

Campus Event Management Platform - Design Document

1. Data Model & Schema

Core Data to Track

- **Event Lifecycle:** Creation, updates, cancellations
- **Student Interactions:** Registration, check-in, feedback
- **Analytics:** Attendance rates, popularity metrics, engagement
- **Administrative:** College management, staff actions

Database Schema (PostgreSQL)

sql

-- Colleges table for multi-tenancy

```
CREATE TABLE colleges (  
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
  code VARCHAR(10) UNIQUE NOT NULL, -- DSU, MIT, etc.  
  domain VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL, -- dsu.edu.in  
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP  
);
```

-- Event categories for better organization

```
CREATE TABLE event_categories (  
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL, -- Technical, Cultural, Sports, etc.  
  description TEXT  
);
```

-- Core events table

```
CREATE TABLE events (  
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  event_id VARCHAR(20) UNIQUE NOT NULL, -- DSU_EVT_001 format  
  college_id INTEGER REFERENCES colleges(id),  
  category_id INTEGER REFERENCES event_categories(id),  
  title VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
  description TEXT,  
  venue VARCHAR(255),  
  event_date DATE NOT NULL,  
  start_time TIME NOT NULL,  
  end_time TIME NOT NULL,  
  capacity INTEGER DEFAULT 100,  
  registration_deadline TIMESTAMP,  
  image_url VARCHAR(500),  
  created_by INTEGER, -- Reference to admin user  
  status VARCHAR(20) DEFAULT 'active', -- active, cancelled, completed  
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,  
  updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP  
);
```

-- Students table

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  college_id INTEGER REFERENCES colleges(id),  
  student_id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, -- DSU2023001 format  
  email VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE NOT NULL,  
  full_name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
  phone VARCHAR(15),  
  year_of_study INTEGER,
```

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department VARCHAR(100),
created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);

-- Event registrations
CREATE TABLE event_registrations (
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  event_id INTEGER REFERENCES events(id),
  student_id INTEGER REFERENCES students(id),
  registration_date TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  status VARCHAR(20) DEFAULT 'registered', -- registered, cancelled, waitlist
  UNIQUE(event_id, student_id) -- Prevent duplicate registrations
);

-- Attendance tracking
CREATE TABLE event_attendance (
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  registration_id INTEGER REFERENCES event_registrations(id),
  check_in_time TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  check_in_method VARCHAR(20) DEFAULT 'manual', -- manual, qr_code
  verified_by INTEGER, -- Admin who verified attendance
  UNIQUE(registration_id) -- One check-in per registration
);

-- Feedback collection
CREATE TABLE event_feedback (
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  registration_id INTEGER REFERENCES event_registrations(id),
  rating INTEGER CHECK (rating >= 1 AND rating <= 5),
  comment TEXT,
  submitted_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  UNIQUE(registration_id) -- One feedback per registration
);

-- Indexes for performance
CREATE INDEX idx_events_college_date ON events(college_id, event_date);
CREATE INDEX idx_events_status ON events(status);
CREATE INDEX idx_registrations_event ON event_registrations(event_id);
CREATE INDEX idx_registrations_student ON event_registrations(student_id);
CREATE INDEX idx_attendance_registration ON event_attendance(registration_id);

```

ER Diagram Relationships

Colleges (1) — (N) Events
 Colleges (1) — (N) Students
 Events (1) — (N) Event_Registrations

Students (1) — (N) Event_Registrations
Event_Registrations (1) — (1) Event_Attendance
Event_Registrations (1) — (1) Event_Feedback
Event_Categories (1) — (N) Events

2. API Design

Base URL Structure

Production: <https://api.campusevents.edu/v1>
Development: <http://localhost:3000/api/v1>

Authentication

- **JWT Tokens** with college-specific claims
- **Admin Portal:** College staff login with role-based permissions
- **Student App:** Student email verification + JWT

Core Endpoints

Event Management (Admin)

http

Create new event

POST /api/v1/events

Authorization: Bearer <admin_token>

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "title": "AI/ML Workshop",
  "description": "Hands-on machine learning workshop",
  "category_id": 1,
  "venue": "Auditorium A",
  "event_date": "2024-03-15",
  "start_time": "10:00",
  "end_time": "16:00",
  "capacity": 150,
  "registration_deadline": "2024-03-10T23:59:59Z"
}
```

Get all events for college

GET /api/v1/events?page=1&limit=20&status=active

Authorization: Bearer <admin_token>

Update event

PUT /api/v1/events/{event_id}

Authorization: Bearer <admin_token>

Cancel event

PATCH /api/v1/events/{event_id}/cancel

Authorization: Bearer <admin_token>

Student Registration

http

Browse events (public or student token)

GET /api/v1/events/public?college_id=1&date_from=2024-03-01

Register for event

POST /api/v1/events/{event_id}/register

Authorization: Bearer <student_token>

Cancel registration

DELETE /api/v1/events/{event_id}/register

Authorization: Bearer <student_token>

Get my registrations

GET /api/v1/students/me/registrations

Authorization: Bearer <student_token>

Attendance Management

http

Mark attendance (Admin)

POST /api/v1/events/{event_id}/attendance

Authorization: Bearer <admin_token>

```
{  
  "student_ids": [123, 456, 789],  
  "check_in_method": "manual"  
}
```

Bulk attendance via CSV upload

POST /api/v1/events/{event_id}/attendance/bulk

Authorization: Bearer <admin_token>

Content-Type: multipart/form-data

Get attendance list

GET /api/v1/events/{event_id}/attendance

Authorization: Bearer <admin_token>

Feedback Collection

http

```
# Submit feedback (Student)
POST /api/v1/events/{event_id}/feedback
Authorization: Bearer <student_token>
{
  "rating": 4,
  "comment": "Great workshop, learned a lot!"
}

# Get event feedback (Admin)
GET /api/v1/events/{event_id}/feedback
Authorization: Bearer <admin_token>
```

Reporting Endpoints

```
http

# Event popularity report
GET /api/v1/reports/events/popularity?semester=2024-spring

# Student participation report
GET /api/v1/reports/students/participation?student_id=123

# Top active students
GET /api/v1/reports/students/top-active?limit=10

# Attendance analytics
GET /api/v1/reports/events/{event_id}/analytics
```

3. Workflows & Sequence Diagrams

Event Registration Flow

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mermaid
```

sequenceDiagram

participant S as Student App
participant API as REST API
participant DB as Database
participant N as Notification Service

S->>API: GET /events/public
API->>DB: Query active events
DB-->>API: Event list
API-->>S: Event details

S->>API: POST /events/{id}/register
API->>DB: Check capacity & duplicates

alt Capacity Available
DB-->>API: Registration successful
API->>N: Send confirmation email
API-->>S: 201 Created
N-->>S: Email confirmation
else Capacity Full
DB-->>API: Capacity exceeded
API-->>S: 409 Conflict - Waitlist option
end

Attendance Marking Flow

mermaid

sequenceDiagram

participant A as Admin Portal
participant API as REST API
participant DB as Database
participant S as Student App

A->>API: GET /events/{id}/registrations
API->>DB: Fetch registered students
DB-->>API: Registration list
API-->>A: Display student list

A->>API: POST /events/{id}/attendance
API->>DB: Mark attendance + timestamp
DB-->>API: Attendance recorded
API-->>A: Success confirmation

API->>S: Push notification (attendance marked)

Reporting Generation Flow

mermaid

```
sequenceDiagram
    participant A as Admin
    participant API as REST API
    participant Cache as Redis Cache
    participant DB as Database

    A->>API: GET /reports/events/popularity
    API->>Cache: Check cached report

    alt Cache Hit
        Cache-->>API: Cached data
    else Cache Miss
        API->>DB: Complex analytics query
        DB-->>API: Raw data
        API->>API: Process & format
        API->>Cache: Store result (TTL: 1 hour)
    end

    API-->>A: JSON report + CSV export option
```

4. Assumptions & Edge Cases

Key Assumptions

- 1. **Internet Connectivity:** Students have internet during registration, limited during events
- 2. **Email Verification:** All students have valid college email addresses
- 3. **Event Timing:** Events don't span multiple days (single-day focus)
- 4. **Capacity Management:** Overbooking allowed up to 10% for no-shows
- 5. **Feedback Timeline:** Feedback collection window is 7 days post-event

Critical Edge Cases

Duplicate Registration Handling

sql

```
-- Database constraint prevents duplicates
```

```
ALTER TABLE event_registrations  
ADD CONSTRAINT unique_event_student  
UNIQUE (event_id, student_id);
```

```
-- API response for duplicate attempt
```

```
{  
  "error": "DUPLICATE_REGISTRATION",  
  "message": "You are already registered for this event",  
  "registration_date": "2024-03-01T10:30:00Z"  
}
```

Event Capacity Management

```
javascript
```

```
// Real-time capacity checking with buffer  
const checkCapacity = async (eventId) => {  
  const event = await Event.findById(eventId);  
  const registrationCount = await Registration.count({ event_id: eventId });  
  
  if (registrationCount >= event.capacity) {  
    return { available: false, waitlist: true };  
  }  
  return { available: true, remaining: event.capacity - registrationCount };  
};
```

Missing Feedback Handling

```
sql
```

```
-- Report query handling missing feedback
```

```
SELECT  
  e.title,  
  COUNT(er.id) as registrations,  
  COUNT(ea.id) as attendance,  
  COUNT(ef.id) as feedback_count,  
  ROUND(AVG(ef.rating), 2) as avg_rating,  
  ROUND((COUNT(ef.id)::float / COUNT(ea.id)) * 100, 2) as feedback_rate  
FROM events e  
LEFT JOIN event_registrations er ON e.id = er.event_id  
LEFT JOIN event_attendance ea ON er.id = ea.registration_id  
LEFT JOIN event_feedback ef ON er.id = ef.registration_id  
WHERE e.college_id = $1 AND e.status = 'completed'  
GROUP BY e.id, e.title;
```

Event Cancellation Impact

javascript

```
// Cascade effects of event cancellation
const cancelEvent = async (eventId) => {
  await db.transaction(async (trx) => {
    // Update event status
    await trx('events').where('id', eventId).update({ status: 'cancelled' });

    // Update all registrations
    await trx('event_registrations')
      .where('event_id', eventId)
      .update({ status: 'cancelled' });

    // Send notifications to registered students
    const registrations = await trx('event_registrations')
      .join('students', 'students.id', 'event_registrations.student_id')
      .where('event_id', eventId)
      .select('students.email', 'students.full_name');

    // Queue notification emails
    await notificationService.sendCancellationEmails(registrations);
  });
};
```

5. Performance Considerations

Database Optimization

- **Partitioning:** Partition large tables by college_id
- **Indexing:** Composite indexes on frequently queried columns
- **Archiving:** Move completed events to archive tables quarterly

Caching Strategy

- **Event Lists:** Cache for 5 minutes, invalidate on updates
- **Registration Counts:** Real-time updates with Redis pub/sub
- **Reports:** Cache complex reports for 1 hour

Mobile Optimization

- **Offline-First:** Cache event list for offline browsing
- **Progressive Loading:** Load events in batches of 20
- **Image Optimization:** Compress and lazy-load event images

This design balances simplicity with scalability, ensuring robust handling of edge cases while maintaining good performance characteristics.