CST-350 Activity 2 Login and Registration System

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Part 1: Login and Registration System Overview Screenshots

Home Page with Login and Register Links

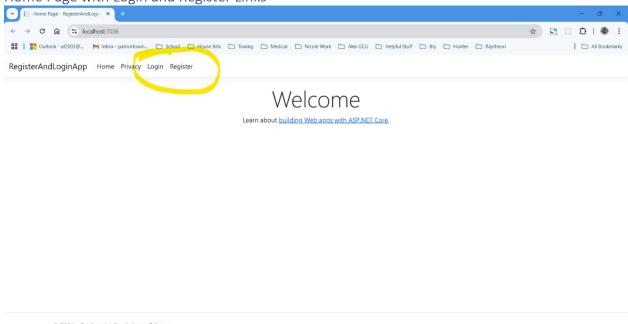


Figure 1 This screenshot shows the home page of the application with Login and Register links in the navigation bar, providing easy access to authentication features.

Login Page

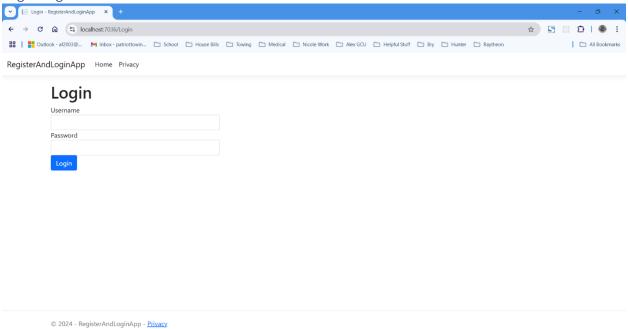


Figure 2 This screenshot displays the login page, prompting the user to enter their Username and Password to access the system.

Successful Login

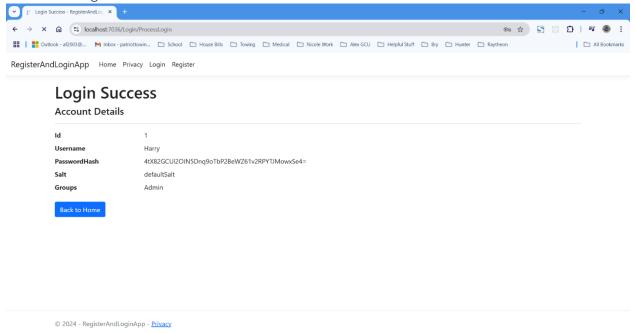


Figure 3 The screenshot shows a successful login attempt, displaying the user's account details, including Username, PasswordHash, Salt, and Groups.

Login Failure

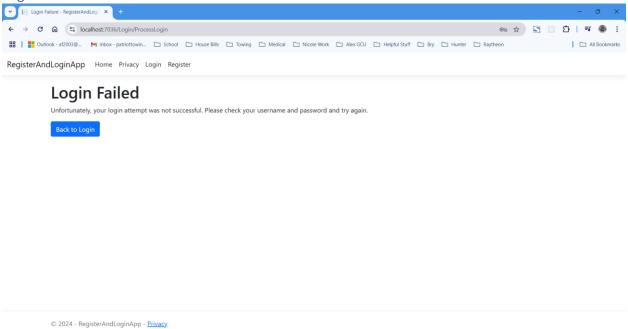


Figure 4 This screenshot shows the login failure page, which appears when the user enters incorrect credentials. The message indicates that the login attempt was not successful and prompts the user to try again.

Summary of Key Concepts (Part 1)

In Part 1 of this activity, I developed a login and registration system in ASP.NET Core using the MVC pattern. Key concepts I covered include setting up the project structure, building user models, creating views for login and registration, implementing controllers, and integrating user management logic. I learned about the importance of hashing and salting passwords, used ASP.NET helper tags for simplifying form creation, and tested my application to ensure proper user authentication functionality.

Part 2: User Registration and Members-Only Access Screenshots

Members Only Page Access by Existing User (Harry)

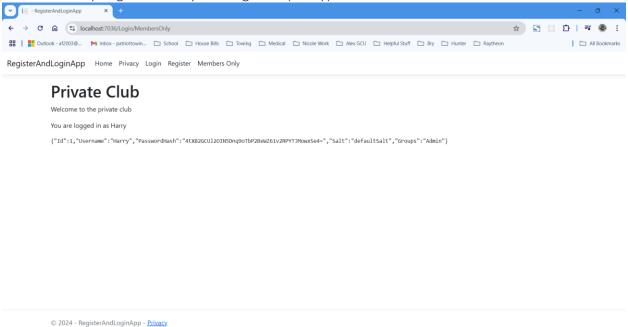


Figure 5 This screenshot shows that the existing user Harry is also able to access the Members-Only page, with session data displayed for verification.

Register Page

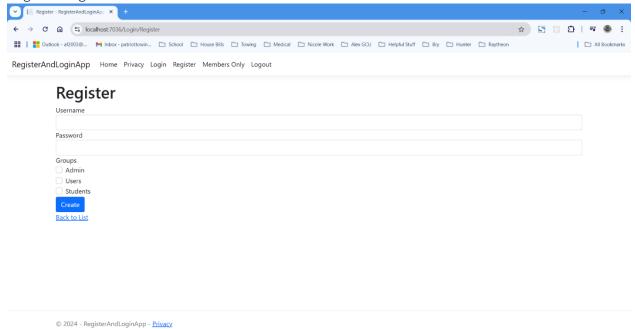


Figure 6 This screenshot shows the registration page, where new users can create an account by providing a Username, Password, and selecting one or more Groups to belong to.

New Registered User - Login Success

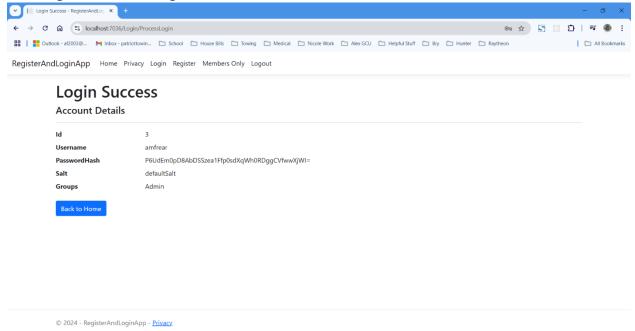


Figure 7 The screenshot shows a successful login by a newly registered user, displaying the account details including Username, PasswordHash, Salt, and Groups.

Members Only Page Access by New User

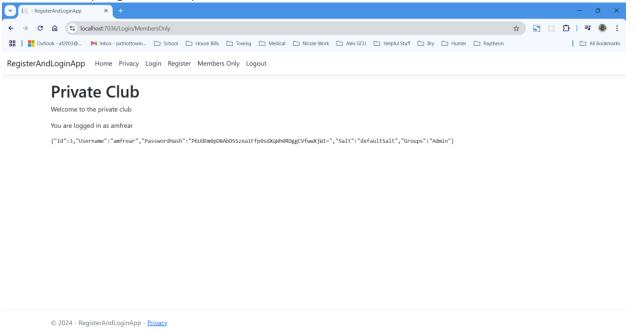


Figure 8 This screenshot demonstrates that the newly registered user can successfully access the Members-Only page, showing the session data for verification.

Summary of Key Concepts (Part 2)

In Part 2 of this activity, I extended the login and registration system to include a user registration feature and restricted access to a Members-Only page. Key concepts I covered include creating a registration form, building a RegisterViewModel to handle user input, and adding new methods in the controller to process registration. I also introduced session management to maintain user state and ensure that only authenticated users can access restricted pages. The Members-Only page verifies session information before granting access, demonstrating effective use of action filters and session variables in ASP.NET Core. By completing Part 2, I learned how to add new users to the system, manage their authentication state, and restrict page access based on login status.