

Program Documentation

1. Introduction

This document describes the internal structure and implementation of the web application developed as part of the project.

The application is written mainly in PHP, uses MySQL as a database, and follows a simple procedural architecture with shared helper functions.

The source code is documented using PHPDoc/Doxygen comments, from which the API documentation can be automatically generated.

2. Technologies Used

- **Backend:** PHP
- **Database:** MySQL
- **Frontend:** HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript
- **Documentation:** Doxygen (PHPDoc style comments)
- **Security:** CSRF tokens, password hashing (`password_hash`)

3. Project Structure

/connection.php	Database connection
/functions.php	Shared helper functions
/login.php	User authentication
/signup.php	User registration
/logout.php	Logout handler
/profile.php	User profile & avatar upload
/forum.php	Forum with posts and comments
/admin_users.php	Admin user management
/tests/	Tests and results logic

4. Authentication and Authorization

- User authentication is handled via PHP sessions.
- Function `check_login()` verifies user login state.

- Admin-only pages use `require_admin()` to restrict access.
- User roles are stored in the database (`role` column).

5. Security Measures

- **CSRF protection:**
Every form includes a CSRF token stored in the session and validated on submission.
- **Password security:**
Passwords are hashed using `password_hash()` and verified with `password_verify()`.
- **SQL Injection prevention:**
Database queries use prepared statements (`mysqli_prepare()`).
- **XSS protection:**
User content is escaped on output using `htmlspecialchars()`.

6. Forum Module

- Logged-in users can create forum posts.
- Admin users can add comments to posts.
- Posts and comments are stored in separate database tables.
- Content is stored raw and escaped only during output.

7. Test System

- Tests consist of questions and answers stored in the database.
- Each answer contributes to a `result_key`.
- After submission, answers are evaluated and the best matching result is selected.
- Results can redirect to a custom URL or to an internal result page.

8. Documentation Generation

The project is documented using Doxygen.

All PHP files contain file-level and block-level documentation comments.

Generated documentation includes:

- File descriptions
- Function descriptions
- Parameter and return value descriptions