

# Examination System Documentation

## Defining the problem

- We were asked to build a student examination system

## Accepted Solution

- Build a desktop application from which we can manage this student examination system

## System components

- Desktop application
- Database (SQL Server)
- Reports (SSRS)
- Dashboards (PowerBI)

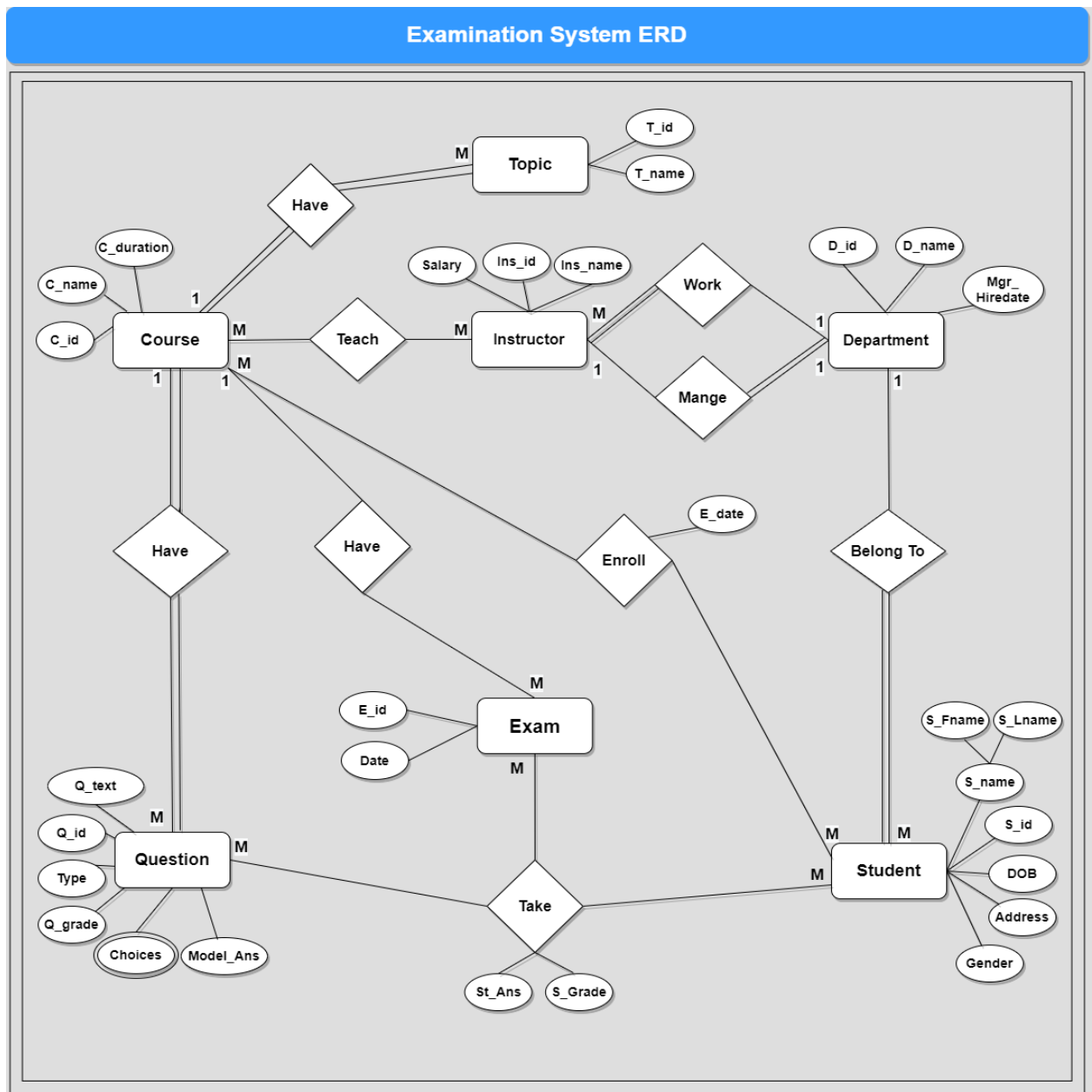
## How this system works

- The system database was designed to store.
  - 1- Students' data (names, courses, exams, grades, and departments).
  - 2- Instructors' data (names, departments, salaries, courses)
  - 3- Exams data (students' exams, students, answers, students' grades).
  - 4- Questions data (questions' grade, model answer).
  - 5- Choices (three wrong choices for each exam).
  - 6- Courses data.
- Students have to take exams on this desktop application and their answers have to be stored in the database.
- Students' grades can be shown through some reports.
- These reports are made using SSRS.
- Reports were published locally on the machine.
- From the application, you can access multiple reports that were made (based on requirements).
- As for requirements, students' data needed to be analyzed through some dashboards made on PowerBI.
- Dashboards as well can be accessed from the desktop application

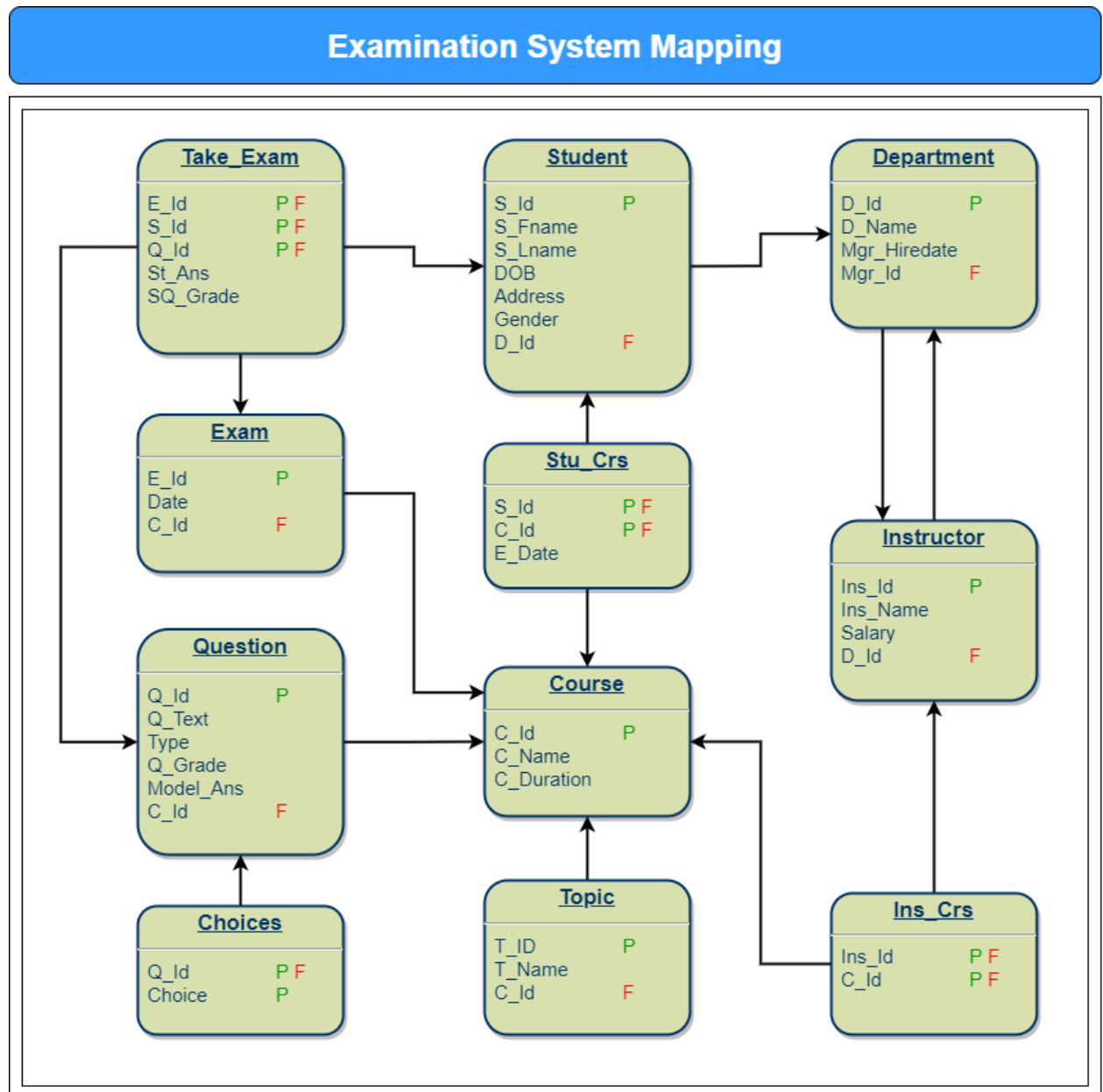
# STEPS OF WORK

## 1- Design Phase

- Building database ERD.

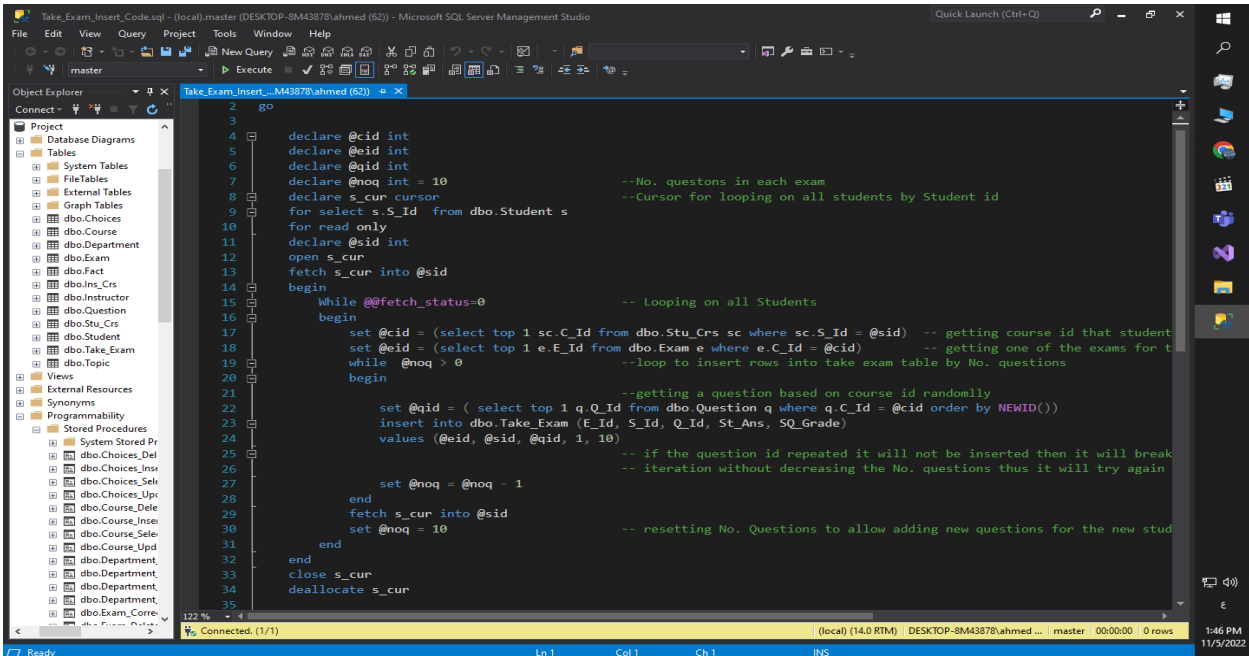


- Mapping for database ERD.



## 2- Populating the DB Phase

- Now we already have an accepted form of database BUT with no records
- Through some web searching, we could get students' data to fill student's table
- As for exams, and through some web scrapping using python BeautifulSoup we could get exam questions for (Python, SW engineering, Cyber Security, .....)
- As for analysis and to Test and to be able to build reports on students' data we had to build some stored procedures to fill the Take\_Exam table in which exam\_id, s\_id, and students' answers were stored
- This SQL Script fill random exam for random students and make them (students) answer random answers to be able to build reports and dashboards



The screenshot displays the Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise Manager interface. The left pane shows the 'Object Explorer' with a tree view of the database structure, including tables like 'Student', 'Course', and 'Take\_Exam'. The right pane shows a SQL script titled 'Take\_Exam\_Insert\_Code.sql' with the following code:

```
1 declare @cid int
2 declare @sid int
3 declare @qid int
4 declare @noq int = 10
5 --No. questions in each exam
6 --Cursor for looping on all students by Student id
7 declare s_cur cursor
8 for select s.S_Id from dbo.Student s
9 for read only
10 declare @sid int
11 open s_cur
12 fetch s_cur into @sid
13 begin
14 while @@fetch_status=0
15 -- Looping on all Students
16 begin
17 set @cid = (select top 1 sc.C_Id from dbo.Stu_Crs sc where sc.S_Id = @sid) -- getting course id that student
18 set @eid = (select top 1 e.E_Id from dbo.Exam e where e.C_Id = @cid) -- getting one of the exams for t
19 while @noq > 0
20 --loop to insert rows into take exam table by No. questions
21 begin
22 set @qid = ( select top 1 q.Q_Id from dbo.Question q where q.C_Id = @cid order by NEWID())
23 insert into dbo.Take_Exam (E_Id, S_Id, Q_Id, St_Ans, SQ_Grade)
24 values (@eid, @sid, @qid, 1, 10)
25 -- if the question id repeated it will not be inserted then it will break
26 -- iteration without decreasing the No. questions thus it will try again
27 set @noq = @noq - 1
28 end
29 fetch s_cur into @sid
30 set @noq = 10
31 end
32 end
33 close s_cur
34 deallocate s_cur
35
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the connection is successful and the script is ready to be executed.

### 3- Stored Procedures Phase

- Stored procedures we built to insert, update, delete, and select data from each table in the model (50 SP)

The image displays two screenshots of the Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise Manager interface, specifically the Query Editor window, showing the creation of stored procedures for a database model.

**Top Screenshot:** The Query Editor window shows the creation of three stored procedures: `Take_Exam_Insert`, `Take_Exam_Update`, and `Take_Exam_Delete`. The `Take_Exam_Insert` procedure takes parameters `@e_id int`, `@s_id int`, `@q_id int`, `@st_ans varchar(50)`, and `@sq_grade int`. The `Take_Exam_Update` procedure takes parameters `@e_id_old int`, `@s_id_old int`, `@q_id_old int`, `@st_ans_new varchar(50)`, and `@sq_grade_new int`. The `Take_Exam_Delete` procedure takes parameters `@e_id int`, `@s_id int`, and `@q_id int`. The status bar indicates the connection is to the master database on the local server.

**Bottom Screenshot:** The Query Editor window shows the creation of two more stored procedures: `Take_Exam_Select` and `Take_Exam_Select_Student_Exam`. The `Take_Exam_Select` procedure takes parameters `@e_id int`, `@s_id int`, and `@q_id int`. The `Take_Exam_Select_Student_Exam` procedure takes parameters `@e_id int` and `@s_id int`. The status bar indicates the connection is to the master database on the local server.

- Other vital Stored procedures that we built to perform the main operations of the system (5 SP) we will briefly mention 3

## 1. Exam Generation SP:

-- Input-----> Student id, Course id, Number of Questions

-- Action----> map the relations between a student and a set of questions in a course by inserting these data

into take exam table & generate new exam id if the student took an exam before in this course it will return the old exam id

-- Output----> return an Exam id in this course

The screenshot displays the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio interface. The left pane shows the Object Explorer with the database structure, including tables like dbo.Ins\_Crs, dbo.Instructor, and dbo.Exam. The right pane shows the SQL script for the Exam\_Generation\_Procedure. The script is written in T-SQL and includes comments explaining its logic. It starts with a CREATE PROCEDURE statement, followed by a BEGIN block. The script generates a new exam ID by concatenating the student ID and course ID. It then checks if the student has taken an exam in this course before. If not, it generates a batch of questions. If yes, it returns the old exam ID. The script then inserts the newly generated exam into the exam table, declares a table to hold the questions IDs, and loops to get questions based on the number of questions requested. It then inserts the record into the take exam table, adds the selected question into the temp table for further checking, and increments the counter. Finally, it returns the generated exam ID or the old exam ID if it exists.

```

16 create procedure Exam_Generation (@s_id int, @c_id int, @no_q int)
17 as
18 begin
19     -- generating a new exam id by concatenating student id with course id
20     declare @e_id int = convert(int, concat(@c_id, @s_id))
21     -- checking if the student had took an exam in this course before
22     -- if no generate a batch of questions
23     -- if yes return his old exam id
24     declare @chk_exam int = (select e.E_Id from dbo.Exam e where e.E_Id = @e_id)
25     if @chk_exam is null
26     begin
27         --inserting the newly generated exam into the exam table
28         insert into dbo.Exam values (@e_id, convert(date, Getdate()), @e_id)
29         declare @q_id int
30         -- declaring a table that will hold the questions ids so it will not be repeated
31         declare @check_Question_table table (q_id int )
32         declare @i int = 0
33         -- looping to get questions based on the number of questions requested
34         while @i < @no_q
35         begin
36             -- getting a random question based on the course id specified
37             set @q_id = ( select top 1 q.Q_Id from dbo.Question q where q.C_Id = @c_id order by NEWID())
38             -- checking if the question already taken in this generation batch
39             -- if the question is not taken it will insert it into the take exam table
40             -- if the question is already taken it will start a new iteration
41             -- without incrementing the counter
42             if @q_id not in (select * from @check_Question_table)
43             begin
44                 -- inserting the record into the take exam table
45                 insert into dbo.Take_Exam (E_Id, S_Id, Q_Id)
46                 values (@e_id, @s_id, @q_id )
47                 -- adding the selected question into the temp table for further checking
48                 insert into @check_Question_table values (@q_id)
49                 -- incrementing the counter
50                 set @i = @i + 1
51             end
52         end
53         -- returning the generated exam id
54         select @e_id
55     else
56     begin
57         -- returning the old exam id if exists
58         select e.E_Id from dbo.Exam e
59         where e.E_Id = @e_id
60     end

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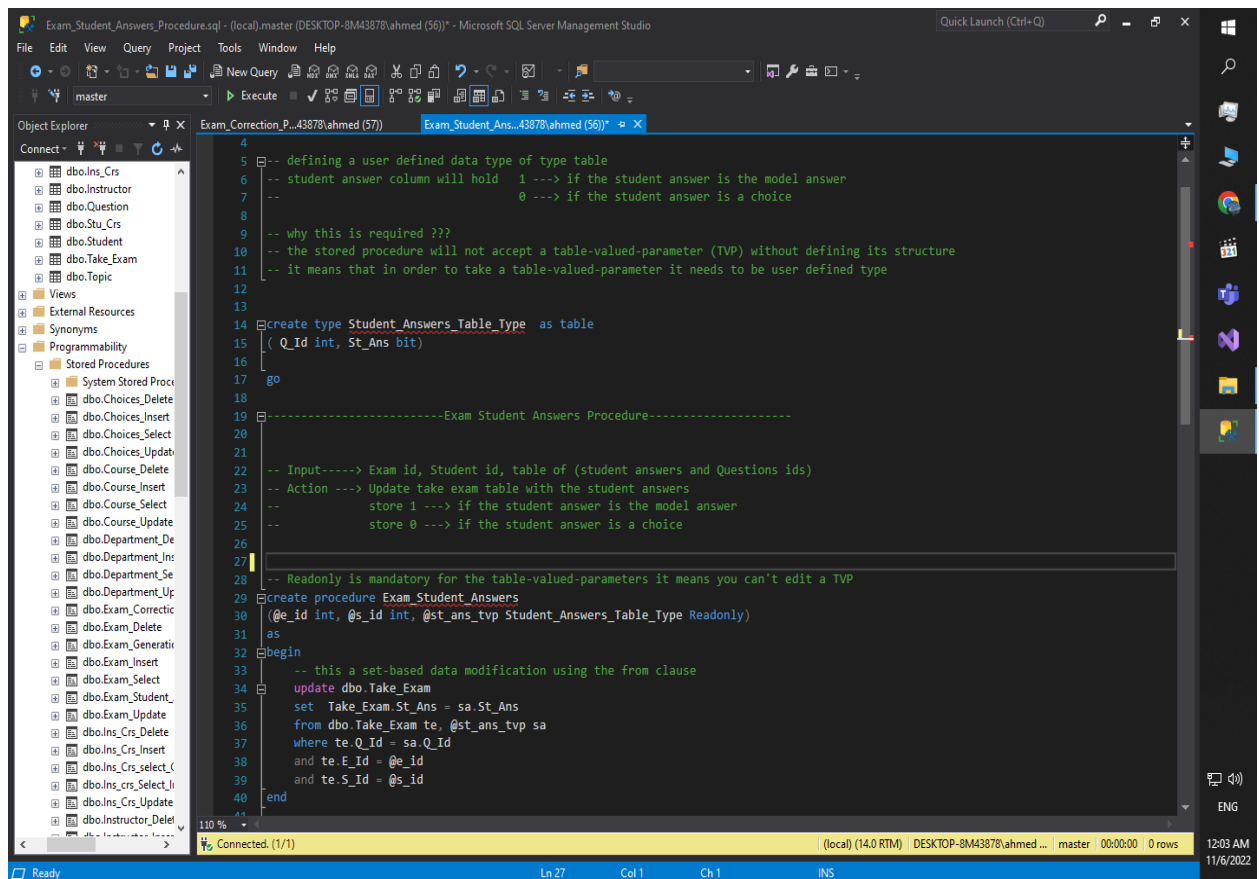
## 2. Exam Answers SP:

- Input---> Exam id, Student id, table of (student answers and Questions ids)

-Action --> Update take exam table with the student answers

store 1 -> if the student answer is the model answer

store 0 ---> if the student answer is a choice



```
4
5 -- defining a user defined data type of type table
6 -- student answer column will hold 1 ---> if the student answer is the model answer
7 -- 0 ---> if the student answer is a choice
8
9 -- why this is required ???
10 -- the stored procedure will not accept a table-valued-parameter (TVP) without defining its structure
11 -- it means that in order to take a table-valued-parameter it needs to be user defined type
12
13
14 create type Student_Answers_Table_Type as table
15 (
16     Q_Id int, St_Ans bit
17 )
18 go
19
20 -----Exam Student Answers Procedure-----
21
22 -- Input-----> Exam id, Student id, table of (student answers and Questions ids)
23 -- Action ----> Update take exam table with the student answers
24 -- store 1 ---> if the student answer is the model answer
25 -- store 0 ---> if the student answer is a choice
26
27
28 -- Readonly is mandatory for the table-valued-parameters it means you can't edit a TVP
29
30 create procedure Exam_Student_Answers
31 (
32     @e_id int, @s_id int, @st_ans_tvp Student_Answers_Table_Type Readonly
33 )
34 as
35 begin
36     -- this is a set-based data modification using the from clause
37     update dbo.Take_Exam
38     set Take_Exam.St_Ans = sa.St_Ans
39     from dbo.Take_Exam te, @st_ans_tvp sa
40     where te.Q_Id = sa.Q_Id
41     and te.E_Id = @e_id
42     and te.S_Id = @s_id
43 end
44
45
```

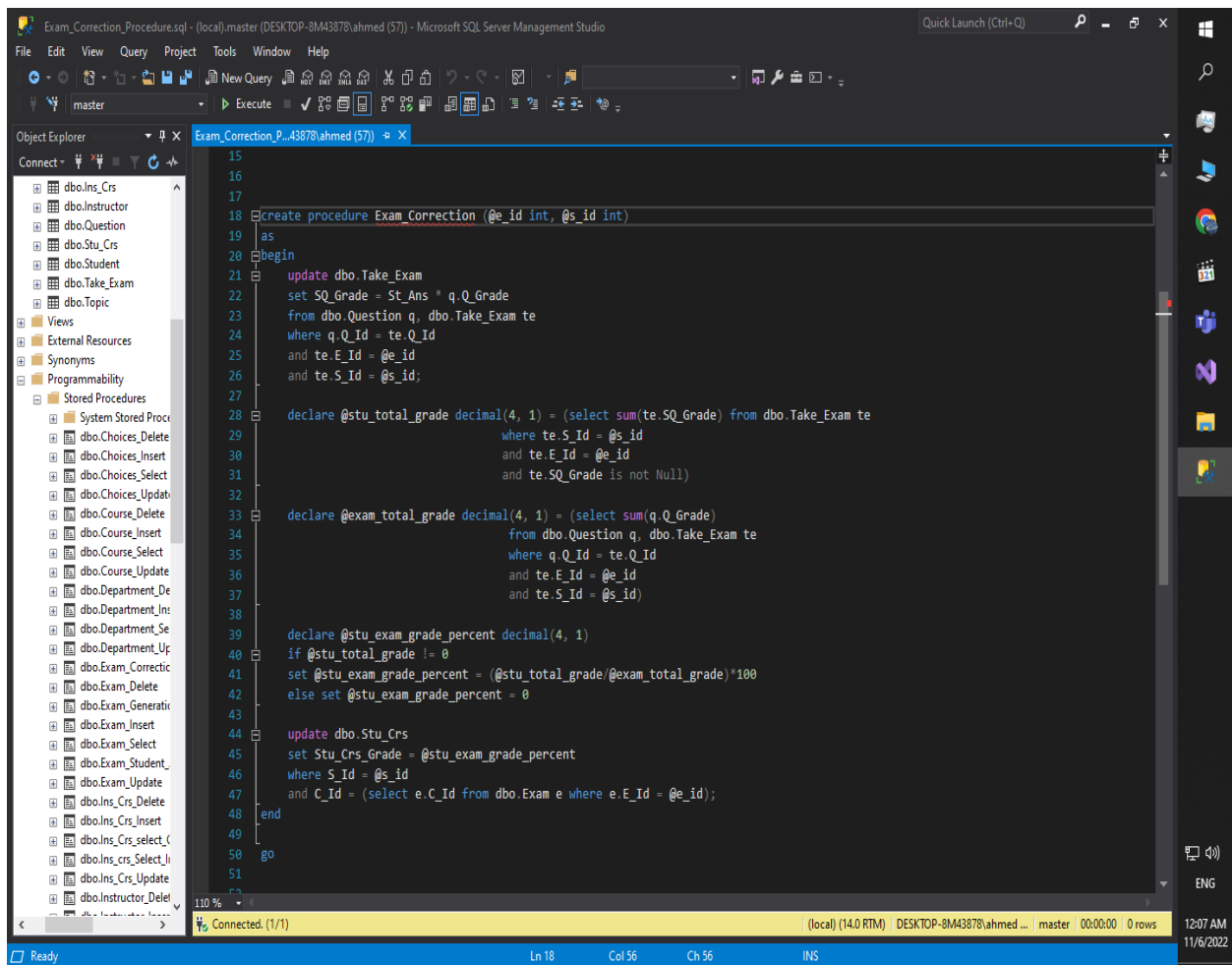
### 3. Exam Correction SP:

-- Input---> Exam id, Student id

-- Action--> 1. update the student question grade column in  
take exam table based on the the student  
answer column  
2. calculate the student grade percentage and  
store it in the student course table

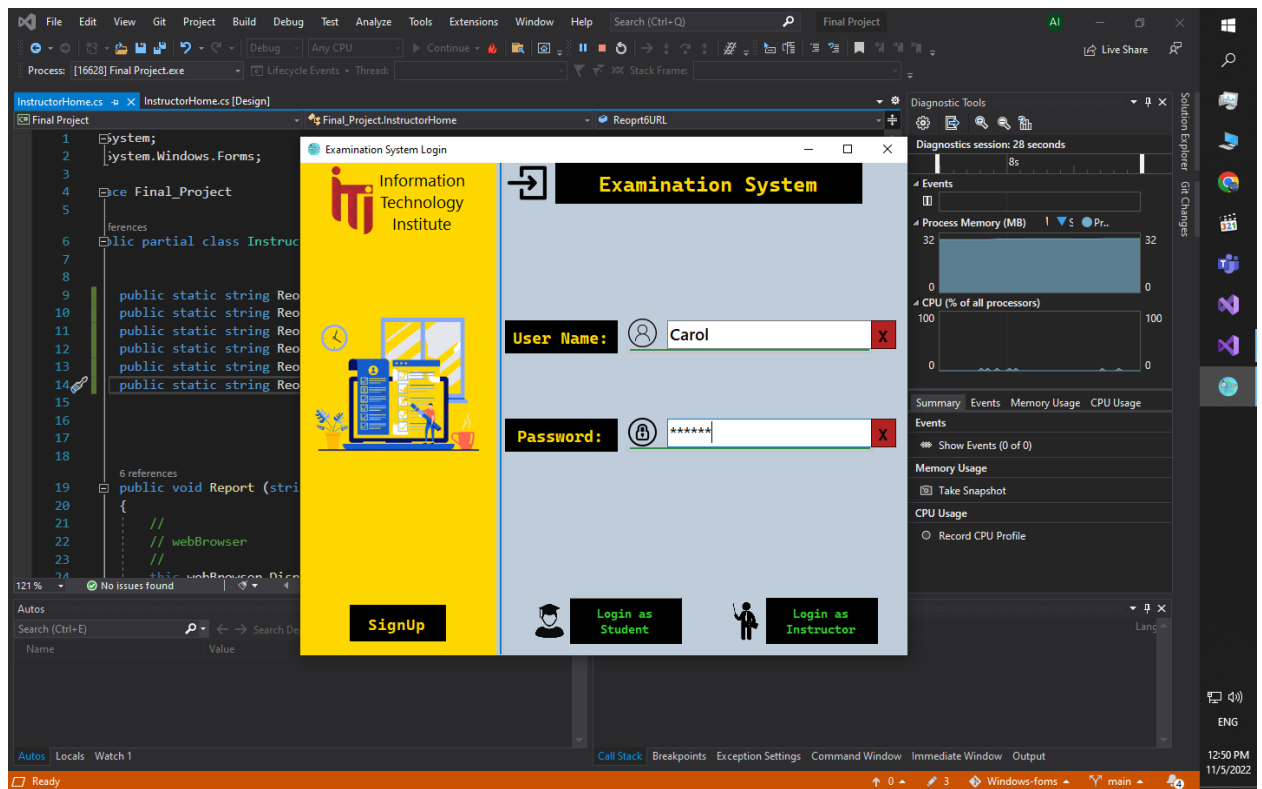
- Output--> return the student grade percentage in this  
exam



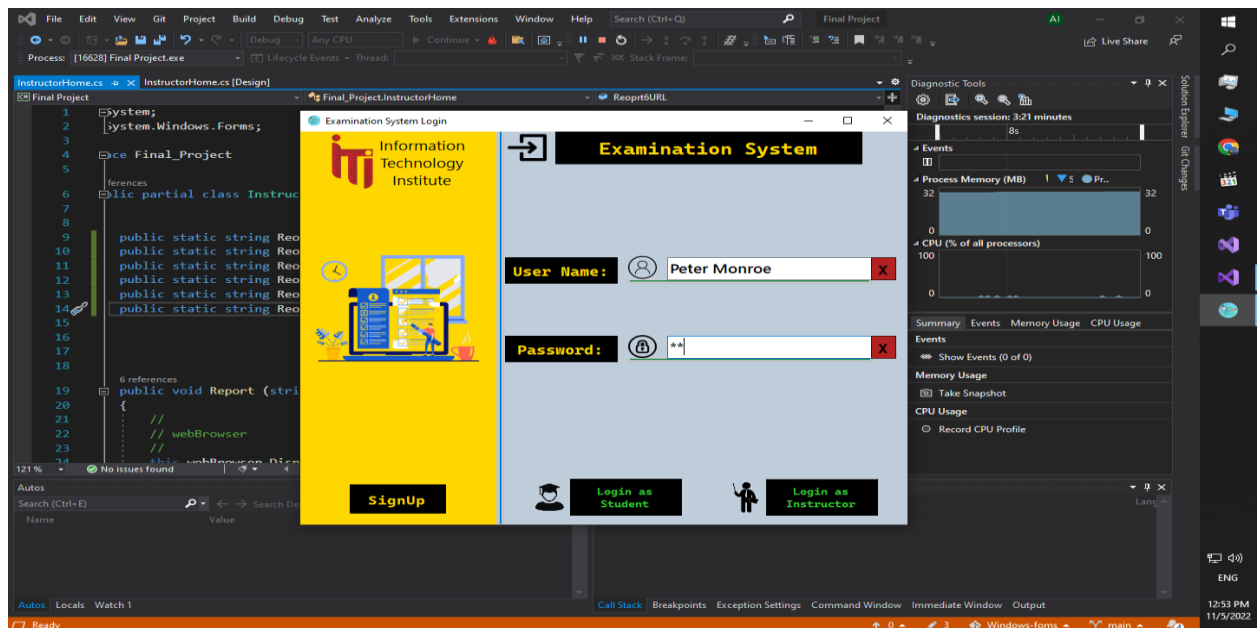


## 4- Desktop Application Phase

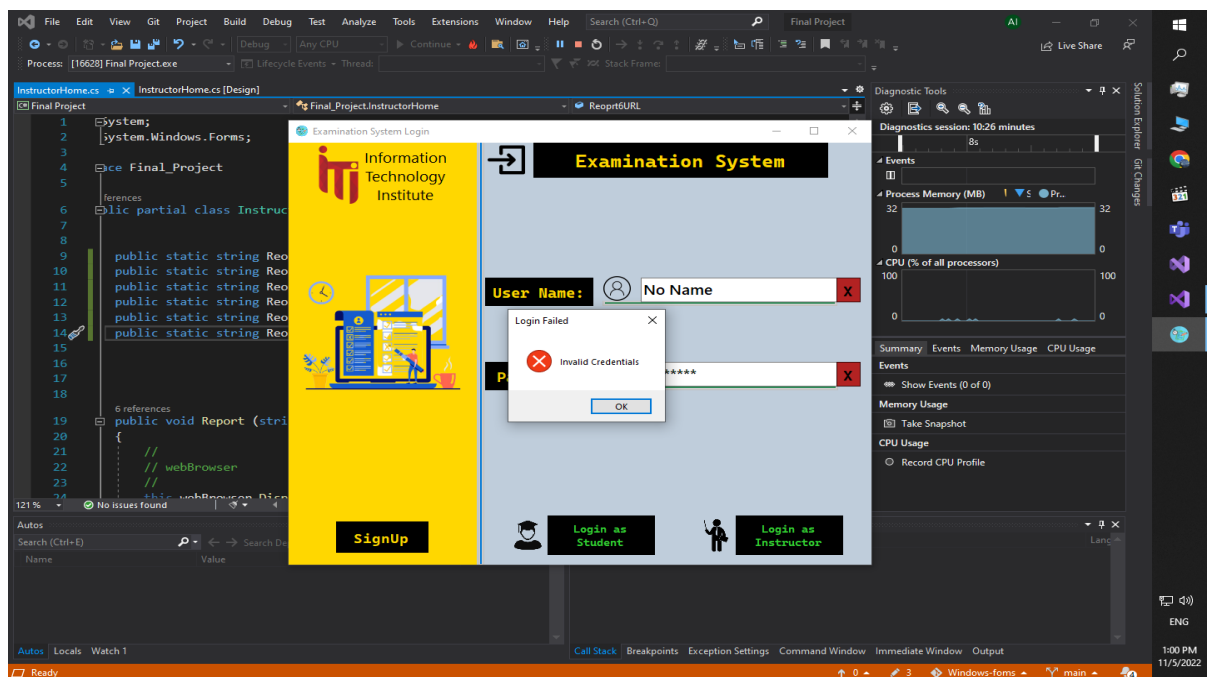
- To be able to build desktop applications we were required to use C# through windows forms.



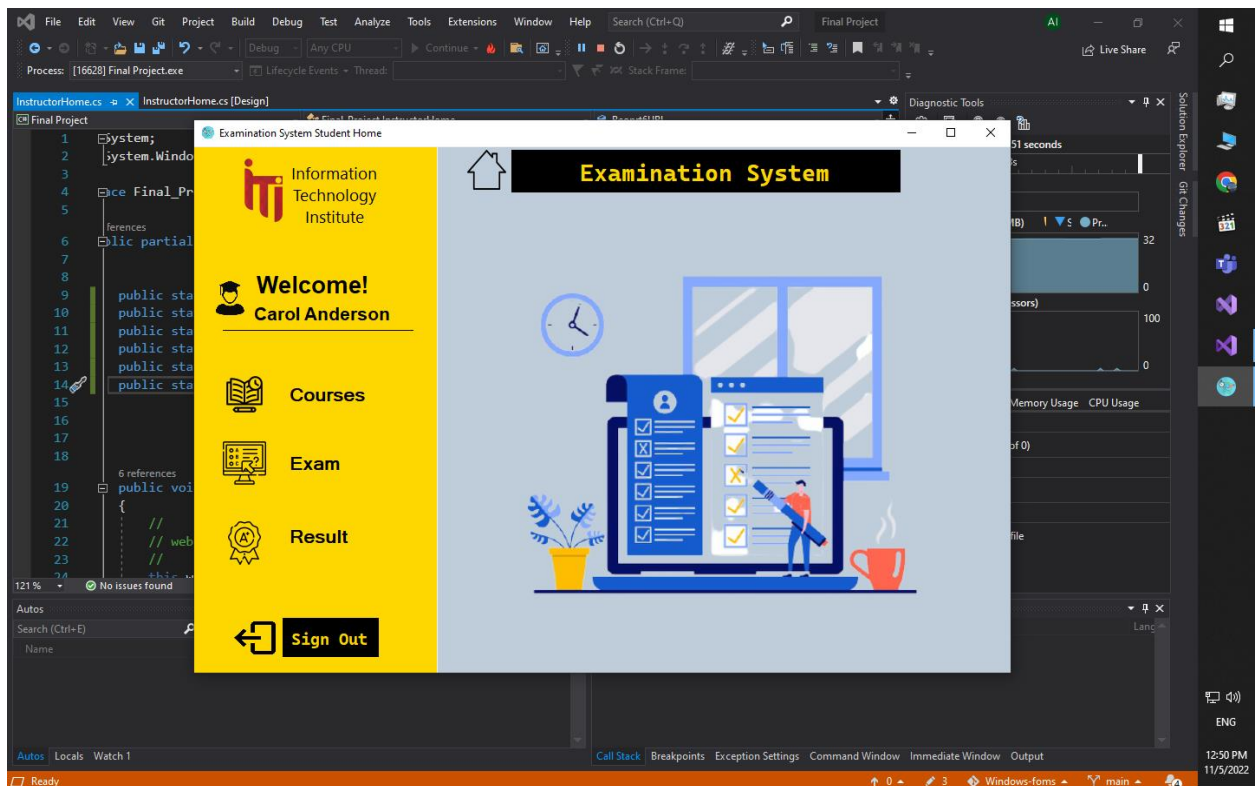
- A student or an instructor could log in to the desktop application.



- As for Authentication, we build a form in which student and instructor could insert their username and password.



- As for students we chose the student's name to be his username and his id to be his password, this might make no sense but the idea was that this authentication was made by establishing a connection from the desktop application to the database(windows authentication) to check if there is a student with the username and id (at the same time (AND operator)), and similar was made for instructors.
- We build other forms to be student homes and instructor homes.
- A student could look at their grades and take exams from this form.



- Exam Form

Information Technology Institute

Carol Anderson  
ID: 100005

Select Course  
Select Course

2022-11-05

End Exam

Select Course Exam

Start Exam

12:51 PM  
11/5/2022

Information Technology Institute

Carol Anderson  
ID: 100005

Course ID: 400

Total Questions: 10

Current Answer:  
Specification freeze

2022-11-05

End Exam

SW Engineering Exam

1 Choose the correct option among the following which is involved in the system planning and designing phase of the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)?

- ☐ All of the above
- ☐ Parallel run
- ☐ Sizing
- ☒ Specification freeze

Next

Submit Exam

12:51 PM  
11/5/2022

Information Technology Institute

**Carol Anderson**  
ID: 100005

Course ID: 400

Total Questions: 10

Current Answer:  
Horizontal prototype

2022-11-05

**End Exam**

### SW Engineering Exam

#### Your Answers

Specification freeze
Integration testing
Waterfall and prototyping
Test bot
Object-oriented analysis and design
Code walkthrough
Manipulating
Engineer product
Structural view
Horizontal prototype

Final Grade: 1

#### Model Answers

All of the above
Collaboration testing
RAD and prototyping
Test bot
Object-oriented analysis
Both A and B
Modelling
Coding
Layer view
Diagonal prototype

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**Carol Anderson**  
ID: 100005

Course ID: 400

Total Questions: 10

Current Answer:  
Manufacturing

2022-11-05

**End Exam**

### SW Engineering Exam

#### Your Answers

Diagonal, perpendicular
Vertical prototype
Fast Application Specification Technique
COBOL
Does not work efficiently with small projects
Generic and customized products
Reusability
Increment
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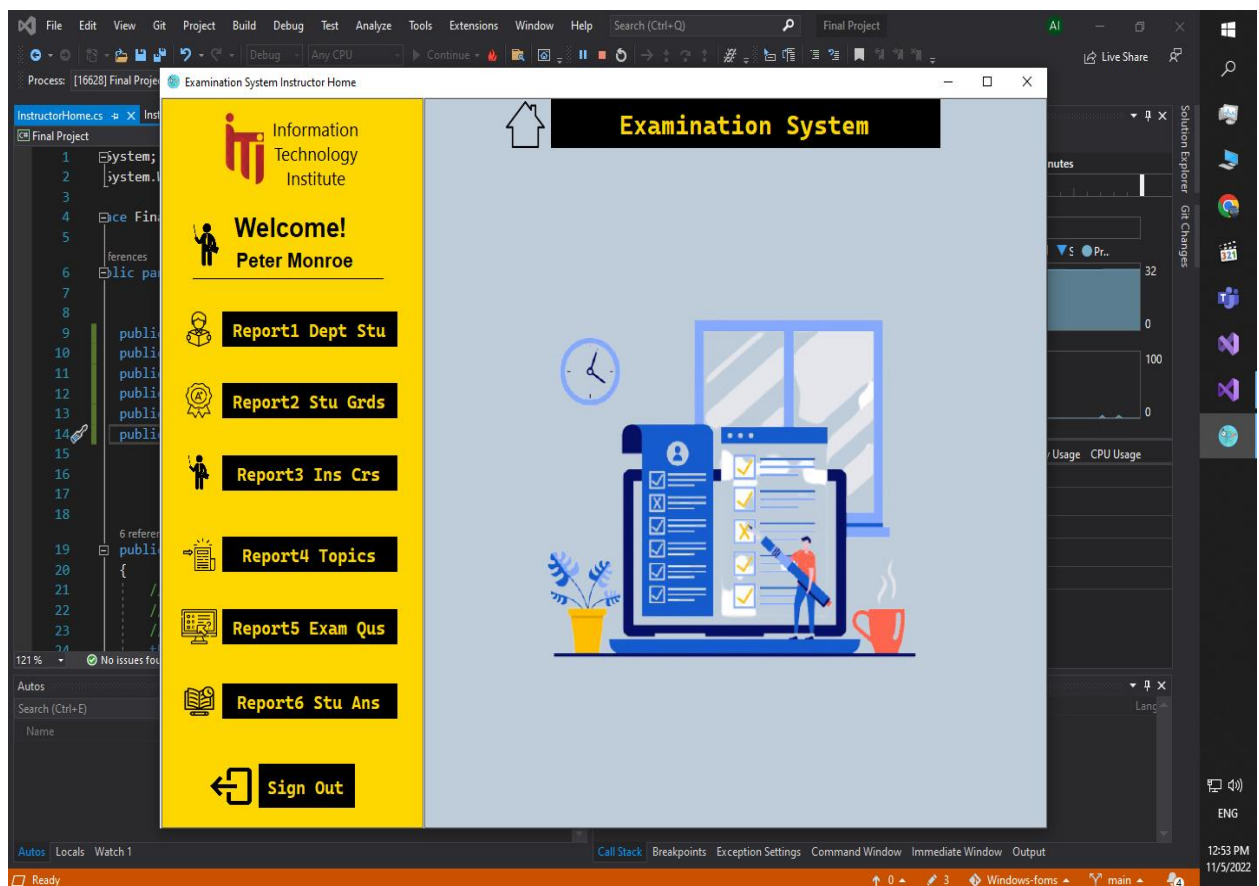
Not Allowed

You Took an Exam in this Course Before

#### Model Answers

Regular
Diagonal prototype
Facilitated Application Specification Technique
UNIX Shell
Additional functionalities are added later on
Generic products
Reusability
5
Coding
Manufacturing

- An instructor had also an instructor home form from which he can display some reports and dashboards
- We have implemented 6 reports according to what is required, each of them has a stored procedure and parameters to return to us what is required



## 5- SSRS Reports Phase

- Report 1

The stored procedure called (Report1\_Department\_Student\_Info) has a parameter (department id) that returns Student information by department id.

The screenshot displays the SSRS web portal within a web browser. On the left, a yellow sidebar for 'Information Technology Institute' contains a 'Welcome! Peter Monroe' message and a list of reports: Report1 Dept Stu, Report2 Stu Grds, Report3 Ins Crs, Report4 Topics, Report5 Exam Qus, and Report6 Stu Ans, along with a 'Sign Out' button. The main content area shows the 'Examination System' header and the 'SQL Server Reporting Services' interface. A dropdown menu for 'Department ID' is set to 'Data Analysis'. Below this, a table titled 'Student information by Department ID' for 'Department ID=109' is displayed. The table has columns for StudentID, Full Name, Age, Gender, and Address. The data rows are as follows:

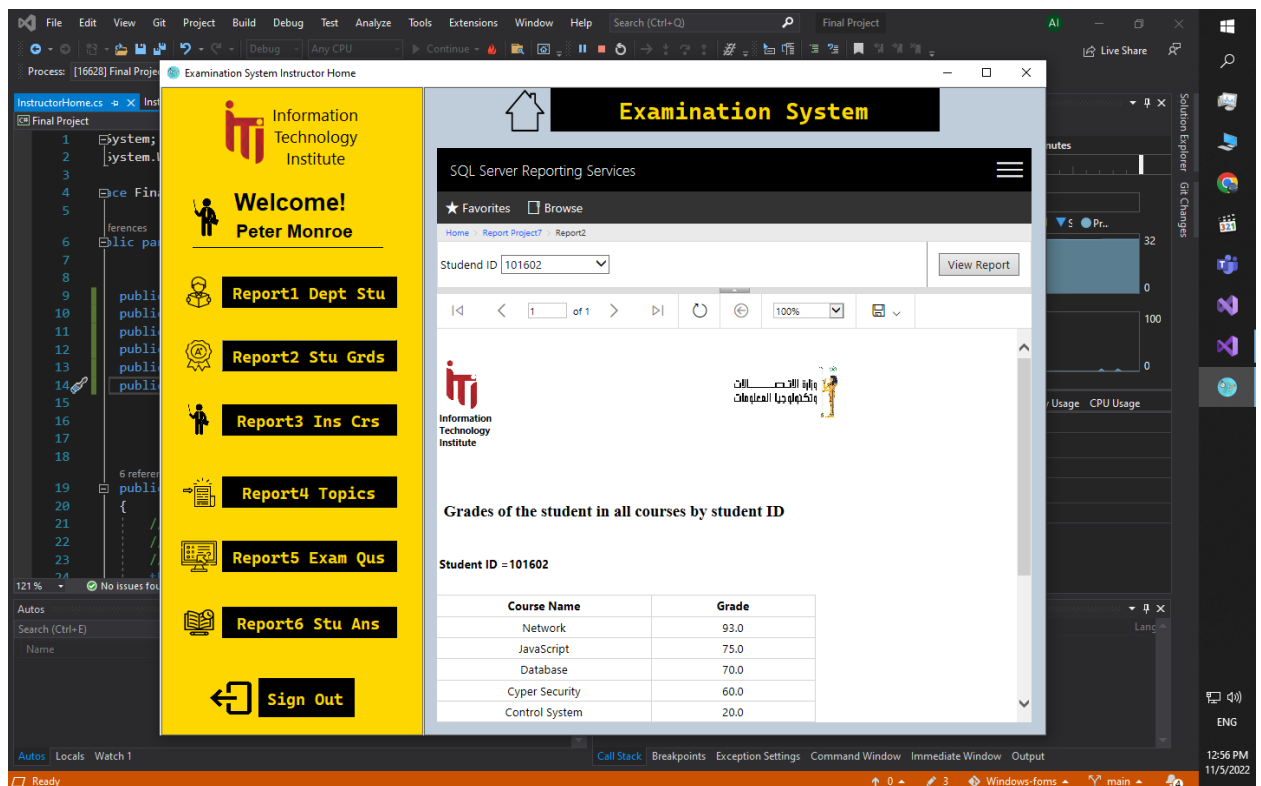
StudentID	Full Name	Age	Gender	Address
100209	Adeel Ostrnka	40	Male	12888 Queensbury Ln Ste 142 Houston, TX 77024 US
101855	Adele Mcdowell	20	Female	84 Cottage Street,Phoenix,AZ
101495	Aleena Chan	28	Female	530 Bayberry Dr.,Los Angeles,CA
100865	Alejandro Cunningham	54	Male	7008 Gregory Lane,Cheyenne,WY



- Report 2

The stored procedure called (Report2\_Student\_Grade\_All\_Courses) has a parameter (student id)

that returns the grades of the student in all courses.



The screenshot shows the 'Examination System' web application. The sidebar on the left contains the following navigation links:

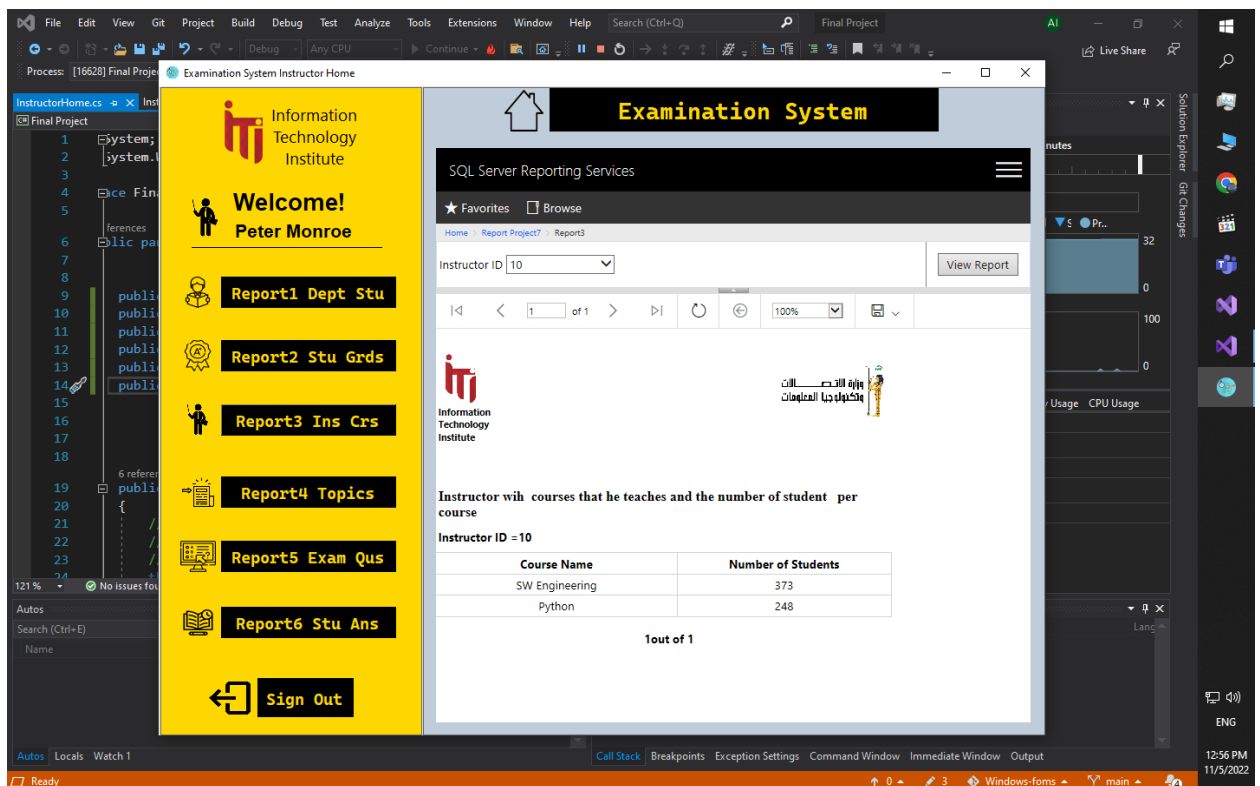
- Welcome! Peter Monroe
- Report1 Dept Stu
- Report2 Stu Grds
- Report3 Ins Crs
- Report4 Topics
- Report5 Exam Qus
- Report6 Stu Ans
- Sign Out

The main content area displays the 'Grades of the student in all courses by student ID' for Student ID 101602. The grades are listed in a table:

Course Name	Grade
Network	93.0
JavaScript	75.0
Database	70.0
Cyper Security	60.0
Control System	20.0

- Report 3

The stored procedure called (Report3\_Instructor\_Course\_Name\_No\_Students) has a parameter (instructor ID) that returns the name of the courses that he teaches and the number of students per course.



The screenshot shows a web application titled "Examination System" running in a browser. The application is part of "SQL Server Reporting Services". The sidebar on the left contains a "Welcome! Peter Monroe" message and a list of reports: "Report1 Dept Stu", "Report2 Stu Grds", "Report3 Ins Crs", "Report4 Topics", "Report5 Exam Qus", and "Report6 Stu Ans". The main content area displays a report for "Instructor ID = 10", showing a table of courses and the number of students per course.

Course Name	Number of Students
SW Engineering	373
Python	248

1 out of 1

- Report 4

The stored procedure called (Report4\_Course\_Topics) has a parameter (course id) that returns topics of its course.

Information Technology Institute

Welcome!  
Peter Monroe

Report1 Dept Stu

Report2 Stu Grds

Report3 Ins Crs

Report4 Topics

Report5 Exam Qus

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Examination System

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Course ID Python View Report

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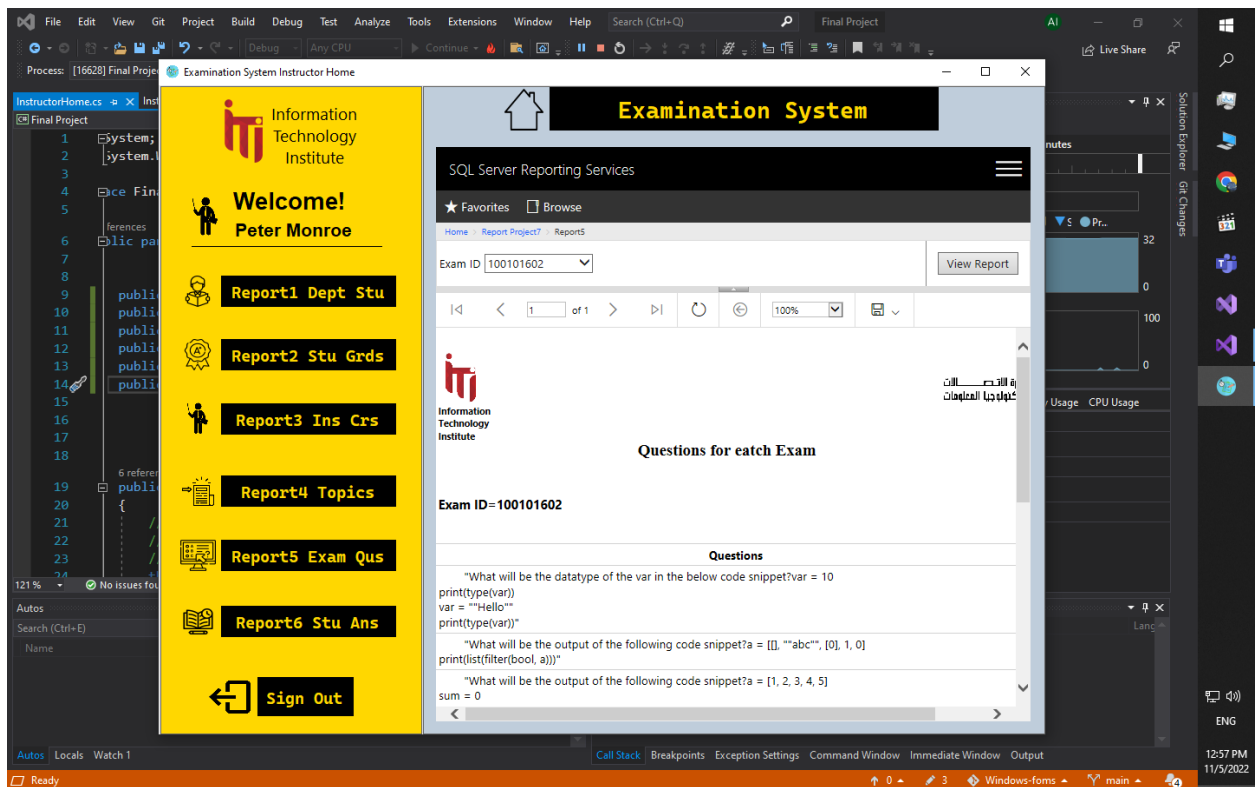
Topics for each course

Course ID=100

Topic Name
Class or Static Variables in Python.
Constructors in Python.
Destructors in Python.
Encapsulation in Python.
Inheritance in Python.
Polymorphism in Python.
Python Classes and Objects.
Types of inheritance Python.

- Report 5

The stored procedure called(Report5\_Exam\_Questions) has a parameter (exam id) that returns Questions in it.



- Report 6

The stored procedure called (Report6\_Exam\_Student\_Questions\_Answers) that has 2 parameters (exam id) and (student id) that returns the Questions in this exam with the student's answers.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for an Examination System. The interface is divided into three main sections: a yellow sidebar on the left, a top navigation bar, and a main content area.

**Sidebar (Left):**

- Information Technology Institute logo
- Welcome! Peter Monroe
- Report1 Dept Stu
- Report2 Stu Grds
- Report3 Ins Crs
- Report4 Topics
- Report5 Exam Qus
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- Sign Out

**Top Navigation Bar:**

- Examination System
- SQL Server Reporting Services

**Main Content Area:**

Student Answers

Raiden Pope  
Cyber Security

Q Text

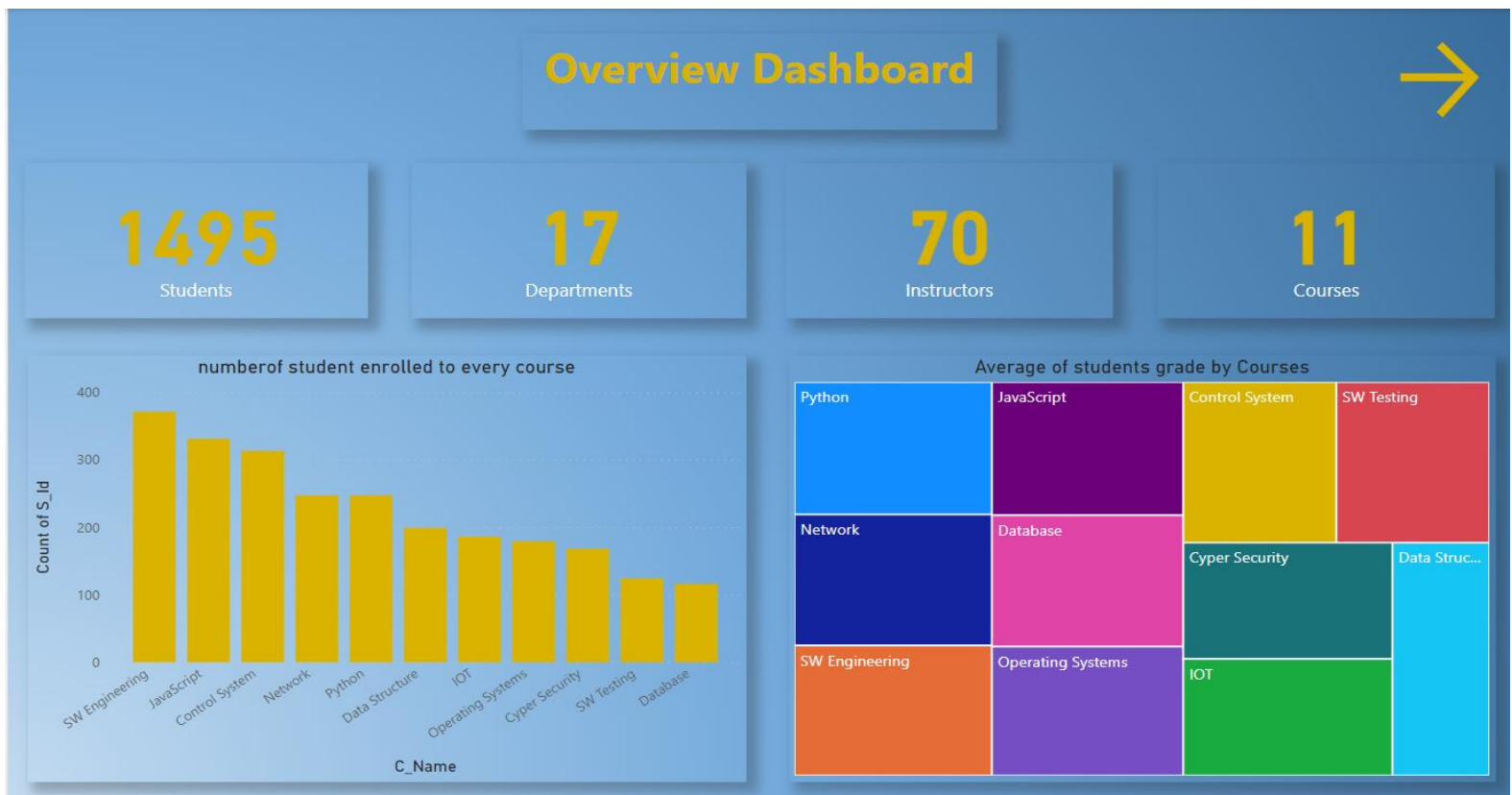
Q Text	St Ans
Identify the term which denotes that only authorized users are capable of accessing the information	1
State whether True or False: Data encryption is primarily used to ensure confidentiality.	0
Identify the Debian-based OS which has 2 virtual machines and focuses on preserving users' data.	1
Identify the oldest phone hacking technique used by hackers to make free calls.	1
Which of the following platforms is used for the safety and protection of information in the cloud?	0
Identify the type of attack which uses a fraudulent server with a relay address.	1
Identify the port used to connect to Active Directory in Windows 2000.	0
Choose among the following techniques, which are used to hide information inside a	1

## 6- Dashboard Phase

for any system or business needs to be carefully monitored to make sure we are moving forward day by day, to see the system running in a harmony we build a Power bi dashboard, this is an implementation of the visualization magic, we choose to make two dashboards one for an overview visualization and the other for relatively deep insights about the students

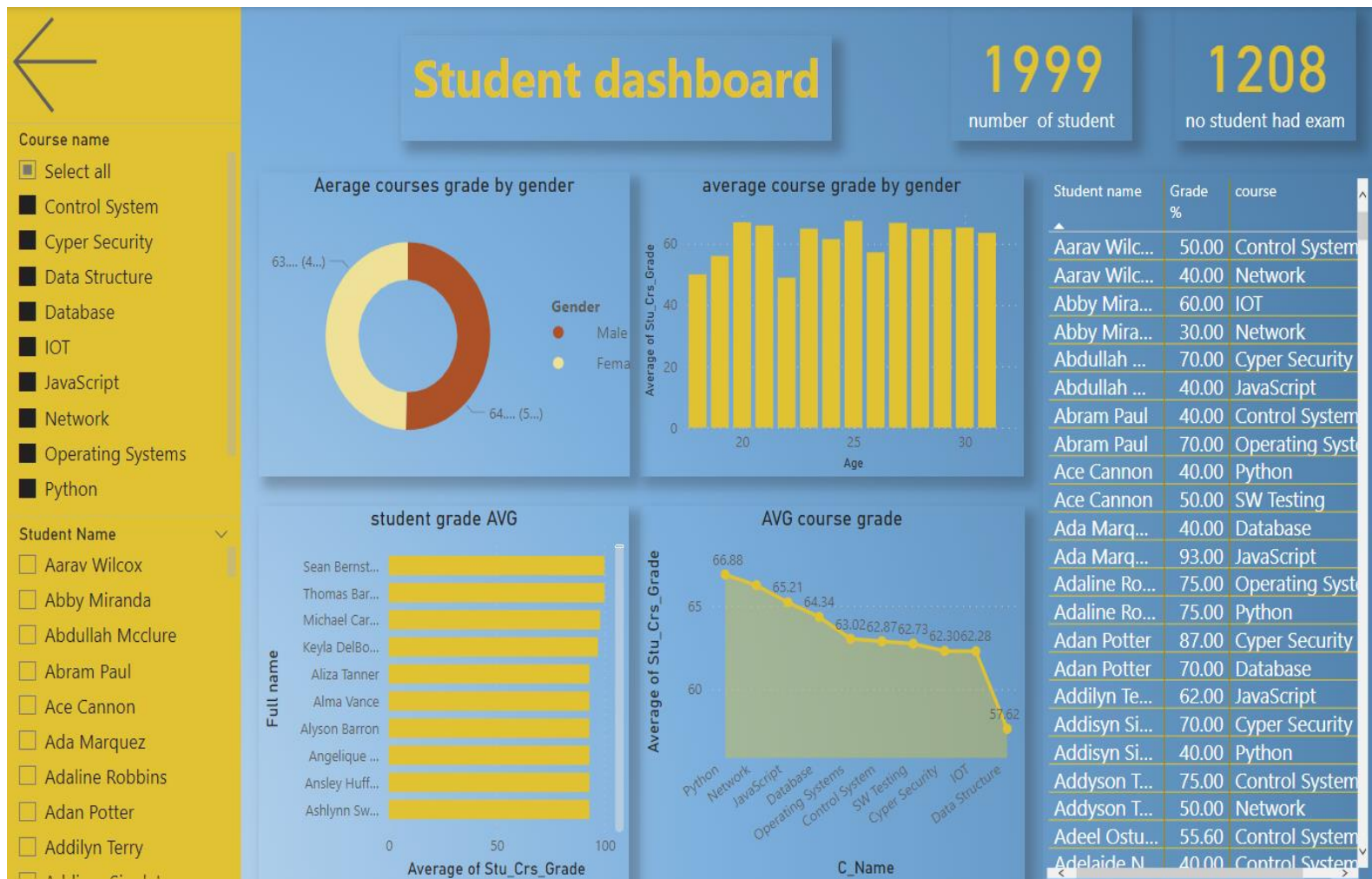
we tried to represent basic visuals such as bar plot and area plot, just to represent an overall how the examination system behave.

Overview Dashboard:



at the student dashboard we deeply represented how students perform at there exams and highlight the best performing students, we also represented the courses grades if to highlight the courses with low average grades, to dig deep on every student/course we added a slicer to represent each student and the another slicer to represent courses.

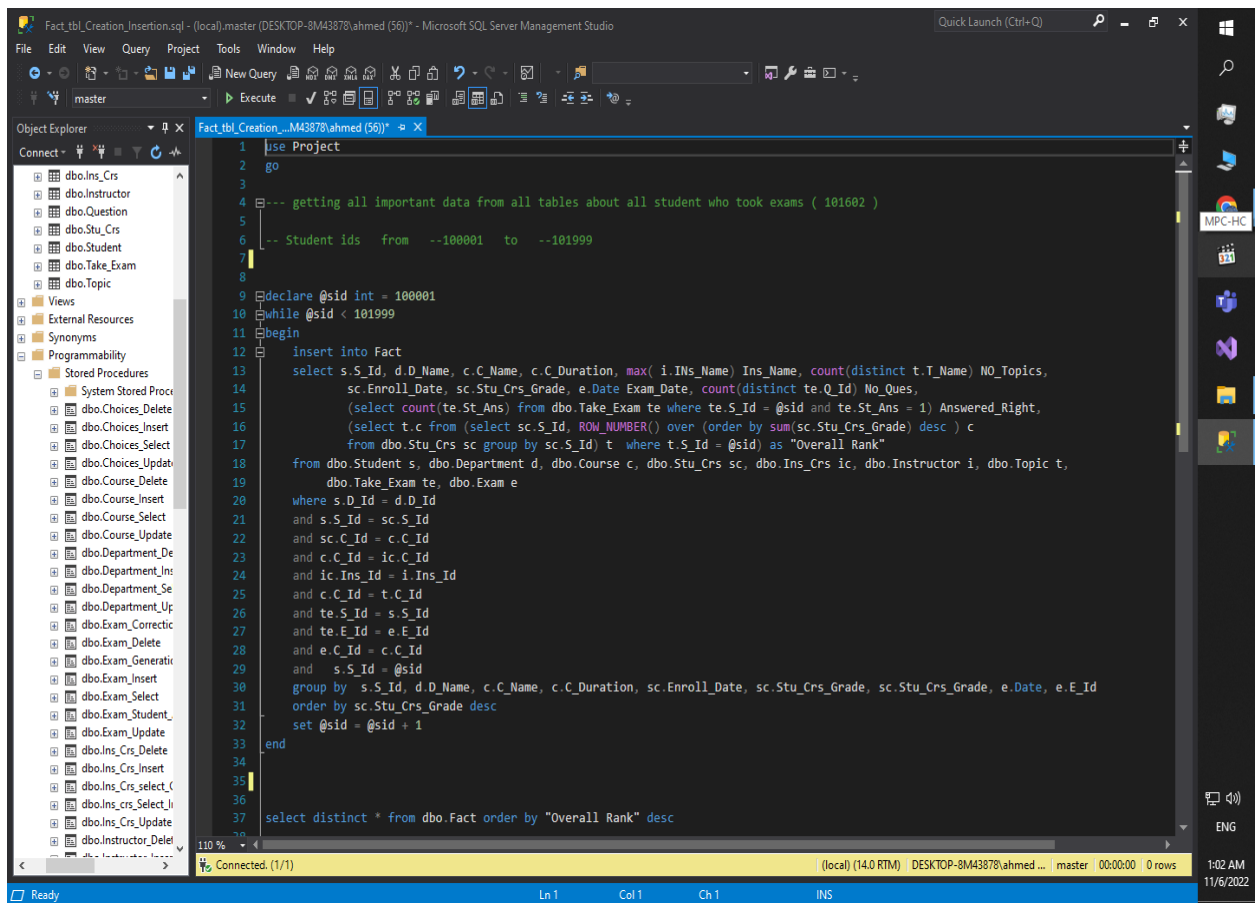
Student dashboard:



To analyze and visualize all these data and to be able to get all the data about a student in the DB, We created a SQL Script that joins nearly all the tables in the DB, Which we used in creating a Fact table.

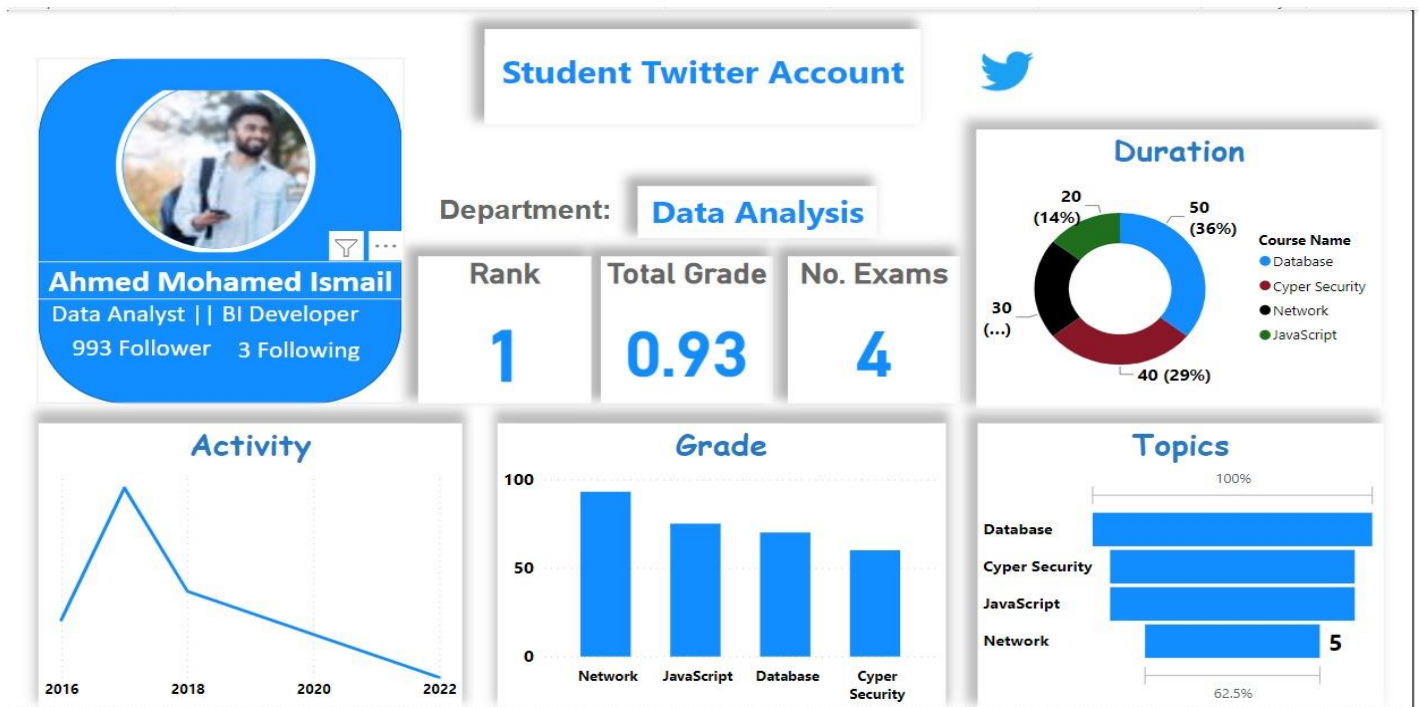
Fact Table SQL Script:





some times social media activities affects how the student perform at there exams, therefore we decided to link the students twitter accounts to discuss if there any relation between their activities and their grades.

Twitter Dashboard:



We used Postman Program to construct the API request and the authorization header that will be used in Power BI to connect to Twitter API.

## Postman API Request:

The screenshot displays the Postman API client interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Workspaces', 'API Network', and 'Explore'. The left sidebar shows 'My Workspace' with a 'TwitterCollection' containing a 'GET TwitterRequest'. The main panel shows the request details for 'GET https://api.twitter.com/1/users/show.json?user\_id=1582685625953800192'. The 'Headers' tab is active, showing a table of headers:

Key	Value	Description
Authorization	OAuth realm="TTL-App",oauth_consumer_key="..."	
Cookie	guest_id=v1%3A166635844715342420; guest_...	
Postman-Token	<calculated when request is sent>	
Host	<calculated when request is sent>	
User-Agent	PostmanRuntime/7.29.2	
Accept	*/	
Accept-Encoding	gzip, deflate, br	
Connection	keep-alive	

The 'Body' tab is also active, showing a JSON response in 'Pretty' format:

```
1 {
2   "id": 1582685625953800192,
3   "id_str": "1582685625953800192",
4   "name": "Ahmed Mohamed Ismail",
5   "screen_name": "AhmedMo19317201",
6   "location": "Egypt",
7   "profile_location": null,
8   "description": "Data Analyst || BI Developer",
9   "url": null,
10  "entities": {
11    "description": {
12      "urls": []
13    }
14  },
15 }
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Status: 200 OK', 'Time: 842 ms', and 'Size: 1.52 KB'. The bottom right corner shows the date and time: '12:36 AM 11/6/2022'.