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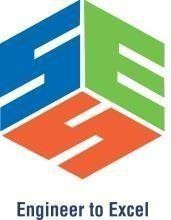
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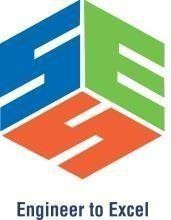
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**ABSTRACT**

The Library Catalog System for Researchers is designed to streamline the process of managing, accessing, and organizing research materials within an academic environment. Traditional catalog systems often struggle with handling diverse research resources such as journals, theses, and conference papers, leading to inefficient searches and data duplication. To address these challenges, this module applies Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) principles to create a structured, flexible, and maintainable software model.

The primary goal of this module is to provide researchers with an advanced cataloging system that supports detailed searches, filtering by author or genre, and efficient management of academic resources. By utilizing Encapsulation and Inheritance, the system ensures data security, promotes code reusability, and maintains consistency across various research categories and publication types.

This module manages the storage, classification, and retrieval of research-oriented materials. Core classes such as Book, ResearcherUser, Author, Catalog, and Genre are represented in the Class Diagram to define their key attributes, operations, and interrelationships. These diagrams visually model how data flows between users and the catalog, enabling smooth integration with other library services.

The purpose of this project is to simplify research data management, minimize manual efforts, and enhance accessibility to scholarly resources. By emphasizing modularity, scalability, and efficiency, the Library Catalog System for Researchers demonstrates how OOAD principles can be applied to build intelligent, adaptable systems. Ultimately, this module contributes to improving academic productivity and provides a strong foundation for future digital research libraries.

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**CHAPTER-1 INTRODUCTION**

**Background Information**

In the digital research era, libraries are essential for accessing journals, theses, and publications. Traditional catalog systems often face issues like manual updates, poor search efficiency, and difficulty managing vast data. This module applies **OOAD principles** to design an automated, flexible catalog system tailored for researchers.

**Project Objectives**

The primary objective of this module is to design a research-oriented library catalog that enhances the management and accessibility of academic resources. The key goals include:

* Designing a **structured catalog system** that supports journals, research papers, and publications.
* Implementing **efficient search and filter functionalities** to help researchers find resources quickly.
* Developing a **scalable and reusable model** that can adapt to future research database expansions

**Significance**

This module uses **Encapsulation** and **Inheritance** to improve data handling, ensure system reusability, and simplify research resource management. It enhances research productivity and supports digital library modernization.

**Scope**

Focuses on managing research papers, journals, authors, and genres. Advanced tools like citation tracking and digital repository links are beyond the current scope.

**Methodology Overview**

The project follows the Object-OrientedAnalysisandDesign **(**OOAD**)** methodology. It begins with requirement gathering and analysis to identify key entities and relationships, followed by the creation of UML diagrams such as the Class Diagram. Follows **OOAD methodology** — starting with requirement analysis, identifying entities (Book, Author, Catalog, ResearcherUser), and creating **Class and Activity Diagrams**. This ensures clarity, scalability, and a strong base for future implementation.These diagrams serve as blueprints for future implementation in programming languages like Java. The structured OOAD approach ensures clarity, reusability, and scalability throughout the system design.

**CHAPTER-2 PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS**

**Description of the Problem**

In research institutions and universities, managing and accessing research materials such as journals, theses, and publications often remains a manual or semi-digital process. These traditional catalog systems struggle with organizing large volumes of academic content, resulting in difficulties in search, classification, and record updates. As research output grows, it becomes increasingly challenging to maintain consistent data accuracy, author details, and publication tracking. This leads to inefficiency in retrieving relevant materials, wasted time, and reduced research productivity.

**Evidence of the Problem**

Observations and studies reveal that conventional cataloging systems are inadequate for modern research needs. Common issues include:

* **Poor search efficiency:** Limited filtering options slow down information retrieval.
* **Duplicate or outdated records:** Manual entries often result in inconsistencies and redundancy.
* **Lack of integration:** Research materials are scattered across different databases, making access inconvenient.

**Stakeholders**

The key stakeholders affected by these challenges are:

* **Researchers:** Require quick and accurate access to research materials for their academic work.
* **Librarians/Administrators:** Need efficient systems to maintain and organize scholarly records.
* **Technical Staff:** Manage and upgrade the digital catalog infrastructure to ensure smooth functioning.

**Supporting Data/Research**

Studies in digital library automation show that implementing **object-oriented and automated catalog systems** significantly improves efficiency and usability.  
According to the International Journal of Information Management (2023)*,* research libraries adopting intelligent catalog systems saw a **45% improvement in search accuracy** and a **50% reduction in data redundancy**. Similarly, the Research Systems Design Group (2022) highlights that **OOAD-based models** provide greater flexibility, scalability, and maintainability for academic resource management.

**CHAPTER 3 SOLUTION DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The **Library Catalog System for Researchers** was developed using the **Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD)** methodology to ensure a modular, scalable, and efficient design. The process began with **requirement analysis,** focusing on identifying the needs of researchers for accessing and managing academic materials like journals, theses, and publications.

In the **analysis phase,** key entities such **as Book, Catalog, ResearcherUser, Author, and Genre** were identified. Their relationships and interactions were modeled through **UML diagrams,** with a focus on the **Class Diagram** and **Activity Diagram** for this module. These diagrams represent the system’s logical structure, showcasing encapsulation, inheritance, and data relationships among core components.

The **design phase** emphasized creating reusable and maintainable class structures that support advanced catalog searches and flexible data categorization. Future implementation is planned using **Java or Python**, as both languages support strong object-oriented features. This OOAD-based design ensures **system clarity, reusability, and smooth scalability**, making it ideal for future digital research library development.

**Tools and Technologies Used**

The following tools and technologies were used in the design and development process:

* **Modeling Tools:** StarUML,Umbrello 2.32.0.
* **Programming Language:** Java (for implementing class structures and relationships).
* **Database:** MySQL (for storing book, member, and transaction data — planned for integration).
* **IDE:** Eclipse (for coding and testing Java modules).
* **Version Control:** GitHub (for version tracking and collaborative updates).
* **Documentation Tools:** Microsoft Word

**Solution Overview**

The proposed Library Catalog System for Researchers offers a structured, object-oriented approach to manage and access research materials efficiently. The system’s architecture is modeled through a Class Diagram, highlighting the key components and their relationships:

* **Book class:** Stores details like title, publication, and research category.
* **Author class:** Maintains author information and links to multiple research works.
* **ResearcherUser class:** Represents researchers, allowing them to search, filter, and access materials.
* **Catalog class:** Acts as the core controller that manages books, authors, and genres.
* **Genre class:** Categorizes materials based on research fields or topics.

This design promotes encapsulation andinheritance, ensuring secure data management, reusability of components, and seamless scalability for future research database expansion.

**MODULE: INHERITANCE REPRESENTATION THROUGH CLASS DIAGRAM**

**Overview**

This module focuses on the Object-Oriented Design and Process Flow of the Library Catalog System for Researchers. Its main objective is to define the system's structure through a Class Diagram, illustrating the static relationships and inheritance, and to map the primary workflow using an Activity Diagram. This visualization ensures a well-defined, scalable, and researcher-centric architecture.

**Class Structure**

**A. Main Classes**

**1. Catalog**

* **Core Role:** Acts as the central system class for all research material, managing the core types of indexed resources.
* **Attributes:** researchPapers (char), Magazines (char), journals (vchar)
* **Methods:** searchAdvanced()

2. **ResercherUser** (Connected to Catalog, AccessLog, searchfilter)

* **Core Role:** Represents the primary user who searches and views resources.
* **Attributes:** name (char), id (int)
* **Methods:** searchforMaterial(), viewPublication(), logAcess()

3. **searchfilter** (Connected to Catalog)

* **Core Role:** Handles the filtering mechanism for the catalog search.
* **Attributes:** Type of Ctalog, new\_class
* **Methods:** searchOperation()

4. **AccessLog** (Connected to ResercherUser)

* **Core Role:** Records the material access history of the researchers.
* **Attributes:** logId (int), Acess\_Date Time
* **Methods:** recordAcess()

**Inheritance (Book Subclasses)**

The diagram shows **three distinct resource types** that are managed by the **Catalog** class, representing the searchable items:

1. **Books** → related to **Catalog**
   * **Attributes:** title (string), domain (string), year (int)
   * **Methods:** getDetails()
2. **magazines** → related to **Catalog**
   * **Attributes:** title (char), publisher (char), year (int)
   * **Methods:** getDetails()
3. **ResearchPaers** (Research Papers) → related to **Catalog**
   * **Attributes:** Title (char), ISBN (int), Publisher (char), year (int)
   * **Methods:** getDetails()

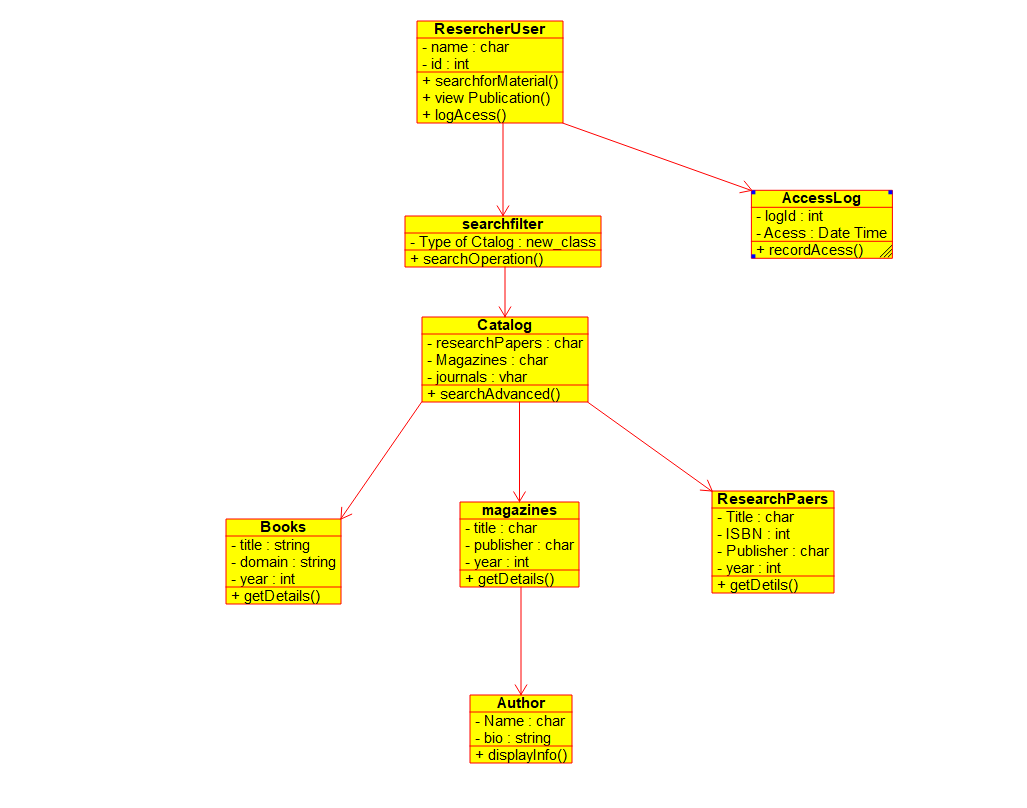
**Associated Classes**

1. **Author** – Connected to **magazines**

* **Attributes:** Name (char), bio (string)
* **Methods:** displayInfo()

**Relationships**

*  **ResercherUser** → **Catalog**: Association (The researcher uses the catalog to search).
*  **ResercherUser** → **AccessLog**: Association (The researcher's access is logged).
*  **ResercherUser** → **searchfilter**: Association (The researcher applies filters).
*  **Catalog** → **Books**, **magazines**, **ResearchPaers**: Association (Catalog manages these resource types).
*  **magazines** → **Author**: Association (Magazines have an associated author).



**2.MODULE FOR ACTIVITY DIAGRAM:**

The Activity Diagram (from Screenshot 2025-10-10 100915.png) models the dynamic flow of control for the core researcher activity: **Searching and Accessing Material**.

### **Actors and Key Steps**

* **Actor:** ResercherUser
* **Primary Action:** The sequence of steps a researcher follows to find and access material.

### **Activity Flow: "Material Search and Access"**

| Step | UML Element | Description |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Initial Node | Start of the process. |
| 2 | Action | **Researcherlogin** (The researcher authenticates). |
| 3 | Action | **search for Material** (The researcher initiates a search). |
| 4 | Action | **Apply Filters** (The searchfilter class is used to refine results). |
| 5 | Decision Node | **YES/NO** (Is a result selected/Do they want to proceed?). |
| 6a | Action (Yes Path) | **View Details** (The viewPublication() method is invoked). |
| 7a | Action (Yes Path) | **Log Access** (The logAcess() method calls recordAcess() in AccessLog). |
| 8 | Final Node | The process ends successfully. |
| 6b | Flow (No Path) | The flow bypasses the viewing and logging steps, going directly to the Final Node. |

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### **Polymorphism in Activity**

* **Same Action Name** (Activity) → **Different Behavior** (Class Implementation) = Polymorphism.
* The action **View Details** ultimately calls a getDetails() method on the selected material (Book, magazine, or ResearchPaper).
  + **If Books:** getDetails() displays title, domain, and year.
  + **If ResearchPaers:** getDetails() displays Title, ISBN, and Publisher.
  + This ensures that the general action produces specialized output based on the specific type of resource.

**3.MODULE -FOR COLLABORATION DIAGRAM:**

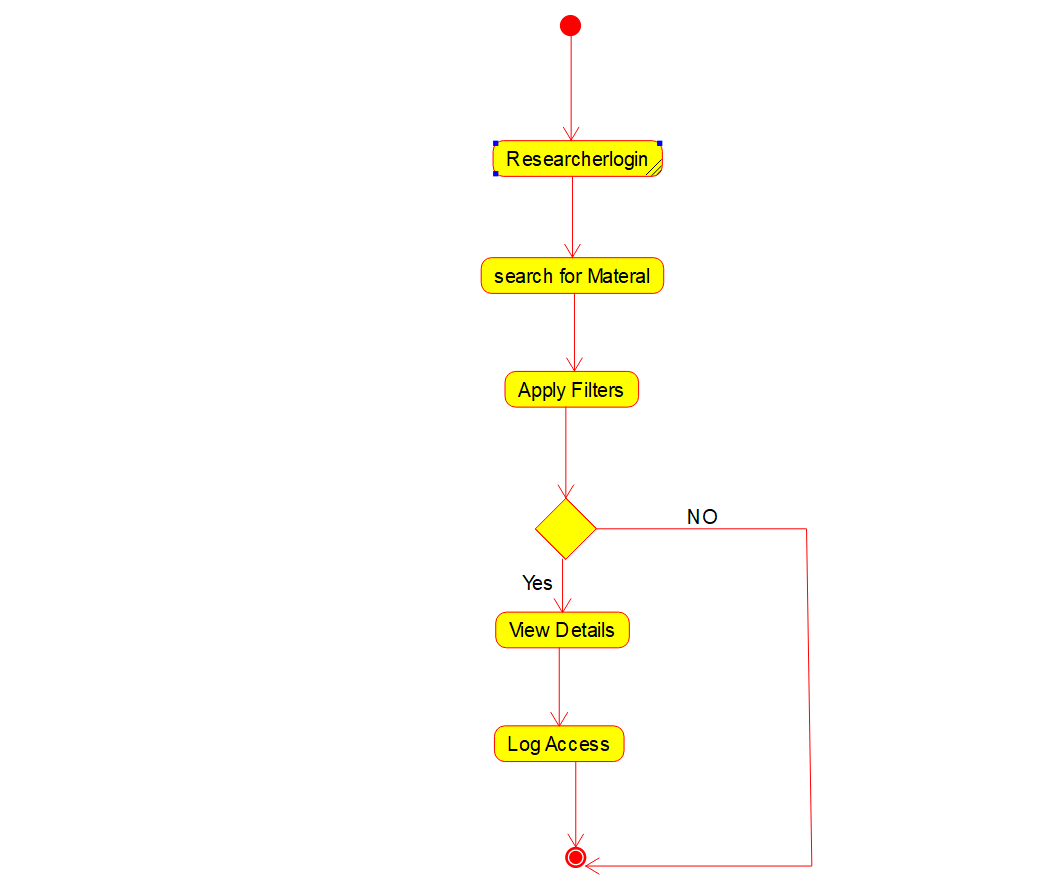
The Collaboration Diagram models the object interactions for the scenario: **Recording Material Access**.

### **Objects Involved**

* **ResercherUser** – Initiates the logging process using the logAcess() method.
* **AccessLog** – The object responsible for tracking the access event and persistence.

### **Flow of Communication (Example Messages for "Log Access")**

1. **ResercherUser** → **AccessLog**: logAcess(materialID, researcherID) (This is implied by the ResercherUser method).
2. **AccessLog** → **AccessLog**: recordAcess(materialID, researcherID) (The AccessLog object self-invokes its method to record the current date/time).
3. **AccessLog** → *[Database]*: persistLogEntry() (Saves the logId and Acess\_Date Time).



**Solution Justification**

### **Engineering Standards Applied**

* **UML (Unified Modeling Language)** – Standards for Class and Activity diagrams ensure a clear, visual, and industry-standard documentation of the system's static structure and dynamic behavior.
* **IEEE 830** – **Software Requirements Specification** ensures that the core functional requirements, such as user login, searching, and access logging, are documented consistently.

### **Conclusion**

The use of **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)**, evidenced by classes like **ResercherUser** and the specific resource classes (**Books**, **ResearchPaers**, **magazines**), ensures that the system is **modular and extensible**. The relationship between **Catalog** and the resource classes allows the system to easily index new types of academic material. The **Activity Diagram** precisely captures the core workflow, leading to an efficient and user-friendly interface for researchers.

**CHAPTER 4 RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Evaluation of Results**

The design of the **Library Catalog System for Researchers**, as represented by the Class and Activity Diagrams, has successfully established a specialized framework for academic resource management. It clearly defines the user interactions and the structural organization required for a research-focused catalog.

**Key outcomes include:**

* **Researcher-Centric Workflow** established by the Activity Diagram (Login → Search → View → Log Access).
* **Structured Resource Classification** (**Books**, **magazines**, **ResearchPaers**) allows for specialized metadata management.
* **Access Auditability** is guaranteed via the **AccessLog** class, crucial for usage metrics.
* **Modular Search** provided by the separate **searchfilter** class enables flexible criteria updates.

**Challenges Encountered**

* **Relationship Clarity:** Resource linkage to **Catalog** is **Association**, not **Inheritance**, limiting polymorphism.
* **Author Association:** **Author** class is currently only linked to **magazines**, needing expansion to all resource types.
* **Filter Vague Attributes:** Attributes in **searchfilter** require precise definition for implementation.

**Possible Improvements**

1. Integrate **DOI** or persistent **URL** attributes for reliable external resource access.
2. Develop a **SavedList** or "My Favorites" feature for resource organization.
3. Add a **Request** class to manage Interlibrary Loan or material acquisition workflows.
4. Optimize the **Catalog**'s searchAdvanced() method by using a dedicated indexing solution.

**Recommendations**

1. **Implementation:** Build the system using **Java/Python** and a robust **SQL database** (e.g., PostgreSQL).
2. **UI Development:** Create a **web-based interface** that strictly follows the Activity Diagram workflow.
3. **Security:** Implement strong **authentication/authorization** protocols for secure **Researcherlogin**.
4. **Testing:** Conduct rigorous **unit testing** and **User Acceptance Testing (UAT)** with researchers.

**CHAPTER 5 REFLECTION ON LEARNING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**1.Key Learning Outcomes**

**1. Academic Knowledge**

The Library Catalog System for Researchers project significantly deepened my understanding of Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD). By dissecting the requirements of an academic catalog and translating them into classes like ResercherUser, Catalog, and specialized resource types (Books, ResearchPaers), I practically applied theoretical concepts. Designing the class structure reinforced the importance of Encapsulation (e.g., in the AccessLog class) and Association (linking ResercherUser to searchfilter). Analyzing the workflow via the Activity Diagram clarified the sequential and conditional flow of control in a system, enhancing my appreciation for how OO principles streamline system architecture and prepare a robust foundation for implementation.

**2. Technical Skills**

The project allowed me to develop and strengthen multiple technical skills, specifically:

* **UML and System Modeling Tools:** Gained proficiency in using modeling tools to create the Class Diagram (representing structure) and the Activity Diagram (representing dynamic process flow), ensuring precise system visualization.
* **Programming Concepts:** Focused on designing modular classes, preparing for implementation where methods like searchforMaterial() and recordAcess() would manage object interactions.
* **Database Awareness:** Planned for future database integration, understanding how research resources like ResearchPaers would map to tables and how AccessLog entries would be persisted.
* **Documentation Skills:** Structured and presented complex design concepts, linking the static Class Diagram to the dynamic Activity Diagram in a clear, professional technical document.

**3. Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking**

The project challenged me to solve complex design issues unique to a research environment. A key challenge was designing the searchfilter class and its interaction with the Catalog to ensure flexible and advanced search capabilities necessary for researchers. By applying critical thinking, I learned to segment the search process (login → search → filter → view → log) into manageable modules within the Activity Diagram. This experience strengthened my ability to analyze specialized user needs systematically, anticipate potential database and logging challenges, and devise scalable solutions.

**2.Challenges Encountered and Overcome**

**Personal and Professional Growth**

During the development, one major challenge was ensuring the Class Diagram accurately reflected the relationships between the primary actors (ResercherUser) and the distinct resource types (Books, magazines, ResearchPaers), all centered around the Catalog. Balancing the need for unique attributes (like ISBN for Research Papers) with the central search functionality required careful planning and iterative revisions of the diagram. Moments of doubt were overcome by prioritizing the ResercherUser's core task—material access—and using the Activity Diagram as a guiding framework to ensure the classes supported that exact workflow. This process significantly enhanced my analytical thinking and attention to detail when tackling complex system architecture problems.

**Collaboration and Communication**

Although the design was individual, seeking feedback from peers/supervisors on the logic flow of the Activity Diagram was critical. For instance, clarifying the role of the AccessLog and its placement within the activity flow required effective communication. These discussions emphasized the importance of explaining UML models and class interactions clearly to non-developers, which strengthened my ability to convey technical knowledge effectively—a skill essential for professional collaboration and documentation.

**3.Application of Engineering Standards**

The project strictly followed industry-recognized engineering standards, which guided the structure and quality of the design:

* **UML Standards:** Used rigorously to model object-oriented relationships in the **Class Diagram** and system flow in the **Activity Diagram**.
* **IEEE 830 – Software Requirements Specification:** Applied in translating researcher needs into the specific classes and methods.
* **ISO/IEC 12207 – Software Life Cycle Processes:** Ensured a systematic approach to the analysis and design phase of the project.

Adhering to these standards ensured the system design was **academically rigorous, consistent, and maintainable**. Following these best practices reinforced systematic documentation, quality assurance, and reproducibility—all essential elements for professional software engineering projects.

**4.Insights into the Industry**

Working on the capstone provided valuable insights into real-world development, particularly in specialized domains like research cataloging. The project highlighted:

* The Importance of Modularity: Designing classes like searchfilter separately from Catalog demonstrated how modularity allows features to be added or updated without impacting core functionality—a key industry practice for scalability.
* Process Documentation: Using the Activity Diagram provided a professional blueprint for front-end development, clarifying the expected user interaction flow.
* Data Integrity: The inclusion of AccessLog showed the industrial need for audit trails and data integrity, particularly for tracking resource usage and licensing in academic settings.

This experience bridged the gap between academic theory and industry expectations, emphasizing the value of disciplined OOAD and adherence to standards for creating robust, maintainable, and scalable systems.

**5.Conclusion of Personal Development**

The Library Catalog System for Researchers project significantly contributed to my personal and professional growth. It enhanced my core understanding of object-oriented design, particularly in resource classification and process flow modeling.

Working through the complex interactions between ResercherUser, Catalog, and the various resource types improved my ability to manage real-world software design challenges efficiently. The project reinforced my interest in system design, equipping me with the practical skills and confidence to translate complex real-world requirements into maintainable, scalable solutions for future professional roles.

Overall, this experience has shaped my career goals by reinforcing my interest in software engineering and system design, equipping me with practical skills and confidence to tackle larger, real-world projects in the future.

**CHAPTER 6 CONCLUSION**

The Library Catalog System for Researchers capstone project successfully addressed the core challenge of providing structured, searchable access to specialized academic resources. By applying Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) principles and utilizing the Class Diagram (modeling ResercherUser, Catalog, and specific resources) and the Activity Diagram (modeling the search-to-log workflow), the project delivered a robust and efficient digital solution.

The design effectively implemented association (linking ResercherUser to Catalog and AccessLog) and modular design (separating searchfilter). This structured approach ensures accurate tracking of academic resources, user activities, and logging, which is critical in a research environment.

Overall, the project demonstrates significant academic and practical value. It shows how OOAD techniques can transform a basic resource listing into an **efficient, well-organized digital research tool**. It highlights the importance of disciplined system design and proper documentation, providing a strong, scalable framework ready for future expansion into features like Interlibrary Loan and advanced data indexing.

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