

INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Inventory Management System

An inventory management system has several critical components. Inventory systems allow a company to keep track of all its movable assets. The system has an overall summary pages of the items in the inventory like Total Count, Images, Prices, Category and various tags associated with the items. It has proper authentication and authorization for different kind of users of the system.

Implementation Details

The project is developed according to Agile and Scrum principles. Small sprints were developed each week and deployed to GitLab(an open source web-based Devops). ASP Dot Net Core is used as the language for programming in this project. **ASP.NET Core** is a free and open-source web framework developed by Microsoft and the community. It is a modular framework that runs on both the full .NET Framework, on Windows, and the cross-platform .NET Core. SQLite will be Database and MVC(Model View Controller) will the software pattern used in this project.

Some of the technical details are given below

Core of the project: C# .Net Core

Target OS: Windows, Linux and Mac

Technologies for front-end: HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, ¡Query and JavaScript.

Database: SQLite Database for Production

MS SQL Server for Development

Technologies for Back-end: ASP.Net CORE

Why C# and Asp.Net Core (.Net Core)

.NET Core is a free and open-source, managed computer software framework for Windows, Linux, and macOS operating systems. It is a cross-platform successor to .NET Framework. The project is primarily developed by Microsoft and released under the MIT License.

Moreover, Its easy learn, High productivity, well-structured, maintained by Microsoft and go up to the level of C++ in performance.

Database

During the Development phase of the application, Microsoft SQL Server was used. MS SQL Server has better GUI tools for dealing with the Database Engine. This improved the productivity. On other side, MS SQL Server is not cross platform (may be cross platform in the near future) and secondly Server is required to fetch and store on Database from application.

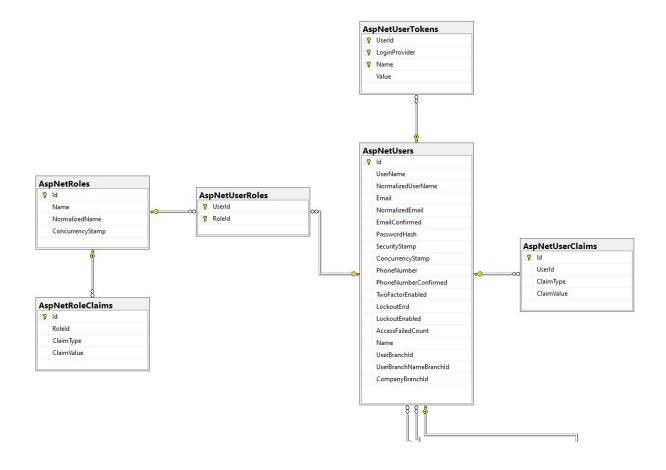
Due to these reasons, we used SQLite for the production environment as it is cross platform as well as Serverless.

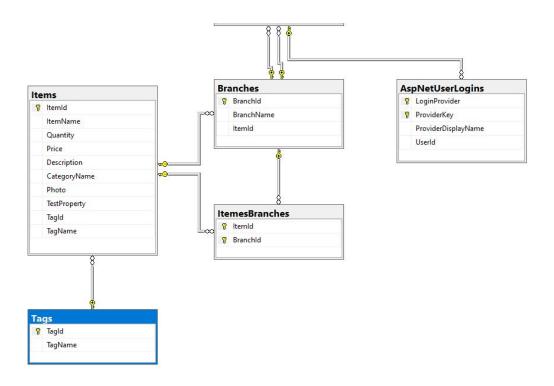
It is a file based Database and always reside with the application therefore deployment is easy.

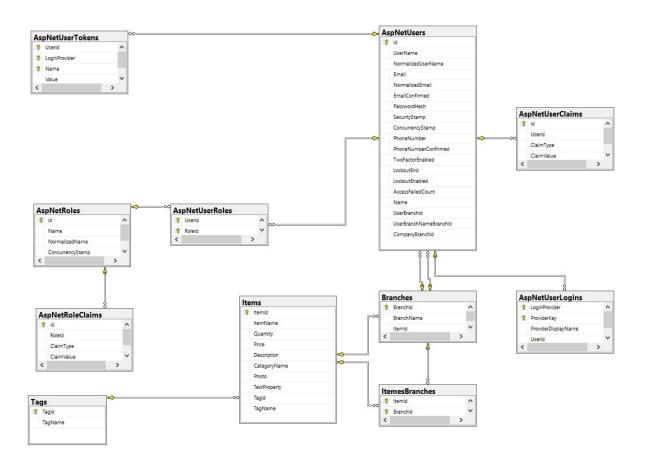
Some of the other benefits of SQLITE are given below that are taken from the official site of the SQLITE(https://www.sqlite.org/aff short.html)

Database Design

The Tables in the Database are self-explanatory as shown by the UML diagram below







Object Relational Mapper (ORM) and EntityFamrwork

ORMs are the tools that converts Domain Model Classes into Relations in the Database. In very simple words, tables are generated in the Database against Model Class in the application by the ORM.

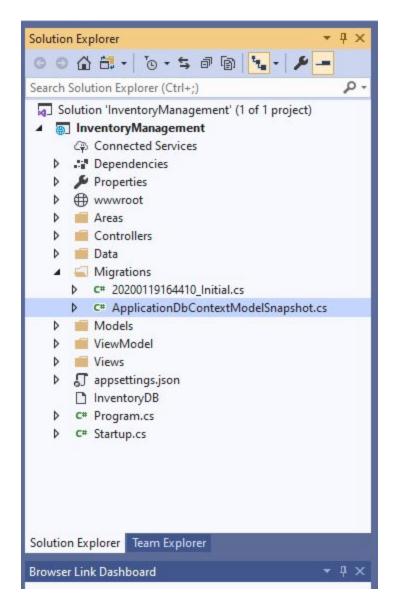
In General, an ORM library is a completely ordinary library that encapsulates the code needed to manipulate the data, so SQL queries are not required anymore(To be send from Application to the database) so a direct interaction is made with object of the language.

.Net Core uses has two famous ORM i-e, NHibernate or Entity Framework.

In our project we used the Entity Framework as it is the most recommended ORM by the Microsoft for the .Net based applications.

Below are some of the code snippets of the code generated by Entity Framework.



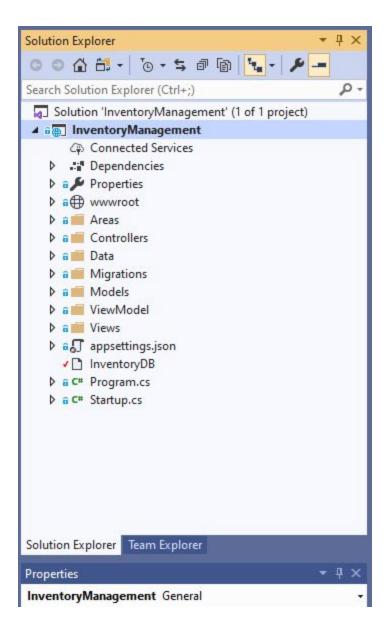


This code is added by Entity Framework(EF) automatically after applying the EF migrations as shown by the above figure. It lies in the folder called Migrations (This folder is also auto generated by EF).

Architecture of the Application

Our Application is based on **Model-View-Controller (MVC)** framework

The **Model-View-Controller (MVC)** framework is an architectural pattern that separates an application into three main logical components Model, View, and Controller. Each architecture component is built to handle specific development aspect of an application. MVC separates the business logic and presentation layer from each other. It was traditionally used for desktop graphical user interfaces (GUIs). Nowadays, MVC architecture has become popular for designing web applications as well as mobile apps.



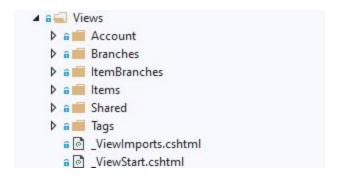
View

A View is that part of the application that represents the presentation of data.

Views are created by the data collected from the model data. A view requests the model to give information so that it resents the output presentation to the user.

The view also represents the data from chats, diagrams, and table.

Our Application consist of many views as per the requirements. Let's look at some of them.



In Asp.Net Core application a view can reside any where in the application. But Its always a good practice to add them in View Folder and make sub folder for each Controller view.

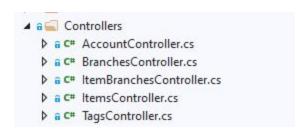
Here for example, the Account sub folder correspond the view required for Account Controller and so on.

Controller

The Controller is that part of the application that handles the user interaction. The controller interprets the mouse and keyboard inputs from the user, informing model and the view to change as appropriate.

A Controller send's commands to the model to update its state(E.g., Saving a specific document). The controller also sends commands to its associated view to change the view's presentation.

In Asp.Net Core application a Controller will always reside in the Controller Folder of the application and it will always inherit from Base Controller Class.



Model

The model component stores data and its related logic. It represents data that is being transferred between controller components or any other related business logic.

```
Models

D a C# ApplicationRoles.cs
D a C# ApplicationUser.cs
D a C# Branch.cs
D a C# ErrorViewModel.cs
D a C# Item.cs
D a C# ItemBranch.cs
D a C# Tag.cs
```

How to run the Project

Here we will discuss running the project in the Linux and Windows OS. To run this project in any of the OS, .Net Core Runtime 2.1 or Above is required. Lets discuss these in detail.

Running the Project on Linux

This documentation is for Debian based Linux like Debian, Ubuntu, Kali Linux etc.

Register Microsoft key and feed

Before installing .NET, you'll need to register the Microsoft key, register the product repository, and install required dependencies. This only needs to be done once per machine.

Open a command prompt and run the following commands:

```
wget -qO- https://packages.microsoft.com/keys/microsoft.asc | gpg --dearmor >
microsoft.asc.gpg
sudo mv microsoft.asc.gpg /etc/apt/trusted.gpg.d/
wget -q https://packages.microsoft.com/config/ubuntu/18.04/prod.list
sudo mv prod.list /etc/apt/sources.list.d/microsoft-prod.list
sudo chown root:root /etc/apt/trusted.gpg.d/microsoft.asc.gpg
sudo chown root:root /etc/apt/sources.list.d/microsoft-prod.list
```

Install the .NET Core 2.1 Runtime

This commands will install the .NET Core Hosting Bundle, which includes the .NET Core runtime and the ASP.NET Core runtime. To install just the .NET Core runtime, use the dotnet-runtime-2.1 package.

In your command prompt, run the following commands:

```
sudo apt-get install apt-transport-https
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install aspnetcore-runtime-2.1
```

Source: https://www.microsoft.com/net/download/linux-package-manager/ubuntu 18-04/runtime-2.1.0

Install the .NET SDK(This is not required in the Production Environment)

This is an optional command. In your command prompt, run the following commands:

```
sudo apt-get install dotnet-sdk-2.1
```

Notice: It is not necessary to install the .NET SDK on a productive server. You only need to install the SDK in the development environment.

Test the installation

To make sure it works after you've set it up, just run:

```
dotnet --info
```

This command will output something like this

```
.NET Core SDK (reflecting any global.json):
Version: 2.1.302
Commit:
          9048955601
Runtime Environment:
OS Name: ubuntu
OS Version: 18.04
OS Platform: Linux
RID: ubuntu.18.04-x64
Base Path: /usr/share/dotnet/sdk/2.1.302/
Host (useful for support):
 Version: 2.1.2
 Commit: 811c3ce6c0
.NET Core SDKs installed:
 2.1.302 [/usr/share/dotnet/sdk]
.NET Core runtimes installed:
 Microsoft.AspNetCore.All 2.1.2 [/usr/share/dotnet/shared/Microsoft.AspNetCore.All]
 Microsoft.AspNetCore.App 2.1.2 [/usr/share/dotnet/shared/Microsoft.AspNetCore.App]
```

```
Microsoft.NETCore.App 2.1.2 [/usr/share/dotnet/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App]

To install additional .NET Core runtimes or SDKs:
https://aka.ms/dotnet-download
```

So, the environment is ready to run Dot Net Core Code.

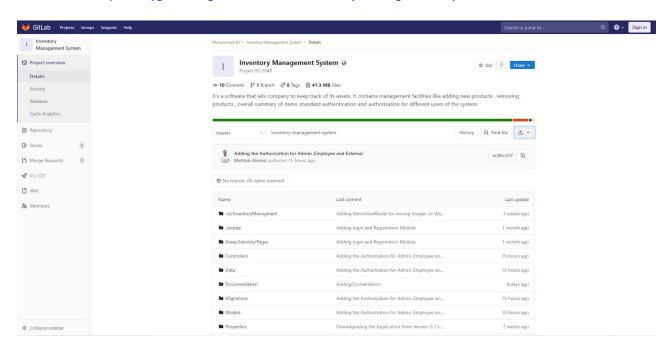
Downloading the Source Code

There are several ways of doing downloading the source code from the Git repository.

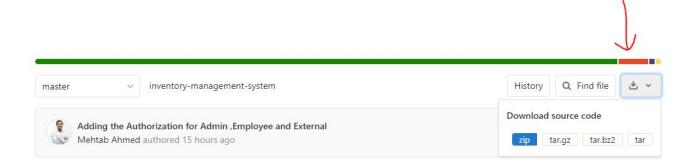
Downloading directly from the repository

This method is almost similar for both windows and Linux.

Visit the link https://mygit.th-deg.de/ma02065/inventory-management-system



Click on the download button and download the compressed version of your choice.



Now extract the compressed folder with your favorite unzipper and it will look something like

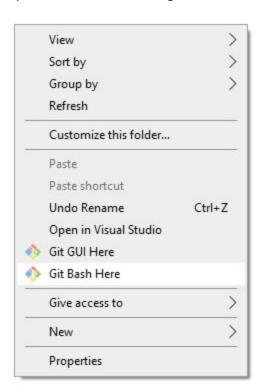


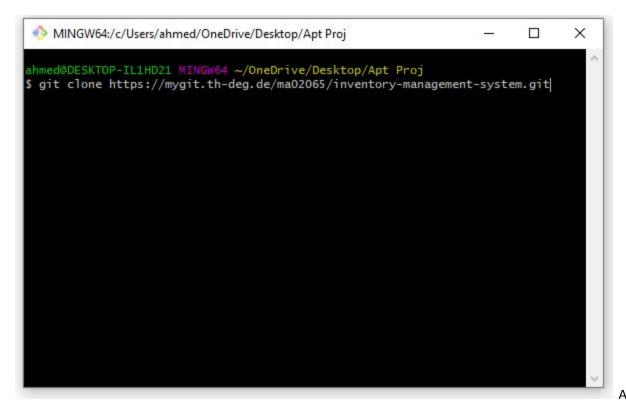
Downloaded version on Windows

Downloading with Git

Here it is supposed that you have already Git installed on your machine. So create new Folder and name it whatever you want.

Open the new folder and right there. Click on the Git Bash Here as shown in the figure below





Bash will pop up and type following command in it

Git clone https://mygit.th-deg.de/ma02065/inventory-management-system.git

This command will clone the copy of the source code from online repository.

The method for Downloading the source code with Git is same for both Windows and Linux. Here I followed the Windows Method but is same for Linux.

Running the Project -Linux

Open the Terminal and type command

ls

```
mehtab@mehtab-VirtualBox: ~

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

mehtab@mehtab-VirtualBox:~$ ls

Desktop Downloads hellomvc Pictures Public Videos

Documents examples.desktop Music ProductionApps Templates

mehtab@mehtab-VirtualBox:~$
```

In my case, the project is in Downloads folder

cd Downloads

Type the below command

```
mehtab@mehtab-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$ ls
inventory inventory-management-system-master.zip
mehtab@mehtab-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$
```

cd Inventory

Type the below command

1s

```
mehtab@mehtab-VirtualBox:~/Downloads/inventory$ ls
appsettings.Development.json InventoryManagement.csproj
                                                                Program.cs
appsettings.json
                              InventoryManagement.csproj.user
                                                                Properties
                               InventoryManagment.csproj
                                                                Startup.cs
Areas
bin
                              InventoryManagment.csproj.user
                                                                ViewModel
Controllers
                              InventoryManagment.sln
                                                                Views
                                                                wwwroot
                              Migrations
Data
Documentation
                              Models
InventoryDB
                              obj
mehtab@mehtab-VirtualBox:~/Downloads/inventory$
```

Type the below command

Dontnet run

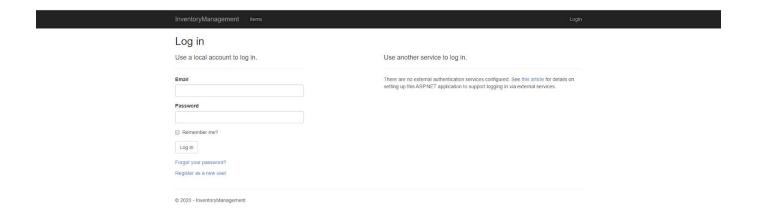
Something like below will happen after this command

```
mehtab@mehtab-VirtualBox:~/Downloads/Inventory/Invenotry$ dotnet run
Using launch settings from /home/mehtab/Downloads/Inventory/Invenotry/Propertie
s/launchSettings.json...
info: Microsoft.AspNetCore.DataProtection.KeyManagement.XmlKeyManager[0]
    User profile is available. Using '/home/mehtab/.aspnet/DataProtection-Key
s' as key repository; keys will not be encrypted at rest.
Hosting environment: Development
Content root path: /home/mehtab/Downloads/Inventory/Invenotry
Now listening on: https://localhost:5001
Now listening on: http://localhost:5000
Application started. Press Ctrl+C to shut down.
```

Open your favorite browser and type

https://localhost:5001/

When this windows pops up, it means you have successfully run the project



Running the Project -Windows

Open the command prompt and type

dir

```
Command Prompt
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
:\Users\ahmed>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is BE61-E527
Directory of C:\Users\ahmed
24/01/2020 15:48
                      <DIR>
24/01/2020 15:48
                                5.865 .bash_history
24/01/2020
20/12/2019
17/12/2019
                                      .config
            17:09
                      <DIR>
            20:01
                      <DIR>
                                      .dotnet
25/12/2019
            11:28
                                   65 .gitconfig
17/12/2019
            19:14
                      <DIR>
                                      .nuget
16/12/2019
            23:40
                                       .ssh
                                      .templateengine
16/12/2019
24/01/2020
            13:06
                                       .VirtualBox
16/12/2019
                                       .vscode
22/12/2019
            12:56
                      <DIR>
                                       3D Objects
                           Apt Proj

8.388.608 aspnet-loginTesting-5F5D0F99-1EB8-418C-AEBD-20994C2F886D.mdf
24/01/2020
            15:20
29/12/2019
            14:43
29/12/2019
            14:43
                           8.388.608 aspnet-loginTesting-5F5D0F99-1EB8-418C-AEBD-20994C2F886D_log.ldf
22/12/2019
            12:56
                                      Contacts
16/12/2019
            22:48
                                      Documents
24/01/2020
                                      Downloads
2/12/2019
            12:56
                                      Favorites
24/01/2020
                                      Inventory
```

Here I suppose the source code exist in C:\User\YourUsername

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cd Inventory
```

Inventory is the folder name that contains source code. Type

Dotnet run

Expected Output



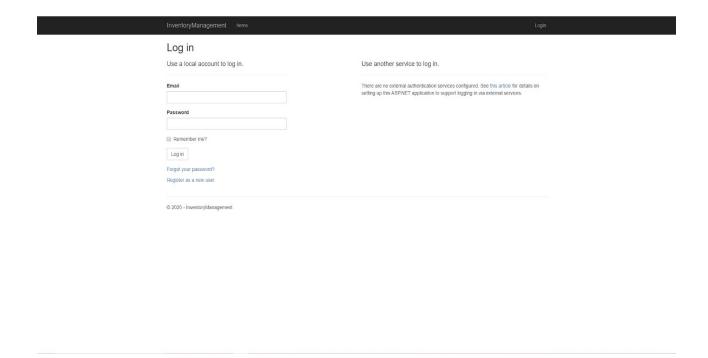
Please press Ctr+C to stop the running project.

How to use the application

When the application starts at

https://localhost:5001/

A login in Page pops up as shown below



Here is the default username and password of the application that could be change later on

Username

admin@gmail.com

Password

Helloworld@176

Please change this username and password after the first login. This is for sake of ease during the deployment process. Please follow the next method to change the username and password.

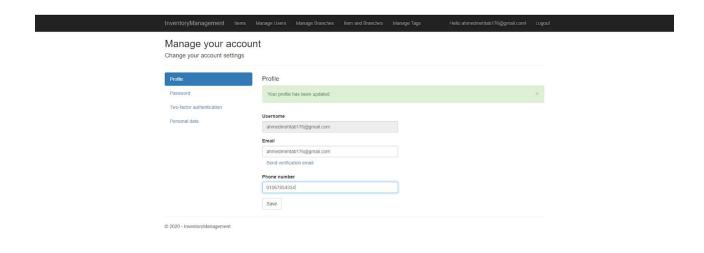
How to Change Username and Password

When login successfully, the login link in the extreme right will disappear and other links appears

The username and Logout as by the below screenshot

Hello ahmedmehtab176@gmail.com! Logout

Kindly click on the username and new window pops up.



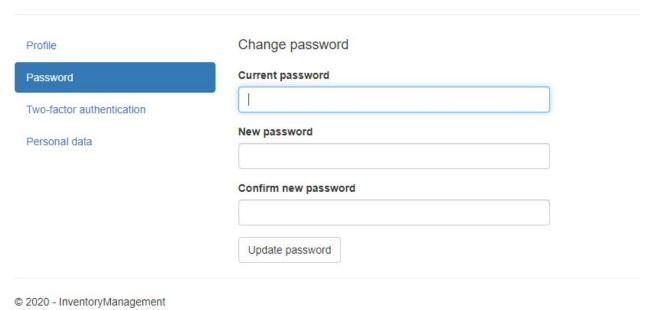
Click on the Profile and change username and email here. Click on Save button after changing.

Changing the Password

Below Profile, click on the Password Tab, new windows Pops Up

Manage your account

Change your account settings



Enter the current Password and enter new Password. Click on Update Password.

This facility (Manage their Profile setting) is available to all the users except anonymous of the application.

User Interface of the Application for Different Users

The application distinguishes among four different kinds of users. It doesn't contain separate Admin panel and User UI but instead it uses the Built In Api of Dot Net Core called as Identify that provides the authorization to the different parts of the application.

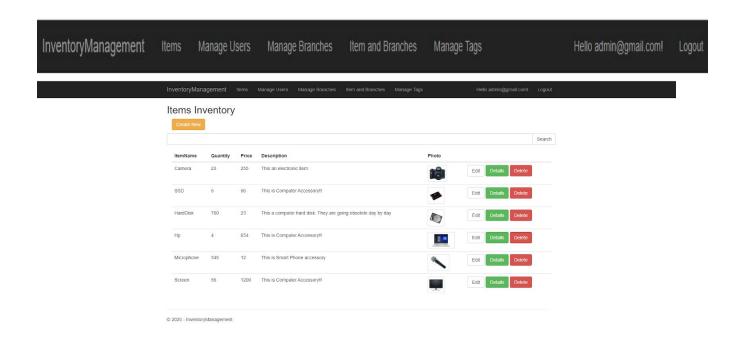
Lets discus them in details

Admin UI

Admin is super user of the system that can-do CRUD operation on Items, Branches, Tags, Accounts.

Homepage

Application contains the Inventory Items as a Homepage after successful login.

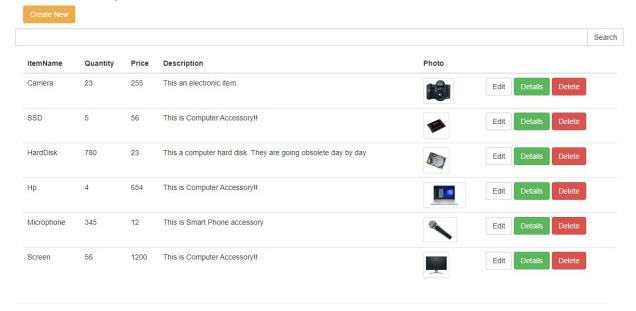


Admin Tasks

Managing Items

Can Create, Edit and Delete Items

Items Inventory



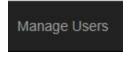


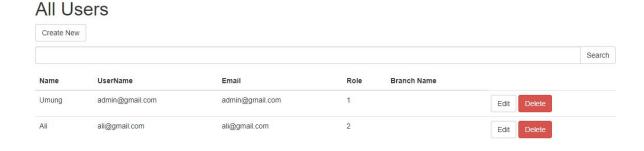
The items page is similar for both admin and employees

Manage Users

Can Create, Edit, Delete and change Role of the User

Click on the Manage User in the Navigation Bar





There is a search functionality available where admin can easily search for a user in huge number of users

Create User

Name
Email
Password
Confirm password
Assign a Role
Branchid
* Please Enter the Required Branch Id
1 for Sale Department
2 for Manufactioring Department
3 for R&D Department
4 for Marketing Department
5 for HR Department
Register

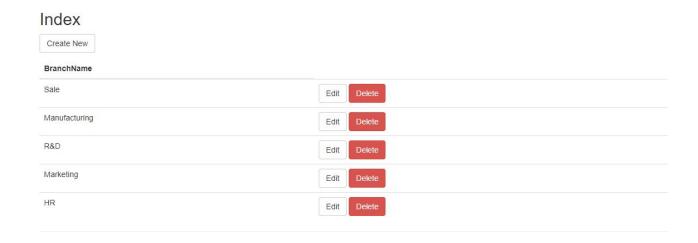
Branch Id is the Id of the Company Branches.

Manage Branches

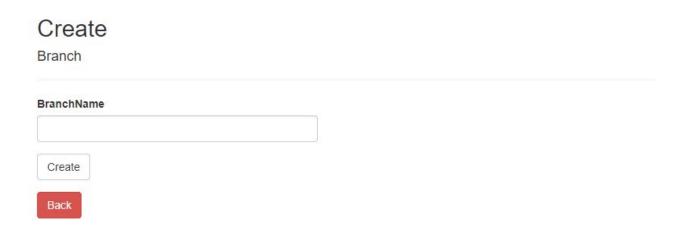
Can Create, Edit and Delete Branches

Click on the Manage Branches in the Navigation Bar





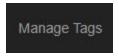
Create button is used to add new Branch as shown below.

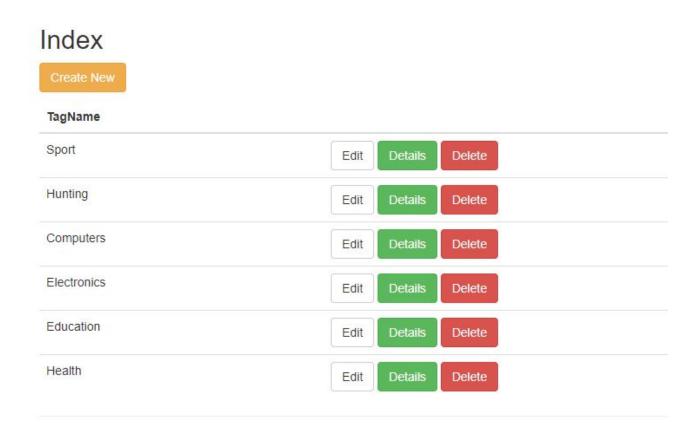


Manage Tags

Can Create, Edit and Delete Tags

Click on the Manage Tags in the Navigation Bar



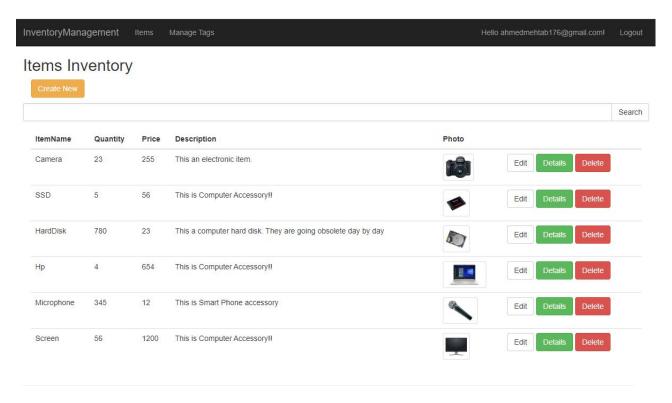


Create button is used to add new Tags as shown below.



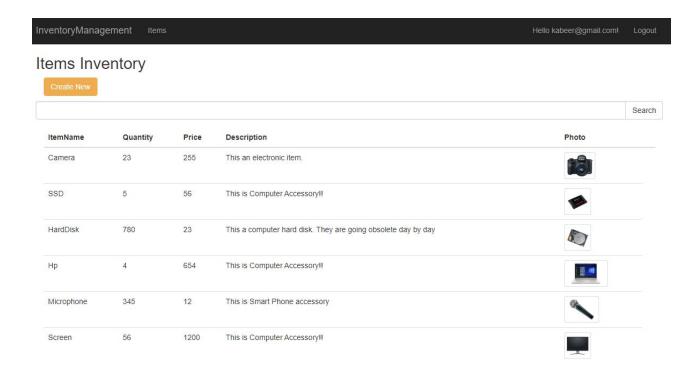
Employee UI

Employee can make Crud Operation on Items so only Items Tab is visible to the Employee (Tags also Visible) on the Navigation Bar



External Account UI

External Accountants only view Items summary so they can only view the summary of the Items with no CRUD functionality available to them.



External Accountants can only view Items and cannot create, edit, update or delete items.



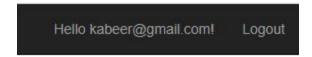
The Branchid for External Accountant is Zero.

Anonymous User

A user without log-in will be considered as an anonymous user, anonymous user is always directed to the login page of the application. Unlike Social media or other sites, a user cannot Register or sign up. The admin of the application creates the username and password for the anonymous user and then can logged into the application.

How a User Can Delete his Account

Login into the system and click on the



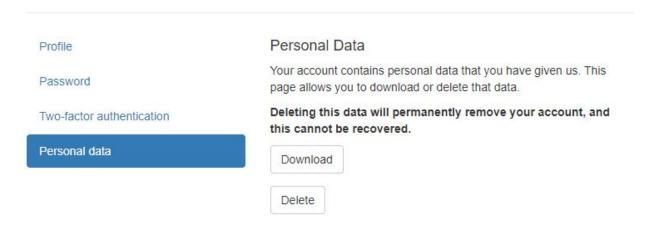
The following Menu will Pop up, click on the Personal Data. There are two options,

Download- Its is used to download all the information the server

Delete – It will permanently delete the user account.

Manage your account

Change your account settings



Team Members and Responsibilities

Mehtab Ahmed

Back-end: Develop Functional Requirements of our Application using C# and ASP.Net Core.

Muhammad Ali

Front-end and Back-end: Develop basic web page content and control the visual layout. Also providing support in the implementation of backend functionality.

Umang Rajpara

Testing, improving functionality and Documentation: Develop an appropriate testing suite to test functionality developed as well as Documentation.

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