User Guide

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Search and Send Emails To Students

About Student Mailer

Student Mailer application allows staff to search and send email to a specific set of student. Also, Student Mailer provides Administrator roles.

Student Mailer is web application designed and developed for both academic and non-academic staff of system engineering at the University of reading. To access student Mailer, Log-in at http://sip-084.private.rdg.ac.uk/. You will need to login using your University Username and Password. Contact ITNG for to gain access to application.

The Student Mailer Web Application is an online query application that allows staff to search for preferred sets of student. Student mailer allows staff to search for students in multiple categories and email preferred list of student from set of result. Also, Admin users of student mailer application can manage back end database, so will

Student Mailer is designed to improve communication between staff and student of system engineering. Student Mailer allows staff to design a more specific set of students and email only those set of student. Hence, facilitating communication between staff and a set of student.

Web Page	User Type	Functionalities
Homepage	Summary Page, Vertical Navigation	
Basic Search	All Users (Staff and Admins)	Filter Student By All 7 Categories
Advanced Search Merge Search	All User (Staff and Admins) All User (Staff and Admins)	Dynamically Build Search Statement Save Search Edit, Update and Delete Saved Search Create and Manage Group Email Email Student Select multiple saved search to view a union set result
Database Admin	Admins	Email Student Upload Data into database Manage Data in Database
User Admin	Operator and Admins	 Edit, Update and Delete View List of Authorised User, their role and available web page

Getting Started

1. Log-In

- To access this tool enter the following link to your web browser (i.e Google Chrome) http://sip-084.private.rdg.ac.uk/
- Web application uses Windows authentication, so if you are accessing via user university your university window account, it will identify and authenticate you. But if you are accessing via another account, you will be required to provide your ITS username and password.
- If successfully logged-In, User is directed to the homepage as displayed below.



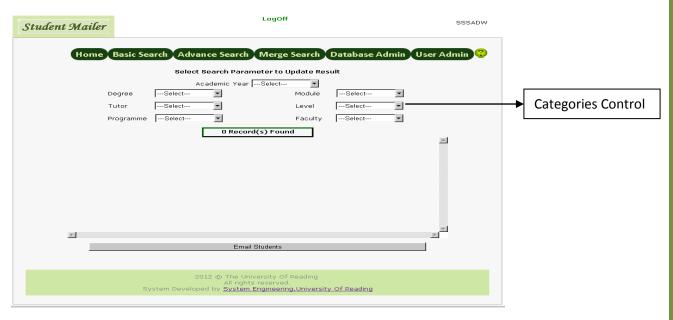
2. Roles

- There are three main roles within Student Mailer application which are Staff and Administrator and Operator.
- Staff Operator can access Basic, Advance and Merge Search web pages.
- Administrator can access all web pages except the Database Admin page
- Operator can access all web pages.

Basic Search

Basic Search web page provides an easy filtering functionality. It enables users to filter down student based on all provided categories.

Upon Navigation to Student Mailer Application, the below image is displayed



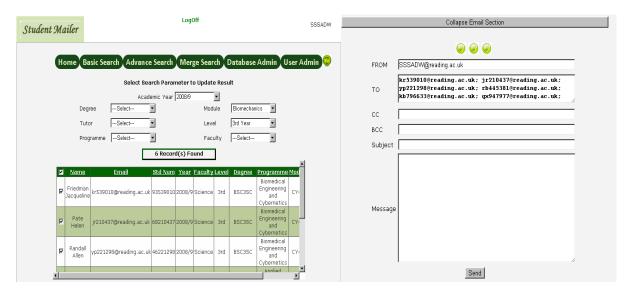
The Top section display dropdown-list of all filter categories. The next main control is the GridView result control. It displays filtered result derived from database. The final main control is the Email Section, this is where user can send email to student who was selected from the GridView result panel.

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- Task 1 "Select student in 2008/9 taking BSC4WYSC and enrolled in Applied Computer Science"
 - a. Go to Academic Year Dropdownlist, expand control and Select "2008/9".
 - b. Go to Degree Dropdownlist, expand control and select BSC4WYSC
 - c. Go to Programme Dropdownlist, expand control and select "Applied Computer Science"
 - d. Go to Tutor Dropdownlist expand control and select "Dr M Manjunatha"
- Result

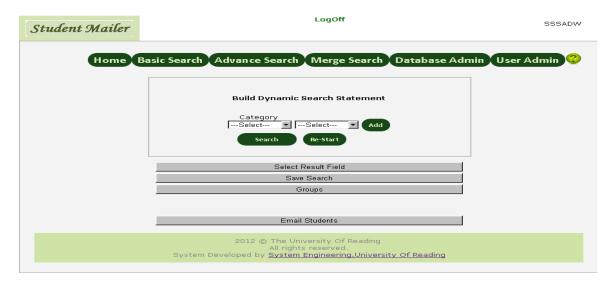


- Task 2 "Select all student in Faculty of Science within academic year 2008/9 enrolled in BSC3S3 degree taking module Biomechanics
 - a. Go to Academic Year Dropdownlist, expand control and Select "2008/9".
 - b. Go to Module Dropdownlist, expand control and select Biomechanics
 - c. Go to Level Dropdownlist, expand control and select "3rd Year".
 - d. Select All Student To Email, Expand Email Section and Send Email to Student.
- Result



Advance Search

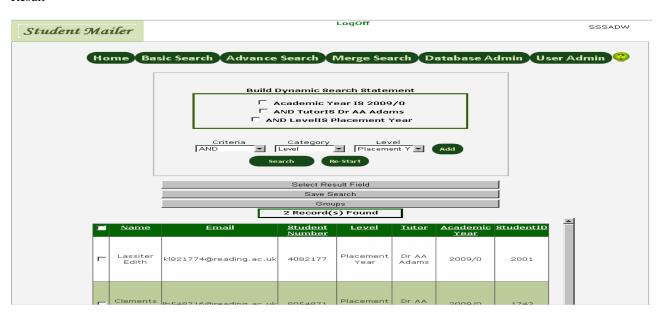
Advance search provides user the ability to dynamically build search and request for result. User can save, view or delete search. User can create email group and add student to groups. User can select which data field to view in result and email students. Below Is the default view of Advanced Search.

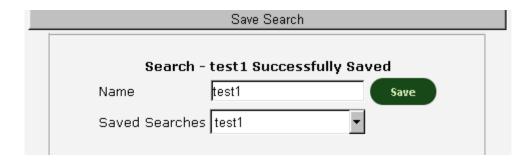


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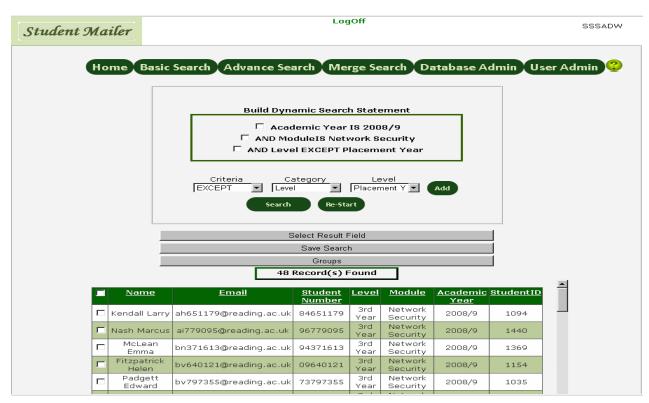
- Task 1 "Select student in 2009/0 on a placement year tutor is AA Adams"
 - a. Go to Advance Search Page
 - b. Go to Category Drop-down-list, select Academic Year
 - c. Academic Year Drop-down-list will appear, Select year 2009/0
 - d. Click Add
 - e. Go back to Category Drop-down-list
 - f. Select Level, Level Dropdownlist will appear, Select Placement Year
 - g. Click Add
 - h. G back to Category, Select tutor, Tutor Dropdownlist will appear, select Dr. AA Adams
 - i. Click Add and Search to return result
 - i. Save Search as Test1

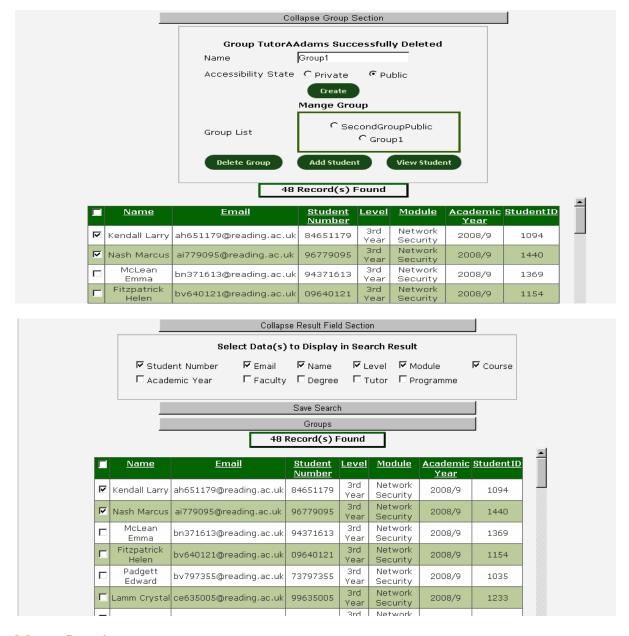
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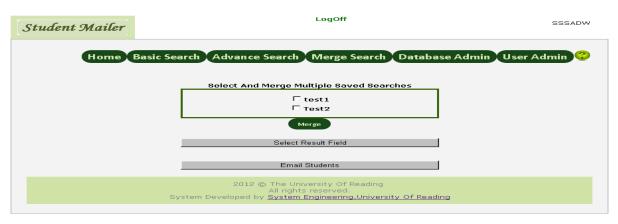
- Task 2 "Select student in 2008/9 taking BSC4WYSC and enrolled in Applied Computer Science"
 - a. Click Re-Start to clear previous search and result
 - b. Go to category and select Academic Year, In Academic Year Dropdownlist select 2008/9
 - c. Go to Criteria Dropdownlist, Select logical link "AND"
 - d. Go to category and select Module, In Module Dropdownlist select "Network Security"
 - e. Expand "Select Result Field" Section, Select Level to display Degree in result table
 - f. Go to Criteria Dropdownlist, Select logical link "EXCEPT"
 - g. Select 3rd Year in level Dropdownlist
 - h. Tick level query check box,
 - i. Change level to placement year, click change button
 - j. Save test as Test2
 - k. Expand "Groups" Section, Type in a group name "Group1" and click create a group
 - 1. Select student to add in groups, click "Add Student To Group"





Merge Search

Merge search provides users the ability to retrieve a joint result of saved search. As described earlier, save search web page allows user to create and manage personal search items. Merge search allows user to join one or more saved search. Below is the default view for Merger Search Web page



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- Task 1 "Join and retrieve result for test1 and test2
 - a. Select test1 and Test2
 - b. Expand result field section, select data to display in result table
 - c. Click Merge button

Result

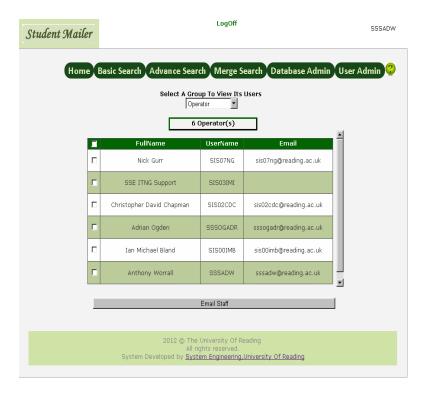


User Admin

Operators and Administrators are the only users that can access this page. This page allows users to view a list of Student Mailer authorised roles and it respective users.

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- Task 1 "Join and retrieve result for test1 and test2
 - a. Select Operator Role
 - b. See table result
 - c. Tick which staff to send email to
 - d. Expand email panel to send emails.



Database Admin

Only Administrators users are allowed to access this page. Database Admin provides functionalities that enable importing data into the database and managing data in the database

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- Task 1 Upload a data CSV file, View data in file and import data into the database
 - a. Select which type of CSV data file you intend to upload
 - b. View data in file to check for correctness, optional step
 - c. Click "Import" button



- Task 2 Edit, Update and delete data from the database
 - a. Expand "Edit and Update Database"
 - b. As-in Basic Search, Filter student data to precise set of data of interest
 - c. Click on "Edit", editable field are displayed, edit student data as needed.
 - d. Click "Update" to save changes
 - e. Or Click "Cancel" to discard changes
 - f. Click "Delete" to delete data row from database

