## **Unicom TIC Management System (UMS)**

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#### 1. Introduction

The Unicom TIC Management System (UMS) is a comprehensive desktop application designed to streamline daily academic operations within an educational institution. This project serves as a foundational learning experience, aiming to provide a practical understanding of essential concepts in C#, Windows Forms, the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architectural pattern, SQLite database management, and role-based access control systems.

UMS offers an efficient solution for managing core school operations, including the handling of courses, subjects, students, exams, marks, and timetables.

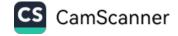
## 2. Acknowledgements

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Unicom TIC, my lecturers, mentors, and friends for their invaluable guidance and unwavering encouragement throughout the development of this project. I also appreciate the steadfast support from my peers and the rich resources provided by Microsoft and SQLite documentation, which were instrumental in aiding the development process.

# 3. Project Objectives

The primary objectives of the Unicom TIC Management System project were:

- To develop a user-friendly and responsive desktop application using C# WinForms.
- To comprehend and effectively apply the MVC design pattern for enhanced organization and maintainability of application logic.
- To implement robust **Create, Read, Update, and Delete (CRUD) operations** for data management using SQLite.
- To establish a role-based login access system catering to Admins, Staff, Lecturers, and Students.
- To facilitate basic scheduling functionalities through timetable management, including room (lab/hall) allocation.
- To demonstrate effective **form design and data-binding techniques**, incorporating proper validation and error handling mechanisms.



## 4. Key Features

## 4.1 Role-Based Login System

A secure login system with distinct roles ensures tailored access to the application's functionalities:

- **Admin:** Possesses full access, enabling the addition, editing, and deletion of all data, including courses, students, exams, marks, timetables, and attendance.
- **Staff:** Can manage exams and marks, and view timetables.
- Lecturer: Can view timetables and manage (mark/edit) student attendance and marks.
- **Student:** Can view their personal profile, timetable, marks, and attendance records.

Role-based dashboards dynamically adjust, displaying or hiding features based on the logged-in user's access level.

### 4.2 Room Allocation in Timetable

The system allows for efficient room management:

- Admins can assign a specific room (lab or hall) when creating or modifying a timetable entry.
- Rooms are meticulously stored in a dedicated database table, categorized by type (Lab, Hall).
- A **ComboBox** is utilized for convenient room selection.

## 4.3 Form Navigation and UI Management

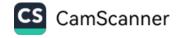
The application employs dynamic form handling for a seamless user experience:

- Upon successful login, the LoginForm is hidden, and the MainForm is displayed.
- Forms are shown or hidden dynamically using the Show() and Hide() methods, ensuring smooth transitions.
- Upon logout, the current form closes, and the LoginForm is re-opened.

### 4.4 Pop-up Messages

Important alerts and confirmations are delivered via MessageBox.Show(), providing clear feedback to the user:

• Login success/failure notifications.



- Data saving or update confirmations (e.g., "Timetable saved!").
- Validation errors (e.g., "Please select a room").

# 4.5 Error Logging

To aid in debugging and system maintenance, errors are systematically logged:

• Failures such as unsuccessful logins, database issues, or form validation problems are recorded in a text file named **errorlog.txt**.

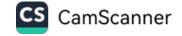
### 5. Technical Details

Feature	Technology Used	
GUI	Windows Forms (WinForms)	
Language	C# (.NET Framework)	
Database	SQLite (Local database)	
Database Driver System.Data.SQLite via NuGet		
Architecture	MVC (Model-View-Controller)	
UI Elements	DataGridView, ComboBox, Buttons, TextBoxes	
Data Storage	.db file for SQLite	
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# 6. Budget Plan

The Unicom TIC Management System was developed with a zero-cost budget, leveraging open-source and free community tools:

Item	Estimated Cost (USD) Notes		
Visual Studio Community	\$0	Free version used	
SQLite	\$0	Open-source	
System.Data.SQLite Library	y \$0	Installed via NuGet	



Hardware (Laptop/PC) \$0 Personal use, no additional cost

**Total** \$0 No direct costs incurred for development

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## 7. Design

(This section would typically include visual representations of the Use Case Diagram and ER Diagram. Since I cannot generate images, please ensure these diagrams are included in the final report.)

- **Use Case Diagram:** Illustrates the interactions between users and the system's functionalities.
- **ER Diagram:** Depicts the relationships between different entities within the database.

### 8. References

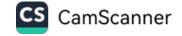
The development of UMS was guided by the following resources:

- Microsoft Docs
- SQLite Official Site
- C# Tutorials: Tamil Programmer C#
- System.Data.SQLite: https://system.data.sqlite.org/
- YouTube Tutorials on WinForms & MVC
- Stack Overflow (for debugging and best practices)
- ChatGPT (for assistance with problem-solving)

The project's folder structure adheres to best practices, separating concerns into controllers, services, repositories, DTOs (Data Transfer Objects), Enums, and Mappers.

## 9. Challenges and Solutions

Throughout the development process, several challenges were encountered and successfully overcome:



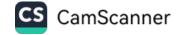
Challenge	Solution
Incorrect table queries	Each form was run individually, and errors or missing parts were meticulously noted.
Runtime errors	Forms were corrected systematically based on identified errors, followed by verification of data persistence in the database.
Role-based login implementation	Focused debugging and careful implementation of authorization logic.
Exam Marks management complexity	Addressed through iterative development and testing of CRUD operations for marks.
Timetable management (time slot logic)	Refined the logic for time slot allocation and room assignment to ensure accuracy and prevent conflicts.
Data not saving in DataGridView	Investigated data binding issues and ensured proper data saving mechanisms were in place.
Repository (Database Manager) design	Optimized the repository pattern to ensure efficient and consistent database interactions, abstracting data access logic.
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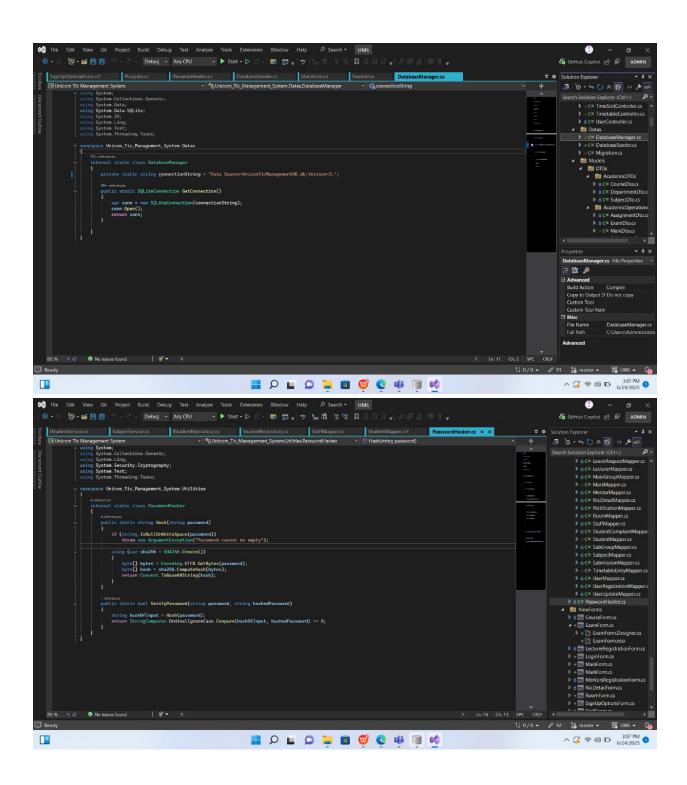
Assistance from online resources like ChatGPT also proved valuable in resolving complex issues.

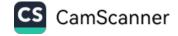
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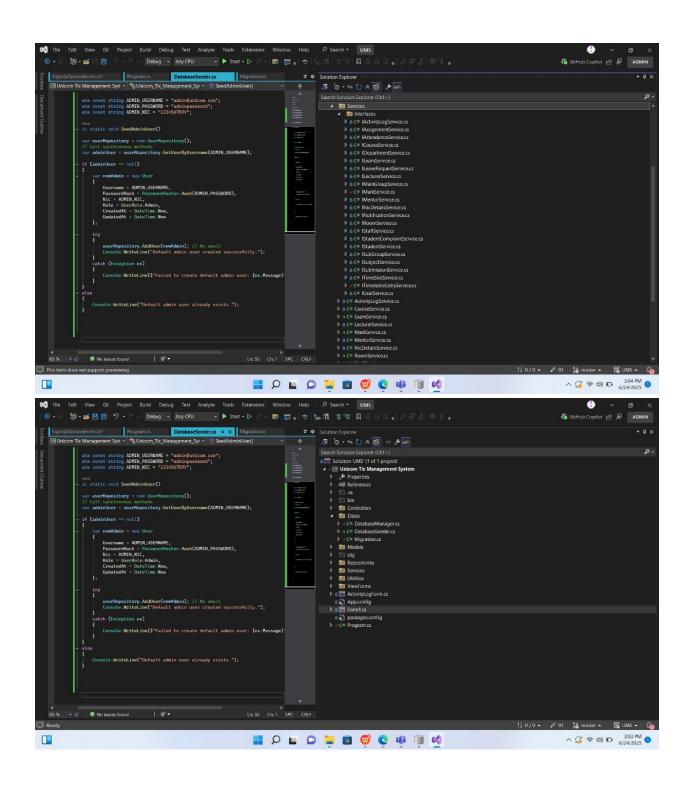
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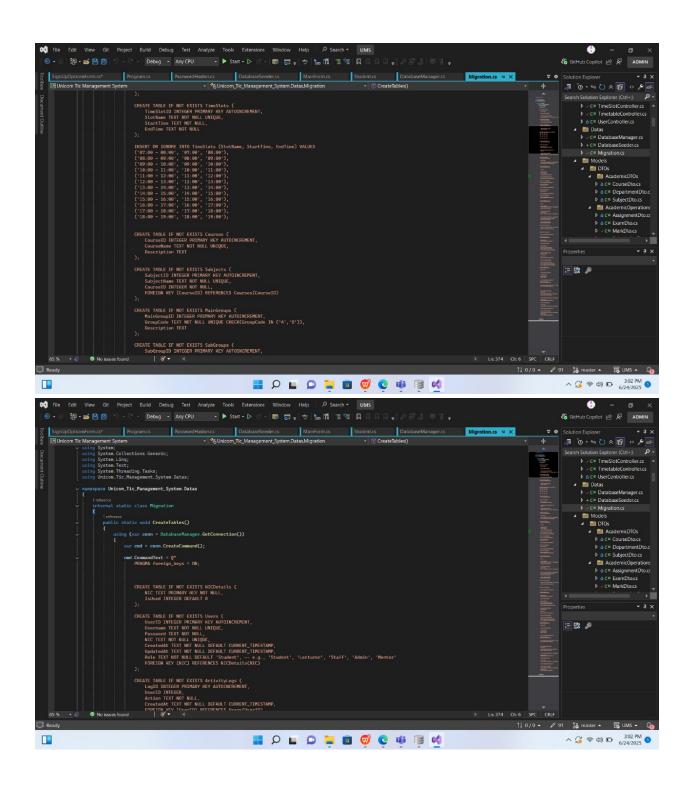
- Loading enum items into ComboBoxes and dynamically inserting forms into panels.
- Screenshot of the Login and Main Forms during runtime.
- Examples of CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) function implementations for various entities (staff, courses, students, lecturers, subjects, etc.).
- Code demonstrating the conversion between entities and DTOs (Data Transfer Objects).
- Illustrations of proper interface usage, including the declaration of method signatures.

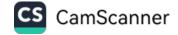


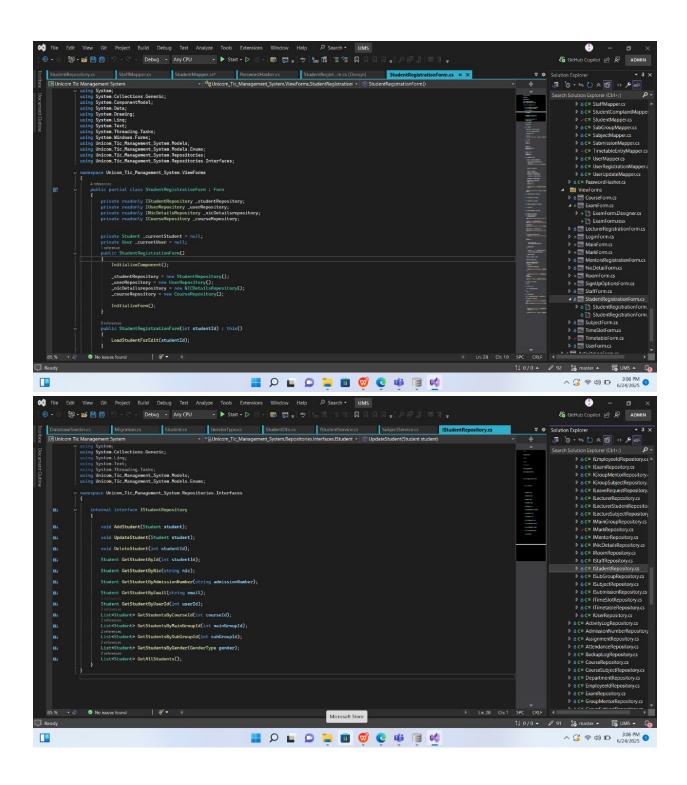


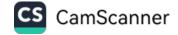


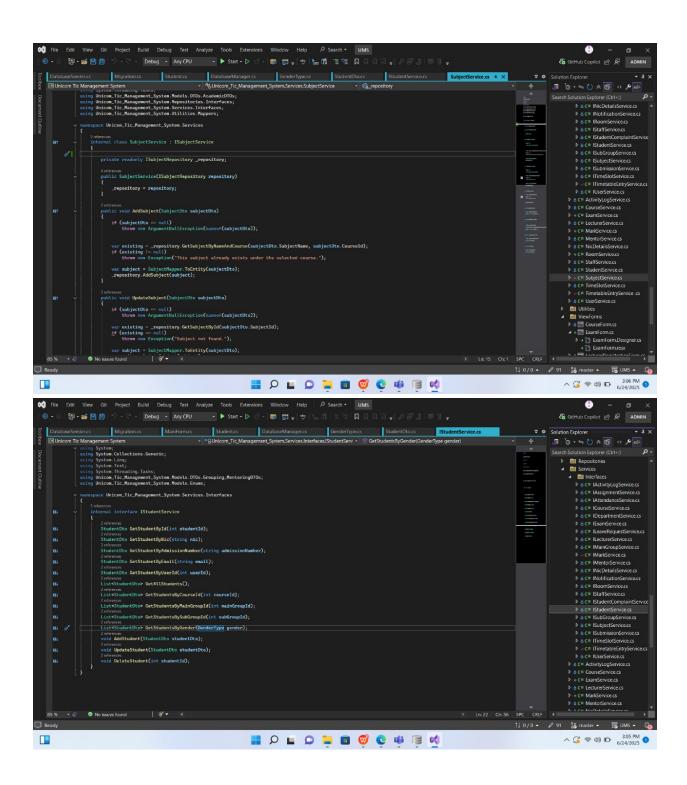


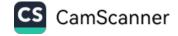


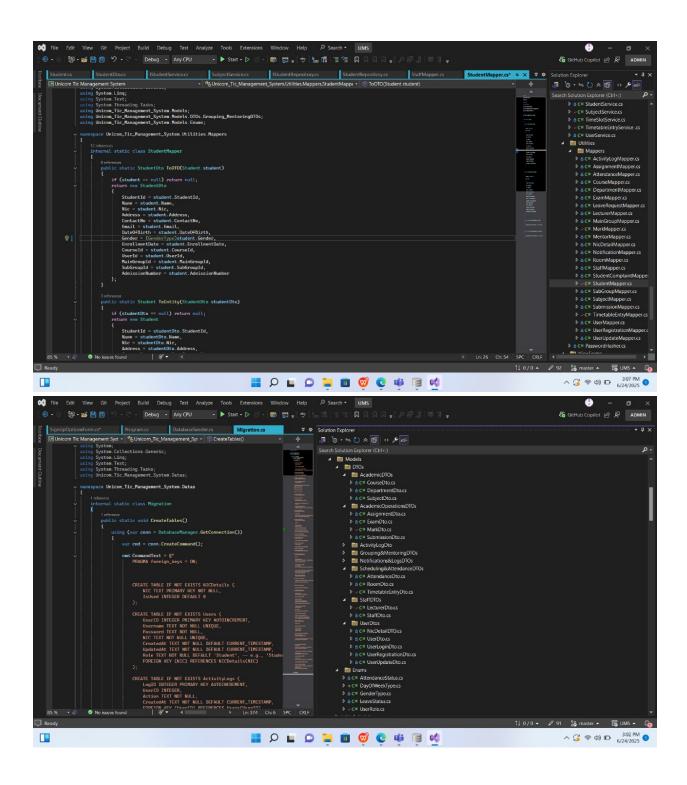












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