

Training Day 23 Report

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The twenty-third day of Web Development training focused on building a contact or feedback form that allows users (especially alumni) to send messages to the portal admin. We worked on capturing feedback via forms and storing it securely in the database.

1. Creating the Contact/Feedback Form

Designed a form to collect user inputs such as name, email, subject, and message.

Example Form:

```
<form method="POST" action="submit_feedback.php">
  <input type="text" name="name" required>
  <input type="email" name="email" required>
  <input type="text" name="subject">
  <textarea name="message" required></textarea>
  <input type="submit" value="Send Message">
</form>
```

2. Storing Feedback in Database

Created a new table called feedback to store submitted messages and used PHP to insert records into it.

Table Structure:

id (INT, AUTO_INCREMENT)

name (VARCHAR)

email (VARCHAR)

subject (VARCHAR)

message (TEXT)

submitted_at (TIMESTAMP)

Insert Query Example:

```
$sql = "INSERT INTO feedback (name, email, subject, message) VALUES ('$name', '$email', '$subject', '$message')";
```

3. Hands-on Practice

Designed a user-friendly feedback form

Stored all submitted messages in a feedback table

Displayed a success or error message after submission

Added basic security by escaping input data

4. Relevance to Project

The feedback form is an essential feature of the Alumni Management Portal. It enables alumni to reach out with suggestions, report issues, or ask queries, helping the admin team maintain effective communication.

5. Learning Outcomes

Learned to create a working contact/feedback form

Understood how to insert and manage user-submitted messages in a database

Improved form design and user experience

Reinforced secure data handling practices

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