

CSE370 : Database Systems Project Report

Project Title: Game Store

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Introduction

This project is a web-based marketplace platform designed for buying and selling used video games, developed using PHP and MySQL. The primary aim of the system is to create a convenient, secure, and interactive environment where users can trade games they no longer need, while also gaining access to affordable titles from other sellers. With the growth of online marketplaces, there is an increasing demand for platforms that not only allow smooth transactions but also ensure administrative oversight and community engagement. This project emphasizes user-friendly interaction, accessibility, and effective monitoring, ensuring that both buyers and sellers enjoy a seamless experience.

The system allows users to register and log in securely, after which they gain access to the marketplace's core features. Registered users can enlist their own games for sale, browse available listings, and purchase games using a store coin system. These coins function as the internal currency of the platform and can be managed through a dedicated transaction module. Users also have the ability to maintain and monitor their personal listings and purchase history, which helps them keep track of their activity and financial balance within the marketplace. To guarantee quality and prevent misuse, every new game listing must first receive administrative approval before being displayed to other users. This process ensures that inappropriate, duplicate, or misleading entries are filtered out, thereby preserving marketplace integrity.

The platform integrates community-driven features through a thread and comment system. This enables users to interact with one another, share experiences, and engage in discussions related to games, strategies, or trading. Such a feature strengthens the sense of community and extends the platform beyond a simple buy-and-sell model into a more interactive gaming hub.

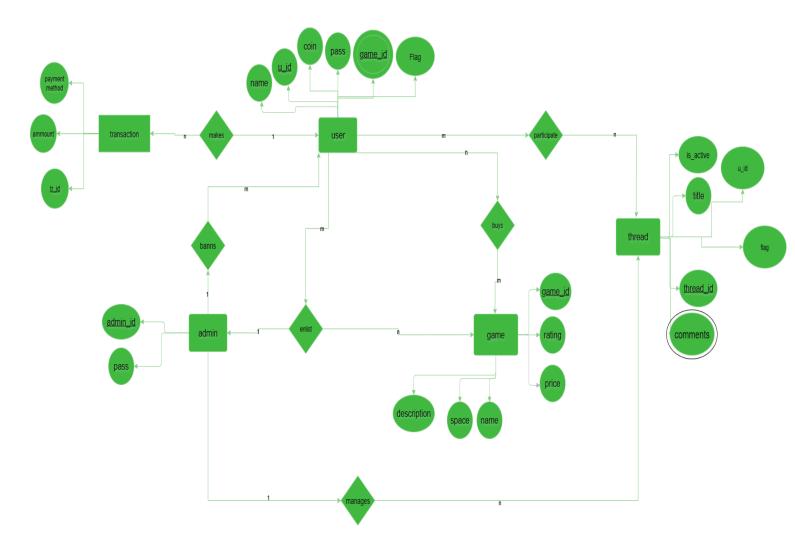
Administrators are provided with a dedicated dashboard through which they can efficiently manage the overall operation of the platform. Their responsibilities include approving or rejecting game listings, monitoring transactions, managing user accounts, moderating community threads, and ensuring fairness in all marketplace activities. They also hold the authority to restrict or ban accounts if necessary, reinforcing the importance of responsible user behavior. This role-based access structure distinguishes between normal users and administrators, protecting sensitive functionalities from unauthorized access.

The system also prioritizes security and reliability in its design. Passwords are stored using hashing functions, SQL injection vulnerabilities are mitigated through the use of prepared statements, and input validation is enforced to prevent malicious activity. In addition, the responsive design ensures that the platform is accessible across a wide variety of devices, including desktops, laptops, and mobile phones, without compromising usability.

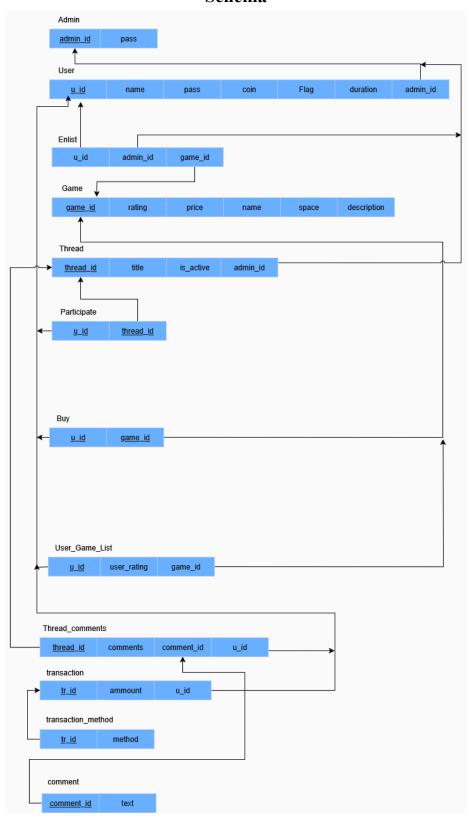
Project Features

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	Ft 3	Admin marketplace management

ER/EER Diagram



Schema



Normalization

- a) Our converted Schema is already in INF as there are no multivalued/composite attributes or nested relations.
- b) Our converted Schema is already in 2NF as there are no partial functional dependencies in our relational schema.
- c) Our converted Schema is already in 3NF as there are no transitive functional dependencies in our relational schema.

Frontend Development

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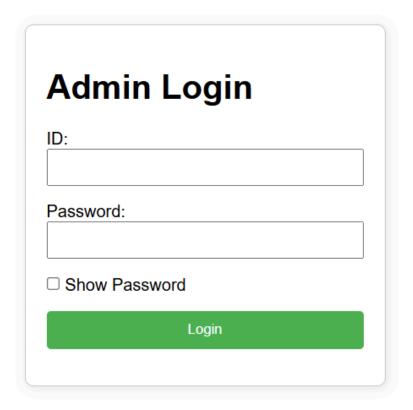
The frontend of this project is designed to provide usability, and efficient navigation for both administrators and users. Feedback messages are incorporated throughout the system to confirm user actions and provide error handling, ensuring smooth interaction.

Admin Dashboard: Acts as the central hub for administrators, providing quick access to user management, game management, thread moderation, and pending approvals. The layout is structured to prioritize efficiency and ease of navigation.

Admin Dashboard

Manage Users | Manage Games | Manage Threads | Manage Pending | Logout

Admin Login Page: Provides a secure login interface for administrators, incorporating validation and error feedback to ensure safe authentication before granting access to administrative features.



Game Management Page: Enables administrators to view, add, and delete games through an organized table layout and input forms.

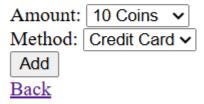
Manage Games

Name	Description	n Ratin	g Price	Space	Action
Balor Ran	t #1 5v5	5.00	2.00	5.00	Delete
Add G	ame				
Name:					
Description	n:			<i>/</i> .	
Space:					
Add					

Coin Management Page: Allows users to add coins to their accounts. A simple form and transaction feedback system ensure clarity in the process of updating balances.

Add Coins

Back ?>



User Dashboard: Displays key user information, including profile details, coin balance, and quick navigation links to core modules. The design focuses on accessibility, allowing users to efficiently manage their activities.

Dashboard

User name: musfi

coins: 52

View Games | My Games | View Threads | Create Thread | Add Coins | Marketplace | Logout

Registration Page: Provides a structured registration form with validation rules, password visibility options, and feedback messages. This ensures a smooth onboarding process for new users.

Register to Junkyard	
User Name:	7
Email:]
Password:]
□ Show Password	J
Register	
Already have an account? Login here	

User Game List Page: Shows a personalized list of games owned by the user. It includes options to rate or remove games, with confirmation prompts to prevent accidental actions.

My Games

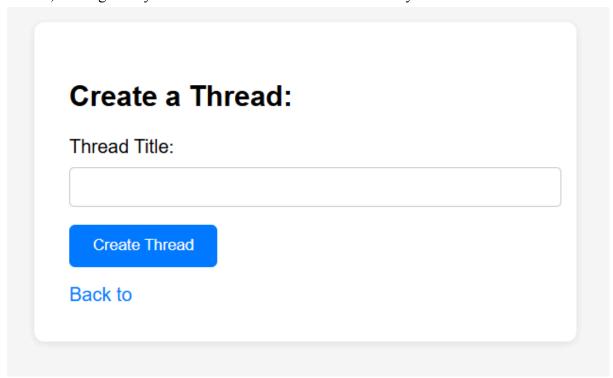
Back

Name	Description	Rating	Action
Balor Rant	#1 5v5	Rate	Delete

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The frontend of this project is designed to provide a clean, responsive, and user-friendly interface that ensures smooth navigation and clarity for both users and administrators. The design prioritizes accessibility.

Create Thread Page: Provides users with a simple and accessible form to create new discussion threads. The layout emphasizes clarity and displays feedback messages to confirm actions, making it easy for users to contribute to the community.



Manage Thread Page: Equips administrators with a straightforward interface to view all threads. It includes action buttons to hide or display threads, along with status indicators, enabling efficient moderation and control.



Comment Page: Displays user comments under discussion threads, showing contributor details and timestamps for context. It also provides a comment submission form, encouraging active participation and interaction among users.

Comment	s for: anyone	?	
Add a comment	:		
Post Comment			
musfi 2025-09	9-09 00:09:29		
hi			

Marketplace and Purchase Pages: These pages form the central interface for browsing, buying, and managing games. Users can view available listings in a structured format with clear action buttons and navigation links, while purchase history is presented in an organized and accessible manner.

Marketplace - Used Games for Sale

Available Coins: 52

Enlist Your Game

My Purchases

Dashboard

No games available for sale.

Game Name:			
Price:			
Game User ID			
Game Passwo	rd:		
Description (U	nlocked items, lev	rels, etc.):	

Pending Listing Page: Provides administrators with a structured table layout to review, approve, or reject pending game enlistments. Action buttons and status updates ensure smooth and efficient moderation of the marketplace.

Pending Game Enlistments Game Seller Price Description **Enlisted At** Action Name Approve 2025-09-09 12 fd s sadf musfi 23:03:43 Disapprove Back to Dashboard

Backend Development

Briefly discuss about Backend Development and add relevant Screenshots (if required) by mentioning Individual Contributions

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- 1. Login & Registration System
 - Implemented separate login and registration for users and admins.
 - Passwords are hashed before storing for better security.
 - User details stored in user table, and admin details stored in admin table.

2. User Game Management

• View Games: Games are fetched from game table and displayed to users.

```
// List all games
$sql = "SELECT * FROM Game";
// sql query
$result = $conn->query($sql);
?>
```

```
if ($result->num_rows > 0) {
   while($row = $result->fetch_assoc()) {
      echo "";
      echo "" . $row['name'] . "";
      echo "" . $row['description'] . "";
      echo "" . $row['rating'] . "";
      echo "" . $row['price'] . "";
      echo "" . $row['price'] . "";
      // Check if already owned (Read)
      $game_id = $row['game_id'];
      $buy_sql = "SELECT * FROM user_game_list WHERE u_id=$u_id AND game_id=$game_id";
      // sql query
      $buy_result = $conn->query($buy_sql);
```

• Buy Games:

- Users spend coins to buy games.
- Purchase details stored in buy table and user_game_list table.

```
$sql_query = "SELECT coin FROM user WHERE u_id=$u_id";
// sql query
$result = $conn->query($sql_query);
$row = $result->fetch_assoc();
$coin = $row['coin'];

if ($coin >= $price) {
    // Deduct coins
        $new_coin = $coin - $price;
        $sql_query = "UPDATE user SET coin=$new_coin WHERE u_id=$u_id";
        // sql query
        $conn->query($sql_query);

        // Add to Buy
        $sql_query = "INSERT INTO buy (u_id, game_id) VALUES ($u_id, $game_id)";
        // sql query
        $conn->query($sql_query);

        // Add to user_Game_List
        $sql_query = "INSERT INTO user_Game_List (u_id, game_id) VALUES ($u_id, $game_id)";
        // sql query
        $conn->query($sql_query);
```

User Games: Displays all games owned by a user from user_game_list.

```
// Get owned games from user_game_list and game table
$sql_query = "SELECT g.name, g.game_id, g.description, g.rating, l.user_rating FROM user_game_list l Join game g on l.game_id = g.game_id WHERE l.u_id = $u_id";
$result = $conn->query($sql_query);
 <?php
 if ($result->num_rows > 0) {
      while ($row = $result->fetch_assoc()) {
          echo "";
          echo "" . $row['name'] . "";
          echo "" . $row['description'] . "";
          if ($row['user_rating'] == 0){
              echo "<form action='rate_user_game.php' method='post'>
                   <input type='hidden' name='game_id' value= $row[game_id]>
                   <input type='submit' name='action' value='Rate'></form>";
              echo "" . $row['rating'] . "";
          echo "<form action='delete_user_game.php' method='post'>
               <input type='hidden' name='game_id' value= $row[game_id]>
               <input type='submit' name='action' value='Delete'></form>";
          echo "";
 } else {
      echo "No games owned";
```

• Rating System:

- Users can rate the games they purchased.
- Ratings stored in user_game_list (individual user rating).
- Overall game rating updated in game table.

• Delete Games: Users can delete owned games, removing the row from user_game_list.

```
// delete from user_game_list
$sql_query = "DELETE FROM user_game_list WHERE u_id=$u_id and game_id=$game_id";
$conn->query($sql_query);

vif ($conn->query($sql_query) == TRUE) {
    header("Location: user_game_list.php");

v} else {
    echo "Error deleting game: " . $conn->error . "";
}
```

3. Admin Management

- User Control:
 - o Admin can ban or unban users.
 - If banned (via flag in user table), user cannot log in until unbanned.

```
$u_id = $_POST['u_id'];
$action = $_POST['action'];

if ($action == 'Ban') {
    $sql_query = "UPDATE user SET flag=TRUE WHERE u_id=$u_id";
} else {
    $sql_query = "UPDATE user SET flag=FALSE WHERE u_id=$u_id";
}

if ($conn->query($sql_query) == TRUE) {
    header("Location: manage_user.php");
} else {
    echo "Error: " . $conn->error . "";
}
```

• Game Control:

- Admin can add new games to game table.
- Admin can delete games, which also removes them from buy, user_game_list, and game tables.

```
// add new game
$sql_query = "INSERT INTO Game (name, description, price, space) VALUES ('$name', '$description', $price, $space)";

if ($conn->query($sql_query) == TRUE) {
    header("Location: manage_game.php");
} else {
    echo "Error: " . $conn->error . "";
}
```

4. Transaction System

• Add Coins:

• Users can add coins by providing a payment method (e.g., phone number, card details).

Updated balance stored in user table.

```
// transaction table
$sql_query = "INSERT INTO Transaction (amount, u_id) VALUES ($amount, $u_id )";
if ($conn->query($sql_query) == TRUE) {
    $tr_id = $conn->insert_id; // Get new tr_id (auto incremented)

    // method table
    $sql_query = "INSERT INTO Transaction_Method (tr_id, method) VALUES ($tr_id, '$method')";
    $conn->query($sql_query);

    // Add to coins
    $sql_query = "UPDATE user SET coin = coin + $amount WHERE u_id = $u_id";
    $conn->query($sql_query);

    echo "Coins added! <a href='../user/dashboard.php'>Back</a>";
} else {
    echo "Error: " . $conn->error . "";
}
```

• Transaction History:

- All coin transactions recorded in transaction table.
- Payment details stored separately in transaction_method table for traceability.

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The backend of this project is built using PHP and MySQL, handling all logic, data management, and workflow enforcement for both users and administrators. It ensures secure processing of requests, proper validation of inputs, management of transactions, and efficient communication between the frontend and the database. Security measures include password hashing, prepared statements to prevent SQL injection, and role-based access control to protect sensitive operations.

create_thread.php: Handles the creation of new discussion threads by storing thread details in the Thread table and recording user participation in the Participate table.

```
if ($title !== '') {
    // Insert into Thread table
    $stmt = $conn->prepare("INSERT INTO Thread (title, u_id) VALUES (?, ?)");
    $stmt->bind_param("si", $title, $u_id);
    if ($stmt->execute()) {
        $thread_id = $stmt->insert_id;
        // Insert into Participate table
        $stmt2 = $conn->prepare("INSERT INTO Participate (u_id, thread_id) VALUES (?, ?)");
        $stmt2->bind_param("ii", $u_id, $thread_id);
        $stmt2->execute();
        $stmt2->close();
        $message = "Thread created successfully!";
    } else {
        $message = "Error creating thread.";
    }
        $stmt->close();
}
else {
        $message = "Thread title cannot be empty.";
}
```

manage_threads.php: Provides administrators with moderation capabilities by updating the flag field in the Thread table to hide or show threads as needed.

```
Handle hide/show actions
if (isset($_GET['action']) && isset($_GET['thread_id'])) {
    $thread_id = intval($_GET['thread_id']);
    if ($_GET['action'] === 'hide') {
        $stmt = $conn->prepare("UPDATE Thread SET flag = TRUE WHERE thread_id = ?");
        $stmt->bind_param("i", $thread_id);
        $stmt->execute();
        $stmt->close();
    } elseif ($_GET['action'] === 'show') {
        $stmt = $conn->prepare("UPDATE Thread SET flag = FALSE WHERE thread_id = ?");
        $stmt->bind_param("i", $thread_id);
        $stmt->execute();
        $stmt->close();
$sql = "SELECT t.thread_id, t.title, u.name AS username, t.flag
        FROM Thread t
        JOIN user u ON t.u id = u.u id
        ORDER BY t.thread_id DESC";
$result = $conn->query($sq1);
```

comments.php: Manages user comments by inserting data into the Thread_Comments table and fetching user information from the user table for display.

enlisted.php: Processes game enlistment requests by inserting new game records into the Used_Game_Marketplace table, marking them for administrative approval.

marketplace.php: Implements core marketplace functionality by reading and updating records in the Used_Game_Marketplace table and updating user coin balances in the user table during transactions.

purchases.php: Retrieves and displays purchased games for users, fetching relevant records from the Used_Game_Marketplace table while ensuring only approved and completed transactions are shown.

manage_pending.php: Allows administrators to review pending game listings by updating or deleting records in the Used_Game_Marketplace table.

```
// Approve pending game
if (isset($_POST['approve_market_id'])) {
    $market_id = intval($_POST['approve_market_id']);
    $stmt = $conn->prepare("UPDATE Used_Game_Marketplace SET admin_status = 'APPROVED' WHERE market_id = ?");
    $stmt->bind_param("i", $market_id);
    $stmt->execute();
    $stmt->close();
}

// Disapprove pending game

If (isset($_POST['disapprove_market_id'])) {
    $market_id = intval($_POST['disapprove_market_id']);
    $stmt = $conn->prepare("DELETE FROM Used_Game_Marketplace WHERE market_id = ?");
    $stmt->bind_param("i", $market_id);
    $stmt->execute();
    $stmt->close();
}

// Fetch all pending games
$sql = "SELECT m.market_id, m.game_name, m.price, m.description, m.listed_at, u.name AS seller
    *ROM Used_Game_Marketplace m

JOIN user u ON m.u_id = u.u_id

WHERE m.admin_status = 'PENDING' AND m.buyer_id IS NULL AND m.u_id IS NOT NULL ORDER BY m.listed_at DESC";
$result = $conn->query($sql);
}
```

threads.php: Displays all active discussion threads by reading thread and user data from the Thread, Participate, and user tables, providing navigation for users to view comments or create new threads.

Source Code Repository

Github repository:

https://github.com/musfikur-rahman-mahin/Project370

Conclusion

This project provides a complete solution for the buying and selling of used video games, combining commerce, security, and community into one platform. It simplifies the trading process for users, offers oversight and management tools for administrators, and fosters interaction through community features. By integrating a store coin system, admin-controlled approvals, and robust security practices, the project ensures both fairness and sustainability. Overall, it delivers a secure, interactive, and efficient environment that encourages active participation, supports smooth transactions, and strengthens the gaming community.

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