

# Project Report: Campus Connect ERP System

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## 1. Project Overview & Architecture

**Campus Connect** is a modern, desktop-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system developed for academic institutions. It serves as a centralized platform for managing the entire academic lifecycle—from course creation and registration to grading and system administration.

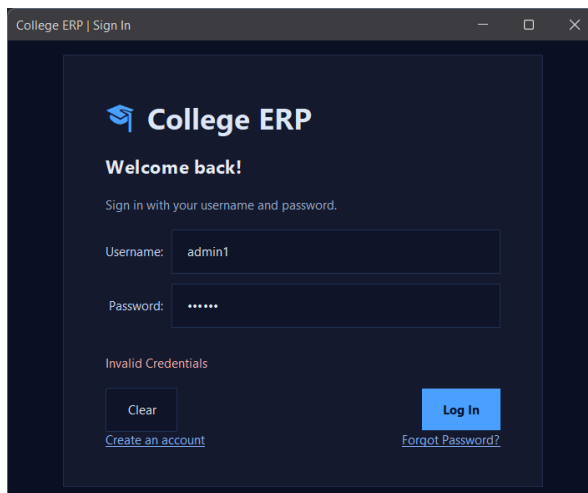
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## 2. Role-Based Access Control

The system separates all users into three distinct roles in order to separate them according to their access privileges

### A. Authentication & Session Management

- **Security:** Passwords are verified using **BCrypt** (via **PasswordUtil.CheckPassword**), ensuring that raw passwords are never stored or compared directly.
- **Brute Force Protection:** If a Student account fails 5 consecutive login attempts, the **LoginWindow** enforces a local 30-second lockout using a **HashMap** to track failed attempts by username.



### B. Routing Strategy

Upon successful login, `LoginWindow.java` routes the user to a role-specific Dashboard class. This is a critical security feature: accessing another role's dashboard is impossible because the code for it is never instantiated.

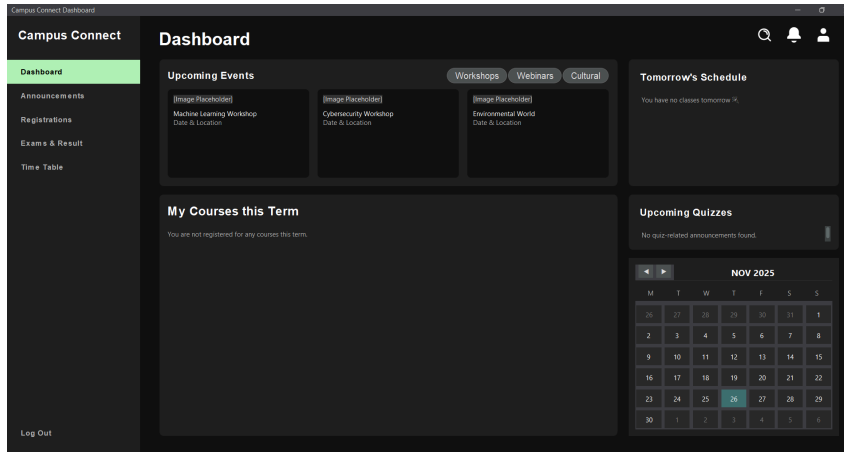
- **Admin:** `DashboardUIAdmin(int AdminId)` - Full system control.
- **Instructor:** `DashboardUIInstructor(int InstructorId)` - Section management.
- **Student:** `DashboardUIStudent(int RollNumber)` - Personal academic view.

The Admin Dashboard is titled "Admin Dashboard" and features a sidebar with navigation options: ERP Admin, Overview (selected), Users, Offerings, Courses, System Health, Settings, and Log Out. The main content area includes:

- Key Metrics (Today):** Active Students (3,482), Pending Approvals (17), Collection (₹12.4L), and Open Tickets (9).
- Pending Approvals:** A table showing requests for Leave and Admission.
- Fee Collections (This Week):** A table showing daily collection amounts.
- Recent Activity:** A table showing system events like role creation.
- System Health:** Status for Database, Auth Service, Mail Queue, and Backups.
- Quick Actions:** Buttons for Add User, Create Course, Post Announcement, and Backup Now.

The Instructor Dashboard is titled "Instructor Dashboard" and features a sidebar with navigation options: Campus Connect, Dashboard (selected), My Sections, Announcements, and Log Out. The main content area includes:

- Overview Metrics:** Sections (6), Students (0), Graded This Week (0), and Pending Grading (0).
- My Sections — Overview:** A list of sections including CSE101, DEE101, ECE101, COM101, MTH101, and CSE101.
- Calendar (This Month):** A calendar for November 2025.
- My Classes Tomorrow:** A section for upcoming classes.
- Class Messages / Announcements:** A section for posting messages.
- Quick Actions:** Buttons for Open My Sections, Post Announcement, Profile, and Log Out.



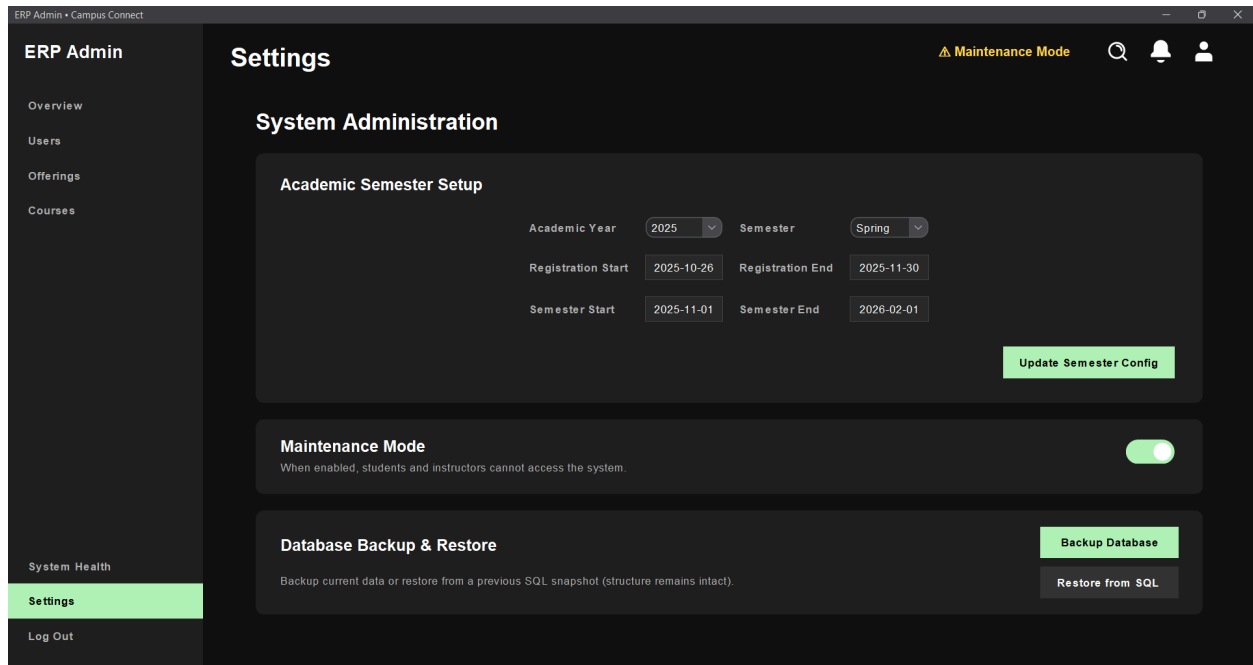
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### 3. Maintenance Mode

The system features a global **Maintenance Mode** to prevent data inconsistency during critical administrative tasks (e.g., finalizing a semester).

#### Implementation Details

- **State Storage:** The boolean state is stored in a database table and retrieved via `SemestersHandler.isMaintenanceMode()`.
- **Admin Control:** The `AdminSettingsPanel.java` contains a toggle switch to enable/disable this mode.
- **Enforcement:**
  - **Global Warning:** All Dashboards (`DashboardUIStudent`, `DashboardUIInstructor`, `DashboardUIAdmin`) display a yellow "⚠ Maintenance Mode" label in the top bar when active.
  - **Functional Lockout:** Critical write operations are disabled at the UI level. For example, in `AssignGradesDialog.java`, the "Publish Grades" button is disabled, and editing tools are locked.



### 3. Courses and Offering Management

The Campus Connect ERP distinguishes between **Courses** and **Offerings** to ensure efficient curriculum management.

**1. Courses:** Administrators maintain a master list of **Courses** that represents the university's curriculum independent of time. A Course record defines invariant attributes such as the Course Code (e.g., "CSE101"), Course Title, and Credit value. Creating a course in the system makes it available to be taught in future terms but does not automatically schedule it.

**2. Course Offerings (Semester Instances)** To schedule classes for a specific term, Administrators create **Offerings**. An Offering is an active instance of a Course linked to a specific Semester (e.g., "Spring") and Year.

- **Multiple Sections:** The system supports a one-to-many relationship, allowing a single Course to have multiple Offerings in the same semester. This feature is used to create different sections for the same subject (e.g., Section A and Section B).
- **Enrollment Tracking:** Each offering functions as a registration container. It tracks the **Current Enrollment** against a defined capacity to determine availability status (e.g., Open or Closed) during student registration.

### 4. Grading System: Flexible & Weighted

Each course can have its own grading system with custom components and grading slabs that can be edited by the course instructor.

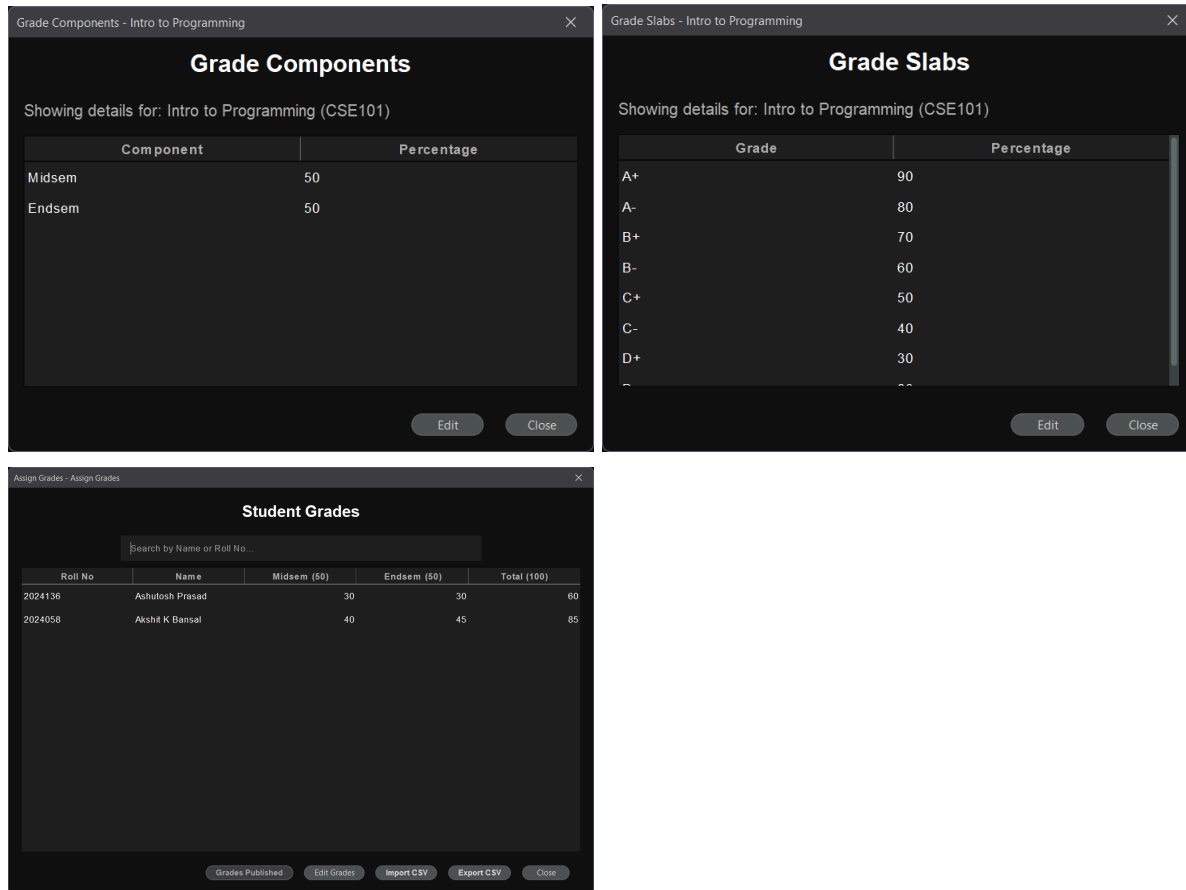
## Design & Storage

- **No Fixed Columns:** Instead of fixed SQL columns like `Midterm_Score`, the `Offerings` table uses a **JSON column** named `GradeComponents`.
  - *Example:* `{"Quiz 1": 10, "Midterm": 30, "Final Project": 60}`
- **Data Handling:** `OfferingHandler.java` uses the **Jackson** library (`ObjectMapper`) to serialize/deserialize this JSON data into Java Maps.
- **Final Grade Calculation:** The final grade for a course is determined by calculating the sum of the marks scored in the individual components, and comparing the total against the grade slabs defined by the instructor.
- **SGPA Calculation:** SGPA is calculated using the following formula

$$\text{SGPA} = \text{Sum of (Credits of Course * Grade Point in Course)} / \text{Total Credits}$$

## Workflow

1. **Setup:** Instructors define components in `GradeComponentsDialog.java`. The system ensures the total weight equals 100%.
2. **Grading:** In `AssignGradesDialog.java`, the table dynamically generates columns based on the JSON definition.
3. **Import/Export:** Instructors can export the grade sheet to CSV, fill it offline, and import it back. The import logic (`ImportGradesFromCSV`) is smart—it automatically updates the course structure if the CSV headers differ from the current settings.



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## 5. User Management (Admin Module)

The Admin is responsible for managing the institution's users.

### Unified Creation Flow

The `OnAddUser` method handles the addition of new users and the different data requirements for different roles:

- **Student:** Requires Roll Number, Program, and Year.
- **Instructor:** Requires Qualification, Department, and Joining Date.
- **Admin:** Basic credentials only.

### Security in Creation

The `UserRoleFactory` class encapsulates the logic for creating the base `User` record. Once the user ID is generated, the specific handler (`StudentHandler` or `InstructorHandler`) inserts the profile details into the respective child tables (`Students` or `Instructors`). This ensures referential integrity across the database.

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## 6. Database Schema Overview

- **auth\_db:** users

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mysql> desc users;
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Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
UserID	int	NO	PRI	NULL	
UserName	varchar(100)	NO	UNI	NULL	
Role	varchar(50)	NO		NULL	
Password	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Status	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	

- **erp\_db:** courses, instructors, offerings, registrations, semesters, studentgraderecord, studentnotifications, students

```
mysql> desc courses;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
CourseId	int	NO	PRI	NULL	
Code	varchar(40)	NO	UNI	NULL	
Title	varchar(100)	NO	UNI	NULL	
Credits	int	NO		NULL	

```
mysql> desc instructors;
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Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
UserID	int	NO	PRI	NULL	
Name	varchar(200)	NO		NULL	
Email	varchar(100)	NO	UNI	NULL	
Qualification	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
JoiningDate	date	NO		NULL	
Department	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
InstructorID	int	NO		NULL	

```
mysql> desc offerings;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
OfferingID	int	NO	PRI	NULL	
CourseID	int	NO		NULL	
InstructorID	int	NO		NULL	
Semester	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Year	int	NO		NULL	
Capacity	int	YES		NULL	
CurrentEnrollment	int	YES		NULL	
GradeSlabs	json	YES		NULL	
GradeComponents	json	YES		NULL	
LectureSchedule	json	YES		NULL	
LabSchedule	json	YES		NULL	
Announcements	json	YES		NULL	

```
mysql> desc registrations;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
RegistrationNumber	int	NO	PRI	NULL	
StudentRollNumber	int	NO		NULL	
OfferingID	int	NO		NULL	
Status	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	

```
mysql> desc semesters;
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Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
SemData	json	YES		NULL	
Maintainence	int	YES		NULL	
CurrentSem	json	YES		NULL	

```
mysql> desc studentgraderecord;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
OfferingID	int	NO		NULL	
RollNumber	int	YES		NULL	
Grade	json	YES		NULL	

```
mysql> desc studentnotifications;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
StudentRollNumber	int	NO	PRI	NULL	
NotificationData	json	YES		NULL	



```
mysql> desc students;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
Name	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
RollNumber	int	NO	PRI	NULL	
Program	varchar(200)	NO		NULL	
Year	int	NO		NULL	
UserID	int	NO		NULL	

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