



# Hostel Management System

A Capstone Project Report

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# 1 Project Overview

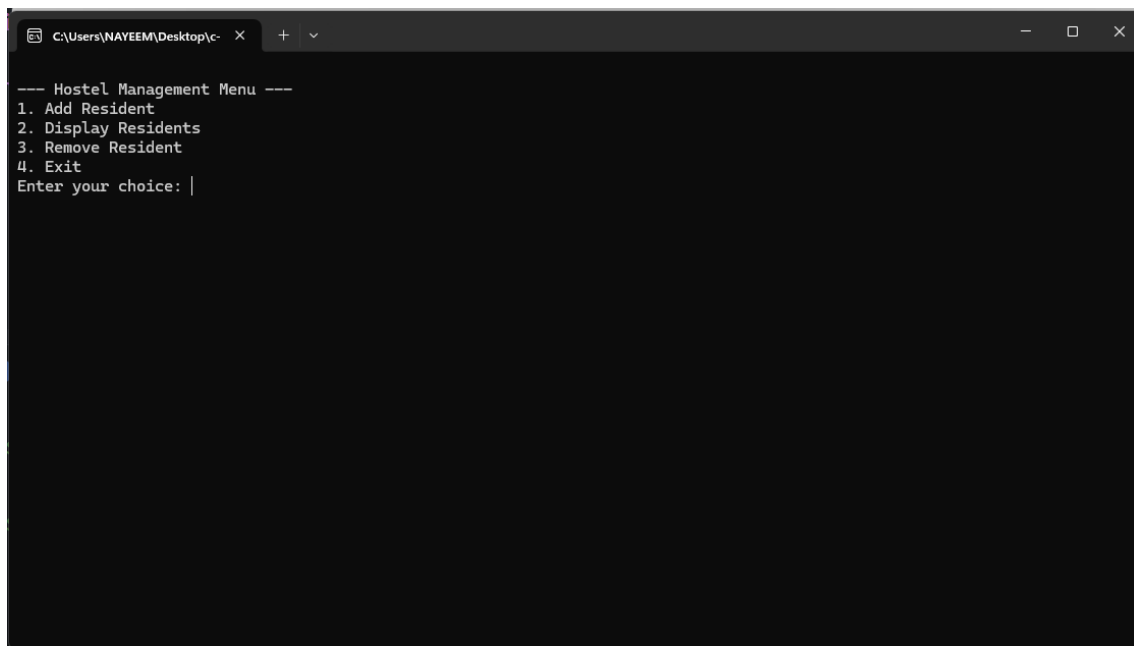
This Hostel Management System is a foundational C programming project designed to automate basic hostel-related tasks such as managing resident information and room assignments. Replaces a manual system with a functional command-line application ideal for students who want to apply core programming principles in a real-world scenario.

**Demo Video:** [Click here to watch the demo](#)

## 2 Key Features

- **Resident Management:** Add new residents with details such as name, age, sex, and room number.
- **View All Residents:** Display a list of all current residents and their information.
- **Resident Check-Out:** Remove a resident from the system.
- **Interactive Menu:** A user-friendly, menu-driven interface.
- **Modular Design:** Organized into separate C files for clarity and reusability.

## 3 Screenshots

A screenshot of a terminal window showing the main menu of the Hostel Management System. The window title is 'C:\Users\WAVEEM\Desktop\c-'. The menu text is as follows:

```
--- Hostel Management Menu ---  
1. Add Resident  
2. Display Residents  
3. Remove Resident  
4. Exit  
Enter your choice: |
```

Figure 1: Main Menu

```
C:\Users\NAYEEM\Desktop\c- X + v
--- Hostel Management Menu ---
1. Add Resident
2. Display Residents
3. Remove Resident
4. Exit
Enter your choice: 1
Enter room number: 100
Enter name: nayeem
Enter age: 19
Enter gender (M/F): M
Resident added successfully.

--- Hostel Management Menu ---
1. Add Resident
2. Display Residents
3. Remove Resident
4. Exit
Enter your choice: |
```

Figure 2: Adding a Resident

```
C:\Users\NAYEEM\Desktop\c- X + v
--- Hostel Management Menu ---
1. Add Resident
2. Display Residents
3. Remove Resident
4. Exit
Enter your choice: 1
Enter room number: 12
Enter name: nayeem
Enter age: 12
Enter gender (M/F): M
Resident added successfully.

--- Hostel Management Menu ---
1. Add Resident
2. Display Residents
3. Remove Resident
4. Exit
Enter your choice: 2

--- Resident List ---
Room 12: nayeem, Age: 12, Gender: M

--- Hostel Management Menu ---
1. Add Resident
2. Display Residents
3. Remove Resident
4. Exit
Enter your choice: |
```

Figure 3: Displaying All Residents

## 4 Project Structure

- `app.c` – Main application loop and menu control.
- `hostel.h` – Header file with Resident struct and declarations.

- `hostel.c` – Core functions: add, display, remove residents.
- `utils.h/.c` – Input validation and menu utilities.
- `Makefile` – Compile and link automation.

## Sample Code Snippet

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 typedef struct {
4     int roomNumber;
5     char name[50];
6     int age;
7     char gender;
8     int isOccupied;
9 } Resident;
10
11 void displayResidents(const Resident residents[], int size) {
12     for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {
13         if (residents[i].isOccupied) {
14             printf("Room %d: %s, Age: %d, Gender: %c\n",
15                 residents[i].roomNumber, residents[i].name,
16                 residents[i].age, residents[i].gender);
17         }
18     }
19 }
```

### `app.c` (Main)

- Declares an array of `Resident` structs.
- Loops through a text-based menu.
- Invokes add/view/remove functions.

## 5 How to Run

```
git clone https://github.com/kazinayeem/hostel-management-capstone.git
cd hostel-management
make
./hostel_management
```

## 6 Conclusion

This project demonstrates the utility of modular design and structured programming in C. It is designed to mimic real-world hostel operations and serves as a great introduction to real-world system design for software engineering students.

# References

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