

# Library Management System Documentation

This document provides an overview of the Library Management System project, including its features, team roles, and implementation details across the various F# source files you provided.

## 1. Project Overview

The Library Management System is a desktop application built using F# and Windows Forms, relying on SQL Server for data persistence. It facilitates core library operations such as adding, searching, borrowing, and returning books, along with user management (login/register) for both Admin and standard User roles.

## 2. Features

The system supports the following key functionalities:

Add, Search, Borrow, Return Books: Core operations for managing the collection.

Track Availability: Books are tracked with a `Status` (Available or Borrowed).

Save/Load Library Data: All data (Users, Books, BorrowedBooks) is persisted in a SQL Server database.

UI for Browsing Books: Users and Admins can view books through a dedicated graphical interface.

User Roles: Separate UIs and permissions for Admin (full CRUD operations on books) and User (borrow/return books, maximum 3 borrowed items).

## 3. Team Roles and Responsibilities



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The following roles were identified for the development of this project:

| Role | Primary Responsibilities |

| Book Model Developer | Defines core data types (`User`, `Book`, `Role`, `BookStatus`) in `Models.fs`. |

| CRUD Developer | Implements database functions for creating, reading, updating, and deleting book/user data (`Database.fs`). |

| Search Developer | Implements search logic for books in `AdminForm.fs` and `UserForm.fs`. |

| Borrow/Return Logic Developer | Implements borrowing rules (max 3 books) and updates status/database records for borrow/return operations (`Database.fs`, `UserForm.fs`). |

| Storage Developer | Manages database connections and SQL query implementation (`Database.fs`). |

| UI Developer | Creates the graphical user interface components using Windows Forms (`AdminForm.fs`, `UserForm.fs`, `LoginForm.fs`, `RegisterForm.fs`, `UIHelpers.fs`). |

| Tester | Ensures all features (especially login, CRUD, borrow limits) work as expected. |

| Documentation Lead | Maintains project documentation. |

#### 4. Code Structure (F# Files)

The project is organized into several F# source files (`.fs`), each handling a specific domain:

| File Name | Purpose | Key Functions/Types |

| `Models.fs` | Defines all core data types used throughout the application. | `Role`, `User`, `BookStatus`, `Book` |

| `Database.fs` | Handles all database interactions using `System.Data.SqlClient`. | `addUser`, `verifyLoginEmail`, `loadBooksFromDb`, `borrowBook`, `returnBook`, `hashPassword` |

| `UIHelpers.fs` | Contains reusable functions for creating UI components, specifically book cards. | `createCardWithSelection`, `reloadBooks` |

| `LoginForm.fs` | Provides the entry point for user login and delegates to the appropriate form



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(Admin/User). | `LoginForm`, `LoginSuccessful` event |

| `RegisterForm.fs` | Allows new users to register an account with the default `User` role. |  
`RegisterForm`, calls `Database.addUser` |

| `AdminForm.fs` | The main UI for administrators, allowing full CRUD operations on books. |  
`AdminForm`, book card display with Update/Delete buttons. |

| `UserForm.fs` | The main UI for standard users, allowing searching, borrowing, and returning of books. |  
`UserForm`, logic to enforce max 3 borrowed books. |

| `Program.fs` | The application's main entry point, initializes and runs the `LoginForm`. |  
`[<STAThread>]`, `Application.Run(loginForm)` |

## 5. Key Implementation Details

### 5.1. Database Connection & Security

Connection: The database connection string is defined in `Database.fs`.

```
```fsharp
let connectionString =
"Server=localhost\MSSQLSERVER01;Database=LibraryDB;Trusted_Connection=True;"
...

```

Password Hashing: User passwords are secured using **SHA256** hashing before being stored:

```
```fsharp
let hashPassword (password:string) = use sha =
System.Security.Cryptography.SHA256.Create() // ... hashing logic
...

```

### 5.2. User Login & Roles



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- \* The ``LoginForm`` uses ``Database.verifyLoginEmail`` to validate credentials against the stored hash.

- \* Upon successful login, the ``Program.fs`` logic redirects the user to either the ``AdminForm`` or ``UserForm`` based on the user's ``Role``.

### 5.3. Book Management (Admin)

- \* The ``AdminForm`` displays book information in custom ``Panel`` cards within a ``FlowLayoutPanel``.

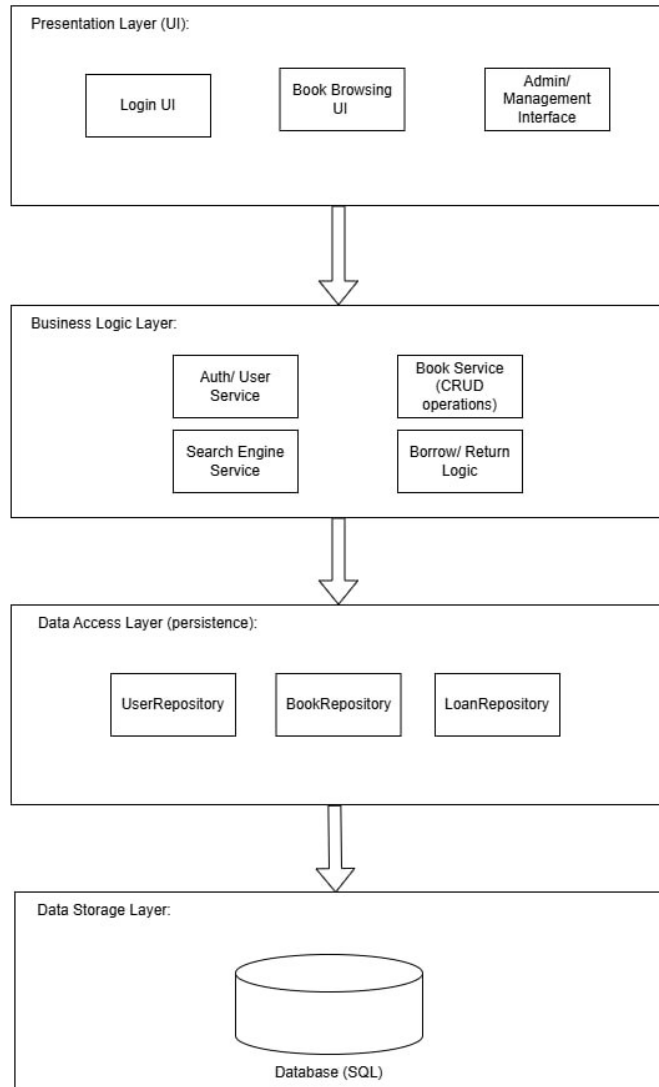
Update/Delete: Admin book cards include dedicated buttons that call ``Database.updateBookInDb`` or ``Database.deleteBookFromDb``.

### 5.4. Book Operations (User)

- \* The ``UserForm`` implements logic to check and enforce the maximum borrowing limit of 3 books using ``Database.getBorrowedCountByUser``.

- \* The Borrow and Return buttons call ``Database.borrowBook`` and ``Database.returnBook``, respectively, to update the book's status and the ``BorrowedBooks`` tracking table.





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