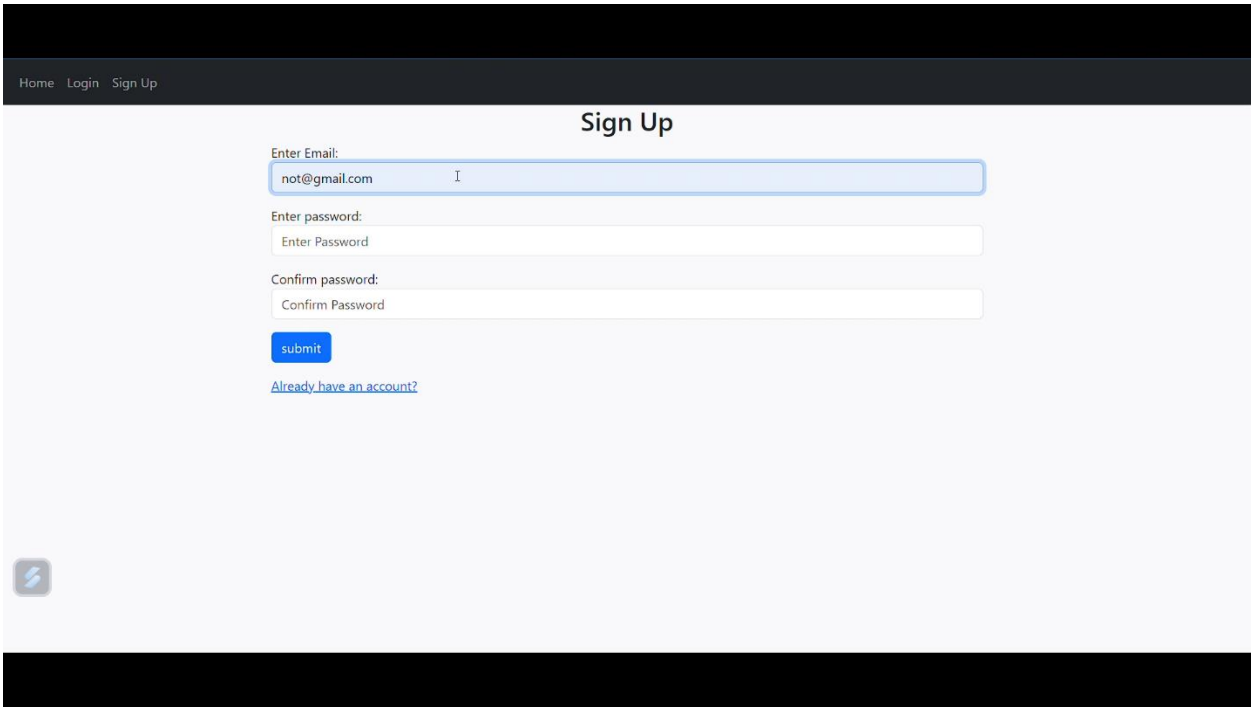
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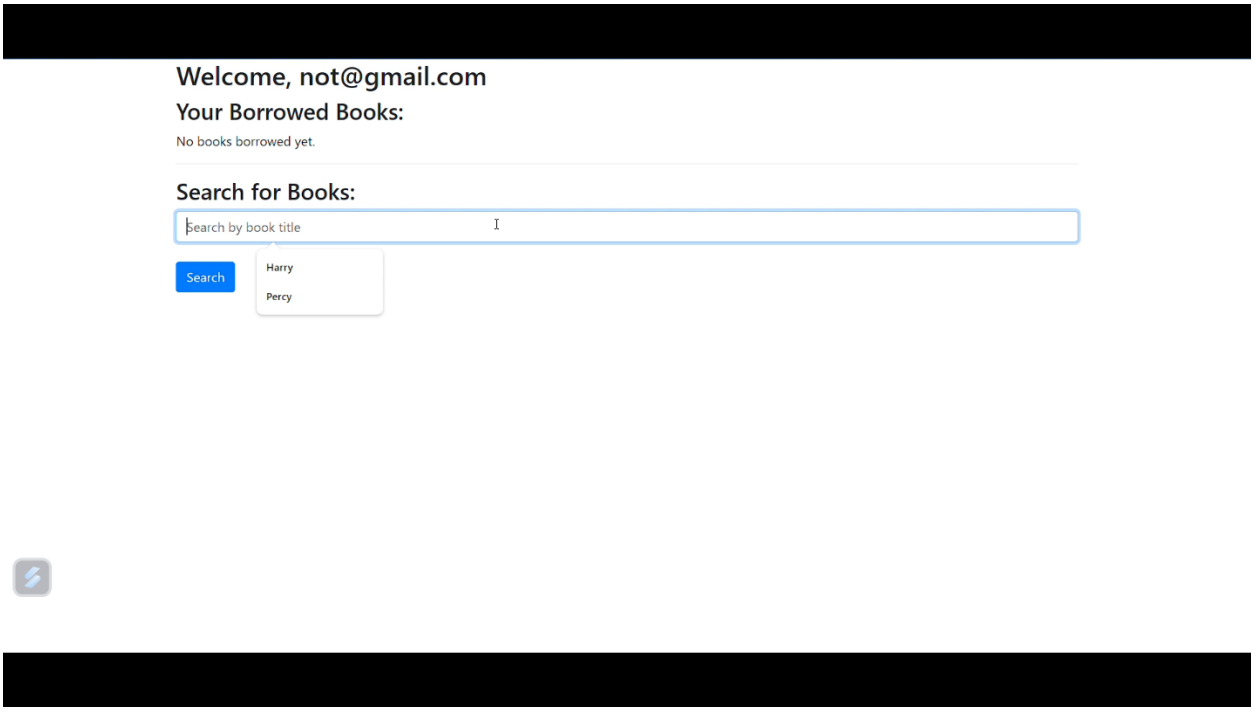
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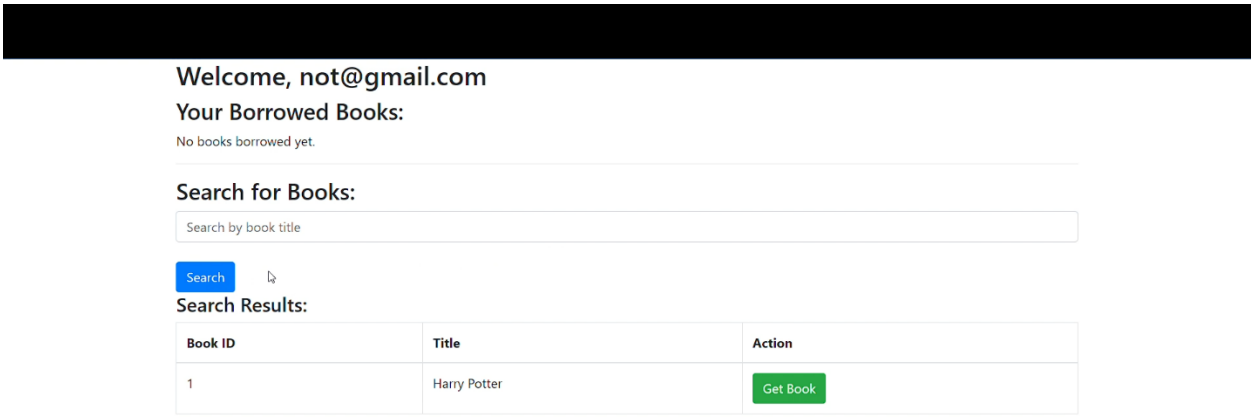

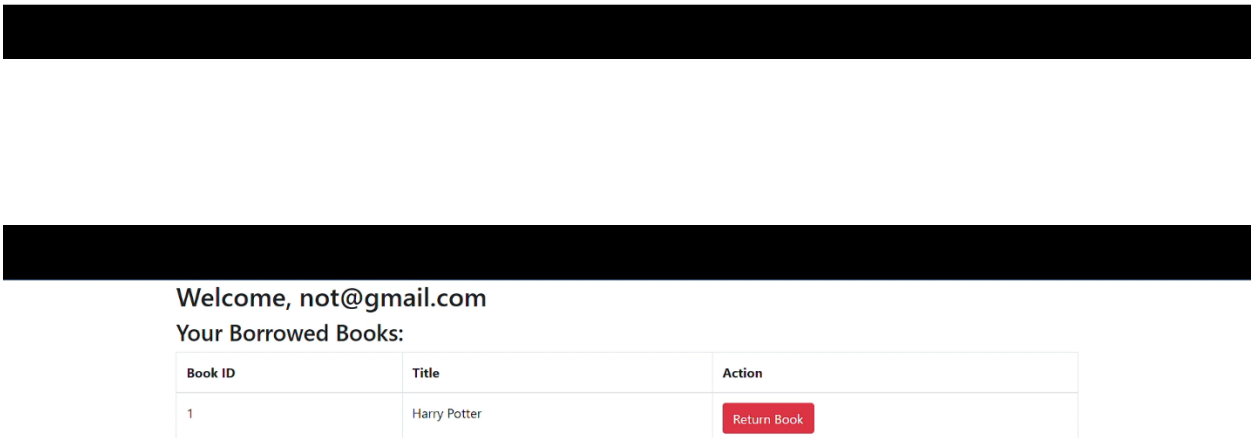

Discussion Points for Library Management System (LMS)

In this section, we can discuss various aspects of the Library Management System (LMS) design and development, its impact on users, technological choices, and its potential for growth. Below are some key discussion points:

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1. Usability and User Experience (UX)

- **Interface Design**: How user-friendly is the interface for both library staff and patrons? Are there any challenges in navigation, especially for users who are not tech-savvy?
- **Accessibility**: How accessible is the LMS for people with disabilities? Are there features like text-to-speech, screen reader compatibility, or high-contrast modes available?
- **Multilingual Support**: Does the LMS support multiple languages to cater to a diverse user base, especially in multi-lingual regions?

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2. Scalability and Performance

- **Handling High Traffic**: As the library's collection and user base grow, how will the system scale? What infrastructure (e.g., cloud computing, load balancing) will be needed to handle high volumes of traffic and transactions?
- **Database Optimization**: What steps are taken to ensure that the database remains responsive as more users borrow, return, and search for books? How can SQL queries be optimized for faster retrieval?
- **System Downtime**: What strategies are in place to minimize downtime, especially during peak times like semester start or end? Is the system designed to support regular backups and disaster recovery?

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3. Data Security and Privacy

- **User Data Protection**: How does the system protect the privacy of library users, especially regarding personal data such as names, addresses, borrowing history, and payment information?
- **Data Encryption**: Is sensitive data (like passwords, payment details, etc.) encrypted both in transit (e.g., SSL/TLS) and at rest (e.g., database encryption)?
- **Access Control**: How is access to sensitive system functionality restricted? Are there different levels of access (admin, librarian, user) with role-based permissions?

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4. Automation and Notifications

- **Overdue Book Alerts**: Does the system automate the sending of notifications to users when their borrowed books are overdue, or when reserved books are available for pickup? How customizable are these notifications?
- **Reservation Management**: How does the system handle reservations? For example, if a user reserves a book and another user returns it, is the first user notified automatically, and how are conflicts managed?
- **Fine Calculations**: How is the fine for overdue books calculated, and how is it communicated to the user? Are there automated reminders for paying fines?

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5. Integration with External Systems

- **Inter-Library Loan Systems**: Does the LMS integrate with other libraries' systems for inter-library loans? This is especially important for academic libraries that share resources.
- **Third-party APIs**: Is there integration with third-party services like online book catalogs (e.g., Amazon, Goodreads) to enrich the system's metadata and search functionality? How about integration with payment gateways for fine collection?

- **E-book Integration**: Can the system manage digital resources such as e-books or audiobooks? How does it handle lending and returning of digital items, and are there any licensing or DRM concerns?

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6. Reporting and Analytics

- **User and Book Statistics**: What kind of data analytics and reporting capabilities does the LMS provide? Does it offer reports on popular books, most active users, peak borrowing periods, etc.?
- **Decision-Making**: How does the reporting feature help library management in making decisions about book acquisitions, inventory management, and resource allocation?
- **Data-Driven Insights**: Can the system provide actionable insights, such as which genres are most popular, which users are late most often, or trends in borrowing behavior over time?

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7. Challenges in Development and Maintenance

- **Complexity of Features**: What challenges might developers face in building and maintaining a comprehensive LMS, especially with features like fine calculation, search indexing, and automated notifications?
- **Database Design**: How difficult is it to design a relational database that supports multiple users, books, transactions, and other entities? Are there challenges in ensuring data consistency, especially for concurrent transactions?
- **System Maintenance**: How easy is it to maintain the LMS once it's deployed? Is there regular software maintenance, bug fixes, and updates? How are system downtimes for maintenance handled?

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8. Future Enhancements and Trends

- **AI and Machine Learning**: Can artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) enhance the user experience in a library management system? For example, by providing personalized book recommendations, predicting book demand, or automating categorization of new books.
- **Cloud Computing**: Is there potential for migrating the LMS to the cloud for better scalability, remote access, and cost efficiency? What are the pros and cons of a cloud-based LMS versus an on-premise solution?
- **Mobile App Development**: Should a mobile application be developed for users to access library services? What additional features could a mobile app offer (e.g., barcode scanning for quick book check-ins and check-outs, push notifications for overdue books)?
- **Blockchain for Transaction Security**: Can blockchain technology be used for ensuring transparency and security in book transactions and user activity? Would it be practical for an LMS?

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9. Cost-Benefit Analysis

- **Cost of Development and Maintenance**: What is the expected cost of developing and maintaining the LMS, considering factors like hardware, software, licenses, and personnel? How does this compare to the benefits it brings to the library in terms of efficiency and user satisfaction?
- **Return on Investment (ROI)**: How does the implementation of an LMS impact the library's efficiency? For instance, does it reduce the time spent by staff on manual cataloging and book checkout? Can it help in attracting more users to the library due to improved services?
- **Open-Source vs. Commercial Solutions**: Should the LMS be developed in-house or purchased as a commercial solution? What are the pros and cons of using open-source LMS software versus proprietary solutions?

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10. User Training and Support

- **Staff Training**: How easy is it for library staff to get trained on using the LMS? Does the system provide user-friendly interfaces, or does it require extensive training?
- **User Support**: What support mechanisms are in place for library patrons in case they encounter problems using the system? Does the system include a help section, FAQs, or live support?

Conclusion :

The **Library Management System (LMS)** is a critical tool for modernizing the operations of libraries, enabling them to provide efficient and accessible services to both library staff and patrons. The **requirements and analysis phase** plays a crucial role in ensuring the system's functionality meets the needs of its users, and the system is designed to be scalable, secure, and user-friendly.

By addressing **functional requirements**, such as user management, book transactions, and reporting, alongside **non-functional requirements** like performance, security, and scalability, an LMS can provide seamless services. Additionally, considering factors like **usability**, **accessibility**, and **data security** ensures that the system will be effective for a diverse user base while safeguarding personal and transactional data.

The **ER diagram** and **normalization** techniques highlight the importance of a well-structured database, minimizing redundancy and improving system performance. The **hardware and software requirements** ensure that the system can function efficiently, while **scalability** is vital to accommodate the growth of both library collections and user traffic.

As libraries evolve in the digital age, future enhancements such as the integration of **AI**, **machine learning**, and **cloud-based solutions** can further elevate the user experience and operational efficiency of the LMS. With the right balance of technology, user-centric design, and continuous support, an LMS can significantly improve library management, making it easier for users to access resources and for libraries to manage their collections effectively.

In conclusion, a robust **Library Management System** not only optimizes daily operations but also provides a platform for future technological advancements. It helps to create a streamlined, secure, and engaging library environment, benefiting both library staff and users alike.

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These references provide foundational insights into the development, design, and technological considerations necessary for building an effective Library Management System.