

# Library Management System

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# MaktabaTech User Manual

MaktabaTech is a one of a kind library in the Middle East. It encourages all citizens to engage in reading and develop their languages. As we all know, reading is becoming an old and out of date trend. MaktabaTech wants to turn this idea upside down and develop an easy, yet important way for citizens all over the world to **READ**.

Though reading might seem to some that it is just for fun, but in fact, it can be helping your body and mind without you even realizing it. Not only does reading expand your knowledge, but it also sharpens your minds, imagination, and writing skills.

Books can hold and keep all kinds of information, stories, thoughts and feelings. They provide a timeless form of entertainment and at the same time knowledge, which is rare to find nowadays.



## User Manual:

First of all, you will be greeted by our Login Page.

If you have an account already, you can immediately login in.

If not, you can sign up and join the family!

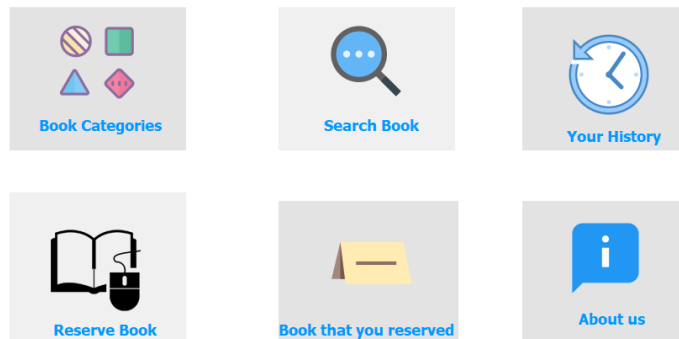
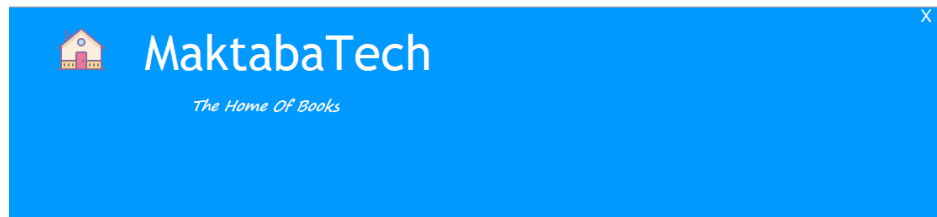
The image displays three screenshots of a web application interface, all set against a background of a library with bookshelves.

**Login Page:** The title "Login" is in blue. It features input fields for "Username" and "Password". Below these are buttons for "Login" and "Signup". There are also links for "Trouble login?" and "Forgot password?".

**New Account Page:** The title "New Account" is in blue. It includes input fields for "Username", "First Name", "Last Name", "Password", "Confirm Password", and "Gender" (with radio buttons for Male and Female). There is a "Date of Birth" field with a calendar picker showing April 2019. A "Security Question" section asks "What is your nickname?" with a dropdown menu. At the bottom are "Create" and "Back" buttons.

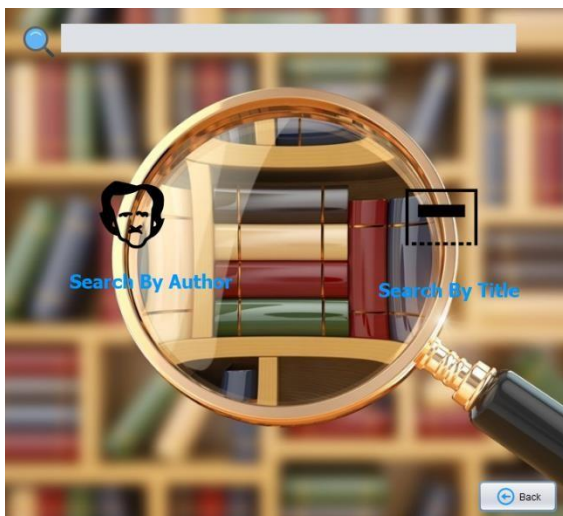
**Forgot Password Page:** The title "Forgot Password" is in blue. It includes input fields for "Username", "Name", "Your security question" (with a dropdown menu), "Answer", and "Email". At the bottom are "Retrive" and "Back" buttons.

Once you log in, you will enter the E-library **Home Page** and can explore all the available services *MaktabaTech* can offer you.

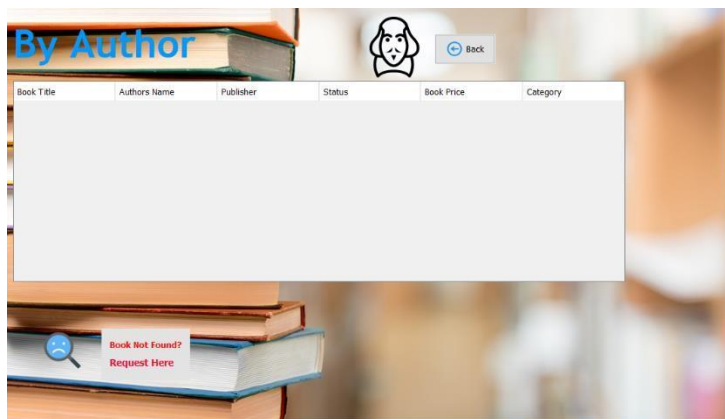


Once you are here in the Main Page, you can:

- 1) View different Categories of books available in the library and View the list of books available in each category
- 2) Search for a particular book
- 3) Reserve a book that you desire
- 4) View the books that you already reserved
- 5) View your interactions with MaktabaTech

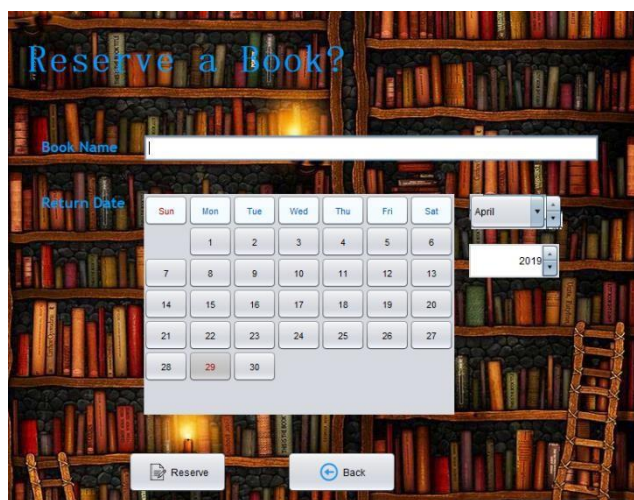
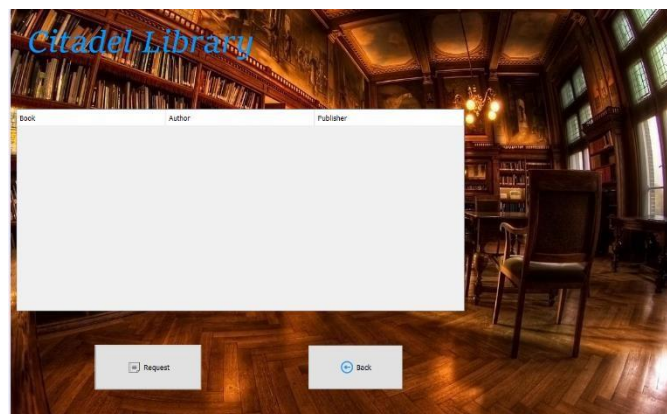


*You can search for the book that you want by Author or by Title to see if the book is available in our Library.*



*If the book is not available in our Library, no worries!  
You can request it from our partnering Library*

**Citadel  
Library .**

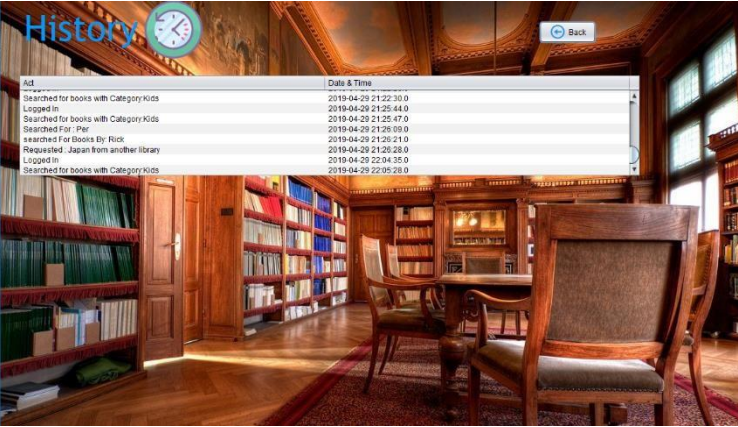


*You can reserve your book that you desire by specifying its  
name and the return date.*



*MaktabaTech, **the Home of Books** is also  
full of diverse books. You can search for  
books that fulfill your cravings and needs!*





You can also check you interactions with us and your reservations



## Server/Client:

We created many Server functions to serve the purpose of our library.

The functions include:

- Login: checks if the username and password entered are valid and present in our database.
- Signup: Creates a new account and adds it to our database.
- DisplayCategory: View all books in our library with this category
- Reserve: Reserve a book from our library
- Request: Request book from another library
- SearchByAuthor : Search for books by Author
- SearchByTitle: search for books by title name
- ViewReserves: View all reservations by the user
- ViewHistory: Track the user's actions

We inserted, selected, and updated our database using queries.

We first tried all the functions on Eclipse (using the client code given by Dr. Matta).

We also did a JTable Function that displayed to us the info on the client side in Eclipse.

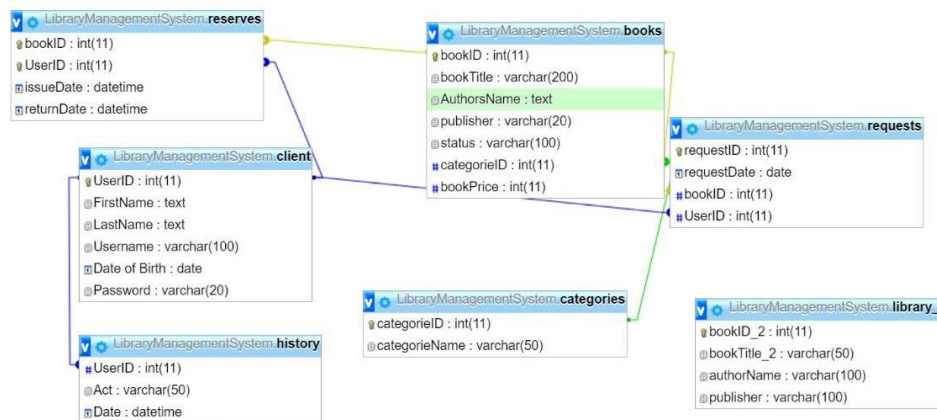
The following is the testing Jtable code for one of our functions:

```
JFrame jtab1;  
jtab1 = new JFrame();  
int j = 0;  
Vector<Vector<String>> data = new Vector<Vector<String>>();  
while (!split[j].equals("FINISH_Answer")) {  
    String splitj[] = split[j].split(",");  
    Vector<String> entry = new Vector<String>();  
    entry.add(splitj[0]);  
    entry.add(splitj[1]);  
    entry.add(splitj[2]); //num of cols  
    entry.add(splitj[3]);  
    entry.add(splitj[4]);  
    //entry.add(splitj[5]);  
  
    data.add(entry);  
    j = j + 1;  
}  
Vector<String> col = new Vector<String>();  
col.add("Booktitle");  
col.add("AuthorName");  
col.add("Publisher");  
col.add("price");  
//col.add("price");  
col.add("category");  
JTable jr = new JTable (data,col);  
jr.setBounds(300, 400, 200, 3000);  
JScrollPane scroller = new JScrollPane(jr);  
jtab1.add(scroller);  
jtab1.setSize(3000, 4000);  
jtab1.setVisible(true);  
jtab1.setDefaultCloseOperation(2); /*
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After working out all the functions between the client and the server on Eclipse, we worked on connecting them using GUI.

Our database “library management system” includes 7 entities (tables) in total.

- 6 tables represent our library and the 7<sup>th</sup> table “library\_2” represents a different library’s available books.



**Table “categories”** stores all available categories and each category is identified by a unique key and has the following attributes:

- categorieID = primary key. **Note: primary keys throughout this project are autoincremented.**
- categorieName

+ Options				categorieID	categorieName
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	1	Kids
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	2	Biographies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	3	lifestyle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	4	Arts & Music
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	5	Comics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	6	Cooking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	7	Science & technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	8	Health 7 Fitness
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	9	Sports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	10	Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	11	Medical
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	12	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	13	Romance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Copy	Delete	14	Travel





+ Options					UserID	FirstName	LastName	Username	Date of Birth	Password
	 Edit	 Copy	 Delete		0	Rayan	Zein	riz06	2019-03-05	Nshallah
	 Edit	 Copy	 Delete		1	Ali	Yassine	amy19	2019-04-24	Maya1999
	 Edit	 Copy	 Delete		2	Sarah	El-Annan	sje18	2018-11-28	lloveHP
	 Edit	 Copy	 Delete		3	Dr. Jad	Matta	jm97	2019-04-30	lloveNetworking
	 Edit	 Copy	 Delete		4	Mariam	Hoteit	mmh27	2019-04-10	London

**Table “reserve”** stores record of all reserved books and identifies each reservation by a unique key. It has the following attributes:

- BookID: is a foreign key that references bookID of table books
- UserID: is a foreign key that references UserID of table client

BookID and UserID are a composite primary key for table reserves since each book and only be reserved by one Client.

- IssueDate
- returnDate

+ Options					bookID	UserID	issueDate	returnDate
	Edit	Copy	Delete		1	0	2019-04-28 19:18:59	2019-07-17 00:00:00
	Edit	Copy	Delete		2	0	2019-04-28 19:19:31	2019-06-17 00:00:00
	Edit	Copy	Delete		3	0	2019-04-28 19:19:57	2019-08-25 00:00:00
	Edit	Copy	Delete		4	0	2019-04-28 20:40:40	2019-07-11 00:00:00
	Edit	Copy	Delete		7	0	2019-04-28 21:51:33	2019-08-22 00:00:00
	Edit	Copy	Delete		8	0	2019-04-28 21:41:03	2019-05-10 00:00:00
	Edit	Copy	Delete		34	0	2019-04-29 00:29:54	2019-07-25 00:00:00

**Table “library\_2”** represents the table books of a different library from which we will be requesting non available books, similarly to table books, each is identified by a unique key. It has the following attributes:

- BookID\_2 = primary key
- BookTitle\_2
- AuthorsName
- Publisher

		bookID_2	bookTitle_2	authorName	publisher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		1	Japan	James Arthur	Lovely Publishes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		2	Senea	Simon Rolls	Jennings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		3	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	Pan Macmillan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		4	The Iliad	Homer	Egmont
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		5	Lolita	Vladimir Nabokov	HarperCollins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		6	Crime and Punishment	Fyodor Dostoyevsky	Faber Alliance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		7	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	Disney

**Table “requests”** stores records of all requested books and identifies each request by a unique key. It has the following attributes:

- requestID: is a primary key
- RequestDate
- UserID: is a foreign key that references UserID of table client
- BookID is a foreign key that references bookID\_2 of library\_2

		requestID	requestDate	bookID	UserID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		1	2019-02-02	3	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		2	2016-08-08	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		3	2019-04-29	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		4	2019-04-29	2	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		5	2019-04-29	2	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		6	2019-04-29	2	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
		7	2019-04-29	1	0

**Table “history”** stores records of the interactions between client and server books and identifies each record by a unique key. It has the following attributes:

- UserID: is a primary key and a foreign key that references UserID of table client
- Act: description of the type of action the client took
- Date

UserID	Act	Date
4	Logged In	2019-04-17 11:17:08
4	Signed UP	2019-04-10 03:17:45
4	Reserved : Don Quixote	2019-02-02 00:00:00
4	Reserved : Trial	2019-02-02 00:00:00
4	Reserved : Ulysses	2019-02-17 00:00:00
8	Reserved : Ulysses	2019-02-17 00:00:00
8	Reserved : In search of Lost Time	2019-02-11 00:00:00
8	Reserved : Moby Dick	2019-02-11 00:00:00
7	Searched For : The	2017-12-12 00:00:00
7	Searched For : The	2017-12-12 00:00:00
7	Searched For : The	2017-12-12 00:00:00
5	searched For Books By: Rayan	2018-11-01 00:00:00
5	Searched for books with Category: Cooking	2018-07-07 00:00:00
2	Viewed his/her reservations	2017-11-06 00:00:00
2	Viewed his/her reservations	2017-11-06 00:00:00
2	Viewed his/her reservations	2017-11-06 00:00:00
11	First Became A Member	2016-07-07 00:00:00
3	Requested : Senea from another library	2016-08-08 00:00:00

## Problems/Difficulties Encountered:



- At first, it was really tough to start. We didn't know from where to start.
- We faced issues in getting information from our database since it is connected using many IDs.  
However, we found online the INNER JOIN query which helped us a lot.
- We first did the GUI design of the pages as JFrame, which is a wrong GUI design. So we changed all our pages to dialogs and realized the positive difference.
- We didn't know where to put the Socket and connection initiation code **at first** in the client code.
- It was very difficult to find the way to display the information in jTable.  
In addition, we faced many errors regarding this issue.  
However, after one table worked well, the others passed by gently.

**Final Note:** This project really pushed us to our limits and took us out of our comfort zones. Other than being grouped with people that you don't know by random, but the project is difficult and needs a lot of work especially since we are not familiar with any of: Java, GUI and MYSQL.

It really improved our skills and knowledge in these 3 topics.