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PROJECT REPORT

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1. **Problem Statement:** (taken as was in the project proposal submitted)

'Develop a program which handles the task of seat allotment to students in an institute, according to the student's priority, among a list of participating institutes, accepting admissions through a common entrance examination.'

2. Introduction:

This Institute Seat Allocation System is designed to manage the allocation of seats for students based on their preferences, ranks, and available seats across institutes based on a common entrance examination criterion. This system is an attempt to simulate a real-world application of an admission process in educational institutions where students are ranked and seats are allocated based on the obtained ranks.

3. Primary Objectives:

The primary objectives of the project are:

- To develop a role-based access system for secure handling of users including Admin, Institute, and Student roles.
- To create a student and institute database, allowing for efficient data management and retrieval.
- To maintain a priority queue structure for effective sorting based on student ranks.
- To implement a seat allocation mechanism that respects student rank and preferences.
- To build a functional, interactive dashboard for each user role (Admin, Institute, and Student).
- **4. Design Overview:** The project is structured into various components that support role management, data storage, rank-based sorting, preference handling, and allocation processes.

Each component is outlined below:

4.1 Defining Roles and Permissions

The project defines roles with specific permissions:

- **Admin**: Has full access to the system, including viewing all user data, institutes, and final seat allotments.
- **Institute**: Can view students admitted to the institute under different branches, along with student ranks.
- **Student**: Can register, login, and view their details, preferences, and allocated seats.

4.2 User and Student Database

User Database:

Uses a dictionary data structure to manage user credentials (username and password) for different roles.

Student Database:

Stores information on students' ranks and preferences in a python dictionary. Preferences are stored as a list of institute-branch pairs, and random rank assignments simulate a real entrance exam scenario.

Note: In python, Dictionaries are preferred for database-like operations for several key reasons:

- Key-Value pairs provide natural mapping for real-world data.
- Hash table implementation implies memory efficiency, no need of contiguous memory like arrays.
- Unique keys prevent duplicates
- Easy to maintain references, add/remove fields.
- O(1) time complexity in the average case.

4.3 Student Preferences and Rank Generation

The snippet generates:

- **Ranks**: Unique, randomized ranks for each student, simulating a real-world rank distribution scenario.
- **Preferences**: Realistic preferences for each student, with students allowed to select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 choices among different institutes and branches.

Note: 4.3 was undertaken due to lack of a real database of students and their choices.

4.4 Priority Queue Implementation for Rank-Based Sorting

A priority queue organizes students based on ranks, ensuring that higher-ranked students are processed first during seat allocation. This implementation maintains the sorted order of students in ascending rank, with lower ranks receiving higher priority.

4.5 Seat Allocation System

The seat allocation system considers each student's preferences in order. For each student in the priority queue:

- The system checks the seat availability in the preferred institute and branch.
- If a seat is available, the student is allocated to that branch in that institute, and the seat count is decremented.

This approach prioritizes high-ranked students' choices and allocates seats based on their preferences as much as possible.

4.6 Dashboard Functions

The project implements three different dashboards, allowing users to interact with the system based on their role:

- **Admin Dashboard**: Displays all student data, institute details, and final seat allotments all using Python dictionaries.
- **Institute Dashboard**: Shows allocated students for the respective institute, organized by branch and student rank, in a python dictionary.
- **Student Dashboard**: Displays the student's ID, rank, preferences, and allocated seat, if any.

5. Implementation:

The following outlines the project's core implementation aspects.

5.1 Role-Based Login System

Only users with valid credentials can access their respective dashboards. Implementing a login function which checks if the username and password entered by the user matches the data stored/initialised in the system under 'users' dictionary as objects of the 'User' class.

5.2 Registration System for New Users

A registration function enables new student users to register in the system. Implementing a register_user() function which creates a new object in the system under 'users' dictionary as objects of the 'User' class, and initialises using the input given by the user.

Currently, this new registered user cannot participate in the allocation process, but in the next version of the project, we shall implement in such a manner where using database management tools, new users can be allowed to register and participate in the allocation process.

5.3 Priority Queue for Student Sorting

The priority queue is implemented as a list-based insertion sort, allowing rank-based organization. Each student ID and rank pair is enqueued, maintaining ascending order of ranks to ensure efficient allocation processing.

PriorityQueue Class:

- Initialization (init): Initializes an empty list (queue) to store student data.
- Check if Empty (is_empty): Returns True if the queue is empty, allowing easy checking of the queue's state.
- Enqueue Method (enqueue): Takes student_id and rank as parameters. Inserts a student into the queue while maintaining sorted order based on rank. This is achieved by iterating through the queue to find the correct position and then using list.insert() to add the student.
- Dequeue Method (dequeue): Removes and returns the student with the highest priority (lowest rank).
- If the queue is empty, it returns None; otherwise, it pops the first element from the list.

5.4 Seat Allocation Logic

Seats are defined for each participating institute and branch, with seat capacities initialized to 10 per branch. There are 5 participating institutes, all of them being engineering institutions, namely, IITB, IITM, NITC, NITK, and NITT. Each institute is assumed to have 2 branches, namely EC (Electronics and Communication Engineering) and ME (Mechanical Engineering. The allocation algorithm processes students in priority order, assigning seats to the highest-ranking students based on their top available preferences. The priority queue gives the ID of the student having the highest priority, i.e., numerically the lowest rank in the queue, that student's preferences are fetched from the students' database, and the algorithm for allocation runs until either the student is allocated a seat as per his ordered preference or exists if either preferences are exhausted or all seats of each preference is already filled.

5.5 Dashboard Functionality

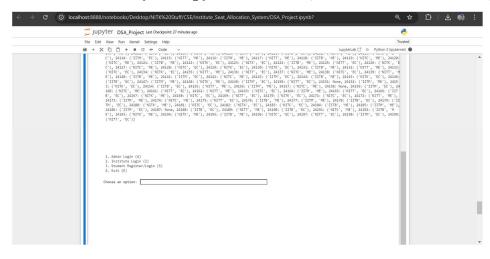
Each role has specific access permissions:

- <u>Admin Dashboard</u>: Accesses the entire student database, participating institutes and final seat allotments. This is done by calling and printing the dictionary that holds the student details, and the final seat allotment results.
- <u>Institute Dashboard</u>: Views admitted students for specific institutes. This is achieved by creating a new dictionary from the seat allotments dictionary where only those students who have obtained the respective institute are filtered using the institute username and displayed.
- <u>Student Dashboard</u>: Allows students to view their ranks, preferences, and allocated seats. This is implemented by calling the specific items held in the dictionary under the key represented by the respective student usernames.

<u>Note</u>: **Student database** – It has been initialised for simplicity in a python dictionary, but it can be taken as input from the user during registration and can be stored in a database, as in a .csv file. Currently, the username and the password of the student is initialised to their registration number, starting from 24101 upto 24199. Also, we have assumed 300 students took up the common entrance examination, so the minimum rank is 1, and maximum rank is 300 (numerically), with valid student IDs going from 24101 upto 24400.

4. Testing: PTO

All testcases were run locally on Jupyter Notebooks, on a Lenovo-IdeaPad-Laptop.



Testcases showcasing Registering a new student, ID outside of 24101 to 24199 initialised by default (above) and Logging into that newly registered account.

```
1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
4. Exit (E)
Choose an option: S
Enter student username: 24200
Welcome Student! Create a new password for your account!
Enter student password: 24200
Please enter your rank: 255
Please enter your preferences! [('NITK', 'EC'), ('NITT', 'ME')]
Registration successful!
Kindly re-login to access your account!
1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)

    Student Register/Login (S)
    Exit (E)

Choose an option: S
Enter student username: 24200
Enter student password: 24200
Login Successful!
 Student dashboard
Student ID: 24200,
 Student Rank: 255,
 Student Preferences: [('NITK', 'EC'), ('NITT', 'ME')],
 Allocated Seat: None
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Testcase showing logging in using the Admin role – All students data, participating institutes and the final seat allotments are displayed.

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ist of participating institutes: ITB, ITM, UTC, UTC,

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Testcases showing New Student Registration – Invalid Rank and Exit Option.

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1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
4. Exit (E)
Choose an option: S
Enter student username: 24230
Welcome Student! Create a new password for your account!
Enter student password: 24230
Please enter your rank: 500
Invalid rank. Rank should be between 1 and 300.
Kindly re-login to access your account!
1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
4. Exit (E)
Choose an option: E
Exiting...
```

Testcases showing Logging in as a student and accessing allotted seat (above) and Invalid Password (below).

```
1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
4. Exit (E)
Choose an option: S
Enter student username: 24116
Enter student password: 24116
Login Successful!
 Student dashboard
Student ID: 24116,
 Student Rank: 266,
 Student Preferences: [('IITM', 'ME'), ('IITM', 'EC'), ('IITM', 'ME'), ('NITC', 'ME')], Allocated Seat: ('IITM', 'ME')
1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
4. Exit (E)
Choose an option: S
Enter student username: 24168
Enter student password: 24160
Invalid username or password!! Please try again.
```

Testcases showing Login of Student and accessing his allotted seat (upper portion) and Invalid Password for Institute Login (below).

```
1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
4. Exit (E)
Choose an option: S
Enter student username: 24101
Enter student password: 24101
Login Successful!
  Student dashboard
Student ID: 24101,
  Student Rank: 247,
   Student Preferences: [('NITT', 'ME'), ('NITT', 'EC'), ('IITB', 'EC'), ('NITC', 'EC')],
   Allocated Seat: ('NITT', 'EC')
     1. Admin Login (A)
      2. Institute Login (I)
     3. Student Register/Login (S)
     4. Exit (E)
     Choose an option: I
      Enter institute username: NITK
     Enter institute password: NITT
     Invalid username or password!! Please try again.
    1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
     4. Exit (E)
      Choose an option: I
      Enter institute username: NITK
     Enter institute password: NITK
     Login successful!
      {'ME': [(24102, 156), (24104, 261), (24107, 126), (24112, 139), (24184, 192), (24167, 299), (24180, 32), (24193, 179), (24194, 151)], 'EC': [(24122, 156), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 261), (24104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 26104, 
       56), (24123, 61), (24126, 71), (24129, 147), (24130, 215), (24134, 148), (24145, 214), (24153, 124), (24170, 53), (24182, 284)]}
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Testcase showing successful Institute Login and Institute Dashboard (above).

Testcases showing invalid Role choice, successful institute login (IITM) and invalid Admin Password, successful institute login (IITB) (in respective order below).

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1. Admin Login (A)
    2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
    4. Exit (E)
    Choose an option: IITM
    Invalid choice.
    1. Admin Login (A)
    2. Institute Login (I)
    Student Register/Login (S)
    4. Exit (E)
    Choose an option: I
    Enter institute username: IITM
    Enter institute password: IITM
    Login successful!
     Institute dashboard
    {'EC': [(24103, 210), (24110, 298), (24114, 185), (24141, 65), (24143, 43), (24149, 5), (24159, 227), (24179, 190), (24186, 20), (24198, 292)], 'M
    E': [(24116, 266), (24147, 119), (24152, 132), (24156, 31), (24164, 24), (24173, 18), (24177, 107), (24185, 170)]}
1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
4. Exit (E)
Choose an option: A
Enter admin username: admin
Enter admin password: dsapro
Invalid username or password!! Please try again.
1. Admin Login (A)
2. Institute Login (I)
3. Student Register/Login (S)
4. Exit (E)
Choose an option: I
Enter institute username: IITB
Enter institute password: IITB
Login successful!
 Institute dashboard
{'EC': [(24105, 33), (24108, 246), (24111, 144), (24146, 13), (24154, 123), (24166, 175), (24178, 191), (24188, 300), (24190, 101)], 'ME': [(24118, 6), (24121, 208), (24124, 42), (24131, 200), (24140, 184), (24144, 23), (24176, 141), (24184, 78), (24192, 212), (24195, 112)]}
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SOURCE CODE FOR THE PROJECT

GitHub Link: https://github.com/galava-shubhang/Institute Seat Allocation System/

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   1. Defining Roles and Permissions for Users:
         class Role:
              ADMIN = "admin"
              INSTITUTE = "institute"
STUDENT = "User is a student"
                                                                                                                                                                          Python
2. Creating a User Database:
      class <u>User</u>:
            def __init__(self, username="", password="", role=""):
        "admin": User("admin", "DSAPROJECTCS202M", Role.ADMIN),
"NITK": User("NITK", "NITK", Role.INSTITUTE),
"NITT": User("NITT", "NITT", Role.INSTITUTE),
"NITC": User("NITC", "NITC", Role.INSTITUTE),
"IITB": User("IITB", "IITB", Role.INSTITUTE),
"IITM": User("IITM", "IITM", Role.INSTITUTE),
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class Student:
             self.username = username
self.password = password
                                                                                                                          Python
   import random
   # We are using the random command to generate random ranks and preferences.
  Currently, the username and the password of the student is initialised to their registration number, starting
  def generate_ranks():
                                                                                                      def generate_ranks():
   while(len(ranks) != 300):
       for i in range(1, 301):
    rank = random.randint(1,300)
            if rank in ranks: # Ensuring all elements of 'ranks' are unique.
                ranks.append(rank)
ranks = generate_ranks()
                                                                                                                          Python
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3. Creating a Student Database:

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Thus hadnling of invalid preferences is taken care of in the backend logic.
 def generate_realistic_preferences():
     institutes = ["NITK", "NITT", "NITC", "IITB", "IITM"]
branches = ["EC", "ME"] # EC: Electronics and Communication Engineering, ME: Mechanical Engineering.
     no_of_preferences = random.randint(3,5)
     for _ in range(no_of_preferences): # We are allowing a minimum of 3 & a maximum of 5 preferences to each student.
         institute = random.choice(institutes)
         branch = random.choice(branches)
         preferences.append((institute, branch))
                                                                                                                     Python
                                                                                                      Using dictionary data structure to store the student details, and an advantage is hashing while using dictionaries.
We are assuming 99 students registred for the Institute Seat Allocation process
out of 300 students who gave the common entrance examination.
Thus the IDs/Usernames of students range from 24001 upto 24199.
def generate_student_data():
    for i in range(24101, 24200):
        preferences=generate_realistic_preferences() # calling the 'generate_realistic_preferences()' function
        students[i] = Student(i, i, ranks[j], preferences, role=Role.STUDENT)
  students = generate_student_data()
                                                                                                                   Pvthon
4. Backend Logic for User Login:
     def login(username, password, role):
         if role == Role.STUDENT:
            user = students.get(username)
                print("\nLogin Successful!\n")
            print("Invalid username or password!! Please try again.")
             return False
            user = users.get(username)
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user = users.get(username)
                return True
            print("Invalid username or password!! Please try again.")
                                                                                                                      Python
 5. Backend Logic for New User Registration Process:
     project, we shall implement in such a manner where using database management tools, new users can be allowed to
     def register_user(username, password, role):
             rank = int(input("Please enter your rank: "))
                print("Invalid rank. Rank should be between 1 and 300.") #Checking if rank is valid as per assumptions made
             preferences = input("Please enter your preferences! ")
               preferences = input("Please enter your preferences! ")
               students[username] = Student(username, password, rank, preferences, role=Role.STUDENT)
               print("Registration successful!")
               print("Username already exists.")
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  6. Implementation of a Priority Queue for sorting the students based on their rank:
       '''Priority Queue to sort students based on ascending order of ranks'''
       class PriorityQueue:
           def __init__(self):
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def is_empty(self):

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class PriorityQueue:
      def __init__(self):
      def is_empty(self):
            return len(self.queue) == 0
      def enqueue(self, student_id, rank):
            while index < len(self.queue) and self.queue[index][1] <= rank:</pre>
            self.queue.insert(index, (student_id, rank))
      def dequeue(self):
            if not self.is_empty():
                 return self.queue.pop(0)
            return None
7. Seat Allocation System Logic:
      Defined the seats for each institute and branch.
           "NITK": {"EC": seat_capacity, "ME": seat_capacity},
"NITK": {"EC": seat_capacity, "ME": seat_capacity},
"NITC": {"EC": seat_capacity, "ME": seat_capacity},
"IITB": {"EC": seat_capacity, "ME": seat_capacity},
"IITM": {"EC": seat_capacity, "ME": seat_capacity}
  priority_queue = PriorityQueue()
for student_id, student in students.items():
        priority_queue.enqueue(student_id, student.rank)
                                                                                                                                                                    Python
                      tion process
   # Seat allo
  while not priority_queue.is_empty():
        student_id, _ = priority_queue.dequeue()
              if institutes[institute][branch] > 0: # Check seat availability
    seat allotments[student id] = (institute, branch)
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students[student_id].allocated = (institute, branch)
institutes[institute][branch] -= 1 # Reduce seat count
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8. Defining Functions for Dashboard of various User Roles.
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    def admin_ddashboard():
                     print(f"\n Student Database - ADMIN access:\n{students}")
                     print(f"\n\n List of participating institutes:\n IITB, \n IITM, \n NITC, \n NITK, \n NITT. \n")
                     print(f"\n Final Seat Allotments of each student:\n{seat_allotments}")
                                                                                                       print(f"\n Student Database - ADMIN access:\n{students}")
                   print(f"\n\ List\ of\ participating\ institutes:\n\ IITB,\ \n\ IITM,\ \n\ NITC,\ \n\ NITK,\ \n\ NITT.\ \n")
                   print(f"\n Final Seat Allotments of each student:\n{seat_allotments}")
                                                                                                                           Python
   def institute_dashboard(institute_username):
                   for student_id in seat_allotments.keys():
                     for student_id in seat_allotments.keys():
                      if seat_allotments[student_id] == None: continue
                             institute, branch = seat_allotments[student_id]
                     print(institute_allotments)
```

```
# Student Dashboard shows the Student ID, the respective rank, filled preferences and the alotted seat.
    def student dashboard(student username):
                          print(f'''Student ID: {student_username},\n Student Rank: {students[student_username].rank},
                                                                                                                     Python
9. Main Execution Function:
    def main():
       ile flag:
                                                                                                     print("\n\n\n\n\n\n1. Admin Login (A)")
         print("2. Institute Login (I)")
         print("4. Exit (E)")
         choice = input("\nChoose an option: ")
             admin_username = input("Enter admin username: ").strip()
             admin_password = input("Enter admin password: ").strip()
             if login(admin_username.lower(), admin_password, Role.ADMIN):
                 print("\n Admin dashboard \n")
                 print(admin_ddashboard())
                                                                                                    institute_username = input("Enter institute username: ")
institute_password = input("Enter institute password: ")
           if login(institute_username, institute_password, Role.INSTITUTE):
               print("\n Institute dashboard \n")
               print(institute_dashboard(institute_username))
           student_username = int(input("Enter student username: "))
           if student_username in students:
               student_password = int(input("Enter student password: "))
               \verb|if login(student_username, student_password, \underline{Role}.STUDENT)|:
                   print("\n Student dashboard \n")
                   print(student_dashboard(student_username))
               print("Welcome Student! Create a new password for your account!")
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print(student_dashboard(student_username))
else:

#If the student ID is not present in the database, add the details by creating a new user.

print("Welcome Student! Create a new password for your account!")

student_password = int(input("Enter student passwords"))

register_user(student_username, student_password, Rele-STUDENT)

print("\nKindly re-login to access your account!\n")

#If the user is satified with the program and its results, the step step would be to exit the window:

elif choice in ["E", "e"]:

print("Exiting...")

flag = False

#If an input other than the given roles/exit is given by the user:

else:

print("Invalid choice.")

# Calling the main function to run the project code.

main()

Python

1. Admin Login (A)

2. Institute Login (I)

3. Student Register/Login (S)

4. Exit (E)
```