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Problem Reports Application Project

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Purpose

To create a web-based problem reporting system this is compatible with the uses of the College of Engineering and Computer Science faculty, staff, and students. In addition, those with permission will use the information resulting from the problem report solutions as a knowledge base for future troubleshooting.

Overview

College of ECS problem reporting system is a cohesive system between the Tech Shop and the ECS Computing Services. Each entity has its own requirements, but the reports must be interchangeable between each entity.

System Requirements

Suggest the use of LAMP (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP)
PHP can be substituted with another application that is compatible with Linux, Apache, and MySQL

Available Resources

Project account:

- https://www.ecs.csus.edu/webApps/user_account/accounts.php
- Select Account Type = Project

MySQL database

- https://www.ecs.csus.edu/webApps/useraccount app/index.cgi?form id=request mysql database

MySQL tool (optional)

- http://www.sqlmanager.net/products/mysql/manager/download
- Use EMS SQL Manager for MySQL Freeware or the full version

Disclaimer

This document will contain screenshots and database details of the current system. These are provided solely as a means to help explain the project. They are examples and not to be used literally.

Key Areas to Remembers

A successful implementation of this project will include, among other things:

- 1) Verification and validation of all data
- 2) Secure access limited to the user roles
- 3) Beware of MySQL injection
- 4) Test for cases such as the use of single and double quotes in the text fields
- 5) If a verification and validation fails and the user goes back a page, then the data is not lost.
 - a. User will never need to re-enter data due to a refresh issue
- 6) No grammar or spelling errors
- 7) Well documented code
- 8) Easy maintainability

- 9) Application works across multiple browsers such as Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, and Chrome
- 10) When designing, if a choice needs to be made between size and speed. Go for speed.
- 11) Attachments are not to be directly stored in the database

Communication Methods

The purpose of communicating with the sponsor is to clarify details of the project. To enable this, the following will be provided:

- 1) Email address from every team given to the sponsor, Lynne Koropp
- 2) Lynne Koropp is available via email at lynne@ecs.csus.edu.
 - a. Replies to emails will go to all teams so that everyone is informed equally
- 3) Lynne is available from 10a-11a on Fridays in RVR 2030.
 - a. Key information and questions may be distributed to all teams via email as time allows

ECS Problem Reports

Report Problem Externally

This is when a user from the outside wants to report a problem. This section references the items labeled in Figure 1.

General Requirements

- 1) Subject (2), Description(3), Where(9), CAPTCHA (14) are required
- 2) Anonymous reports are allowed
- 3) Must have a way to return to the portal (15)
- 4) Must have a form of CAPTCHA(14) to prevent bots from reporting problems
- 5) Report is saved into the application database
- 6) Default status is pending

Current Database

```
CREATE TABLE 'p report questions' (
 'question' varchar(500) NOT NULL,
 'id' int(4) unsigned NOT NULL,
 `answer` varchar(45) NOT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY ('id') USING BTREE
) ENGINE=MyISAM DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1 COMMENT='questions and answers for captcha are stored
in this table.';
CREATE TABLE `p_report` (
 'ID' int(15) NOT NULL AUTO INCREMENT,
 `subject` varchar(100) DEFAULT NULL,
 'prob desc' blob,
 `category` varchar(20) DEFAULT NULL,
 `priority` enum('high', 'med', 'low') DEFAULT NULL,
 `escalation` int(1) DEFAULT NULL,
 'date entered' datetime DEFAULT NULL,
 'date complete' datetime DEFAULT NULL,
 `date_due` date DEFAULT NULL,
 'hours' float(4,2) DEFAULT NULL,
 `system_type` enum('workstation','pc','mac','laptop') DEFAULT NULL,
 'room building' char(3) DEFAULT NULL,
 `room_number` varchar(5) DEFAULT NULL,
 'position room' varchar(40) DEFAULT NULL,
 'problem type' enum('lab', 'faculty', 'staff', 'student', 'cpe-eee labs') DEFAULT 'lab',
 'computer name' varchar(20) DEFAULT NULL,
 'reporter name' varchar(30) DEFAULT NULL,
 `reporter_email` varchar(35) DEFAULT NULL,
 'reporter phone' varchar(15) DEFAULT NULL,
 `prob resolution` blob,
 `status` enum('loaned', 'pending', 'active', 'completed', 'waiting', 'deleted') DEFAULT NULL,
 `completed_by` varchar(30) DEFAULT NULL,
```

```
`indexNum` int(10) DEFAULT NULL,
    `personel` varchar(30) DEFAULT NULL,
    `facIndexNum` int(10) DEFAULT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (`ID`)
) ENGINE=MyISAM AUTO INCREMENT=5491 DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1;
```

Field Descriptions

- 1) Website
 - a. It needs to be https
 - b. Make an absolute address to https://..., and it will work on the ECS servers
- 2) Subject
 - a. Short description
- 3) Description
 - a. Full description including details
- 4) Category
 - a. A general theme of problem
 - b. Include common categories
 - c. Allow for user entered value
 - d. Want: a listing of all categories without it being cumbersome
- 5) Date Due
 - a. Allows user to enter a due date
 - b. Default = 10 days from date entered
- 6) System Type
 - a. A general description of system
 - b. Example: Workstation, PC, mac, laptop
 - i. May want to say workstation = PC
 - ii. Other ideas: home, ipad, smart phone, etc.
- 7) Room
 - a. Where is the issue?
 - b. RVR, SCL, ARC
 - c. Number needs to include letters
 - i. Ex: 1234A
- 8) Position Room
 - a. Goal: have user explain where the system is
 - b. Current default is from the door, but how does the user know that?
- 9) Where
 - a. Other type of category
 - b. How it currently works
 - i. Other Labs = Pat issues
 - ii. CPE/EEE Labs = Ray issues
 - iii. Faculty = Lynne issues
 - iv. Staff = Lynne issues
 - v. Student = Lynne issues
 - c. The key is that a Faculty/Staff/Student report is an individual issue. It is not a person reporting a problem about a system in a lab
- 10) Computer Name

- a. Label on the system
- 11) Your Name
 - a. Reporter's name
 - b. Want: Separate out first and last name?
 - i. Will want to be able to search by first/last name separately
- 12) Your Email Address
 - a. Report's email
- 13) Your Phone number
 - a. Allow for extensions, international numbers
 - b. Maintain a consistent format when displaying the data
 - i. Ex: 9162783547, 916-278-3547, (916) 278-3547
- 14) Question
 - a. A form of CAPTCHA to prevent bots from creating SPAM reports
- 15) Link to exit
 - a. Must provide a link back to the portal and/or ECS website

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Position Room: 8	
Where: 9	Other Labs ▼
Computer Name: 10	
Your Name: 11	
Your Email Address: 12	
Your Phone Number: 13	
Question 14	Please answer the question displayed below in one word. 'Which city is the capital of California?'
	Report Problem

Figure 1: Report Problem Externally

Report Problem Externally Response

This is after a user submits a problem externally. (Figure 2)

General Requirements

- 1) Polite email sent to the user's email address
- 2) Email sent to the appropriate backend user
 - a. This is to be set internally
 - b. Options are:
 - i. All reports submitted
 - ii. All reports submitted internally
 - iii. All reports submitted externally
 - iv. All reports with "Where" field = X
 - v. Want: able to add other options
- 3) Email includes
 - a. ID
 - b. Subject
 - c. Problem Description
 - d. Reporter's information
 - e. Link
 - f. Signature "If you have any questions..."

Current Database

See previous section (page 6). Note that the ID number is an auto increment number.

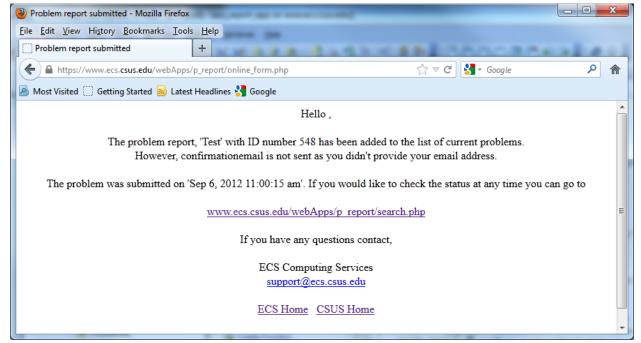


Figure 2: Report Problem Externally Response

Report Problem Externally Searched

This is so that the user may search (Figure 3) the status and information of the individual's problem report(s).

- 1) Individuals may only search their own problem report (Figure 3)
 - a. Current version allows external users to view any given an email, name, or ID number
 - b. Current version needs to be fixed



Figure 3: Report Problem Externally Searched

- 2) When "Search" is selected from Figure 3, all of the problems for the individual are displayed (Figure 4)
- 3) Each report is highlighted or distinguished from the others for ease of usability
- 4) Want the ability to set which fields are displayed
- 5) Want the ability for an administrator to set and modify the default display settings
- 6) Want the ability for an external user with contact information provided to be able to create a personal profile which maintains the user's preferences such as
 - a. Fields displayed upon a search result
 - b. Fields displayed upon viewing a report
 - c. Preferred grouping



Figure 4: External Search Results

Report Problem Externally Viewed

This is so that the user may view the status of one or more of the individual's reports

- 1) Individuals may only view their own problem report (Figure 3)
 - a. Current version allows external users to view any given an email, name, or ID number
 - b. Current version needs to be fixed
- 2) When "Report View" is selected from Figure 3, all of the problems for the individual are displayed (Figure 5)
 - d. The original report, resolution, and who resolved the problem is displayed
 - e. No history items are displayed
- 3) Want the ability to set viewing:
 - f. Date range (from X to Y)
 - g. Fields to be viewed
 - i. Example: checkbox for each field with a select/deselect all option
- 4) Want the ability to print report
- 5) Want the ability to view percentages of status (complete, active, pending, waiting)
- 6) Want the ability to group reports by category, subject, system type, etc.

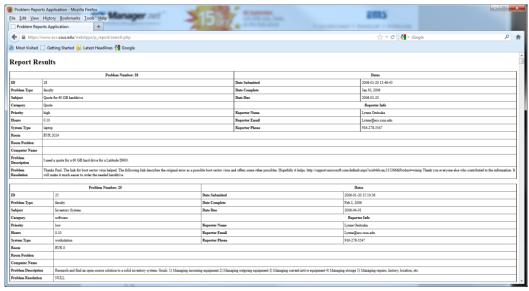


Figure 5: Externally View Reports

- 7) When a given report is selected from Figure 4, the report is displayed in a more user friendly manner such as Figure 6.
- 8) Allows the user to upload an attachment
- 9) Need to be able to set default max file size and acceptable file types
- 10) Want administrator to be able to set/modify the upload limits
 - h. Includes file type
 - i. Includes file size
- 11) When displaying a report
 - j. The original report, resolution, and who resolved the problem is displayed
 - k. No history items are displayed
- 12) Want the ability to set viewing:
 - I. Date range (from X to Y)
 - m. Fields to be viewed
 - i. Example: checkbox for each field with a select/deselect all option
- 13) Want the ability to print report
- 14) Want user to be able to update the report with the changes recorded as a history item

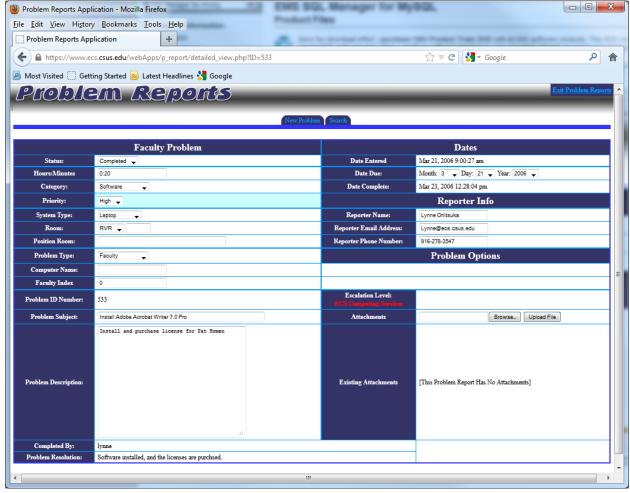


Figure 6: Externally Searched Report Display

Manage Users and Permissions

This section explains the requirements for managing the user base (Figure 8).

- 1) Administrators (ECS Computing Services) need to be able set the users and permissions
- 2) Non-administrators do not have access to the user management
- 3) Want external users to be added automatically
- 4) Want to control the view of the users
 - a. Example: view internal only, view external only, view all, view active/inactive, etc.
- 5) Need to be able to add users
- 6) Need to be able to set priority level for an internal user
- 7) Need to be able to set/update email signature for each internal user
- 8) Need to be able to update users
- 9) Need to be able to set users as active/inactive
- 10) Need to record when a user is added
- 11) Need to record when a user is inactive

- 12) Need to save personal contact information for each user
 - a. Name
 - b. Email
 - c. Phone
- 13) Want to be able to record ranges of inactive/active
 - a. Example:
 - i. active 6/1/2011-8/4/2011, 5/1/2012-current
 - ii. inactive 8/5/2011-4/30/2011
- 14) Need to be able to view the number of completed problems per user
- 15) Need to be able to view the number of history items added per user
- 16) Need to be able to set whom and/or which groups are emailed for:
 - a. Creation of a problem report internally
 - b. Creation of a problem report externally
 - c. Creation of a problem report based on type
 - i. Faculty/Staff/Student/Other Labs/EEE and CPE Labs
- 17) Need to have the user correlated to an ECS account for portal login ability
- 18) Want to have the login tied to the portal
 - a. Need to have the ability, but may not be implemented in this project

Current Database

```
CREATE TABLE `p_report_login` (
 `username` varchar(30) NOT NULL DEFAULT ",
 `priority` int(15) DEFAULT NULL,
 `completed_problems` int(5) DEFAULT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY (`username`)
) ENGINE=MyISAM DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1;
```

Field Descriptions

- 1) New User
 - a. Ability to add a new user (Figure 7)
 - i. Note: What happens if a username is reused?



Figure 7: New User

- 2) Username
 - a. Identifier for the user
- 3) Priority
 - a. External
 - i. Only has access to own problem reports

- b. Labbie
 - i. Has access to all reports of priority level "labbie"
 - ii. May view any report through the search option
- c. Floater
 - i. Has access to all reports of priority level "labbie" and "floater"
 - ii. May view any report through the search option
- d. ECS Computing Services
 - i. Has access to all reports
 - ii. Administrator permissions
- e. Service Center
 - i. Has access to all reports
 - ii. Escalates from ECS Computing Services
 - iii. Maintains technician hardware tasks
- 4) Number of Completed Problems
 - a. Calculated value per user of the total number of completed problems
- 5) Update/Delete
 - a. The ability to update users
- 6) Inactive/Active
 - a. The ability to set a user as active or inactive
 - b. Save the date of the change
 - c. This replaces the delete for users
- 7) Number of History Items Added
 - a. Calculated value per user of the total number of history items added
- 8) Total time
 - a. Calculated total time spent on problem reports

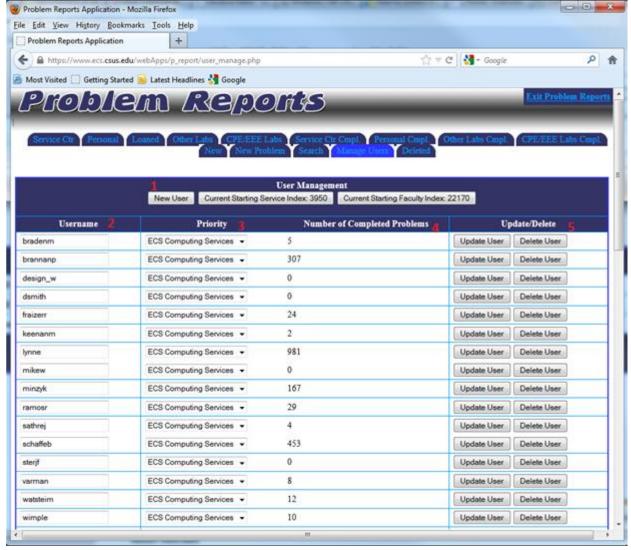


Figure 8: Manage Users and Permissions

Reports for Administrators

This section explains the requirements for overall application reports.

- 1) Want the ability to set and view for a given set of users:
 - a. Date range (from X to Y) or all
 - b. Fields to be viewed
 - i. Number of completed problems
 - ii. Number of added history items
 - iii. When user added
 - iv. When user active/inactive
 - v. Total time spent
 - c. Grouped by none, category, subject, system type, etc.
 - a. Display data for each user as well as a total for the set of users

- 2) Want the ability to view reports of users assigned to given reports and how many of those reports were completed by that user
 - a. Example: John assigned to ID 5. Did he complete ID5 or someone else?
- 3) Want the ability to print report
- 4) Want the ability to view percentages of status (complete, active, pending, waiting) for all problem reports
- 5) Want the ability to view percentages of status (complete, active, pending, waiting) for a given set of problem reports, according to
 - a. All reports
 - b. Range of users
 - c. Date range (from X to Y)
 - d. Category, subject, system type, etc.
- 6) Want the ability to group reports by category, subject, system type, etc.
- 7) Want the ability to receive a report for any update errors, mysql errors, or other system errors
- 8) Want error log emailed to specified group per a specified time frame
- 9) Want to be able to set and change the error log group and time frame
 - a. Time frame example: once a month, after X errors
- 10) Need to maintain the completion/history information even after the user is no longer active

Report Problem Internally Reported

This is when a user internally wants to report a problem. This section references the items in Figure 9.

- 1) Subject (2), Description(3), Where(9) are required
- 2) Anonymous reports are allowed
- 3) Must have a way to return to the portal (1)
- 4) Report is saved into the application database
- 5) Priority can be set (14)
- 6) Escalation level can be set (15)
- Able to add "entered by" to indicate which user is creating the problem report on the reporter's behalf
- 8) Status can be set
- 9) Default status is pending
- 10) Want "YourName", "Your Email Address", "Your Phone Number", "Room" (which includes building) to be auto completed according to the Dean's Office's Faculty and Staff Listing
 - a. Includes easy search for a name that auto fills the rest of the contact information
- 11) Want to easily update the faculty and staff contact information via the Dean's Office's Faculty and Staff Listing, which is an Excel spreadsheet.
 - a. Soft copy of the spreadsheet will be available upon request

Current Database

See Current Database on page 6.

Field Descriptions

- 1) See Field Description on page 7 for items 1-13
- 2) Priority (14)
 - a. Low
 - b. Medium
 - c. High
 - d. Default Low
- 3) Escalation level see Priority on Field Description page 15
- 4) Entered by
 - a. User who is entering the data on someone else's behalf
 - b. Not currently in the system, hence not in the screenshot

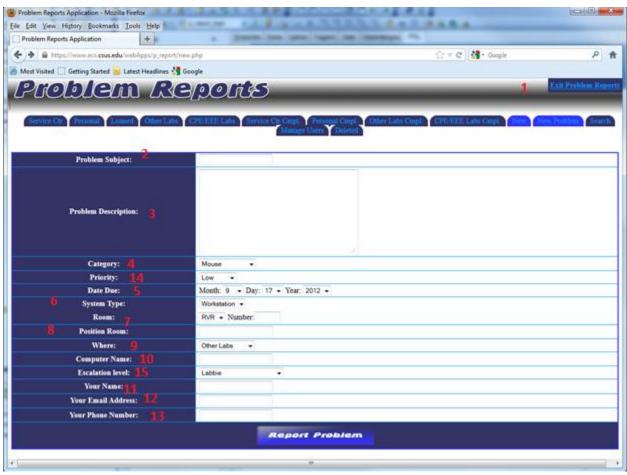


Figure 9: Report Problem Internally

Report Problem Internally Searched

This is so that internal users may search (Figure 10Figure 3) the status and information of the problem report(s).

- 1) Internal users may search for any problem report (Figure 10)
- 2) Search fields include
 - a. ID Number
 - b. Date Submitted
 - c. Date Completed
 - d. Date Due
 - e. Reporter's Email (Your Email Address in Figure 1)
 - f. Last X Days
 - g. From X to Y Days
 - h. Location
 - i. Category
 - i. Select from available categories
 - j. Subject
 - k. Person
 - I. Completed by
 - i. User who completed the problem report
 - m. Description
 - n. History
 - o. Possible keyword field
 - i. A separate field for common keywords to search
- 3) The given criteria is automatically selected once the field has been modified
- 4) There may be one or more criteria selected for a given search



Figure 10: Problem Report Internally Searched

- 5) When "Search" is selected from Figure 10, the results of the search according to the selected criteria are displayed as in Figure 4.
- 6) Each report is highlighted or distinguished from the others for ease of usability
- 7) Want the ability to set which fields are displayed
- 8) Want the ability for an administrator to set and modify the default display settings
- 9) Want the ability for a given user to be able to create a personal profile which maintains the user's preferences such as
 - a. Fields displayed upon a search result
 - b. Fields displayed upon viewing a report
 - c. Preferred grouping

Report Problem Internally View Reports

This is so that the user may view the status of one or more reports

- 1) Internal users may search for any problem report (Figure 10)
- 2) When "Report View" is selected from Figure 10, the results of the search according to the selected criteria are displayed (Figure 5)
 - The original report, resolution, and who resolved the problem is displayed
 - b. No history items are displayed
- 3) Want the ability to set viewing:
 - c. Date range (from X to Y)
 - d. Fields to be viewed
 - ii. Example: checkbox for each field with a select/deselect all option
- 4) Want the ability to print report

- 5) Want the ability to view percentages of status (complete, active, pending, waiting)
- 6) Want the ability to group reports by category, subject, system type, etc.

Report Problem Internally List Reports

This section is for how users list the available problem reports. There are two ways to list the problem reports. First is through the search method as explained in the section Report Problem Externally Searched on page 11. The second is as follows: (Figure 11)

- 1) Display listing of problem reports according to Problem Type (Where on page 7)
- 2) Listings separated from active and completed by problem type
- 3) Need ability to create new reports
- 4) Need ability to search reports
- 5) Need ability to manage users
- 6) Want ability to generate reports
- 7) Need ability for an administrator to set the default displayed fields per problem type
- 8) Want ability to set and save the selected displayed fields per internal user
- Want ability to set and save the selected primary and secondary sort fields per internal user
- 10) Need to be able to sort via two columns
- 11) View field options include:
 - a. Status
 - b. Time spent
 - c. Category
 - d. Priority*
 - e. System Type
 - f. Room
 - g. Building
 - h. Position Room
 - i. Computer Name
 - j. Index
 - k. Problem Report ID
 - I. Subject
 - m. Description
 - n. Date Entered
 - o. Date Due
 - p. Date Complete
 - q. Reporter Name
 - r. Reporter Email
 - s. Report Phone
 - t. Attachments*
 - u. Escalation*
 - v. Date of latest history item

- w. History item added flag*
- x. Ownership
- 12) View fields with that * can be displayed as a flag to indicate color, Y/N, etc.
 - a. A possible option would be to create an icon to indicate the field name
- 13) Each report is highlighted or distinguished from the others for ease of usability

Field Descriptions

- 1) Time spent
 - a. Total time spent on a given problem report
- 2) Index
 - a. Integer value to indicate importance beyond escalation and priority
- 3) Ownership
 - a. The user responsible for seeing a given problem report to completion
- 4) All other fields have been previously defined



Figure 11: Problem Report Internally Listed

Report Problem Internally Update Reports

This section is for how users update and utilize the problem reporting process.

- 1) When a given report is selected from Figure 11, the report is displayed in a user friendly manner such as Figure 13.
- 2) Allows the user to upload an attachment

- 3) Need to be able upload attachments
- 4) Need to have uploaded attachments listed
- 5) Want to be able to email attachments via the application
- 6) Need to be able to send email with the following
 - a. Default To: is the Reporter Email
 - b. Default Subject
 - i. Include ID number
 - ii. Include subject
 - c. Default Body
 - i. Hello <user name>Let us know if you have any questions,<User signature>
 - d. Able to modify To field
 - e. The message is copied as a history item
 - f. See
 - g. Figure 12 as an example
- 7) Need to be able to update all fields
- 8) Need to be able to set the fields shown per problem type
- 9) Need to be able to set the index per problem type
- 10) Want the ability to print report
- 11) Need to be able to add a history item (Figure 14)
- 12) Need to be able to update history item
- 13) History items can only be deleted by the user who created it and administrators
- 14) Want to be able to modify history and a given the problem report field and only hit one update button
- 15) Need to be able to escalate a report with a comment in the history automatically added
- 16) Need to be able to deescalate a report with a comment in the history automatically added
- 17) Need to be able to create a copy of the report with the ability to modify fields as appropriate and copy select history items (Figure 15)
- 18) Want user to want to add a history item
- 19) Want user to want to add the time spent on a given problem
- 20) Need total time spent
- 21) Want time per user, such time spent per history item
- 22) History item needs to include
 - a. Comment
 - b. Who entered it
 - c. Last modied
 - d. Time spent
- 23) Need ability to view one or more entire history items without the need to scroll



Figure 12: Email Example

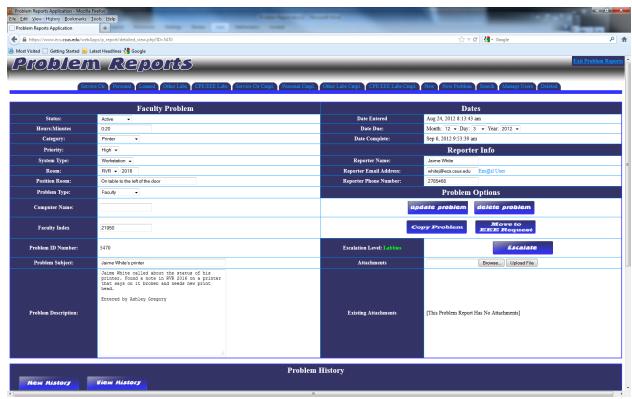


Figure 13: Problem Report Internally Viewed

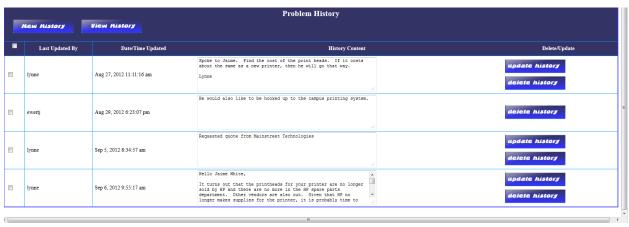


Figure 14: Display History



Figure 15: Copy Problem Report

Current Database

```
CREATE TABLE `p_report_index` (
    `indexStart` int(15) NOT NULL,
    `facIndexStart` int(15) DEFAULT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (`indexStart`)
) ENGINE=MyISAM DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1;

CREATE TABLE `p_report_history` (
    `history_ID` int(15) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    `name` varchar(30) DEFAULT NULL,
    `date_added` datetime DEFAULT NULL,
    `ID` int(15) DEFAULT NULL,
    `info` blob,
    PRIMARY KEY (`history_ID`),
    KEY `ID` (`ID`)
) ENGINE=MyISAM AUTO_INCREMENT=9585 DEFAULT CHARSET=latin1;
```

Conversion to ServiceNow

It would be great if a given problem report could be converted in to a ServiceNow ticket including watch emails for http://webapps2.csus.edu/atg/ATGsoftware.aspx or https://csus.service-now.com/

Tech Shop Problem Reports

This section will be defined when a given project team is ready

- 1) Needs its own version of a problem report
- 2) Includes uploading initial draft files
- 3) Managing changes tracking changes file versions
- 4) Fields different but needs to be able to shift to/from the ECS problem report and EEE problem report