FACULTY SCHEDULES USER MANUAL

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CHAPTER 1

REQUIREMENTS AND SETUP



This manual was updated for the Fall Semester of 2016 for the GVSU School of Computing. The software application presented is *Faculty Schedules*, produced by *Byte Sized Consulting*. The authors of *Faculty Schedules* have included a helpful tutorial with their program, along with a quick-start brochure.

1.1 REQUIREMENTS

Faculty Schedules has the following necessary requirements:

- A Macintosh computer version 10.7 (Lion), or higher
- An internet connection with dial-up speeds or higher
- A MySQL database running on either the local or a remote computer

After these requirements are met, following the succeeding sections until the end of Chapter 1 will ensure that *Faculty Schedules* and a MySQL database are installed and running.

1.2 CHECKING THE MACINTOSH VERSION

To make sure that your Macintosh computer's installed operating system is version 10.7 or higher, please go through the following steps:

- 1. Press the Apple logo in the top left of the menu bar on the top of your screen
- Select "About this Mac"
- 3. Make sure that the number indicated by the red circle below is 10.7 or higher



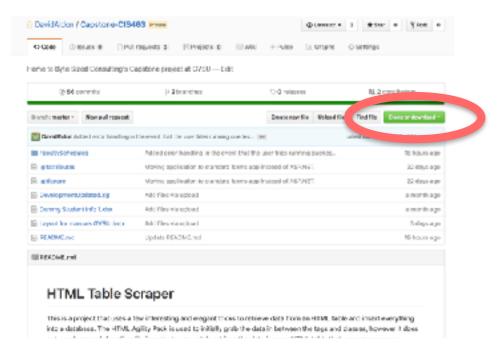


1.3 OBTAINING THE SOFTWARE PROGRAM

Faculty Schedules can be obtained from the internet by opening a web browser and entering the following link into the address bar:

www.something.com

And selecting the download button in the location indicated in red below:



After the application has been downloaded, it will be located in the *Downloads* folder. Drag it to your *Applications* folder, or your preferred location, for proper storage. Additionally, after moving the application to a new location, you can drag the icon into the dock at the bottom of the screen for easy access.

1.4 OBTAINING AND INITIALIZING THE MYSQL SERVER

Faculty Schedules relies on storing its scheduling information in a MySQL database. For ease of use, Byte Size Consulting recommends that you install MAMP, a free bundle of the open-source MySQL database. To download this package, navigate your browser to the following web address:

https://www.mamp.info/en/downloads/



And select the button indicated by the red circle below:



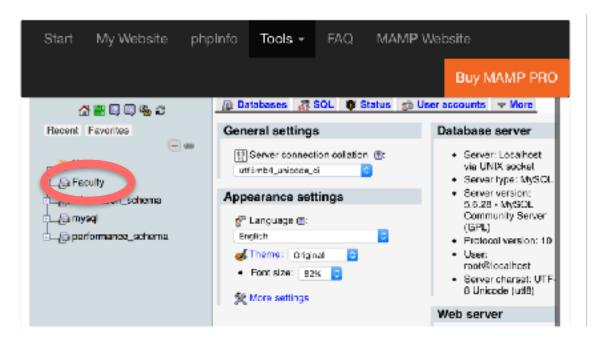
After the download finishes, open the package from your *Downloads* folder and follow the installation prompts, entering your user account credentials as necessary. Finally, open *MAMP* from your applications folder and follow the buttons as indicated by the following series of figures:

Step 1: Press "Start Servers"





Step 2: Press "Open WebStart page" or wait for browser to automatically open, then select "Faculty"

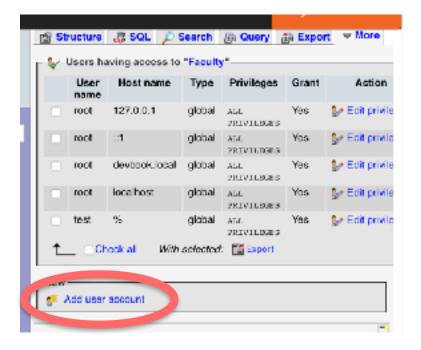


Step 3: Press "More" and then "Privileges"

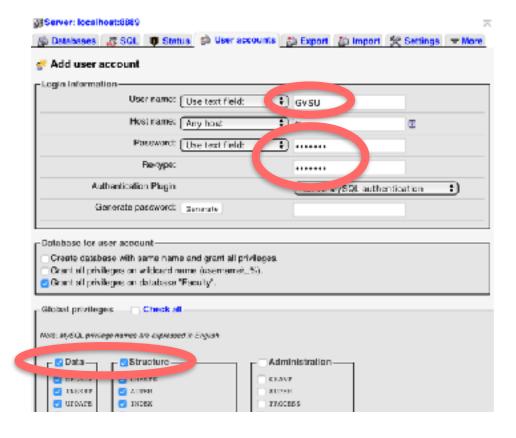




Step 4: Press "Add user account"



Step 5: Enter "GVSU" into User name, "GVSUBSC" into Password, retype the password, and then check the "Data" and "Structure" checkboxes

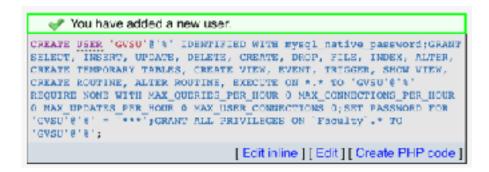




Step 6: Press "Go" to confirm



Step 7: You will see a confirmation at the top of the screen upon successful adding of the user



After this initial setup of the MySQL server, the only steps required to turn on the server are to open MAMP and press "Start Servers." You are now ready to begin using the application *Faculty Schedules*.



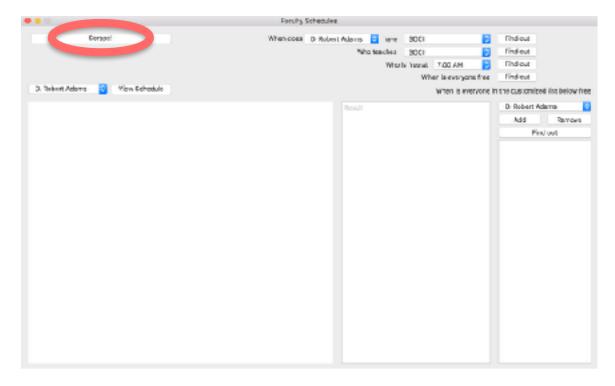
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USAGE



Before running *Faculty Schedules*, make sure that you have at least a dial-up internet connection, and that your MAMP server is running. After this, double-click *Faculty Schedules* from the location where it was saved. You will be presented with a single window where everything you need will be located. Before interacting with the application, press "Scrape!" as indicated by the red circle below, and wait for your mouse cursor to return to normal from the spinning beach-ball:

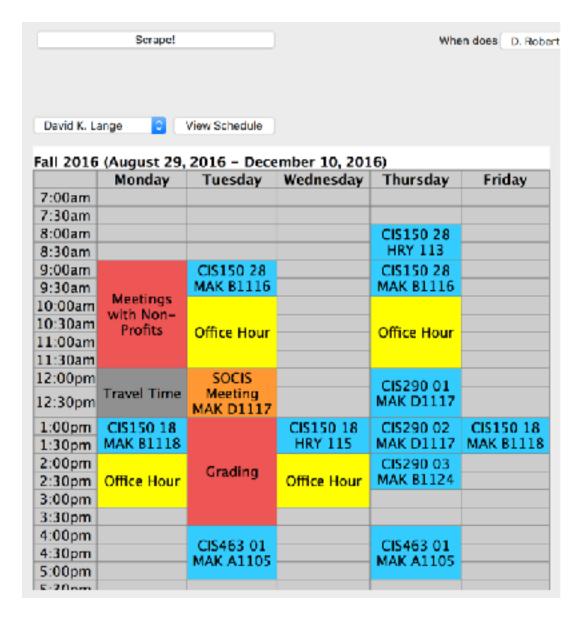
After this, the empty drop down menus will be populated with different values.





2.1 VIEW SCHEDULE

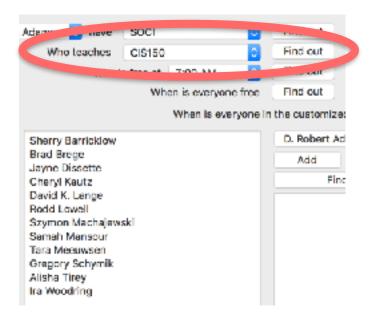
The section indicated in the figure below allows you to view the faculty's schedule directly from their website listing. Just select a name from the drop-down menu and press "View Schedule." The white box beneath them will show the schedule, and you can scroll down to view all of the details.





2.2 SIMPLE QUERIES

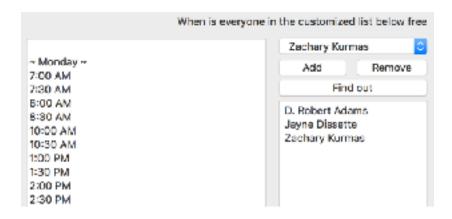
The sections indicated in the figure below show you the result of their corresponding questions. Just select a value from their appropriate drop-down menus and press "Find out" immediately to the right of the question. The red circle below indicates a sample selection for a question, and its result showing in the result box:



If the results box shows more data than what is in the available space, just click and drag your cursor downwards to reveal the entire result.

2.3 CUSTOM QUERY

The following query allows you to select faculty names and add to or remove them from a list. After adding the desired faculty to the list, press "Find out" to receive the custom result.





CHAPTER 3

TROUBLESHOOTING



3.1 TROUBLESHOOTING LIST

Faculty Schedules includes some error handling and signs so that you know that something has not happened correctly. Here are some examples and what to do in the event that you encounter them:

Sign	Cause	Solution
After pressing "Scrape!" the application does not populate the drop-down menus and the spinning wheel remains indefinitely	The MAMP server has not been started yet, or the user account added does not match this manual's instructions.	Quit Faculty Schedules and open the MAMP application. Select "Start server" and then restart Faculty Schedules. If that does not work, make sure that the user account added matches the credentials supplied in this manual.
The result box says "Please press the "Scrape" button first."	A "Find out" button was pressed before pressing "Scrape!"	Press "Scrape!" and then continue the query.
"View Schedule" was pressed, but the window below it shows nothing.	There is either no internet connection on your computer, or the faculty's schedule website address has changed or is not available.	Make sure that your machine has an internet connection, or that the faculty's schedule website is available in a browser.

