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Freelancer Project Management System

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Introduction

The **Freelancer Project Management System** is designed to help freelancers manage their clients, projects, tasks, payments, and invoices efficiently. It provides a centralized platform for tracking progress, deadlines, and financial transactions, ensuring a smooth workflow for freelancers.

In today's digital economy, freelancers are increasingly managing multiple clients and projects simultaneously. Without a structured system in place, keeping track of deadlines, payments, and communications can become chaotic and lead to missed opportunities or financial discrepancies.

This system offers a smart and intuitive solution to those challenges by organizing all aspects of a freelancer's workflow in one place. From tracking client information and assigning tasks to generating invoices and monitoring payments, the system ensures that freelancers have complete control over their operations. It enhances transparency, saves time, reduces errors, and provides a professional edge in client interactions.

Moreover, with features like task management, deadline monitoring, and financial tracking, freelancers can make data-driven decisions and plan their schedules more effectively. Overall, this system not only simplifies the freelance experience but also empowers independent professionals to grow and scale their services efficiently.

Technique

Database Management System (DBMS):

- **DBMS Used: MySQL**
It is a powerful open-source RDBMS platforms suitable for handling structured data efficiently. It supports SQL queries, indexing, relationships, and built-in functions essential for real-time project and task management.

Frontend:

- **HTML/CSS + JavaScript** – for basic user interface development.
- **React** – for a dynamic and responsive UI (optional if building a full-stack version).

Backend:

- **Node.js + PHP** – to handle server-side logic, API calls, and integration with the database.
- The backend acts as a bridge between the UI and the database, ensuring secure CRUD operations.

Tools Used:

- **MySQL Workbench** – for database schema design, writing queries, and managing tables.
- **Draw.io / DB Designer** – for designing the ER (Entity-Relationship) diagram.
- **VS Code** – for writing and editing SQL, HTML, or backend code.
- **GitHub** – to host the project files, SQL scripts, ER diagram, and documentation.

Development Techniques:

- **Normalization** – to reduce redundancy and maintain data consistency.
- **Foreign Keys & Constraints** – to maintain referential integrity.
- **SQL Joins** – to fetch related data across multiple tables.
- **Aggregate Functions** – for financial reporting and performance summaries.

System Configuration

1. Hardware Requirements:

- **Server/Hosting Requirements:**
 - **Processor:** Intel i5 or higher / equivalent AMD processor.
 - **RAM:** Minimum 4 GB (8 GB recommended for handling larger data and multi-user environments).
 - **Storage:** At least 50 GB of disk space for database storage and application files (scalable depending on the size of the project).
 - **Network:** Stable internet connection for online systems with a bandwidth of at least 1 Mbps for smooth data access.
- **End-user Device Requirements:**
 - **Processor:** Any modern processor capable of running a browser or lightweight application.
 - **RAM:** Minimum 2 GB (higher for multitasking or using a web interface).
 - **Browser:** Latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Edge for web-based access to the platform.

2. Software Requirements:

- **Operating System:**
 - **Windows 10/11, macOS, or Linux** (Ubuntu preferred for development servers).
 - Local environment setup can be done on any operating system, and the system will work across different environments.

INPUT

1. Freelancer Registration (Input by Freelancer):

Freelancers need to register on the platform to manage their projects and client interactions. The input includes:

- **Personal Information:**
 - **Full Name:** Freelancer's name (e.g., "Aditya Yadav").
 - **Email Address:** Freelancer's primary contact email.
 - **Phone Number:** A contact number for communication.
 - **Profile Picture:** An image representing the freelancer for profile purposes.
- **Professional Information:**
 - **Skillset:** A list or description of skills or services the freelancer offers (e.g., Web Design, Content Writing, Graphic Design).
 - **Hourly Rate:** The freelancer's hourly billing rate for services.
 - **Portfolio Link (Optional):** A URL to the freelancer's online portfolio showcasing previous work.
 - **Availability:** Preferred working hours or days of the week.
- **Login Information:**
 - **Username:** A unique identifier (for logging into the system).
 - **Password:** A secure password for account access.

2. Client Registration (Input by Client):

Clients (who are businesses or individuals looking to hire freelancers) need to register to post projects. The input includes:

- **Personal/Company Information:**
 - **Client Name:** The client's name or company name.
 - **Email Address:** The primary contact email for the client.
 - **Phone Number:** A contact number for communications.
 - **Company Name (Optional):** If applicable, the name of the client's company.
- **Login Information:**
 - **Username:** A unique identifier for the client to log in.
 - **Password:** A secure password for account access.

3. Project Creation (Input by Client):

Clients can create projects and assign them to freelancers. The input for each project includes:

- **Project Details:**
 - **Title:** A short title that describes the project (e.g., “Website Redesign”).
 - **Description:** A detailed description of the project, including the scope of work, objectives, and expected outcomes.
 - **Freelancer Assignment:** The freelancer or team assigned to the project.
 - **Start Date:** The date when the project begins.
 - **Due Date:** The deadline for project completion.
 - **Project Status:** An initial status, such as "Pending," "On-going," or "Completed."
- **Budget Information:**
 - **Estimated Budget:** The initial budget allocated for the project.
 - **Payment Terms:** Details on how payments will be structured (e.g., hourly, milestone-based, or fixed price).

4. Task Creation (Input by Freelancer/Client):

Each project consists of multiple tasks that need to be tracked and managed. Tasks are created and assigned to freelancers for completion. The input includes:

- **Task Details:**
 - **Task Title:** A short title describing the task (e.g., “Create Homepage Layout”).
 - **Task Description:** A detailed explanation of what needs to be done.
 - **Assigned Freelancer:** The freelancer assigned to complete the task (if not automatically assigned).
 - **Task Deadline:** The due date for completing the task.
 - **Task Status:** Current status of the task (e.g., "To-do," "In Progress," "Completed").

5. Payment Records (Input by Client/Administrator):

As work progresses, clients make payments to freelancers. Payments are tracked and logged in the system. The input includes:

- **Payment Details:**
 - **Project:** The associated project for which the payment is made.

- **Payment Amount:** The amount paid for the work completed or milestone achieved.
- **Payment Date:** The date the payment is made.
- **Payment Method:** The method used for payment (e.g., "Bank Transfer," "PayPal," "Credit Card").
- **Payment Reference Number:** An optional reference number for tracking the transaction.

6. Invoice Generation (Input by System/Client):

Invoices are generated based on the details of the project and payment. The input includes:

- **Invoice Details:**
 - **Invoice Number:** A unique identifier for the invoice (generated automatically).
 - **Project:** The project linked to the invoice.
 - **Amount Due:** The total amount that the client owes the freelancer.
 - **Invoice Date:** The date when the invoice is created.
 - **Due Date:** The date by which the payment is due.
 - **Status:** The current status of the invoice (e.g., "Paid," "Pending," "Overdue").

7. User Feedback (Input by Client/Freelancer):

Both clients and freelancers can provide feedback or ratings after a project is completed. The input includes:

- **Feedback Details:**
 - **Rating:** A numerical rating (e.g., from 1 to 5 stars) for the work quality or overall experience.
 - **Comments:** A written review or feedback from either the client or freelancer.

8. System Alerts/Notifications (System Generated):

The system also generates notifications or reminders based on certain inputs or actions. These include:

- **Task Deadlines Approaching:** Notification for freelancers when a task's deadline is approaching.

- **Project Status Updates:** Alerts when project milestones are completed or delayed.
 - **Payment Due:** Notifications to clients about upcoming or overdue payments.
 - **Invoice Due:** Reminders to clients when an invoice is due or overdue.
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Input Flow:

The input process involves both manual data entry by users (freelancers, clients) and automated data generation by the system (e.g., invoices, payment tracking). The system will validate inputs to ensure data consistency and integrity. For instance:

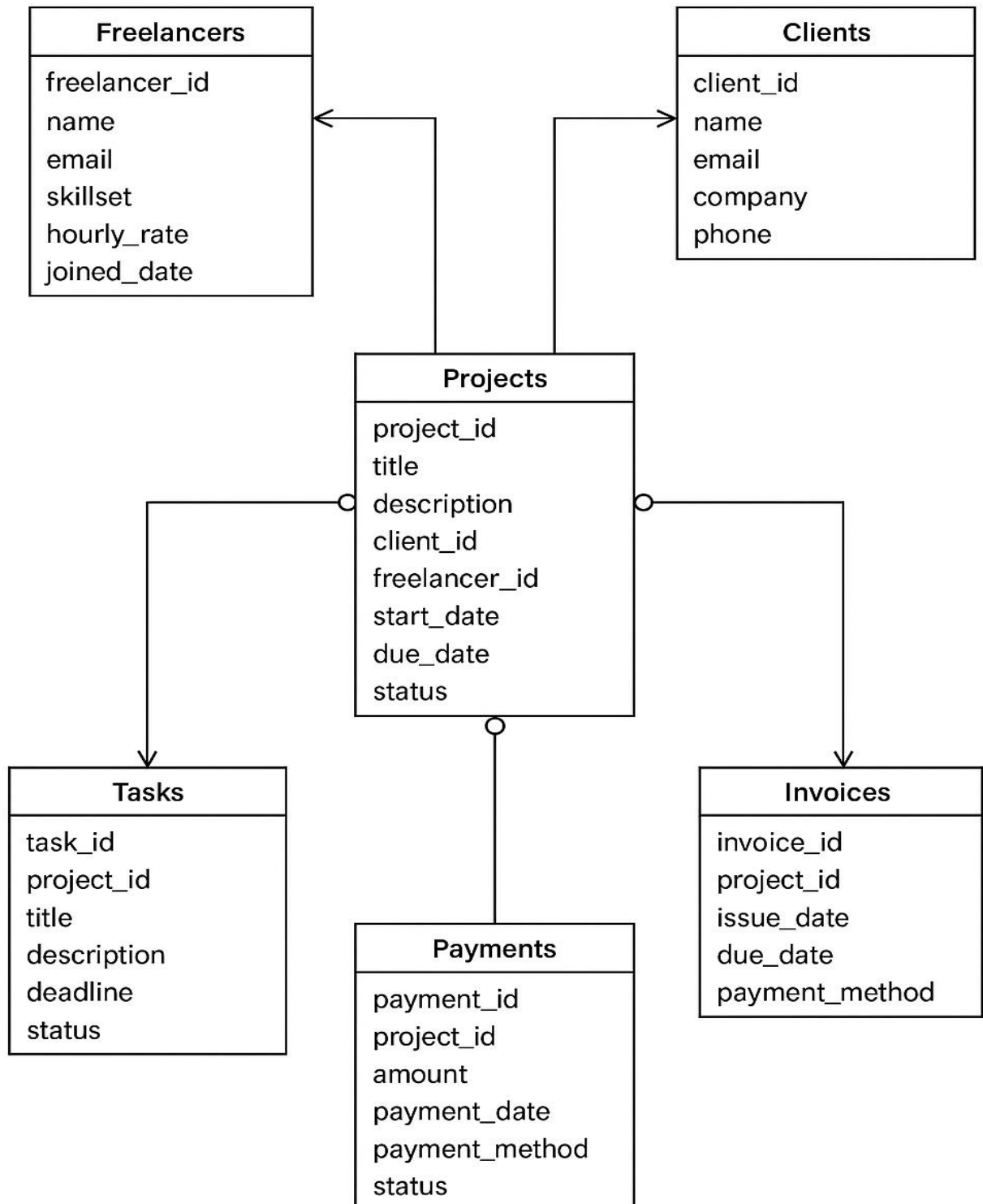
- **Freelancer and Client Profiles:** The system will ensure that both freelancer and client registration details are unique and complete.
- **Projects and Tasks:** Data validation will ensure that project deadlines are logical (e.g., a task's deadline cannot precede its start date).
- **Payment and Invoice Data:** The system will ensure that payment amounts are consistent with the project budget and tasks completed.
- **Feedback:** The system will validate that feedback ratings are within the expected range (1-50).

Data Validation & Security:

- **Unique Constraints:** Ensures that email addresses, usernames, and project titles are unique across users.
- **Data Type Validation:** Ensures that numeric fields (e.g., hourly rate, payment amount) contain valid data types (DECIMAL or INTEGER) and dates are properly formatted.
- **Security:** Passwords will be stored securely using hashing algorithms (e.g., bcrypt) to prevent unauthorized access.

ER DIAGRAM

Freelancer Project Management System



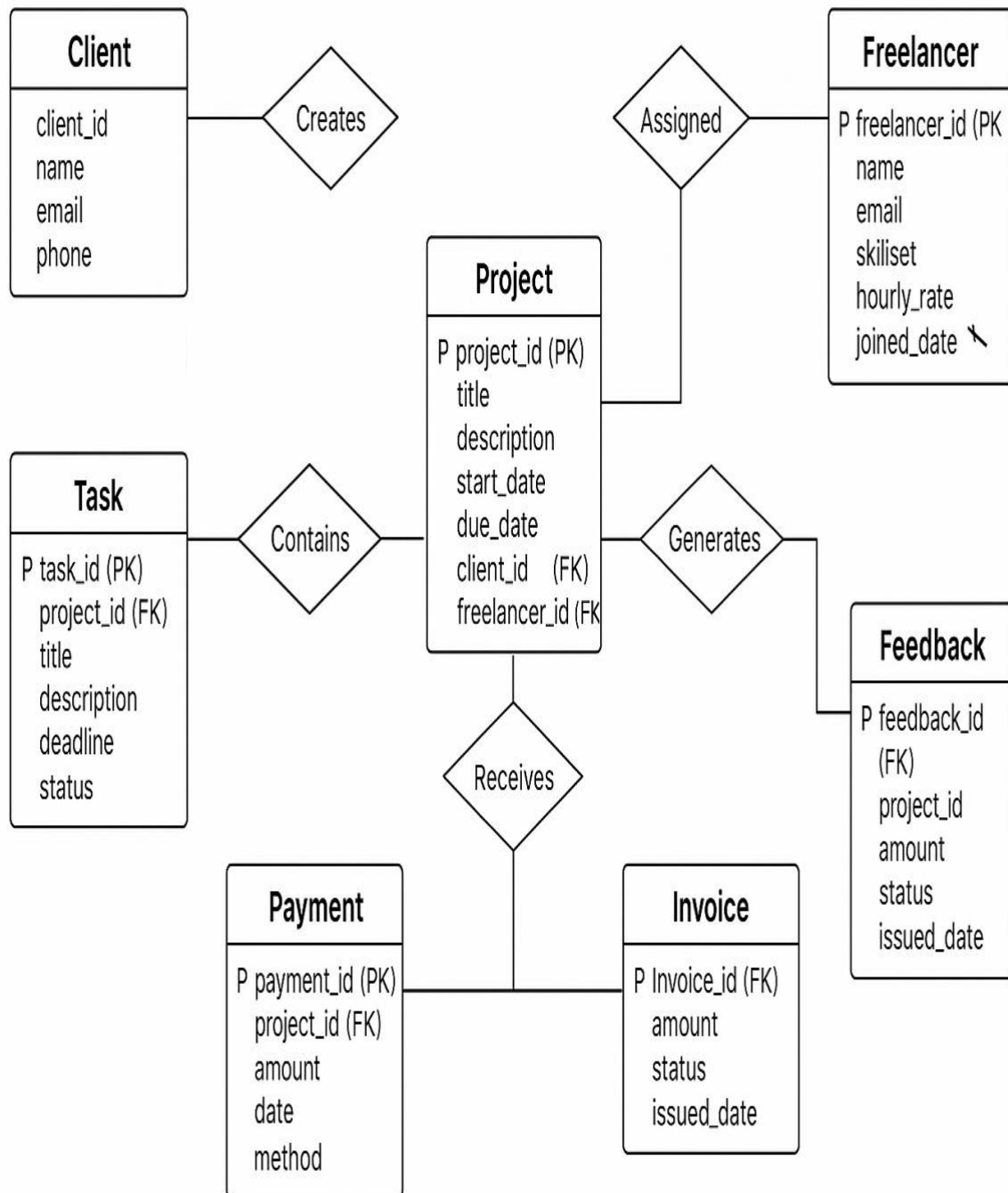


TABLE REALTION

Table Relationships (ERD Conceptual Overview):

Freelancer to Project (One-to-Many):

- A freelancer can be assigned too many projects.
- A project can have one freelancer (for a specific task or as the lead freelancer), but this relationship can also be optional in case of multiple freelancers on a project.

Relationship:

- **Freelancer Table (1) → Project Table (M)**

Client to Project (One-to-Many):

- A client can create and manage multiple projects.
- A project is always created by one client.

Relationship:

- **Client Table (1) → Project Table (M)**

Project to Task (One-to-Many):

- A project consists of multiple tasks, each with its own specific objectives.
- A task belongs to a single project.

Relationship:

- **Project Table (1) → Task Table (M)**

Freelancer to Task (One-to-Many, Optional):

- A freelancer can be assigned multiple tasks within different projects.
- A task can be assigned to one freelancer, but some tasks may not have a specific freelancer assigned initially.

Relationship:

- **Freelancer Table (1) → Task Table (M) (optional)**

Project to Payment (One-to-Many):

- A project can have multiple payments, depending on milestones or payment terms.
- A payment is tied to one project.

Relationship:

- **Project Table (1) → Payment Table (M)**

Project to Invoice (One-to-One):

- Typically, each project generates one invoice at the end of the project or for certain milestones.
- An invoice is associated with one project.

Relationship:

- **Project Table (1) → Invoice Table (1)**

Feedback to Project (Many-to-One):

- Feedback is given for a completed project, either from a freelancer or a client.
- A project can have multiple feedback entries, one from the freelancer and one from the client.

Relationship:

- **Project Table (1) → Feedback Table (M)**

User to Feedback (One-to-Many, Optional):

- A user (either a freelancer or client) can provide feedback for multiple projects, but feedback is tied to specific users for projects.
- A user can leave feedback for multiple projects, but they will only leave feedback once for each project.

Relationship:

- **User Table (1) → Feedback Table (M)**

Database Schema and Example:

Freelancer Table:

Freelancer _Id	Full_ Name	Email	Phone_ Number	Skills	Hourly _Rate	Portfolio _Link	Availabilit y	Username	Password
1	John Doe	john@gma il.com	1234567 890	Web Desig n	30.00	johnport folio.co m	Full-time	johndoe	[*****]
2	Jane Smith	jane@gma il.com	9876543 210	Graph ic Desig n	40.00	janesmit h.com	Part-time	janesmith	[*****]

Client Table:

Client _Id	Name	Email	Phone_ Number	Company _Name	Username	Password
1	Acme Corp	acme@gmail. com	1122334455	Acme	acmeuser	[hashed password]
2	Tech Solutions	tech@gmail.c om	9988776655	Tech Solutions	techuser	[hashed password]

Project Table:

Project _Id	Title	Description	Start_ Date	Due_ Date	Budget	Payment _Terms	Client _Id	Freelancer _Id
1	Website Redesign	Redesign homepage and layout	2025-05-01	2025-06-01	5000	Fixed Price	1	1
2	Mobile App Design	Design and develop a mobile app	2025-06-01	2025-08-01	8000	Milestone Based	2	2

Task Table:

Task_id	Title	Description	Due_Date	Status	Project_id	Freelancer_Id
1	Homepage Layout	Create the homepage layout	2025-05-10	In Progress	1	1
2	Mobile Interface	Design the mobile app interface	2025-06-15	To-do	2	2

Payment Table:

Payment_Id	Project_Id	Amount	Payment_Date	Payment_Method	Payment_Reference	Status
1	1	2500	2025-05-10	PayPal	REF12345	Paid
2	2	4000	2025-06-15	Bank Transfer	REF67890	Pending

Table Relationships

Relationship Type	From Table	From Column	To Table	To Column
One-to-Many	Freelancer	freelancer_id	Project	freelancer_id
One-to-Many	Client	client_id	Project	client_id
One-to-Many	Project	project_id	Task	project_id
One-to-Many (optional)	Freelancer	freelancer_id	Task	freelancer_id
One-to-Many	Project	project_id	Payment	project_id
One-to-One	Project	project_id	Invoice	project_id
One-to-Many	Project	project_id	Feedback	project_id
One-to-Many (optional)	User	user_id	Feedback	user_id

Summary of Table Relationships:

1. **Freelancer** → **Project**: A freelancer can work on many projects. A project is associated with one freelancer.
2. **Client** → **Project**: A client can create many projects. A project is associated with one client.
3. **Project** → **Task**: Each project can have many tasks. A task is linked to a specific project.
4. **Freelancer** → **Task**: A freelancer can be assigned to many tasks, and each task can be assigned to one freelancer.
5. **Project** → **Payment**: A project can have multiple payments associated with it.
6. **Project** → **Invoice**: Each project can have one or more invoices associated with it.
7. **Project** → **Feedback**: Each project can receive multiple feedback entries from either the freelancer or the client.

TABLE CREATION

1. Freelancer Table

```
CREATE TABLE Freelancer (  
    freelancer_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    full_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,  
    email VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL UNIQUE,  
    phone_number VARCHAR(15),  
    skills TEXT,  
    hourly_rate DECIMAL(10,2),  
    portfolio_link VARCHAR(255),  
    availability VARCHAR(50),  
    username VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL UNIQUE,  
    password VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL  
);
```

2. Client Table

```
CREATE TABLE client (  
    client_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,  
    email VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL UNIQUE,  
    phone_number VARCHAR(15),  
    company_name VARCHAR(100),  
    username VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL UNIQUE,  
    password VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL  
);
```

3. Project Table

```
CREATE TABLE Project (  
    project_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    title VARCHAR(150) NOT NULL,  
    description TEXT NOT NULL,  
    start_date DATE,  
    due_date DATE,  
    budget DECIMAL(12,2),  
    payment_terms VARCHAR(100),  
    client_id INT NOT NULL,  
    freelancer_id INT,  
    FOREIGN KEY (client_id) REFERENCES Client(client_id),  
    FOREIGN KEY (freelancer_id) REFERENCES Freelancer(freelancer_id)  
);
```

4. Task Table

```
CREATE TABLE Task (  
    task_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    title VARCHAR(150) NOT NULL,  
    description TEXT,  
    due_date DATE,  
    status VARCHAR(50) DEFAULT 'To-do',  
    project_id INT NOT NULL,  
    freelancer_id INT,  
    FOREIGN KEY (project_id) REFERENCES Project(project_id),  
    FOREIGN KEY (freelancer_id) REFERENCES Freelancer(freelancer_id)  
);
```

5. Payment Table

```
CREATE TABLE Payment (  
    payment_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    project_id INT NOT NULL,  
    amount DECIMAL(10,2) NOT NULL,  
    payment_date DATE NOT NULL,  
    payment_method VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,  
    payment_reference VARCHAR(100),  
    status VARCHAR(50) DEFAULT 'Pending',  
    FOREIGN KEY (project_id) REFERENCES Project(project_id)  
);
```

6. Invoice Table

```
CREATE TABLE Invoice (  
    invoice_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    project_id INT NOT NULL,  
    amount_due DECIMAL(10,2) NOT NULL,  
    invoice_date DATE NOT NULL,  
    due_date DATE,  
    status VARCHAR(50) DEFAULT 'Pending',  
    FOREIGN KEY (project_id) REFERENCES Project(project_id)  
);
```

7. Feedback Table

```
CREATE TABLE Feedback (  
    feedback_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    project_id INT NOT NULL,  
    user_id INT NOT NULL,  
    rating INT NOT NULL CHECK (rating BETWEEN 1 AND 5),  
    comments TEXT,  
    FOREIGN KEY (project_id) REFERENCES Project(project_id)  
    -- You can handle user_id references with a separate table or check type  
);
```

SQL QUERIES WITH OUTPUT

1. List all freelancers and their hourly rate

```
SELECT full_name, hourly_rate FROM Freelancer;
```

OUTPUT:

full_name	hourly_rate
Rina Kapoor	35.00
Ayan Sharma	50.00
Mehak Verma	45.00

2. Show all projects along with their client names

```
SELECT p.title AS project_title, c.name AS client_name  
FROM Project p  
JOIN Client c ON p.client_id = c.client_id;
```

OUTPUT

project_title	client_name
Website Redesign	Alex Roy
Mobile App Development	Nisha Taneja

3. Find all tasks assigned to a particular freelancer

```
SELECT t.title, t.status  
FROM Task t  
JOIN Freelancer f ON t.freelancer_id = f.freelancer_id  
WHERE f.full_name = 'Rina Kapoor';
```

OUTPUT

title	status
UI Design	In Progress
Bug Fixing	To-do

4. Count how many projects each freelancer is handling

```
SELECT f.full_name, COUNT(p.project_id) AS total_projects
FROM Freelancer f
JOIN Project p ON f.freelancer_id = p.freelancer_id
GROUP BY f.full_name;
```

OUTPUT

full_name	total_projects
Rina Kapoor	2
Ayan Sharma	1

5. Show pending payments

```
SELECT payment_id, amount, status
FROM Payment
WHERE status = 'Pending';
```

OUTPUT

payment_id	amount	status
101	500.00	Pending
102	300.00	Pending

6. Retrieve all invoices with due dates within this week

```
SELECT * FROM Invoice
WHERE due_date BETWEEN CURRENT_DATE AND DATE_ADD(CURRENT_DATE, INTERVAL 7 DAY);
```

OUTPUT

invoice_id	project_id	amount_due	due_date	status
501	201	800.00	2025-04-16	Pending

7. Fetch all tasks under a project titled "Mobile App Development"

```
SELECT t.title, t.status
FROM Task t
JOIN Project p ON t.project_id = p.project_id
WHERE p.title = 'Mobile App Development';
```

OUTPUT

title	status
API Integration	To-do
UI Finalization	In Progress

8. Display total payment received per project

```
SELECT p.title, SUM(pay.amount) AS total_payment
FROM Payment pay
JOIN Project p ON pay.project_id = p.project_id
WHERE pay.status = 'Paid'
GROUP BY p.title;
```

OUTPUT

title	total_payment
Website Redesign	1000.00

9. List freelancers who are not assigned to any project

```
SELECT full_name
FROM Freelancer
WHERE freelancer_id NOT IN (
    SELECT freelancer_id FROM Project WHERE freelancer_id IS NOT NULL
);
```

OUTPUT

full_name
Mehak Verma

10. Get the top-rated freelancers (average rating)

```
SELECT f.full_name, AVG(fe.rating) AS avg_rating
FROM Freelancer f
JOIN Project p ON f.freelancer_id = p.freelancer_id
JOIN Feedback fe ON fe.project_id = p.project_id
GROUP BY f.full_name
ORDER BY avg_rating DESC;
```

OUTPUT

full_name	avg_rating
Rina Kapoor	4.8

11. Count number of tasks by status for a specific project

```
SELECT status, COUNT(*) AS task_count
FROM Task
WHERE project_id = 201
GROUP BY status;
```

OUTPUT

status	task_count
To-do	2
In Progress	1

12. Find overdue tasks (due date < today and not completed)

```
SELECT title, due_date, status
FROM Task
WHERE due_date < CURRENT_DATE AND status != 'Completed';
```

OUTPUT

title	due_date	status
API Testing	2025-04-10	In Progress

Project Overview

The **Freelancer Project Management System** is a DBMS-based application that enables freelancers to track their work process and manage multiple projects simultaneously. It includes structured data handling, invoice and payment tracking, task management, and client interaction feedback.

Features

- Freelancer and client registration
- Project and task management
- Invoicing and payment records
- Feedback tracking
- Detailed SQL queries for reporting

ER Diagram

Represents entities like Freelancer, Client, Project, Task, Payment, Invoice, and Feedback with their relationships.

Database Tables

Table Name	Description
Freelancer	Info about registered freelancers
Client	Client details
Project	Projects created by clients
Task	Tasks under each project
Payment	Payments made by clients
Invoice	Invoice details for each project
Feedback	Feedback and ratings for completed work

System Configuration

- **OS:** Windows / Linux / MacOS

- **DBMS:** MySQL
- **Tools:** MySQL Workbench, Draw.io
- **Optional Stack:** HTML/CSS + JavaScript, PHP / Node.js (for frontend/backend integration)

Input & Usage

Users of the system can:

- Register freelancers and clients
- Assign and track projects
- Add and update tasks
- Issue invoices and record payments
- Provide feedback post-project

Sample SQL Queries

A set of queries have been included:

- Projects by freelancer
- Tasks by project
- Pending tasks
- Payments made
- Total earnings
- Clients with most projects
- Invoices pending
- Average project rating...and more

See the SQL_Queries.sql file for full queries and results.

Files Included

- ER_Diagram.png – Entity Relationship Diagram
- Table_Creation.sql – SQL to create all tables
- SQL_Queries.sql – Sample queries with output
- README.md – Documentation

Conclusion

The **Freelancer Project Management System** encapsulates the core functions that independent professionals require to manage their freelance operations efficiently. This system leverages the power of **Relational Database Management Systems (RDBMS)** to organize, store, and retrieve data in a structured and reliable manner. It addresses the key challenges faced by freelancers—such as tracking multiple projects, handling various clients, managing deadlines, and maintaining accurate payment records—all within a single integrated platform.

Throughout this project, we have implemented essential DBMS concepts including:

- **Entity-Relationship modeling**, to establish meaningful relationships between freelancers, clients, projects, tasks, payments, invoices, and feedback.
- **Normalization**, to ensure data consistency and eliminate redundancy.
- **Primary and Foreign Key constraints**, to maintain referential integrity.
- **Complex SQL queries**, to generate insights like pending tasks, project statuses, and financial summaries.

By offering modules such as task tracking, invoice generation, and client feedback management, this system enhances productivity and professionalism for freelancers. It enables better planning, more efficient resource allocation, and improved communication with clients.

Furthermore, the system has potential for real-world deployment and can be extended with front-end integration and user authentication. Future improvements may include dashboards, analytics, notification systems, and API-based integration with tools like PayPal or Google Calendar.

In conclusion, this project is a comprehensive demonstration of how database systems can solve real-life problems. It bridges the gap between academic DBMS knowledge and practical application, equipping learners with the skills to design, implement, and scale database-driven systems in the professional world.