CHAPTER-1

Introduction:

Hostel Management System (Python + Tkinter)

This project is a GUI-based Hostel Management System built using Python and the Tkinter library.

It helps hostel administrators manage rooms, fees, and complaints for both boys' and girls' hostels.

Main Features

1. Room Allocation

- Admin can add rooms (hostel type, block, room number, capacity).
- Students can be assigned to rooms until the room capacity is full.
- A room table displays all rooms with their occupants.

2. Fee Management

- Each student has a fee account linked to their hostel/block.
- Hostel fee = ₹75,000, payable in up to 3 installments.
- Validations ensure:
- Maximum 3 installments allowed.
- Last installment must cover the remaining balance in full.
- No excess payment beyond ₹75,000.
- Fee table shows installments, paid amount, and due status.

3. Complaint Handling

- Students can log complaints against hostel services.
- Admin can mark complaints as Resolved or Pending.
- Complaints are color-coded for easy tracking.

4. Boys' & Girls' Hostel Summary Tables

Separate tabs show complete details of each hostel:

- Room info
- Occupants
- Fees (paid, installments, due status)

- Complaints (status: resolved/pending)
- Automatically refreshed for live updates.

• GUI Features

- Built with Tkinter Notebook tabs for navigation.
- Uses Treeview tables to display data.
- Color-coded rows:

Green = No Due / Resolved

Red/Pink = Due / Pending

• User-friendly forms with dropdowns and entry fields.

Objective:

The main objectives of this project are:

- 1. Room Allocation Management
 - o Add hostel rooms with block, number, and capacity details.
 - o Assign students to available rooms without exceeding capacity.
 - o Maintain updated records of all occupants in each room.
- 2. Fee Management
 - Record hostel fee payments for each student.
 - o Allow payments in up to three instalments.
 - o Ensure the final instalment clears the full fee of ₹75,000.
 - o Display fee status (Paid, Due, No Due) clearly.
- 3. Complaint Handling
 - o Enable students to log complaints related to hostel issues.
 - o Track complaint status (Pending or Resolved).
 - o Allow administrators to mark complaints as resolved.

4. Separate Hostel Records

- Maintain separate tables for Boys Hostel and Girls Hostel.
- Display room, occupant, fee, and complaint details in each hostel's tab.

5. Automation & Transparency

- o Reduce manual errors by automating record keeping.
- o Provide real-time updates of fees, room allocation, and complaints.
- Color-coded status indicators (green = no due/resolved, red = due, yellow = pending) for clarity.

6.User-Friendly Interface

- Provide a simple GUI using Tkinter for hostel administrators.
- Organize modules into tabs: Room Allocation, Fee Management,
 Complaint Handling, and Hostel Records.

7. Data Integration

- Connect room allocation, fees, and complaints together for each student.
- Allow quick retrieval of complete hostel information in one place.

Methodologies

Methodologies of the Hostel Management System

1. Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) Approach

The system is designed using classes and objects to model real-world hostel entities:

Room → Manages room capacity and student assignments.

Fee \rightarrow Handles fee payments, installments, and dues.

Complaint → Stores and manages student complaints.

HostelManagementApp \rightarrow Acts as the controller that integrates all modules and provides the GUI.

This OOP approach ensures modularity, reusability, and scalability.

2. Graphical User Interface (GUI) Design

Implemented using Tkinter (Python's standard GUI library).

A tab-based interface (ttk.Notebook) is used for easy navigation across different modules:

- Room Allocation
- Fee Management
- Complaint Handling
- Boys Hostel Table
- Girls Hostel Table
- Treeview tables are used for displaying structured hostel data with headings and row formatting.

3. Data Management Methodology

Data is stored in in-memory Python data structures (dict and list) for fast access.

Example:

- self.rooms → Dictionary storing all rooms by keys (hostel_type, block, room no).
- self.fees → List of Fee objects linked to students.
- self.complaints → List of Complaint objects logged by students.
- This ensures that operations (add, update, delete) are efficient and consistent across tabs.

4. Validation Logic and Business

The system enforces hostel rules using clear validation checks:

- A room cannot exceed its capacity.
- Fees must be paid within 3 installments only.
- The final installment must cover the full remaining balance.
- Complaints can only be resolved after administrator confirmation.

These checks ensure accuracy and integrity of hostel records.

5. Real-Time Updates

- The Boys' and Girls' hostel summary tables refresh automatically using Tkinter's after() method.
- Whenever new rooms, fees, or complaints are added, all related tables are updated in real-time.
- This provides live monitoring of hostel activities.

6. User-Friendly Interaction

- Drop-downs (ttk.Combobox) for selecting hostel type and block.
- Error handling via message boxes (messagebox.showerror, showinfo) to guide the user.
- Color-coded table rows for better visibility:
 - Green = No Due / Resolved Complaint
 - Red/Pink = Due / Pending Complaint

Code implementation

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import tkinter as tk
from tkinter import ttk, messagebox
class Room:
  def _init_(self, hostel_type, block, room_no, capacity):
    self.hostel_type = hostel_type
    self.block = block
    self.room no = room no
    self.capacity = capacity
    self.occupants = []
  def assign_student(self, student_name):
    if len(self.occupants) < self.capacity:
       self.occupants.append(student name)
       return True
    return False
class Fee:
  def init (self, student name, hostel type, block):
    self.student_name = student_name
    self.hostel type = hostel type
    self.block = block
    self.paid_amount = 0
    self.installments = 0
  def pay(self, amount):
    self.paid_amount += amount
    self.installments += 1
  def is_no_due(self):
    return self.paid amount >= 75000
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def can pay(self):
     return self.installments < 3 and self.paid amount < 7500
  def must pay full(self):
     return self.installments == 2 and self.paid amount < 75000
class Complaint:
  def init (self, student name, complaint, hostel type):
     self.student_name = student_name
     self.complaint = complaint
     self.hostel type = hostel type
     self.resolved = False
  def resolve(self, solved):
     self.resolved = solved
class HostelManagementApp:
  def init (self, root):
     self.root = root
     self.root.title("Hostel Management System")
     self.rooms = \{\}
     self.fees = []
     self.complaints = []
    self.main frame = tk.Frame(self.root, bg="#263859", bd=8, relief="ridge")
     self.main_frame.pack(fill="both", expand=True, padx=18, pady=18)
     self.create_widgets()
  def create widgets(self):
     style = ttk.Style()
     style.theme use('clam')
     style.configure('TNotebook.Tab', background='#e6e6fa', font=('Arial', 12, 'bold'))
     style.configure('TButton', font=('Arial', 10, 'bold'))
     style.configure('Treeview.Heading', font=('Arial', 11, 'bold'))
     style.configure('Treeview', rowheight=24, font=('Arial', 10))
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self.tab room = tk.Frame(tab control, bg="#a8d8ea", bd=3, relief="groove")
    self.tab fee = tk.Frame(tab control, bg="#b8f2e6", bd=3, relief="groove")
    self.tab complaint = tk.Frame(tab control, bg="#f9d5a2", bd=3, relief="groove")
    self.tab boys = tk.Frame(tab control, bg="#eaeaea", bd=3, relief="groove")
    self.tab girls = tk.Frame(tab control, bg="#ffe6fa", bd=3, relief="groove")
    tab_control.add(self.tab room, text='Room Allocation')
    tab control.add(self.tab fee, text='Fee Management')
    tab control.add(self.tab complaint, text='Complaint Handling')
    tab control.add(self.tab boys, text='Boys Hostel Table')
    tab_control.add(self.tab_girls, text='Girls Hostel Table')
    tab control.pack(expand=1, fill="both")
    self.setup room tab()
    self.setup fee tab()
    self.setup complaint tab()
    self.setup boys girls tabs()
  # Room Allocation Tab
  def setup room tab(self):
     frame = self.tab room
    tk.Label(frame, text="Hostel Type:", bg="#a8d8ea", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=0,
column=0, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    self.hostel type var = tk.StringVar(value="Boys")
    hostel type cb = ttk.Combobox(frame, textvariable=self.hostel type var,
values=["Boys", "Girls"], state="readonly", width=15)
    hostel type cb.grid(row=0, column=1, padx=8, pady=8, sticky="w")
     tk.Label(frame, text="Block:", bg="#a8d8ea", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=0, column=2,
padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
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tab control = ttk.Notebook(self.main frame)

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self.block var = tk.StringVar(value="A")
    block cb = ttk.Combobox(frame, textvariable=self.block var, values=["A", "B"],
state="readonly", width=5)
    block cb.grid(row=0, column=3, padx=8, pady=8, sticky="w")
    tk.Label(frame, text="Room Number:", bg="#a8d8ea", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=1,
column=0, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    tk.Label(frame, text="Capacity:", bg="#a8d8ea", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=1,
column=2, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    self.room no var = tk.StringVar()
    self.capacity var = tk.StringVar()
    tk.Entry(frame, textvariable=self.room no var, font=('Arial', 11), bd=2).grid(row=1,
column=1, padx=8, pady=8)
    tk.Entry(frame, textvariable=self.capacity var, font=('Arial', 11), bd=2).grid(row=1,
column=3, padx=8, pady=8)
    tk.Label(frame, text="Student Name:", bg="#a8d8ea", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=2,
column=0, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    self.student name var = tk.StringVar()
    tk.Entry(frame, textvariable=self.student name var, font=('Arial', 11),
bd=2).grid(row=2, column=1, padx=8, pady=8)
    tk.Button(frame, text="Add Room", bg="#3e8ed0", fg="white",
command=self.add room).grid(row=1, column=4, padx=10)
    tk.Button(frame, text="Assign Room", bg="#4caf50", fg="white",
command=self.assign_room).grid(row=2, column=4, padx=10)
    tk.Label(frame, text="Room Table:", bg="#a8d8ea", font=('Arial', 12,
'bold')).grid(row=3, column=0, columnspan=5, pady=(15, 5))
    columns = ("hostel type", "block", "room no", "capacity", "occupants")
    self.room tree = ttk.Treeview(frame, columns=columns, show="headings", height=7)
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for col, text in zip(columns, ["Hostel", "Block", "Room No", "Capacity", "Occupants"]):
       self.room tree.heading(col, text=text)
       self.room tree.column(col, width=250)
    self.room tree.grid(row=4, column=0, columnspan=5, padx=8, pady=(2,10),
sticky="nsew")
    self.refresh room table()
  def add room(self):
    hostel_type = self.hostel_type_var.get()
    block = self.block var.get()
    room no = self.room no var.get().strip()
    try:
       capacity = int(self.capacity var.get())
    except ValueError:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Capacity must be an integer.")
       return
    key = (hostel type, block, room no)
    if key in self.rooms:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Room already exists.")
       return
    self.rooms[key] = Room(hostel type, block, room no, capacity)
    self.refresh room table()
    self.room no var.set("")
    self.capacity var.set("")
  def assign room(self):
    hostel type = self.hostel type var.get()
    block = self.block var.get()
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room_no = self.room_no_var.get().strip()
    student name = self.student name var.get().strip()
    key = (hostel type, block, room no)
    if key not in self.rooms:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Room does not exist.")
       return
    if student name == "":
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Enter student name.")
       return
    room = self.rooms[key]
    if room.assign student(student name):
       fee_obj = self.find_fee(student_name, hostel_type, block)
       if not fee_obj:
         self.fees.append(Fee(student name, hostel type, block))
       messagebox.showinfo("Success", f"{student_name} assigned to {hostel_type} Hostel
Block {block}, Room {room no}.")
    else:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Room is full.")
    self.refresh room table()
    self.refresh fee table()
    self.student name var.set("")
  def refresh room table(self):
    for i in self.room tree.get children():
       self.room_tree.delete(i)
    for (hostel_type, block, room_no), room in self.rooms.items():
       self.room_tree.insert("", "end", values=(
         hostel type, block, room no, room.capacity, ", ".join(room.occupants)
       ))
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def find fee(self, student name, hostel type, block):
    for fee in self.fees:
       if fee.student name == student name and fee.hostel type == hostel type and
fee.block == block:
         return fee
    return None
  # Fee Management Tab
  def setup fee tab(self):
    frame = self.tab fee
    tk.Label(frame, text="Hostel Type:", bg="#b8f2e6", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=0,
column=0, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    self.fee hostel type var = tk.StringVar(value="Boys")
    hostel type cb = ttk.Combobox(frame, textvariable=self.fee hostel type var,
values=["Boys", "Girls"], state="readonly", width=15)
    hostel type cb.grid(row=0, column=1, padx=8, pady=8, sticky="w")
    tk.Label(frame, text="Block:", bg="#b8f2e6", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=0, column=2,
padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    self.fee block var = tk.StringVar(value="A")
    block cb = ttk.Combobox(frame, textvariable=self.fee block var, values=["A", "B"],
state="readonly", width=5)
    block cb.grid(row=0, column=3, padx=8, pady=8, sticky="w")
    tk.Label(frame, text="Student Name:", bg="#b8f2e6", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=1,
column=0, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    tk.Label(frame, text="Pay Amount:", bg="#b8f2e6", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=2,
column=0, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
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self.fee student var = tk.StringVar()
    self.fee amount var = tk.StringVar()
    tk.Entry(frame, textvariable=self.fee student var, font=('Arial', 11), bd=2).grid(row=1,
column=1, padx=8, pady=8)
    tk.Entry(frame, textvariable=self.fee amount var, font=('Arial', 11), bd=2).grid(row=2,
column=1, padx=8, pady=8)
    tk.Button(frame, text="Pay Fee", bg="#4caf50", fg="white",
command=self.pay fee).grid(row=2, column=2, padx=10)
    tk.Label(frame, text="Fee Table:", bg="#b8f2e6", font=('Arial', 12, 'bold')).grid(row=3,
column=0, columnspan=3, pady=(15, 5))
    columns = ("student name", "hostel type", "block", "amount", "installments", "status")
    self.fee tree = ttk.Treeview(frame, columns=columns, show="headings", height=7)
    for col, text in zip(columns, ["Student", "Hostel", "Block", "Paid Amount",
"Installments", "Status"]):
       self.fee tree.heading(col, text=text)
       self.fee tree.column(col, width=100)
    self.fee tree.grid(row=4, column=0, columnspan=4, padx=8, pady=(2,10),
sticky="nsew")
    self.refresh fee table()
  def pay fee(self):
    student name = self.fee student var.get().strip()
    hostel type = self.fee hostel type var.get()
    block = self.fee block var.get()
    try:
       amount = int(self.fee amount var.get())
    except ValueError:
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messagebox.showerror("Error", "Please enter a valid amount.")
       return
    fee = self.find fee(student name, hostel type, block)
    if not fee:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Student not found in this hostel/block.")
       return
    if fee.installments >= 3 and not fee.is no due():
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Maximum 3 installments allowed. You cannot pay
more.")
       return
    # If this is the third (last) installment and not paid in full, force to pay the remaining full
amount
    if fee.must pay full():
       remaining = 75000 - fee.paid amount
       if amount != remaining:
         messagebox.showerror("Error", f"Final installment must complete full fee. Please
pay {remaining}.")
         return
    if fee.is no due():
       messagebox.showinfo("Info", "No due. Fee already paid in full.")
       return
    if fee.paid amount + amount > 75000:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Fee exceeds required amount (75000).")
       return
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fee.pay(amount)
    self.refresh fee table()
    self.fee amount var.set("")
  def refresh fee table(self):
    for i in self.fee tree.get children():
       self.fee tree.delete(i)
    for fee in self.fees:
       status = "NO DUE" if fee.is no due() else f"DUE: {75000-fee.paid amount}"
       row = (fee.student name, fee.hostel type, fee.block, fee.paid amount,
fee.installments, status)
       iid = self.fee tree.insert("", "end", values=row)
       if fee.is no due():
         self.fee tree.item(iid, tags=('no due',))
       else:
         self.fee tree.item(iid, tags=('due',))
    self.fee tree.tag configure('no due', background='#a1f0a1')
    self.fee tree.tag configure('due', background='#ffe6e6')
  # Complaint Handling Tab
  def setup complaint tab(self):
    frame = self.tab complaint
    tk.Label(frame, text="Hostel Type:", bg="#f9d5a2", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=0,
column=0, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    self.complaint hostel type var = tk.StringVar(value="Boys")
    hostel type cb = ttk.Combobox(frame, textvariable=self.complaint hostel type var,
values=["Boys", "Girls"], state="readonly", width=15)
    hostel type cb.grid(row=0, column=1, padx=8, pady=8, sticky="w")
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tk.Label(frame, text="Student Name:", bg="#f9d5a2", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=1,
column=0, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    tk.Label(frame, text="Complaint:", bg="#f9d5a2", font=('Arial', 11)).grid(row=2,
column=0, padx=10, pady=8, sticky="e")
    self.complaint student var = tk.StringVar()
    self.complaint text var = tk.StringVar()
    tk.Entry(frame, textvariable=self.complaint student var, font=('Arial', 11),
bd=2).grid(row=1, column=1, padx=8, pady=8)
    tk.Entry(frame, textvariable=self.complaint text var, width=30, font=('Arial', 11),
bd=2).grid(row=2, column=1, padx=8, pady=8)
    tk.Button(frame, text="Log Complaint", bg="#f57c00", fg="white",
command=self.log complaint).grid(row=3, column=1, pady=8)
    tk.Label(frame, text="Complaints Table:", bg="#f9d5a2", font=('Arial', 12,
'bold')).grid(row=4, column=0, columnspan=3, pady=(15, 5))
    columns = ("student name", "hostel type", "complaint", "status")
    self.complaint tree = ttk.Treeview(frame, columns=columns, show="headings",
height=7)
    for col, text in zip(columns, ["Student", "Hostel", "Complaint", "Status"]):
       self.complaint tree.heading(col, text=text)
       self.complaint tree.column(col, width=300)
    self.complaint tree.grid(row=5, column=0, columnspan=3, padx=8, pady=(2,10),
sticky="nsew")
    tk.Button(frame, text="Resolve Selected", bg="#388e3c", fg="white",
command=self.resolve complaint).grid(row=6, column=1, pady=8)
    self.refresh complaint table()
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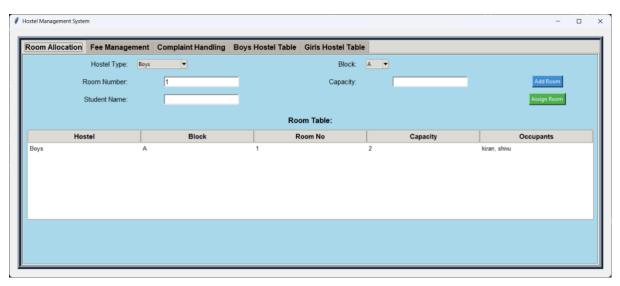
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def log complaint(self):
     hostel type = self.complaint hostel type var.get()
     student = self.complaint student var.get().strip()
     text = self.complaint text var.get().strip()
     if not student or not text:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Fill in all fields.")
       return
     self.complaints.append(Complaint(student, text, hostel type))
     self.refresh complaint table()
     self.complaint student var.set("")
     self.complaint text var.set("")
  def refresh complaint table(self):
     for i in self.complaint tree.get children():
       self.complaint tree.delete(i)
     for idx, c in enumerate(self.complaints):
       status = "Resolved" if c.resolved else "Pending"
       iid = self.complaint tree.insert("", "end", values=(c.student name, c.hostel type,
c.complaint, status))
       if c.resolved:
          self.complaint tree.item(iid, tags=('resolved',))
       else:
          self.complaint tree.item(iid, tags=('pending',))
     self.complaint_tree.tag_configure('resolved', background='#a1f0a1')
     self.complaint tree.tag configure('pending', background='#fff7e6')
  def resolve complaint(self):
     selected = self.complaint_tree.selection()
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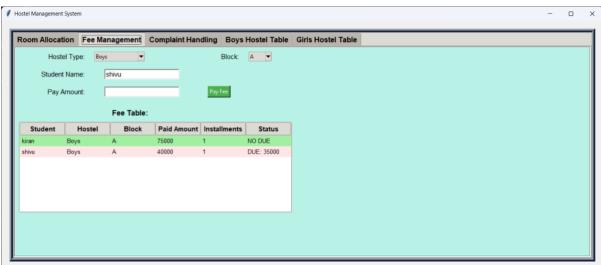
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if not selected:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", "Select a complaint to resolve.")
       return
    idx = self.complaint tree.index(selected[0])
    c = self.complaints[idx]
    if c.resolved:
       messagebox.showinfo("Info", "Complaint already resolved.")
       return
    solved = messagebox.askyesno("Resolve Complaint", "Is the complaint solved?")
    c.resolve(solved)
    self.refresh complaint table()
    if solved:
       messagebox.showinfo("Resolved", "Complaint marked as resolved.")
    else:
       messagebox.showinfo("Not Resolved", "Complaint status remains pending.")
  # Boys/Girls Hostel Details Tabs
  def setup boys girls tabs(self):
    # Boys Table
    tk.Label(self.tab boys, text="Boys Hostel Details", bg="#eaeaea", font=('Arial', 14,
'bold')).pack(pady=10)
    columns = ("Type", "Block", "Room", "Capacity", "Occupants", "Fee", "Inst", "Due",
"Complaint", "Status")
    self.boys tree = ttk.Treeview(self.tab boys, columns=columns, show="headings",
height=15)
    for col in columns:
       self.boys tree.heading(col, text=col)
       self.boys_tree.column(col, width=85)
    self.boys tree.pack(padx=10, pady=10, fill="both", expand=True)
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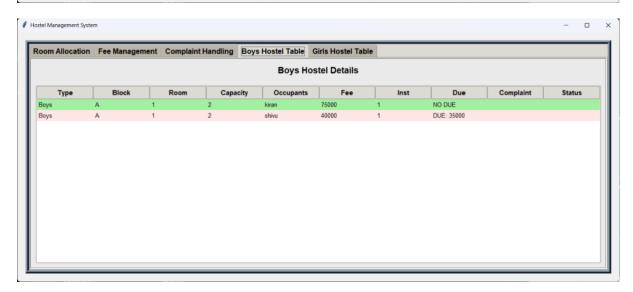
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# Girls Table
     tk.Label(self.tab girls, text="Girls Hostel Details", bg="#ffe6fa", font=('Arial', 14,
'bold')).pack(pady=10)
     self.girls tree = ttk.Treeview(self.tab girls, columns=columns, show="headings",
height=15)
     for col in columns:
       self.girls_tree.heading(col, text=col)
       self.girls tree.column(col, width=85)
     self.girls tree.pack(padx=10, pady=10, fill="both", expand=True)
     self.root.after(1000, self.refresh boys girls tables)
  def refresh boys girls tables(self):
     for tree, hostel in [(self.boys tree, "Boys"), (self.girls tree, "Girls")]:
       for i in tree.get children():
          tree.delete(i)
       # Rooms
       for (hostel type, block, room no), room in self.rooms.items():
          if hostel type != hostel:
            continue
          occ = ", ".join(room.occupants)
          # For each occupant, find their fee/complaint info
          for student in room.occupants:
            fee = self.find fee(student, hostel type, block)
            fee amt = fee.paid amount if fee else ""
            inst = fee.installments if fee else ""
            due = "NO DUE" if fee and fee.is no due() else (f'DUE: {75000-
fee.paid_amount}" if fee else "")
            complaint = ""
            cstatus = ""
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for c in self.complaints:
              if c.student name == student and c.hostel type == hostel type:
                 complaint = c.complaint
                 cstatus = "Resolved" if c.resolved else "Pending"
            row = (hostel type, block, room no, room.capacity, student, fee amt, inst, due,
complaint, cstatus)
            tid = tree.insert("", "end", values=row)
            if due == "NO DUE":
              tree.item(tid, tags=('no due',))
            elif due:
              tree.item(tid, tags=('due',))
            if cstatus == "Resolved":
              tree.item(tid, tags=('resolved',))
            elif cstatus == "Pending":
              tree.item(tid, tags=('pending',))
       tree.tag configure('no due', background='#a1f0a1')
       tree.tag_configure('due', background='#ffe6e6')
       tree.tag configure('resolved', background='#a1f0a1')
       tree.tag configure('pending', background='#fff7e6')
     self.root.after(1000, self.refresh boys girls tables)
if name == " main ":
  root = tk.Tk()
  app = HostelManagementApp(root)
  root.mainloop()
```

Output







Conclusion

The Hostel Management System developed using Python and Tkinter successfully provides a complete solution for managing hostel operations in a simple and efficient manner. The system integrates room allocation, fee management, and complaint handling into a single platform, reducing the need for manual record-keeping and minimizing errors.

By implementing features such as capacity-based room assignment, installment-based fee payment with validations, and complaint logging with resolution tracking, the project ensures transparency, accountability, and ease of administration. The use of tab-based navigation, structured Treeview tables, and color-coded indicators makes the system user-friendly and accessible even for non-technical users.

Overall, the project achieves its objective of streamlining hostel management, saving administrative time, and improving the student experience. With future enhancements such as data persistence (database/JSON storage), automated reports, and search functionality, the system can be further expanded into a robust real-world hostel management solution.

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