

Comp4 Computing Project

Web-based teaching portal

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ANALYSIS

Background of problem

In the modern era, teachers and students need to have a communication between each other, whether it is giving back the homework, writing a feedback for student or just asking a question from a teacher. Most used type of communication between students and teachers on the internet is e-mail. But the problem with e-mail is that it can become quite cluttered when you manage multiple classes as a teacher.

Also e-mail is quite limited, there is no way to make up to date information pages. Current system is based on sending e-mails to a pre-defined list of students which then they can check their e-mail account for new e-mails.

Recently the school has installed a web-portal called “[redacted]” that helps with managing prep work and other useful features.

Description of the current systems and Research

At the moment, some teachers are telling the prep on the end of the lesson, which is annoying for students, because they have to either memorise or write the given prep somewhere, but it's also annoying for teachers, because they need to write down the prep somewhere too so that it would be asked. This is both frustrating and time consuming for both students and teachers.

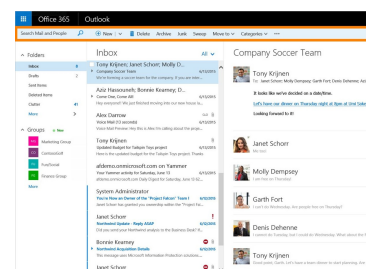


Figure 1. Outlook Web App

Some teachers are also using e-mails to send and receive prep. But the problem with that is it could become really messy if there are multiple classes, and it's difficult to manage those classes as well. Teachers hope that the new system could improve the management of classes and it would be less time-consuming for them and for students.

There has been a recent change to the school system management: school has installed a web-portal [redacted], which helps with sending and receiving prep work and showing useful information like timetables to the students and teachers. But the problem is that not everyone likes it, because its interface is slow and confusing, and there are some bugs.



Figure 2. [redacted]

Identification of prospective user

This is where my project can help **students** and **teachers**. Those groups will mostly be using my system on daily basis.

Users of the new system

New system will be based on web pages, so anyone could use it if they have internet access. No installation or any external software is required for teachers and students, only web browser and a server where the school system is stored and running.

Everything will be stored in one server, every part of the system could be managed easily. Students, teachers and administrators will have different permissions, so, for example, students can't add assignments, only teachers can, or only administrators have access to admin panel.

School web system will need to be available at any computer or mobile.

Interview

Question: What about [redacted] that you don't like? What can be improved/added?

The temperamental nature of the system so far is a major issue. Both students and staff are anxious that it's a system that crashes and doesn't allow people access to their work. This needs to improve as confidence in systems is everything.

There should be improvements made regarding loading powerpoints on to academic pages as presently if there are a high number the system cannot handle it – PP are very important tools to teach students.

Question: Do you think that using website for doing all school work is more beneficial and fun than sending emails to students?

I think I would say that emails add a sense of security at the moment as it's a well-used system.

If the IT dept. could guarantee 100% then I would be more than happy using the website.

- [redacted]

Identification of user needs

- The system needs to be able to hold all information about each user, like
 - user's login details
 - user's personal details (like DoB, gender, phone number)
 - user's account creation date
 - permissions
 - what classes does he participate
 - what classes does he teaches, etc.
- The system needs to be able to store information about assignment, like
 - name
 - full text
 - what teacher has created the assignment
 - what class this assigned to
- The system needs to be able to show all information about assignment quickly

Objectives

1. Program should have log-in system, a method to register users, have activation system, log-out system
2. User interface should show all assignments
3. User inputs must be validated to avoid erroneous or incorrect data.
4. Permissions
 - 4.1. Unlogged users can't access main part of system
 - 4.2. Students can't access some of parts of system
 - 4.3. Teachers can access most of parts of system except admin panel
 - 4.4. Administrators can access everything
5. There is teacher assigned to classes/groups and students are assigned to classes/groups
6. Teacher can send assignment to students
7. Students can upload their finished work to the system
 - 7.1. Students can upload text
 - 7.2. Students can upload files
8. Teacher can submit feedback to a student
9. Users can reset submitted work or delete assignment
10. Timetable available for a student (timeline)

11. Administrators can populate database with data (Excel file, etc.)

Data sources and destinations

Current system – E-mail :

What is it	Source	Destination
Task set for students	Teacher's input on email program	Students emails
Finished task from students	Student's input on email program	Teachers emails

New system:

What is it	Source	Destination
Task set for students	Teacher's input on web portal/Upload	Assignments db table/uploaded file to the server
Finished task from students	Student's input on web portal/Upload	Assignments db table/uploaded file to the server
Messages to students/teachers	Students/Teachers	Notices db table

Data volumes

I will be storing hundreds of user records and also assignments and other features that are related in a database. Each day, teachers will be setting assignments to the class (usually 10-15 or more students). Teachers will either set the whole task by text in assignments description or they could upload a file, and the file's size may vary from few kilobytes to few megabytes.

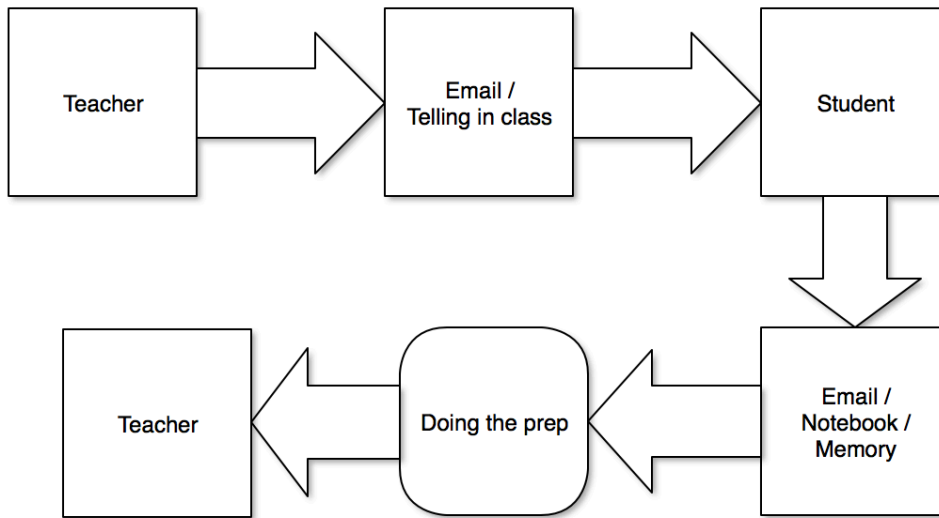
Data Dictionary

Field Name	Field Purpose	Field Type	Field Size	Example Data	Validation

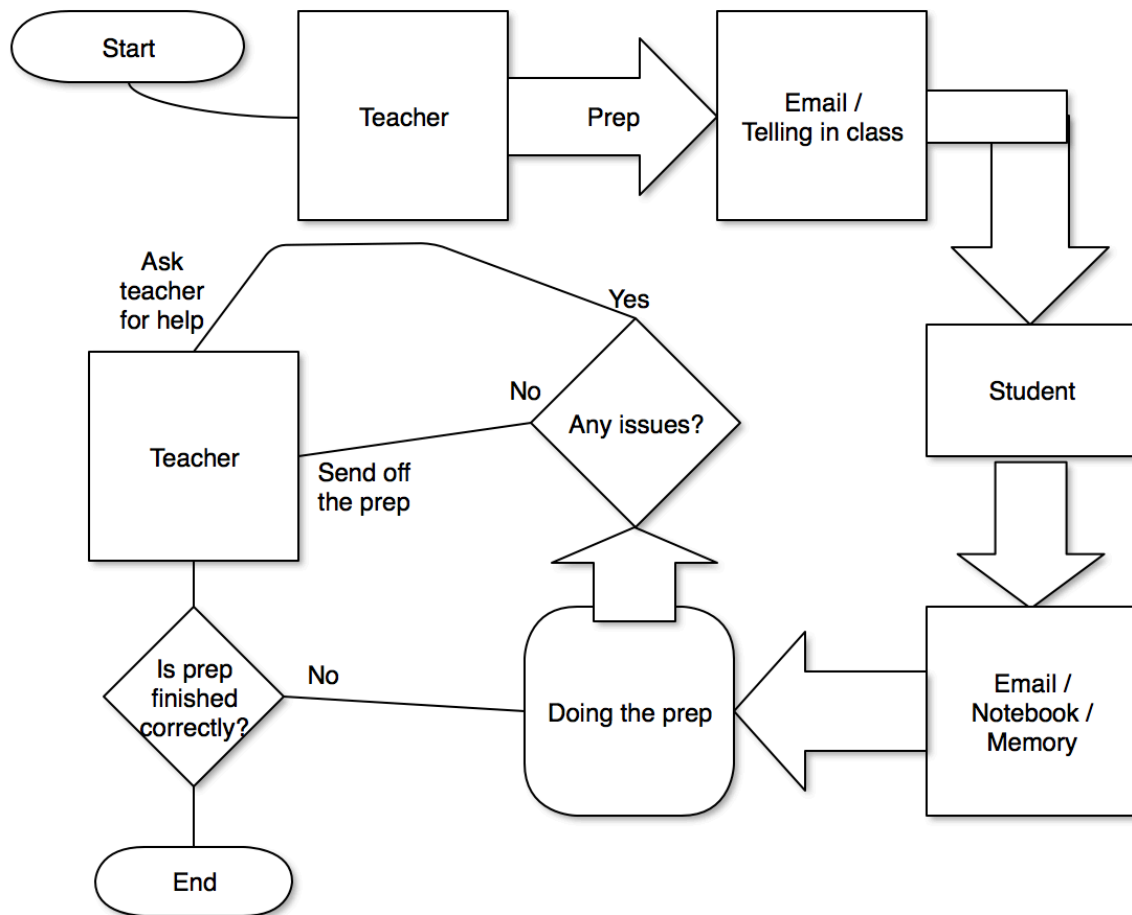
Username	Stores the login information identifier	String	30	peter.robinson, peter@gmail.com	Not blank
Password	Stores the password for login identifier	String (encrypted hash)	120	pbkdf2:sha1:1000 \$TCWFmccG\$989 17247c942eca71b 84eda2f8a42592b f178fd5	Not blank
First Name	Stores first name of an user	String	30	Peter	Check if it's only text (no special symbols allowed)
Last Name	Stores last name of an user	String	30	Robinson	Check if it's only text (no special symbols allowed)
Date of Birth	Stores the date of birth of an user	DateField	10	10/10/1997	Only validate by format %d/%m/%Y
Activated	Stores if the user is activated or not (did user put in his personal info)	Boolean	1 (true/false)	True	Only boolean

Database will be based on SQLite. It is easy and lightweight choice, but it is also robust and can handle lots of queries without problems. SQLAlchemy package will be used for connections between the server and the database. It simplifies the communication and you don't have to write raw SQL.

Data flow of the current system



1. Teacher opens up email program and sends email with description of the prep and files attached (if any) // Teacher tells the prep after lesson
2. Student gets email // Student writes down the prep
3. Student is doing prep, if there are any issues, student emails the teacher
4. Teacher gets either written prep or prep in digital form



Potential solutions

1. Windows-based school system application

Students login to school computers and do all their work there. Application would have a GUI where students upload their work and it gets sent to teacher's computers. Authentication will be tied to school system's Windows login system (Active Directory), and all application's data will be on Windows Server.

Advantages:

Authentication is unified, so no need for an extra authentication system if the school is already using one

All files are stored in school network; fast access

Disadvantages:

Users don't have portability, they can't access system from outside the school network

System would be tied to one operative system (Windows)

No access from mobile devices

2. Standalone applications

Different applications for each major operating system (Windows, Mac OS, Linux). Cross-platform programming language and GUI will be used which will work on all platforms. Those applications will be able to connect to a server which sends back necessary data (like assignments, etc.)

Advantages:

Faster interface (because it would be native application)

Takes advantages of operating system (push notifications?)

Security (application can identify computers that are using the system)

Disadvantages:

Application needs to be downloaded before using

Application needs to be tested everytime on every platform

No access from mobile devices

3. Web-based portal

Users can open a webpage, log-in and use the system. Mobile users can also use the system because of responsive design of the webpage that adapts to the screen resolution.

Advantages:

Every device with web browser can access the system

Interface can be easily edited

Disadvantages:

Limited resources

No native possibilities

Chosen solution

I have chosen web-based portal because it is the easiest and accessible solution. Almost every device has a web browser built-in and it makes accessing school web portal much easier.

I have chosen to use Python as a main programming language because I have a lot of experience in it, and there are a lot of useful libraries that can help with my project.

Design

Overall System Design

We are going to use IPSO table to show possible inputs/outputs.

Inputs	Processes	Storage	Outputs
User register from Excel file	First name Last name Username Email Password DoB Gender Phone Nationality	Database table: User	Registered users
User login	Login Checking password's hash against db	Database table: User	Success/Failure message
Assignment submit	Text Upload file	Database table: Assignment Uploaded files goes to storage folder	Success/Failure message Assignment text

Modular design

- Main menu
 - Assignments
 - Add assignment
 - Remove assignment
 - Mark assignment
 - View assignment
 - Notices
 - Add notice
 - Admin view

- Add user from form
- Add user from excel file
- Manage users
- Populate

Data Dictionary

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Definition of record structure

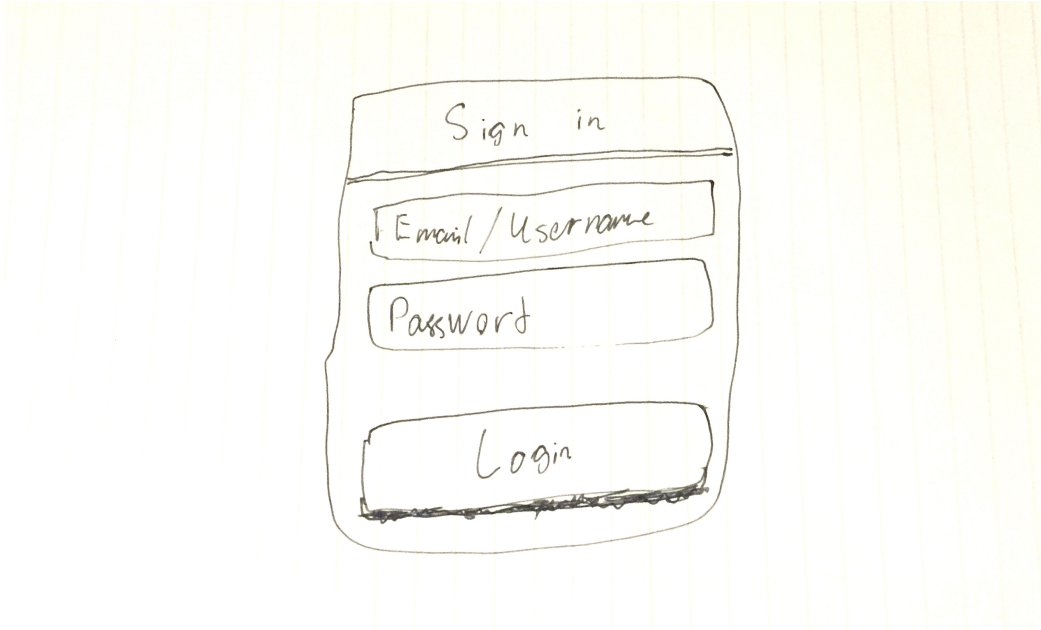
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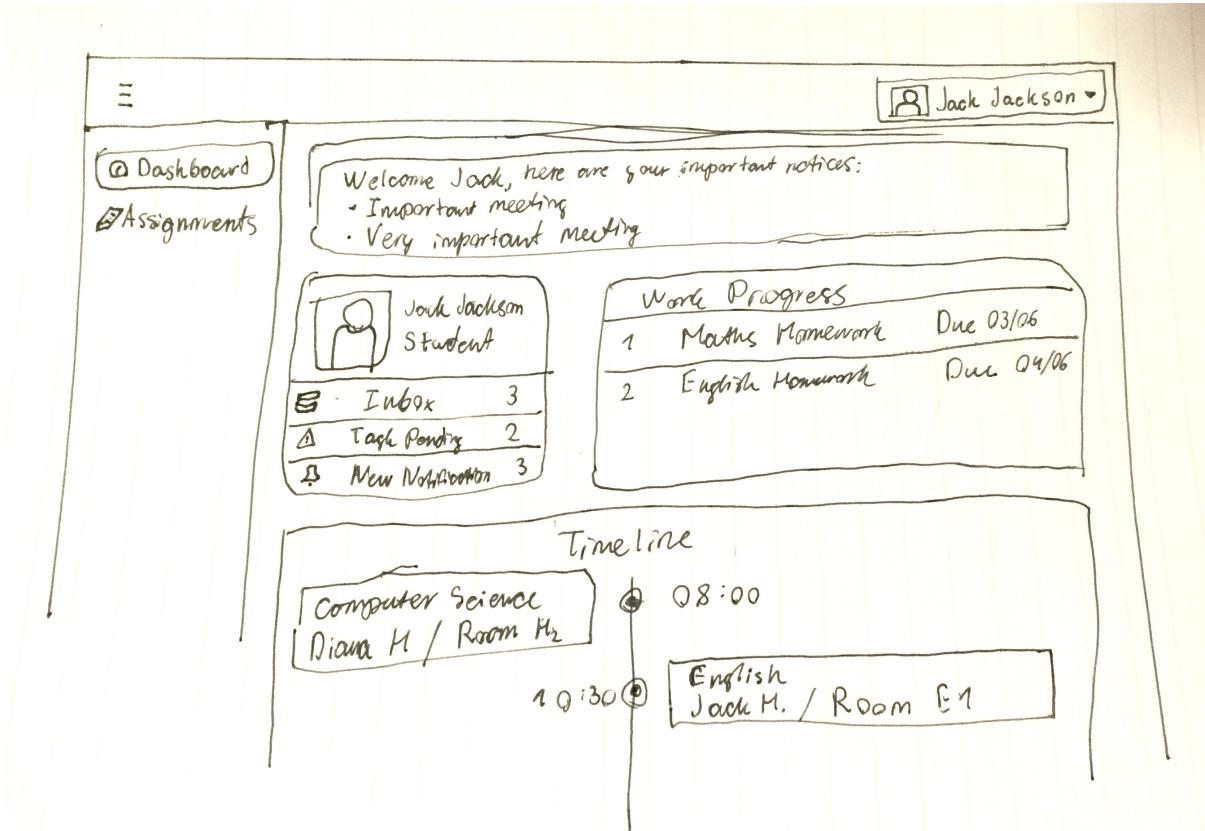
Validation

Field name	Validation checks	Description	Error message	Data	Caught
Login – Username/Email	Presence, Length	We can't check email because it can be username	Please enter valid login.	test@test.com , test123	Yes
Password	Presence, Length, no spaces, only valid set of characters	Make sure that password is in certain set of valid char	Please enter a password	Qwe, ewq	Yes
Date of Birth	Datatype – Date (DD-MM-YY)	Make sure it is correct date	Please insert valid date	10-10-1997, 12-12-2004	Yes
Gender	Lookup/List	Make sure the correct gender is chosen	Please insert correct gender	Male, Female	Yes
Subject	List	Make sure the correct subject is chosen	Please choose the subject	Computer Science, Biology	Yes

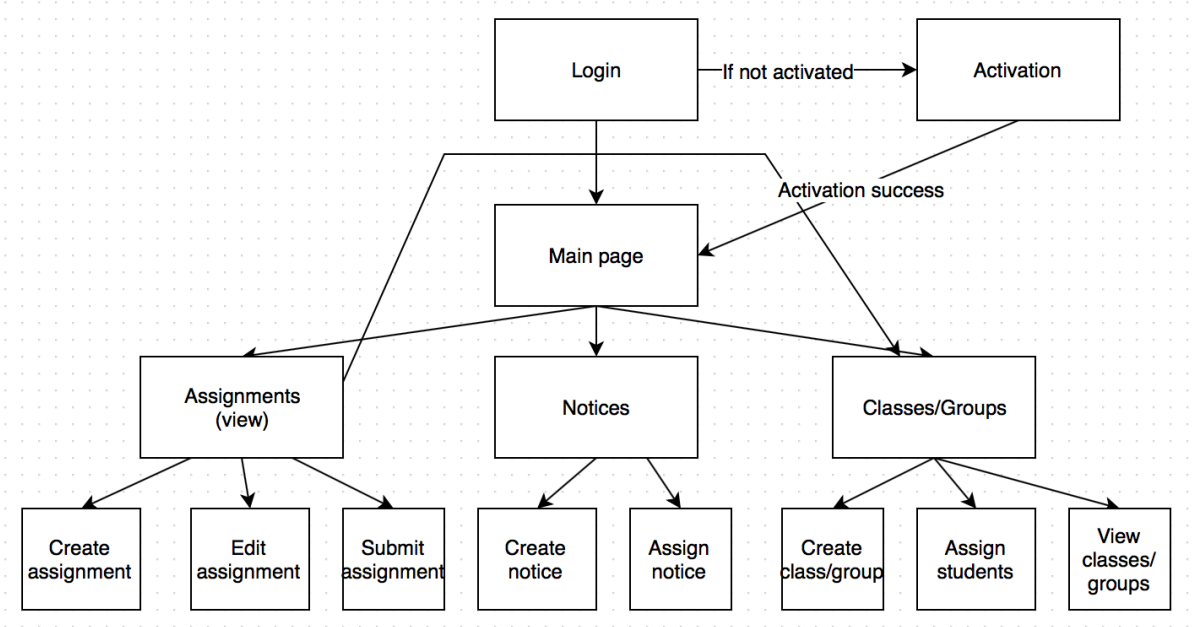
User Interface Design
Login page



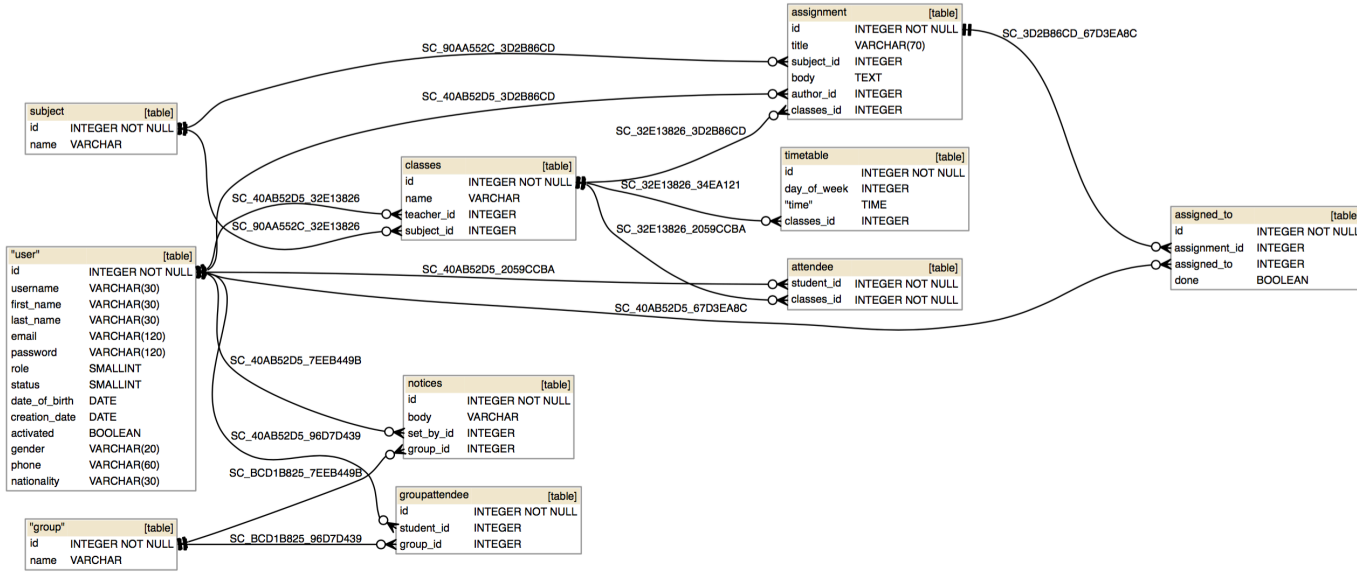
Main dashboard



System Flowcharts



Entity-relationship diagram



Storage Requirements

Software will be installed on a server and client will access the software by using web browser and entering server's address, so there is no need to install software on end user's computer.

On a server's side: the whole program will take a few megabytes of memory space, but the required size will increase as users upload more files and database records added, so a good amount of storage memory is required.

Proposed Algorithms for complex structures

Login form

This code takes the username OR email and password input from an user which is received from the form and then it checks against the record in the database.

Pseudo Code

```

If Form.Valid():
  Login = Form.GetLogin
  Password = Form.GetPassword
  User = DB.Query(username=Login)
  If User not exists:
    User = DB.Query(email=Login)
  If User exists and check_password_hash(User.password, Password):
    Session['user_id'] = User.id
    ShowMessage('Welcome')
Else:
  ShowMessage('Wrong login or password')

```

Serving uploaded files

This code takes ID of required file and checks for database for entry of this file.

Pseudo Code

```

uid = Request.get(«uid»)
file = DB.AssignedTo.Query(submitted_file_id=uid).first()

```

```

if file exists:
    folder = GetAbsolutePath() + «/uploads/» # our uploads file
    return send_file_from_directory(folder, uid, as_attachment=True)
else:
    abort(404) # sends 404 error

```

Add assignment

This page sends possible subject list and student list to the user and processes data.

Pseudo Code

```

Form = AddAssignment()
Subject_choices = Subject.query.all().map(subject.id, String(subject))
Form.subject.choices = Subject_choices

```

```

Student_choices = User.query.all().map(student.id, String(student))
Form.student.choices = Student_choices

```

```

If form.IsValid():
    Assignment = Assignment(FormData)
    DB.Session.Add(Assignment)
    DB.Session.Commit()

    For students in form.students.data:
        Assigned_to = AssignedTo(assignment_id=assignment.id,
assigned_to=student)
        DB.Session.Add(Assigned_to)
        DB.Session.Commit()

```

Security and Integrity of Data

There are a lot of sensitive data that will be stored in a database, so there should be some protection in case where system gets hacked.

All passwords for user in database are stored in encrypted form, using PBKDF2 (Password-Based Key Derivation Function 2) and the encryption algorithm is SHA1. Hashes are generated using «generate_password_hash» function from Werkzeug

library. To check if the hash is valid for inputted password, «check_password_hash» function is used from the same library.

For uploading files, to prevent hackers to access data from different directories (using XSS), «secure_filename» function is used from Werkzeug library to sanitize the uploaded filename.

Also to prevent XSS attacks from users when submitting data (for example, assignment text), all inputted data is going through «escape» function which replaces special characters like “&”, “<”, “>” and (“”) to HTML-safe sequences.

The main database for whole project is stored in «app.db» file.

System Security

System Security is also an important part of my project. User needs a login and password in order to access most parts of the system. Without login and password, user gets redirected to login form and asked to enter their credentials.

Modules that will be designed

Populate – this is where sample data gets added to the database and where database can be recreated

Config – this is where I put configuration settings for my application. I have borrowed `_basedir` function, upload folder variables and SQLAlchemy connection settings from the sample application from Internet

`__init__` - starting point of the program. I took function for generating secret key for this

views – all views (URL endpoints) are located here.

Forms – all forms are located here

Modules – all structure for a database is located here

Decorators – all decorators that will help me create permissions are located here. I took a snippet of code for a decorator from official Flask website

Software used

Backend:

- Python 2/3
- Flask (web-framework)
- Flask-Login (simplifies login management)
- Flask-Upload (for managing uploads)

- Flask-Admin (admin panel)
- SQLAlchemy (used to connect to a database)
- Nginx (serving static content like images, scripts etc) - optional
- UWSGI (used to connect Flask with Nginx) - optional
- Supervisor (for keeping server online) - optional

Frontend:

- Bootstrap 3
- Flatlab CSS
- Javascript
- JQuery
- CKEditor
- JQuery plugins

System Testing

Test No.	Purpose of Test	Test Data	Expected Outcome	Actual Outcome	Comments/ Actions	Screenshot Ref.
1	Testing Login form	Login: user1@user.com Password: 1 <i>Normal</i>	Logs in (test account), goes to activate page	As expected	Reference to Objective 1	Screenshot 1, 1.2
2	Testing Login Form	Login: user1@user.com Password: None <i>Extreme</i>	Gives error message	As expected	Reference to Objective 1	Screenshot 2
3	Testing Login Form	Login: user1@user.com Password: 123456 (wrong password) <i>Extreme</i>	Gives error message about password being wrong	As expected	Reference to Objective 1	Screenshot 3
4	Testing Activate Form	E-mail: not-an-email Password: None <i>Extreme</i>	Gives error message about invalid error address	As expected	Reference to Objective 1	Screenshot 4

5	Testing Activate Form	E-mail: test@example.com Password: 123 <i>Normal</i>	Activates account and redirects to home page	As expected	Reference to Objective 1	Screenshot 5
6	Testing Activate Form – trying to login by email which already exists in database	E-mail: 123@123.com Password: 123 <i>Extreme</i>	Gives error about email already been used	As expected	Reference to Objective 1	Screenshot 6
7	Testing Activate Form – succesful log-in	E-mail: 12345@12345.com Password: 12345 <i>Normal</i>	Shows the message about successfull activation and redirects to main page - Shows «Student» title	As expected	Reference to Objective 1	Screenshot 7
8	Testing Student permissions – going to admin panel	URL: http://127.0.0.1:5000/admin/ <i>Extreme</i>	Won't allow administrative panels	As expected	Reference to Objective 4.2	Screenshot 8

9	Testing interface - logout	URL: http://127.0.0.1:5000/users/me/ Clicking on profile button at the top right of interface Clicking on «Logout» button <i>Normal</i>	Shows «Logout» button Log outs successfully and shows message about logout	As expected	Reference to Objective 1	Screenshot 9, 9.1
10	Testing access without login	URL: http://127.0.0.1:5000/users/me/ <i>Extreme</i>	Redirects to login page and shows message about signing in	As expected	Reference to Objective 4.1	Screenshot 10
11	Testing admin access	URL: http://127.0.0.1:5000/users/login/ Email/Username: admin Password: admin <i>Normal</i>	Redirects to main page and shows «Admin» status and few additional options on the menu	As expected	Reference to Objective 4.4	Screenshot 11
12	Testing Excel file upload	URL: http://127.0.0.1:5000/users/upload_excel/ <i>Normal</i>	Uploads a file to a server and it parses and creates records for users given	Error: FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: '/uploads/excel.xlsx' Fixed by changing the value of UPLOAD_FOLDER from «/uploads/» to «uploads». os.path.join function was working incorrectly when two	Reference to Objective 11	Screenshot 12

				slashes were on the sides of variable.		
13	Testing Admin Panel access	Main page Clicking on «Admin Panel» on sidebar <i>Normal</i>	Redirects to admin panel	As expected	Reference to Objective 4.4	Screenshot 13
14	Adding timetable entry	Going to «Timetable» page Adding entry: User: Admin Admin Classes: Computer Science Ivan Arnold Day of Week: Monday Time: 08:00 <i>Normal</i>	Adds entry	As expected	Reference to Objective 11	Screenshot 14
15	Testing timetable	Going back to main page <i>Normal</i>	Shows the timetable entry on the timeline	Error: jinja2.exceptions.UndefinedError jinja2.exceptions.UndefinedError: 'datetime.time object' has no attribute 'time' <code>{{ item.time.time() }}</code> Fixed by changing «item.time.time()» to «item.time». This is because «time» item is already passed, no need to convert it again by using .time().	Reference to Objective 10	Screenshot 15

16	Adding timetable entry	Going to «Timetable» page on admin panel All fields are empty <i>Extreme</i>	Shows error about required fields	Record successfully added Fixed by making fields not nullable.	Reference to Objective 11	Screenshot 16
17	Adding few more timetable entries and showing timeline	On «Timetable» page on admin panel, adding few more timetable entries and testing timeline	Shows all added timetable entries in sorted way	As expected	Reference to Objective 10, 11 I set up so that all timetable entries will show, no matter which day of week. It will make testing much easier to do.	Screenshot 17
18	Removing assignment	On «Assignments» page, clicking on Trash button on «Maths Homework» assignment	Shows modal about confirmation of deleting	As expected	Reference to Objective 9	Screenshot 18
19	Removing assignment	Clicking on «Delete» button	Shows message about deletion and deletes assignment «Maths Homework»	As expected	Reference to Objective 9	Screenshot 19

20	Adding new assignment	Clicking on “Add Assignment” button Title: Biology Prep Body: Please do task 1 on page 2. Checkbox checked on “Biology” Students: All selected Deadline: 23-04-16 00:00 Text Required: Yes File Required: Yes Clicking on “Submit”	Shows message «Assignment successfully added» Shows new assignment on assignments page	As expected	Reference to Objective 6	Screenshot 20
21	Checking assignment entry	Clicking on new «Biology Prep» entry	Shows two panels with all information at the left and submission of work at the right	As expected	Reference to Objective 6	Screenshot 21
22	Checking assignment entry as another user	Login in as another user: 123@123.com; 123 (Riley Baker)	Shows assignment «Biology Prep» at the main page	As expected	Reference to Objective 7	Screenshot 22
23	Submitting assignment	Clicking on assignment and submitting text and file	Shows message «Your assignment has been submitted.» and	As expected	Reference to Objective 7.1, 7.2	Screenshot 23, 23.1

			panel changes to button with resetting the assignment			
24	Teachers view	Login in as another user: admin@admin.com , admin (Teacher) Clicking on «Biology Prep» assignment, clicking on «Teachers view», scrolling down to «Riley Baker» submission	Shows submitted text and file attached with button «Give Feedback»	As expected	Reference to Objective 8	Screenshot 24
25	Downloading attached file	Clicking on «766a20bc-ccf2-4759-ad70-7673589f6e00.gif»	Downloads file	Error: 404 Not Found Fixed by removing «os.getcwd()» from «folder = os.getcwd() + app.config['UPLOAD_FOLDER']».	Reference to Objective 7.2	Screenshot 25
26	Giving feedback	Clicking on «Give Feedback» button, entering feedback text “Good Work!” and clicking on «Submit»	Shows message «Feedback successfully given.» On «Riley Baker» assignment it shows that assignment has	As expected	Reference to Objective 8	Screenshot 26

			already been given			
27	Looking at feedback from another user	Login in as another user: 123@123.com; 123 (Riley Baker) Going to «Biology Prep» assignment.	Shows feedback from assignment from «Admin Admin» that says «Good work!»	As expected	Reference to Objective 8	Screenshot 27
28	Resetting assignment	Clicking on “Reset your submitted assignment” button	Shows text and file upload panels instead of button	As expected	Reference to Objective 9	Screenshot 28
29	Creating a class	Login as administrator, going to admin panel, clicking on «Group» tab, entering data: Name: CHEM1	Shows «Record was successfully saved» and shows newly added record on the list	As expected	Reference of Objective 5	Screenshot 29
30	Adding a notice to a group	Going to main menu, clicking on «Add Notice»,				

A login form with a teal header containing the text "SIGN IN NOW". Below the header is a white input field containing the email address "user1@user.com". Underneath is another white input field containing a password, with a small eye icon on the right side to toggle visibility. A prominent red button with the text "LOGIN" is centered below the input fields. At the bottom of the form, there is a line of text: "Please login using your school account details."

Screenshot 2

An account activation page with a yellow header containing the text "Welcome ticklishleopard142". Below the header, the text reads: "Welcome, Alan Anderson. Your current username: ticklishleopard142". A bold instruction follows: "Please activate the account. Enter new password and email." Below this are two input fields: the first is labeled "E-mail" and the second is labeled "Password". At the bottom of the form is a grey button with the text "Activate".

Screenshot 1.2

A login form with a teal header containing the text "SIGN IN NOW". Below the header is a white input field containing the email address "user1@user.com". A red error message box is positioned below the email field, containing the text "• This field is required." and a small 'x' icon. Below the error message is another white input field labeled "Password". A prominent red button with the text "LOGIN" is centered below the input fields. At the bottom of the form, there is a line of text: "Please login using your school account details."

Screenshot 2

Incorrect email or password

SIGN IN NOW

user1@user.com

Password

LOGIN

Please login using your school account details.

A screenshot of a login form. At the top left, there is a red error message: "Incorrect email or password". Below this is a white card with a teal header that says "SIGN IN NOW". The card contains two input fields: the first contains the email "user1@user.com" and the second is labeled "Password". Below the input fields is a red button labeled "LOGIN". At the bottom of the card, there is a message: "Please login using your school account details."

Screenshot 3

Welcome, Alan Anderson. Your current username: ticklishleopard142
Please activate the account. Enter new password and email.

E-mail

- Invalid email address. ✕


Password

- This field is required. ✕

Activate

Screenshot 4

You are now activated



Alan Anderson
Student

Screenshot 5

User with this email already exists

Welcome, Alan Anderson. Your current username: ticklishleopard142
Please activate the account. Enter new password and email.


E-mail

Password

Activate

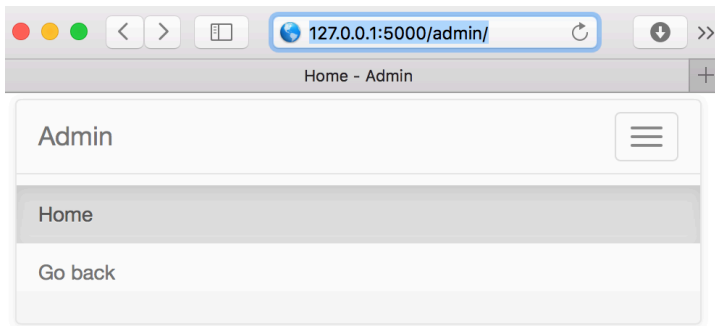
Screenshot 6

You are now activated

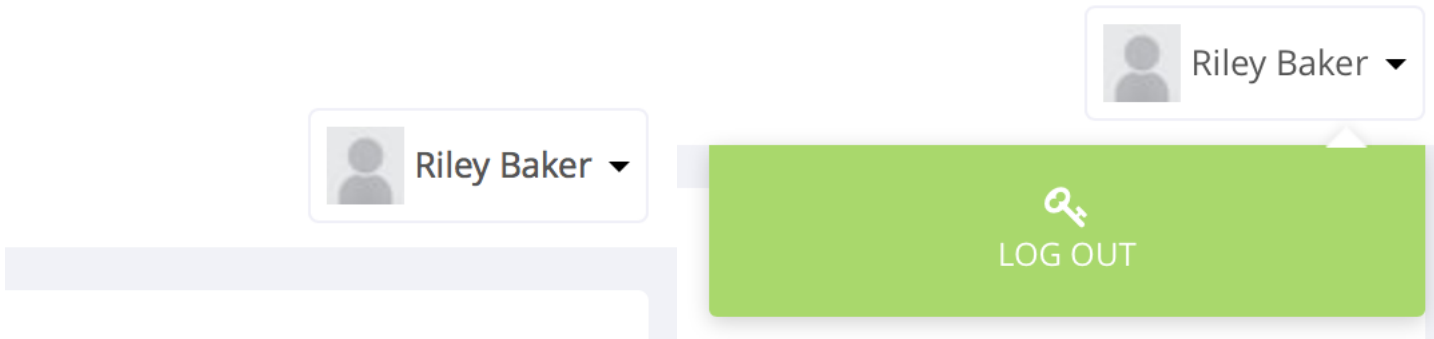


Alan Anderson
Student

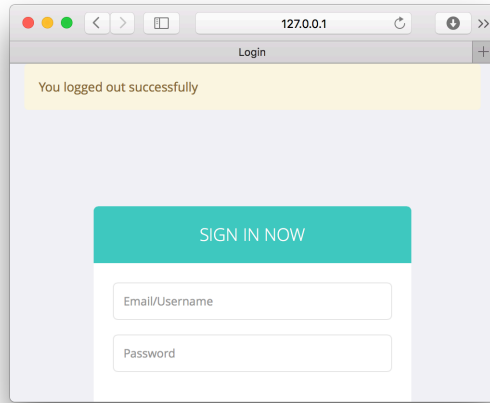
Screenshot 7



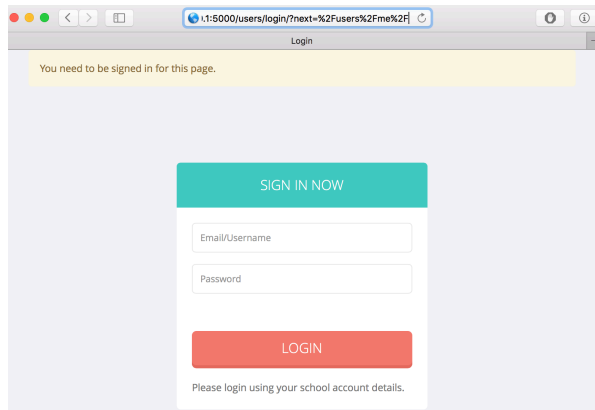
Screenshot 8



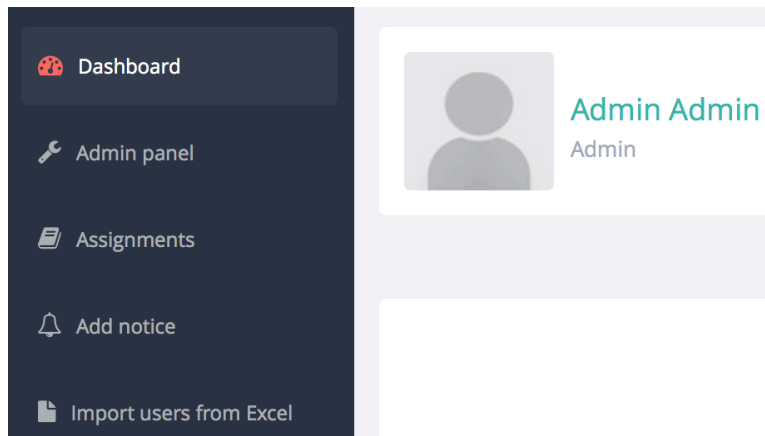
Screenshot 9



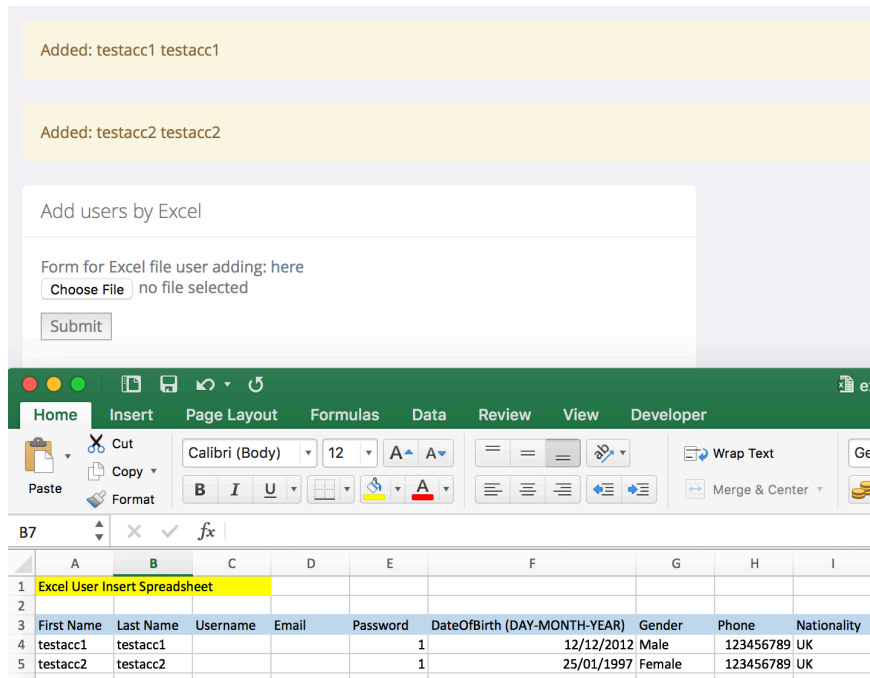
Screenshot 9.1



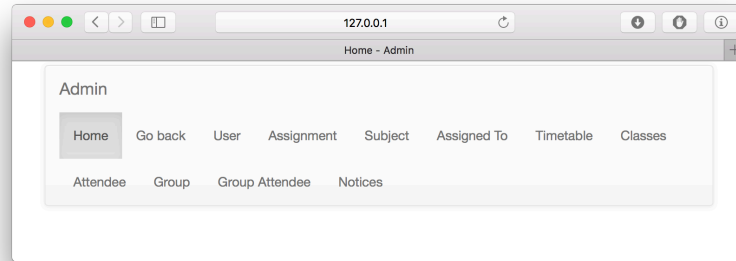
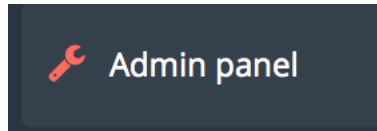
Screenshot 10



Screenshot 11



Screenshot 12



Screenshot 13

Admin Home Go back User Assignment Subject Assigned To **Timetable** Clas

List Create

User Admin Admin

Classes Computer Science | Ivan Arnold

Assignment

Day Of Week Monday

Week Type

Time 08:00:00



Timetable Type 0

Save Save and Add Another Save and Continue Editing Cancel

Screenshot 14

Record was successfully created.

List (1) Create With selected

<input type="checkbox"/>		User	Classes
<input type="checkbox"/>	 	Admin Admin	Computer Science Ivan Arnold

TIMELINE

This is a timeline of all your classes for Thursday

The screenshot shows a digital timeline interface. At the top, the word "TIMELINE" is centered in a large, bold, grey font. Below it, a subtitle reads "This is a timeline of all your classes for Thursday". A vertical grey line represents the timeline. A red bullseye icon is positioned on this line, with the time "08:00:00" to its right. To the left of the timeline, a grey rounded rectangle contains a red book icon, the text "Computer Science |", and a red person icon followed by "Ivan Arnold".

Screenshot 15

Admin

Home Go back User Assignment Subject Assigned To **Timetable** Classes A

Group Attendee Notices

List Create

User

Classes

Assignment

Day Of Week

Week Type





Time

Timetable Type

Save Save and Add Another Save and Continue Editing Cancel

Record was successfully created.

List (2) Create With selected

<input type="checkbox"/>		User	Classes
<input type="checkbox"/>	 	Admin Admin	Computer Science Ivan Arnold
<input type="checkbox"/>	 		

Screenshot 16

List Create

User * Admin Admin

Classes * Computer Science | Ivan Arnold

Assignment

Day Of Week * Monday

Week Type

Time *

- This field is required.

Timetable Type 0

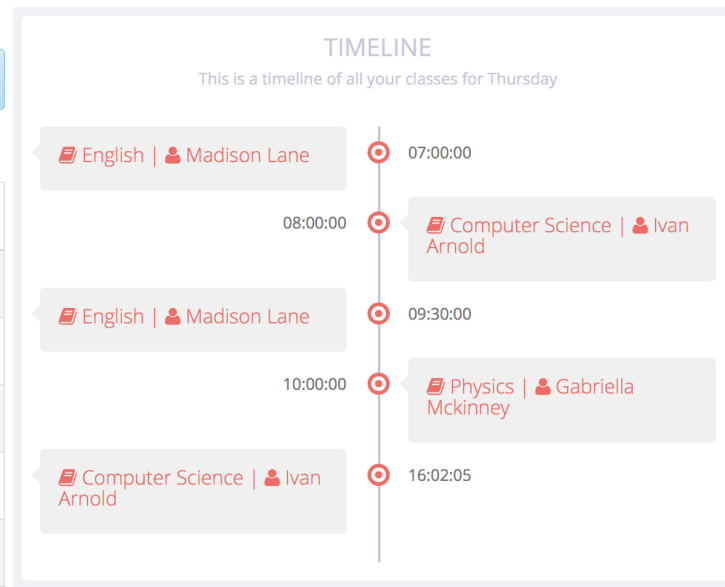
Screenshot 16.1 (fixed)

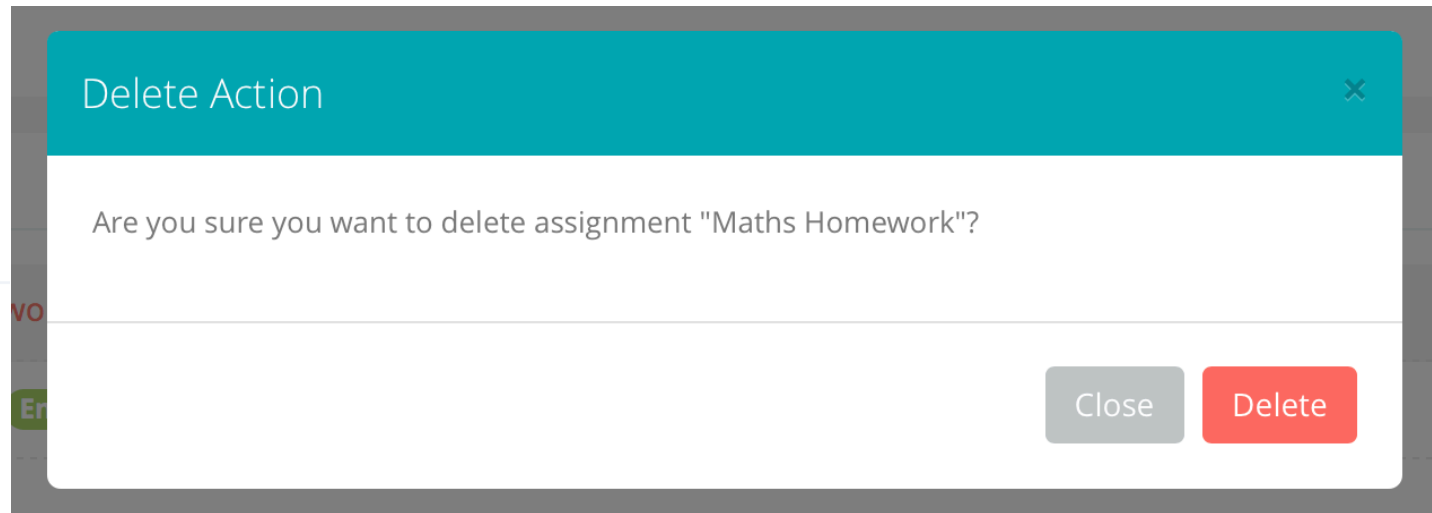
Record was successfully created. ✕

List (5) Create With selected ▾

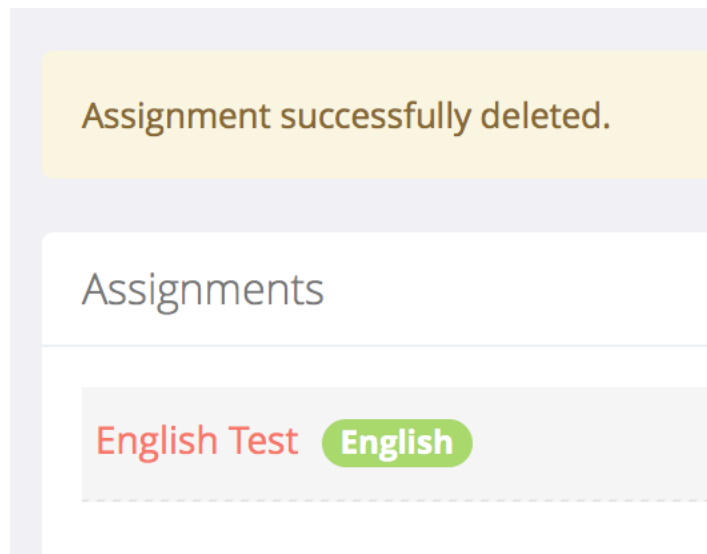
<input type="checkbox"/>		User	Classes	Assignment	Day Of Week	Week Type	Time	Timetable Type
<input type="checkbox"/>		Admin Admin	Computer Science Ivan Arnold		1		08:00:00	0
<input type="checkbox"/>		Admin Admin	English Madison Lane		1		07:00:00	0
<input type="checkbox"/>		Admin Admin	Physics Gabriella Mckinney		1		10:00:00	0
<input type="checkbox"/>		Admin Admin	English Madison Lane		1		09:30:00	0
<input type="checkbox"/>		Admin Admin	Computer Science Ivan Arnold		1		16:02:05	0

Screenshot 17





Screenshot 18



Screenshot 19

Add assignment

Title

Biology prep

Body

Please do task 1 on page 2.

Maths

English

Computer Science

Physics

Biology

Physics

Chemistry

ICT

Design Technology

Music

Theology

Students

Admin Admin

Leon Franklin

Assignment successfully added

Assignments

English Test **English**

Biology prep **Biology**

Add New Assignment


Screenshot 20

Biology prep

Submitted by: Admin Admin

Assigned to: Admin Admin, Leon Franklin, Ivan Arnold, Madison Lane, Riley Baker, Warren Berry, Gabriella Mckinney, Marlene Sims, Chris Howard, Janet Cruz, Mattie Ramirez, Ted Pearson, Eric Dunn, Connie Armstrong, Heather Simmmons, Jerry Matthews, test test, George Brooks, Armando Hicks, Maureen Castillo, Myrtle Burke, Ryan Rice, test2212 test2212, testacc1 testacc1, testacc2 testacc2,

 Text is required.

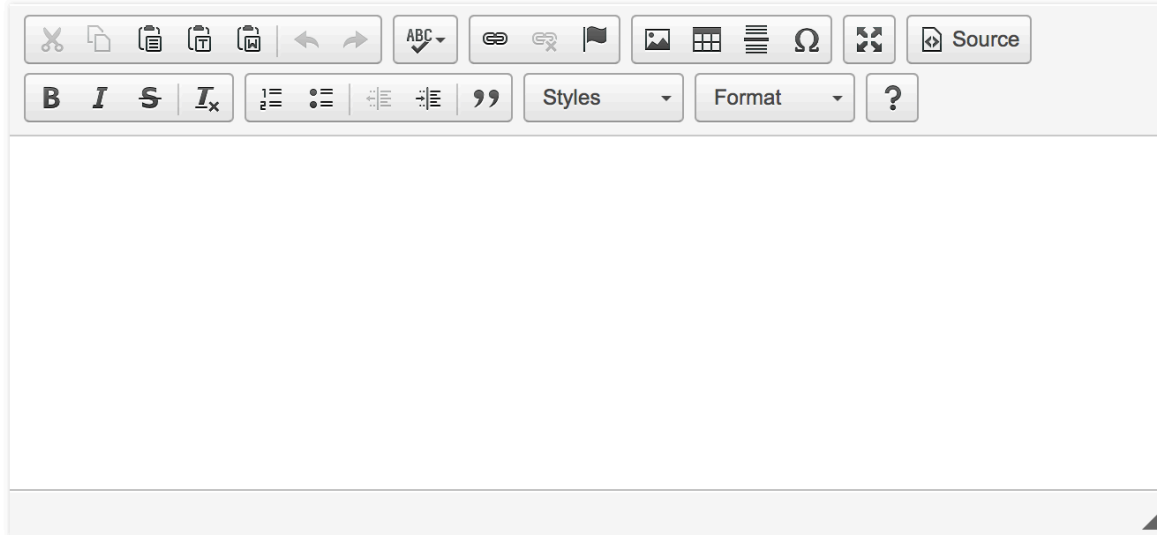
 File is required.

Please do task 1 on page 2.

Teachers view

Submitting work

Text



A rich text editor toolbar with various icons for editing text. The icons include: a pair of scissors for cut, a document with an arrow for copy, a document with a checkmark for paste, a document with a checkmark for undo, a document with a checkmark for redo, a dropdown menu with 'ABC' and a checkmark for font color, a link icon, a flag icon, an image icon, a table icon, a list icon, a link icon, a refresh icon, and a 'Source' button. Below these are icons for bold (B), italic (I), strikethrough (S), underline (U), bulleted list, numbered list, decrease indent, increase indent, quote, a 'Styles' dropdown, a 'Format' dropdown, and a help icon (?).

File

no file selected

Submit

Screenshot 21

Dashboard

Assignments

Riley Baker
Student

Work Progress

1	Maths Homework	Not done
2	Biology prep	Not done

TIMELINE

This is a timeline of all your classes for Saturday

No classes today!

Screenshot 22




 Dashboard


 Assignments

Biology prep

Submitted by: Admin Admin

Assigned to: Admin Admin, Leon Franklin, Ivan Arnold, Madison Lane, Riley Baker, Warren Berry, Gabriella Mckinney, Marlene Sims, Chris Howard, Janet Cruz, Mattie Ramirez, Ted Pearson, Eric Dunn, Connie Armstrong, Heather Simmmons, Jerry Matthews, test test, George Brooks, Armando Hicks, Maureen Castillo, Myrtle Burke, Ryan Rice, test2212 test2212, testacc1 testacc1, testacc2 testacc2,

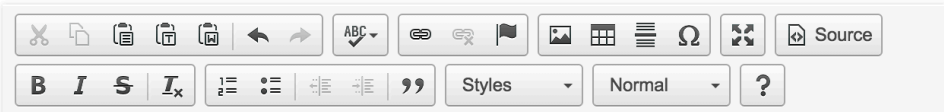
 Text is required.

 File is required.

Please do task 1 on page 2.

Submitting work

Text



Nutrition is the science that interprets the interaction of [nutrients](#) and other substances in [food](#) (e.g. [phytonutrients](#), [anthocyanins](#), [tannins](#), etc.) in relation to maintenance, growth, reproduction, health and disease of an organism. It includes food intake, absorption, [assimilation](#), [biosynthesis](#), [catabolism](#) and excretion.

File

Nutrition_label.gif



Screenshot 23



-  Dashboard
-  Assignments

Your assignment has been submitted.

Biology prep

- Submitted by:** Admin Admin
-
- Assigned to:** Admin Admin, Leon Franklin, Ivan Arnold, Madison Lane, Riley Baker, Warren Berry, Gabriella Mckinney, Marlene Sims, Chris Howard, Janet Cruz, Mattie Ramirez, Ted Pearson, Eric Dunn, Connie Armstrong, Heather Simmmons, Jerry Matthews, test test, George Brooks, Armando Hicks, Maureen Castillo, Myrtle Burke, Ryan Rice, test2212 test2212, testacc1 testacc1, testacc2 testacc2,
-
-  Text is required.
-
-  File is required.

Submitting work

You have already submitted assignment.

[Reset your submitted assignment?](#)

Screenshot 23.1

Riley Baker

766a20bc-ccf2-4759-ad70-7673589f6e00.gif

Nutrition is the science that interprets the interaction of **nutrients** and other substances in food (e.g. **phytonutrients**, **anthocyanins**, **tannins**, etc.) in relation to maintenance, growth, reproduction, health and disease of an organism. It includes food intake, absorption, assimilation, biosynthesis, catabolism and excretion.

Give feedback

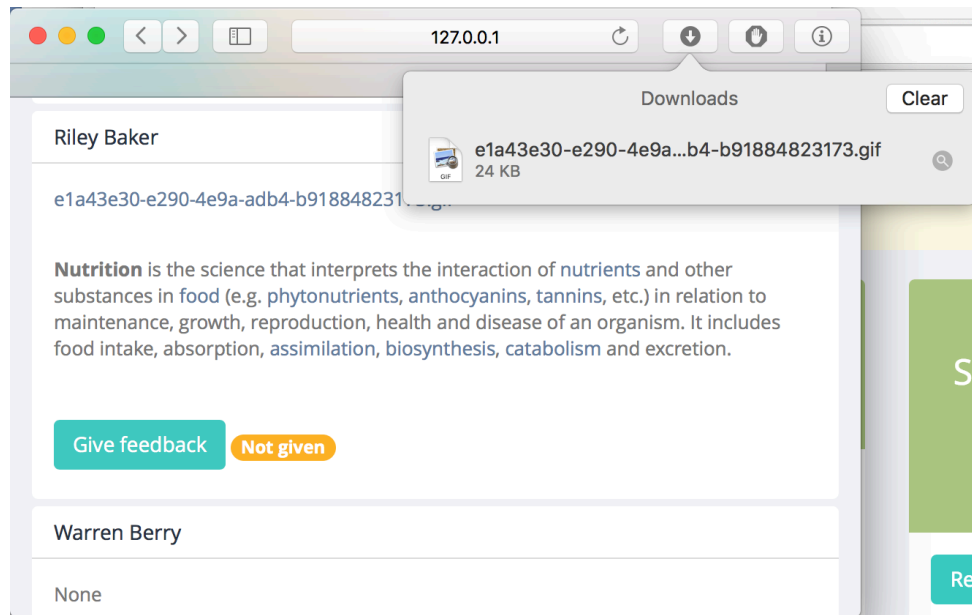
Not given

Screenshot 24

Not Found

The requested URL was not found on the server. If you entered the URL manually please check your spelling and try again.

Screenshot 25



Screenshot 25.1 (fixed)

Submitting feedback to Biology prep: Riley Baker

Text

Good work!

body p

Submit

Riley Baker

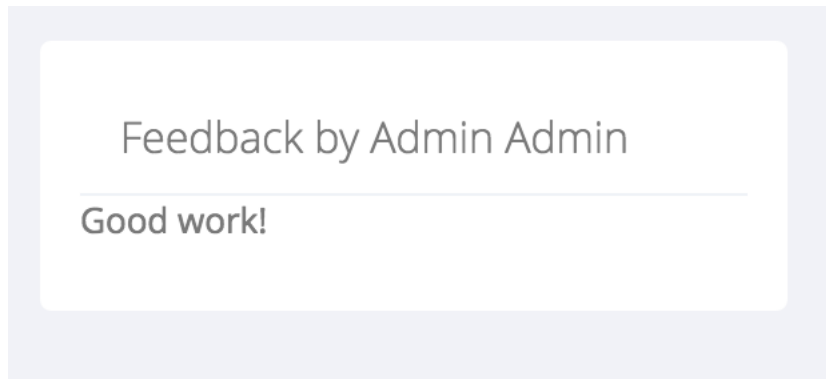
e1a43e30-e290-4e9a-adb4-b91884823173.gif

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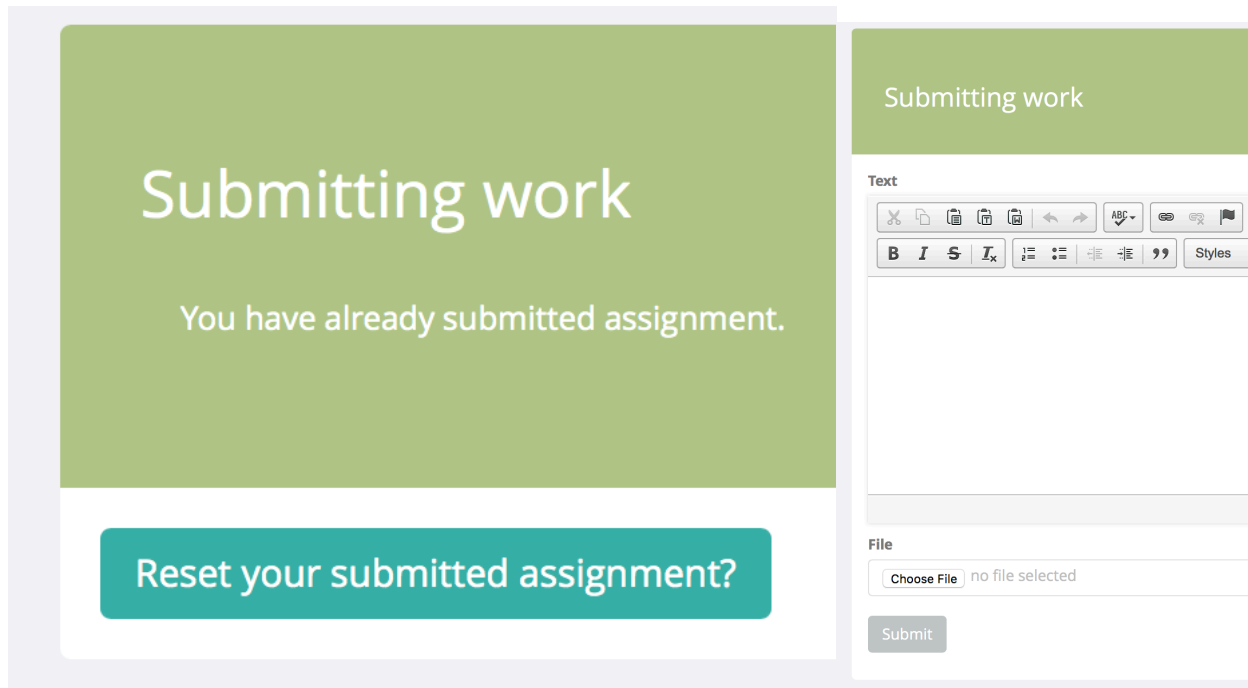
Give feedback **Already given**

Feedback successfully given.

Screenshot 26



Screenshot 27



Screenshot 28

Admin

Home Go back User Assignment Subject Assigned To Timetable Classes Attendee **Group**

Group Attendee Notices

List Create

Name



Notices

Group Attendee

Save Save and Add Another Save and Continue Editing **Cancel**

Record was successfully created.

List (1) Create With selected ▾

<input type="checkbox"/>		Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	 	CHEM1

Screenshot 29

Trace tables

Testing Excel import**Description:**

Import algorithm reads the Excel file row by row from pre-defined range of cells and then sets fields from each cell in a database record.

Code being tested:

```
for row in
ws1.iter_rows('A4:I29'):
    ...
    Iterating through columns,
    numbers can be adjusted
    Each field is assigned by using cells in a row
    ...
    if row[0].value == "" or row[0].value == None:
        break
    first_name = row[0].value
    last_name = row[1].value
    username = row[2].value
    if username == None:
        username = first_name.lower() + "." + last_name.lower()
    email = row[3].value
    password = str(row[4].value)
    dateofbirth = row[5].value
    gender = row[6].value
    phone = row[7].value
    nationality = row[8].value
```



```

# if user exists already, don't add him
if User.query.filter_by(username=username).first():
    pass
else:
    user = User(username=username, email=email,
password=generate_password_hash(password),
    first_name=first_name, last_name=last_name, gender=gender,
phone=phone,
    nationality=nationality)
    db.session.add(user)
    db.session.commit()

```

Expected result:

For each row in a spreadsheet, a record is made in the database, if it doesn't exist yet (checking by username).

#	First_name	Last_name	Username	Email	Password Encrypted	DateofBirth	Gender	Phone	Nationality	OK?
1	Joseph	Rice	joseph123	joseph@mail.com	123	12/12/2012	Male	123 456 789	UK	Yes Committed
2	George	Brooks	george.brooks	george@mail.com	123	25/01/1997	Male	123 456 789	UK	Yes Committed
3	Armando	Hicks	armando.hicks	armando@mail.com	123	10/10/1997	Male	123 456 789	German	Yes Committed

Nazar Kravtsov

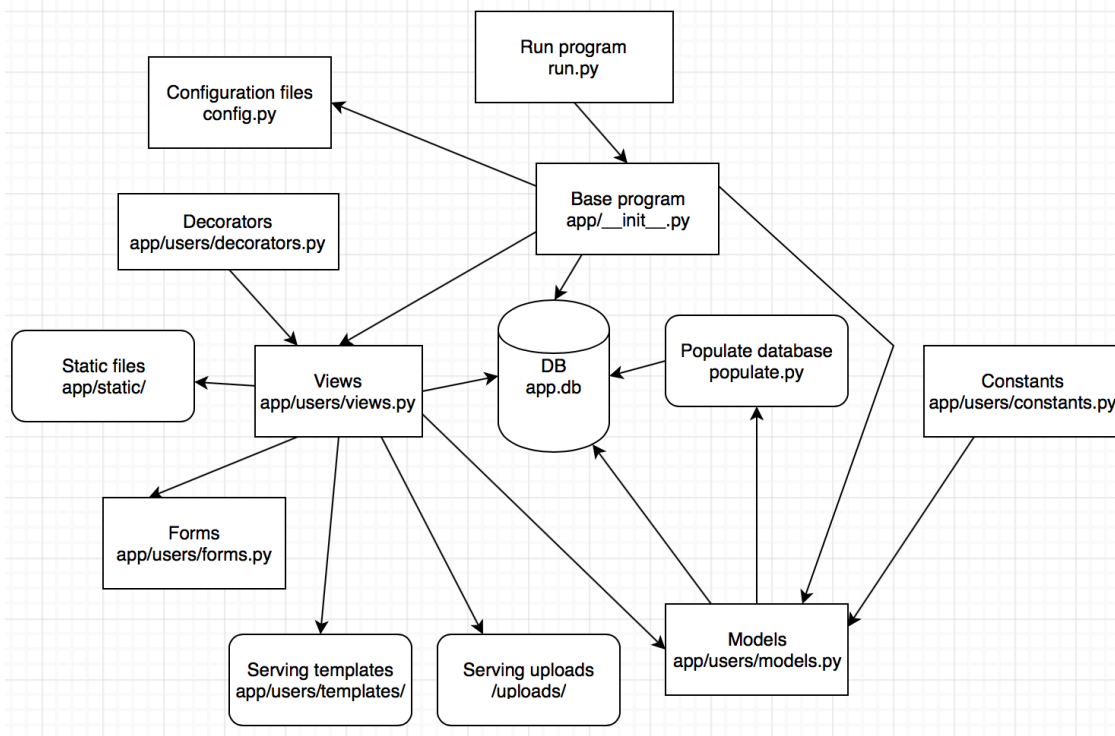
4	Haris	Duratovic	haris024	haris@ mail.com	123	04/06/1994	Male	123 456 789	UK	No (already exists) Not committed
5	Myrtle	Burke	myrtle.burke	myrtle@ mail.com	123	03/06/2004	Female	123 456 789	UK	Yes Committed
6	Ryan	Rice	ryan.rice	ryan@ school.com	123	31/12/1998	Male	123 456 789	UK	Yes Committed

System Maintenance

System Overview

The system is cross-platform; it can be run on Mac OS X, Linux (and other distros like Ubuntu) and Windows. The easiest way to install it on is Ubuntu, as it comes with pre-packaged Python 3 and it is easy to install modules.

I have made a project based on a modular system. That means that different functions are in different files. Here is a diagram showing all main code splitted into different files:



run.py – it is where program starts and it is where is should be started. By running «python run.py», the program starts.

App/__init__.py – base, where most dependencies are imported, database initialises and blueprints activates. Also there are settings for admin panel view and all models that are needed to be imported to admin panel are there.

Config.py – this is where configuration files are stored.

Decorators.py – decorators such as login_required

Views.py – all routes and views are stored here.

Populate.py – script where database can be rebuilt using new schema and populated with random data. Mostly used for testing

Models.py – all models for database are stored there.

Forms.py – all forms for WTForms are stored here.

Constants.py – constants for models.

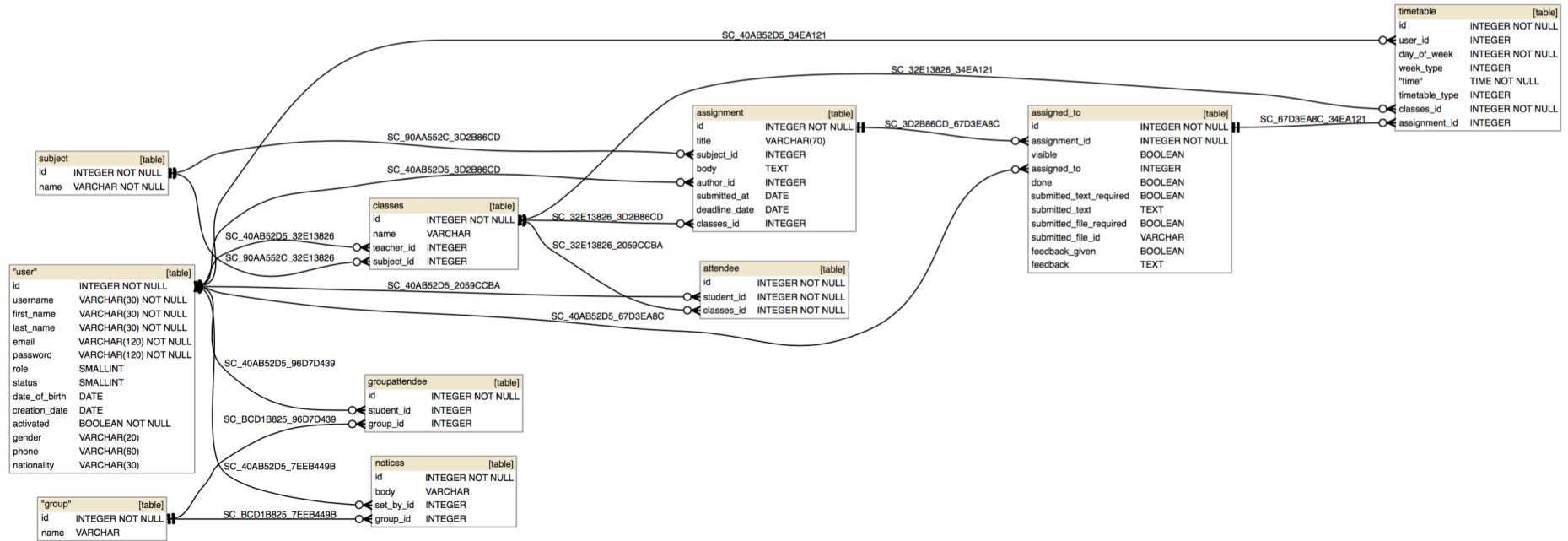
app.db – main database file

app/users/templates/ - location for all templates (HTML)

app/static/ - location for all static files (JS, CSS, images)

/uploads/ - location for file uploads (uploaded assignments)

E-R diagram



Adding assignment algorithm

This piece of code takes subject and students choices from database and sends them to user, and if user sends request with a valid form, assignment is added.

Pseudo code

```
Form = AddAssignmentForm
```

```
Subject_choices = MakeTuple(DB.Query.Subjects.all())
```

```
Form.subject.choies = Subject_choices
```

```
Students_choices = MakeTuple(DB.Query.Students.all())
```

```
Form.students.choices = Students_choices
```

```
If form.isValid():
```

```
    user = DB.Query.filter_by(id=user_id).first()
```

```
    assignment = Assignment(title=form.title.data, subject_id=form.subject.data, body=form.body.data, author=user)
```

```
    DB.Session.add(assignment)
```

```
    DB.sesssion.commit()
```

```
    For each student in form:
```

```
        DB.Session.Add(AssignedTo())
```

```
        DB.Session.Commit()
```

```
    Flash("Assignment successfully added")
```

```
    Return RedirectTo(Users.Assignments)
```

```
Return render(users.assignments.html)
```

Real code

```

@mod.route('/add_assignment/', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
@requires_admin
def add_assignment():
    """
    Adding assignment
    """

    form = AddAssignment(coerce=int) # wtforms expects int

    # adding options for the form subjects
    subject_choices = Subject.query.all()
    subject_dict = [(subject.id, str(subject)) for subject in subject_choices]
    form.subject.choices = subject_dict

    # adding options for the form users
    students_choices = User.query.all()
    students_dict = [(student.id, str(student)) for student in students_choices]
    form.students.choices = students_dict

    if form.validate_on_submit():
        user = User.query.filter_by(id=g.user.id).first()
        assignment = Assignment(title=form.title.data, subject_id=form.subject.data, body=form.body.data, author=user)
        db.session.add(assignment)
        db.session.commit()

    for student in form.students.data:

```



```
    assigned_to = AssignedTo(assignment_id=assignment.id, assigned_to=student,  
submitted_file_required=form.file_required.data,  
    submitted_text_required=form.text_required.data)  
    db.session.add(assigned_to)  
    db.session.commit()  
  
    flash("Assignment successfully added")  
    return redirect(url_for("users.assignments"))  
    ##  
  
return render_template('users/add_assignment.html', user=g.user, form=form)
```

User manual

Introduction to School Web portal:

This program is made for better communication between teachers and students, and also giving necessary information to the student. Teachers can send assignments to students, and students can send their work back to teacher, and teacher can give them feedback. Students can also see lots of information like notices, their classes and what time/teacher.

Installation guide

System Requirements

- Linux-based operating system
- Python installed on the computer
- No less than 50MB of memory storage
- Correct permissions set so that files can be uploaded onto /uploads folder

Installation for Linux (Ubuntu)

The installation requires that a user knows how to use terminal

1. Check that you have appropriate version of Python installed. The supported version is Python 3.x. If you type «python3» in console, this should pop up:

```
root@ubuntu-512mb-lon1-01:~/comp# python3
Python 3.4.3 (default, Oct 14 2015, 20:28:29)
[GCC 4.8.4] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
```

2. Go to folder with program by using «cd» commands and check that you're in correct directory by using «ls» command and checking for «run.py» script.

```
root@ubuntu-512mb-lon1-01:~/comp# ls
app      config.py  instance  __pycache__  run.py  uploads
app.db  doc        populate.py  requirements.txt  shell.py
root@ubuntu-512mb-lon1-01:~/comp# █
```

3. Then, the installation of required modules is needed. «PIP» is used to install required modules. Type «sudo apt-get update» and then «sudo apt-get install python3-pip»

```
root@ubuntu-512mb-lon1-01:~/comp# sudo apt-get install python-pip3
```

4. After that, type in «pip install -r requirements.txt». It will take some time to download modules.

```
root@ubuntu-512mb-lon1-01:~/comp# sudo pip install -r requirements.txt
Successfully installed
```

5. Type in «python3 run.py». Now the app is successfully installed and running.

```
root@ubuntu-512mb-lon1-01:~/comp# python3 run.py
* Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000/
* Restarting with reloader
```

Keeping program alive

To keep our program working after closing the terminal window, we can use program called Screen (<https://www.gnu.org/software/screen/>), which keeps terminal screen working after closing, or we can use Supervisor (<http://supervisord.org>), which can be configured so that our program can be remotely stopped or started.

Database management

We can use «python3 populate.py» command for rebuilding database and adding dummy users to it. After using it, this message pops up:

```
root@ubuntu-512mb-lon1-01:~/comp# python3 populate.py
Recreate database?: ('p' for random names):
```

If you enter «y», database will be deleted and new one will be made. Also admin user will be added. If you press «p», a few fake users will be also added.

Configuration

In order to adapt the program to the environment of your school, it is useful to change a few settings. In «run.py» script, we can change debug state and which port it is going to be used. By default it is set up at «5000», if you want users to access

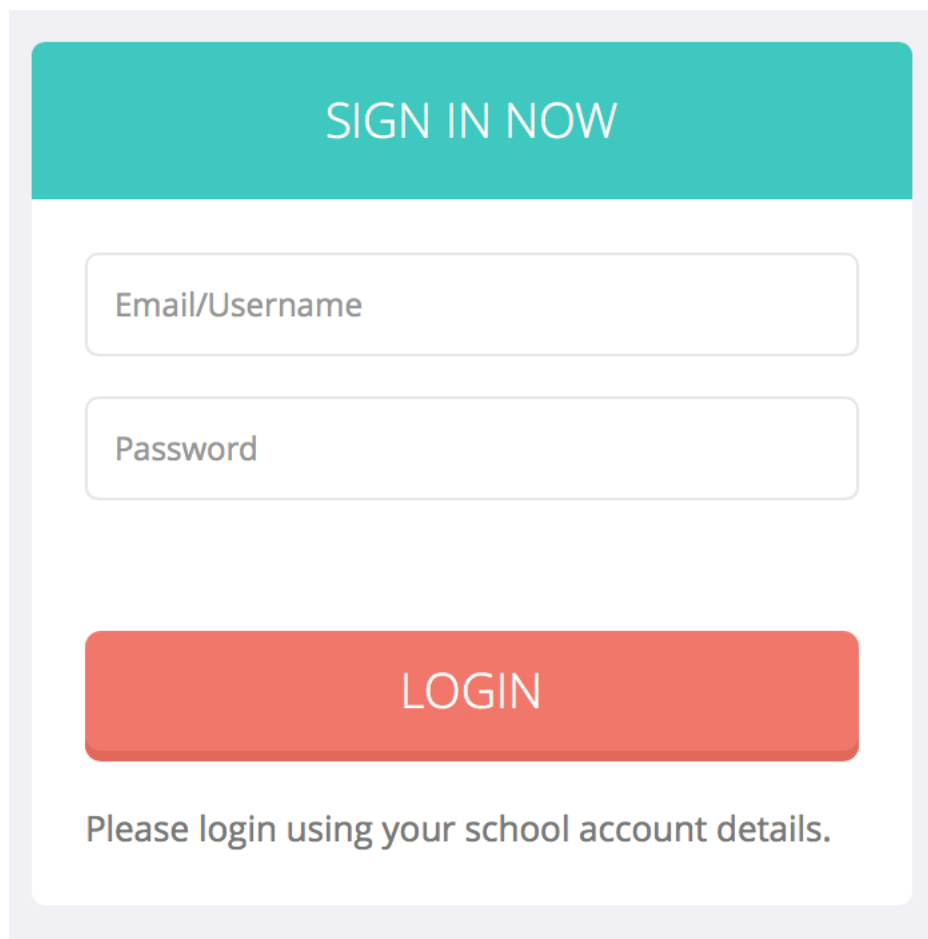
without specifying port, you should choose port «80». Make sure that it is available for program to use (i.e. not occupied by other program).

Running program

After setting up database, type «python3 run.py» in order to run the program. With default settings it should look like this:

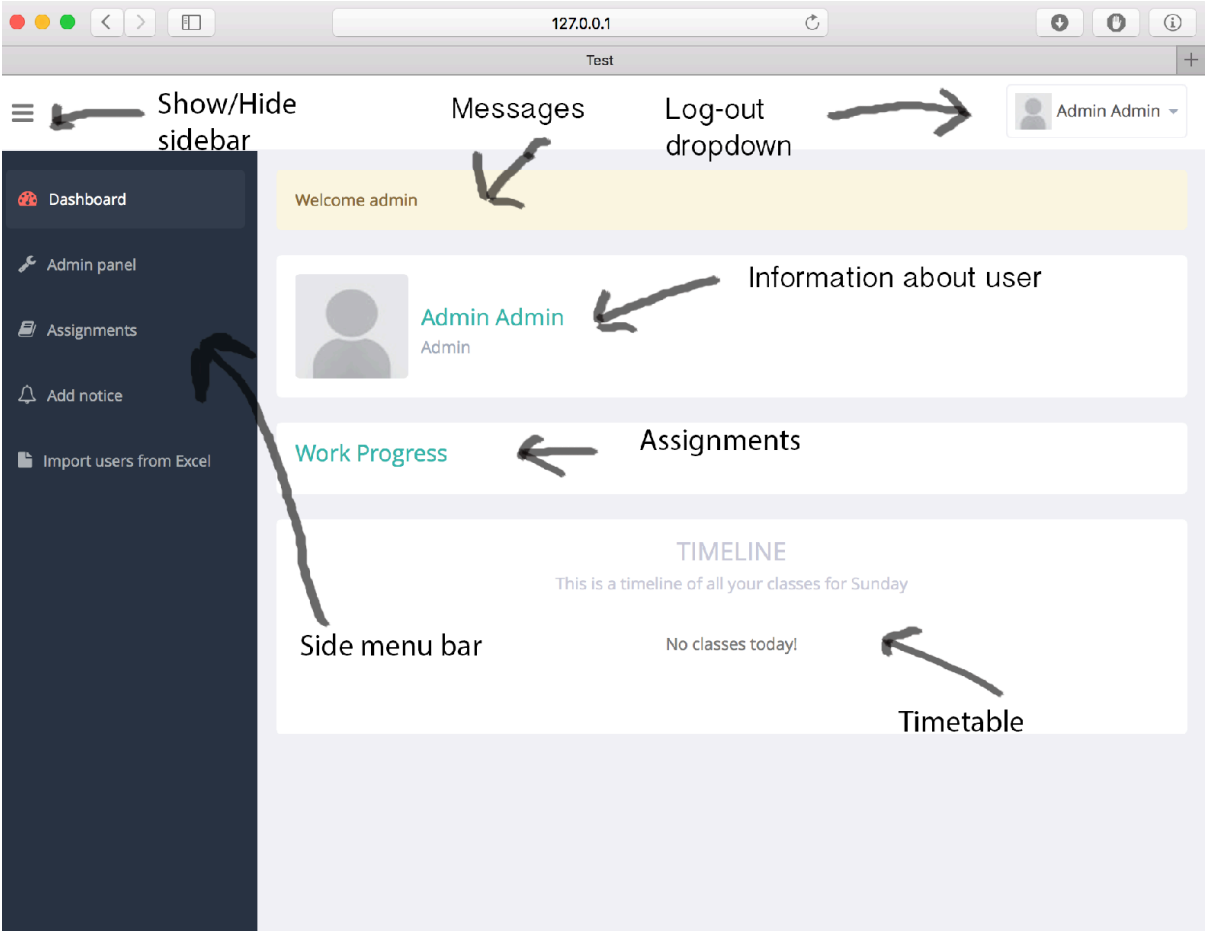
```
Ax3s-MacBook-Pro:comp ax3mac$ python3 run.py
* Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000/
* Restarting with reloader
```

After that, go to <http://127.0.0.1:5000/users/login/> (login page). Change port and IP address appropriately if you changed them in configuration. This window should pop up.



The image shows a login page with a teal header containing the text "SIGN IN NOW". Below the header are two input fields: "Email/Username" and "Password". A red button labeled "LOGIN" is positioned below the input fields. At the bottom of the page, there is a message: "Please login using your school account details."

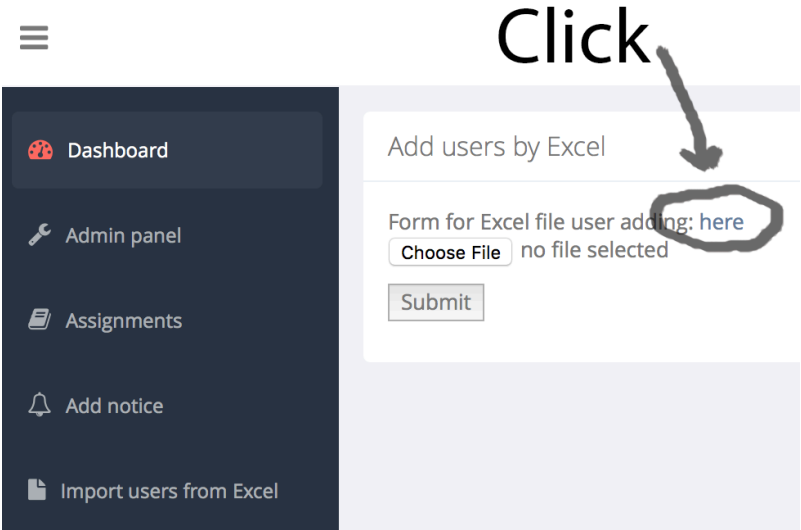
Default login/password for administrator is “admin/admin”.



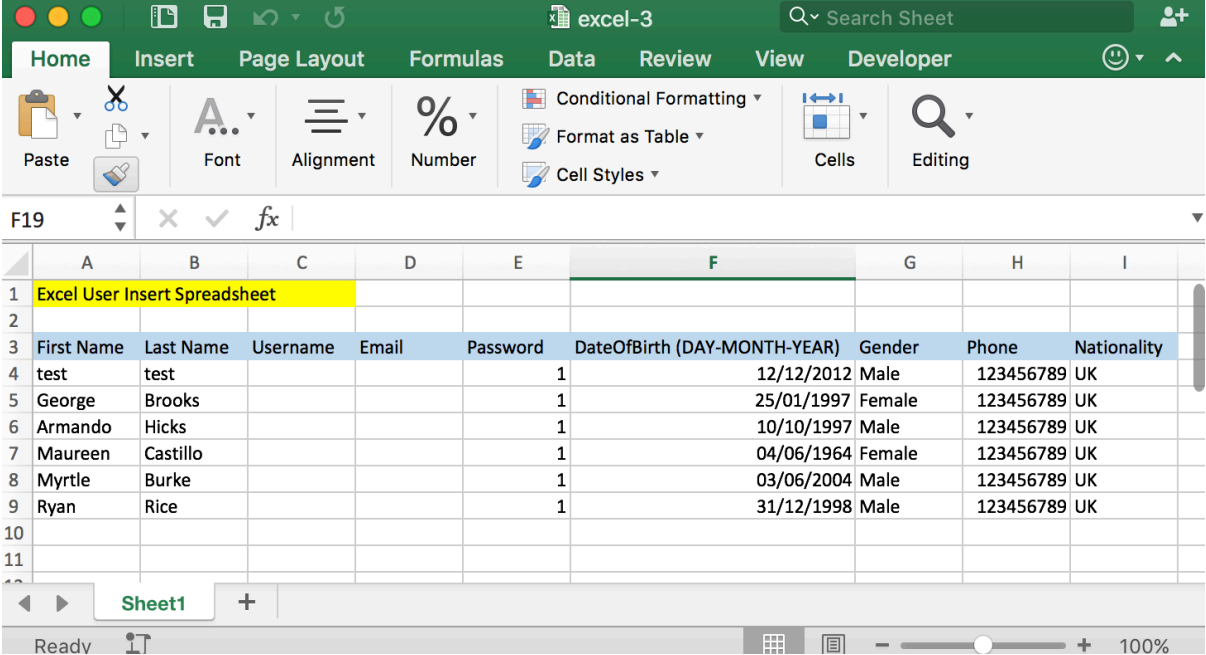
Here is the main dashboard of the website after log-in.

Adding users from Excel file

It is relatively easy to add users from excel file. Click on «Import users from Excel» at the sidebar, and click on hyperlink where it says «Form for Excel file user adding».

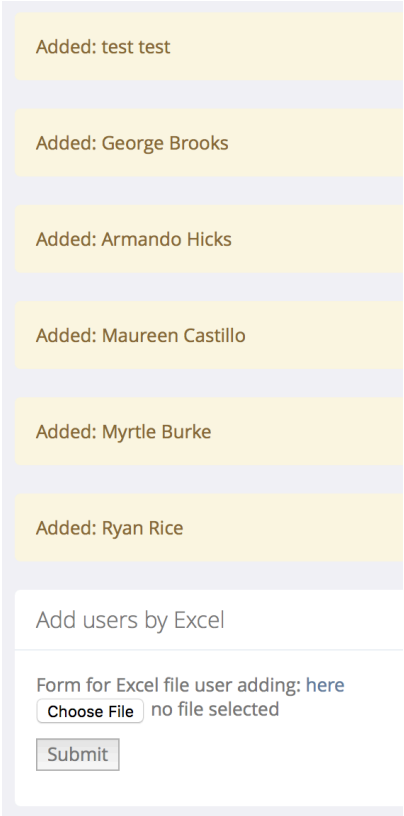


There is already data inside Excel file, so if you want, clear it and fill it with your own data.

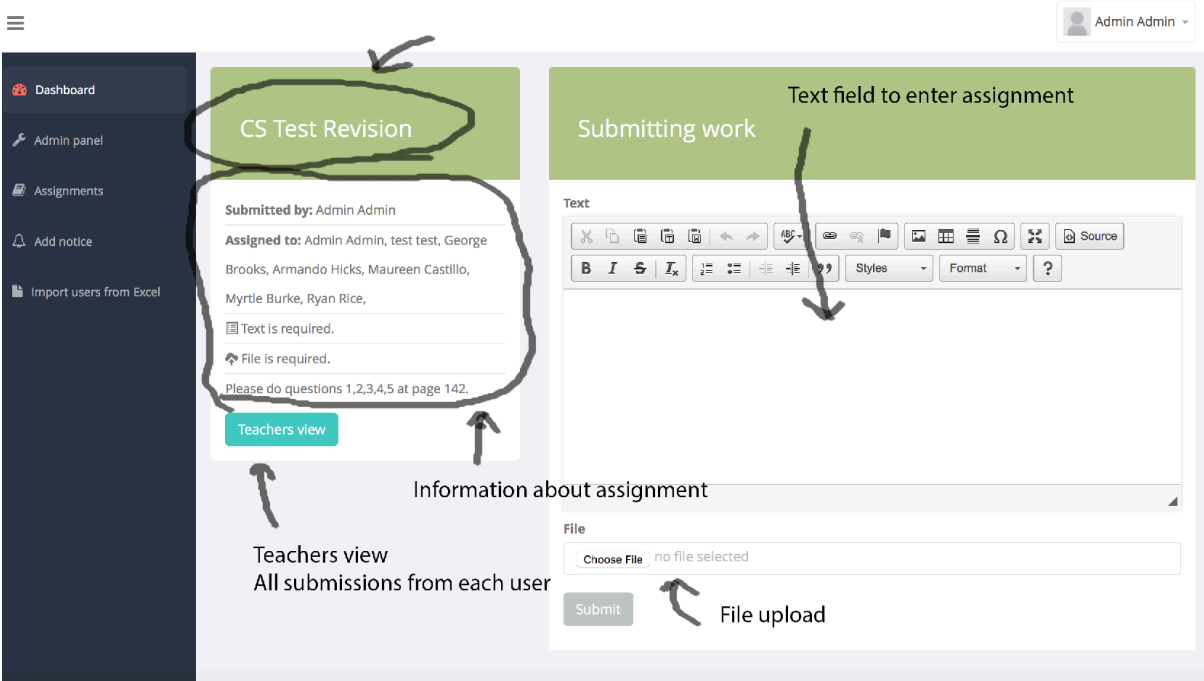


Username will be generated from first name and last name, and email will be set up when user logs in for first time.

When you finished editing Excel file, upload it back to the website. All users that are added will be shown here.

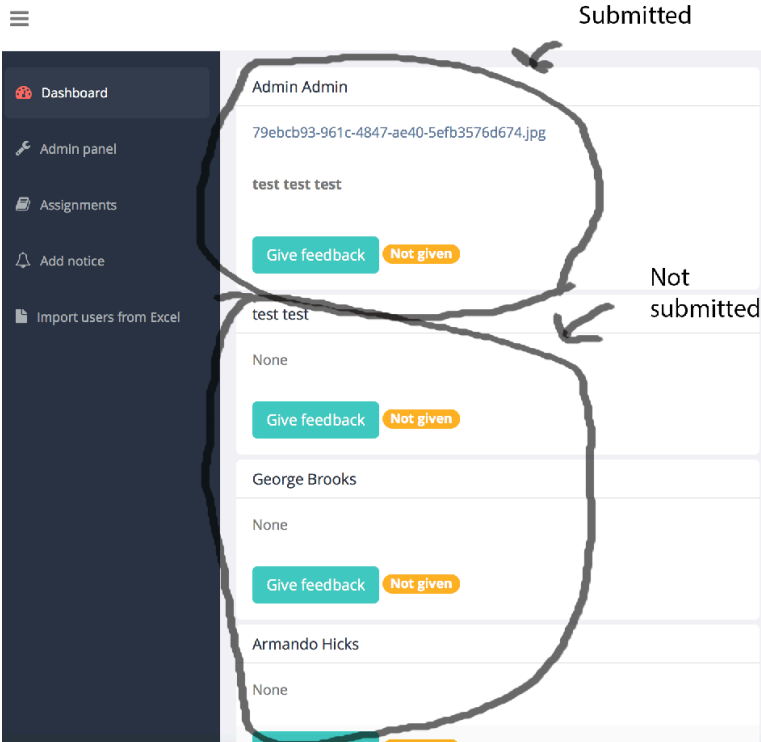


Assignments view



Here is the assignments view, where all information about assignment and submission form is showed.

Feedback view



Here is all submitted data from each user.

Adding assignment

The screenshot shows the 'Add assignment' form with the following components and annotations:

- Choose title:** An arrow points to the 'Title' field containing 'Biology prep'.
- Choose text of assignment:** An arrow points to the 'Body' text area containing 'p 23 q 1'.
- Subjects:** A list of subjects with 'Biology' selected. A bracket groups the list with the label 'Subjects'.
- Choose students:** An arrow points to the 'Students' list containing 'Admin Admin', 'test test', 'George Brooks', and 'Armando Hicks'.
- Deadline:** A date/time picker showing '06-05-16 12:00'. Below it is a calendar for May 2016 with the 6th highlighted. An arrow points to the calendar with the label 'Select date/time'.
- Text required?:** A checked checkbox with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Is text needed?'.
- File required?:** A checked checkbox with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Is file upload required?'.
- Submit:** A button at the bottom of the form.

Error handling

In every form, there is error handling. For example, presence check, this is where the entered value is empty:

The image shows two examples of error handling for required fields. Each example consists of a red error message box at the top, followed by an empty input field. The first example has an error message "• This field is required." and an input field labeled "Email/Username". The second example has the same error message and an input field labeled "Password".

Invalid email:

Welcome, Ian Johnston. Your current username: bigpanda788
Please activate the account. Enter new password and email.

E-mail

• Invalid email address.

1234

Password

Activate

When incorrect date is given, this message shows up:

Submitted At

Invalid date

Deadline Date

Invalid date

If student tries to access sections of website that are only available for teachers and administrators:

You don't have administrative privileges.



Ian Johnston

Student

Appraisal

Feedback letter

Overall I found Nazar's system very effective and I was hugely impressed with the final management system for schools. I did have concerns about the project – I did wonder about the effectiveness and user friendly nature as it's vital in a time challenged role that the system allowed easy access and navigation.

The system seems to meet all the objectives and I was certainly overwhelmed when I saw the marriage between detail and the user-friendly nature of the layout and front screen. I was particular struck how Nazar enabled me to directly contact members of my house and even manage sub groups like prefects and tutor staff. Navigation was simple yet hugely effective and I felt very comfortable with control panel and the options given.

But, to make it the main system for the school, more work has to be made, for example, I would like separate paging system for each school subject, where I can upload my own material for students.

Overall, I was able to work very quickly on it and its usefulness as a data controller and tool for assessment was brilliant.

Well done Nazar and what an impressive piece of work.

[redacted]

Analyse of feedback

The feedback I was given was mostly positive, especially about design and usability.

Objective	Met?	Comment
1. Program should have log-in system, a method to register users, have activation system, log-out system	Yes	This was relatively easy to do, but managing database and tables and hashing/checking password was the hardest part
2. User interface should show all assignments	Yes	Positive feedback
3. User inputs must be validated to avoid erroneous or incorrect data.	Yes	This was achieved both with manual checking and forms with validation
4. Permissions 4.1. Unlogged users can't access main part of system 4.2. Students can't access some of parts of system 4.3. Teachers can access most of parts of system except admin panel 4.4. Administrators can access everything	Yes	-
5. There is teacher assigned to classes/groups and	Yes	Positive feedback

students are assigned to classes/groups		
6. Teacher can send assignment to students	Yes	Positive feedback
7. Students can upload their finished work to the system 7.1. Students can upload text 7.2. Students can upload files	Yes	Positive feedback given
8. Teacher can submit feedback to a student	Yes	Positive feedback
9. Users can reset submitted work or delete assignment	Yes	-
10. Timetable available for a student (timeline)	Yes	-
11. Administrators can populate database with data (Excel file, etc.)	Yes	Positive feedback

Extensions

There are lots of ways in which the project can be improved:

- Ability to add customised pages with information on it (for example, related to a subject)
- Ability to see classes and who are on those classes
- Integration with existing authentication systems (like Microsoft Active Directory)
- Ability to see other users' profiles

- Integration with e-mail systems (notifications about new assignments, feedback given, etc)
- Messaging system (real-time)
- Online user help

Reflection

When I was starting the project, I was confident that I will do something web-based and written on Python, because on those areas I have most experience, and they are most interesting areas as well. I had loads of ideas in my head, like real-time games, web portals, etc. But I chose to do this project, because I thought that it will be optimal in terms of experience and time it will take for me to finish the project. When I was programming my project, I haven't encountered any problems.

