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# CSE Study Room – A Student-Centric Learning & Career Portal

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#### 1. Introduction

The **CSE Study Room** is a web-based platform designed to support Computer Science & Engineering students in learning and career development. It allows users to solve coding challenges, track progress, view correct answers, access career roadmaps, apply for jobs, connect with mentors, and join study groups. Built with PHP and MySQL, the platform integrates key features in one place to make learning more interactive, practical, and career-focused.

# 2. Objective

This project focuses on creating a centralized academic and career development platform tailored for Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) students. The core objective is to provide an interactive environment where students can:

- · Solve coding challenges and receive instant feedback,
- Track learning progress and scores across topics,
- Access curated career roadmaps for various tech roles,

Receive mentorship and apply for relevant job opportunities.

## 3. Features

#### User Authentication

Users can register, log in, and manage their sessions securely.

#### Coding Challenges

Practice questions with real-time feedback, retry options, and correct answer reveals.

#### Progress Dashboard

Visual track of solved problems, categories, and performance stats.

#### Course & Resource Hub

Browse curated courses, programming resources, and tips.

#### Mentorship & Study Groups

Request mentorship, join study groups, and learn collaboratively.

#### Jobs & Career Roadmaps

Explore job listings, upload CVs, and follow structured career guides. • Forum & Questions

Ask questions, answer peer queries, and engage in topic discussions.

#### Admin Panel

Manage users, courses, mentorships, reports, and site content.

#### CV Builder

Generate professional resumes using templates and previews.

# 4. Technology:

| Layer                  | Technology             |  |  |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Frontend               | HTML, CSS & JavaScript |  |  |
| Backend                | PHP                    |  |  |
| Database               | MySQL                  |  |  |
| Authentication         | Session Storage        |  |  |
| Hosting                | Localhost              |  |  |
| <b>Version Control</b> | Git                    |  |  |

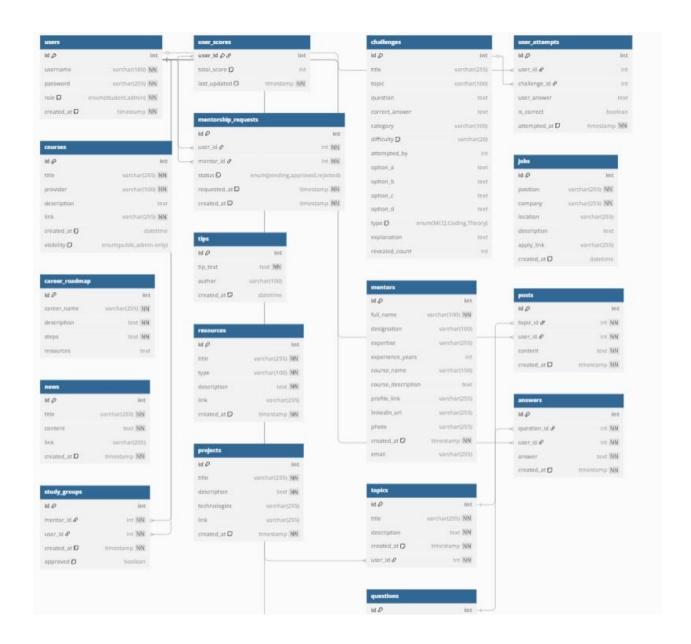
| CI/CD | GitHub |
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# 5. Database Design

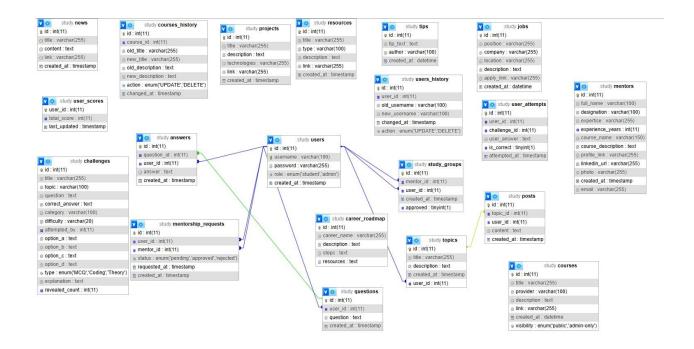
The system uses a **relational database (MySQL/MariaDB)** to store and manage all user, content, and activity data. Key tables and their roles:

- users: Stores user credentials, roles (admin/student), and registration details.
- **challenges**: Contains practice problems, correct answers, explanations, and metadata like attempts and category.
- user\_attempts: Logs each user's submission, correctness, and timestamps.
- **courses, resources, projects**: Host learning content, links, and descriptions for structured learning.
- mentors, mentorship\_requests, study\_groups: Handle mentorship matching and group learning.
- questions, answers, topics, posts: Enable Q&A functionality and forum discussions.
- **jobs & cv**: Support job applications, CV building, and career development.
- tips, news: Provide motivational tips and updates.
- user\_scores: Tracks performance for leaderboards and stats.

#### 6.**ER Diagram**:



# 7.Schema Diagram:



# 8.Database Implementation:

#### **Database Creation:**

CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS study; USE study;

#### **Table Creation:**

- -- DATABASE CREATION CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS study; USE study;
- -- TABLE: users
  CREATE TABLE `users` (
   `id` int(11) NOT NULL AUTO\_INCREMENT,

```
'username' varchar(100) NOT NULL,
'password' varchar(255) NOT NULL,
 'role' enum('student','admin') NOT NULL DEFAULT 'student',
 `created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 PRIMARY KEY ('id'),
UNIQUE KEY `username` (`username`)
);
-- TABLE: user_scores
CREATE TABLE 'user scores' (
 `user_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
`total_score` int(11) DEFAULT 0,
 `last_updated` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp() ON
UPDATE current_timestamp(),
PRIMARY KEY ('user_id')
);
-- TABLE: challenges
CREATE TABLE `challenges` (
 'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
`title` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
'topic' varchar(100) DEFAULT NULL,
 'question' text DEFAULT NULL,
`correct_answer` text DEFAULT NULL,
 'category' varchar(100) DEFAULT NULL,
 `difficulty` varchar(20) DEFAULT 'Easy',
 `attempted_by` int(11) DEFAULT 0,
 `option_a` text DEFAULT NULL,
 `option_b` text DEFAULT NULL,
`option_c` text DEFAULT NULL,
 'option d' text DEFAULT NULL,
`type` enum('MCQ','Coding','Theory') DEFAULT 'Coding',
'explanation' text DEFAULT NULL,
 `revealed_count` int(11) DEFAULT 0,
PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
```

```
-- TABLE: user_attempts
CREATE TABLE 'user attempts' (
 'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
 'user id' int(11) DEFAULT NULL,
 `challenge_id` int(11) DEFAULT NULL,
`user answer` text DEFAULT NULL,
 `is_correct` tinyint(1) DEFAULT NULL,
 `attempted_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
-- TABLE: courses
CREATE TABLE 'courses' (
 'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
 'title' varchar(255) NOT NULL,
 'provider' varchar(100) NOT NULL,
 'description' text DEFAULT NULL,
 'link' varchar(255) NOT NULL,
 `created_at` datetime DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 `visibility` enum('public','admin-only') DEFAULT 'public',
PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
-- TABLE: mentorship_requests
CREATE TABLE `mentorship_requests` (
 'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
 `user_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
 `mentor_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
 `status` enum('pending','approved','rejected') DEFAULT 'pending',
 `requested_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 `created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 PRIMARY KEY ('id'),
 FOREIGN KEY ('user_id') REFERENCES 'users' ('id'),
 FOREIGN KEY ('mentor_id') REFERENCES 'users' ('id')
);
```

```
-- TABLE: mentors
CREATE TABLE 'mentors' (
 'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO INCREMENT,
'full_name' varchar(100) NOT NULL,
'designation' varchar(100) DEFAULT NULL,
 'expertise' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
'experience_years' int(11) DEFAULT NULL,
`course_name` varchar(150) DEFAULT NULL,
 `course_description` text DEFAULT NULL,
'profile_link' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
 `linkedin_url` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
`photo` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
`created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 'email' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
-- TABLE: jobs
CREATE TABLE 'jobs' (
'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
'position' varchar(255) NOT NULL,
'company' varchar(255) NOT NULL,
'location' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
 'description' text DEFAULT NULL,
 `apply_link` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
`created_at` datetime DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
-- TABLE: career_roadmap
CREATE TABLE 'career roadmap' (
 'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
 `career_name` varchar(255) NOT NULL,
 'description' text NOT NULL,
 'steps' text NOT NULL,
'resources' text DEFAULT NULL,
```

```
PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
-- TABLE: tips
CREATE TABLE 'tips' (
'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
`tip_text` text NOT NULL,
'author' varchar(100) DEFAULT NULL,
`created_at` datetime DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
-- TABLE: topics
CREATE TABLE 'topics' (
'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
'title' varchar(255) NOT NULL,
'description' text NOT NULL,
`created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
`user_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY ('id'),
FOREIGN KEY ('user_id') REFERENCES 'users'('id') ON DELETE CASCADE
);
-- TABLE: posts
CREATE TABLE 'posts' (
'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
`topic_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
`user_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
`content` text NOT NULL,
`created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 PRIMARY KEY ('id'),
FOREIGN KEY ('topic_id') REFERENCES 'topics'('id') ON DELETE CASCADE
);
-- TABLE: news
CREATE TABLE 'news' (
'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO INCREMENT,
```

```
`title` varchar(255) NOT NULL,
 `content` text NOT NULL,
 'link' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
 `created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
-- TABLE: resources
CREATE TABLE 'resources' (
 'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO INCREMENT,
 `title` varchar(255) NOT NULL,
'type' varchar(100) NOT NULL,
 `description` text NOT NULL,
 `link` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
`created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
-- TABLE: questions
CREATE TABLE 'questions' (
 'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
`user_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
 'question' text NOT NULL,
`created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 PRIMARY KEY ('id'),
FOREIGN KEY ('user id') REFERENCES 'users' ('id') ON DELETE CASCADE
);
-- TABLE: answers
CREATE TABLE 'answers' (
 'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
`question_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
 `user_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
 'answer' text NOT NULL,
 `created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
 PRIMARY KEY ('id'),
```

```
FOREIGN KEY ('question_id') REFERENCES 'questions' ('id') ON DELETE
CASCADE,
FOREIGN KEY ('user_id') REFERENCES 'users' ('id') ON DELETE CASCADE
);
-- TABLE: study_groups
CREATE TABLE `study_groups` (
'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
'mentor_id' int(11) NOT NULL,
 `user_id` int(11) NOT NULL,
`created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
'approved' tinyint(1) DEFAULT 0,
PRIMARY KEY ('id'),
FOREIGN KEY ('mentor_id') REFERENCES 'users'('id'),
FOREIGN KEY ('user_id') REFERENCES 'users'('id')
);
-- TABLE: projects
CREATE TABLE 'projects' (
'id' int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
'title' varchar(255) NOT NULL,
'description' text NOT NULL,
'technologies' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
'link' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
`created_at` timestamp NOT NULL DEFAULT current_timestamp(),
PRIMARY KEY ('id')
);
```



#### Insertion in table:

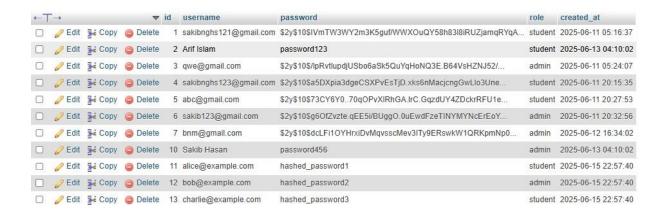
Insertion in table: users

INSERT INTO 'users' ('id', 'username', 'password', 'role', 'created\_at') VALUES

(1, 'sakibnghs121@gmail.com', '...', 'student', NOW()),

(2, 'Arif Islam', 'password123', 'student', NOW()),

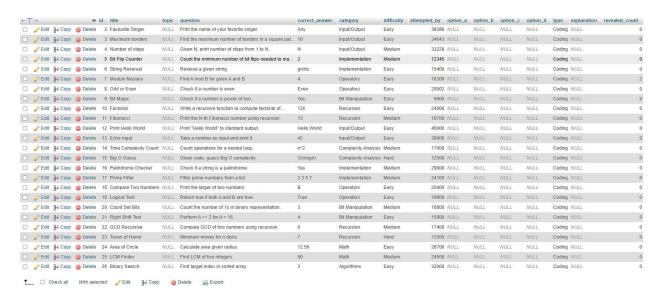
(3, 'qwe@gmail.com', '...', 'admin', NOW());



Insertion in table: challenges

```
INSERT INTO `challenges` (`id`, `title`, `question`,
`correct_answer`, `category`, `difficulty`, `type`)
VALUES
```

- (1, 'Print Hello World', 'Print "Hello World" to standard
  output.', 'Hello World', 'Input/Output',
  'Easy', 'Coding'),
- (2, 'Check Even Number', 'Check if a number is even.',
  'Even', 'Operators', 'Easy', 'Coding');



#### Insertion in table: courses

```
INSERT INTO `courses` (`id`, `title`, `provider`,
  `description`, `link`, `created_at`, `visibility`)
VALUES
```

- (1, 'Web Development Bootcamp', 'Udemy', 'Learn HTML, CSS, JS, React, Node.js',
- 'https://www.udemy.com/course/the-completewebdevelopment-bootcamp/', NOW(), 'public');



#### Insertion in table: jobs

| <b>←</b> T |        |                 | ~      | id | position              | company       | location   | description  | apply_link                   | created_at          |
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#### Insertion in table: resources

```
INSERT INTO `resources` (`id`, `title`, `type`,
  `description`, `link`, `created_at`) VALUES
  (1, 'Learn JavaScript', 'Tutorial', 'JS programming from scratch.', 'https://www.learn-js.org/', NOW());
```

#### **Insertion in table**: tips

```
INSERT INTO `tips` (`id`, `tip_text`, `author`,
`created_at`) VALUES
(1, 'Practice daily. Consistency beats intensity.',
'Arif', NOW());
```

#### **Insertion in table:** mentors

```
INSERT INTO `mentors` (`id`, `full_name`, `designation`,
  `expertise`, `experience_years`, `course_name`,
  `created_at`) VALUES
(1, 'John Doe', 'Senior Software Engineer', 'Web
Development, PHP', 8, 'Advanced Web Programming', NOW());
```

# Insertion in table: projects

```
INSERT INTO `projects` (`id`, `title`, `description`,
`technologies`, `link`, `created at`) VALUES
(1, 'Student Attendance System', 'Tracks attendance via
facial recognition.', 'Python, OpenCV, MySQL',
'https://github.com/yourusername/attendance-system',
NOW());
Insertion in table: news
INSERT INTO `news` (`id`, `title`, `content`, `link`,
`created at`) VALUES
(1, 'New AI Research Breakthrough', 'AI model improves
NLU significantly.', 'https://example.com/ai-research',
NOW());
Insertion in table: questions
INSERT INTO `questions` (`id`, `user id`, `question`,
`created at`) VALUES
(1, 1, 'What is polymorphism in OOP?', NOW());
Insertion in table: answers
INSERT INTO `answers` (`id`, `question id`, `user id`,
`answer`, `created at`) VALUES
(1, 1, 1, 'Polymorphism allows methods to do different
things based on the object.', NOW());
Insertion in table: user attempts
INSERT INTO `user attempts` (`id`, `user id`,
`challenge id`, `user_answer`, `is_correct`,
`attempted at`) VALUES
```

(1, 1, 1, 'Hello', 0, NOW());

```
Insertion in table: user_scores
INSERT INTO `user_scores` (`user_id`, `total_score`,
`last_updated`) VALUES
(1, 10, NOW());

Tables with Joinable Relationships
Here are the key relationships that naturally support JOIN operations:
1. answers - questions & users
SELECT a.answer, q.question, u.username
```

SELECT mr.id, u1.username AS student, u2.username AS mentor, mr.status

SELECT sg.id, mentor.username AS mentor name, student.username AS

FROM answers a

4. posts - topics

FROM posts p

SELECT p.content, t.title

JOIN topics t ON p.topic\_id = t.id;

JOIN questions q ON a.question\_id = q.id

2. mentorship requests - users (as user and mentor)

JOIN users u ON a.user id = u.id;

FROM mentorship requests mr

JOIN users u1 ON mr.user id = u1.id

JOIN users u2 ON mr.mentor id = u2.id;

student name FROM study groups sg

3. study groups - users (as mentor and user)

JOIN users mentor ON sg.mentor\_id = mentor.id JOIN users student ON sg.user id = student.id;

```
5. questions - users
```

```
SELECT q.question, u.username
FROM questions q
JOIN users u ON q.user_id = u.id;
6. topics - users

SELECT t.title, u.username
FROM topics t
JOIN users u ON t.user_id = u.id;
```

# 9. Triggers & Security

```
Trigger: before courses update
```

Table: courses

Purpose: Log course title/description changes into courses history

```
DELIMITER $$

CREATE TRIGGER `before_courses_update`
BEFORE UPDATE ON `courses`
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
   INSERT INTO courses_history (
   course_id, old_title, new_title,
   old_description, new_description,
   action ) VALUES (
     OLD.id, OLD.title, NEW.title,
     OLD.description, NEW.description,
     'UPDATE'
   );
END$$
```

```
DELIMITER ;
Trigger: before_jobs_delete
Table: jobs
Purpose: Log deleted job info into jobs log before deletion
DELIMITER $$
CREATE TRIGGER `before jobs delete`
BEFORE DELETE ON 'jobs'
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
  INSERT INTO jobs log (
job id, position, company,
action, deleted at
  ) VALUES (
    OLD.id, OLD.position, OLD.company,
    'DELETE', NOW()
  );
END$$
DELIMITER ;
CREATE TABLE 'jobs log' (
  `id` INT AUTO INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  `job id` INT,
  `position` VARCHAR(255),
  `company` VARCHAR(255),
  `action` ENUM('DELETE'),
  `deleted at` TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP );
Trigger: before users update
```

Table: users

## Purpose: Log username updates into users history

```
DELIMITER $$
CREATE TRIGGER `before users update`
BEFORE UPDATE ON `users`
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
  INSERT INTO users history (
   user id, old username, new username, action
  ) VALUES (
    OLD.id, OLD.username, NEW.username, 'UPDATE'
  );
END$$
DELIMITER ;
CREATE TABLE `users history` (
  `id` INT AUTO INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  `user_id` INT,
  `old_username` VARCHAR(100),
  `new username` VARCHAR(100),
  `changed_at` TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  `action` ENUM('UPDATE','DELETE')
);
```



# 10. Testing

To ensure the reliability and performance of the platform, various testing methods were applied during development:

#### 1. Functional Testing

- Verified that all modules (courses, projects, questions, jobs, etc.) perform expected tasks.
- Tested user roles (admin, student) for correct permission handling.
- Ensured CRUD operations work on all major entities (users, mentors, posts, etc.).

#### 2. Database Testing

- Checked all foreign key relationships via join queries.
- Validated trigger execution (e.g., before\_users\_update, before jobs delete).
- Inserted dummy data into all tables and verified data integrity.

#### 3. UI/UX Testing

- Ensured responsiveness across browsers and screen sizes.
- Validated form input handling, error messages, and alerts.
- Tested navigation between pages (e.g., login, dashboard, profile, etc.).

#### 4. Security Testing

- Confirmed **authentication** and **role-based access control**.
- Checked for SQL injection protection in input fields.
- Passwords stored securely using hashing (e.g., bcrypt).

#### 5. Performance Testing

- Loaded the dashboard with sample data to assess rendering speed.
- Tested query response time for complex JOIN operations.
- Reviewed time taken to load media assets (images, videos).

# 11. Future Scope

The current version of the CSE Study Room platform serves as a foundational tool for students, educators, and developers. However, there is significant potential for future enhancements:

#### 1. Real-Time Communication

 Integrate live chat and video mentoring using WebRTC or third-party APIs (e.g., Zoom SDK).

#### 2. Mobile Application

Develop Android/iOS apps for better accessibility and user experience.

# 3. Gamification

 Introduce badges, leaderboards, and rewards to encourage active participation.

#### 4. Al-Based Recommendation

 Recommend personalized courses, mentors, and challenges based on user activity and interests.

#### 5. Advanced Analytics

 Dashboard for mentors/admins to monitor user performance, course popularity, and system metrics.

#### 6. Resume & Portfolio Builder

 Provide tools to auto-generate resumes and project portfolios from user activities.

#### 7. API Integration

 Support external systems with RESTful APIs for user authentication, data sync, etc.

#### 8. Multilingual Support

• Enable the platform to support multiple languages for wider reach.

#### 12.Conclusion:

The **CSE Study Room** project successfully integrates various academic and career development tools into a unified platform. It offers features such as course management, coding challenges, job listings, mentorship, and discussion forums — all tailored to empower students and developers.

Through its database-backed design and modular architecture, the system ensures scalability, usability, and future expansion. This project not only demonstrates strong backend and frontend integration but also reflects real-world software development practices.

Overall, it lays a solid foundation for a dynamic learning ecosystem and opens up opportunities for further innovation in education technology.