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1. Installation & Deployment

This system is already fully deployed and accessible via:

- Frontend (React): https://2025-csc1097-lharper2.vercel.app/
- Backend (Django API): Hosted on Render

No manual installation is required to use the system.

Backend Deployment Details (Render)

The Django backend is deployed using Render's continuous deployment pipeline. Code pushes to the main branch automatically trigger a build and redeployment. Environment variables for API keys and database config are securely stored in the Render dashboard.

Frontend Deployment Details (Vercel)

The React frontend is hosted on Vercel. It is continuously deployed from the same GitHub repository, with changes to the main branch triggering rebuilds. Static content and API calls are automatically wired to the deployed backend.

2. User Guide

2.1 Overview

This web-based system is designed to manage large airport security shift rosters, automate break scheduling using AI, and provide live feedback for coordinators. Users can monitor staff, simulate time, and receive proactive alerts from the AI Co-Pilot assistant.

2.2 Main Features

- Test Clock Simulation: Manually advance time to simulate full shifts.
- Shift Sections:
 - o On Duty: Displays currently active staff with shift progress bars.
 - o **On Break**: Lists staff currently on break with live countdown timers.

- o **Finished**: Shows staff who have completed their shift.
- Al Co-Pilot: Intelligent assistant that:
 - Suggests break times
 - Warns about potential coverage issues
 - o Provides early finish recommendations
- Chat Assistant: Type natural language questions like:
 - "Who is next due a break?"
 - o "Who can I finish early?"

Automation Mode:

- o Automatically moves staff through shift lifecycle
- o Schedules breaks using AI based on traffic load and rule constraints

• Pop-out Menu:

- o You can assign different roles to officers here
- o Import people coming into work
- o Graph detailing number of staff to make it easier to keep track

2.3 How to Use the Interface

1. Navigate to the Website

Go to https://2025-csc1097-lharper2.vercel.app/

2. Using the Test Clock

Use the clock controls at the top of the interface to simulate time changes. The system responds as if it were operating in real-time.

3. Monitoring Staff

Watch how staff move from Rollcall \rightarrow On Duty \rightarrow On Break \rightarrow Finished based on time and AI decisions.

4. Manually Move Staff

You can manually move staff in between these sections to give them there breaks and get warnings if you're sending someone on a break too early or too late

5. Viewing Al Suggestions

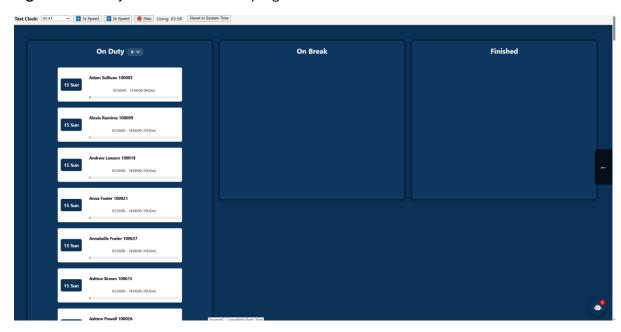
Click the robot icon in the bottom-right corner to open the AI Co-Pilot panel. Review alerts and interact with the assistant via chat.

6. Running Full Automation

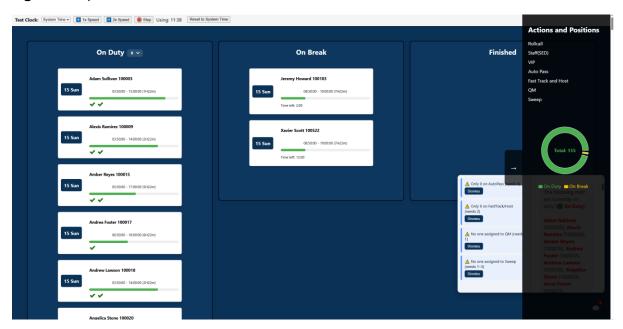
Enable automation mode to allow the system to make all scheduling decisions based on operational rules and passenger traffic data.

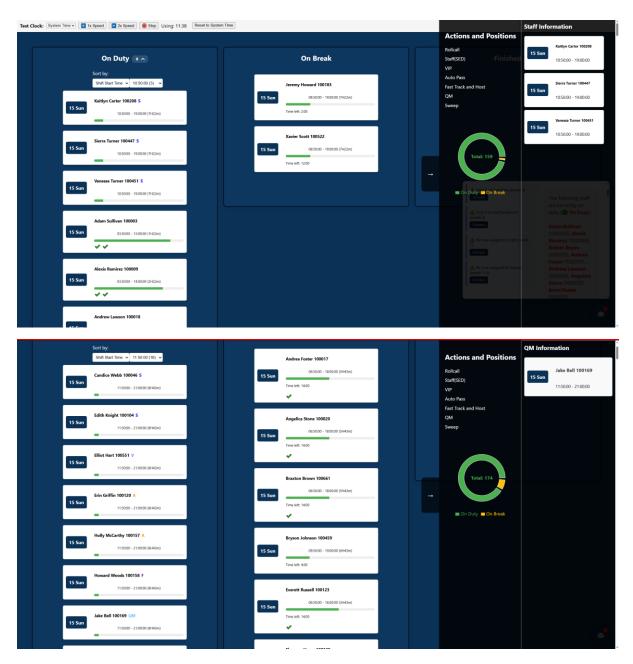
3. Screenshots

• Figure 1: On Duty staff view with shift progress bars

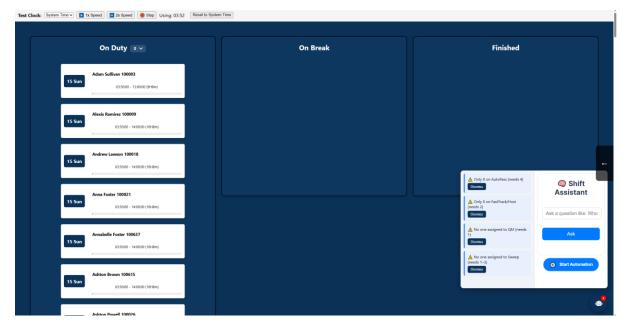


• Figure 2: Popout Menu

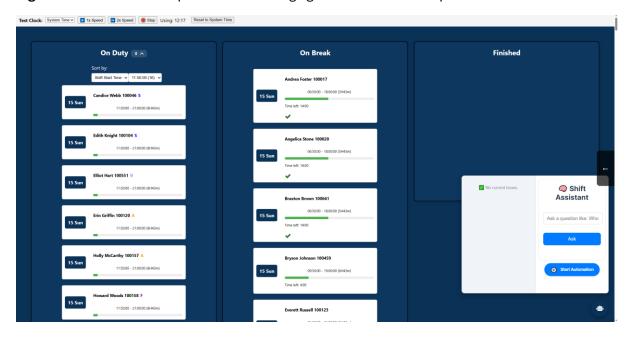




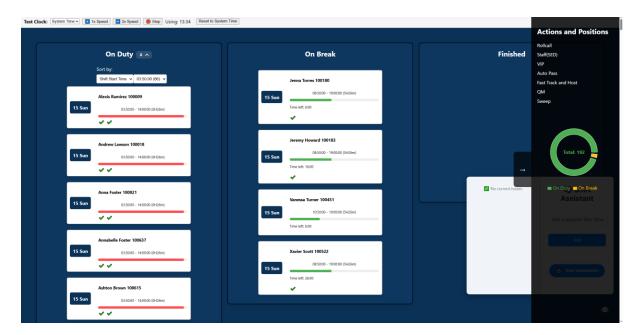
• Figure 3: AI Co-Pilot alert panel with warnings of tasks



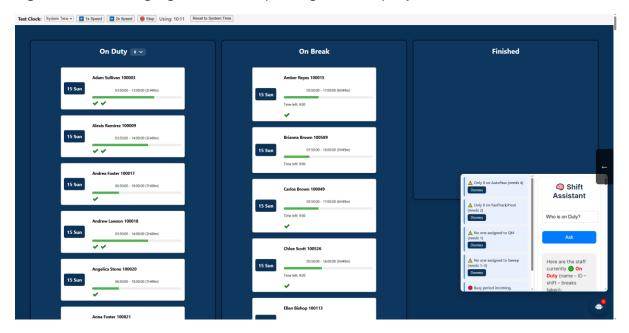
• Figure 4: Al Co-Pilot alert panel with warnings gone if tasks are completed

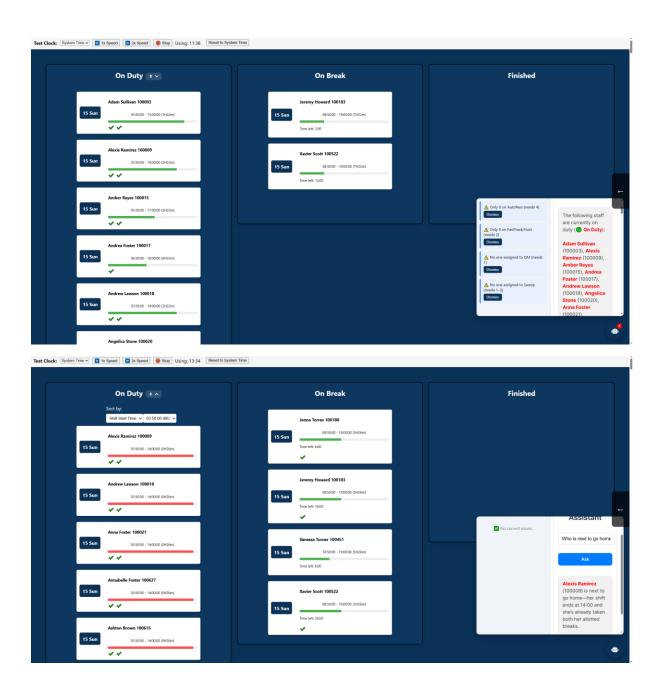


• Figure 5: Red bar indicating someone is close to finishing there shift:



• Figure 6: Natural language assistant responding to a user query





• Figure 7: Test clock UI simulating shift progression

