COIN PROJECT

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE GENERATION TOOL

PHASE-II

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION ABOUT THE TOOL

The System Architecture Generation Tool (Phase-II) is used to convert the user's input data into an architecture diagram.

- ❖ A new user should initially sign up and create his account after which the user can use the login facility and access the application.
- ❖ An existing user should always login for using the application, after which the user is redirected to the Home page for accessing the application.
- ❖ The Home Page provides the user with option to edit and search a saved diagram with the help of the Reference ID of that diagram.
- There are two modes for taking input from the user:
 - The user's input should be contained in an Excel file in .xls format (2003-2007). It should contain columns including the source (like web browser, web server), destination (like load balancer, application server), communication mode (one way or two way) and other additions (like if the request sent was http). The user is also provided with the option to download the template excel file, where he can choose the entries for each cell from the drop down lists appearing in each cell. The user has to then upload the updated excel file and then press the CONVERT button to convert the input data to the appropriate architecture diagram.
 - The user also has the choice of entering input values for the columns through an in-built tool itself. The tool allows the user to enter the desired values in the form of consequent rows. These rows then used to build the diagram.
- ❖ The user is then redirected to the next screen where there are options for either saving the diagram using the SAVE button or going back to the home page if the user has feels he is not satisfied with the input and would like to change it using the CANCEL button.
- On saving the diagram the user is redirected to the next page where a message is displayed telling the user that the architecture diagram has been saved. Also a Reference Id of the diagram is displayed. An option is present for downloading the diagram as a PDF file, using the DOWNLOAD AS PDF option.
- ❖ The user can also search for a saved architecture diagram using Search Diagram option. The user will be redirected to a screen where on entering the Reference Id of the diagram, the saved diagram can be accessed.
- ❖ The user can edit a saved diagram using Edit option. The user will be redirected to a screen where on entering the Reference ID of the diagram, the saved diagram can be accessed for editing. The editing screen provides the user with the option to either change the saved data for a diagram or

- upload a new spread sheet entirely. The Reference ID for that diagram remains the same upon editing.
- On each page of the tool, an elaborate help is present to guide the user through each step.
- User can navigate to Home page using the Home button on every screen.
- ❖ In case user wishes to know more about the tool, an About Tool option is present on every screen.
- ❖ At any point if the user wishes to Logout, an option for the same is provided on each screen.

1.2 PLATFORM USED

The .NET framework or platform has been used in the development of the tool. It has the

following core parts:

- C# language will be used for the coding.
- **ASP.NET** is a Microsoft platform which will be used for developing the web application.
- ADO.NET will be used for interacting with the Database (SQL Server 2008).

1.3 BENEFITS OF THE TOOL

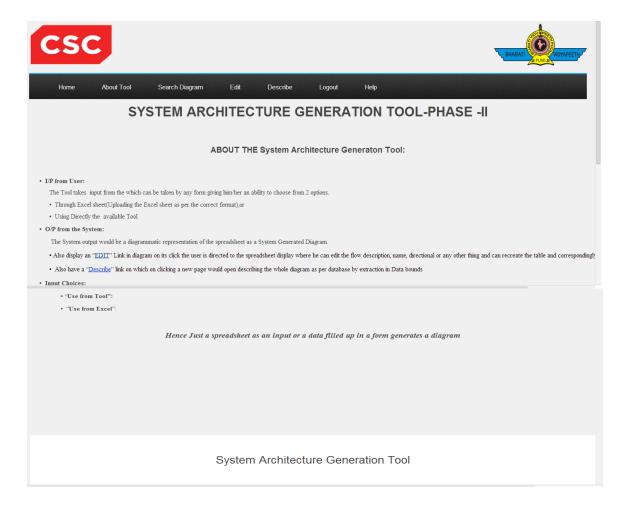
- The user can view a pictorial representation of the input provided which is easy to understand.
- The user can give the input in the format provided to obtain a dynamically created diagram by the tool.
- The user has the option to edit and search a saved diagram.
- The web application provides comprehensive help on each screen in order to help the user to navigate with ease and provide a good description of each option on that page.

Description of each screen

About Tool

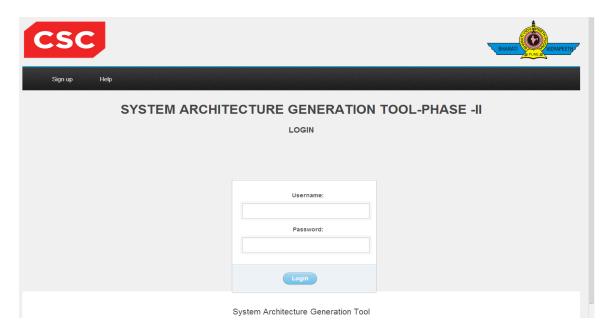
- The about tool option is provided at every screen.
- It is used to describe the tool, its features and options.
- It provides great help to the user for initiation.

Screen is shown as:-



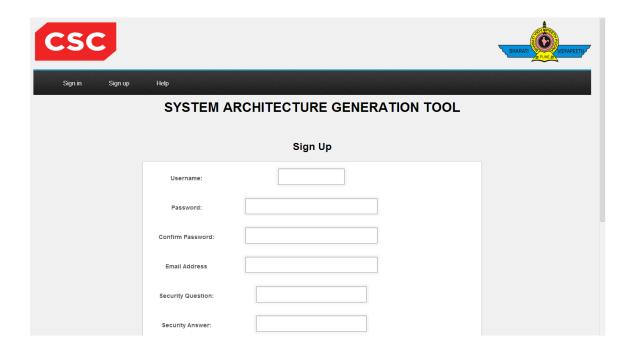


Login refers to the credentials required to obtain access to the tool. Login page asks user for username and password and use this information to authenticate visitor before allowing them access. Once a user has logged in, they can then **log out** when access is no longer needed.



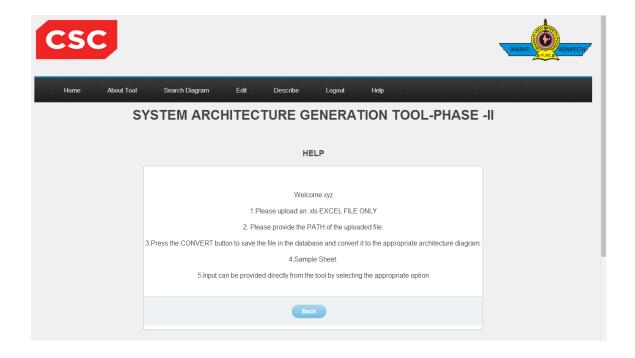
Sign up

Signup is to register one's name in order to obtain access to functionalities of the tool. Signup page requires user to enter a valid user name, password and a valid email id. In addition to that it also asks user for a security question and answer. So that it can be used as an authenticator when user forgets his password.



Help(general)

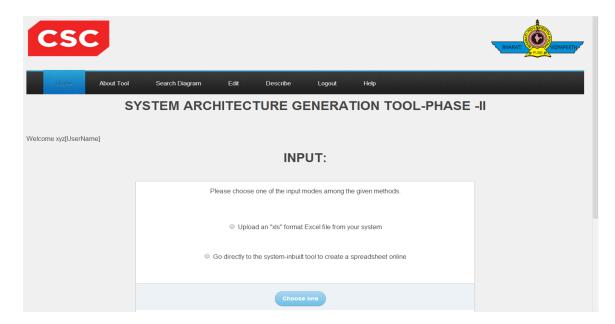
Help page explains user a step wise step procedure of working with the tool. User can anytime refer to this page whenever he/she faces a problem and this page will provide him with the desired guidelines with respect to the tool.



Choose Page:

Choose page is the first page or the home page that would be displayed to the user once he/she logs into the system. After correctly signing-in and logging the user is directed to the Choose.htm page. This page basically just gives the user a way to choose between the 2 methods available for imputing the required data viz. either directly uploading the excel sheet in the appropriate format ,or filling up the data through the in-built tool available in the site. Once user has chosen one of the ways for imputing through correct selection of the radio-button he/she is then directed to the corresponding page.

Below is shown a screen shot of the choose.htm page.



Upload Page:

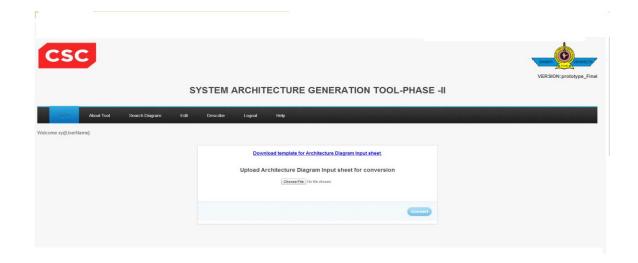
Once the user is done with choosing is input mechanism he is directed to its corresponding page if user chooses too input through the excel sheet uploading mechanism he is directly taken to the Upload page. Upload page contains a File upload option accessing which user can upload the excel file of his/her choice

Link:

The upload page also contains a link of "Download the template". This link on clicking downloads a excel file that contains the correct format of imputing the values to successfully generate the architecture diagram

Validation:

The validation has also been performed on the uploading of just the excel format file .Once user tries to upload a file which is non-xls format a JavaScript alert is popped up saying that the "file is not of correct format".



Tool Page:

If the user chooses to input through the input tool (2nd method in Choose.htm) he/she is directed to the Tool page which has an in built-tool to generate the diagram as per the entered values. Tool page has various inputting fields as explained below in brief:

- ❖ Firstly, User creates his/her own drop-down list in Source and destination that contains names of all the interacting components with one another. The fields for creation are:
 - <u>Diagram Name</u>: The diagram name would take into account the name that is given to the architecture diagram that gets created.
 - <u>Database Name</u>: The database name takes the name of the database that is used to model that architecture Eg. Oracle, MySql etc
 - <u>Component Name</u>: This field is dynamic and keeps on refreshing every time the submit button is clicked and the value entered each time gets dynamically added in the drop-down list which is available below the submit button
- ❖ Secondly, once user is done with imputing all the components he chooses it from in the generated drop-down as per his inputs ,and correspondingly also chooses Communication type(Bidirectional or Unidirectional) and Flow description (HTTP,SMTP)Once, user has imputed all the values. He can click on the submit button to generate the apt diagram.

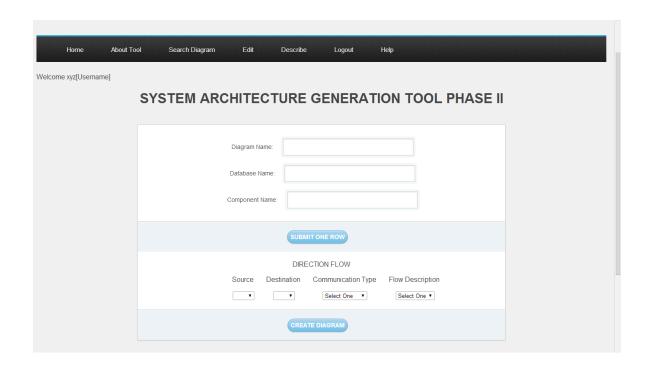
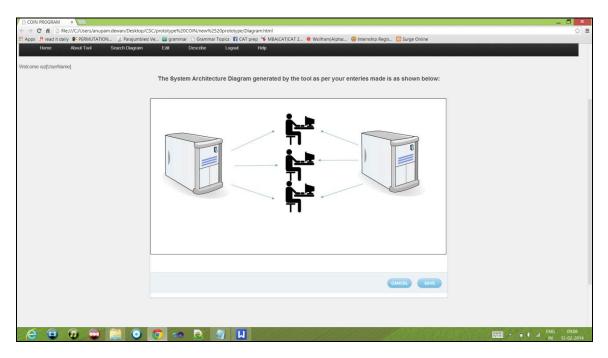


Diagram Page:

Once user has imputed the data irrespective of the method followed he is landed up to the diagram page that shows the diagram and also shows the option to Save the diagram for future reference as per the Reference ID generated.



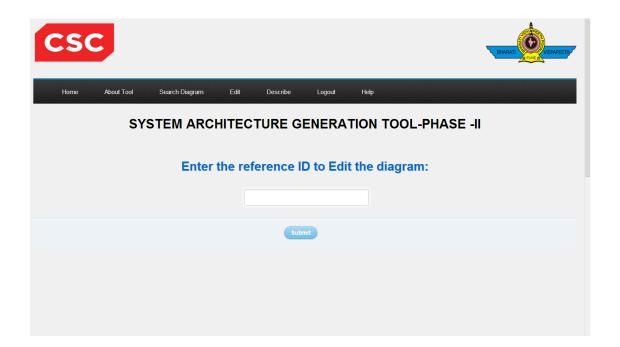
Edit

The tool is provided with the edit feature. The edit option is used to make changes in the diagram by altering the source, destination, communication mode and flow description.

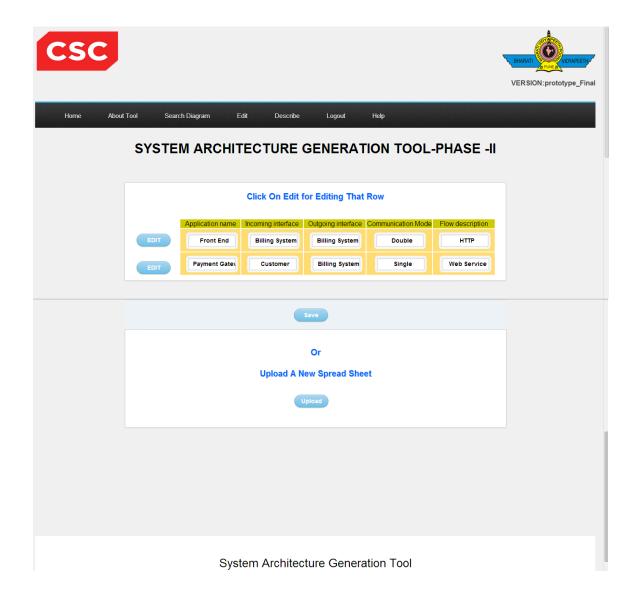
The user can use this feature as:-

- 1. Click on the Edit option provided at every screen after Login.
- 2. Enter the reference ID for the diagram to be searched and press Submit button.

Screen is shown as:-



3. A screen showing two options appears.



Edit the previous record

- ➤ The information of the same diagram is shown. The details are in the tabular form i.e. columns consists of Application name, incoming interface, outgoing interface, communication mode and flow description and the rows shows the connection record of every component in the diagram.
- > The edit button is provided along each row. The user can edit a particular row by pressing the edit button along that row. After that a cursor is a placed automatically along that row which helps the user to make changes on the screen.
- ➤ Press on the save button to make changes in the database across the given ID and the screen showing the diagram appears where user can press on save button to save the diagram.
- ➤ The reference ID of the saved diagram is displayed and the downloaded option is available where user can download the diagram

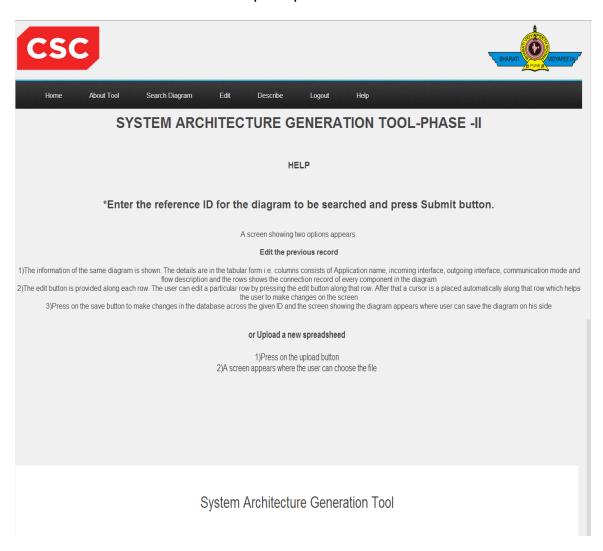


• Upload a new spreadsheet

- > Press on the upload button
- > A screen appears where the user can choose the file

Help(EDIT)

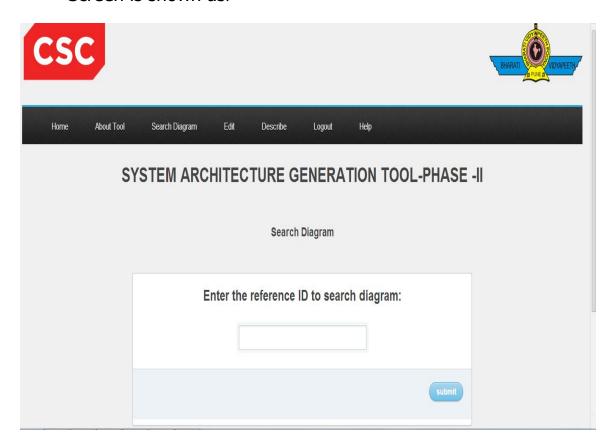
- Help is also provided at edit interface.
- It provides the all the necessary information regarding how to use the edit feature and the various steps to proceed.



Search Diagram

• The user can search for the saved diagram by giving the reference ID for the diagram.

Screen is shown as:



• By pressing on the submit button, the diagram will be shown.