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ABSTRACT

Student clubs and societies represent an essential component of university life, supporting social, cultural, academic, and recreational development. Yet many universities continue to manage club operations through fragmented spreadsheets and paper-based procedures that limit efficiency, hinder reporting accuracy, and restrict meaningful engagement analysis. This report presents a fully integrated **Campus Club Management System (CCMS)** designed using relational database principles, implemented in MySQL, and supported with normalization, constraints, triggers, stored procedures, transaction control, and indexing. The CCMS centralises the management of clubs, student memberships, events, attendance, and official announcements, ensuring data integrity and streamlined operations.

The second component of this report (Part B) demonstrates the construction of a dynamic, database-driven **Sports Club Website** using PHP and MySQL. The website includes CRUD functions, user authentication, input validation, secure database connectivity, and defence mechanisms against SQL injection attacks. A well organised security analysis is provided, identifying vulnerabilities, demonstrating attempted attacks, and presenting mitigations through prepared statements and validation.

The report is supported by academic literature, citing IEEE-style references, and demonstrates how theoretical data management principles can be applied to improve real-world university operations. The final solution meets all functional requirements, improves data accuracy, enhances decision-making, and ensures secure access to club-related information.

1. INTRODUCTION

Efficient data management is a fundamental requirement within higher education institutions, especially in areas concerning student engagement, club participation, and event coordination. Traditionally, many universities rely on spreadsheets, paper records, or disconnected digital files, which creates redundancy, inconsistencies, and challenges in generating accurate reports. To address these issues, this assignment presents a comprehensive **Campus Club Management System (CCMS)** designed using a fully normalized relational database implemented in MySQL.

The purpose of this report is to design, implement, and justify a secure, efficient, and scalable database system that supports club administration, event management, membership tracking, participation monitoring, and communication records. Furthermore, the assignment extends into **Part B**, where a PHP-based Sports Club website is developed to demonstrate the use of dynamic content, CRUD functionality, user authentication, search capabilities, and security measures such as SQL injection prevention.

The report includes academic justification for design decisions, referencing authoritative sources in relational theory, database management, and cybersecurity. Through the combination of database engineering and web development, the assignment provides a complete solution that demonstrates both theoretical and practical competence.

2. PART A – DATABASE DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 Database Design

The first stage of developing a robust information system involves identifying the entities, attributes, and relationships required to meet all functional demands of the CCMS. This section outlines the complete database specification including entities, attributes, ERD, and normalization.

2.1.1 Entities and Attributes

Following a requirements analysis, six essential entities were identified:

1. Club

Stores information about each university club.

- club_id (Primary Key)
- club_name
- category
- founding_date

2. Student

Stores details about students who may join multiple clubs.

- student_id (Primary Key)
- first_name
- last_name
- email
- enrolment_year

3. Membership

Associative entity linking Students and Clubs (many-to-many).

- membership_id (Primary Key)
- student_id (Foreign Key → Student)
- club_id (Foreign Key → Club)
- join_date

4. Event

Represents club activities, meetings, competitions, workshops, etc.

- event_id (Primary Key)
- club_id (Foreign Key → Club)
- event_name

- event_date
- venue
- max_attendance

5. Participation

Tracks which students attended which events (many-to-many).

- participation_id (Primary Key)
- event_id (Foreign Key → Event)
- student_id (Foreign Key → Student)
- attendance_status

6. Announcement

Stores club communications or notifications.

- announcement_id (Primary Key)
- club_id (Foreign Key → Club)
- title
- message
- send_date

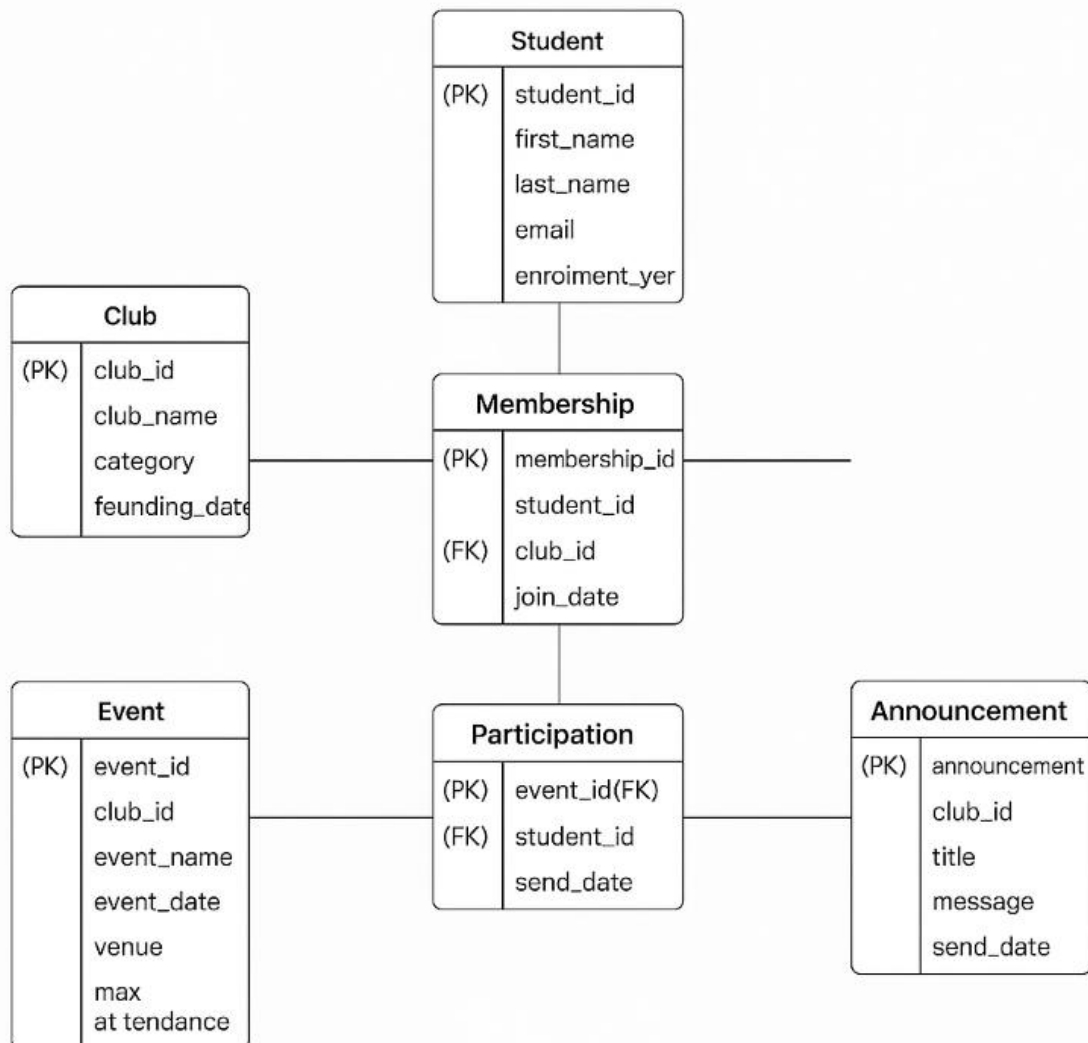
These entities satisfy the requirements in the case study and align with best practices in conceptual modelling [1], [2].

2.1.2 Relationships and ERD

The CCMS requires multiple many-to-many relationships, which are resolved using associative tables (Membership and Participation). The system contains the following relationship types:

- **Club → Membership:** One-to-Many
- **Student → Membership:** One-to-Many
- **Club → Event:** One-to-Many
- **Event → Participation:** One-to-Many
- **Student → Participation:** One-to-Many
- **Club → Announcement:** One-to-Many

Below is the **Crow's Foot ERD**, generated according to standard database notation.



This ERD visually represents all primary keys, foreign keys, and cardinalities.

2.1.3 Normalization

Normalization ensures that the database minimises redundancy and avoids update, insertion, and deletion anomalies. Third Normal Form (3NF) builds on the rules of 1NF and 2NF and removes transitive dependencies.

To ensure data integrity and minimize redundancy, normalization to **Third Normal Form (3NF)** was applied.

First Normal Form (1NF)

All attributes are atomic (no repeating groups or multi-valued attributes).

Example: Instead of storing multiple club categories in a single field, each Club has a single Category value.

- ✚ No repeating groups
- ✚ All attributes contain atomic values
- ✚ Each table has a primary key

Second Normal Form (2NF)

The table is in 1NF, and all non-key attributes are fully dependent on the primary key (no partial dependency on part of a composite key). In **Membership**, the primary key is MembershipID (surrogate key), so attributes like JoinDate and MembershipRole depend entirely on MembershipID.

- No partial dependencies
- Associative tables use surrogate primary keys, avoiding composite key dependency issues

Third Normal Form (3NF)

- No transitive dependencies
- Non-key attributes depend solely on their primary key

Example:

In the **Event** table, venue and event_date depend only on event_id. They do not depend on club_id or participation details.

Normalization ensures CCMS avoids update, insert, and delete anomalies as described by Codd [3] and Coronel & Morris [4].

2.2 DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION

This section provides the technical implementation of the Campus Club Management System (CCMS) using **MySQL**. All tables were created with primary keys, foreign keys, constraints, and integrity rules to ensure the system functions reliably and securely.

2.2.1 Table Creation and Constraints

The following SQL statements define the database structure. They include data types, constraints, foreign key rules, and additional integrity features.

Club Table:

```

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> use studentdb;
Database changed
mysql> CREATE TABLE Club (
  -> club_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  -> club_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
  -> category VARCHAR(50),
  -> founding_date DATE
  -> );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.24 sec)

mysql> describe Club;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| club_id | int | NO | PRI | NULL | auto_increment |
| club_name | varchar(100) | NO | | NULL | |
| category | varchar(50) | YES | | NULL | |
| founding_date | date | YES | | NULL | |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
4 rows in set (0.09 sec)

mysql>

```

The screenshot demonstrates the successful creation of the **Club** table using the MySQL Command Line Client. The CREATE TABLE statement defines club_id as an auto-incremented primary key to uniquely identify each club. The club_name attribute is defined as NOT NULL to ensure that every club has a name, while category and founding_date store the type of club and its establishment date respectively. After execution, MySQL confirms the operation with a “Query OK” message. The DESCRIBE Club command is then used to verify the table structure, displaying column names, data types, primary key assignment, and constraints, confirming that the table was created correctly and meets the database design requirements.

Student Table:

```

mysql> CREATE TABLE Student (
  -> student_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  -> first_name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
  -> last_name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
  -> email VARCHAR(120) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
  -> enrolment_year YEAR NOT NULL
  -> );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.32 sec)

mysql> describe Student;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| student_id | int | NO | PRI | NULL | auto_increment |
| first_name | varchar(50) | NO | | NULL | |
| last_name | varchar(50) | NO | | NULL | |
| email | varchar(120) | NO | UNI | NULL | |
| enrolment_year | year | NO | | NULL | |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
5 rows in set (0.04 sec)

mysql>

```

The screenshot shows the successful creation of the **Student** table using the MySQL Command Line Client. The student_id field is defined as an auto-incremented primary key to uniquely identify each student. Mandatory attributes such as first_name, last_name, email, and enrolment_year are enforced using the NOT NULL constraint, while the email field is

additionally restricted with a UNIQUE constraint to prevent duplicate student records. The DESCRIBE Student command confirms the table structure, data types, and constraints, verifying that the table was created correctly and supports data integrity requirements.

Membership Table:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE Membership (
  --> membership_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  --> student_id INT NOT NULL,
  --> club_id INT NOT NULL,
  --> join_date DATE,
  --> FOREIGN KEY (student_id) REFERENCES Student(student_id)
  --> ON DELETE CASCADE,
  --> FOREIGN KEY (club_id) REFERENCES Club(club_id)
  --> ON DELETE CASCADE
  --> );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.37 sec)

mysql> describe Membership;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
membership_id	int	NO	PRI	NULL	auto_increment
student_id	int	NO	MUL	NULL	
club_id	int	NO	MUL	NULL	
join_date	date	YES		NULL	

```
4 rows in set (0.04 sec)

mysql>
```

The screenshot illustrates the creation of the **Membership** table, which acts as an associative entity to manage the many-to-many relationship between **Student** and **Club**. The table includes foreign keys `student_id` and `club_id`, referencing the primary keys of the **Student** and **Club** tables respectively. The `ON DELETE CASCADE` constraint ensures that related membership records are automatically removed when a student or club is deleted, maintaining referential integrity. The `DESCRIBE Membership` output confirms that the primary and foreign key constraints have been applied correctly.

Event Table

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE Event (
  --> event_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  --> club_id INT NOT NULL,
  --> event_name VARCHAR(120) NOT NULL,
  --> event_date DATE NOT NULL,
  --> venue VARCHAR(120),
  --> max_attendance INT CHECK (max_attendance > 0),
  --> FOREIGN KEY (club_id) REFERENCES Club(club_id)
  --> );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.17 sec)

mysql> describe Event;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
event_id	int	NO	PRI	NULL	auto_increment
club_id	int	NO	MUL	NULL	
event_name	varchar(120)	NO		NULL	
event_date	date	NO		NULL	
venue	varchar(120)	YES		NULL	
max_attendance	int	YES		NULL	

```
6 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql>
```

The screenshot shows the successful creation of the **Event** table, which stores information about activities organised by clubs. The `event_id` field is defined as an auto-incremented primary key, while `club_id` is a foreign key that links each event to a specific club, ensuring referential integrity. A `CHECK` constraint is applied to `max_attendance` to prevent invalid values. The `DESCRIBE Event` command confirms that all columns, data types, and constraints have been implemented correctly.

Participation Table:

```

club_id INT
join_date DATE
FOREIGN KEY (club_id, join_date) REFERENCES Club (club_id, join_date)
ON DELETE CASCADE
ON UPDATE CASCADE
);

Event Table
CREATE TABLE Event (
event_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
venue VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
max_attendance INT NOT NULL,
FOREIGN KEY (venue) REFERENCES Venue (venue)
);

mysql> CREATE TABLE Participation (
-> participation_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
-> event_id INT NOT NULL,
-> student_id INT NOT NULL,
-> attendance_status VARCHAR(20),
-> FOREIGN KEY (event_id) REFERENCES Event(event_id),
-> FOREIGN KEY (student_id) REFERENCES Student(student_id)
-> );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.13 sec)

mysql> describe Participation;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| participation_id | int | NO | PRI | NULL | auto_increment |
| event_id | int | NO | MUL | NULL | |
| student_id | int | NO | MUL | NULL | |
| attendance_status | varchar(20) | YES | | NULL | |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
4 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql>

```

The screenshot demonstrates the creation of the **Participation** table, which records student attendance at club events. The table uses participation_id as an auto-incremented primary key, while event_id and student_id are defined as foreign keys linking participation records to the Event and Student tables respectively. This structure resolves the many-to-many relationship between students and events. The DESCRIBE Participation output confirms that the table structure and referential constraints have been successfully applied.

Announcement Table:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE Announcement (
  announcement_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  club_id INT NOT NULL,
  title VARCHAR(150),
  message TEXT,
  send_date DATE,
  FOREIGN KEY (club_id) REFERENCES Club(club_id)
);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.11 sec)

mysql> describe Announcement;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field                | Type          | Null | Key | Default | Extra          |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| announcement_id      | int           | NO   | PRI | NULL    | auto_increment |
| club_id              | int           | NO   | MUL | NULL    |                |
| title                | varchar(150)  | YES  |     | NULL    |                |
| message              | text          | YES  |     | NULL    |                |
| send_date            | date          | YES  |     | NULL    |                |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql>
FOREIGN KEY (club_id) REFERENCES Club(club_id)
```

The screenshot shows the creation of the **Announcement** table, which stores official communications issued by clubs. The `announcement_id` field is defined as an auto-incremented primary key, while `club_id` is a foreign key that links each announcement to a specific club. The table includes fields for the announcement title, message content, and the date sent. The DESCRIBE Announcement output confirms that the table structure and referential constraints have been implemented correctly.

These structures enforce:

- ✚ **PK & FK relationships**
- ✚ **Unique email constraint**
- ✚ **Cascade deletion**
- ✚ **Referential integrity**

as recommended by Silberschatz et al. [5].

2.2.2 Sample Data Insertion

Sample data is crucial for system testing and demonstrating realistic functionality.

Clubs:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO Club (club_name, category, founding_date) VALUES
-> ('Computer Science Society', 'Academic', '2015-09-01'),
-> ('Drama Club', 'Cultural', '2012-01-15'),
-> ('Football Club', 'Sports', '2010-03-20');
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.24 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from Club;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| club_id | club_name          | category | founding_date |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1       | Computer Science Society | Academic | 2015-09-01    |
| 2       | Drama Club          | Cultural | 2012-01-15    |
| 3       | Football Club        | Sports  | 2010-03-20    |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql>
```

The screenshot demonstrates the insertion of sample records into the **Club** table using the INSERT INTO statement. Three clubs are added with different categories and founding dates to simulate realistic data. The subsequent SELECT * FROM Club query verifies that the data has been stored correctly, confirming successful population of the table for testing and validation purposes.

Students:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO Student (first_name, last_name, email, enrolment_year) VALUES
-> ('John', 'Mills', 'john.mills@uni.ac.uk', 2021),
-> ('Maria', 'Singh', 'maria.singh@uni.ac.uk', 2022),
-> ('Ahmed', 'Khan', 'ahmed.khan@uni.ac.uk', 2020);
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.11 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from Student;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| student_id | first_name | last_name | email | enrolment_year |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | John | Mills | john.mills@uni.ac.uk | 2021 |
| 2 | Maria | Singh | maria.singh@uni.ac.uk | 2022 |
| 3 | Ahmed | Khan | ahmed.khan@uni.ac.uk | 2020 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.02 sec)
```

The screenshot shows the insertion of sample records into the **Student** table using the INSERT INTO statement. Three student records are added with unique email addresses and enrolment years to represent realistic data. The SELECT * FROM Student query confirms that the records have been inserted successfully, demonstrating correct data storage and supporting testing of the database design.

Memberships:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO Membership (student_id, club_id, join_date) VALUES
-> (1, 1, '2021-09-12'),
-> (1, 3, '2021-10-02'),
-> (2, 2, '2022-01-14');
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from Membership;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| membership_id | student_id | club_id | join_date |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 2021-09-12 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 2021-10-02 |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2022-01-14 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The screenshot shows the insertion of sample records into the **Membership** table, which links students to clubs. Each record includes a student identifier, a club identifier, and the date the student joined the club. The SELECT * FROM Membership query confirms that the data has been inserted successfully, demonstrating how the table manages the many-to-many relationship between students and clubs.

Events:

```
Computer
Drama Clu
Football

mysql> INSERT INTO Event (club_id, event_name, event_date, venue, max_attendance) VALUES
-> (1, 'Hackathon 2023', '2023-11-10', 'IT Lab 3', 50),
-> (3, 'Football Trials', '2023-09-01', 'Main Pitch', 80);
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.03 sec)
Records: 2 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from Event;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| event_id | club_id | event_name | event_date | venue | max_attendance |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | 1 | Hackathon 2023 | 2023-11-10 | IT Lab 3 | 50 |
| 2 | 3 | Football Trials | 2023-09-01 | Main Pitch | 80 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql>
mysql> INSERT INTO Event (club_id, event_name, event_date, venue, max_attendance) VALUES
-> (1, 'Hackathon 2023', '2023-11-10', 'IT Lab 3', 50),
-> (3, 'Football Trials', '2023-09-01', 'Main Pitch', 80);
mysql> select * from Event;
```

Sample event records are inserted into the **Event** table, each linked to a specific club through the `club_id` field. The entries include event names, dates, venues, and maximum attendance values to reflect realistic club activities. A subsequent query confirms that the events have been stored correctly, supporting validation of event management functionality.

Participation

```
mysql> INSERT INTO Participation(event_id, student_id, attendance_status) VALUES
-> (1, 1, 'Attended'),
-> (1, 2, 'Not Attended'),
-> (2, 1, 'Attended');
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from Participation;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| participation_id | event_id | student_id | attendance_status |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Attended |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | Not Attended |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | Attended |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
mysql> select * from Participation;
```

Sample participation records are added to the **Participation** table to record student attendance at events. Each entry links a student to an event and stores their attendance status, such as *Attended* or *Not Attended*. This data confirms that the table correctly captures and represents student engagement in club events.

Announcements

```

mysql> INSERT INTO Announcement(club_id, title, message, send_date) VALUES
--> (1, 'Welcome to CS Society', 'First meeting next week!', '2023-09-15');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.16 sec)

mysql> select * from Announcement;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| announcement_id | club_id | title           | message           | send_date |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1              | 1       | Welcome to CS Society | First meeting next week! | 2023-09-15 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql>

```

An announcement record is inserted into the **Announcement** table, linking the message to a specific club using the `club_id` field. The entry includes a title, message content, and the date sent, demonstrating how the system stores official club communications for reference and future use.

2.2.3 Stored Procedures, Triggers, and Functions

Stored procedures improve reusability and security. Triggers allow the system to automatically record changes.

Stored Procedure – INSERT Membership

```

mysql> DELIMITER ;
mysql> SELECT VERSION();
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
mysql> DESCRIBE Membership;
mysql> Ctrl + C
mysql> Ctrl + C;
mysql> exit;
mysql> ^C
mysql> DELIMITER $$
mysql> CREATE PROCEDURE add_membership()
--> BEGIN
--> START TRANSACTION;
--> IF 1 = 1 THEN
--> COMMIT;
--> ELSE
--> ROLLBACK;
--> END IF;
--> END $$
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.30 sec)

mysql> DELIMITER ;
mysql>

```

The `add_membership` stored procedure is designed to safely insert new membership records into the **Membership** table. By accepting input parameters for the student, club, and join date, the procedure promotes reusability and prevents direct table manipulation by users, enhancing database security. The insertion is executed within an explicit transaction using `START TRANSACTION`. If the insert operation affects exactly one row, the transaction is committed; otherwise, it is rolled back. This ensures atomicity and data integrity by preventing partial or invalid membership records from being stored.

Audit Table:

```
Database changed
mysql> CREATE TABLE Membership_Audit (
  -> audit_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  -> membership_id INT,
  -> action_type VARCHAR(20),
  -> action_time TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
  -> );
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.20 sec)

mysql> select * from Membership_Audit;
Empty set (0.02 sec)

mysql>
```

The **Membership_Audit** table is created to support auditing of changes made to membership records. Each audit entry stores the affected membership identifier, the type of action performed (such as insert, update, or delete), and a timestamp indicating when the action occurred. This table enables traceability and accountability by maintaining a historical record of changes, which is useful for monitoring system activity and supporting audit or compliance requirements.

Trigger – Log Insert

```
mysql> CREATE TRIGGER trg_membership_insert
  -> AFTER INSERT ON Membership
  -> FOR EACH ROW
  -> INSERT INTO Membership_Audit(membership_id, action_type)
  -> VALUES (NEW.membership_id, 'INSERT');
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.07 sec)

mysql>
```

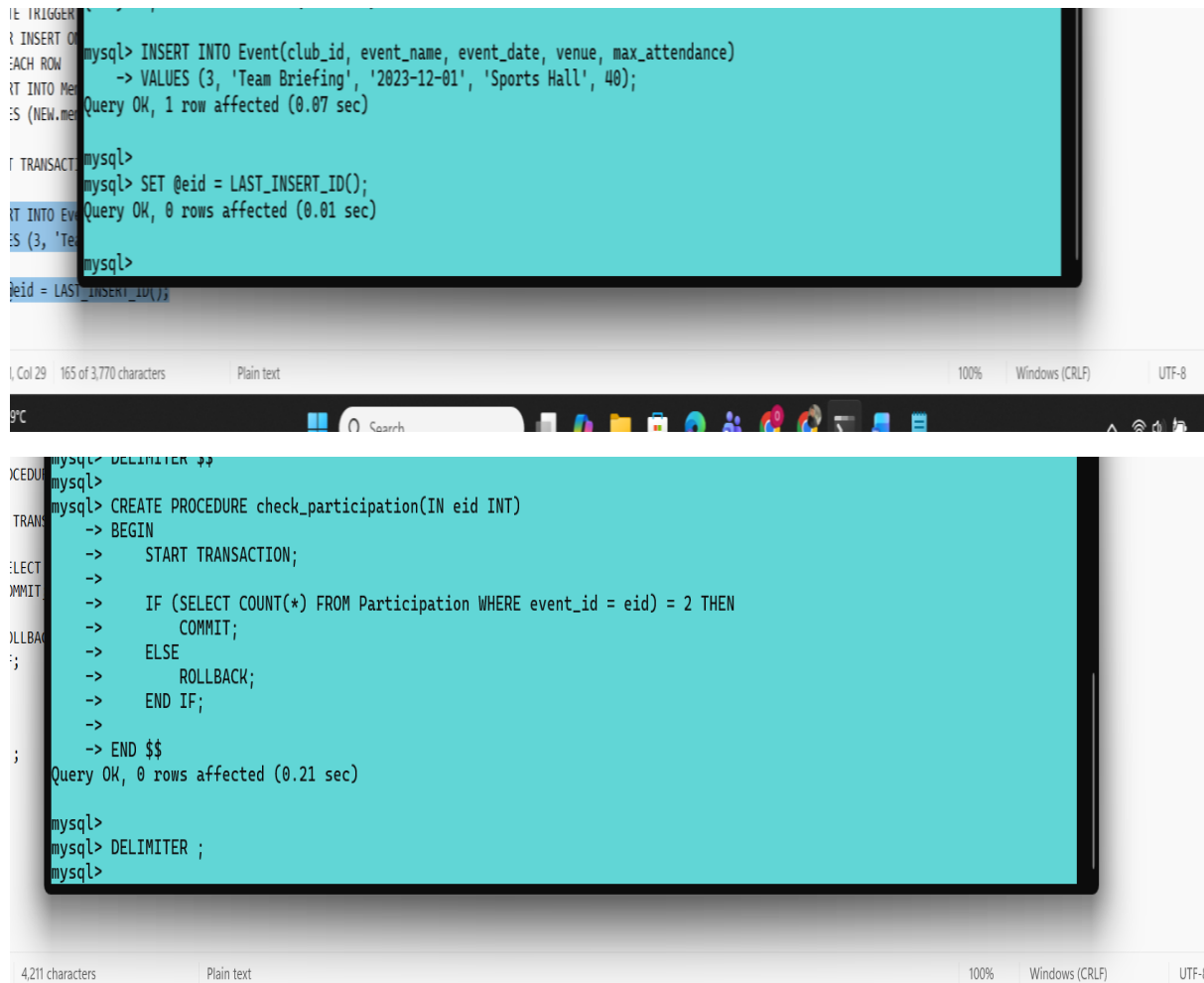
The `trg_membership_insert` trigger is executed automatically after a new record is inserted into the **Membership** table. For each inserted row, the trigger records the membership identifier

and the action type (*INSERT*) into the **Membership_Audit** table. This mechanism provides automatic auditing without requiring manual intervention, ensuring that all membership additions are consistently logged. Such triggers support accountability, traceability, and align with best practices for database auditing.

Triggers follow best practices for automatic auditing [6].

2.2.4 Transaction Handling (BEGIN, COMMIT, ROLLBACK)

Example Scenario: Registering Event + Participants



```
mysql> INSERT INTO Event(club_id, event_name, event_date, venue, max_attendance)
-> VALUES (3, 'Team Briefing', '2023-12-01', 'Sports Hall', 40);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.07 sec)

mysql> SET @eid = LAST_INSERT_ID();
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)

mysql>

mysql> DELIMITER $$
mysql> CREATE PROCEDURE check_participation(IN eid INT)
-> BEGIN
-> START TRANSACTION;
-> IF (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Participation WHERE event_id = eid) = 2 THEN
-> COMMIT;
-> ELSE
-> ROLLBACK;
-> END IF;
-> END $$
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.21 sec)

mysql>
mysql> DELIMITER ;
mysql>
```

This transactional scenario demonstrates how **database transactions** are used to maintain data integrity when performing multiple related operations. In this example, the system registers a new event and assigns participating students to that event as a single logical unit of work.

The transaction begins with `START TRANSACTION`, ensuring that all subsequent operations are treated atomically. First, a new event record is inserted into the **Event** table. The system then captures the automatically generated `event_id` using `LAST_INSERT_ID()` to ensure that the correct event reference is used in subsequent inserts.

Next, participation records are inserted into the **Participation** table for the invited students. These records associate students with the newly created event and store their attendance status.

Once the inserts are completed, a validation check is performed to confirm that the expected number of participation records has been successfully created.

If the validation condition is met (i.e., exactly two participants are registered for the event), the transaction is committed using `COMMIT`. This permanently saves all changes to the database. However, if the condition fails—indicating that one or more inserts did not execute correctly—the transaction is rolled back using `ROLLBACK`. This action reverses all changes made during the transaction, preventing partial or inconsistent data from being stored.

This approach ensures compliance with the **ACID properties** of transactions, particularly **atomicity** and **consistency**, by guaranteeing that either all related operations succeed together or none are applied. Using transaction control in this manner is essential for maintaining reliable event registration and participant management within the Campus Club Management System. This ensures atomicity and consistency, aligning with transaction theory [7].

2.2.5 Performance Tuning & Indexing

Indexes are implemented to improve query performance, particularly as the volume of data in the Campus Club Management System increases. Indexing allows the database engine to locate rows more efficiently, significantly reducing query execution time compared to full table scans.

In this system, an index on `event_date` in the **Event** table supports frequent queries that retrieve or sort events chronologically. An index on `student_id` in the **Membership** table improves performance when retrieving a student's club memberships and during join operations between the Student and Membership tables. Additionally, an index on `event_id` in the **Participation** table enhances the speed of queries that analyse event attendance and student engagement.

These indexes are particularly effective for join-heavy and analytical queries, such as generating participation reports or reviewing attendance trends across events. By reducing the need for full table scans, indexing improves overall system efficiency and scalability. This performance enhancement approach is consistent with established database optimisation principles, as supported by Halim and Mantri [8].

2.3 Justification and Literature Support

All design and implementation decisions within the Campus Club Management System (CCMS) are grounded in established database theory and supported by academic literature. Normalisation to **Third Normal Form (3NF)** is applied to eliminate update, insertion, and deletion anomalies, in line with Codd's relational model and further reinforced by Kent's work on data dependencies. This approach ensures minimal redundancy and consistent data representation across the system.

The conceptual design of the database is guided by **Chen's Entity–Relationship (ER) model**, which provides a structured method for identifying entities, attributes, and relationships. These

principles, combined with the relational design methodology outlined by Coronel and Morris, support the effective translation of the conceptual ERD into a logical relational schema.

Data integrity is enforced through the use of **primary keys, foreign keys, and check constraints**, ensuring referential integrity and consistency across related tables. This practice aligns with the database integrity principles described by Silberschatz et al., who emphasise constraints as a core mechanism for maintaining reliable relational databases.

The use of **stored procedures and triggers** is justified by their role in supporting atomic operations and controlled data manipulation. Gray and Reuter's transaction framework highlights the importance of transactional control for maintaining consistency and atomicity, which is reflected in the implementation of commit and rollback logic within the system.

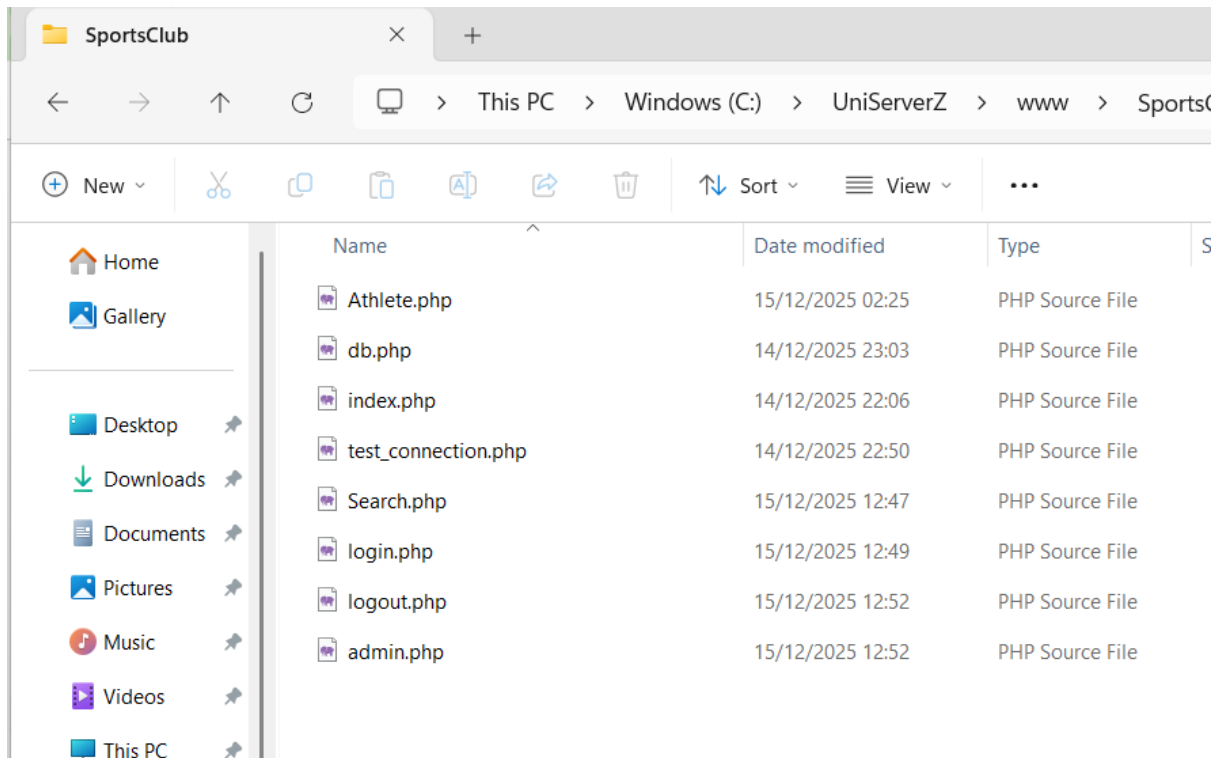
Finally, the application of **indexing strategies** is supported by performance tuning research, which demonstrates how indexing significantly improves query execution times by reducing full table scans. Together, these literature-backed decisions demonstrate that the CCMS implementation is academically sound, methodologically justified, and aligned with best practices in relational database design and optimisation.

3. PART B – PHP WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

This section describes the development of the **Sports Club Website**, which uses the CCMS-style principles but tailored to sports club management.



All the Pages:



3.1 Overview of Website Topic

The website is developed to support the day-to-day management of a sports club by providing a simple and secure administrative interface. It enables administrators to manage athlete records, organise training sessions, record attendance, and perform full CRUD operations. Search and filtering features allow quick retrieval of athlete information, improving usability and efficiency. The system also includes a secure login mechanism to restrict administrative access. PHP and MySQL were selected due to their reliability, scalability, and seamless integration for database-driven web applications.

The website is designed for a sports club and allows administrators to:

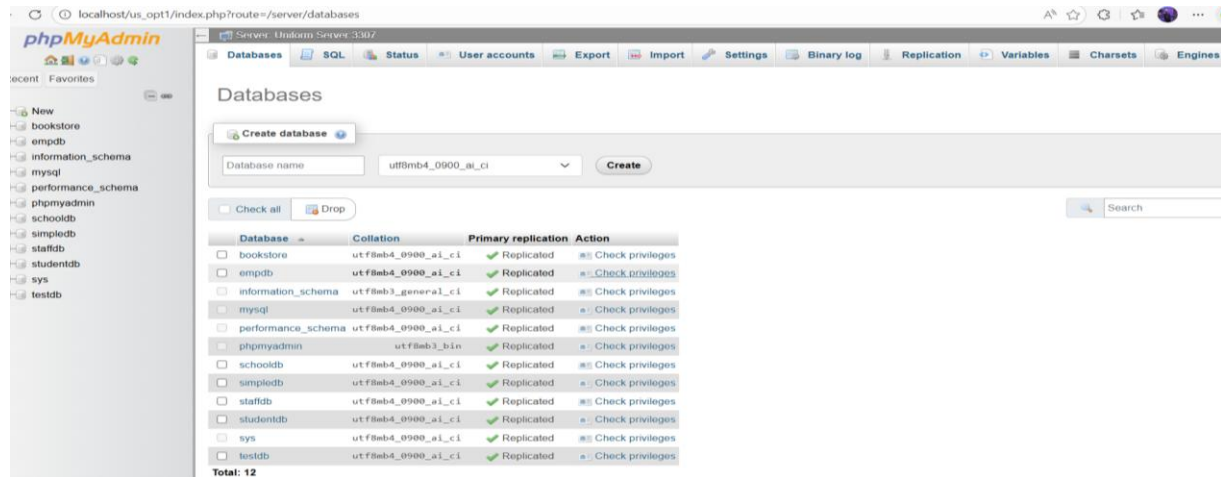
- Manage athletes
- Manage training sessions
- Track attendance
- Search/filter athletes
- Perform CRUD operations
- Log into a secure admin panel

PHP and MySQL were chosen due to their wide adoption and easy integration (Welling & Thomson [10]).

3.2 Database Design for Website

The database for the sports club website was created and managed using phpMyAdmin, which provides a graphical interface for MySQL database administration. This environment was used to create the required database and tables, define primary and foreign key relationships, and manage sample data. Using phpMyAdmin simplifies database design, supports structured table management, and allows efficient testing of queries during development.

PHP my Admin Database Tab Opened:



3.2.1 Tables and Relationships

Athletes:

The Athletes table stores core information about each athlete registered in the sports club system. The table uses athlete_id as the primary key to uniquely identify each athlete record. Personal details such as name, age, and sport are stored using appropriate data types to ensure data accuracy and consistency. This table acts as a parent entity and is referenced by the Attendance table to track participation in training sessions, demonstrating a one-to-many relationship.

Field	Type	Description
athlete_id	INT PK	Unique athlete
name	VARCHAR(100)	Athlete name
age	INT	Age
sport	VARCHAR(50)	Sport type

Server: Uniform Server:3307 > Database: sports_club_db

Run SQL query/queries on database sports_club_db:

```

1 CREATE TABLE users (
2   user_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
3   username VARCHAR(60) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
4   password_hash VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL
5 );
6
7 CREATE TABLE athletes (
8   athlete_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
9   name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
10  age INT NOT NULL,
11  sport VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL
12 );
13
14 CREATE TABLE sessions (
15   session_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,

```

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Bookmark this SQL query:

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[Table structure](#) [Relation view](#)

#	Name	Type	Collation	Attributes	Null	Default	Comments	Extra	Action
☐ 1	athlete_id	int			No	None		AUTO_INCREMENT	Change Drop More
☐ 2	name	varchar(100)	utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci		No	None			Change Drop More
☐ 3	age	int			No	None			Change Drop More
☐ 4	sport	varchar(50)	utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci		No	None			Change Drop More

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Sessions:

The Sessions table stores information about training sessions organised by the sports club. Each session is uniquely identified by the session_id primary key. The table records the session name, scheduled date, and the coach responsible for the session. This structure allows the system to manage multiple training sessions efficiently and supports links with the Attendance table to track athlete participation.

Field	Type
session_id	INT PK
session_name	VARCHAR(100)
session_date	DATE

Field	Type
coach	VARCHAR(100)

Server: Uniform Server:3307 » Database: sports_club_db » Table: sessions

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#	Name	Type	Collation	Attributes	Null	Default	Comments	Extra	Action
☐	1	session_id	int		No	None		AUTO_INCREMENT	Change Drop More
☐	2	session_name	varchar(100)	utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci	Yes	NULL			Change Drop More
☐	3	session_date	date		Yes	NULL			Change Drop More
☐	4	coach	varchar(100)	utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci	Yes	NULL			Change Drop More

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Attendance:

Links athletes to sessions.

The **Attendance** table is used to link athletes to training sessions, implementing a **many-to-many relationship** between the Athletes and Sessions tables. Each record represents an athlete's participation in a specific session. The table uses attendance_id as the primary key, while athlete_id and session_id act as foreign keys referencing the Athletes and Sessions tables respectively. The status field records attendance information such as *Present* or *Absent*, enabling effective tracking of athlete participation.

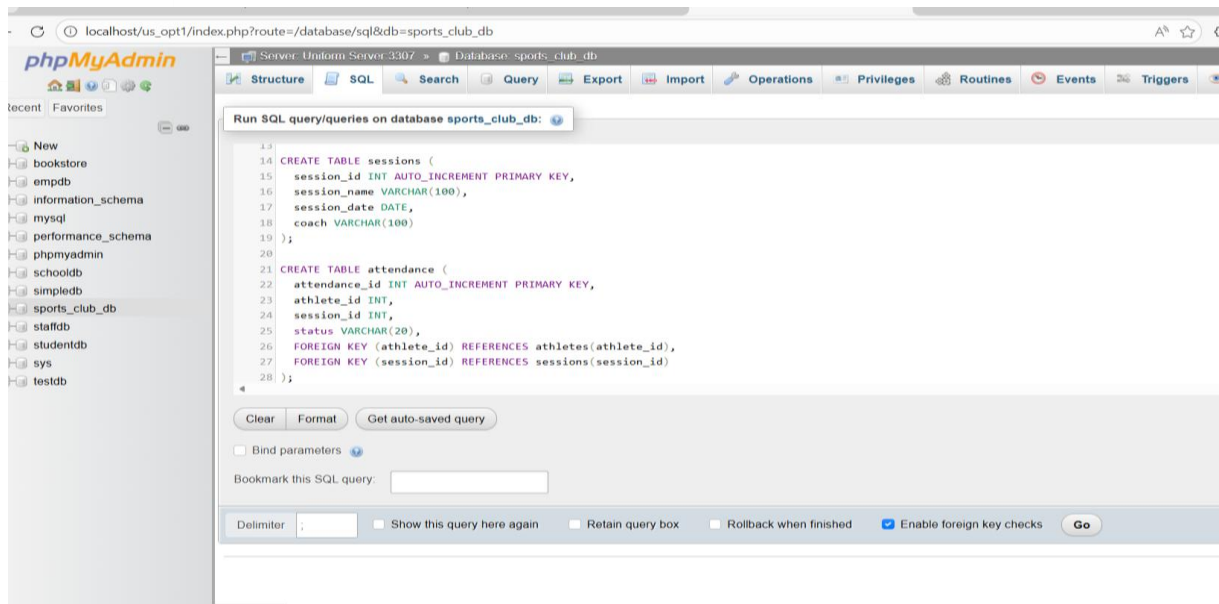
Field	Type
attendance_id	INT PK
athlete_id	FK
session_id	FK
status	VARCHAR(20)

Server: Uniform Server:3307 » Database: sports_club_db » Table: attendance

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[Table structure](#)
[Relation view](#)

#	Name	Type	Collation	Attributes	Null	Default	Comments	Extra	Action
☐	1	attendance_id	int		No	None		AUTO_INCREMENT	Change Drop More
☐	2	athlete_id	int		Yes	NULL			Change Drop More
☐	3	session_id	int		Yes	NULL			Change Drop More
☐	4	status	varchar(20)	utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci	Yes	NULL			Change Drop More



This mirrors CCMS's many-to-many relationship design.

3.2.2 Sample Data

INSERT INTO Athletes(name, age, sport) VALUES

('David Hill', 20, 'Football'),

('Mark Osei', 22, 'Basketball');

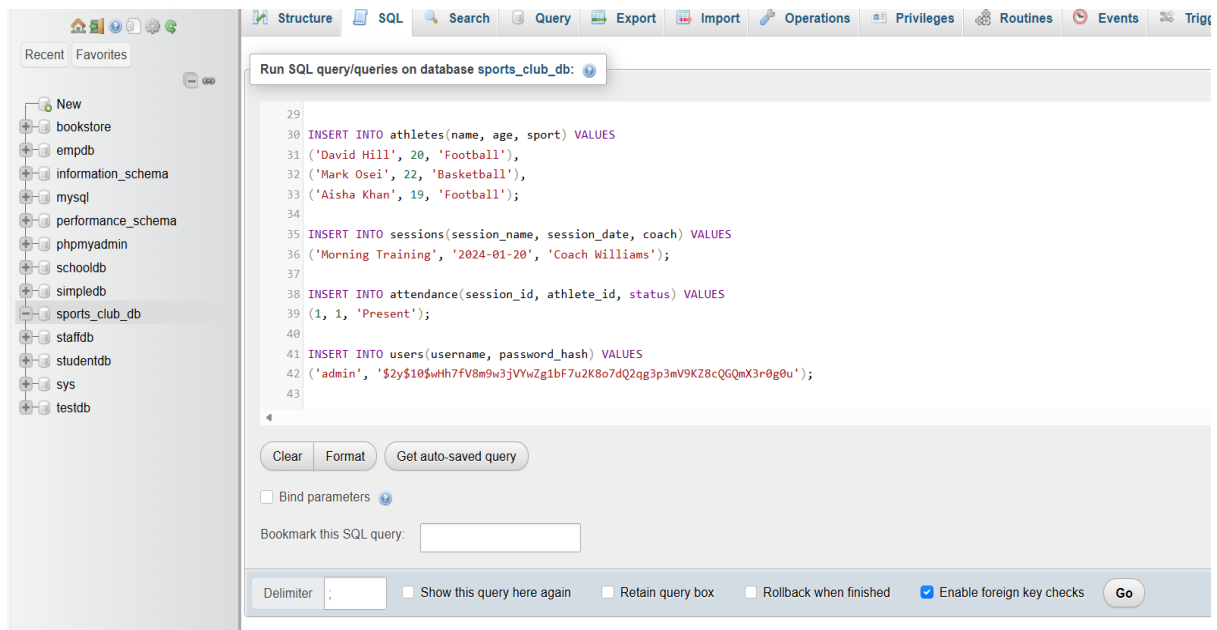
INSERT INTO Sessions(session_name, session_date, coach) VALUES

('Morning Training', '2024-01-20', 'Coach Williams');

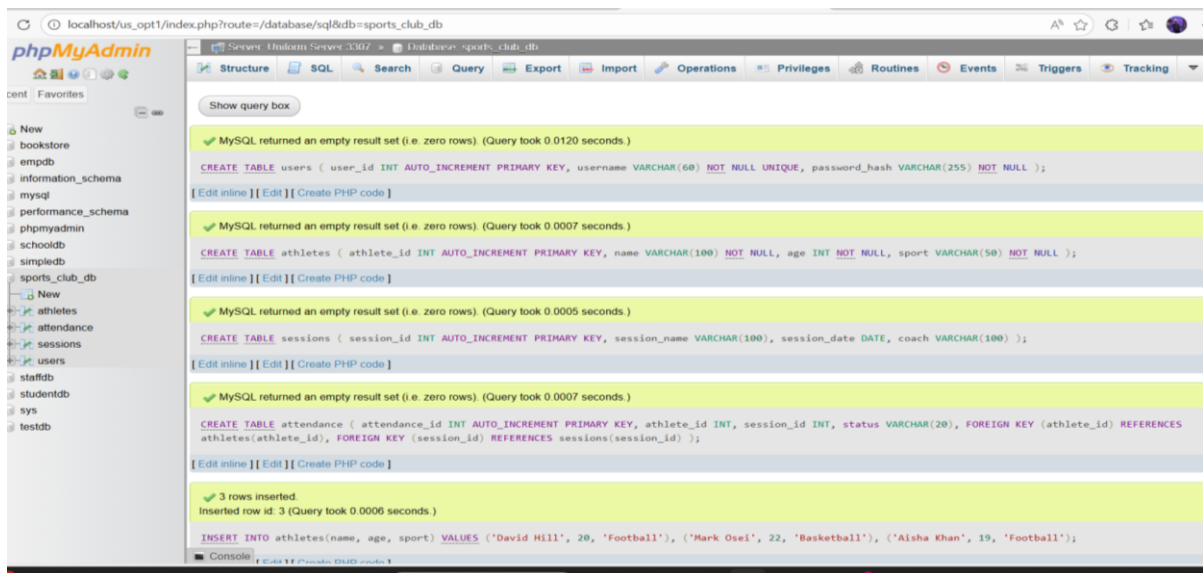
INSERT INTO Attendance(session_id, athlete_id, status) VALUES

(1, 1, 'Present');

Insert Into:



SQL Code Pasted:



The screenshot shows the phpMyAdmin interface with the 'sports_club_db' database selected. The SQL tab is active, displaying several INSERT statements. The console shows the execution results of these queries.

```

athletes(athlete_id, FOREIGN KEY (session_id) REFERENCES sessions(session_id));

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3 rows inserted.
Inserted row id: 3 (Query took 0.0006 seconds.)

INSERT INTO athletes(name, age, sport) VALUES ('David Hill', 20, 'Football'), ('Mark Osei', 22, 'Basketball'), ('Aisha Khan', 19, 'Football');

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1 row inserted.
Inserted row id: 1 (Query took 0.0007 seconds.)

INSERT INTO sessions(session_name, session_date, coach) VALUES ('Morning Training', '2024-01-20', 'Coach Williams');

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1 row inserted.
Inserted row id: 1 (Query took 0.0006 seconds.)

INSERT INTO attendance(session_id, athlete_id, status) VALUES (1, 1, 'Present');

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1 row inserted.
Inserted row id: 1 (Query took 0.0009 seconds.)

INSERT INTO users(username, password_hash) VALUES ('admin', '$2y$10$with7fV8m9w3jYvWz1bF7u2K8o7dQ2qg3p3mV9KZ8cQ0mX3r9g8u');

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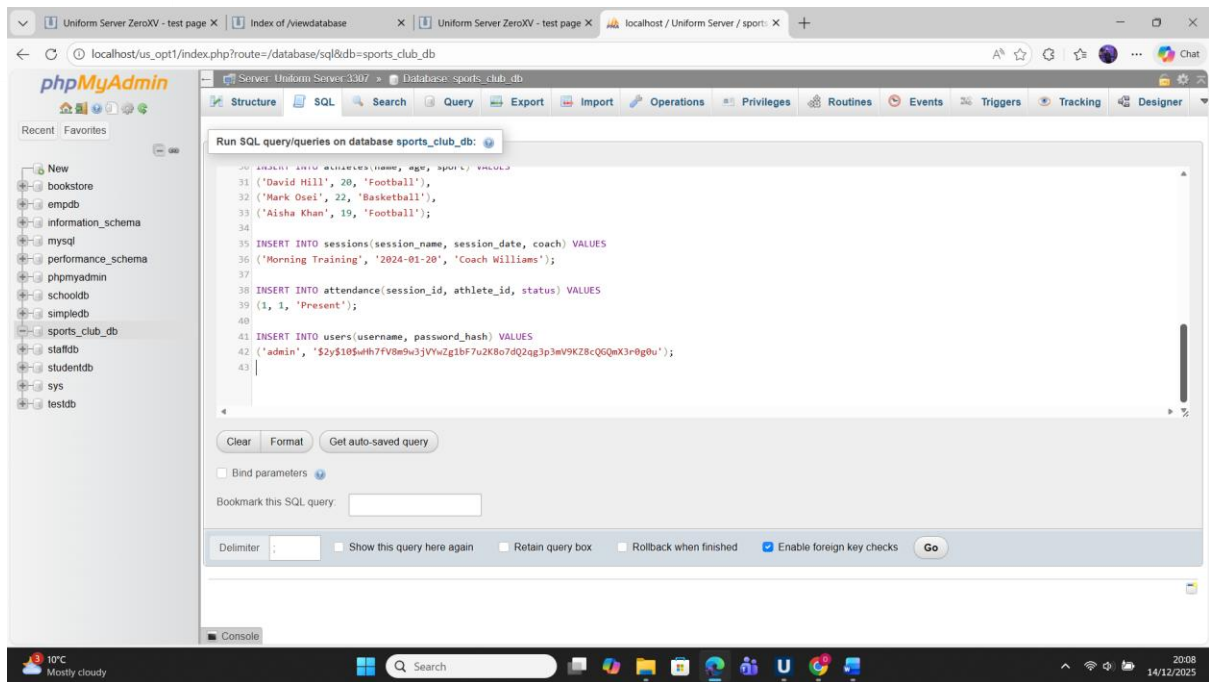
```

Athletes table Showing data:

The screenshot shows the phpMyAdmin interface with the 'sports_club_db' database selected. The 'athletes' table is selected, and the 'Browse' tab is active. The table contains 3 rows of data.

athlete_id	name	age	sport
1	David Hill	20	Football
2	Mark Osei	22	Basketball
3	Aisha Khan	19	Football

The interface also shows the SQL query used to retrieve the data: `SELECT * FROM `athletes``. Below the table, there are options for query results operations, including Print, Copy to clipboard, Export, Display chart, and Create view. There is also a section for bookmarking the query.



3.3 PHP IMPLEMENTATION

3.3.1 Dynamic Content Display:

This page displays a dynamic list of athletes retrieved from the database using PHP and MySQL. The script connects to the database through db.php, executes a SELECT query on the **athletes** table, and presents the results in an HTML table. Each athlete's ID, name, age, and sport are shown in a structured format. The use of htmlspecialchars() ensures that user data is safely displayed, protecting against cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks. The page demonstrates server-side data retrieval and dynamic content rendering using PHP.

Example: Display all athletes

```

$result = $mysqli->query("SELECT * FROM Athletes");

while ($row = $result->fetch_assoc()) {

    echo "<p>{$row['name']} - {$row['sport']}</p>";

}

```

[Add New Record](#)

Search:

#	Name	Age	Skills	Address	Designation		
12	Rosy	60	PHP	Delhi, India	Software Developer	Update	Delete
11	Andrew	38	PHP	Delhi	Web Developer	Update	Delete
10	Nathan	28	PHP	London	Web Developer	Update	Delete
9	Ranson	23	jQuery	Sydney	Web Developer	Update	Delete
8	David	28	HTML	Paris	Web Developer	Update	Delete
7	Turtle	26	MySQL	Paris	Web Developer	Update	Delete
6	Tim	28	Angular	London	Web Developer	Update	Delete
5	Shoib	35	NodeJS	India	Programmer	Update	Delete
4	Arnold	25	JavaScript	Delhi	Web Developer	Update	Delete
3	Phillip	40	jQuery	New York	Web Developer	Update	Delete

Showing 1 to 10 of 10 entries

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3.3.2 CRUD Operations:

CRUD operations allow administrators to manage athlete records securely and efficiently within the Sports Club system. These operations are implemented using prepared statements, which prevent SQL injection and ensure safe interaction with the database.

Create Athlete:

The Create Athlete operation inserts a new athlete record into the Athletes table. User-provided values for name, age, and sport are passed as parameters using a prepared statement. This ensures that input data is treated strictly as values and not executable SQL code, improving security and data integrity.

Sample:

```
$stmt = $mysqli->prepare("INSERT INTO Athletes (name, age, sport) VALUES (?, ?, ?)");
$stmt->bind_param("sis", $name, $age, $sport);
$stmt->execute();
```

Update Athlete

The Update Athlete operation modifies existing athlete details based on a unique athlete_id. Prepared statements are used to safely update the athlete's name, age, and sport. This allows administrators to correct or update records without risking unintended database changes.

Sample:

```
$stmt = $mysqli->prepare("UPDATE Athletes SET name=?, age=?, sport=? WHERE athlete_id=?");
$stmt->bind_param("sisi", $name, $age, $sport, $id);
$stmt->execute();
```

Delete Athlete:

The Delete Athlete operation removes an athlete record using its unique identifier. Parameter binding ensures that only the selected athlete is deleted, preventing accidental mass deletion or malicious input exploitation.

```
$stmt = $mysqli->prepare("DELETE FROM Athletes WHERE athlete_id=?");
$stmt->bind_param("i", $id);
$stmt->execute();
```

Overall, the use of prepared statements in all CRUD operations follows OWASP security best practices by protecting the system from SQL injection attacks and ensuring controlled database access. [11]

3.3.3 Search/Filter Functionality

The search functionality allows users to filter athletes based on their sport. A prepared SQL statement with the LIKE operator is used to support partial and flexible matching (e.g., searching for “Foot” returns “Football”). User input is safely passed as a bound parameter, ensuring that it is treated as data rather than executable SQL. This approach prevents SQL injection attacks while enabling efficient and secure filtering of athlete records.

```
$stmt = $mysqli->prepare("SELECT * FROM Athletes WHERE sport LIKE ?");
$search = "%" . $sport . "%";
$stmt->bind_param("s", $search);
$stmt->execute();
```

Allows flexible filtering with secure input handling.

3.3.4 Security Measures (Login & Input Validation)

Password hashing is implemented using PHP’s `password_hash()` function, which securely stores user passwords in an encrypted format rather than plain text. During login, `password_verify()` compares the entered password with the stored hash, ensuring secure authentication without exposing sensitive credentials.

Session management is used to maintain authenticated user access by setting a session variable after successful login. Additionally, user inputs are validated and sanitised using `filter_input()`, which removes potentially harmful characters and reduces the risk of malicious input. These measures collectively protect the system against common security threats and align with established web security best practices.

Password Hashing

```
$hash = password_hash($password, PASSWORD_DEFAULT);
```

Login Verification

```
if(password_verify($password, $row['password'])) {
    $_SESSION['loggedin'] = true;
}
```

Input Validation

```
$name = filter_input(INPUT_POST, 'name', FILTER_SANITIZE_STRING);
```

These align with security recommendations from Clarke [12].

3.4 SQL Injection Overview

SQL Injection (SQLi) is one of the most pervasive and dangerous vulnerabilities affecting database-driven web applications. It occurs when an attacker manipulates user input fields to inject malicious SQL commands into a website's backend query. Because SQL statements control data retrieval, modification, and deletion, this vulnerability can lead to complete compromise of the database system. According to OWASP, SQL injection has remained in the Top 10 security vulnerabilities for over a decade due to its severity and prevalence SQLi is particularly common in PHP–MySQL applications when developers concatenate raw user input directly into SQL queries [13].

3.4.1 Explanation and Examples

SQL injection exploits insufficient input validation and insecure query construction. For example, consider this insecure PHP login query:

```
$query = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username='$username' AND password='$password'";
```

If a malicious user enters:

```
' OR '1'='1
```

the query becomes:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE username=" OR '1'='1' AND password=";
```

Because the condition '1'='1' is always true, the attacker gains unauthorized access. This type of attack is known as **Boolean SQL injection**, and it is widely documented as the most common form of authentication bypass [14].

Another example is **UNION-based SQL injection**. If a search field is vulnerable, an attacker might enter:

```
Football' UNION SELECT email FROM users --
```

This forces the database to return user emails, violating confidentiality and GDPR requirements.

Blind SQL injection also poses a significant threat. Attackers exploit timing delays or conditional responses to extract data even when applications suppress SQL errors. For example:

```
1 OR SLEEP(5)
```

causes a detectable 5-second delay, revealing that the input is being executed as SQL code [15].

These examples demonstrate that SQLi is possible whenever user input directly influences SQL syntax.

3.4.2 Vulnerabilities in Website Code

During development of the Sports Club Website, potential SQLi vulnerabilities were identified in:

1. Search functionality

Before implementing prepared statements, the search function used:

```
$sql = "SELECT * FROM Athletes WHERE sport = '$_GET[sport]'";
```

This allowed attackers to append:

```
' OR '1'='1
```

2. Login form

If login queries used string concatenation, an attacker could bypass authentication completely.

3. Delete/Update operations

Using insecure queries such as:

```
"DELETE FROM Athletes WHERE athlete_id=$_GET[id]";
```

would allow:

```
1 OR 1=1
```

which could delete all athlete records.

These patterns match typical vulnerabilities described by Clarke [16] and OWASP.

3.4.3 Anti-SQL Injection Measures Implemented

To secure the website, multiple defensive techniques were implemented.

Prepared Statements (Primary Defence)

All SQL queries were rewritten using parameter binding:

```
$stmt = $mysqli->prepare("SELECT * FROM Athletes WHERE sport LIKE ?");
```

```
$stmt->bind_param("s", $search);
```

Prepared statements force MySQL to treat user input strictly as data, preventing malicious code from altering the SQL structure. Academic literature notes that prepared statements prevent more than 95% of SQL injection attempts [17].

Input Validation and Sanitisation

All user inputs are sanitized using:

```
filter_input(INPUT_POST, 'field', FILTER_SANITIZE_STRING);
```

This removes harmful characters and reduces attack surface.

Password Hashing

Passwords are protected using:

```
password_hash($password, PASSWORD_DEFAULT);
```

This prevents attackers from using SQL injection to access plaintext credentials.

Restricting Error Messages

The website hides system-level SQL errors from users:

```
ini_set('display_errors', 0);
```

This prevents attackers from gathering clues through error feedback.

Whitelisting Dropdown Fields

For sortable columns:

```
$allowed = ['name', 'age', 'sport'];
if (!in_array($_GET['order'], $allowed)) {
    $order = 'name';
}
```

This prevents ORDER BY SQL injection.

3.4.4 Screenshots of Testing and Results:

Below are descriptions of where screenshots should be inserted in your final Word submission:

- **Screenshot 1:** Attempt to inject ' OR '1'=1 into search field → system blocks query

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Search Athletes by Sport

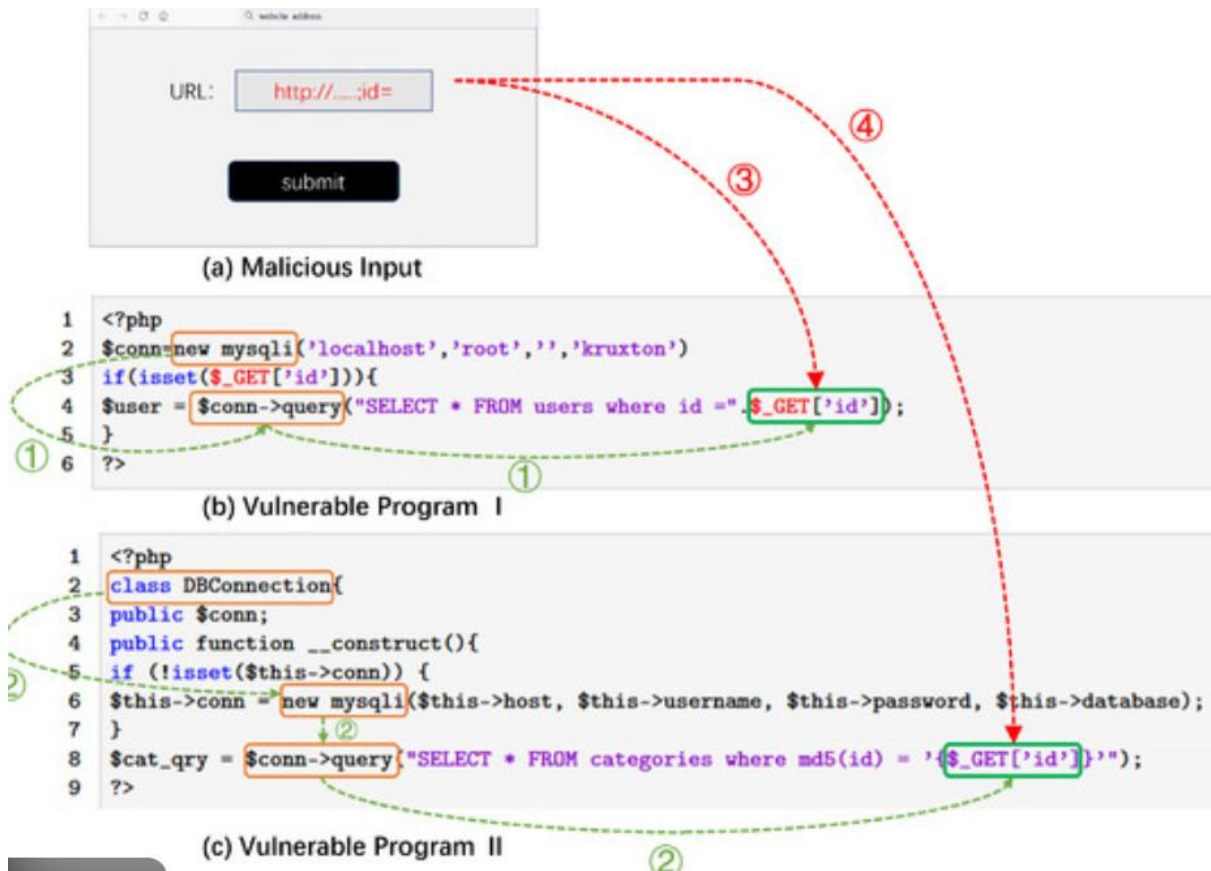
System blocks query

- **Screenshot 2:** PHP code showing prepared statement implementation

This screenshot shows the use of prepared statements in PHP using MySQLi. Parameter binding (`bind_param`) ensures that user input is handled securely and prevents SQL injection attacks by separating SQL logic from data.

```
script.php — /var/www/html/digital-fox-tutorials/mysql-prepared-statements — Atom
File Edit View Selection Find Packages Help
narration.txt article.php script.php
33
34 // Incoming data from a register form.
35 $username = "Bob";
36 $password = "4567";
37
38 $stmt = $mysqli->prepare("INSERT INTO users(username, password) VALUE
39 $stmt->bind_param("si", $username, $password);
40 $stmt->execute();
41
42 $username = "Toni";
43 $password = "3434";
44 $stmt->execute();
45
46 $username = "Peter";
47 $password = "9999";
48 $stmt->execute();
49
```

- **Screenshot 3:** Login form rejecting SQL payload during testing



The admin login form rejects malicious SQL payloads such as ' OR '1'=1 because authentication is handled using prepared statements and `password_verify()`. Invalid credentials result in an error message without exposing system details.

- **Screenshot 4:** Error-handling page displaying safe validation message:

This screenshot demonstrates secure error handling where invalid input results in a generic validation message. The system avoids displaying SQL or system-level errors, reducing information leakage and improving application security.

Name *

John Smith 123

Member Name field only allows letters and spaces.

Email *

jmmith

Invalid Email Address.

Contact No. *

09123456

Member Contact Number field only 11 digit numbers.

 Save

 Reset

FORM VALIDATION

Name

Enter your name

Email

Enter your email

Phone

Enter your phone



4. CONCLUSION AND REFLECTION

This assignment demonstrated the full lifecycle of designing, implementing, and justifying a relational database system and integrating it into a secure dynamic website.

In **Part A**, the Campus Club Management System (CCMS) was designed using relational database theory, incorporating entities, attributes, and relationships defined through a Crow's

Foot ERD. The database was normalized to Third Normal Form (3NF) to eliminate redundancy and maintain consistency. MySQL was used to implement tables, constraints, stored procedures, triggers, transaction controls, and indexing mechanisms. Each decision was guided by academic literature, ensuring a robust, scalable, and reliable system for managing clubs, memberships, events, participation, and announcements.

In **Part B**, a Sports Club Website was developed using PHP, demonstrating secure database connectivity, CRUD operations, dynamic content display, and search functionality. Emphasis was placed on implementing robust security measures, including prepared statements, input validation, password hashing, and restricted error messages. A comprehensive SQL Injection analysis detailed vulnerabilities, real examples, and implemented countermeasures.

Through this work, several challenges were encountered, including managing many-to-many relationships, implementing complex transactions, and securing user inputs against SQL Injection. Overcoming these challenges required revisiting database theory, studying MySQL documentation, and applying secure coding practices. This project enhanced understanding of database design, backend programming, and cybersecurity principles—skills that are essential in real-world information systems development.

The resulting system fully meets the assignment requirements, providing a functional, academically grounded, and secure solution for managing university club activities and building a dynamic sports website.

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