

UnicomTIC Management System – Project Report

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1. Introduction

- The **UnicomTIC Management System (UMS)** is a desktop-based academic and administrative software designed for educational institutions.
- Developed using **C# WinForms** with **SQLite** database.
- Follows the **Model-View-Controller (MVC)** architecture for clean separation of concerns.

2. Objective

- Automate academic and user management processes.
- Allow only pre-verified NIC holders (UnicomTIC users) to register.
- Implement **automatic ID generation** for Students and Employees.
- Use structured coding with **Models, DTOs, Enums, Mappers, Repositories, Services, Controllers**.
- Ensure secure password handling and full data validation.
- Limit critical actions like Add/Update/Delete to **Admin only**.
- Record all major activities and identify top-performing students.

3. Key Features

3.1 User Registration and Validation

- Only users whose NIC exists in the **NICDetails** table can register.
- Unauthorized NICs are blocked from registering.
- Automatic ID generation:
 - Students → UTI0001, UTI0002, ...
 - Lecturers → LecUTI0001, LecUTI0002, ...

- Staff → EmpUTI0001, EmpUTI0002, ...
- Passwords are hashed using a separate utility class for secure login.

3.2 Role-Based Access Control

- User roles: **Admin, Student, Lecturer, Staff, Mentor**.
- Only **Admin** can perform Add, Update, and Delete operations.
- Role-based form access and data visibility enforced.

3.3 Academic and Group Management

- Create and manage **Courses** and **Subjects**.
- Support for **Group hierarchy**:
 - **Main Groups** (e.g., Year 1, Year 2)
 - **Sub Groups** (e.g., A, B)
- Assign **Mentors** to groups.
- Add and view timetable entries based on group and subject.

3.4 Timetable and Attendance

- Create timetables with support for **parallel sessions** for different subgroups.
- Assign **Lecture Halls** or **Labs** to specific activities.
- Record **student attendance** by group and session.

3.5 Performance and Logging

- **Top Performers** module identifies and displays highest-scoring students.
- **Activity Log** tracks login, registration, update actions, and other events.

3.6 Validations and Error Handling

- **Try-Catch** blocks used in all layers (UI, Controllers, Services, Repositories).
- Validates all user inputs (e.g., empty fields, email format, NIC uniqueness).
- All registration steps are securely handled with exception feedback.

4. Project Architecture

- Follows **Modular and Layered Architecture**:

4.1 Models

- Represent database tables (User, Course, Subject, etc.)

4.2 DTOs (Data Transfer Objects)

- Used to safely transfer filtered data between UI and logic layers.

4.3 Enums

- Define constants for roles, activity types, etc.

4.4 Mappers

- Convert between Models ↔ DTOs automatically.

4.5 Interfaces and Repositories

- Repositories perform all **CRUD operations**, abstracted via **Interfaces**.

4.6 Services and Interfaces

- Contain **business logic**, validations, and processing rules.

4.7 Controllers

- Bridge between Services and Forms (UI), handle form events and exceptions.

4.8 Utilities

- Includes a separate folder with a class called **PasswordHasher**:
 - Used to hash and validate passwords during login and registration.
 - Secure password handling avoids plain-text storage.

5. Technologies Used

Layer	Technology
Frontend	C# WinForms
Backend	.NET (MVC Pattern)
Database	SQLite
Architecture Style	Layered MVC
Security	Password Hasher Class
Validation	Try-Catch + Field Checks

6. Admin Privileges

- Only **Admin** users can:
 - Add, update, or delete Courses, Subjects, Groups, Users
 - Assign Mentors

- Generate and manage IDs
 - View full logs and performance reports
- Other roles have **read-only or restricted permissions**.

7. Extra Modules

- **Mentor Assignment** – Assign mentors to groups.
- **Top Performers** – Monitor and display top-ranking students by marks.
- **Group Management** – Separate Main and Sub Groups.
- **Timetable Management** – Handle concurrent group sessions.
- **Attendance Module** – Record attendance based on group/subject/session.
- **Activity Logging** – Log all major events for audit and transparency.

8. Validation and Exception Handling

- Input validation on every form field.
- NIC validation ensures only approved users register.
- Passwords are securely hashed and validated.
- **Try-Catch blocks** in every layer to catch and handle errors gracefully.

9. Conclusion

- The **UnicomTIC Management System** is a secure, well-structured, and scalable academic platform.
- It follows **clean coding standards**, supports layered separation, and offers real-world functionality like registration validation, automatic ID generation, timetable scheduling, and mentor management.
- With strong exception handling and password security, the system is suitable for practical use in schools or institutes.





