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Abstract

Today we are in a new era of technology marked by an unprecedented revolution in social networking, with the Internet growing at a very rapid rate and becoming increasingly available to billions of people all over the world, almost everyone has access to the internet anywhere in the world and at any time, therefore they can browse and get connected to the Internet no matter where they are. The main objective or better still the aim of our website is to demonstrate how a group of people with a common background and a common interest can be brought together under the same umbrella to share their views on matters of common interest, exchange information, provide help and support to group members and above all regularly keep in touch with each other in today's very hectic world; all these thanks to the very powerful and innovative evolution of sophisticated Information Technologies as exemplified by the rapid and dynamic growth of the Internet. Our website provides all the common facilities that a typical online community forum does; namely: a full-fledged interactive Forum and an Alumni Portal in addition to the usual amenities that all websites provide such a home page, contact us module etc. Besides, another prominent feature of our website is an attractive gallery of photos implemented with J-Query and viewed in a virtual studio that looks aesthetically appealing to the user. Our website also has an up-to-date interactive forum panel for its users to keep in touch. Articles are posted exclusively by the Administrator of the website and users can only view and comment on them. Alumni members are approved by the Administrator after proper verification is done. The Administrator has the privilege to block forum members as well as registered Alumni. All in all, our project is a modern community website that incorporates most of the recent technologies in the field of web development and responds adequately to the needs of a student community that we are.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Project Background

Recently, the world has started changing rapidly. People are living under the umbrella of globalization. People nowadays can communicate easily wherever they are and whenever they want, by using the facilities that have been provided by information technology notably the Internet ^[11]. The Internet has now become one of the most important technologies of communication for people all over the world. So far there are over two hundred Cameroonian students who have already passed out from IUT and are now pursuing their professional careers in diverse parts of the world. Many more will still join them in the years and years to come. There is thus a clear need to develop a community website that brings them all together under the umbrella of an online forum. This is exactly what our website is out to achieve.

1.2 Overview of the significance of Social Networking

The Internet is one of the recent developments in communication and information transfer. It is considered a technology asset because of its ability to disseminate larger volume of information quickly and effectively to all types of stakeholders, including current students, prospective applicants, alumni members and the wider public audience. Nowadays, many organizations and communities use the internet not only as a valuable tool of interaction in providing a low-cost medium for communication, but also a channel of further socialization to promote friendly ties among its members^[12]. This has resulted in the increased usage of the Internet all over the world and has become a very significant strategic tool in fostering and modernizing the phenomenon of social networking. This has seen the Internet growing from a research network to a world-wide network which is used daily by billions of people and the phenomenal growth and rising popularity of the Internet have attracted Groups and Communities to come together in a bid to foster their common good. The development of the Internet has proven to change and enhance many aspects of our daily life. Today it is no longer necessary to leave one's home to go to the post office to send photos and letters to friends or go to the radio and television houses to make public announcements to members. Communications

between friends and relatives living in different countries can occur in a matter of seconds thanks to the powerful network of networks commonly called the Internet.

Members who want to share information just have to sign up to the Forum portal of the CSCIUT website and do so in a matter of seconds.

1.3 Impact of ICT on Social Networking

Information Technology has generated fundamental changes in the nature of application of technology in the sphere social networking. Information and communication technologies (ICT) can provide powerful strategies and technical tools for communities, which, if properly applied and used, could bring great advantages in promoting and strengthening their competitiveness ^[12].

In recent years ICT developments have had enormous implications for the operation, structure and strategy of organizations as well as like-minded Groups and communities.

The degree of interaction between and among people future nowadays depend to great extent on their use of ICT. It contributes towards efficiency and improvements of both inter-community and intra-community communication.

ICT is changing the world dramatically. The World Wide Web has created a completely new order in the social networking sphere with e-communication that broadcasts events in a matter of seconds and make it available to all people from different corners of the world.

1.4 E-Community in Brief

An e-community is a social network of individuals who interact through specific online forums, potentially crossing geographical boundaries in order to pursue mutual interests or goals. One of the most pervasive types of e-community includes social networking services, which consist of various online communities ^[11].

These e-communities all promote interaction, sometimes focusing around a particular interest, or sometimes just to communicate. Some e-communities do both. They allow users to interact over a shared passion usually through social networking site or internet-based forums.

The traditional definition of a community is of geographically circumscribed entity (neighborhoods, villages, etc.). E-communities are usually dispersed geographically. Some online communities are linked geographically, and are known as community websites. Virtual communities resemble real life communities in the sense that they both provide support, information and friendship.

E-communities are used by a variety of social and professional groups. The explosive diffusion of the Internet since the mid-1990s has also fostered the proliferation of e-communities taking the form of social networking services and online communities.

1.4.1 Advantages of E-community

An E-community offers the advantage of instant information exchange that is not possible in a real-life community. This allows people to engage in many activities from their home, such as: admission announcements, counseling, job vacancies etc. and searching for specific information ^[11]. Users of online communities also have access to thousands of specific discussion groups where they can form specialized relationships and access information in such categories as: education, technical assistance, social activities, and recreational pleasures. Moreover, an E-community provides an ideal medium for these types of relationships because information can easily be posted and response times can be very fast. Another benefit is that these types of communities can give users a feeling of membership and belonging. Users can give and receive support, and it is simple and cheap to use.

1.4.2 Disadvantages of E-community

While instant communication means fast access, it also means that information is posted without being reviewed for correctness. It is difficult to choose reliable sources because there is no editor that reviews each post and makes sure it is up to a certain degree of quality ^[12]. Everything comes from the writer with no filter in between.

In theory, online identities can be kept anonymous which enables people to use the virtual community for fantasy and sometimes out of fancy. Some professionals urge caution with users who use online communities because predators also

frequent these communities looking for victims who are vulnerable to online identity theft or online predators.

1.5 Online Interaction

Online interaction means using the power of online social networks, computer communications and digital interactive media to reach our social communication needs. Online interaction will not replace traditional forms of communication anyway. Instead, it will both add to and subtract from today's socialization mix. It will add more friendly interactivity and subtract communication costs ^[8].

It adds more flexibility in the way people interact and socialize. It will add flavor and a touch of modernity in how people communicate with the fellows on the network. In addition, it takes away barriers often related to taking an initiative involving members or extending a forum meant for the international audience. And most importantly, it will turn upside down some old notions we have held of what friendly interaction is all about.

1.6 Project Goals/Objectives

1. The Cameroonian Students' Community in IUT (CSCIUT) website is a community website aimed primarily at bringing together former, present and future Cameroonian students of IUT.
2. Create a solid bond among its members with a view of fostering camaraderie and promote a sense professional belonging.
3. Ensure the constant flow of information among members and the dissemination of important scholarship opportunities and job vacancies from all over the world.
4. To let the public discover who we are and what our achievements are.
5. Maximize the well-being of members wherever they are and promote and sustain their academic and professional excellence in every corner of the globe
6. Increase awareness about our university (IUT), sell its image to the outside world by building a formidable reputation for our community.
7. Provide complementary information to future students and prospective applicants on how to apply and get their way to Bangladesh.

- 8 Guide and support our juniors by means of regular posts on our online forums.
- 9 Sensitize the public of the intended projects of our Community such as the creation of a solidarity fund and community enterprise.
- 10 Inform the public of the various activities we undertake while we are students in IUT.
- 11 Provide detailed information about the status and structure of IUT, the organization and functioning of the university, the different departments and specializations available, the various degrees awarded, all the courses being thought, the rules and regulations governing the institution etc.
- 12 Check the authenticity of a student and approve his membership for the Alumni.
- 13 Provide flexible access modes to users – internet, telephone, PDA, etc.
- 14 Encourage more Cameroon students to apply to IUT by vigorously advertising for available places in the university on our website. Lobby with the Government of Cameroon to send us more students in order to swell our ranks and boost our status and membership ranks.
- 15 Build strong and redoubtable Alumni with a global reputation capable of defending the interests of its members, promoting its professional advancement and enhancing its international repute.

Chapter 2: Initial Study

2.1 Project Vision

This project is aimed at creating a virtual community forum that brings together all the former, present and future Cameroonian students of IUT in Dhaka Bangladesh with the purpose of enhancing brotherly togetherness and a sense of national belonging. It is the first initiative of its kind, and it will certainly go a long way in fulfilling the original goals it is meant for given its rich content and wide scope.

2.2 Project Scope

This website is confined exclusively to Cameroonian students who have passed out from IUT or are currently in IUT or intend to come and study in IUT irrespective of gender, age, academic qualification or level of education to be pursued. Membership is completely restricted and proper verifications are always done to ensure that members who sign up are genuine and authentic. The registrar's office will always be consulted for authentic identification of members, and also the IUT Alumni portal is regularly crosschecked to confirm the student's acceptance as a certificate holder from IUT.

2.3 Advantages of the New Website

- i. It is easy, flexible and very user-friendly
- ii. It is not labor intensive or physically demanding and therefore considerably reduces the time and cost to meet any member anywhere and at anytime.
- iii. It makes it easy for members to find their seniors, batch mates and juniors based on their current profession thanks to our rich and dynamic search engine.
- iv. Its many social and interactive features help users to always share their information and stay connected in an increasingly hectic professional world where people hardly get time for physical contacts or meetings.

- v. It facilitates the dissemination of important information to future applicants of IUT through the announcements of scholarship and admission offered by OIC in IUT to Cameroonian students.
- vi. It promotes social welfare and community development through a sustained solidarity fund among the members which will be pursued as part of the online gathering.

2.4 How the current System works

The existing means of online interaction between former and present Cameroonian students is both primitive and outmoded. The Cameroonian Students Community of IUT have until now used the Yahoo Group in a bid to stay together. New members had to send membership applications through e-mail to a centralized administrator based in faraway Europe and wait for his approval/rejection in days or even weeks later. This process is not only obsolete nowadays but also time-consuming and very limited both in content and scope. Members wanting to share information to their fellows do so via an e-mail that is broadcasted to everyone connected to the Group. Subsequent comments and reactions from participants are equally sent via e-mail to everyone. The administrator has the privilege to block any unauthenticated member or unidentified user. E-mails to be broadcasted can as well be filtered either by the sender who may choose to send his message to a particular individual in the Group or to a group of people within the Group.

This way of doing things is clearly out of fashion in light of what is happening in today's rapidly revolutionized social networking sphere.

2.5 Drawbacks of the Current System

There is no system free of faults so it is possible that each and every system has its own weakness and drawback and most probably, the weakness of a system is a point of consideration and where the need of new system starts, takes root and develops then.

The current system is not well organized, it is very ad hoc and nobody is assigned nor designated to properly manage the system.

The information about the CSCIUT is not effectively maintained and the quality of the work done in administering the Group is not up to required level of efficiency.

Besides, the existing system is so rudimentary and does not provide even the most basic of social amenities which most social networking sites provide nowadays. For example; no interactive and direct way of sharing photos as is the case with Facebook ^[8], MySpace ^[9], and Hi5 ^[10] etc.

Also the current system lacks ubiquity by virtue of its presence on an e-mail service provider (YAHOO), this implies that vital announcements and information destined for the public in general and prospective applicants to IUT in particular are not properly disseminated.

Chapter 3: Feasibility Study Overview

3.1 Feasibility Study in Brief

A feasibility study is defined as an evaluation of an existing system and a way of selecting the best system that meets performance requirements [5]. This entails identification, description, evaluation of candidate systems and selection of the best system for the job. The feasibility study is conducted once the problem is clearly understood. It is a high level capsule version of the entire system analysis and design process. The core objective of feasibility study is to determine whether the proposed system is feasible or not and it helps to minimize the expense of how to solve the problem and to determine, if the problem is worth solving.

The feasibility of the proposed system can be determined if the following are accomplished in different phases.

- i. To maintain real time social networking so that current information concerning the community is readily available at all time and everywhere.
- ii. To create an efficient and effective backup system so that important information is never lost.
- iii. To maintain a computerized database for computer peripherals.

In practical terms, while doing feasibility study, there are a number of tests that are to be performed as part of caution, better determination of favorable features and assurance of accuracy of the proposed system.

The following is a summary of the different feasibilities carried out in developing the website:

- i. Technical feasibility
- ii. Economic feasibility
- iii. Operational feasibility

3.2 Technical Feasibility

In the technical feasibility study, we had to test whether the proposed system can be developed using existing technologies or not. It is planned to implement the proposed system JSP.

The project entitled E-community: The case study of the Cameroonian students' community in IUT is technically feasible because of the following reasons:

- i. All the necessary enabling technologies exist to develop the system.
- ii. Existing system is so flexible that it can be easily developed and modified.
- iii. System requirements, both hardware and software is readily available and affordable by the members of the community.

3.3 Economic Feasibility

Launching a website for a community involves a great deal of financial issues which needs to be considered and given proper considerations. Many systems fail to reach their destination due to lack of proper budgeting and utilization of resources ^[5]. A community should only adopt a new system if the cost benefit analysis gives out a positive response even though the initial expenditure might look greater.

In short, the project is economically feasible only if tangible and intangible benefits overweigh the cost and we can say the proposed system is feasible based on the following conclusions:

- i. The cost of developing the full system is reasonable and within the reach of all the members put together.
- ii. The cost of hardware and software for the application is very minimal.
- iii. System requirements, both hardware and software are easily available and economically sustainable in the short, medium and long term as well.

3.4 Operational Feasibility

In our CSCIUT website, we used MySQL database ^[3]. Much of the dynamic content in the website comes in real-time using the data fetched from a database. The specific information presented to a member at the member's panel or interface is created dynamically after the user has made a request. To accomplish this operational exigency, the following steps were taken:

- i. A large database rich in content is queried
- ii. Relevant data are extracted from the database
- iii. The extracted data are organized as a content object
- iv. The content objects are transmitted to the client environment for display

As a result we have designed the database to keep the efficiency and performance of the whole application at optimal levels.

Chapter 4: System Analysis

4.1 Information Gathering

Strategies we have followed to gather information include: ^[5].

4.1.1 Observation

We have visited a lot of social networking websites such as Facebook, MySpace, and Hi5 etc. to identify how they provide forum and community services to their users and also to identify the style of their implementation and how they display information. As better means of data collection and fact finding, we also visited the current system being used, i.e. the YAHOO GROUP named “CAMER-IUT”.

4.1.2 Questionnaire

We have developed a set of questionnaire for the current system and prospective users of our developed system in order to get a clear idea about the user requirements and expectations and also to identify the problematic areas that are to be solved and the needs of the users that must be attended to.

Users and potential administrators of the website are asked to complete the formulated questionnaire about the current system when and where there is a need to effect a change to the existing or new system. The main strength of questionnaire is that it enabled us to collect a large amount of data from many users quickly without incurring travel expenses as everything was done through electronic feedback. The respondents to the questionnaire did not remain anonymous, and questionnaires are relatively inexpensive as a data collection technique and it also saved us a lot of time.

Some of the questions we asked members of CSCIUT include among others:

- i. What are some of the facilities you would like to find on our website?
- ii. How do you want your profile information to be displayed? Partially or fully?
- iii. What are some of the events and information you would like to be published on our website?

- iv. In what way would you like to interact with other members of the Alumni and the users of the Forum Portal?
- v. What are some of the difficulties you are facing when using the current system (Yahoo Group)?

4.1.3 Prospectus and Manuals.

We have collected the prospectus and manuals of the web portal from several online sources in general and social networking sites in particular. Our Alumni Portal for example is developed based on the model of the current IUT Alumni portal as available on its website.

Document review helped us to understand how the current system is supposed to work. System documentation is sometimes out of date. Forms can change or be discontinued, and documented procedures often are modified or eliminated. Usually document samples can be obtained during interviews with the people who perform that procedure.

4.2 Investigation of the Current System

System analysis is a detailed study of the various operations performed by a system and their relationships both within and outside of the system ^[5]. Here, analysis is done to understand the existing system, both in detail (such as what is done?) and in principle (such as why it is done?).

At this stage, investigation on the current system is done to record the information in a way that can be understood. During the required analysis, focus was on determining the user needs and requirements, studying the application area in depth, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the present working method, and reporting results to management or administrators.

➤ Current System

This document outlines the current system in details and presents a graphical format beginning from the very top right to the bottom.

➤ **Data flow diagram of current system**

This document as the name implies has a detailed diagram of the flow of processes in the current system.

➤ **Fact Finding**

Fact finding refers to the survey of the existing system and analyzing the needs and discussions with the management on how to improve it.

➤ **Final Proposal**

This document contains the whole implementation procedure, description of the current system, basic problems and limitations, proposal of the new system, initial new system requirements, hardware and software requirements and the cost and benefit analysis.

➤ **Problems and Limitations**

Problems and limitations outline the current system disadvantages, advantages and bottlenecks so that the issues can be addressed in the future systems.

➤ **Requirement Specifications**

Requirement specification specifies the requirements, which will be followed in the new system or upgraded from the existing system for the system to run properly and efficiently.

4.3 Input/output Process of the current System

The input/output process of the current system contains the following modules: ^[20].

- i. Member-search
- ii. Admin Sign-in
- iii. Member Sign-in
- iv. Forum Portal
- v. Alumni Portal

4.4 Data flow diagram of the current System

Member-Search

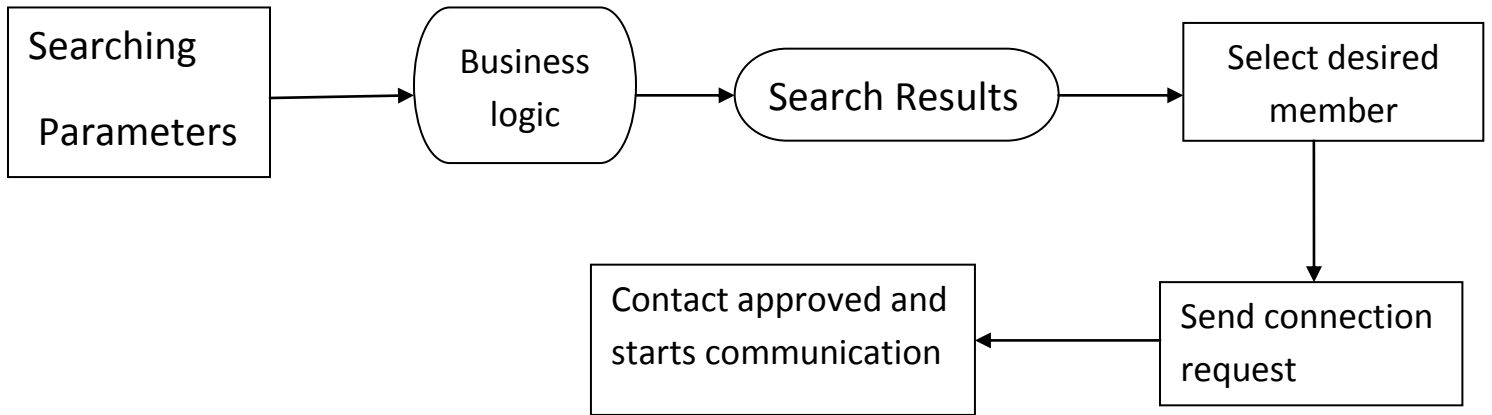


Figure: 4.1 Member-Searches

Admin Sign-in



Figure: 4.2 Admin Sign-in

Member sign-in

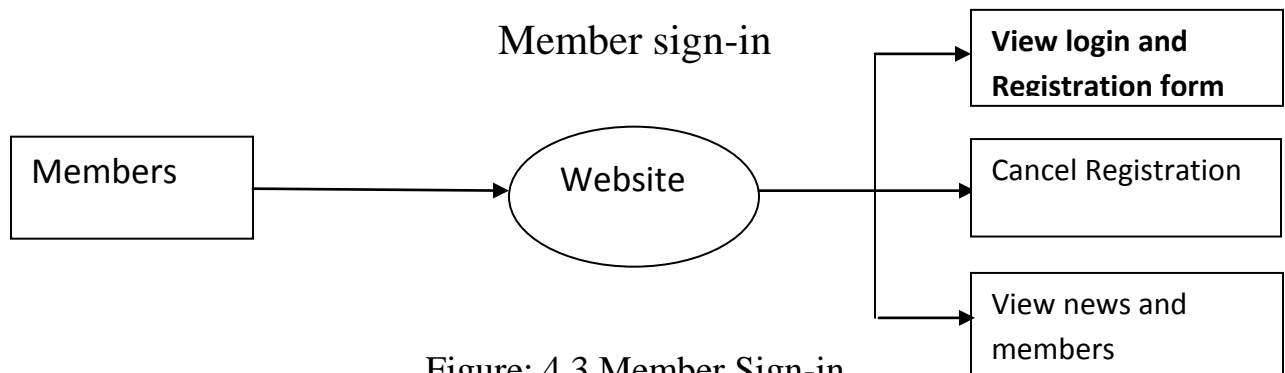


Figure: 4.3 Member Sign-in

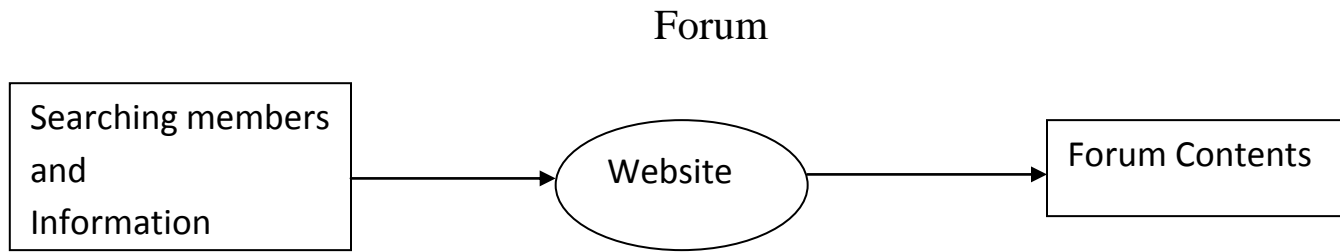


Figure: 4.4 Schedules

4.5 Requirement Analysis

Questionnaires provide a foundation to have live interaction with the users and develop a logical overview of the system. Questionnaires consist of questions with all the possible answers given as the possible options so that the users can response in the desired way the analyst wants the users to.

The main objective is to depict the performance of the system and sort out the information about the system components. In this project the following fields were identified in the questionnaire prepared for the users:

- Design of the system
- Operational method of the system
- Working dimension of the system
- Working capabilities
- Basic structure etc.
- Proposed System Analysis

Since the present existing system is very tedious and takes a lot time. This system is proposed for the work to be done in sophisticated manner instead of investing their strain and their valuable work time. Avoiding dependency is also one of the important issues in proposing this system.

- i. It provides facilities for easy searching of information about former students and gives full access to Alumni members and their full profile information
- ii. reduces some privileges to non-members of the community

iii. provides special privileges to the administrator of the database

4.6 Features of the new System

- **Centralization:** There should be a designated person who will manage the system and who will have the responsibility of keeping it updated and running smoothly. He should be given necessary authority, power, equipment and personnel to keep the system running. The management of the website should be handed over to this person or anyone he delegates it to, so that the website can be kept up to date on the latest information about the community.
- **Timely updates:** Members can inform their fellows about any changes in their contact details and other profile information and at the same time the executive management of the community will inform members of any new development or event or announcement concerning its members and this can be done via individual e-mail, mobile phone or through the community website itself.
- **Accessibility of Information:** Information about CSCIUT and its various activities as well as the position of all its members around the globe can be kept on the website where everyone can have access to it. Search functions are implemented so that the users can find the information they need quickly, thus the information about it can be easily updated and it is hoped that the public will get accurate information about the activities of our community.

Chapter 5: System Design and Implementation

5.1 Tools and Technologies Used

The tools and technologies used during the development and implementation of our website include: ^[2].

a) Programming Languages used:

- HTML ^[15]
- JavaScript ^[18]
- J-Query ^[19]
- PHP ^[14]
- CSS ^[17]
- PL/SQL ^[16]

b) Software tools Used:

- Adobe Dreamweaver CS5 ^[7]
- Windows 7 Internet Information Services (IIS) Server ^[4]
- PHP Processor ^[2]
- MySQL Database ^[1]
- Mozilla Firefox 14
- Photoshop

c) Platform Used:

- Windows 7

d) Other tools used:

- Graphic Interchange Format (GIF) ^[12]
- Virtual Studio ^[12]
- Photo animation gallery ^[12]

5.2 Home Page of CSCIUT Website

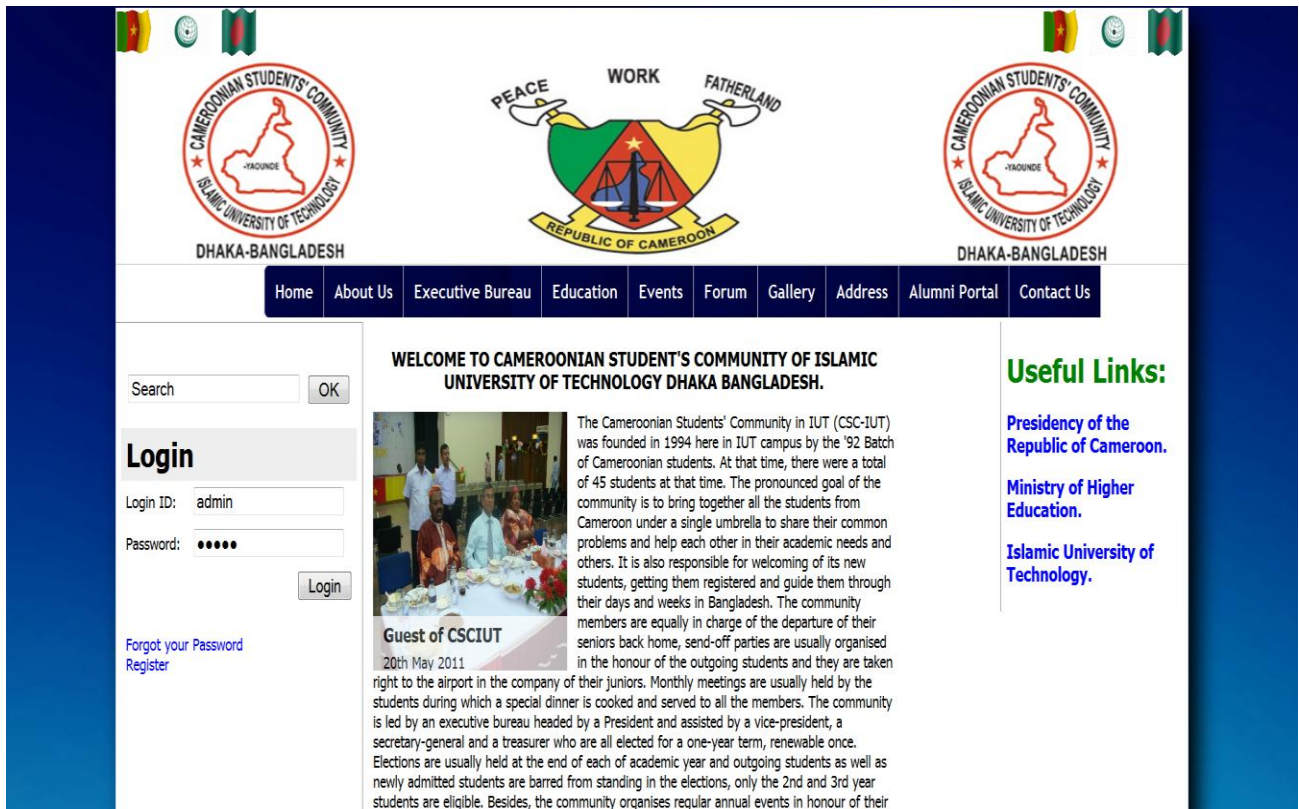


Figure 5.2.1: Main Home Page with all the modules implemented

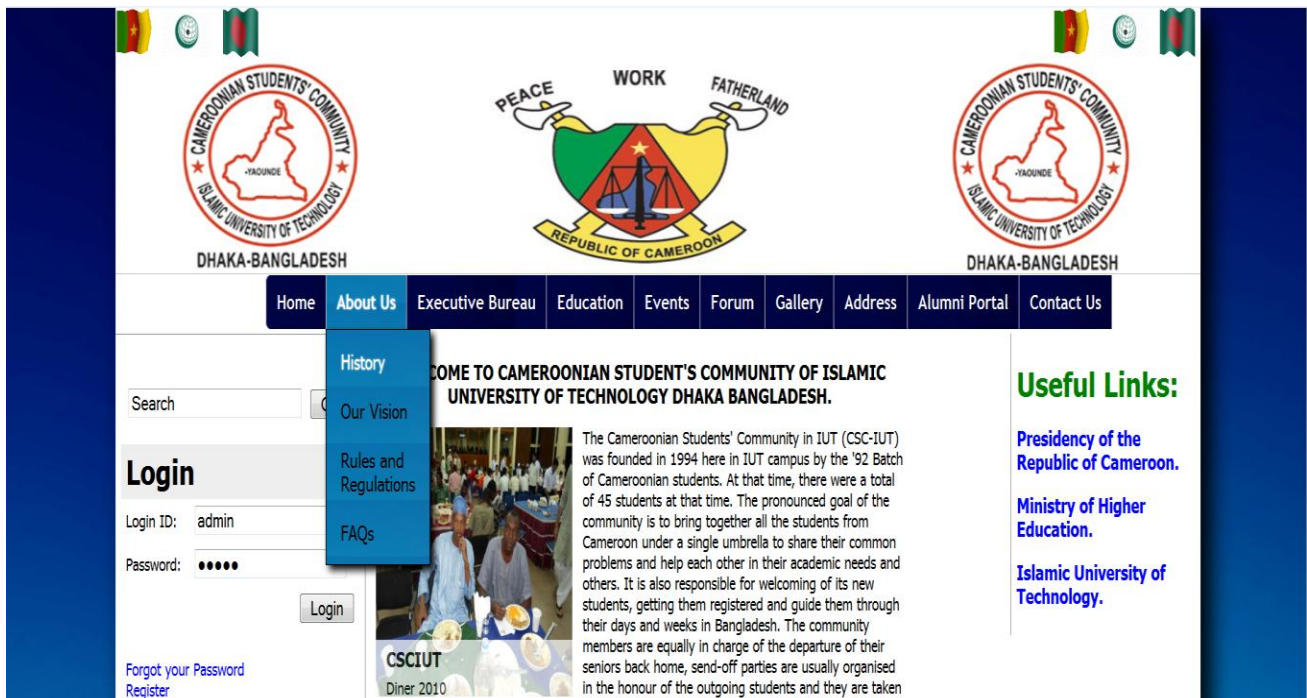


Figure 5.2.2: Home Page with Submenu of a module

5.3 Website Gallery: [21]

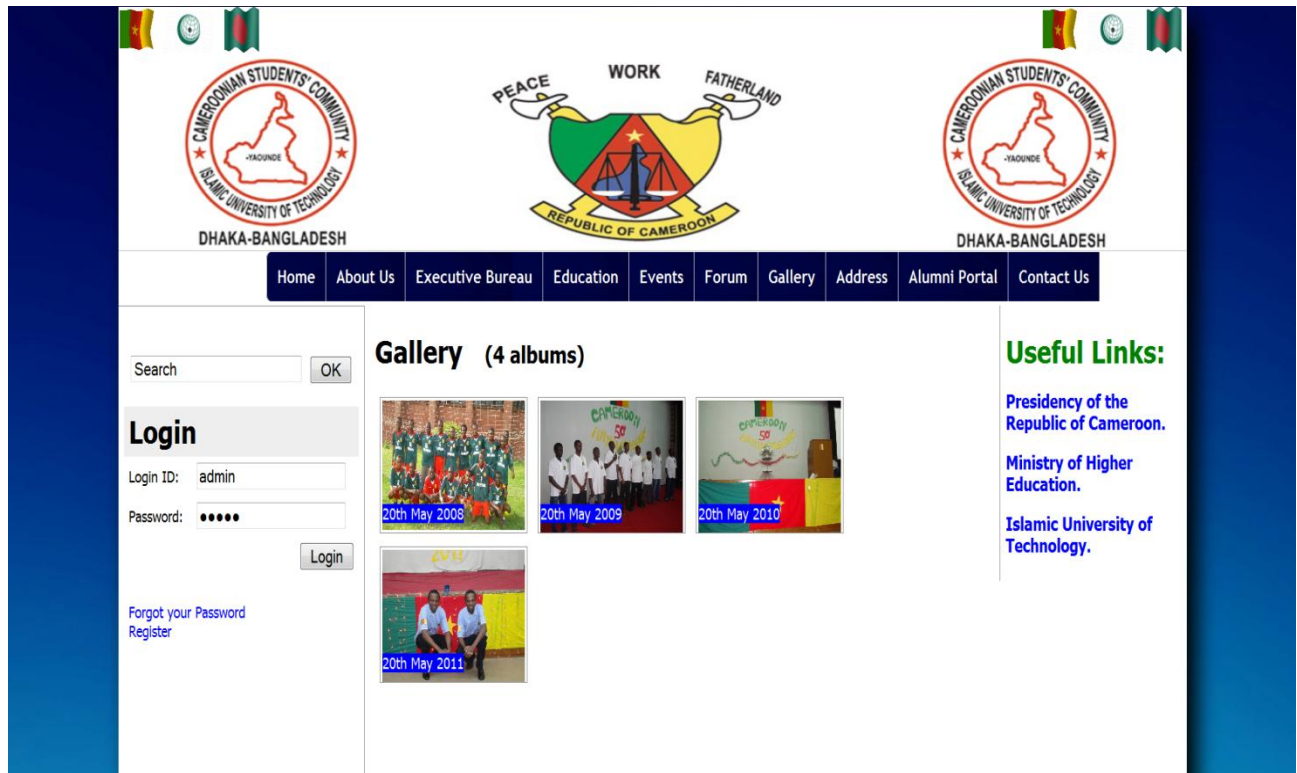


Figure 5.3.1: All albums in the Gallery



Figure 5.3.2: Photos in a Specific Album

5.4 Photo View [21]

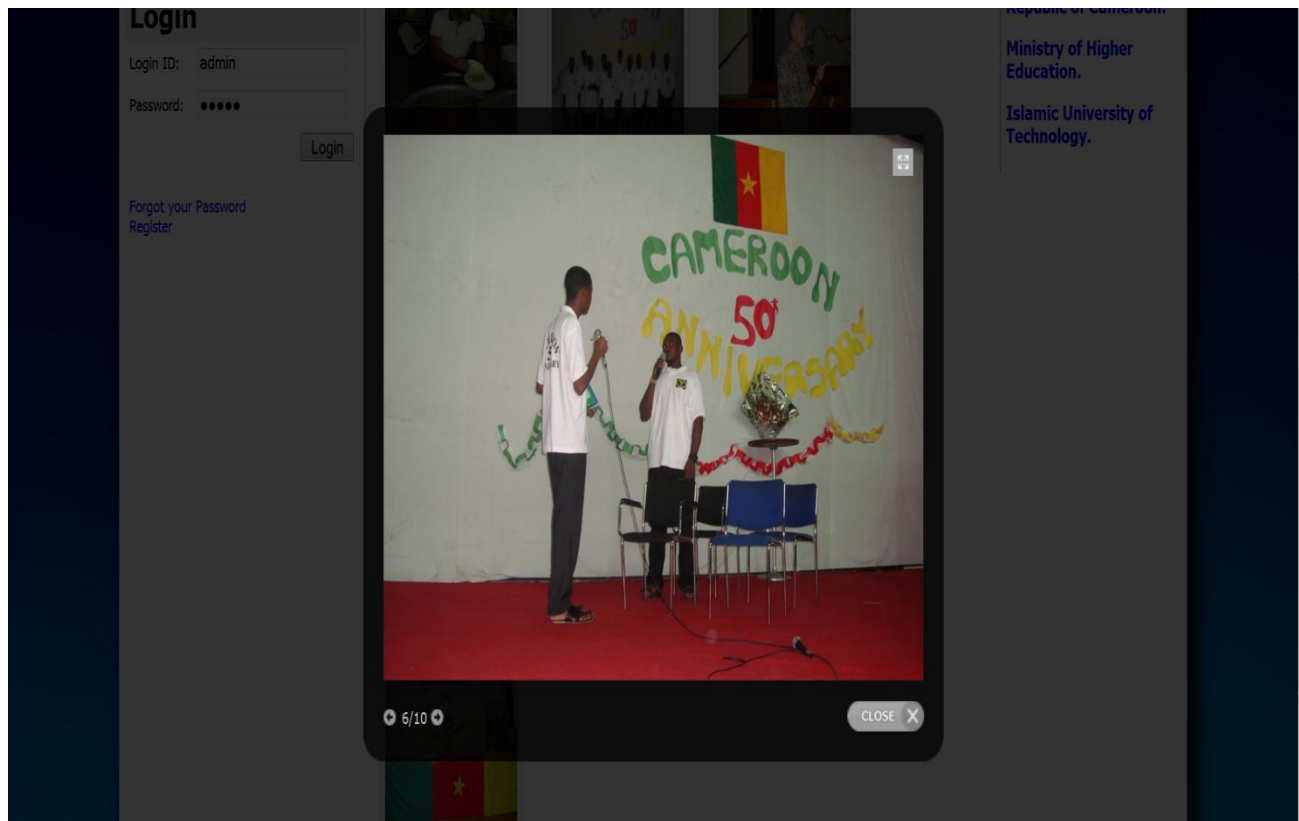
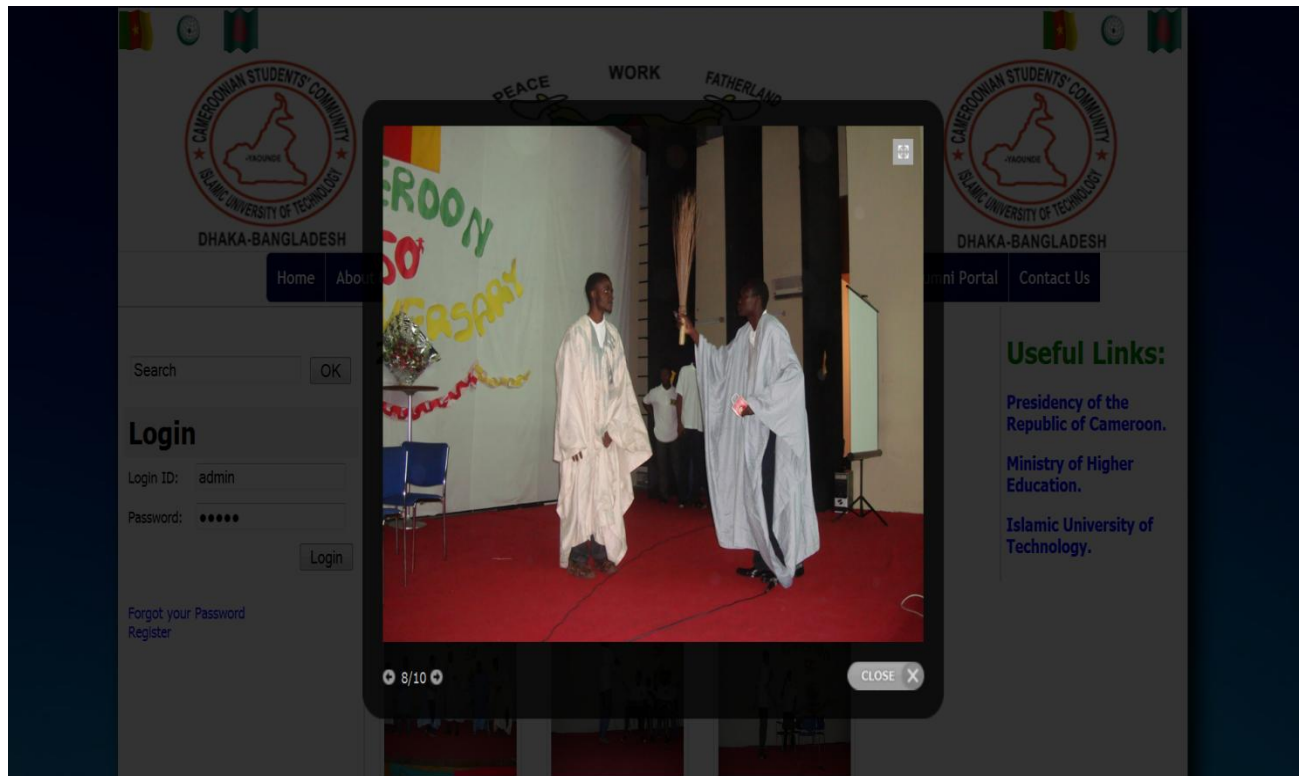


Figure 5.4: Photo Displayed in the Gallery

5.5 Alumni Home Page: [13]

The screenshot displays the Alumni Home Page with the following elements:

- Navigation Menu:** A horizontal bar with buttons for HOME, REGISTER, SEARCH, ALL ALUMNI, and MAIN SITE.
- Logos:** Logos for CAMEROONIAN STUDENTS' COMMUNITY (ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY) and the REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON (PEACE, WORK, FATHERLAND).
- Login Section:** A form with fields for Login ID (admin) and Password (masked with dots), and a Login button.
- Refreshments Photo:** A photo of a group of people with the caption "Refreshments" and the date "20th May 2011".
- Text Content:**
 - A welcome message: "Welcome to CSCIUT Alumni Management Portal. Maintain a fully updated information database, and access the profiles of all the other registered Alumni members. Providing easy web access, you can be in touch from anywhere around the world."
 - Registration instructions: "Please register here to get a membership of this site. Fill up the Registration Form with all your valid Informations. Alumni Management Admin will check your informations and if you are a valid Alumni member, your membership would be accepted and you will receive an email notification. Please follow the instructions during registration."
 - Note: "NOTE: Alumni Management Site facilities are accesible only by the members. Please click the MAIN SITE link to return to the CSCIUT Website."
 - Sign-up notice: "All Alumni of CSCIUT, Please Sign Up your information in CSCIUT Alumni Management Portal."
 - Portal update notice: "The CSCIUT Alumni Management Portal has been reshaped. All Alumni members are earnestly requested to Sign Up their information in this portal. This portal will be used as a platform to link up between the alumni members and show their various outstanding achievements. So certainly this will carry a great international value. The supplied Information will be viewable after verification and validation to filter out fake information if any."

Figure 5.5: Alumni Home Page with all the modules implemented

5.6 Alumni Registration Form [9]

The screenshot displays the Alumni Registration Form with the following elements:

- Navigation Menu:** A horizontal bar with buttons for HOME, REGISTER, SEARCH, ALL ALUMNI, and MAIN SITE.
- Logos:** Logos for CAMEROONIAN STUDENTS' COMMUNITY (ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY) and the REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON (PEACE, WORK, FATHERLAND).
- Registration Form Title:** "Registration Form".
- Mandatory Fields Notice:** A blue box with an information icon and the text "* marked fields are mandatory."
- Personal Information Section:**
 - First Name *: Abakar
 - Last Name *: Bouba
 - Birthday *: 31 DECEMBER 1988
 - Marital Status *: Single Married
 - Upload Picture: C:\Users\pecos\Desktop Browse... (Please upload a picture of jpg format)
- Text Content:**
 - Sign-up notice: "All Alumni of CSCIUT, Please Sign Up your information in CSCIUT Alumni Management Portal."
 - Portal update notice: "The CSCIUT Alumni Management Portal has been reshaped. All Alumni members are earnestly requested to Sign Up their information in this portal. This portal will be used as a platform to link up between the alumni members and show their various outstanding achievements. So certainly this will carry a great international value. The supplied Information will be viewable after verification and validation to filter out fake information if any."
 - Registration instruction: "Please pass this information other known CSCIUT alumni members."

Figure 5.6: Mandatory fields of the alumni Registration Form

5.7 Alumni Registration Process Details ^[8]

The form is divided into several sections:

- Residence Address:** Fields for Address *, City *, Country *, Mobile Phone *, Land Phone, and Email *.
- Business Address:** Fields for Address, City, Country, Mobile Phone, Land Phone, and Email.
- IUT Information:** Fields for Student ID *, Passing Year * (Year dropdown), Departement * (Depart dropdown), and Program * (Program dropdown).
- Current Status:** Radio buttons for Present Occupation * (Student, Employee), Program, Department, University, Country * (Select a country dropdown), and Website (http://).
- Previous Experience/Education:** A table with two columns: Job experience 1 and Education 1. Each row contains fields for Designation, Organization, Length of time (with a checkbox for 'I currently work here' and date pickers for Day, Month, Year), Program, University, and Year of Completion.

Figure 5.7.1: All the fields to be filled during Alumni Registration Process

Current Status

Present Occupation * : Student Employee

Designation :

Organization :

Organization Type :

Salary Level :

City :

Country : *

Website :

Previous Experience/Education

Job experience 1	1	Education 1
Designation : <input type="text"/>		Program : <input type="text"/>
Organization : <input type="text"/>		University : <input type="text"/>
Length of time : <input type="checkbox"/> I currently work here		Year of Completion : <input type="text"/>

Previous Experience/Education

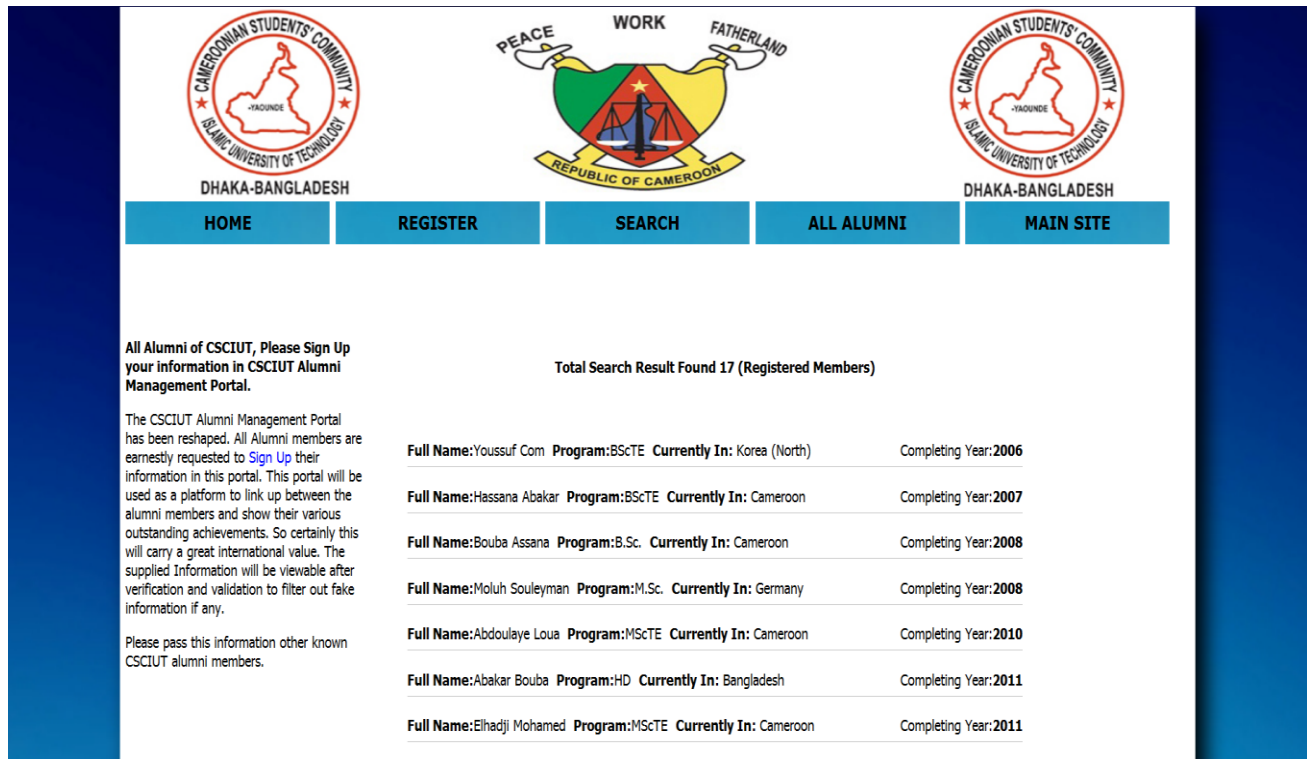
Job experience 1	1	Education 1
Designation : <input type="text"/>		Program : <input type="text"/>
Organization : <input type="text"/>		University : <input type="text"/>
Length of time : <input type="checkbox"/> I currently work here		Year of Completion : <input type="text"/>
Day <input type="text"/> Month <input type="text"/> Year <input type="text"/> to present.		

Job experience 2	2	Education 2
Designation : <input type="text"/>		Program : <input type="text"/>
Organization : <input type="text"/>		University : <input type="text"/>
Length of time : <input type="checkbox"/> I currently work here		Year of Completion : <input type="text"/>
Day <input type="text"/> Month <input type="text"/> Year <input type="text"/> to		
Day <input type="text"/> Month <input type="text"/> Year <input type="text"/>		

[Close this](#)

Figure 5.7.2: Optional fields to be filled during the Alumni Registration Process

5.8 Alumni Search



HOME REGISTER SEARCH ALL ALUMNI MAIN SITE

All Alumni of CSCIUT, Please Sign Up your information in CSCIUT Alumni Management Portal.

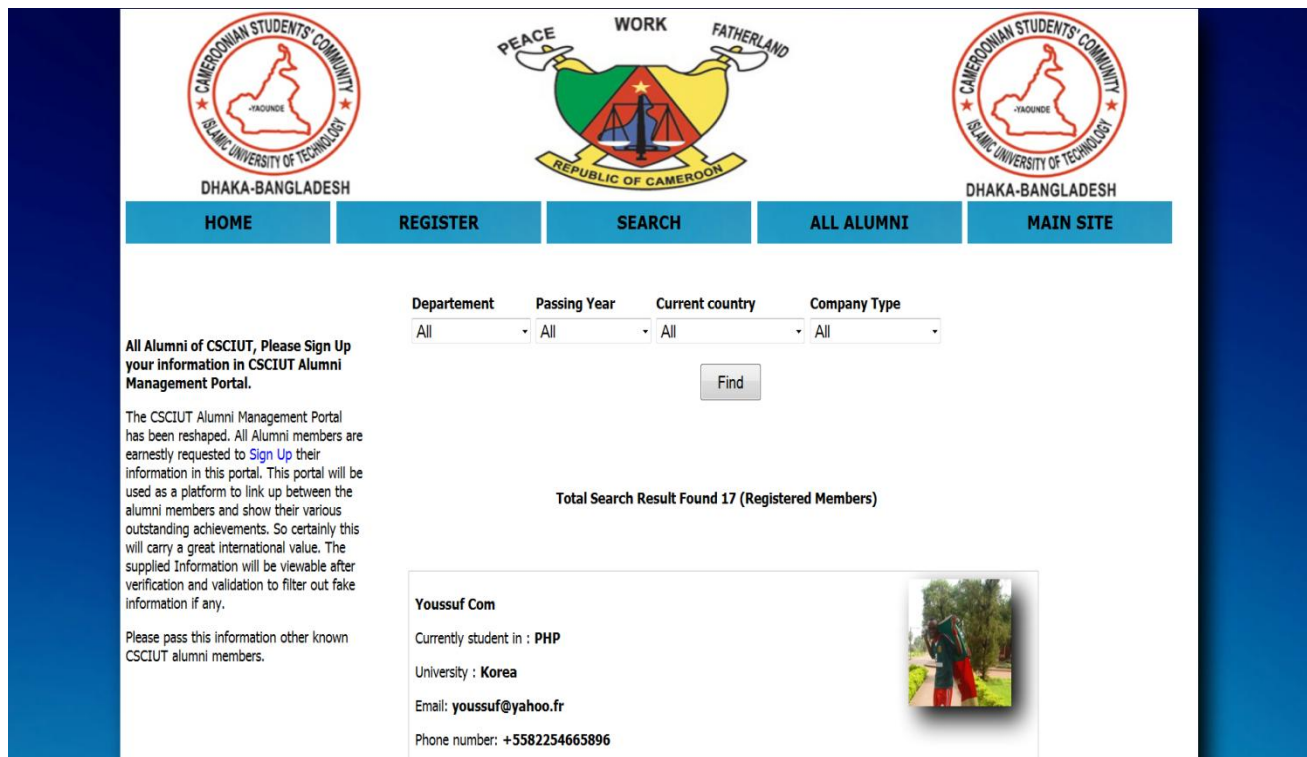
The CSCIUT Alumni Management Portal has been reshaped. All Alumni members are earnestly requested to [Sign Up](#) their information in this portal. This portal will be used as a platform to link up between the alumni members and show their various outstanding achievements. So certainly this will carry a great international value. The supplied Information will be viewable after verification and validation to filter out fake information if any.

Please pass this information other known CSCIUT alumni members.

Total Search Result Found 17 (Registered Members)

Full Name: Youssuf Com	Program: BSCTE	Currently In: Korea (North)	Completing Year: 2006
Full Name: Hassana Abakar	Program: BSCTE	Currently In: Cameroon	Completing Year: 2007
Full Name: Bouba Assana	Program: B.Sc.	Currently In: Cameroon	Completing Year: 2008
Full Name: Moluh Souleyman	Program: M.Sc.	Currently In: Germany	Completing Year: 2008
Full Name: Abdoulaye Loua	Program: MSCTE	Currently In: Cameroon	Completing Year: 2010
Full Name: Abakar Bouba	Program: HD	Currently In: Bangladesh	Completing Year: 2011
Full Name: Eihadji Mohamed	Program: MSCTE	Currently In: Cameroon	Completing Year: 2011

Figure 5.8.1: Display of all Alumni Search Result



HOME REGISTER SEARCH ALL ALUMNI MAIN SITE

All Alumni of CSCIUT, Please Sign Up your information in CSCIUT Alumni Management Portal.

The CSCIUT Alumni Management Portal has been reshaped. All Alumni members are earnestly requested to [Sign Up](#) their information in this portal. This portal will be used as a platform to link up between the alumni members and show their various outstanding achievements. So certainly this will carry a great international value. The supplied Information will be viewable after verification and validation to filter out fake information if any.

Please pass this information other known CSCIUT alumni members.

Departement:
 Passing Year:
 Current country:
 Company Type:

Total Search Result Found 17 (Registered Members)

Youssuf Com

Currently student in : PHP

University : Korea

Email: youssuf@yahoo.fr

Phone number: +5582254665896




Figure 5.8.2: Specific Alumni Search Result

5.9 Alumni Detail Information

The screenshot displays two alumni profiles. The first profile is for Moluh Souleyman, a student in MSc at the University of Germany. His contact information includes an email address (moluh@yahoo.fr) and a phone number (008801675665391). He is currently in Germany, with a student ID of 074312, in the ITS department, pursuing an M.Sc. program, and completing it in 2008. The second profile is for Abdoulaye Loua, a student in Cameroon. His contact information includes an email address (loua@yahoo.fr) and a phone number (+237757548). He is currently in Cameroon, with a student ID of 114410, in the MCE department, pursuing an MScTE program, and completing it in 2010. Both profiles include a 'Hide details' link at the bottom.

Figure 5.9: Detailed Information of Alumni members

5.10 Contact us Form

The screenshot shows the 'Contact Us' form on a website. The navigation menu at the top includes Home, About Us, Executive Bureau, Education, Events, Forum, Gallery, Address, Alumni Portal, and Contact Us. The form is titled 'Contact Us' and includes a search bar and a login section. The login section has fields for 'Login ID' (admin) and 'Password' (masked with dots), and a 'Login' button. Below the login section are links for 'Forgot your Password' and 'Register'. The main contact form has a message: 'Please tell us what you think help make CSCIUT better. Your questions and comments help us to constantly improve the quality of our services. Thanks you all.' The form fields are: 'Title*', 'Name*', 'Phone No*', 'Country*' (a dropdown menu with 'Select your country'), 'Email address*', and 'Query*'. A 'Send' button is located at the bottom of the form. On the right side, there is a 'Useful Links:' section with links to the 'Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon', 'Ministry of Higher Education', and 'Islamic University of Technology'.

Figure 5.10: Mandatory fields to be filled when contacting us via the Admin of the Website

5.11 2011-2012 Executive Bureau

Search

Login

Login ID:

Password:

[Forgot your Password?](#)
[Register](#)

Executive Bureau 2011-2012

	Chairman: Adoum Mohamat Program: HD-CSE Email Address: adoum@yahoo.fr
	Deputy-Chairman: Abakar Bouba Program: HD-CSE Email Address: abakar@yahoo.fr

Useful Links:

- [Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon.](#)
- [Ministry of Higher Education.](#)
- [Islamic University of Technology.](#)

Figure 5.11: The 2011-2012 Executive Bureau alongside their personal information

5.12 Frequently Asked Questions

Search

Login

Login ID:

Password:

[Forgot your Password?](#)
[Register](#)

Frequently Asked Questions about CSCIUT

- » [What does CSC-IUT Bangladesh stands for ?](#)
- » [When and Where was CSC-IUT Bangladesh founded ?](#)
- » [What are the goals of CSC-IUT Bangladesh ?](#)
- » [What is the philosophy of CSC-IUT Bangladesh ?](#)

Useful Links:

- [Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon.](#)
- [Ministry of Higher Education.](#)
- [Islamic University of Technology.](#)

Figure 5.12: When any of the Questions is clicked, the answer is displayed just below it

5.13 Forum Registration Form [10]

The image displays a web registration form for the Forum Portal. At the top, there are logos for the Cameroonian Students' Community (Islamic University of Technology, Dhaka-Bangladesh) and the Republic of Cameroon, along with the motto "PEACE WORK FATHERLAND". A navigation menu includes: Home, About Us, Executive Bureau, Education, Events, Forum, Gallery, Address, Alumni Portal, and Contact Us.

The form is divided into two main sections: "Personal information" and "Contact Details".

Personal information section:

- Full Name: *
- Sex: Sex... *
- Date of Birth: Day - Month - Year
- Citizen of: Select your country *
- Marital Status: Marital... *

Contact Details section:

- Address: *
- Country: Select your country *
- City:
- Phone No: *
- Cell No:
- Email: *

A "Submit" button is located at the bottom of the form.

On the left side of the page, there is a search bar and a login section with fields for Login ID (admin) and Password (masked with dots), and a "Login" button. Links for "Forgot your Password" and "Register" are also present.

Figure 5.13: Mandatory fields to be filled when registering for the Forum Portal

5.14 Forum Home Page

Number of article on the page 4/4

No	Title	Published by	Category	Date	Read by	Comment
1	Scholarships	» khalid	Scholarship opportunities	25/08/2012	15	0
2	Celebrations	» adoum	Social Events	25/08/2012	20	7
3	Vacancies	» abakar	Job Vacancies	24/08/2012	16	0
4	Announcements	» abakar	Admission Announcements	24/08/2012	13	0

Figure 5.14.1: A member signed in to the Forum Portal. All available articles are displayed. A user can view and edit his profile information.

By : Adoum Mohamat - Sat 25 Aug 2012

Comment Print Facebook Tweeter

Pokassa Suleiman is delighted to inform all members of CSCIUT that his wedding ceremony will take place on Friday the 26th of September 2012 in Michigan town hall in the United States of America. All friends, family members and well-wishers are cordially invited to attend. His spouse's name is Hannatou Pokassa.

Comments : (7)

Write your comment here ↓

Read 31 times.

How excited I am to learn about your engagement! Congratulations and Best Wishes for a happy married life. I am happy to know that you are getting married to a girl of your own choice. I am certain that you two will make an

Comment this article

Figure 5.14.2: A member can view and comment on articles posted by the Admin in the Forum

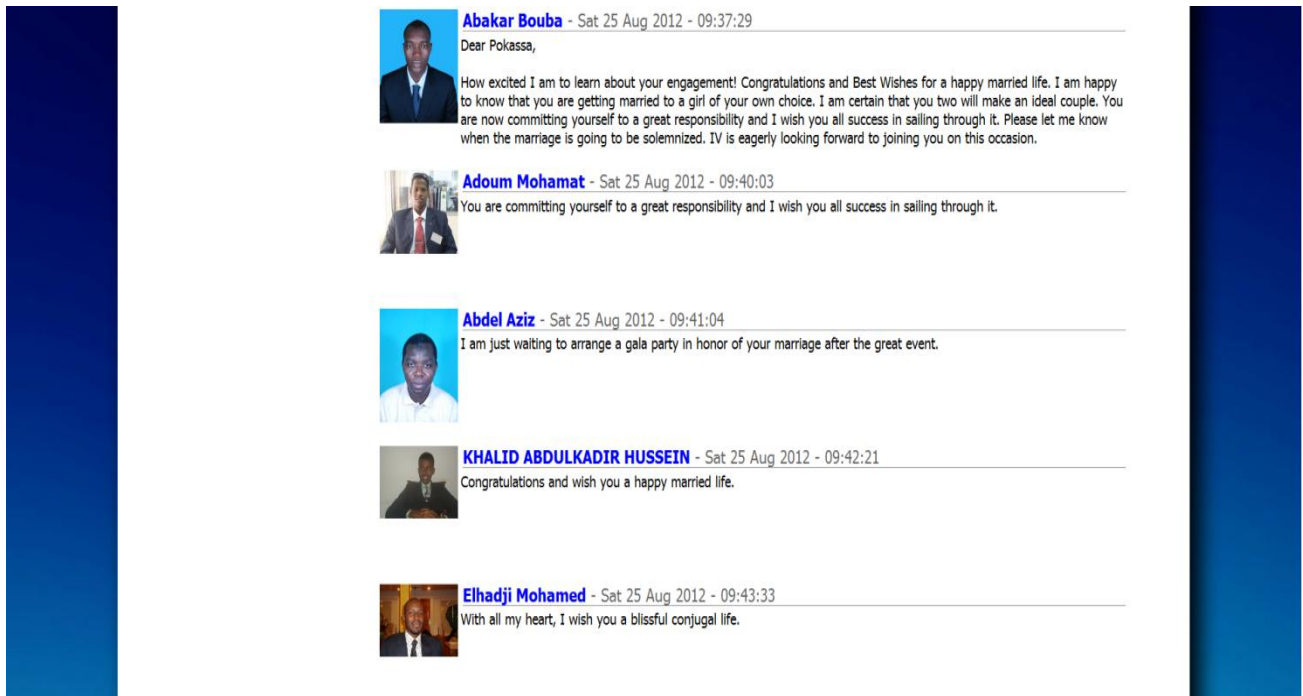


Figure 5.14.3: All the comments posted on a particular article are available to all users to read and comment further.

5.15 Main Website Search Engine

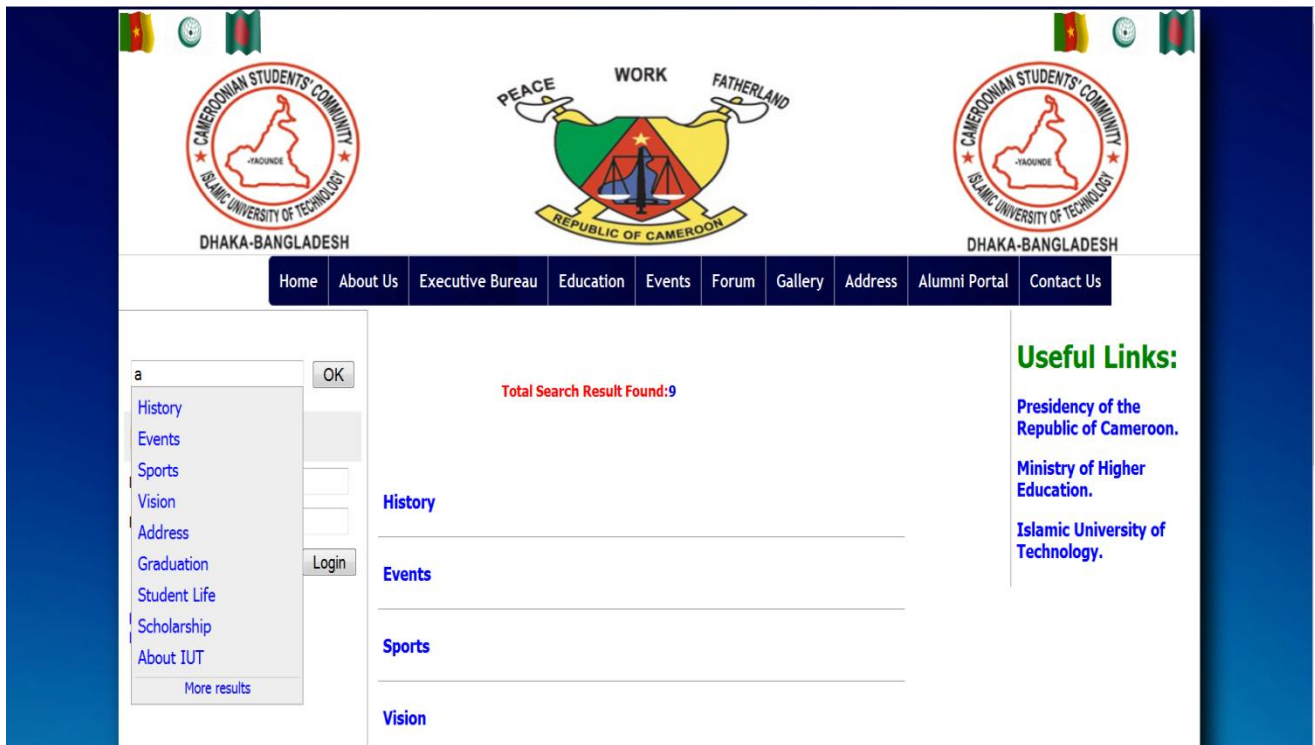


Figure 5.15: Search contents are displayed automatically whenever a user starts typing the desired keyword.

5.16 Administrator's Home Page

Figure 5.16: Admin Home Page with all the privileges he has over the implemented modules

5.17 Administrator's Alumni Privileges

No#	Student ID	Full Name	Depart.	Program	Passing Year	Current country
1	983612	Che Kum Clement	ITS	MScTE	2000	Bangladesh
2	023421	Mirdassou Mouhamadou	EEE	BScTE	2006	Cameroon
3	073605	Balery Sadjo	ITS	MScTE	2009	Cameroon
4	103610	Abdel Aziz	ITS	MScTE	2011	Bangladesh
5	092316	Abdul Jalil Lukong	EEE	HD	2011	Bangladesh
6	113742	Pussouma Souleyman	EEE	B.Sc.	2011	Cameroon
7	064306	Hassana Abakar	ITS	BScTE	2007	Cameroon
8	114318	Mefire Ibrahim	ITS	BScTE	2011	United States
9	114439	Moumie Souleyman	CIT	B.Sc.	2011	Bangladesh
10	114317	Abbo Houssein	CSE	BScTE	2011	Bangladesh
11	114316	Abbo Hassan	CSE	MScTE	2011	Bangladesh
12	114410	Abdoulaye Loua	MCE	MScTE	2010	Cameroon
13	084316	Adoum Mohamat	CSE	HD	2011	Bangladesh

Figure 5.17.1: Records in Blue indicate new members who are not yet approved by the Admin.

You are login as Admin Home | Alumni Members () | Forum Members | My account | Articles | Messages | Gallery | Logout

Members of Alumni

New : 1 | Total : 18 | On the page 18 / 18 View : New | All Search by name/Student id OK




























No#	Student ID	Full Name	Depart.	Program	Passing Year	Current country	
1	983612	Che Kum Clement	ITS	MScTE	2000	Bangladesh	 
2	023421	Mirdassou Mouhamadou	EEE	BScTE	2006	Cameroon	 
3	073605	Balery Sadjo	ITS	MScTE	2009	Cameroon	  
4	103610	Abdel Aziz	ITS	MScTE	2011	Bangladesh	 
5	092316	Abdul Jalil Lukong	EEE	HD	2011	Bangladesh	 
6	064306	Hassana Abakar	ITS	BScTE	2007	Cameroon	 
7	114318	Mefire Ibrahim	ITS	BScTE	2011	United States	 
8	114439	Moumie Souleyman	CIT	B.Sc.	2011	Bangladesh	 
9	114316	Abbo Hassan	CSE	MScTE	2011	Bangladesh	 
10	114410	Abdoulaye Loua	MCE	MScTE	2010	Cameroon	 
11	084316	Adoum Mohamat	CSE	HD	2011	Bangladesh	 
12	094311	Fouchimi Nvuh Ousmane	CSE	HD	2011	Bangladesh	 
13	054312	Youssuf Com	EEE	BScTE	2006	Korea (North)	 

Figure 5.17.2: The Admin approves newly registered members and can also delete registered members

5.18 Administrator's Gallery Privileges

You are login as Admin Home | Alumni Members () | Forum Members | My account | Articles | Messages () | Gallery | Logout

case=

Albums

Add a New Album

Add a new Album

Album name:

Select photo:

Album Author:

Album Description:

Figure 5.18.1: Administrator can add new Album into the Gallery

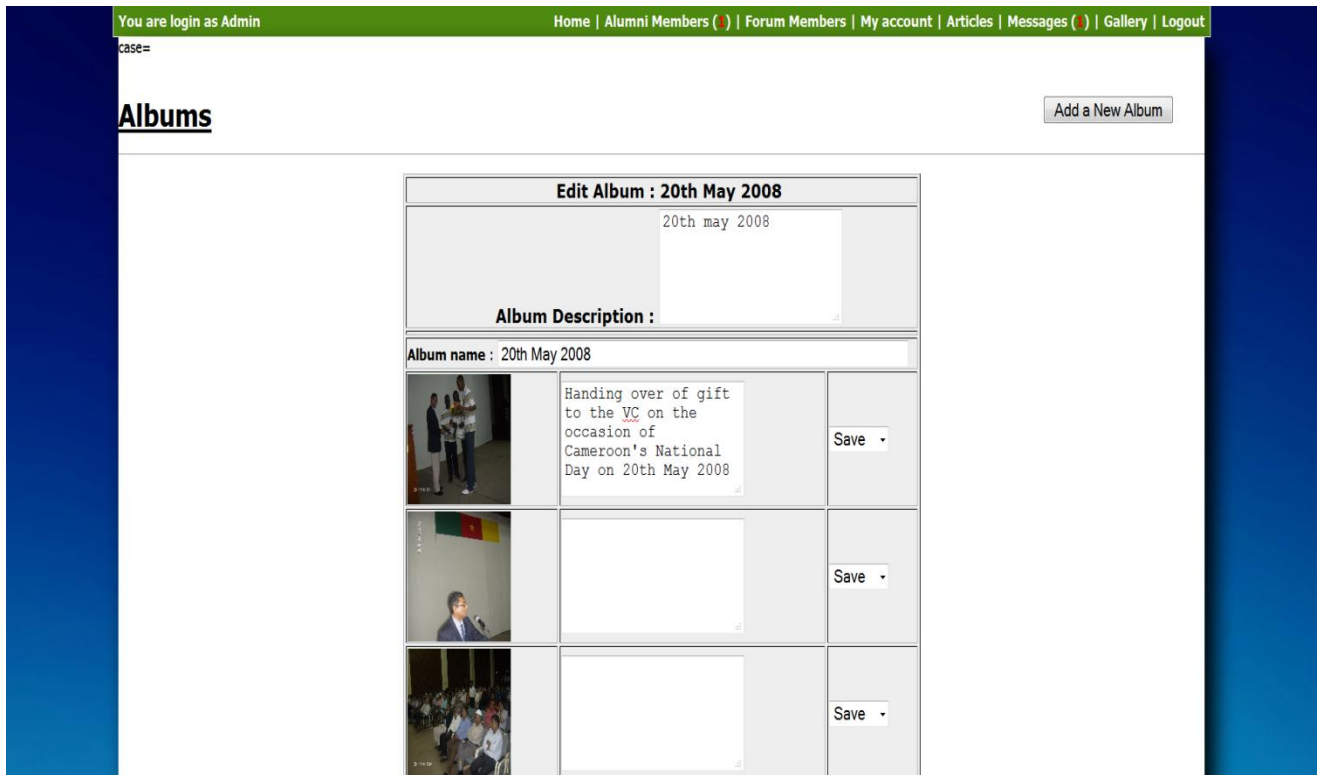


Figure 5.18.2: Administrator can edit the content and information of Albums already existing.

5.19 Administrator's Message Privileges

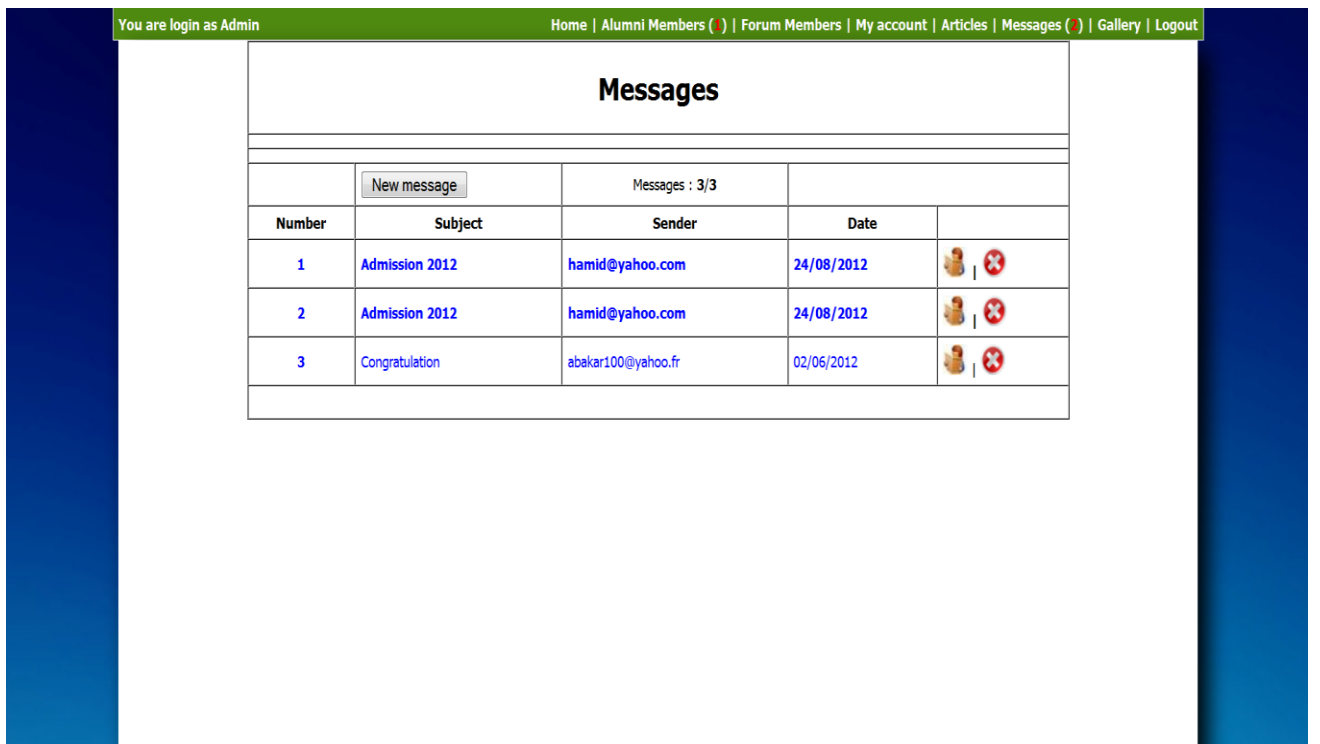


Figure 5.19.1: Admin can view, read or delete messages sent by users and members

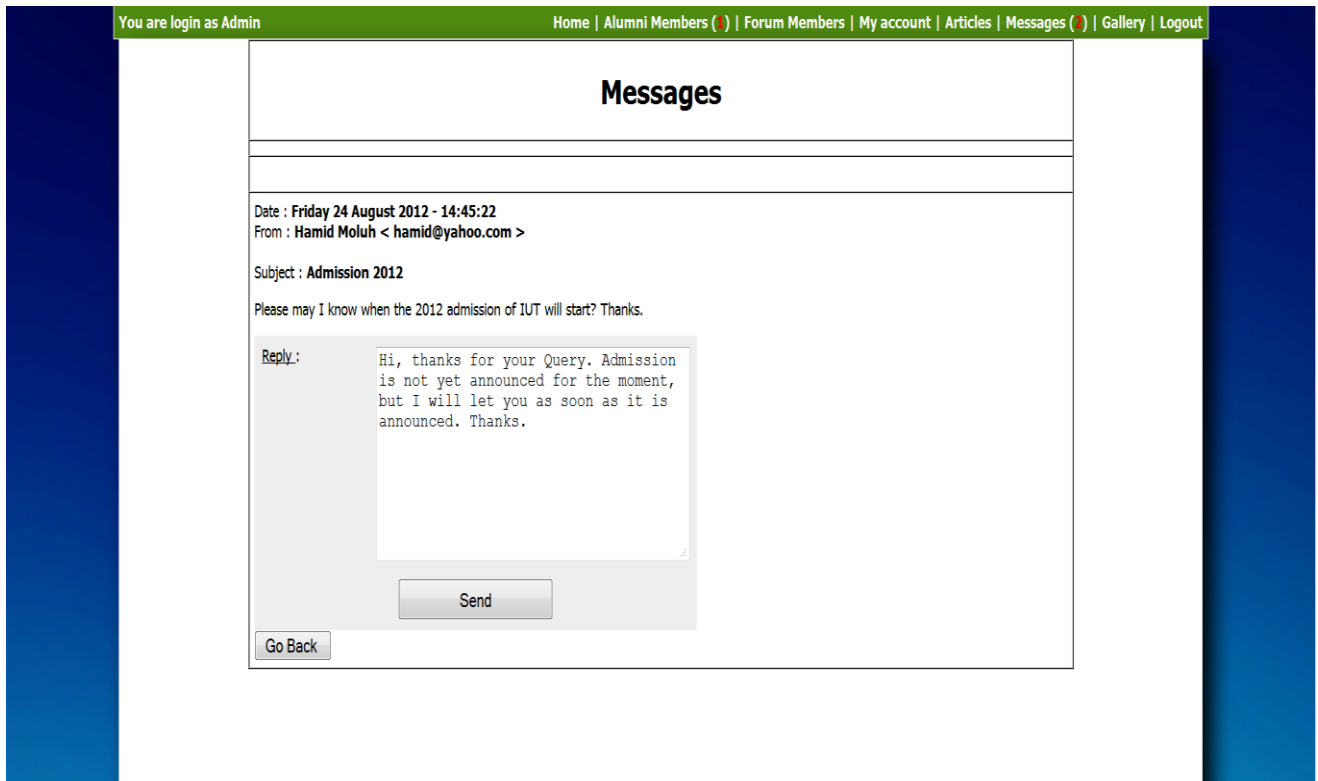


Figure 5.19.2: Admin can reply to messages sent by members and users via the contact us form

5.20 Administrator's Article Privileges



Figure 5.20.1: Admin can post new articles for members to read and comment

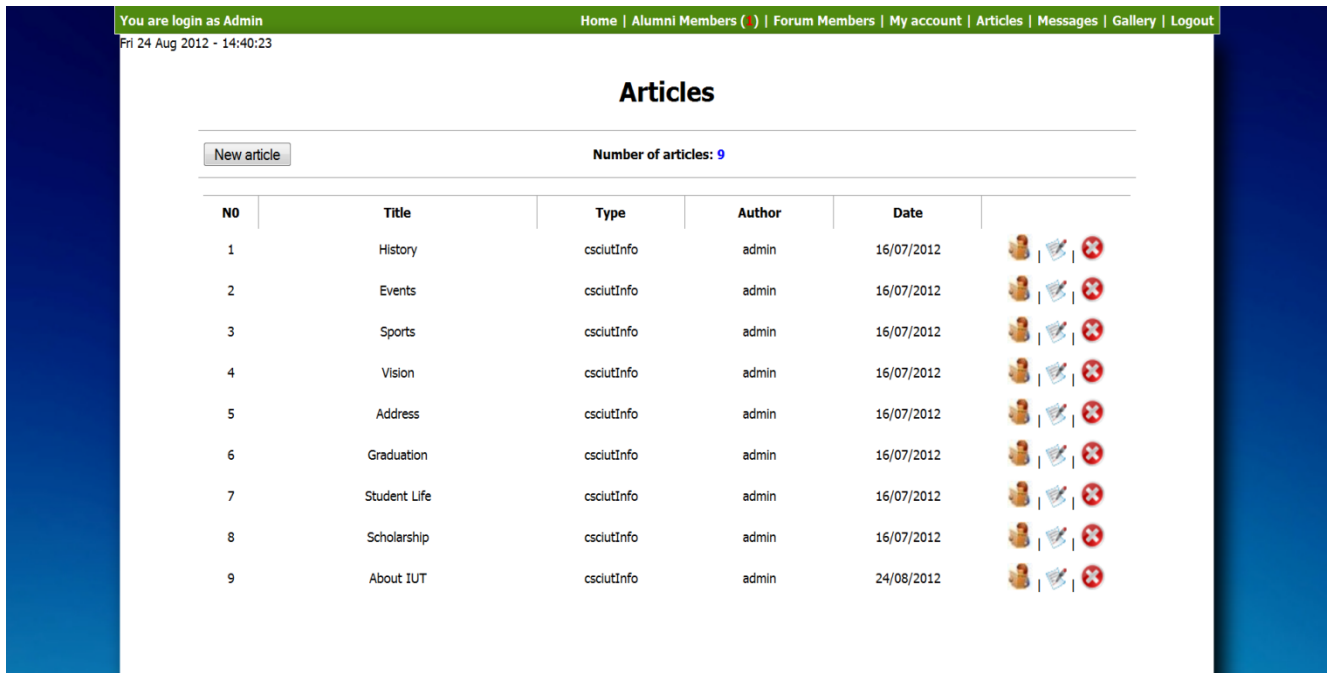


Figure 5.20.2: Admin can view, edit and delete articles posted by him.

5.21 Administrator's Forum Privileges

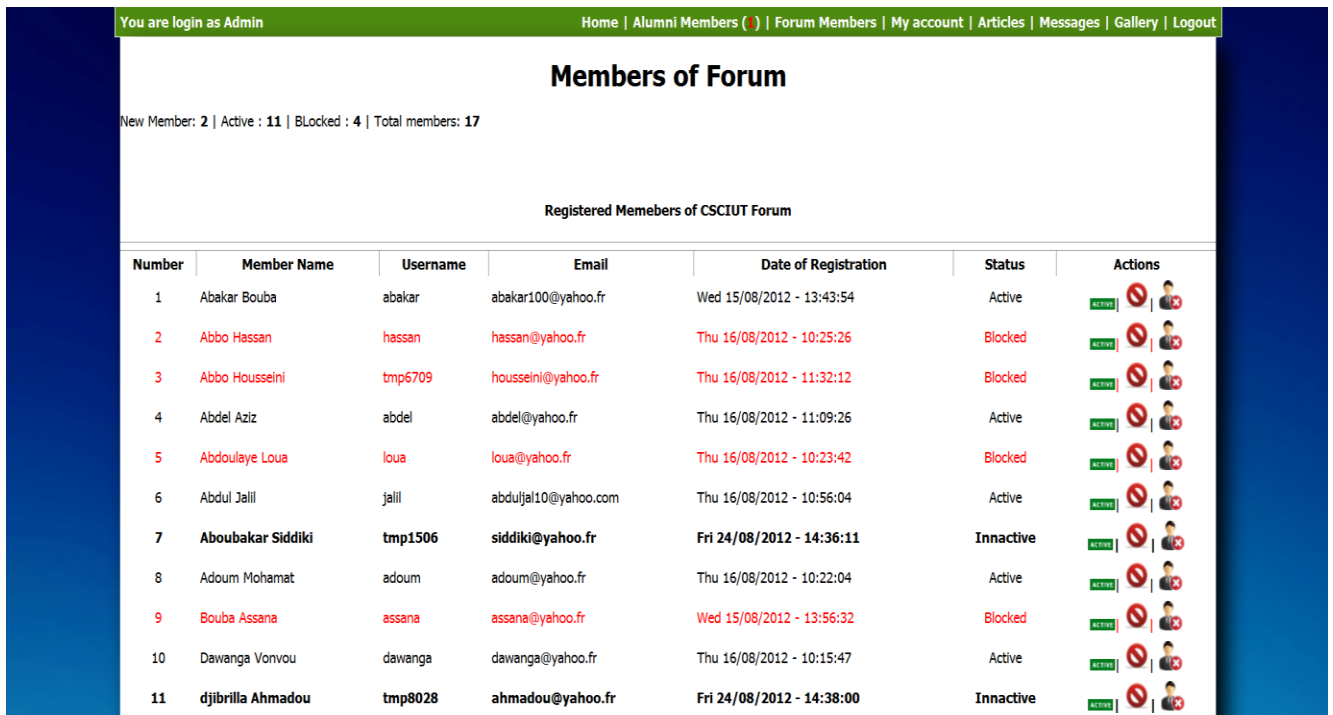


Figure 5.21.1: Admin can activate, block and delete members from the Forum portal. Records in Red indicate members who are blocked, records in Black indicate members who are already active (already activated by the Admin) while those in Bold indicate newly registered members who are not yet activated by the Admin.



Figure 5.21.2: Administrator adding a new article in the Forum Portal. He has the exclusive privilege

5.22 General View of the Database

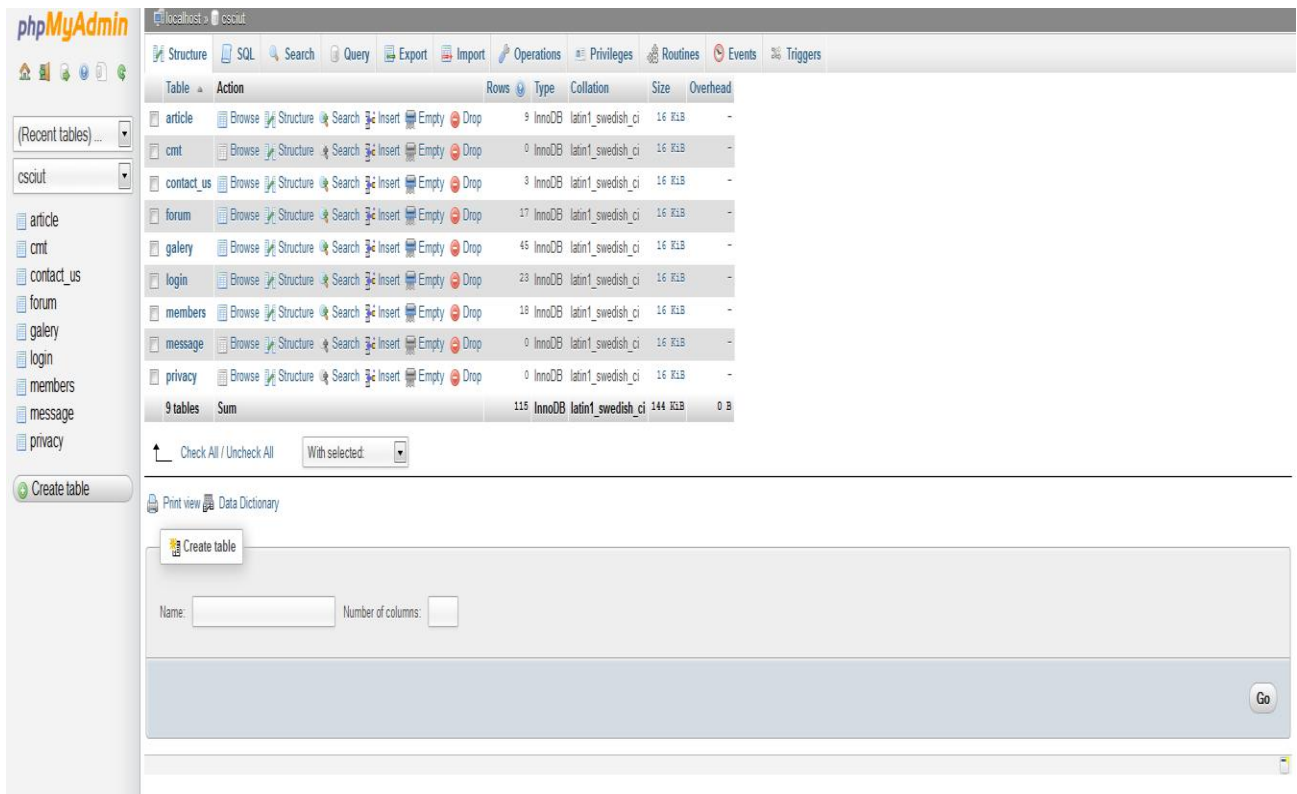


Figure 5.22: Database showing all the tables created.

5.23 Tables Created in the Database ^[3]

The screenshot shows the phpMyAdmin interface for the 'forum' database. The 'Forum_Member' table is selected, and the SQL query 'SELECT * FROM `forum` LIMIT 0, 30' is executed. The table structure and data are displayed as follows:

	id	rgdate	name	sex	bday	nationality	m_st	religion	addr	city	zcode	cnt	ph	cell	mail	photo	lang	email	login	login	pass
	1345016634	1345016878	Abakar Bouba	Male	31/DECEMBER/1988	Cameroon	Married	none	Room#320 South Hall of residence.	dhaka	0000	Bangladesh	00525664622	01422345320	no mail	aba71204.JPG	En	abakar100@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345017392	1345017392	Bouba Assana	Male	14/JUN/1980	Belgium		none	Gauder	Djouang	0000	Cameroon	00525664622	01422345320	no mail	DSC21840.JPG	En	assana@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345090924	1345093533	Adoum Mohamat	Sex...	04/APRIL/1987	Cameroon		none	IUT	dhaka	0000	Bangladesh	+880167555455		no mail	DSC8684.JPG	En	adoum@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345093766	1345093766	Abdel Aziz	Male	08/AUGUST/1982	Cameroon		none	IUT	dhaka	0000	Bangladesh	+880125565564		no mail	Pic489h.JPG	En	abdel@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345090547	1345093894	Dawanga Vonou	Male	04/MAY/1983	Cameroon		none	Yaounde	Yaounde	0000	Cameroon	+23758589658		no mail	DSC47385.JPG	En	dawanga@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345092964	1345094087	Abdul Jali	Male	04/JULY/1984	Cameroon		none	IUT	dhaka	0000	Bangladesh	+880125565564		no mail	ja5149i.JPG	En	abduljal10@yahoo.com	none	-	none
	1345091474	1345094246	Moumie	Male	04/APRIL/1985	Cameroon		none	IUT	dhaka	0000	Bangladesh	+880125565564		no mail	DSC82327.JPG	En	moumie@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345090412	1345094359	Ehadj Mohamed	Male	03/APRIL/1984	Cameroon		none	Yaounde	Yaounde	0000	Cameroon	+23758589658		no mail	DSC53414.JPG	En	ehadj@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345087596	1345094503	Moluh Souleyman	Male	02/APRIL/1980	Cameroon		none	Germany	Germany	0000	Germany	+4956117558562		no mail	DSC98190.JPG	En	moluh@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345090815	1345094609	Ousmane	Male	03/MARCH/1990	Cameroon		none	IUT	dhaka	0000	Bangladesh	+880125565564		no mail	DSC77451.JPG	En	ousmane@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345090710	1345094726	youssuf	Male	04/MARCH/1981	Cameroon		none	Korea	korea	0000	Korea (North)	+39558555555		no mail	DSC25875.JPG	En	youssuf@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345091904	1345094847	Hassana Abakar	Male	06/APRIL/1983	Cameroon		none	Yaounde	Yaounde	0000	Cameroon	+23758589669		no mail	DSC49656.JPG	En	hassana@yahoo.fr	none	-	none
	1345091022	1345094946	Abdoulaye Loua	Male	05/APRIL/1983	Cameroon		none	IUT	Douala	0000	Cameroon	+23758589669		no mail	DSC22861.JPG	En	loua@yahoo.fr	none	-	none

Figure 5.23.1: Forum_Member table showing all the fields created

The screenshot shows the phpMyAdmin interface for the 'login' database. The 'Login' table is selected, and the SQL query 'SELECT * FROM `login` LIMIT 0, 30' is executed. The table structure and data are displayed as follows:

	id	uname	pass	email	type	stat	lastlogin
	1	admin	*4ACE3202A5FF5CF467898FC58AAB1D615029441	admin@csciut.org	admin	1	1345797483
	1345016634	abakar	*2B2410AE71FE1A952E96B37B52DAFEAD7C118849	abakar100@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345792832
	1345017392	assana	*5D0E468A4D0E3AF6F90A39AEE9DE725453822258	assana@yahoo.fr	forum	1	1345017810
	1345087596	moluh	*AD3815BFFE2AF4D0D66840D676849451426562009	moluh@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095406
	1345090412	ehadj	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	ehadj@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095509
	1345090547	dawanga	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	dawanga@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095547
	1345090710	youssuf	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	youssuf@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095325
	1345090815	ousmane	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	ousmane@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095669
	1345090924	adoum	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	adoum@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095769
	1345091022	loua	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	loua@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095444
	1345091126	hassan	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	hassan@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095873
	1345091474	moumie	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	moumie@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095595
	1345091672	mefire	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	mefire@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	0
	1345091904	hassana	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	hassana@yahoo.fr	alumni	1	1345095366
	1345092964	jali	*635831946167BA9E705CA05B91D7320FA38398E2	abduljal10@yahoo.com	alumni	1	1345095633
	1345093766	abdel	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	abdel@yahoo.fr	forum	1	1345095723
	1345095132	tmp6709	pass761	housseni@yahoo.fr	forum	0	0
	1345096152	aziz	*A4B6157319038724E3560894F7F932C888EBFCF	abdel@yahoo.com	alumni	1	1345096209
	1345796391	temp2	*EB1D7CC47798D76110FC14D6FF2458013DF3F92B	balery@yahoo.fr	alumni	0	0
	1345796661	temp4	*1F42907A6AB70BE39D0773488AAE7C85B709D7F	miradassou@yahoo.fr	alumni	0	0

Figure 5.23.2: Login table showing all the fields created

Showing rows 0 - 12 (~13 total) Query took 0.0012 sec

```
SELECT *
FROM `article`
LIMIT 0, 30
```

	arid	ardate	title	cont	type	cat	image	img_p	lang	autor	ready	cmtby	lastedit	arstatus				
<input type="checkbox"/>	5930	1342412555	History	The CSC-IUT is almost 20 years old today, having b...	csciutinfo	csciutinfo	NULL	NULL	Eng	admin	14	0	1342412555	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	5648	1342413067	Events	Every year CSC-IUT has some regular activities in ...	csciutinfo	csciutinfo	NULL	NULL	Eng	admin	12	0	1342413067	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	5641	1342413355	Sports	Given that Football is next to religion in Cameroo...	csciutinfo	csciutinfo	NULL	NULL	Eng	admin	8	0	1342413355	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	4339	1342417554	Vision	 Our stated goal is to project the image of ...	csciutinfo	csciutinfo	NULL	NULL	Eng	admin	6	0	1342417554	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	5214	1342417669	Address	info@csc-iut.com Tel: +8901674832793 or +...	csciutinfo	csciutinfo	NULL	NULL	Eng	admin	5	0	1342417669	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	7924	1342417734	Graduation	Every year an average of 6 to 8 Cameroonian studen...	csciutinfo	csciutinfo	NULL	NULL	Eng	admin	4	0	1342417734	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	2867	1342417784	Student Life	IUT is a self-contained university which means tha...	csciutinfo	csciutinfo	NULL	NULL	Eng	admin	5	0	1342417784	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	5490	1342417832	Scholarship	All the Cameroonian students who wish to come and...	csciutinfo	csciutinfo	NULL	NULL	Eng	admin	5	0	1342417832	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	8658	1345782915	About IUT	Origin of the university Islamic Uni...	csciutinfo	csciutinfo	NULL	NULL	Eng	admin	7	0	1345782915	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	1345806533	1345806592	Announcements	Admission into IUT for the academic year 2012-2013...	forum	Admission Announcements	NULL		Eng	abakar	13	0	1345806592	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	1345806597	1345806651	Vacancies	A job offer is hereby announced for prospective ca...	forum	Job Vacancies	NULL		Eng	abakar	16	0	1345806651	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	1345864008	1345864075	Celebrations		1345864262	1345864285	Scholarships	Leipzig University is pleased to inform potential ...	forum	Scholarship opportunities	NULL		Eng	khalid	15	0	1345864285	1

Figure 5.23.3: Article table showing all the fields created

Showing rows 0 - 7 (~8 total) Query took 0.0016 sec

```
SELECT *
FROM `cmt`
LIMIT 0, 30
```

	id	user	type	art	cmt	cdate	st
<input type="checkbox"/>	387	1345090924	article	1345864008	You are committing yourself to a great responsib...	1345866003	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	984	1345092964	article	1345864008	My happiness and joy knew no bounds when I came to...	1345866276	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	3447	1345090547	article	1345864008	I am happy to know that you are getting married to...	1345866505	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	5226	1345016634	article	1345807192	Dear Pokassa, How excited I am to lea...	1345808085	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	5351	1345016634	article	1345864008	Dear Pokassa, How excited I am to lea...	1345865849	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	6980	1345864147	article	1345864008	Congratulations and wish you a happy married life.	1345866141	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	7943	1345093766	article	1345864008	I am just waiting to arrange a gala party in honor...	1345866064	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	9230	1345090412	article	1345864008	With all my heart, I wish you a blissful conjugal ...	1345866213	1

Figure 5.23.4: Comment table showing all the fields created

Showing rows 0 - 3 (-4 total), Query took 0.0008 sec

```

SELECT *
FROM `contact_us`
LIMIT 0, 30

```

Show: Start row: 0 Number of rows: 30 Headers every 100 rows

Sort by key: None

	title	name	phone	country	email	query	stat	mdate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Congratulation	Abakar Bouba	00558558523655	Bangladesh	abakar100@yahoo.fr	Please tell us what you think. Your questions and ...	0	1338624176
<input type="checkbox"/>	Admission 2012	Hamid Moluh	+125785687	United States	hamid@yahoo.com	Please may I know when the 2012 admission of IUT w...	0	1345797922
<input type="checkbox"/>	Admission 2012	Hamid Moluh	+125785687	United States	hamid@yahoo.com	Please may I know when the 2012 admission of IUT w...	1	1345797930
<input type="checkbox"/>	hi	KHALID ABDULKADIR HUSSEIN	+8801674832799	Bangladesh	khalid@yahoo.fr	Please tell us what you think help make CSOIUT bet...	0	1345910278

Check All / Uncheck All With selected: Change Delete Export

Show: Start row: 0 Number of rows: 30 Headers every 100 rows

Query results operations: Print view Print view (with full texts) Export Display chart Create view

Figure 5.23.7: Contact_Us table showing all the fields created

5.24 Problems Faced During System Implementation

The problems we faced while implementing the project started right from the design of the architecture of the website itself. These include among others:

- Issues related to the choice of our logo, its design and creation, the background color and the frame to use were among some of the most difficult problems we faced.
- Then came the problem of coding where we faced numerous syntax errors related to the various programming languages we used.
- Integrating the different modules of the website also turned out to be a very challenging task during our work.
- We also faced some compatibility problems when we tried to implement the J-Query with some photos having the GIF format.
- Moreover, we had some difficulties configuring the Internet Information Service (IIS) Server on Windows 7 Platform as it was our first time to use it.
- Complexities and difficulties related to prototyping, gathering of user requirements and adjusting the website according to their changing needs.

Chapter 6: System Testing

6.1 System Strategy and Plan

Testing is the debugging of the program codes of a candidate system, it is one of the most critical aspects of computer programming, without a program that works and runs properly and efficiently, the system would never produce an output for which it is designed and implemented.

Testing is best performed when users are asked to assist in identifying all errors and bugs. The sample data are used for testing. It is not the quantity but quality of the data used that matters most in testing. Testing of our website was aimed at ensuring that it was accurately and efficiently functioning before the beginning of live operation commands.

6.2 Code Testing

This examines the logic of the program and its code implementation. It also tests the efficiency of the different algorithms implemented in the project ^[6]. Execution time and space required were the two main factors being tested here. For example, the logic for updating various sample data and with the sample files and directories were tested and verified accordingly.

Also we tested the Database connection code written in PHP for compatibility with the IIS Server on Windows 7 Platform and we found it to be operational and functionally compatible.

6.3 Specification Testing

Carrying out the specification testing means specifying what the program should do and how it should perform under various conditions and then verifies all these specifications as per the algorithms implemented in the programs ^[6]. Accordingly, test cases for various scenarios and combination of conditions in all the modules are tested and found to be satisfactorily functioning at optimum levels.

For example, the code segment used in implementing the uploading of photos and articles has been optimized so that it performs within a minimum amount of time.

6.4 Unit Testing

In unit testing we test each module individually and integrate it with the overall system ^[6]. Unit testing focuses on verification efforts of the smallest unit of the software design in the module. The module of the system is tested separately. This testing is carried out during the programming stage itself. In the testing step each module is found to work properly and at optimum level vis-à-vis the expected output from the module. There are some validation checks for fields also which have tested and verified.

For example the validation check is done for varying user input given by the user in order to verify the validity of the data entered and no validation errors were found in the system.

6.5 System Testing

Once the individual module testing was completed, all the different modules were assembled and integrated to perform as a system. We used the top-down testing approach for our website, where we began from the upper level module right to the lower level module. This approach was carried out to check whether the entire system is performing satisfactorily and was it was found to be so.

For instance, we have integrated the Admin module with all the other modules namely; Alumni, Forum, Gallery and the Main Home Page to test and verify whether the Admin effectively has exclusive privileges over them, and it was found exactly the same as implemented.

6.6 Correction Evidence

Data can be lost across an interface, one module can have an adverse effect on the other sub-functions or modules when combined and may not produce the desired or expected output. Correction action is the systematic testing for constructing the undiscovered errors within the system's interface. This testing technique was done with sufficient sample data. The developed system has run successfully with the sample data. The need for such an integrated test is to evaluate the overall system performance and prove the consistency and integrity of the website's functionality.

6.7 Output Testing

After performance of the validation testing, the next step is output testing. The output displayed or generated by the system under consideration is tested by asking the user about the format required by the system. The output format on the screen is found to be correct as format was designed in the system phase according to the user needs. Hence output testing does not result in any correction or modification of the system.

For example, users have uploaded their profile information and edited them as per their individual identities. They have all agreed with the format presented to them and are all satisfied with the overall view, layout, format and presentation of the website. Articles and photos have been viewed successfully as they have been posted by the Admin. This means that the system is maintaining an acceptable level of consistency and integrity.

Chapter 7: Evaluation and Conclusion

7.1 An Evaluation of the Project Objectives

Our community website is the first of its kind; it is a new system which has to be run to see whether it works efficiently and perfectly. After running it for a few days we are now sure that the new system's purpose is maintained. Software evaluation and selection can become an innovative issue by some measures and considerations. We are therefore satisfied with the way our new website is working and addressing our Group's needs in many ways. We are satisfied with the following objectives that have been achieved:

- The system contains various types of user-defined checking methods like data duplicity, integrity, and inconsistency.
- The system checks each and every inputted data by performing the above mentioned methods.
- The system is capable to show alert, confirmation, information messages to the user as per requirements.
- The system has an attractive, flexible and efficient interface.
- Now for the primary version we have designed the website efficiently, aesthetically appealing and given it all the flexibility it requires. We have emphasized on functions rather than just designing attractive interfaces.
- There are some messages sent to newly registered members in their respective e-mail accounts in the form of links to enable them confirm their membership status and register their details.
- As all the information is stored in the database, previous information can be generated by searching for key words in our website's search engine.
- Generating errors –the minimum error generated by a system is clearly defined by the system and our system also fulfils this criterion.
- Stimulation – the experience of working in a team made us to perform better and have more enthusiasm to work even harder.
- Learning – we all acquired new knowledge and insights from each other and this has helped us enormously in realizing our work on time and with no major hitches.

7.2 Evaluation by Real End Users

During the last decade, the use of an assortment of usability inspection methods has become prevalent as project schedule become shorter and budgets become tighter. In general, the expense and effort involved in testing the real end users has been viewed by the development community as impedance to software development.

To find out how well the new system works a questionnaire was created by us during the running and testing phases of the website development. The questionnaire has been designed in an easy way so that the participating users can answer them only by writing the points into the answer sheet. From the answers we would be able to judge if the proposed system has been up to the desired standard or there are still any functional lapses and lacunae in it.

Some of the questions we asked the real end users include among others:

- i. How do you assess the amenities provided by the website?
- ii. Do you find the modalities of accessing the website user-friendly enough?
- iii. Does the website satisfy all the needs and requirements you have initially specified?
- iv. What else do you think should be added to the website that has been previously omitted?
- v. Are the difficulties you faced when using the previous system (Yahoo Group) solved now?

So far, the evaluation by the real end users has attained a very satisfactory level after so many rounds of adjustments, modifications and improvements in the initial user requirements and interface design. The website has been rendered more user-friendly and dynamic in all its functional aspects.

7.3 Future Work

Future work is what we intend to do in future to improve on our website, make it more modern and integrate some of the most recent technologies that would have evolved by then. These future plans among others include:

- Use of Advanced security system: Security is a big issue in all online projects especially in social networking sites where privacy of individuals need to be kept confidential. We intend to use higher levels of security in future to keep private message secret and to protect the profile information of our members from theft.
- Greater user friendliness: As our forum is open to everyone especially prospective Cameroonian IUT applicants and also given that the website itself is expected to be used by a great number of people around the globe, it must be easily accessible, more flexible and very easy to use even by non-computer literates.
- More powerful database system like Oracle will be used in future.

7.4 Conclusion

A website for the Cameroonian Students' Community in IUT has for the first time been developed fully, with all the requirements and functions that we intended to implement during this one semester work period.

Overall the project has been a great success, and has been able to achieve all its design and development goals.

We agree that more functionality can be added and the whole project can be improved further.

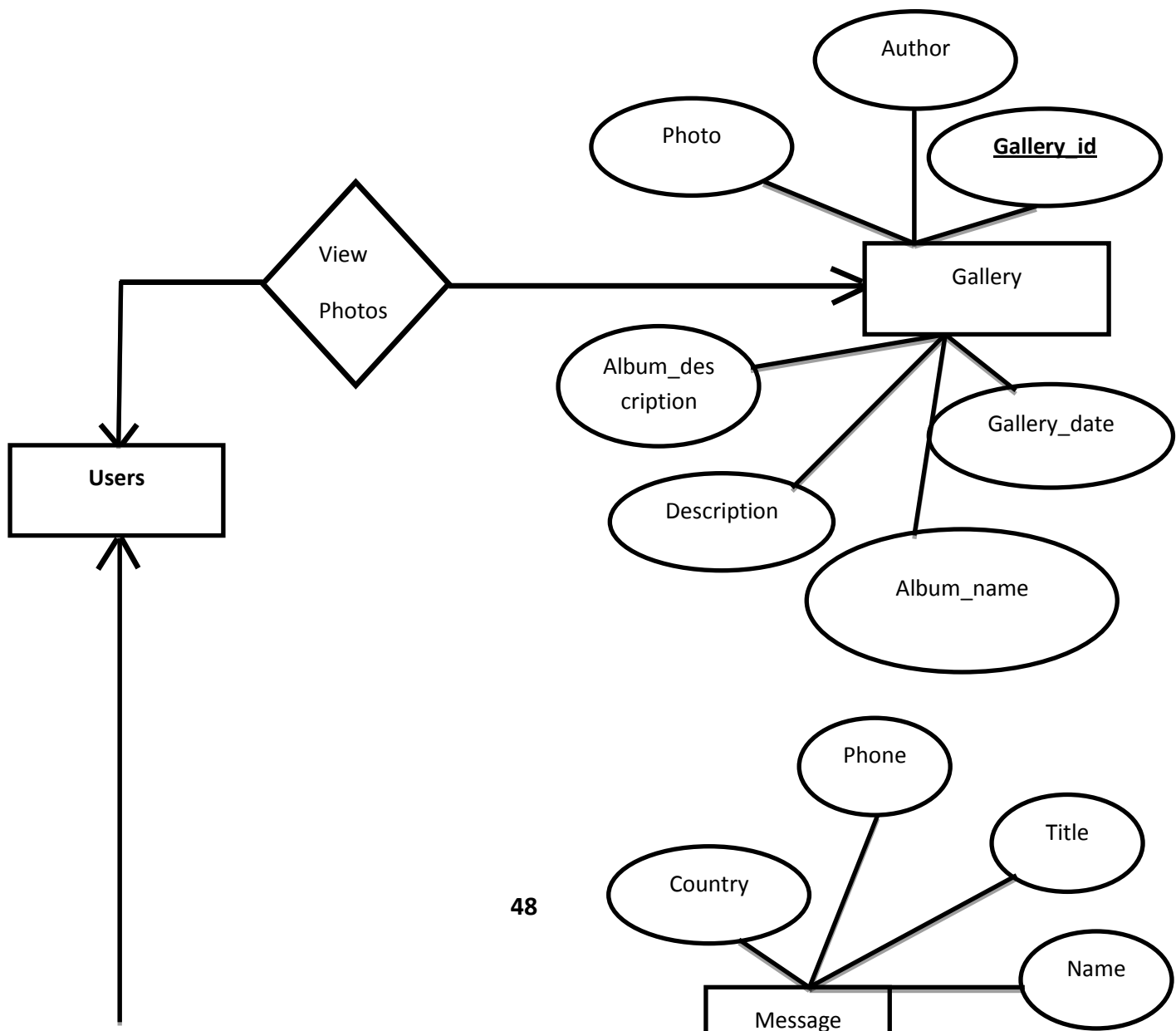
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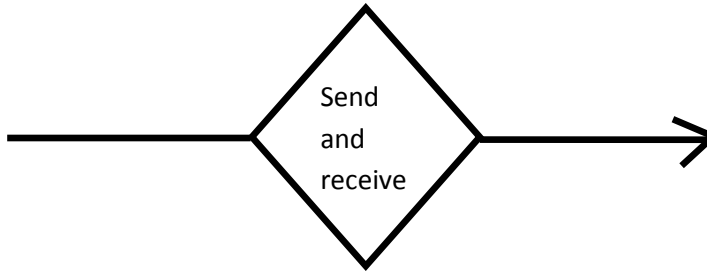
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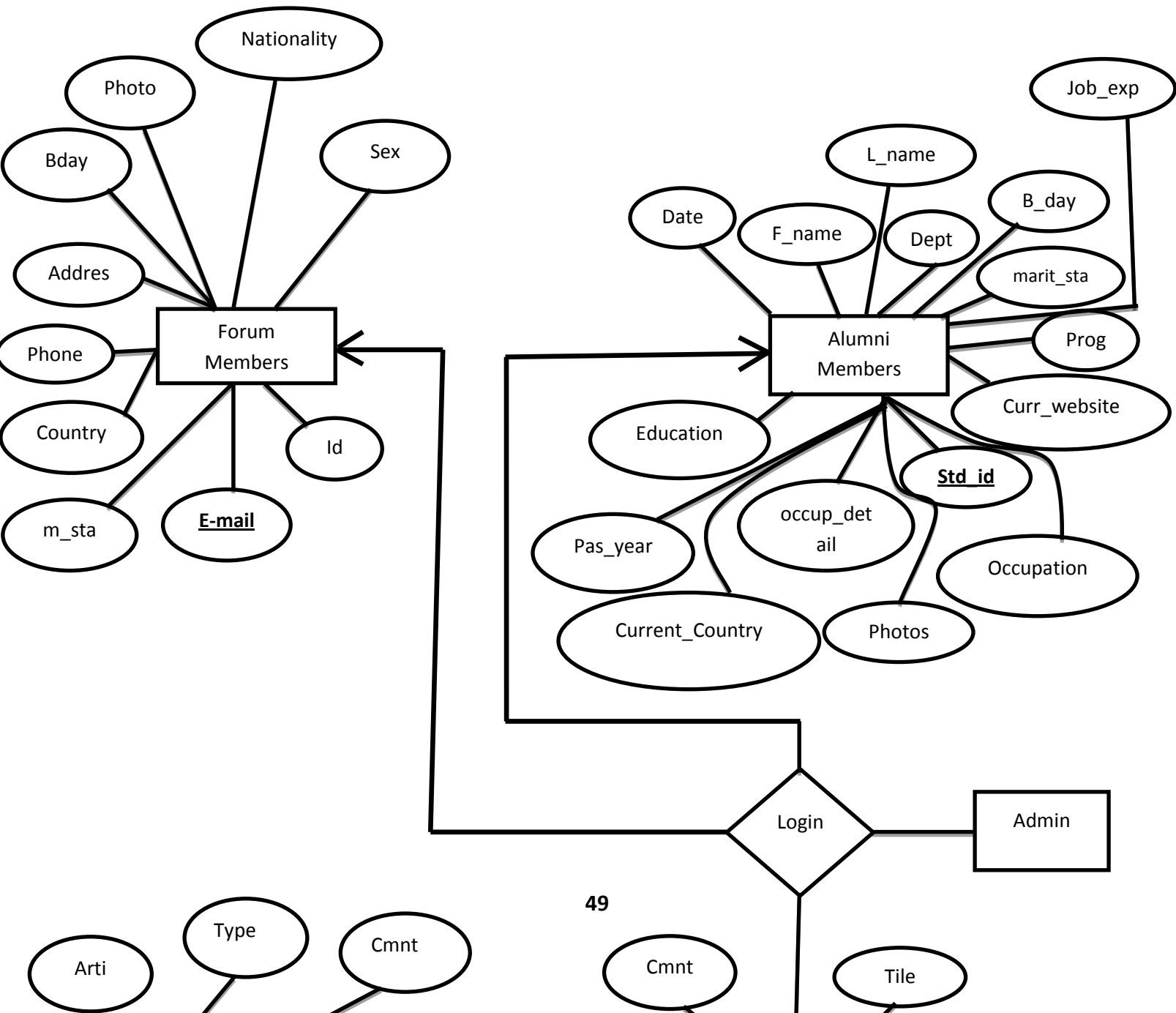
Appendix A: Entity-Relationship Diagrams

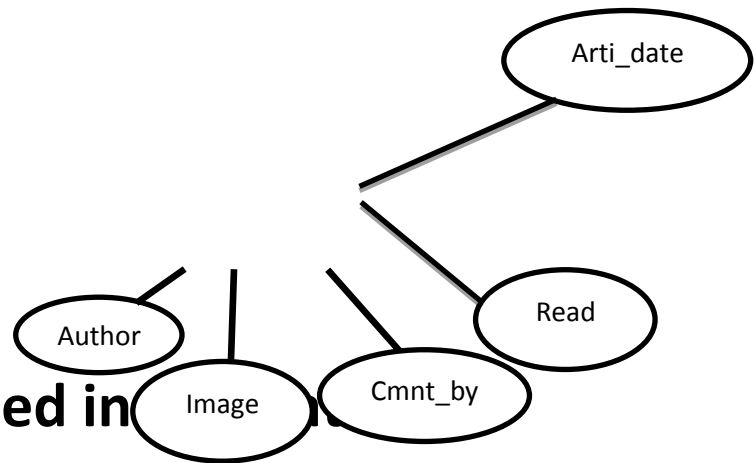
Entity-Relationship (E-R) Diagram Depicting the Relationship Existing Between USERS, GALLERY and MESSAGE





E-R Diagram showing the relationship between the Admin and the various modules





Appendix B: Tables created in

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2 uname	varchar(10)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	None		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 pass	text	latin1_swedish_ci		No	None		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 email	varchar(60)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	None		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 type	varchar(10)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	-		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 lastlogin	int(15)			No	0		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 stat	int(1)			No	0		Change Drop More

Login Table

#	Name	Type	Collation	Attributes	Null	Default	Extra	Action
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<input type="checkbox"/>	2 aldescription	varchar(100)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	-		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 author	varchar(25)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	-		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 gdate	varchar(15)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	-		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 alname	varchar(50)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	None		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 photo	varchar(15)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	None		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 descr	varchar(120)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	-		Change Drop More
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Gallery Table

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<input type="checkbox"/>	5 email	varchar(50)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	None		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 query	varchar(1000)	latin1_swedish_ci		No	None		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 stat	int(11)			No	1		Change Drop More
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 <u>mdate</u>	int(15)			No	None		Change Drop More

Contact_Us Table

#	Name	Type	Collation	Attributes	Null	Default	Extra	Action
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Alumni Table

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Forum Table

Appendix C: Definition of the Terms Used

- **Admin:** The only authorized person who takes care of the overall management of the website, approves members, blocks users, upload photos and articles as per the request of approved members.
- **Member:** Any person duly approved as belonging to the Cameroonian Students' Community of IUT after proper verification. A member can view photos and articles as well as comment on them.
- **User:** Any ordinary member of the public who uses the Internet. He/she has limited access to the website. They can only read about our community, read announcements and articles posted by the Admin. They can also write to the Admin for further queries of their interest.
- **Approving:** Confirming the authenticity of a member as a genuine Alumni of CSC-IUT through proper and appropriate verification.
- **Blocking:** Preventing or restricting an unauthenticated member or a malicious user from gaining access to some of the website's facilities by the administrator.
- **Registration:** The process of filling up a prescribed form providing all the required personal and profile information to be saved in the database and used by the Admin for verification, authentication and subsequent approval of members.
- **Forum:** It is a portal that provides an interaction platform for all approved members. The Forum Portal is animated by articles uploaded by the Admin and the comments written by the participating members.
- **Article:** It refers to a piece of information carrying an announcement, event or news which may be personal, or of general public interest or concerning only the community members. To prevent any abuse of the website, an

article is exclusively published by the Admin and registered members can only comment on them.

- **IIS Server:** The Internet Information Services (IIS) 7.5 is the web server software included with Windows 7. IIS is not installed by default when you install Windows 7, it is rather configured according to the manual provided in the Windows 7 help and support section.
- **Entity-Relationship Diagram:** It is a diagrammatic representation of the relationship that exists between entities in a given database. The E-R diagram is a concept used when designing database management systems. Its objective is to give us a pictorial view of the entire database scenario specifying the entities used and their respective attributes as well as the type of relationship that exists between the various entities.