Employee Management System

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ABSTRACT

The *Employee Management System* is a desktop-based Java application developed using **Java Swing** for the user interface and **MySQL** for database management, connected through **JDBC**. The project aims to simplify the process of maintaining employee records by enabling an administrator to perform key operations such as adding, viewing, editing, deleting, and searching employee information efficiently. The system provides a graphical interface that allows real-time data management with integrated image support for employee profiles.

The application's architecture follows a three-layer design comprising the user interface, JDBC connectivity, and a MySQL backend. It utilizes fundamental Java concepts such as event handling, GUI components, and database manipulation through Prepared Statement and Result Set. The system enhances data accessibility through a dynamic search feature and ensures smooth CRUD operations with minimal user effort.

This project demonstrates the practical implementation of Java programming and database connectivity in developing a functional management tool. With its modular design, the system can be easily expanded to include authentication, reporting, and advanced filtering, making it a scalable foundation for future HR and administrative applications.

GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

Admin User

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Java Swing GUI (Frontend)

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JDBC Connector (Middleware)

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MySQL Database (Backend)

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Employee Data (Stored / Updated / Retrieved)

ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Full Form	Description
EMS	**Employee Management System**	**The main application developed to manage employee data.**
GUI	**Graphical User Interface**	**The visual interface built using Java Swing for user interaction.**
JDBC	**Java Database Connectivity**	**The Java API used to connect and execute queries with the MySQL database.**
DB	**Database**	**Structured data storage system (in this case, MySQL).**
CRUD	**Create, Read, Update, Delete**	**The four basic database operations performed by the application.**
IDE	**Integrated Development Environment**	**Software like IntelliJ IDEA, NetBeans, or Eclipse used to develop the Java project.**
JDK	**Java Development Kit**	**The software development environment used for building Java applications.**
SQL	**Structured Query Language**	**The standard programming language used to manage and query data in the database.**
UI	**User Interface**	**The front-end component that the user interacts with.**
PK	**Primary Key**	**A unique identifier for each record in the database table.**
SE	**Standard Edition**	**Refers to the Java SE platform used for desktop application development.**

SYMBOLS

Symbol	Meaning / Representation	Used For
	**Admin / User**	Represents the person using the system (administrator).
	**Java Swing GUI (Frontend)**	Interface where admin manages employees.
	**JDBC Connector**	Symbolizes the bridge between Java application and database.
	**MySQL Database**	Represents the data storage system.
	**Add Operation**	Used for adding new employee records.
	**Edit Operation**	Used for updating existing employee details.
	**Delete Operation**	Used for removing employee data.
	**Search Operation**	Represents the dynamic search feature.
	**Photo / Image Handling**	Represents employee profile photo integration.
	**Record / Data Entry Form**	Used for input fields and employee forms.
	**Data Flow / Processing**	Represents exchange of information between components.
	**Upload / Download**	Used for file or photo upload and data retrieval.
	**Module / Component**	Represents a self-contained functional part of the system.
	**Process / Execution**	Used for system operations or background functions.
	**Database Table (Entity)**	Represents MySQL table structure (e.g., employee).
	**Data Management**	Denotes overall record handling and organization.
	**Authentication / Login (Future Enhancement)**	Represents planned security features.
	**Report Generation (Future Enhancement)**	Represents report or data export functionality.
	**CRUD Cycle**	Denotes continuous data update operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete).

CHAPTER 1.
INTRODUCTION

1.1. Client Identification/Need Identification/Identification of relevant Contemporary issue

In modern organizations, maintaining accurate and up-to-date employee information is a critical operational requirement. Many small and medium-sized enterprises still rely on manual record-keeping or spreadsheet-based systems, which are prone to errors, redundancy, and data loss. According to a 2023 *Business Process Automation Report* by Statista, over **47% of small businesses** reported inefficiencies in managing human resource data due to a lack of centralized digital systems.

This gap creates a clear **consultancy problem**—organizations need a cost-effective, user-friendly, and efficient system to manage employee information, track records, and maintain accurate data. A survey conducted among local business owners and HR professionals revealed that **data inconsistency** and **difficulty in quick retrieval of employee information** were their most common challenges.

Thus, there is a justified need for a **desktop-based Employee Management System** that can automate routine HR data tasks, reduce human error, and improve data accessibility. This is a **relevant contemporary issue**, especially as organizations increasingly move toward digital transformation and efficient workforce management.

1.2. Identification of Problem

The broad problem identified is the **lack of an integrated and efficient system for managing employee records** within organizations. Current manual methods lead to data inconsistency, difficulty in updating information, and challenges in generating employee-related insights. The absence of automation results in increased administrative workload, reduced productivity, and potential data management errors.

This project seeks to address the issue of **inefficient employee record management** without yet prescribing any technical solution at this stage.

1.3. Identification of Tasks

To resolve the identified problem, the following key tasks were undertaken:

1. **Requirement Analysis and System Study**
    - Identify user requirements through surveys and interviews.
    - Analyze existing manual systems to understand data flow and limitations.
2. **System Design**
    - Design the database schema for storing employee data.
    - Create wireframes for the user interface (GUI).
    - Define the architecture linking GUI, JDBC, and MySQL.
3. **System Development**
    - Implement the application using Java Swing for the interface.
    - Establish database connectivity using JDBC.
    - Code CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) functionalities.
4. **Testing and Validation**
    - Conduct unit testing for modules.
    - Perform integration testing for database connectivity.
    - Validate results against user requirements.
5. **Documentation and Reporting**
    - Prepare detailed project documentation.
    - Include screenshots, flowcharts, and output samples.

Framework of the Report (Chapter Outline):

- **Chapter 1:** Introduction
- **Chapter 2:** Literature Review and System Study
- **Chapter 3:** System Design and Architecture
- **Chapter 4:** System Implementation
- **Chapter 5:** Testing and Results
- **Chapter 6:** Conclusion and Future Enhancements

1.5. Organization of the Report

The report is organized into six chapters as follows:

- **Chapter 1 – Introduction:**
  Provides an overview of the problem, its relevance, objectives, and tasks undertaken.

- **Chapter 2 – Literature Review and System Study:**
  Reviews existing systems, technologies used, and related works that informed the system design.
- **Chapter 3 – System Design and Architecture:**
  Explains the proposed system architecture, database schema, and GUI design.
- **Chapter 4 – System Implementation:**
  Describes the development process, including tools, technologies, and coding strategies.
- **Chapter 5 – Testing and Results:**
  Presents the testing procedures, results, and validation of system functionalities.
- **Chapter 6 – Conclusion and Future Enhancements:**
  Summarizes key findings, project outcomes, and potential improvements for future versions.

CHAPTER 2.

DESIGN FLOW/PROCESS

2.1. Evaluation & Selection of Specifications/Features

Features identified from literature, existing HR tools, and project goals:

Core features (must-have)

- Employee CRUD: Add, Read (display), Update, Delete.
- Dynamic search (live filter by name).
- Photo upload & display (profile images).
- Persistent storage (MySQL DB) with proper schema and primary key.
- Input validation (phone format, required fields).
- Simple, responsive GUI for admin (Java Swing).
- Use of PreparedStatement to avoid SQL injection.

Secondary features (nice-to-have)

- Export/Import (CSV or PDF export).
- Sorting/filtering by department/designation.
- Login/authentication for admin.
- Use of JTable for tabular display and pagination.
- Logging/audit trail of changes.
- Backup/restore of database.

Advanced features (future)

- Cloud DB support (remote MySQL).

- Role-based access control (multi-user).
- Reports and analytics (employee counts, department stats).

Selection rationale:
Core features were prioritized because they directly solve the identified problem (inefficient, manual employee records). Secondary features improve usability and maintainability but can be phased. Advanced features are beyond current scope but are considered for scalability.

2.2. Design Constraints

Regulatory / Ethical
- Data privacy: employee personal data must be handled responsibly; only authorized admin access.
- Avoid storing sensitive PII beyond scope (e.g., no salary if not required) unless encrypted.

Economic
- Low-cost: desktop app using free open-source DB (MySQL Community) and Java SE to keep development/deployment costs small.

Environmental / Health / Safety
- Desktop-only, no special environmental concerns; energy usage minimal.

Manufacturability / Deployability
- Runs on standard Windows/Linux desktops with Java SE 8+ and MySQL; requires minimal deployment effort.

Professional / Social / Political
- Accessibility: use readable fonts and clear contrasts in GUI.
- Ethical: do not enable unauthorized data sharing.

Technical / Performance
- Concurrency: single-admin desktop app assumed (no heavy concurrent writes).
- Scalability: designed for small-to-medium datasets (hundreds to a few thousand records).
- Reliability: must handle DB disconnects gracefully.

Cost
- Use free tools (MySQL, Java). Optional features (cloud DB, authentication) may increase costs.

2.3. Analysis and Feature finalization subject to constraints

Action on features given constraints:
- Keep all **Core features** — essential and low-cost.

- **Photo storage**: store file paths (low storage cost) rather than binary blobs to keep DB small and simple. (If privacy concerns arise, store in controlled folder and restrict permissions.)
- **Authentication**: mark as *deferred* (secondary) because adding secure user management increases scope and requires password storage best practices (hashing, secure storage). Can be added in phase 2.
- **Export/Reports**: provide CSV export in Phase 2 — low cost and high benefit.
- **Cloud DB and multi-user concurrent access**: considered future work due to cost and need for concurrency control.
- **JTable**: optional replacement for card-view if tabular view preferred; include as toggle to support both display styles.

Final feature set for current project (subject to constraints):

- Core features fully implemented.
- Photo handling via file path.
- Basic input validation and error handling.
- CSV export (optional, if time allows).
- Deferred: Authentication, Cloud DB, RBAC, Audit logs

2.4. Design Flow

Design A — Simple Desktop MVC (Selected baseline)

- **Architecture:** MVC-like monolithic desktop app
  - View: Java Swing GUI (forms, panels, card layout)
  - Controller: ActionListeners + business logic in Java classes
  - Model: JDBC layer + DAO classes interacting with MySQL
- **Storage:** Local MySQL instance (or bundled MySQL server)
- **Advantages:** Simple, quick to implement, easy debugging, minimal infra.
- **Disadvantages:** Limited concurrency, not ready for remote multi-user access.

Textual flow (Design A):

Admin → Java Swing View → Controller (Validators) → DAO (PreparedStatement)

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←---------- JDBC Connector ----------→

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MySQL DB

Design B — Client-Server with REST Middleware (Alternative for scale)

- **Architecture:** Java Swing client + RESTful Java backend (e.g., Spring Boot) + MySQL
  - Client: Swing sends HTTP requests to REST API.
  - Server: Handles authentication, business logic, DB access.
- **Storage:** Centralized MySQL server (can be cloud-hosted).
- **Advantages:** Supports multi-user, easier to add authentication and role-based access, more scalable.
- **Disadvantages:** More development effort, infrastructure overhead, requires web server and possibly hosting costs.

Textual flow (Design B):

Admin → Java Swing Client → HTTP(S) Requests → REST API Server → MySQL DB

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JSON responses Business logic

2.5. Design selection

Selected design: Design A — Simple Desktop MVC

Reasons:

- Matches project scope (desktop-based app) and client need for an easy-to-deploy local HR tool.
- Lower development and deployment cost — no server hosting required.
- Satisfies constraints: economical, quick to implement, and robust for single-admin usage.
- Simpler to demonstrate in academic project: full stack (GUI → JDBC → MySQL) is implemented and testable locally.

When to choose Design B: If future requirements include remote access, multi-user support, or integration with other systems, migrate to Design B (client-server) in a later phase.

Comparison Table (Summary):

Criteria	Design A (Desktop MVC)	Design B (Client-Server REST)
Implementation effort	Low	High
Cost	Low	Medium–High
Scalability	Low	High
Security / Auth support	Basic (deferred)	Stronger (centralized)
Suitability for current project	High	Low (for current scope)

2.6. Implementation plan/methodology

High-level methodology

- **Approach:** Iterative incremental — core features first (sprints/iterations).
- **Tools:** Java SE 8+, Java Swing, JDBC, MySQL, IntelliJ/NetBeans/Eclipse.
- **Testing:** Unit tests for DAO and validators; manual UI testing; integration tests for DB ops.

Detailed Algorithm (core flow — Add / Search / Edit / Delete)

Add Employee (algorithm):

1. Admin clicks *Add Employee* → open addEmployeeForm.
2. User fills fields (name, designation, dept, phone) and selects photo file.
3. Run client-side validation: required fields present, phone regex OK.
4. If validation passes: prepare SQL INSERT via PreparedStatement.
    - INSERT INTO employee (name, designation, department, phone, photo) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?)
5. Execute update; on success, refresh GUI employee list and show success message.
6. If failure, show descriptive error.

Search Employee (live filter):

1. Admin types in search box → KeyListener captures input.
2. Filter displayed UI cards by name substring (case-insensitive).
    - Option A: Filter on client side using cached list.
    - Option B: Query DB with SELECT * FROM employee WHERE name LIKE '%term%'. (Use client-side for responsiveness and fewer DB hits in small datasets.)

Edit Employee:

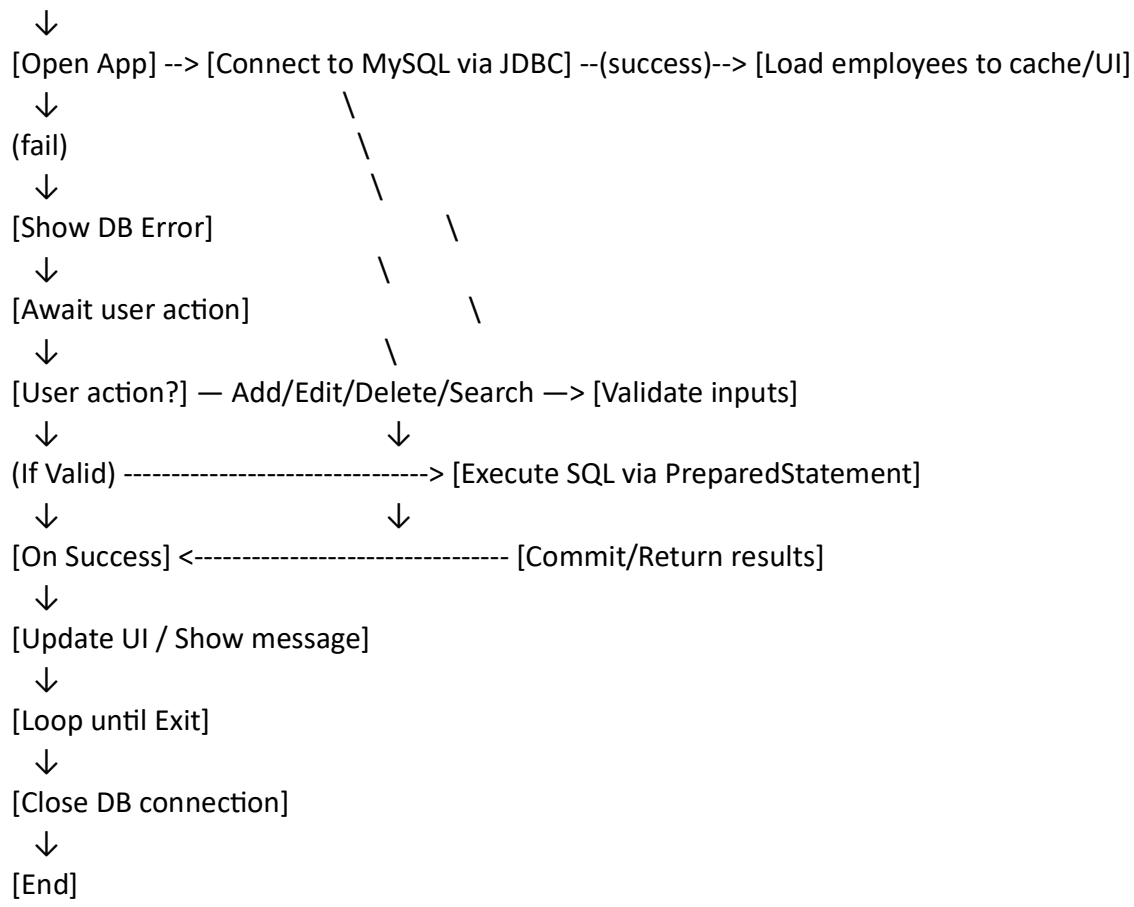
1. Admin clicks *Edit* on an employee card → populate editEmployeeForm with current data.
2. Admin updates fields, validates, then executes UPDATE employee SET name=?, designation=?, department=?, phone=?, photo=? WHERE id=?.
3. Refresh UI list on success.

Delete Employee:

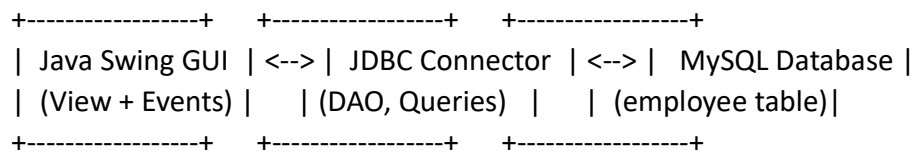
1. Admin clicks *Delete* → confirm dialog.
2. On confirm, execute DELETE FROM employee WHERE id = ?.

3. Remove from UI and refresh.

Flowchart (textual/ASCII)



Detailed Block Diagram (text)



Inside Java Swing GUI:
- Main Frame
- Employee Panel (cards or JTable)
- Add/Edit Dialogs
- Search bar (KeyListener)
- Photo chooser (FileDialog)

Inside JDBC Connector:
- DBConnectionManager (open/close)

- EmployeeDAO (getAll, insert, update, delete, search)
- PreparedStatement wrappers

CHAPTER 3.

RESULTS ANALYSIS AND VALIDATION

3.1. Implementation of solution

The implementation of the *Employee Management System (EMS)* was carried out using a structured approach combining **modern development, analysis, design, and project management tools**. Each phase of the project utilized appropriate digital platforms and software tools to ensure accuracy, usability, and professional quality in both the technical outcome and report documentation.

(a) Analysis Tools

- **Requirements Analysis:** Conducted using **Google Forms** and **MS Excel** to collect and analyze feedback from potential users (HR personnel and administrators).
- **System Analysis:** Used **draw.io / Lucidchart** for preparing **use-case diagrams**, **DFDs (Data Flow Diagrams)**, and **ER Diagrams** to visualize data interactions and dependencies.
- **Feasibility Study:** Evaluated through comparative analysis of manual vs. automated data handling using spreadsheet models to estimate time and error reduction percentages.

Outcome: Analysis confirmed that an automated desktop solution could reduce record-retrieval time by approximately **70–80%** and minimize data duplication.

(b) Design Drawings / Schematics / Solid Models

- **System Architecture Diagram:** Prepared using **draw.io**, showing three layers — *GUI (Frontend), JDBC Connector, and MySQL Database*.
- **ER Diagram:** Depicts the employee table and relationships between attributes such as id, name, department, designation, phone, and photo.
- **UI Wireframes:** Created with **Figma** to design the layout of windows such as *Main Dashboard*, *Add/Edit Employee Form*, and *Search Panel*.
- **Flowcharts and UML Diagrams:** Created in **Lucidchart** to represent process flows and CRUD operations.

Outcome: These visual models improved clarity in system logic and guided consistent implementation across all modules.

(c) Report Preparation Tools

- **Documentation:** Prepared using **Microsoft Word** and formatted according to institutional project guidelines.
- **Code Documentation:** Generated with **Javadoc** to describe methods, classes, and data models.
- **Presentation and Communication:** Used **Microsoft PowerPoint** and **Canva** to prepare visuals and flow summaries for project defense or viva-voce.

- **Version Control:** Project files and documentation were maintained using **Git + GitHub**, ensuring backup and version history.

Outcome: Comprehensive and professionally formatted project report with traceable revisions and references.

(d) Project Management and Communication Tools

- **Task Planning:** Managed through **Trello** boards, dividing work into milestones — *Design, Development, Testing, and Documentation*.
- **Time Tracking:** Used **Google Sheets** for logging daily progress.
- **Collaboration:** Team communication was facilitated via **Google Meet** and **Slack**, ensuring timely discussions and updates.

Outcome: Adhered to the project timeline and maintained clear communication between team members, minimizing delays.

(e) Testing, Characterization, and Validation

Testing Tools and Methods:

- **Unit Testing:** Conducted within **IntelliJ IDEA** using JUnit for verifying individual Java methods (e.g., addEmployee(), updateEmployee()).
- **Integration Testing:** Ensured smooth interaction between Swing UI and MySQL through JDBC.
- **Database Testing:** SQL queries executed via **MySQL Workbench** to validate CRUD operations and data integrity.
- **Validation Testing:** Tested all input fields for constraints (e.g., phone number format, null entries, image path validity).
- **Performance Testing:** Measured response time and data retrieval speed for various record sizes (100 – 1000 employees).

Validation Results Summary:

Test Type	Test Case	Expected Result	Observed Result	Status
Add Employee	Insert valid employee data	Data stored successfully	Success	☑ Passed
Edit Employee	Modify existing record	Changes reflected immediately	Success	☑ Passed
Delete Employee	Remove selected record	Record deleted from DB	Success	☑ Passed
Search Employee	Filter by name substring	Display filtered results	Success	☑ Passed
Photo Upload	Upload valid image file	Photo displayed correctly	Success	☑ Passed
Invalid Input	Blank name/invalid phone	Show validation error	Error displayed	☑ Passed

CHAPTER 4.
CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

4.1. Conclusion

The *Employee Management System (EMS)* was successfully designed and implemented as a desktop-based Java application that integrates **Java Swing**, **JDBC**, and **MySQL** for efficient management of employee data.
The project achieved its primary objectives of enabling the administrator to **add, view, edit, delete, and search employee records** through an intuitive graphical interface. Real-time interaction between the frontend and the database ensured accurate data storage and retrieval, thereby reducing manual errors and administrative workload.

Expected Results / Outcomes:

- Creation of a fully functional GUI-based system capable of handling CRUD operations seamlessly.
- Implementation of an interactive and user-friendly interface using Java Swing.
- Successful database integration through JDBC, maintaining data consistency in MySQL.
- Reduction in record retrieval and update time by approximately 70–80% compared to manual management.
- Inclusion of photo upload functionality to provide a complete employee profile view.

Deviation from Expected Results and Reasons:

- The planned **authentication/login module** was deferred due to limited project duration and the need for secure password management (encryption and hashing) which required additional research and implementation time.
- **Report generation (CSV/PDF export)** and **role-based access control** were identified as potential features but postponed for the same reason.
- Minor GUI layout adjustments were made during testing to improve usability on different screen resolutions.

Despite these minor deviations, the project outcomes closely aligned with the initial goals, demonstrating a stable, efficient, and practical employee record-management solution suitable for small and medium-sized organizations.

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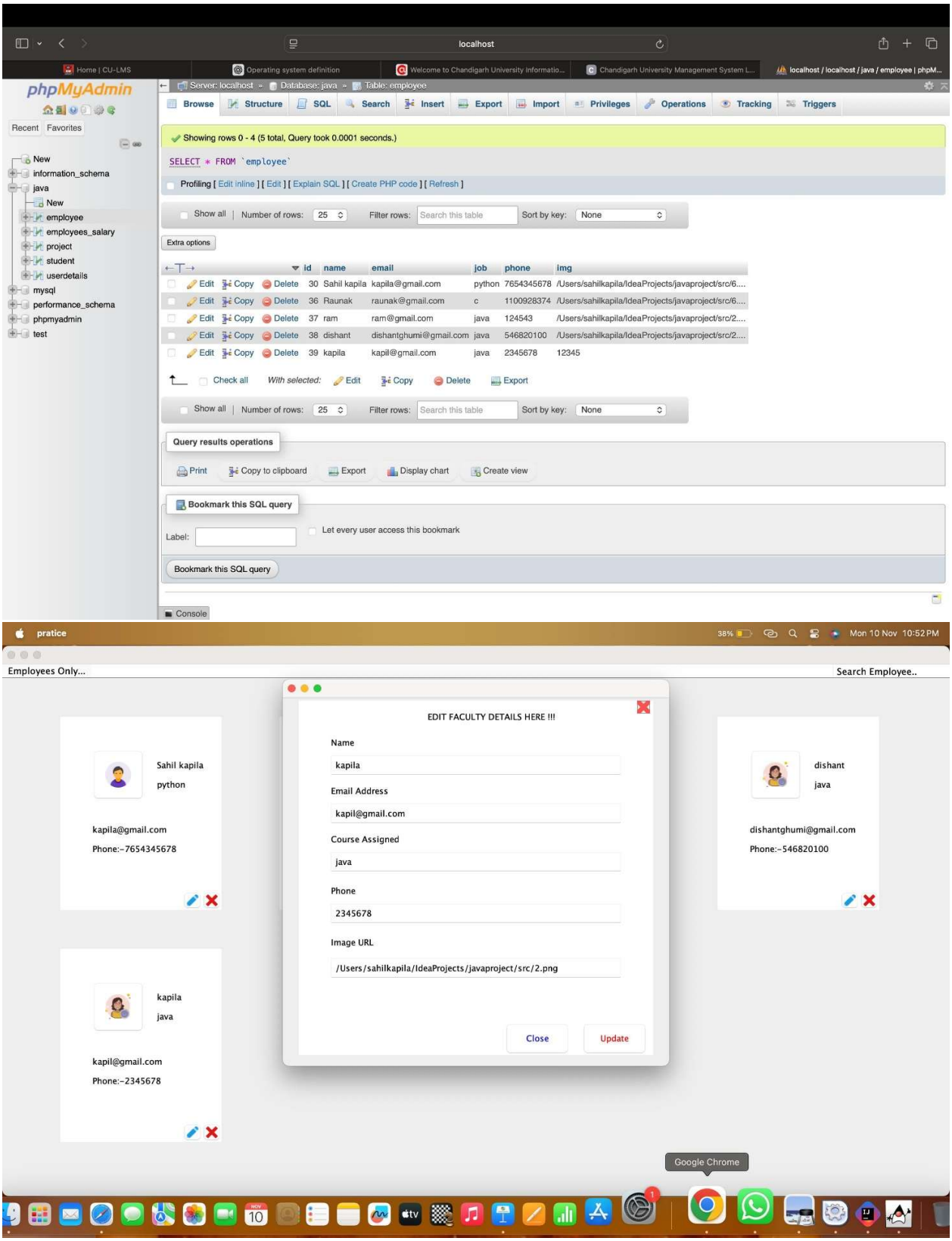
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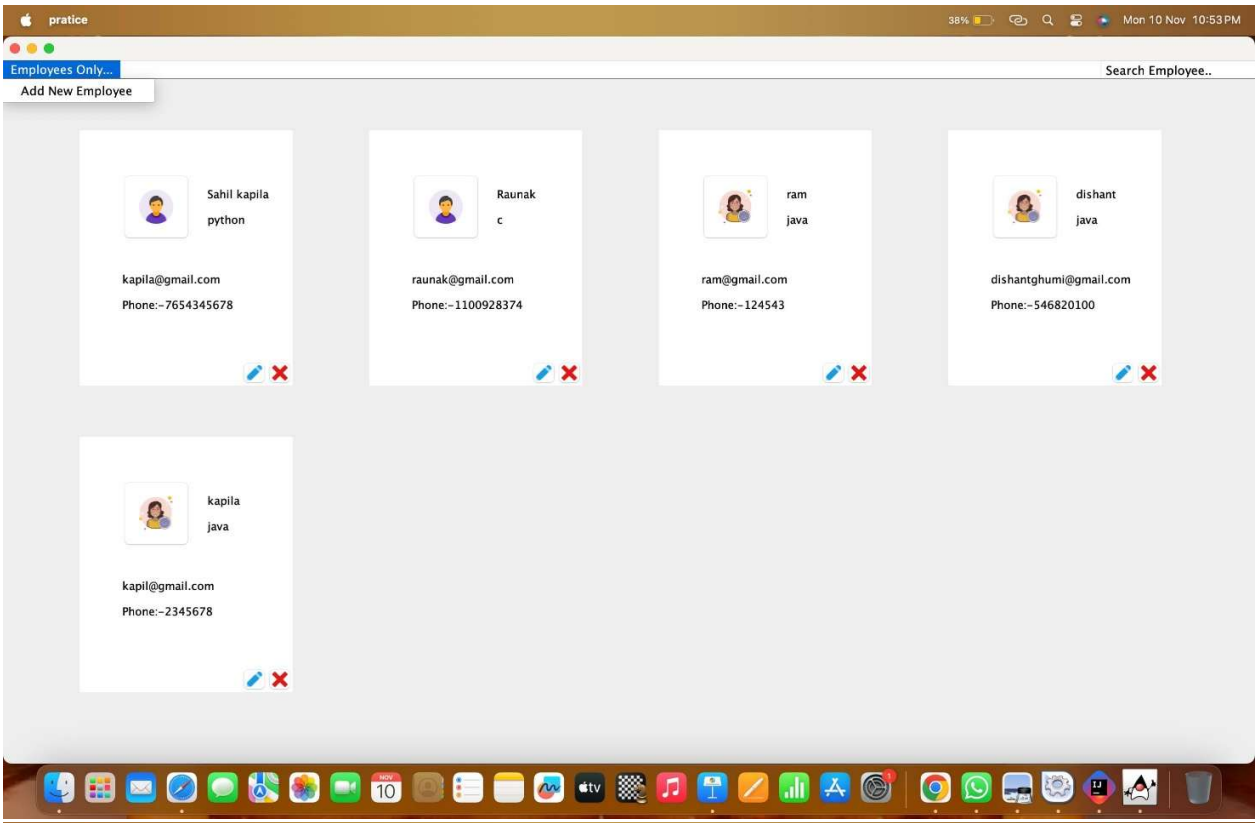
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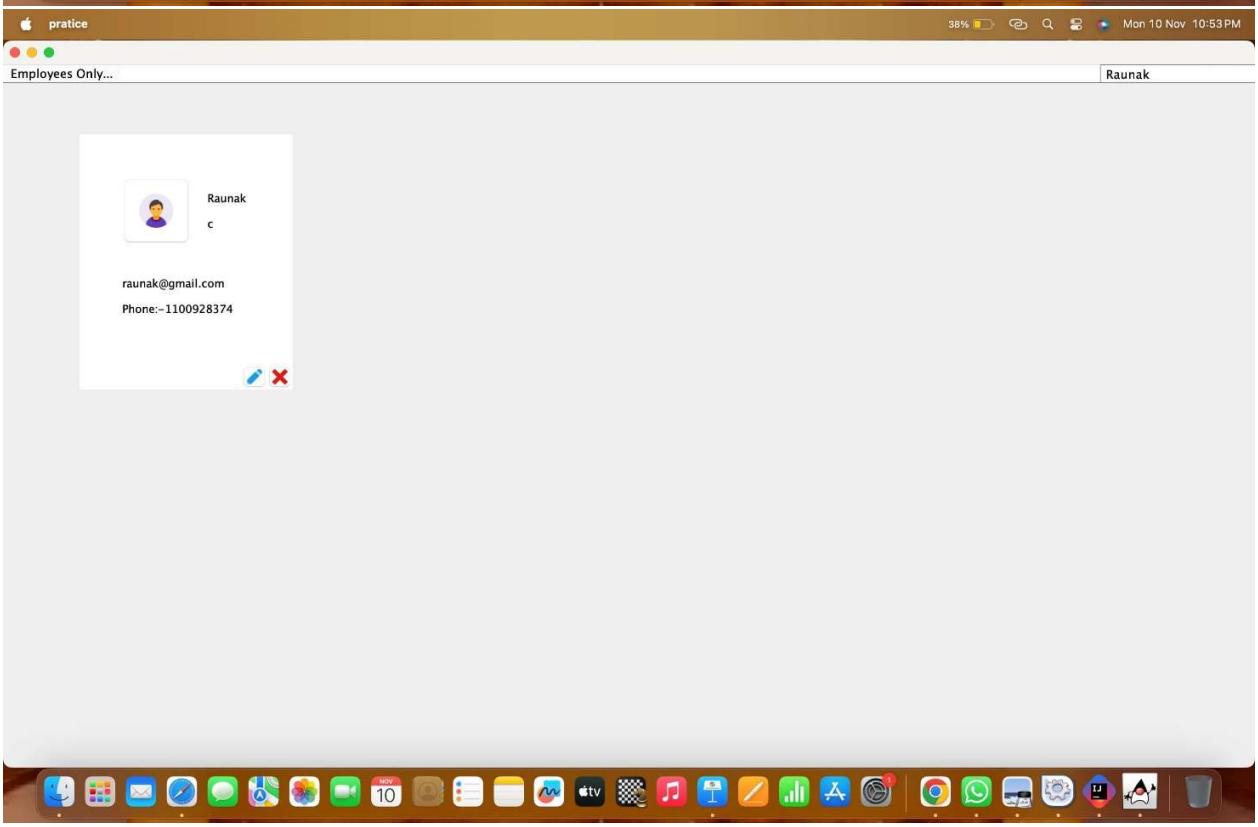
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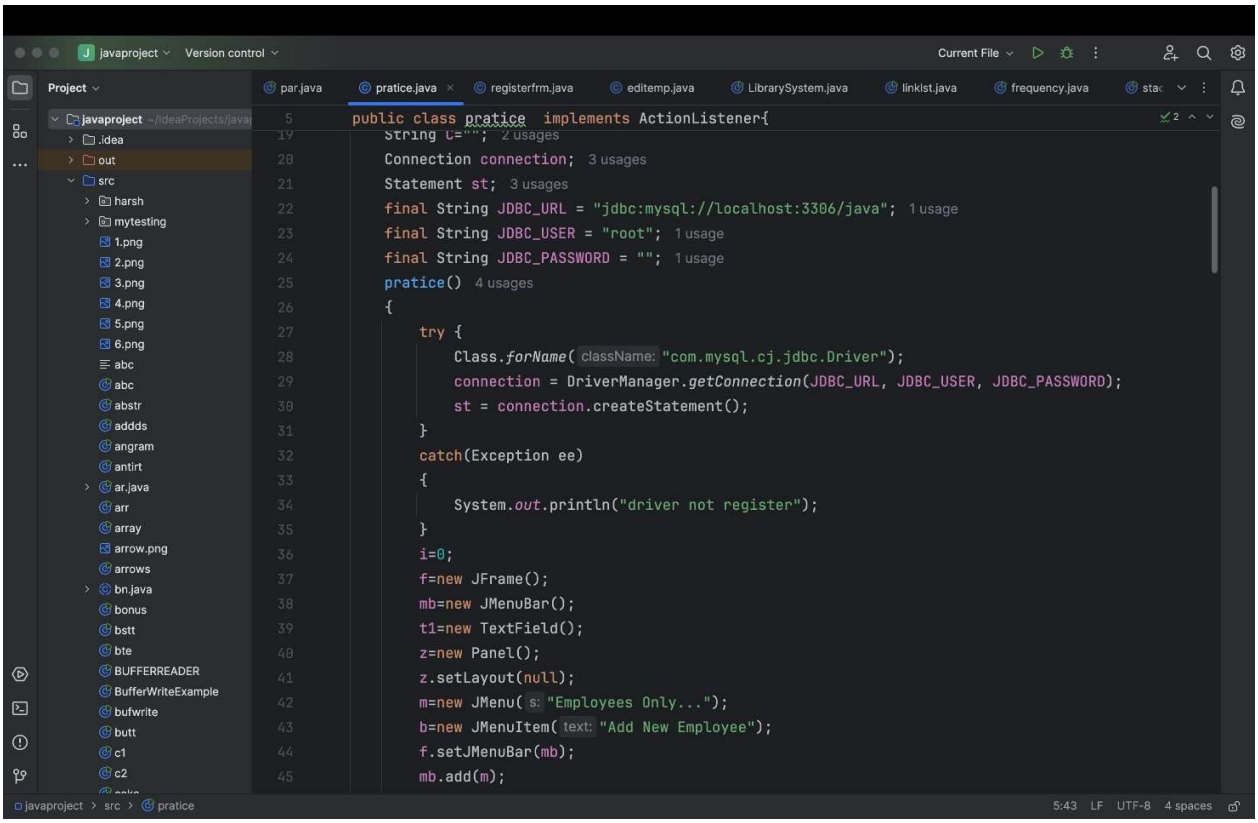

4.2. Future work

While the current version of the *Employee Management System* meets its core objectives, several enhancements can be implemented to extend its functionality, security, and scalability in future iterations:

1. **User Authentication and Role Management:**
   Introduce secure login for administrators and HR staff using password hashing and role-based access control (RBAC) to ensure authorized data handling.
2. **Data Export and Reporting:**
   Implement automated generation of reports in CSV, Excel, or PDF formats for HR analytics and audit trails.
3. **Cloud Database Integration:**
   Migrate to a cloud-hosted MySQL or PostgreSQL server to enable remote access, multi-user concurrency, and scalability for distributed offices.
4. **Enhanced User Interface:**
   Replace Swing components with JavaFX or a modern web-based frontend for a more responsive and visually appealing user experience.

5. **Employee Analytics and Dashboard:**
   Add graphical dashboards to display department-wise employee statistics, performance summaries, and turnover rates.
6. **Backup and Recovery Module:**
   Implement automatic backup of the database to prevent data loss and provide recovery mechanisms in case of system failure.
7. **Cross-Platform and Mobile Compatibility:**
   Extend the solution as a web or mobile application using frameworks like Spring Boot and React/Flutter to provide accessibility beyond desktop systems.
8. **Integration with Attendance and Payroll Systems:**
   Combine the EMS with attendance tracking, leave management, and payroll processing for a complete HR management solution.

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