

# **CS 353 Database Systems**

# Project Design Report

## Online Course Platform

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## Revised E/R Model

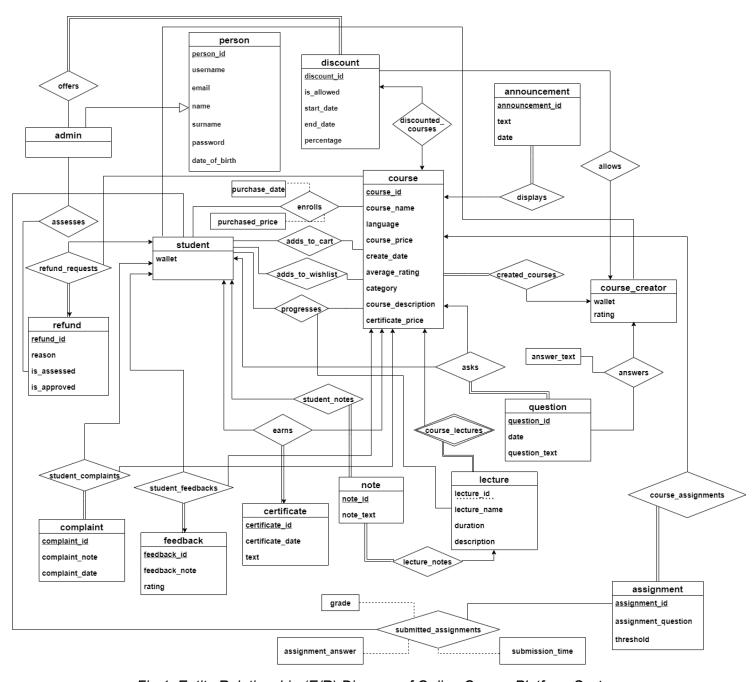


Fig.1: Entity Relationship (E/R) Diagram of Online Course Platform System

## Changes in Revised E/R Model

Previously, the E/R diagram was faulty because a weak entity relationship between weak entities (*lecture* and *note* were both weak entities, *note* being a weak entity dependent on *lecture*) was constructed. *Note* entity also had a weak entity relationship with *student* which meant *note* weak entity had two entities to be a weak entity of (weak entity related to both *student* and *lecture*), which is not possible. Similarly, *lecture* also had two weak relationships (*lecture\_notes* and *course\_lectures*). We eliminated this weak entity problem by changing the *note* entity to a strong entity.

A new relationship *discounted\_courses* between discount and course is created with appropriate cardinality and participation constraints. Thus, the foreign key attribute written in the *discount* entity is deleted on the diagram as a fix.

In the previous E/R diagram total participation constraints were missing for some relationships. Thus, we updated the following relations into total participation relation:

- *discount* total participates in the *offers* relationship.
- certificate total participates in the earns ternary relationship.
- note total participates in student notes and lecture notes relationships.
- refund total participates in refund requests relationship.
- question total participates in asks relationship.
- assignment total participates in course assignments relationship.
- complaint total participates in student complaints relationship.

Previously, *course* entity did not participate in the *student\_complaints* ternary relationship. It is fixed by making the *course* participate in the *student\_complaints* relationship. Thus, the faulty written foreign key (course\_id) is eliminated from the E/R diagram and is represented with this relationship.

Ternary relationship *created\_courses* of *course*, *course\_creator* and *announcement* could be turned into binary relationships in the E/R diagram for clarity. To fix this, we have splitted *created\_course* into two relationships like the following:

- announcement and course has the displays relationship.
- course and course creator has created course relationship.

Cardinality of the following ternary relationships are fixed:

- student feedback ternary relationship is updated.
- asks ternary relationship is updated.
- refund requests ternary relationship is updated.
- created\_courses ternary relationship is deleted and turned into two binary relationships as stated before.

New attribute "surname" is added to the *person* entity. Since premium feature is deleted, related attributes and entities are also eliminated. *premium\_student* entity is deleted.

premium\_course attribute from the *course* entity is deleted. Instead of a premium feature, assignment as an extra feature is enhanced further. The deadline attribute from the *assignments* entity is removed. Furthermore, in *submitted\_assignments* we add two additional attributes which are grades and submission\_time. When the user completes an assignment, the course creator will announce the student's grade. Additionally, is\_completed attribute is redundant, we have deleted that attribute from the *progresses* relationship.

New relationship attribute "purchased\_price" is added to the enrolls relationship so that the price the student has paid for the course is saved. is\_approved attribute is deleted from the feedback entity. Additionally, two new entities are added (is\_approved and is\_assessed) to the refund entity.

## Relational Model

#### person

Relational Schema: person(<u>person\_id</u>, username, email, name, surname, password, date\_of\_birth)

#### Attribute Domains:

person\_id: int

• username: varchar(24)

email: varchar(64)

name: varchar(32)

surname: varchar(32)

password: varchar(32)

· date of birth: date

Candidate Keys: {person\_id}, {username}, {email}

Primary Key: {person\_id} Foreign Key: None

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

- person id -> username, email, name, surname, password, date of birth
- username -> person\_id, email, name, surname, password, date\_of\_birth
- email -> person id, username, name, surname, password, date of birth

Normal Form: BCNF. Because for each non-trivial functional dependency, the determinant is a superkey.

#### Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE person(
person id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO INCREMENT,
```

```
username VARCHAR(24) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
email VARCHAR(64) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
name VARCHAR(32) NOT NULL,
password VARCHAR(32) NOT NULL,
date_of_birth DATE DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

#### student

Relational Schema: student(student\_id, wallet)

Attribute Domains:

• student id: int

• wallet: numeric(10, 2)

Candidate Key: {student\_id}
Primary Key: {student\_id}

Foreign Key: student\_id references person(person\_id)

#### Functional Dependencies:

student\_id -> wallet

Normal Form: BCNF. Because student id is a superkey.

**Table Definition:** 

```
CREATE TABLE student(
```

student\_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
FOREIGN KEY (student\_id) REFERENCES person(person\_id)
ON DELETE CASCADE,
ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
wallet NUMERIC(10, 2) DEFAULT 0,
CONSTRAINT check\_wallet
CHECK (wallet >= 0)
) ENGINE = INNODB;

## course\_creator

Relational Schema: course\_creator(<u>course\_creator\_id</u>, wallet, rating)

#### Attribute Domains:

course\_creator\_id: intwallet: numeric(10, 2)

• rating: numeric (2, 1)

```
Candidate Key: {course_creator_id}
Primary Key: {course creator id}
Foreign Key: course creator id references person(person id)
Functional Dependencies:

    course creator id -> wallet, rating

Normal Form: BCNF. Because course creator id is a super key.
Table Definition:
CREATE TABLE course creator(
      course_creator_id INT,
      FOREIGN KEY (course creator id) REFERENCES person(person id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE
      ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
      wallet NUMERIC(10, 2) DEFAULT 0,
      RATING NUMERIC(2,1) DEFAULT 0,
      PRIMARY KEY (course creator id),
      CONSTRAINT check course creator rating positivity
             CHECK (rating >= 0 AND rating <= 5),
      CONSTRAINT check course creator wallet positivity
             CHECK (wallet >= 0)
) ENGINE = INNODB;
course
Relational Schema: course (course id, course name, language,
```

Relational Schema: course(<u>course\_id</u>, course\_name, language, course\_price, create\_date, average\_rating, category, course\_description, certificate\_price, course\_creator\_id)

#### Attribute Domains:

- course id: int
- course\_name: varchar(60)
- language: varchar(50)
- course price: numeric(5, 2)
- create\_date: date
- average\_rating: numeric(2, 1)
- category: varchar(50)
- course\_description: varchar(200)
- certificate price: numeric(5, 2)
- course\_creator\_id: int

```
Candidate Key: {course_id}
Primary Key: {course_id}
Foreign Key: course_creator_id references course_creator(course_creator_id)
Functional Dependencies:
```

• course\_id -> course\_name, language, course\_price, create\_date, average\_rating, category, course\_description, certificate\_price

Normal Form: BCNF. Because course id is a superkey.

Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE course(
      course id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO INCREMENT,
      course_name VARCHAR(60) NOT NULL,
      language VARCHAR(50),
      course price NUMERIC(5, 2) DEFAULT 0,
      create_date DATE,
      average rating NUMERIC(2, 1) DEFAULT 0,
      category VARCHAR(30) CHECK (category in
             ('Web Development', 'Mobile Software Development',
             'Programming Languages', 'Game Development', 'Database Management
             System', 'Business', 'Management', 'Economics', 'Finance',
                                                                          'Information
             Technology', 'Cyber Security', 'Maths', 'Gastronomy', 'Others')),
      course description VARCHAR(200),
      certificate_price NUMERIC(5, 2) DEFAULT 0,
      course creator id INT,
      FOREIGN KEY (course creator id) REFERENCES
      course_creator(course_creator_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE
      ON UPDATE RESTRICT
      CONSTRAINT check_course_price_validity CHECK (course_price >= 0),
      CONSTRAINT check_average_rating_validity CHECK (average_rating >= 0 AND
average rating \leq 5),
      CONSTRAINT check certificate price validity CHECK (certificate price >= 0),
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

#### enrolls

Relational Schema: enrolls(student id, course id, purchased\_price, purchase\_date)

```
Attribute Domains:
```

- student\_id: int
- course\_id: int
- purchased\_price: numeric(5, 2)
- purchase\_date: date

Candidate Key: {student\_id, course\_id} Primary Key: {student\_id, course\_id}

Foreign Keys:

- student\_id references student(student\_id)
- course\_id references course(course\_id)

#### Functional Dependencies:

student\_id, course\_id -> purchased\_price, purchase\_date

Normal Form: BCNF. Because { student id, course id } is a superkey.

#### Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE enrolls(
    student_id INT,
    course_id INT,
    purchased_price NUMERIC(5, 2),
    purchase_date DATE,
    PRIMARY KEY(student_id, course_id),
    FOREIGN KEY (student_id) REFERENCES student(student_id)
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
    FOREIGN KEY (course_id) REFERENCES course(course_id)
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

## adds\_to\_cart

Relational Schema: adds\_to\_cart(student\_id, course\_id)

#### Attribute Domains:

student\_id: intcourse\_id: int

Candidate Key: {student\_id, course\_id} Primary Key: {student\_id, course\_id} Foreign Keys:

- student\_id references student(student\_id)
- course id references course(course id)

Functional Dependencies: No non-trivial functional dependency.

Normal Form: BCNF. Because there is no non-trivial functional dependency.

Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE adds_to_cart(
    student_id INT,
    course_id INT,
    PRIMARY KEY(student_id, course_id),
    FOREIGN KEY (student_id) REFERENCES student(student_id)
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
    FOREIGN KEY (course_id) REFERENCES course(course_id)
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

## adds to wishlist

Relational Schema: adds\_to\_wishlist(student\_id, course\_id)

Attribute Domains:

student\_id: intcourse\_id: int

Candidate Key: {student\_id, course\_id} Primary Key: {student\_id, course\_id} Foreign Keys:

- student id references student(student id)
- course id references course(course id)

Functional Dependencies: No non trivial functional dependency.

Normal Form: BCNF. Because there is no non-trivial functional dependency.

Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE adds to wishlist(
      student_id INT,
      course id INT,
      PRIMARY KEY(student id, course id),
      FOREIGN KEY (student_id) REFERENCES student(student_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE
      ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
      FOREIGN KEY (course_id) REFERENCES course(course_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE
      ON UPDATE RESTRICT.
) ENGINE = INNODB;
progresses
Relational Schema: progresses(student id, course id, lecture id)
Attribute Domains:
   • student id: int
   course id: int
   lecture_id: int
Candidate Key: {student id, course id, lecture id}
Primary Key: {student id, course id, lecture id}
Foreign Keys:

    student id references student(student id)

   • {course id, lecture id} references lecture(lecture id)
Functional Dependencies: No non-trivial dependency.
Normal Form: BCNF. Because there is no non-trivial dependency.
Table Definition:
CREATE TABLE progresses(
      student_id INT,
      course id INT,
      lecture id INT,
      PRIMARY KEY(student_id, course_id, lecture_id),
      FOREIGN KEY (student id) REFERENCES student(student id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE
      ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
      FOREIGN KEY (course id, lecture id) REFERENCES lecture(course id, lecture id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE
      ON UPDATE RESTRICT.
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

#### admin

Relational Schema: admin(admin id)

#### Attribute Domains:

• admin id: int

Candidate Key: {admin\_id} Primary Key: {admin\_id}

Foreign Key: admin\_id references person(person\_id)

Functional Dependencies: No non-trivial functional dependency.

Normal Form: BCNF. Because there is no non-trivial functional dependency.

Table Definition:

#### lecture

Relational Schema: lecture(<u>course id</u>, <u>lecture id</u>, lecture\_name, duration, description)

#### Attribute Domains:

course\_id: intlecture\_id: int

• lecture name: varchar(64)

• duration: time

description: varchar(360)

Candidate Key: {course\_id, lecture\_id} Primary Key: {course\_id, lecture\_id}

Foreign Key: course\_id references course(course\_id)

#### Functional Dependencies:

• lecture\_id -> lecture\_name, duration

Normal Form: BCNF. Because lecture\_id is a superkey.

```
Table Definition:
CREATE TABLE lecture(
      course id INT,
      lecture id INT,
      lecture name VARCHAR(64) NOT NULL,
      duration TIME NOT NULL,
      description VARCHAR(360),
       PRIMARY KEY (course id, lecture id),
       FOREIGN KEY (course id) REFERENCES course(course id)
       ON DELETE CASCADE,
       CONSTRAINT check_duration_validity
             CHECK(duration > 0)
) ENGINE = INNODB;
assignment
Relational Schema: assignment (assignment id, assignment question, threshold, course id)
Attribute Domains:
   assignment id: int

    assignment question: varchar(100)

   • threshold: int
   course id: int
Candidate Key: {assignment_id}
Primary Key: {assignment id}
Foreign Key: course_id references course(course_id)
Functional Dependencies:

    assignment id -> assignment question

Normal Form: BCNF. Because assignment id is a superkey.
Table Definition:
CREATE TABLE assignment(
             assignment id INT PRIMARY KEY,
             assignment question VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
             assignment_threshold INT,
             course id INT,
```

FOREIGN KEY (course\_id) REFERENCES course(course\_id)

ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE RESTRICT,

```
CONSTRAINT check_threshold
CHECK (threshold>0)
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

## submitted\_assignments

Relational Schema: submitted\_assignments(<u>assignment\_id</u>, <u>student\_id</u>, <u>submission\_time</u>, assignment\_answer, grade)

#### Attribute Domains:

assignment\_id: int

student\_id: int

• submission time: timestamp

assignment\_answer: varchar(300)

• grade: int

Candidate Key: {assignment\_id, student\_id, submission\_time} Primary Key: {assignment\_id, student\_id, submission\_time} Foreign Keys:

- assignment\_id references assignment(assignment\_id)
- student\_id references student(student\_id)

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

assignment id, student id, submission time -> assignment answer, grade

Normal Form: BCNF. Because {assignment\_id, student\_id, submission\_time} is a superkey.

```
CREATE TABLE submitted_assignment(
            assignment id INT,
            student id INT,
            submission time TIMESTAMP,
            assignment answer VARCHAR(300) NOT NULL,
            grade INT.
            PRIMARY KEY (assignmet_id, student_id, submission_time),
            FOREIGN KEY (assignment id) REFERENCES assignment(assignment id)
            ON DELETE CASCADE
            ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
            FOREIGN KEY (student id) REFERENCES student(student id)
            ON DELETE CASCADE
            ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
            CONSTRAINT check grade validity
                  CHECK(grade > 0)
      ) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

## question

Relational Schema: question(question\_id, date, question\_text)

#### Attribute Domains:

- question\_id: int
- date. date
- question \_text: varchar(200)

Candidate Keys: {question\_id}
Primary Keys: {question\_id}

Foreign Keys: None

#### Functional Dependencies:

question\_id -> date, question\_text

Normal Form: BCNF. Because question\_id is a superkey.

#### announcement

Relational Schema: announcement(<u>announcement\_id</u>, text, date, course\_id)

#### Attribute Domains:

announcement\_id: int

• text: varchar(500)

date: datecourse\_id: int

Candidate Key: {announcement\_id} Primary Key: {announcement\_id}

Foreign Key: course\_id references course(course\_id)

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

• announcement\_id -> text, date, course\_id

Normal Form: BCNF. Because announcement\_id is a superkey.

#### Table Definition:

#### discount

When the end date is expired, discount will automatically delete the discount offer from the discount entity with an event.

Relational Schema: discount(<u>discount\_id</u>, is\_allowed, start\_date, end\_date, percentage, discounted course id, allower course creator id)

#### Attribute Domains:

discount\_id: int

is\_allowed: boolean

start\_date: Date

end\_date: Date

percentage: int

discounted\_course\_id: int

allower\_course\_creator\_id: int

Candidate Keys: {discount\_id}, {discounted\_course\_id}

Primary Key: {discount\_id}

Foreign Key:

- discounted\_course\_id references course(course\_id)
- allower course creator id references course creator(course creator id)

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

• discount id -> is allowed, start date, end date, percentage

Normal Form: BCNF. Because discount id is a superkey.

Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE discount(
discount _id INT PRIMARY KEY,
is_allowed BOOLEAN,
```

```
start_date DATE,
      end_date DATE,
      percentage INT,
      FOREIGN KEY (discounted_course_id) REFERENCES course(course_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE
      ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
      FOREIGN KEY (allower_course_creator_id) REFERENCES
course_creator(course_creator_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE
      ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
      CONSTRAINT check_percentage_validity CHECK (percentage > 0 AND percentage <=
100)
) ENGINE = INNODB;
refund
Relational Schema: refund(<u>refund_id</u>, reason, is_assessed, is_approved)
Attribute Domains:
   • refund id: int
   reason: varchar(320)
   • is assessed: boolean
   is_approved: boolean
Candidate Keys: {refund_id}
Primary Key: {refund_id}
Foreign Key: None
Functional Dependencies:

    refund_id -> reason, is_assessed, is_approved

Normal Form: BCNF. Because refund_id is a superkey.
Table Definition:
CREATE TABLE refund(
      refund_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
      reason VARCHAR(320) NOT NULL,
      is assessed BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
      is_approved BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

## refund\_requests

Relational Schema: refund\_requests(<u>refund\_id</u>, student\_id, course\_id)

#### Attribute Domains:

refund\_id: intstudent\_id: intcourse id: int

Candidate Keys: {refund\_id}, {student\_id, course\_id}

Primary Key: {refund\_id}

Foreign Keys:

- refund\_id references refund(refund\_id)
- student\_id references student(student\_id)
- course\_id references course(course\_id)

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

- refund\_id -> student\_id, course\_id
- student\_id, course\_id -> refund\_id

Normal Form: BCNF. Because both refund\_id and {student\_id, course\_id} are superkeys.

#### Table Definition:

) ENGINE = INNODB;

```
CREATE TABLE request_refunds(
    refund_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    student_id INT,
    course_id INT,
    FOREIGN KEY (refund_id) REFERENCES refund(refund_id)
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
    FOREIGN KEY (student_id) REFERENCES student(student_id)
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
    FOREIGN KEY (course_id) REFERENCES course(course_id)
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT
```

## complaint

Relational Schema: complaint(complaint\_id, complaint\_note, complaint\_date)

#### Attribute Domains:

• complaint id: int

complaint\_note: varchar(360)

complaint\_date: date

Candidate Key: {complaint id} Primary Key: {complaint\_id}

Foreign Key: None

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

complaint\_id -> complaint\_note, complaint\_date

Normal Form: BCNF. Because complaint id is a superkey.

Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE complaint (
      complaint id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO INCREMENT,
      complaint note VARCHAR(360) NOT NULL,
      complaint date DATE NOT NULL,
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

#### feedback

Relational Schema: feedback(feedback\_id, feedback\_note, rating)

#### Attribute Domains:

• feedback id: int

feedback\_note: varchar(360)

• rating: numeric(2, 1)

Candidate Key: {feedback\_id} Primary Key: {feedback\_id} Foreign Key: None

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

feedback\_id -> feedback\_note, rating

Normal Form: BCNF. Because feedback\_id is a superkey.

#### Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE feedback(
      feedback_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
      feedback note VARCHAR(360) NOT NULL,
      rating NUMERIC(2,1) DEFAULT 0,
      CONSTRAINT check rating CHECK (rating > 0)
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

#### certificate

Relation Schema: certificate(certificate id, date, text)

#### Attribute Domains:

certificate id: int

date: date

text: varchar(120)

Candidate Key: {certificate id} Primary Key: {certificate\_id}

Foreign Key: None

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

certificate\_id -> date, text

Normal Form: BCNF. Because certificate\_id is a superkey.

Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE certificate (
      certificate_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
      date DATE NOT NULL,
      text VARCHAR(120) NOT NULL
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

## student complaints

Relational Schema: student\_complaints(<u>complaint\_id</u>, student\_id, course\_id,)

#### Attribute Domains:

• student id: int course id: int complaint\_id: int Candidate Key: {complaint\_id} Primary Key: {complaint\_id}

Foreign Keys:

- student\_id references student(student\_id)
- course id references course(course id)
- complaint id references complaint(complaint id)

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

complaint\_id -> student\_id, course\_id

Normal Form: BCNF. Because complaint id is a superkey.

Table Definition:

## student\_feedbacks

Relational Schema: student\_feedbacks(feedback\_id, student\_id, course\_id)

#### Attribute Domains:

student\_id: intcourse\_id: intfeedback\_id: int

Candidate Keys: { feedback\_id }, { student\_id, course\_id } Primary Key: { student\_id, course\_id }

#### Foreign Keys:

- student\_id references student(student\_id)
- course\_id references course(course\_id)

• feedback id references feedback(feedback id)

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

- student\_id, course\_id -> feedback\_id
- feedback\_id -> student\_id, course\_id

Normal Form: BCNF. Because both { student id, course id } and feedback id are superkeys.

#### Table Definition:

#### earns

Relational Schema: earns(<u>student\_id</u>, <u>course\_id</u>, certificate\_id)

#### Attribute Domains:

- student\_id: int
- course id: int
- certificate id: int

Candidate Keys: {student id, course id}, certificate id

Primary Key: { student\_id, course\_id }

Foreign Keys:

- student\_id references student(student\_id)
- course id references course(course id)
- certificate id references certificate(certificate id)

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

- student id, course id -> certificate id
- certificate\_id -> student\_id, course\_id

Normal Form: BCNF. Because both { student\_id, course\_id } and certificate\_id are superkeys.

## Table Definition: **CREATE TABLE earns(** student\_id INT, course id INT, certificate id INT UNIQUE, PRIMARY KEY (student\_id, course\_id), FOREIGN KEY (student\_id) REFERENCES student ON UPDATE RESTRICT, FOREIGN KEY (course\_id) REFERENCES course ON UPDATE RESTRICT, FOREIGN KEY (certificate id) REFERENCES certificate ON UPDATE RESTRICT ) ENGINE = INNODB; note Relational Schema: note(note id, student id, lecture id, course id, note text) Attribute Domains: • note id: int • student id: int lecture\_id: int course id int note\_text: varchar(360) Candidate Key: {note id} Primary Key: {note\_id} Foreign Keys: student\_id from student(student\_id) • (lecture\_id, course\_id) from lecture(lecture\_id, course\_id) **Functional Dependencies:** note\_id -> student\_id, lecture\_id, course\_id, note\_text Normal Form: BCNF. Because note\_id is a superkey. Table Definition: CREATE TABLE note( note\_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO\_INCREMENT, student id INT,

lecture\_id INT,

```
course_id INT,
note_text VARCHAR(360) NOT NULL,
FOREIGN KEY (student_id) REFERENCES student
FOREIGN KEY (lecture_id, course_id) REFERENCES lecture
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

#### asks

Relational Schema: asks(<u>question\_id</u>, student\_id, course\_id)

#### Attribute Domains:

question\_id: intstudent\_id: intcourse\_id: int

Candidate Key: {question\_id}
Primary Keys: {question\_id}

Foreign Keys:

- student\_id references student(student\_id)
- course id references course(course id)
- question\_id references question(question\_id)

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

question\_id -> student\_id, course\_id

Normal Form: BCNF. Because question id is a superkey.

Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE asks(
    question_id INT,
    student_id INT,
    course_id INT,
    PRIMARY KEY ( question_id ),
    FOREIGN KEY (student_id) REFERENCES student
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
    FOREIGN KEY (course_id) REFERENCES course
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
    FOREIGN KEY (question_id) REFERENCES question
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
    FOREIGN KEY (question_id) REFERENCES question
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT
) ENGINE = INNODB;
```

#### answers

Relational Schema: answers(<u>question\_id</u>, course\_creator\_id, answer\_text)

#### Attribute Domains:

- question id: int
- course\_creator\_id: int
- answer\_text: varchar(360)

Candidate Key: {question\_id}
Primary Key: {question\_id}

Foreign Keys:

- question\_id references question(question\_id)
- course\_creator\_id references course\_creator(course\_creator\_id)

#### **Functional Dependencies:**

question\_id -> course\_creator\_id, answer\_Text

Normal Form: BCNF. Because question\_id is a superkey.

#### Table Definition:

```
CREATE TABLE answers(
    question_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    course_creator_id INT,
    answer_text VARCHAR(360) NOT NULL,
    FOREIGN KEY (question_id) references question
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT,
    FOREIGN KEY (course_creator_id) references course_creator
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE RESTRICT
```

) ENGINE = INNODB;

# User Interface Design & Corresponding SQL Statements

## Sign Up

Sign Up as a Student

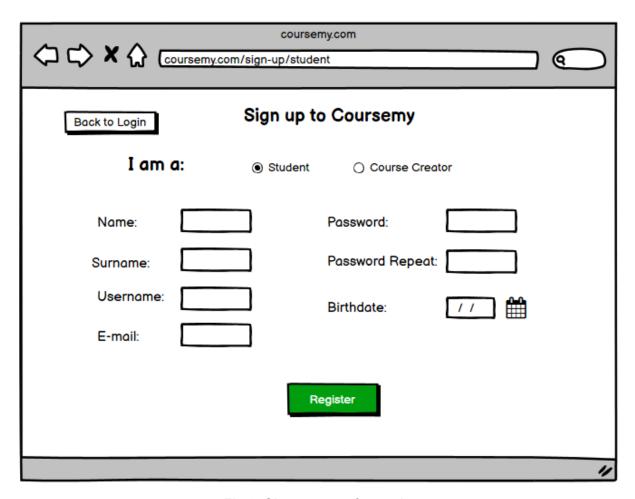


Fig.2: Sign up page for student

Same email address cannot be used for more than one account. All usernames should be unique, too. Thus, if username and/or email is not unique upon pressing the Register button, the registration is unsuccessful as the SQL insert statement gives an error. In this case, an error message is displayed to the student. If username and email are unique (does not exist in the database), then registration is successful. Thus, the new person and student is added to the database.

#### SQL statement for adding a new person:

**INSERT INTO** person (username, email, name, surname, password, date\_of\_birth) **VALUES** (@username, @email, @name, @surname, @password, @birthdate)

After executing the query above, if a pre-existing username or email is entered, the error that is returned is examined and which attribute(s) caused that error is read and a proper error message is shown to the user such as 'Entered email is already in use' for email repetition.

#### SQL statement for adding a new student:

**INSERT INTO** student **VALUES** (@person\_id, 0)

Sign Up as a Course Creator

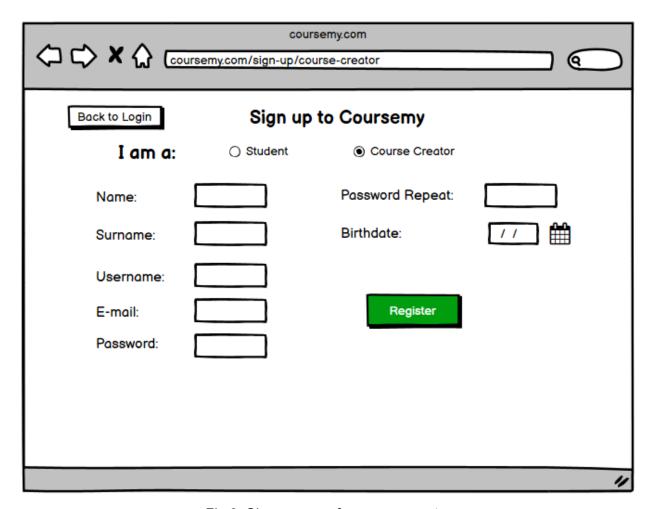


Fig.3: Sign up page for course creator

The same insertion operation while signing up as a student is performed. If email and username are unique, the registration is successful and the new person and the course creator are added to the database.

#### **SQL** statement for inserting a person:

**INSERT INTO** person (username, email, name, surname, password, date\_of\_birth) **VALUES** (@username, @email, @name, @surname, @password, @birthdate)

#### **SQL** statement for adding a new course creator:

**INSERT INTO** course\_creator **VALUES** (@person\_id, 0, 0)

## Login

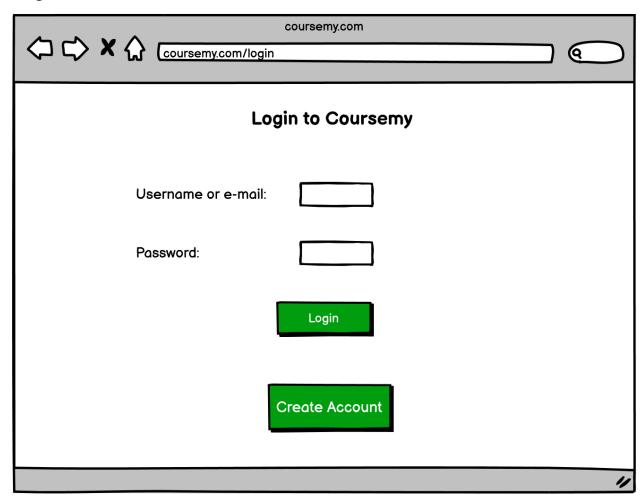


Fig. 4: Login page, common for all types of users

The first executed query after clicking the 'Login' button is below for authentication.

#### SQL statement for searching for credentials with email or username:

SELECT person\_id person

WHERE (email = @entered\_username\_or\_email OR

username = @entered username or email) AND

password = @entered password

If the query above returns a person\_id, this person\_id is stored to be used in the application (@person\_id). Otherwise, 'username or email does not exist' error is shown to the user.

In order to understand the type of the user, the following queries are executed. According to the type of the user, different UI screens are shown.

**SELECT** person\_id, name, surname

**FROM** person P, student S

**WHERE** P.person\_id = S.student\_id **AND** S.student\_id = @person\_id

If this query returns a nonempty result, then we conclude that the user entered to the website is a student. Else, the following query is executed.

**SELECT** P.person\_id, P.name, P.surname **FROM** person P, course creator C

**WHERE** P.person id = C.course creator id **AND** 

C.course creator id = @person id

If this query returns a nonempty result, then we conclude that the user entered to the website is a course\_creator. Else, the following query is executed for admin:

**SELECT** P.person\_id, P.name, P.surname

**FROM** person P, admin A

WHERE P.person id = A.admin id AND A.admin id = @person id

If this query returns a nonempty result, then we conclude that the user entered to the website is an admin.

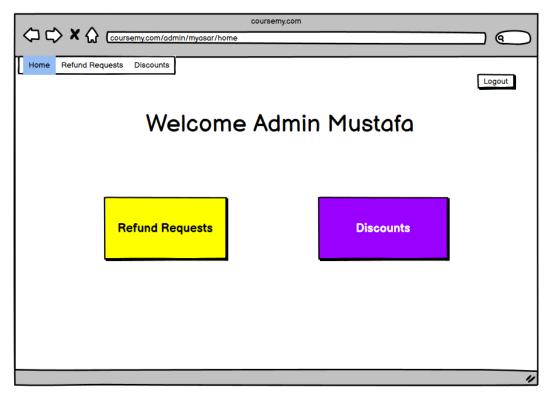


Fig.5: Home page for admin after login

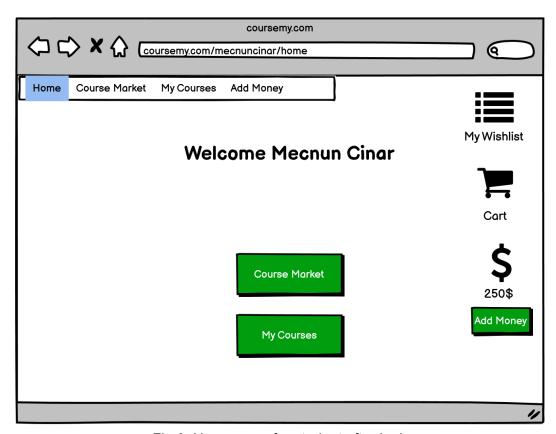


Fig.6: Home page for student after login

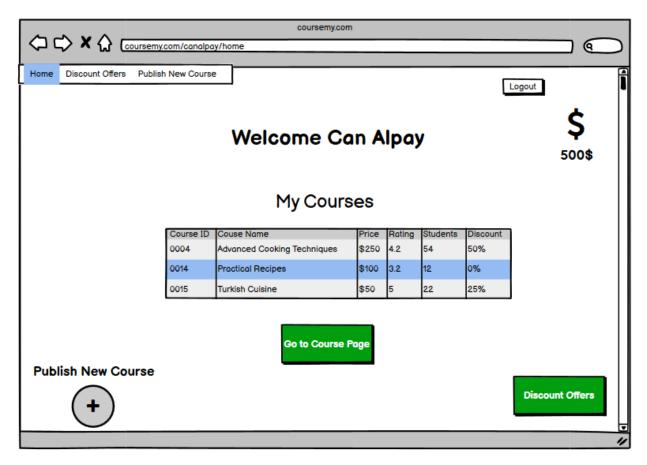


Fig.7: Home page for course creator after login

## Additional Functionalities (Assignment Feature)

## A. View Assignments of a Course for Student

After clicking on My Courses Page and navigating to the desired course page that is already purchased by the student, the student can see assignments for the course by clicking on the Assignments button on the course page. Then, assignments of a particular course show up on this page along with assignment information like assignment id, threshold and how many attempts the student has taken.

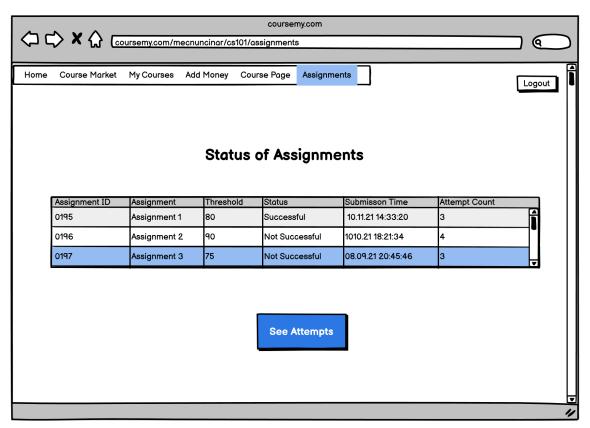


Fig. 8: Assignments overview page for students

#### SQL statement for displaying all assignments of a course with attempts:

**SELECT** A.assignment\_id, A.assignment\_threshold, S.attempts

FROM (SELECT assignment id, student id, COUNT(S.submission time) AS

Attempts

**FROM** submitted assignments

GROUP BY (assignment id, student id)) S, assignment A

WHERE A.course\_id = @course\_id AND A.assignment\_id = S.assignment\_id AND

S.student\_id = @student\_id

While creating the table, for every row of the table, the assignment\_id is given to the statement below, if this statement returns a nonempty set, we conclude that the status of that assignment is successful, not successful otherwise.

SELECT '

FROM submitted\_assignments

WHERE assignment id=@assignment id AND

student\_id=@student\_id AND

grade >= threshold

A student can choose an assignment from this page, click on it to see his/her attempts/submissions for that assignment. Chosen @assignment\_id is given to this new page.

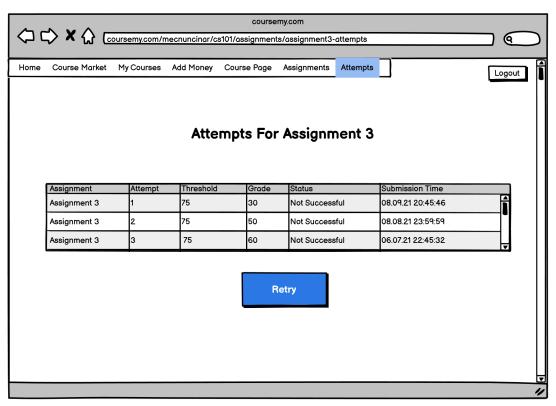


Fig.9: Attempts page for an unsuccessful assignment with Retry button enabled

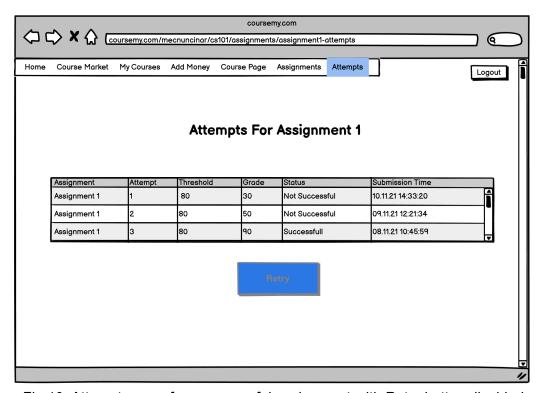


Fig.10: Attempts page for a successful assignment with Retry button disabled

## SQL statement for displaying all submissions of a student for an assignment with grades:

**SELECT** submitted\_time, grade **FROM** submitted\_assignments

WHERE student id = @student id AND assignment id = @assignment id

ORDER BY submitted time DESC

#### B. Submit an Assignment Page for Student

On the page where all submissions for an assignment for a student is shown, there is a Retry button to take the assignment again. This button is active if the student has not yet passed the assignment successfully as can be seen from *Fig.* 9 and *Fig.* 10.

#### SQL statement to check if the student has passed the assignment:

SELECT 3

FROM submitted\_assignments

WHERE assignment\_id=@assignment\_id AND student\_id=@student\_id

After executing the query above, all of the attempts of the student on the assignment are stored. Every attempt is looped and checked, if a grade in an attempt is greater than or equal to the threshold value, the assignment is considered as passed.

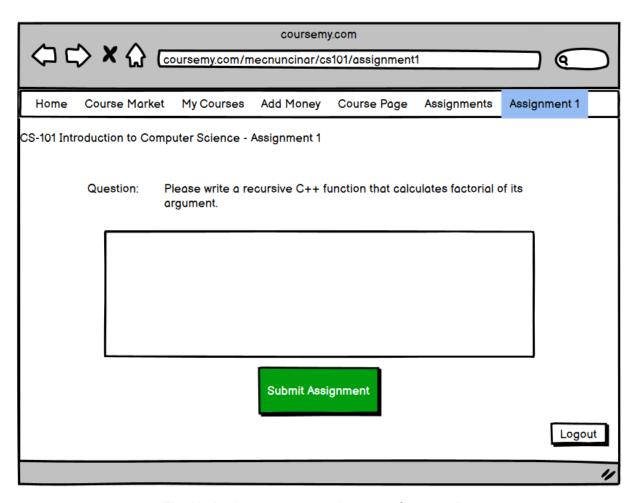


Fig. 11: Assignment answering page for a student

If the button is active, the student can take the assignment again. After clicking on the button, an assignment answering page is displayed with a text field for answer input and a text for assignment question above it. After giving an answer (answer should not be null), the student can submit his/her assignment with the following statement:

#### SQL statement to display assignment question:

**SELECT** assignment\_question

**FROM** assignment

**WHERE** assignment\_id = @assignment\_id

#### **SQL** statement to submit assignment:

**INSERT INTO** submitted\_assignments(assignment\_id, student\_id, submission\_time, assignment\_answer, grade)

VALUES (@assignment id, @student id, CURRENT TIMESTAMP, @answer, NULL)

Then, the student is taken back to his/her submissions page again for an assignment.

## C. View Submitted Assignments of a Course for Course Creator

The course creator accesses the course page of his/her offered course by clicking Go To Course Page button on the Home screen, and clicks on View Assignments button to open all assignments he/she has put up for the course and sees it in a list.



Fig.12: Course page from the perspective of a course creator

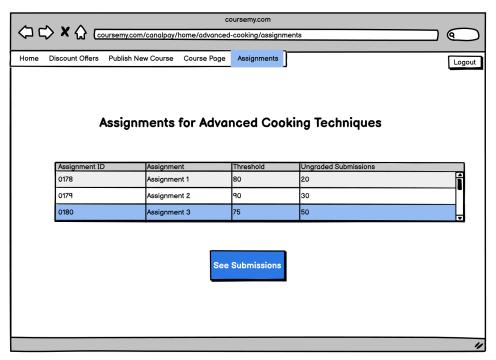


Fig. 13: Assignments page from the perspective of a course creator

SQL statement for seeing all assignments for the course along with the count of ungraded submissions of students for that assignment:

SELECT A.assignment\_id, A.threshold, asg\_to\_grade.ungraded\_sub\_count

FROM (SELECT assignment id, COUNT(student id) AS ungraded sub count

FROM submitted assignments

WHERE assignment\_id = A.assignment\_id AND grade IS NULL

**GROUP BY** assignment\_id) asg\_to\_grade, assignment A

**WHERE** A.course\_id = @course\_id

To grade an assignment in the submitted assignment pages of a course, the course creator clicks on the assignment he/she wants to grade from this list. Doing so, the program stores the chosen assignment's @assignment\_id and passes it to the new page. Here, the course creator can see all submissions for an assignment of a particular course that are waiting to be graded. The submissions display the student full name along with submission details. Full name is concatenated in PHP code.

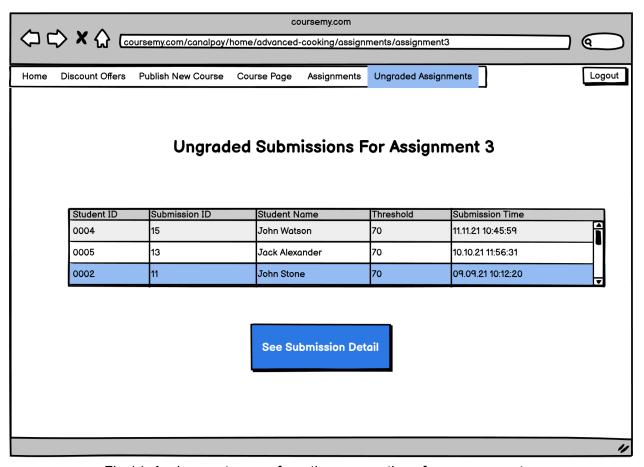


Fig.14: Assignments page from the perspective of a course creator

#### SQL statement for seeing ungraded submissions for an assignment:

**SELECT** G.student\_id, P.name, P.surname, G.submission\_time

**FROM** submitted\_assignments G, person P

WHERE grade IS NULL AND assignment id = @assignment id AND

P.id = G.student id

Then, the course creator can choose any assignment submission from this list to see the answer and give a grade.

## D. Grading of Assignment by Course Creator

To see the answer given by the student, the course creator clicks on one of the ungraded submissions where the assignment id, student id and submission\_time are taken from the previous page upon selection:

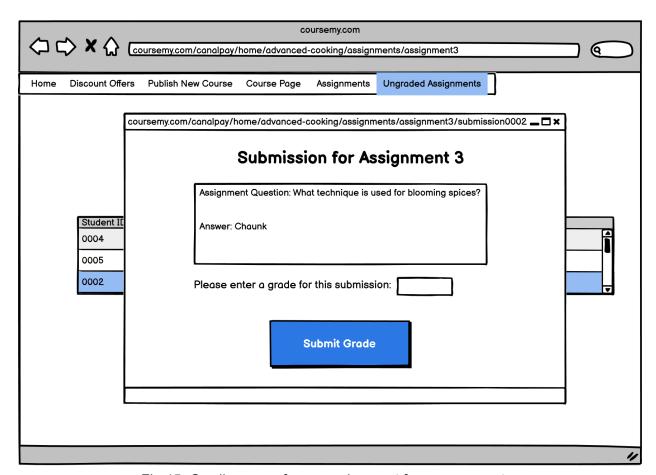


Fig.15: Grading page for an assignment for course creator

# SQL statement for seeing the students' ungraded submission along with the question:

**SELECT** S.assignment id, S.student id, S.submission time,

S.assignment answer, A.assignment question

**FROM** submitted assignments S, assignment A

WHERE S.assignment id = @assignment id AND S.student id = @student id

**AND** S.submission\_time = @submission\_time **AND** 

A.assignment\_id = S.assignment\_id

Then, the course creator can enter a grade on the input field for the assignment:

#### SQL statement for updating the grade of a submitted assignment:

**UPDATE** submitted\_assignments

**SET** grade = @grade

WHERE assignment\_id = @assignment\_id AND student\_id = @student\_id AND

submission\_time = @submission\_time AND grade IS NULL

Assignment creation process is mentioned in the course publishing process in the report.

## **Topic Specific Functionalities**

## I. Buy a Course as Student

A. Course Discover Page

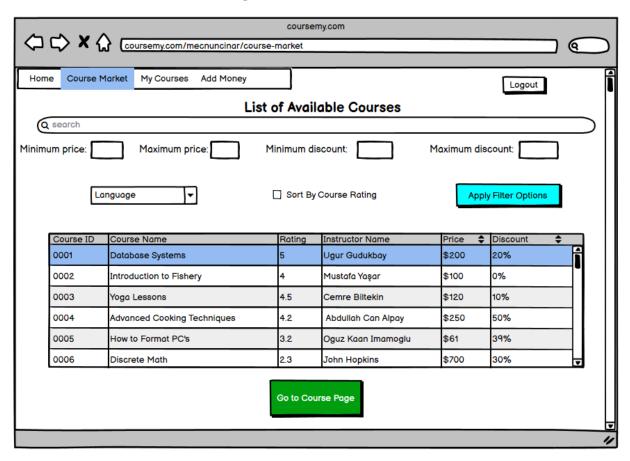


Fig. 16: Course market page from a student perspective

#### SQL statement for all available courses:

#### SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES:

**SELECT** C.course\_id, C.course\_name, C.language, C.average\_rating, C.category,

P.name, P.surname, D.percentage, D.start date, D.end date,

D.is\_allowed, (CASE WHEN CURRENT\_DATE =< D.end\_date AND

**CURRENT\_DATE** >= D.start\_date **AND** D.is\_allowed **THEN** C.course price \* (( 100 - D.percentage ) / 100)

**ELSE** C.course price **END**) as price

FROM course C LEFT OUTER JOIN discount D ON

C.course id = D.discounted course id **LEFT JOIN** person P **ON** 

C.course\_creator\_id = P.person\_id

In order to simplify the simplicity and prevent the duplication, the above query will be marked as **SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES**.

This page displays all courses to the student and the student can filter the displayed courses by selecting filters. The courses can have the following filters:

• From the category dropdown box, the student can select a category to display courses only from that particular category.

#### **SQL** statement for filtering by category:

#### SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES

**WHERE** category=@selected category;

 Using the input boxes for price filtering, the student can select a minimum and maximum price value of his/her choice to filter courses with the price falling for this selected range.
 The default value of the minimum price value is 0, and the default value of the maximum price value is calculated as follows.

#### **SQL** statement for finding the maximum price value:

**WITH** all\_courses (course\_id, course\_name, language, rating, category, name,

surname, percentage, start date, end date, is allowed, price) AS

(SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES)

SELECT MAX(price) FROM all\_courses

#### SQL statement for filtering by minimum and maximum price value:

**WITH** all\_courses (course\_id, course\_name, language, rating, category, name,

surname, percentage, start date, end date, is allowed, price) AS

(SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES)

SELECT \*

FROM all courses

WHERE price >= @minimum AND

price <= @maximum;

Using the input boxes for discount filtering, the student can select a minimum and
maximum discount percentage value of his/her choice to filter courses with the discount
percentages falling for this selected range. The default value for the minimum discount
percentage is 0, and the default maximum discount percentage is 100.

SQL statement for filtering by minimum and maximum discount percentage:

#### SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES

WHERE D.percentage >= @minimum AND

D.percentage <= @maximum AND

D.is allowed = 1

 Using the search box, the student can search a keyword in course names and course creator full names, and the result is the filtered courses with this keyword. The entered keyword is searched through both course names and course creators in the system, and the result is a union of this search.

**WITH** all\_courses (course\_id, course\_name, language, rating, category, name,

surname, percentage, start\_date, end\_date, is\_allowed, price) AS

(SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES)

SELECT

FROM all courses

WHERE course\_name LIKE '%@keyword%' OR

name **LIKE** '%@keyword%' **OR** surname **LIKE** '%@keyword%';

• Using the language dropdown menu, the student can filter courses by the language used in the course.

SQL statement for filtering by language:

**SELECT ALL COURSES** 

WHERE C.language = @language

• Using the sort by course rating checkbox, the student can sort the courses from the best rating (greater rating) to worst rating.

**SQL** statement for sorting by rating:

SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES

**ORDER BY** C.average\_rating **DESC**;

In order to combine the filters, in PHP we create a string that is composed of the SQL statement that selects all courses. If the user selects a filter, we add the "WHERE" clause of that query to the string and execute the combined query. Therefore, we can combine the filters.

### B. Course Page

The student can select a course from the course market on *Fig.16* to view its features such as rating, price, feedback etc.

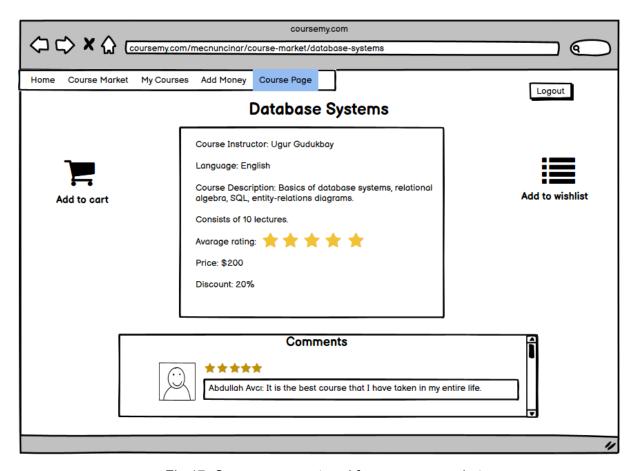


Fig.17: Course page entered from course market

This page displays the selected course's page and displays the course's features in detail.

#### SQL statement for displaying the selected course:

SELECT	C.course_name, C.course_price, C.create_date, C.language
	C.course_description, C.average_rating, P.name, P.surname
FROM	course C, person P
WHERE	C.course_creator_id = P.person_id AND C.course_id = @course_id

The percentage information is taken from the query below, if is\_allowed column is 0 or NULL, then there is no discount, therefore, the discount label is set to 0. Otherwise, the percentage is shown to the user. In order to find the discount amount of the selected course, the below query is executed.

#### SQL statement to find the discount information about the selected course

SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES

WHERE C.course\_id=@course\_id

#### SQL statement for displaying the feedbacks of the selected course:

**SELECT** P.name, P.surname, F.feedback note

FROM student\_feedbacks SF, feedback F, person P

WHERE SF.student\_id=P.person\_id AND

SF.course\_id=@course\_id **AND** SF.feedback\_id=F.feedback\_id

#### C. Buying / Wishlisting a Course and Adding a Course to the Cart

A student can add funds to his/her wallet to purchase a course from the home page by clicking on the Add Money button on the Home page. Then a window appears to get input from the student as loaded funds. The student specifies the amount of money to add to his/her account on the input field. By clicking the Add Money Button, the amount is added to the student's wallet.

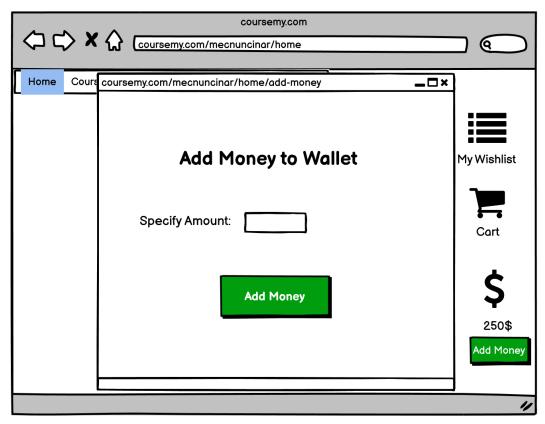


Fig. 18: Add money screen for student

#### SQL statement to add funds to the student wallet:

**UPDATE** student

**SET** wallet = wallet + @added amount

WHERE student\_id=@student\_id

#### SQL statement for buying a course:

First of all, we need to get the price of the course.

**WITH** all\_courses (course\_id, course\_name, language, rating, category, name,

surname, percentage, start\_date, end\_date, is\_allowed, price) AS

(SELECT\_ALL\_COURSES)

**SELECT** price

FROM all\_courses

WHERE course\_id=@course\_id

The result of the query above is stored in @purchased\_price variable and used while inserting it to the enrolls table.

**INSERT INTO** enrolls(student\_id, course\_id, purchased\_price, purchase\_date) **VALUES** (@student\_id, @course\_id, @purchased\_price, **CURRENT\_DATE**)

After inserting it to the enrolls, the @purchased\_price is deducted from the wallet of the student.

#### SQL statement for reducing the price from the student's wallet:

**UPDATE** student

**SET** wallet = wallet - @purchased\_price

**WHERE** student\_id=@student\_id

After enrolling in the course, the @purchased\_price is added to the course\_creator's wallet. In order to do this, first, the id of the course creator of the course is fetched.

#### SQL statement for finding the id of the course creator:

SELECT course creator id

**FROM** course

WHERE course\_id=@course\_id

After executing the statement above, the result is stored in the @course\_creator\_id variable and used for the next query.

#### SQL statement for adding the price to the course creator's wallet:

**UPDATE** course\_creator

**SET** wallet = wallet + @purchased\_price **WHERE** course\_creator\_id = @course\_creator\_id

Current date can be achieved by various ways such as using GETDATE() or current\_date.

After buying a course, if that course exists in the wishlist and/or cart, that course is removed from the wishlist and/or cart.

#### SQL statement for removing the bought course from wishlist of the student:

**DELETE FROM** adds to wishlist

WHERE student id=@student id AND course id=@course id

**SQL** statement for removing the bought course from cart of the student:

**DELETE FROM** adds to cart

WHERE student\_id=@student\_id AND course\_id=@course\_id

#### **SQL** statement for wishlisting a course:

**INSERT INTO** adds\_to\_wishlist(student\_id, course\_id) **VALUES (**@student\_id, @course\_id)

#### SQL statement for adding a course to the cart:

**INSERT INTO** adds\_to\_cart(student\_id, course\_id) **VALUES** (@student\_id, @course\_id)

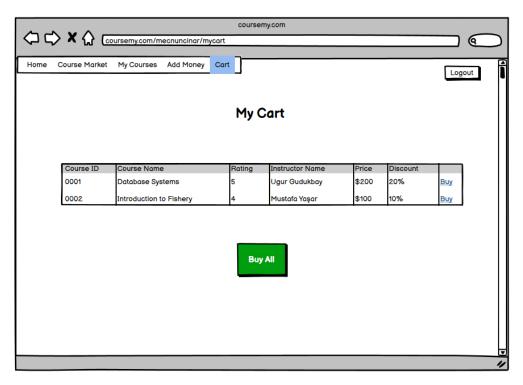


Fig.19: Shopping cart page for student

#### **SQL** statement for displaying the cart:

**SELECT** C.course\_name, C.course\_price, C.average\_rating,

P.name, P.surname, D.percentage,

(CASE WHEN CURRENT\_DATE < D.end date AND

**CURRENT\_DATE** >= D.start\_date **AND** D.is\_allowed **THEN** C.course\_price \* (( 100 - D.percentage ) / 100)

ELSE c.course\_price END) as price

FROM course C LEFT OUTER JOIN discount D ON

C.course\_id = D.discounted\_course\_id **LEFT JOIN** person P **ON** C.course\_creator\_id = P.person\_id **LEFT JOIN** adds\_to\_cart AC

**ON** P.person\_id=AC.student\_id

WHERE C.course id=AC.course id AND

AC.student\_id=@student\_id

When the student clicks on the My Wishlist, the courses in their wishlist are displayed as the image below.

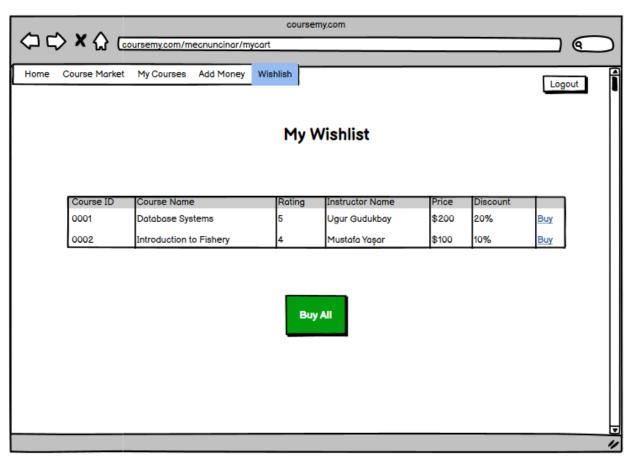


Fig. 20: Wishlist screen for student

#### **SQL** statement for displaying the wishlist:

**SELECT** C.course name, C.course price, C.average rating,

P.name, P.surname, D.percentage,

(CASE WHEN CURRENT\_DATE < D.end date AND

**CURRENT\_DATE** >= D.start date **AND** D.is allowed

**THEN** C.course\_price \* (( 100 - D.percentage ) / 100)

ELSE c.course price END) as price

FROM course C LEFT OUTER JOIN discount D ON

C.course id = D.discounted course id LEFT JOIN person P ON

C.course creator id = P.person id LEFT JOIN adds to wishlist AW ON

P.person\_id=AW.student\_id

WHERE C.course id=AW.course id AND

AW.student\_id=@student\_id

#### D. Watching a Lecture

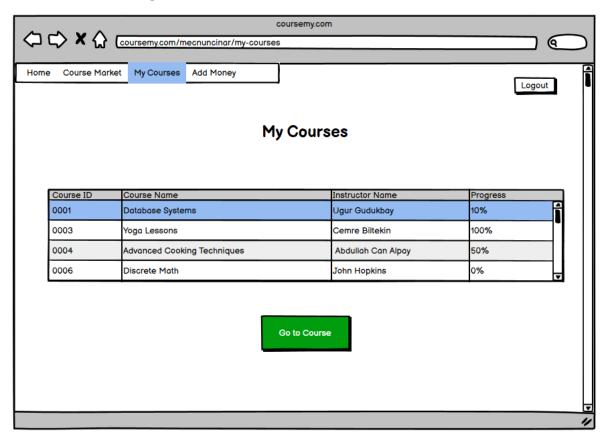


Fig.21: My courses page

First, we retrieve the information about the courses in which the student has enrolled.

**SELECT** C.course\_id, C.course\_name, C.average\_rating, C.course\_description,

C.category, E.purchase date

**FROM** course C, enrolls E,

WHERE C.course\_id = E.course\_id AND E.student\_id = @student\_id

In order to calculate the progress of the student for the course, we find the lecture count of the courses.

**SELECT** course\_id, student\_id, **COUNT**(lecture\_id)

**FROM** progress

WHERE student\_id = @student\_id
GROUP BY course\_id, student\_id

Then, we find the total number of lecture in the course by the following query:

**SELECT** course\_id, **COUNT**(lecture\_id)

FROM lecture
GROUP BY course\_id

After executing the query above, we get the total number of lectures in the course and the total number of watched lectures in the course. After division, we get the progress and write it onto the table.

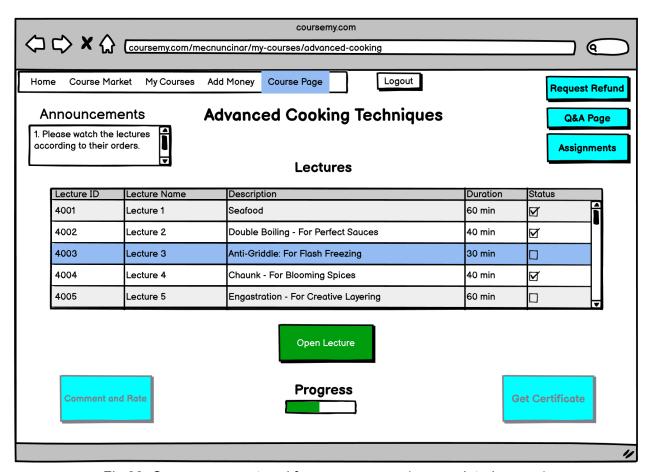


Fig. 22: Course page entered from my courses (uncompleted course)

If the progress is not 100%, the student can't comment and rate or get a certificate. Therefore, these buttons are disabled. Finding the progress for the selected course is found as explained at the end of this section.

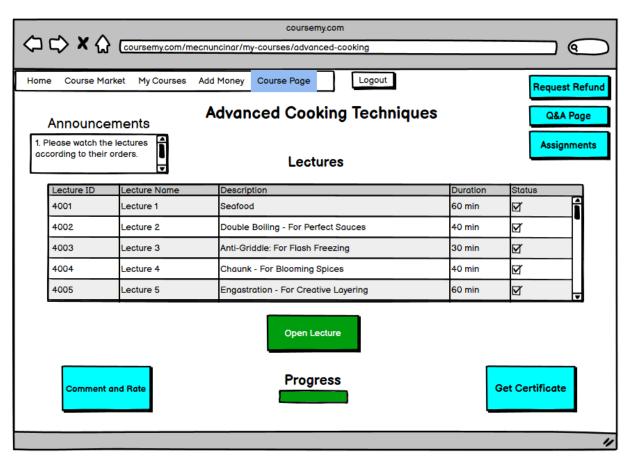


Fig. 23: Course page entered from my courses (completed course)

When a course is selected, lectures of that course are displayed to the students.

#### SQL statement for getting every lecture of a course:

**SELECT** lecture\_name, description, duration

FROM lecture

WHERE course\_id=@course\_id

#### SQL statement for getting every announcement for the course

**SELECT** text

**FROM** announcement

WHERE course\_id = @course\_id
ORDER BY announcement\_id DESC

The lecture that is selected is opened with the following query.

#### SQL statement for getting a specific lecture of a course:

**SELECT** C.course\_name, L.lecture\_name, L.description, L.duration

**FROM** course C, lecture L

WHERE C.course id=L.lecture id

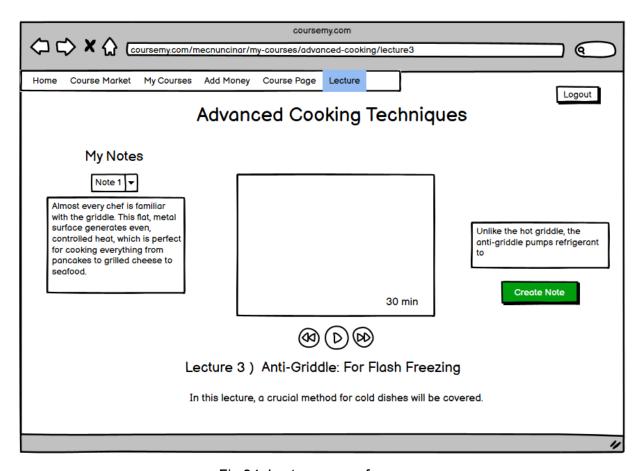


Fig.24: Lecture page of a course

This page is the lecture page where students can watch the lecture. After clicking the play button, the lecture is set to watched, and the lecture of that course is added to the progresses relation of the student. After clicking the next button, the student is directed to the next lecture's page. After clicking the previous button, the student is directed to the previous lecture's page.

The lecture\_id's are sorted. I.e., the first lecture has the lowest lecture\_id, and the last lecture has the biggest lecture\_id.

The id of the current course and the id of the current lecture are stored in @course\_id, and @lecture\_id respectively.

#### SQL statement for getting a specific lecture of a course:

**SELECT** C.course\_name, L.lecture\_name, L.description, L.duration

**FROM** course C, lecture L

WHERE C.course id=L.lecture id

If the displayed lecture is the first lecture, then the previous button is disabled, additionally, if the displayed lecture is the last lecture, then the next button is disabled. The lecture is checked if it is the first or the last lecture.

#### SQL statement to check if the lecture is the first lecture:

**SELECT** MIN(lecture id)

FROM lecture

WHERE course\_id=@course\_id

The stored @lecture\_id and the return value of this query is compared and determined whether the current lecture is the first lecture. If it is, the previous button is disabled.

#### SQL statement to check if the lecture is the last lecture:

**SELECT MAX**(lecture\_id)

FROM lecture

WHERE course\_id=@course\_id

The stored @lecture\_id and the return value of this query is compared and determined whether the current lecture is the last lecture. If it is, the next button is disabled.

#### SQL statement that is executed when next button is clicked:

**SELECT** lecture\_name, duration\_description

FROM lecture

WHERE course\_id=@course\_id AND

lecture id > @lecture id

**ORDER BY** lecture id **ASC** 

LIMIT 1;

#### **SQL** statement executed when previous button is clicked:

**SELECT** lecture\_name, duration\_description

FROM lecture

WHERE course id=@course id AND

lecture id < @lecture id

ORDER BY lecture id DESC

LIMIT 1;

When the lecture is watched, that lecture of that course is added to the progresses relation with @student\_id.

#### SQL statement for inserting the lecture to progresses:

**INSERT INTO** progresses(student\_id, course\_id, lecture\_id)

**VALUES** (@student id, @course id, @lecture id);

After watching every lecture, and completing all assignments, the student can get a certificate by clicking on the Get Certificate button on the corresponding course page like in *Fig.* 23.

In order to check if a student has watched every lecture in a course, the following queries are executed.

#### SQL statement for finding the number of lectures that are watched by the student:

**SELECT COUNT**(lecture\_id)

**FROM** progresses

WHERE student\_id=@student\_id AND course\_id=@course\_id

After executing this query, the following query is executed in order to find the total number of lectures in the course.

**SELECT COUNT**(lecture\_id)

FROM lecture

WHERE course\_id=@course\_id

The result of the first and second queries are compared. If they are equal, that means the student has watched every lecture in the course.

In order to determine whether or not the student has completed the course, they also must have completed every assignment. To check,

First, every assignment\_id of the course is selected and stored in an array with the following SQL statement:

#### **SQL** statement for selecting every assignment of the course:

SELECT assignment\_id assignment

WHERE course\_id=@course\_id

We store the length of the array in @num\_of\_assignment variable in PHP. For every assignment\_id in the array, we check if the student has an attempt in which the grade is greater than or equal to the threshold.

SELECT \*

FROM submitted\_assignments

WHERE assignment id=@assignment id AND

student\_id=@student\_id AND

grade >= threshold

If the following statement returns a nonempty set, we increase the @passed\_assignment variable by 1. After doing the same operation for every element in the array, if the @passed\_assignment variable is equal to the size of the array, we conclude that the student has completed the course and they are directed to the certificate page.

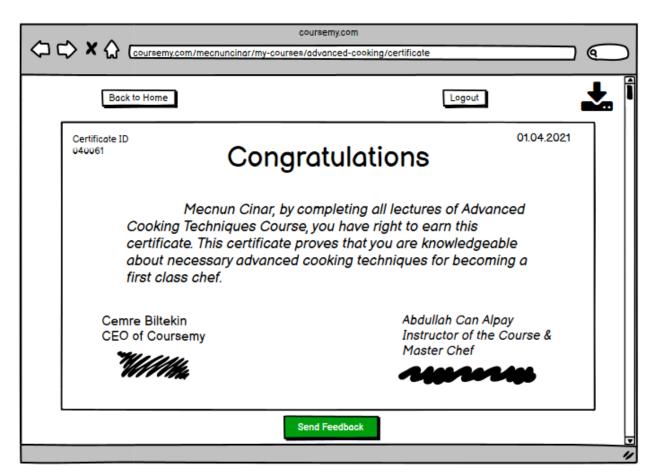


Fig. 25: Certificate page of a course

When a student earns a certificate, a new certificate is created and added to the certificate table. Additionally, information about the student, course and the certificate is added to earn relation. A student can download this certificate.

#### **SQL** statement for creating a certificate:

INSERT INTO certificate(date, text)
VALUES (CURRENT\_DATE, @certificate\_text)

Certificate text is generated by PHP with the course name, student name, date, etc.

#### SQL statement for earning a certificate:

INSERT INTO earns(student\_id, course\_id, certificate\_id)
VALUES (@student id, @course id, @certificate id)

#### E. Adding a Note to a Lecture

A student can add a note to a lecture for themselves as can be seen from *Fig. 24*. The notes created by a student are only visible to the students who created the notes. @note\_text contains the note that is entered by the student. When the student enters a text to the note text field and clicks the create note button, the following query is executed.

#### **SQL** statement for creating a note:

```
INSERT INTO note(student_id, lecture_id, course_id, note_text)

VALUES (@student_id, @lecture_id, @course_id, @note_text)
```

When the student starts watching a lecture, the following query is executed to get all notes of the student of a lecture. The result is stored in an array and shown accordingly. For instance, if Note 1 is selected, the first element of the array is shown.

#### SQL statement for getting all notes of a student for a lecture:

**SELECT** lecture\_id, note\_text

FROM note

WHERE student\_id=@student\_id AND

lecture\_id=@lecture\_id AND
course\_id = @course\_id

#### F. Feedback for a Course

If a student finishes the course and gets their certificate, they can go to comment/rate page by clicking the Send Feedback button.

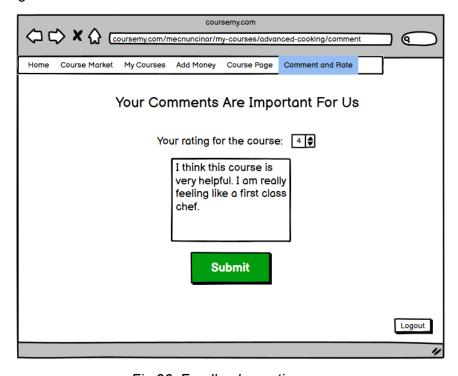


Fig. 26: Feedback creation page

In that page, the students can comment on and rate the course that they have finished. First of all, the feedback is created as follows.

#### SQL statement for creating a feedback:

The id of the added feedback is stored in @feedback id.

#### SQL statement for adding feedback to the student feedbacks:

```
INSERT INTO student_feedbacks(student_id, course_id, feedback_id)
VALUES (@student_id, @course_id, @feedback_id)
```

## II. Publish a Course by Course Creator

A course creator can create a new course by clicking the Create a New Course button on the navigation bar.

#### A. Specify Course Features Page

The course creator accesses this page to create a new course. This page asks for features of the course to be entered by the course creator, adding lectures and assignments and their features. A course is not added to the database until all necessary information about a course is determined, course creator is satisfied with the lectures and assignments he/she added, and course creator presses the Publish Course button lastly.

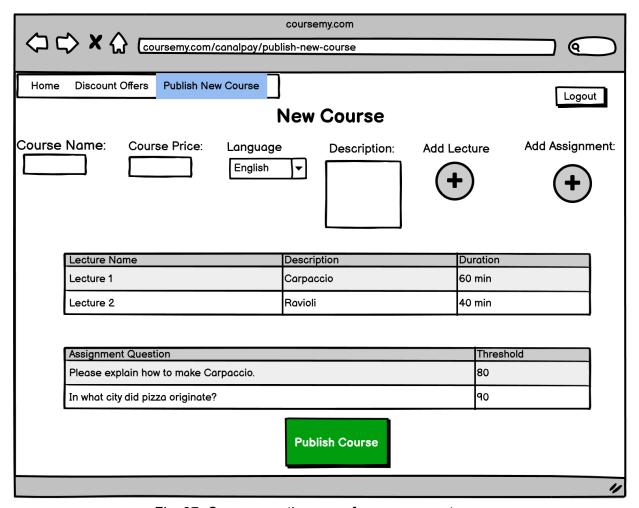


Fig. 27: Course creation page for course creator use

After clicking on the Publish button, the following queries are executed:

#### SQL statement for adding a new course by a course creator:

The above query adds a new course by the course instructor whose id (@course\_creator\_id) is stored in the website to the database upon login. Course's id is automatically generated by the database. If the course\_creator does not specify features that cannot be null, the page gives a warning about spaces that cannot be left blank, and creation is unsuccessful in this case.

#### B. Create a Lecture For A Course Page

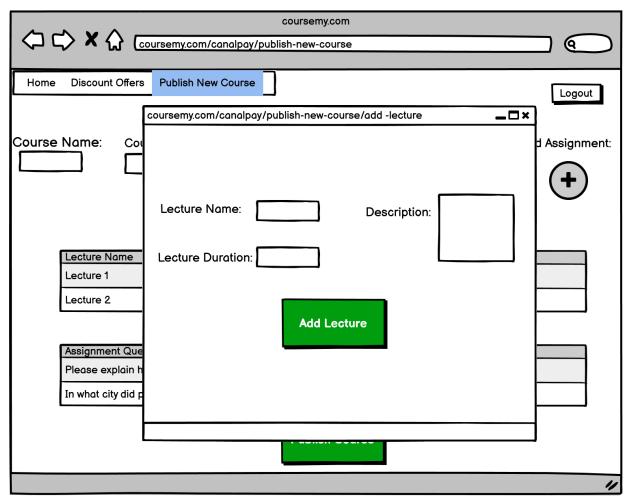


Fig. 28: Lecture creation window by clicking on Add Lecture button for course creator

The course creator can choose to add a new lecture to a course in the creation process. The page asks for features for the new lecture to be added. After specifying the lectures, the course creator can publish the course with these lectures.

First, after SQL statement for course creation is executed, the newly generated course's id is taken for lecture addition to the database purpose like the following:

```
SET @course_id = SCOPE_IDENTITY()
```

#### SQL statement for adding a new lecture to course:

```
INSERT INTO lecture(course_id, lecture_name, duration, description)

VALUES (@course_id, @lecture_name, @duration, @description)
```

Also, the course creator has to specify assignments and their features like he/she does with lecture features and addition. The course creator clicks on the Add Assignment button to add an assignment to the course in the creation process. After the Publish button is clicked and the course is inserted to the database with a unique id, similarly to lectures, assignments are also added to the database.

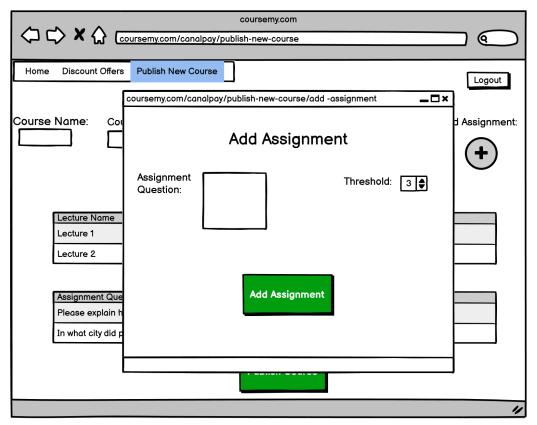


Fig. 29: Assignment creation page for course creator

#### SQL statement for adding a new assignment to the course:

INSERT INTO assignment( assignment\_question, threshold, course\_id)
VALUES (@question, @threshold, @course\_id)

In the above query, questions and thresholds are read from text fields as input. Course id is stored in software as above.

#### C. Make an Announcement for a Course Page

First, the course creator has to select a course to make an announcement on. The course creator can view all his/her offered courses from My Courses page that can be viewed by a course creator user like in *Fig.7*.

#### SQL statement to show all offered courses of a course creator:

**SELECT** C.course\_id, C.course\_name, C.average\_rating, total\_student,

D.percentage, (CASE WHEN CURRENT\_DATE >= D.start\_date AND

**CURRENT\_DATE** < D.end\_date **AND** D.is\_allowed **THEN** C.course\_price \* (( 100 - D.percentage ) / 100)

ELSE c.course price END) as price

FROM course C LEFT OUTER JOIN discount D ON

C.course id = D.discounted course id,

(SELECT course id, COUNT(student id) AS total student

**FROM** enrolls

WHERE course\_id IN (SELECT course\_id

**FROM** course

**WHERE** course creator id = @course creator id)

**GROUP BY** course id) course student

**WHERE** course\_student.course\_id = C.course\_id

For the above statement, @course\_creator\_id is the current course creator's id that is stored on the session and using this web application.

Then, the course\_creator can choose one of his/her offered courses from this list to go to that course's page. Let @course\_id be the fetched course id upon choosing one of the courses and its value is carried over to the my courses page.

#### SQL statement to retrieve the selected course's name from the list:

**SELECT** C.course\_name

**FROM** course C

**WHERE** C.course id = @course id

#### SQL statement to retrieve the lectures of the selected course:

**SELECT** L.lecture name, L.description, L.duration

FROM lecture L

WHERE L.course\_id = @course\_id

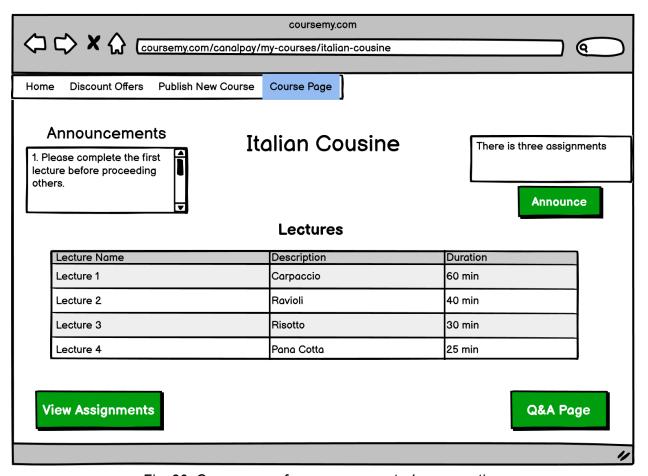


Fig. 30: Course page from course creator's perspective

A course creator can make an announcement by choosing one of his/her courses and going to the course's page. To create an announcement, the course creator must fill the announcement text field and then press the Announce button. List of announcements can be browsed from the Announcements feed on the page. If the Announce button is pushed with empty text input, then an error message is generated and making an announcement is unsuccessful.

#### SQL statement for creating a new announcement for a course:

INSERT INTO announcement(text, date, course\_id)
VALUES (@text, CURRENT\_DATE, @course\_id)

For the above statement, @course\_id is carried to the course page as stated previously and is the displayed course's course id on this page.

#### SQL statement for displaying all announcements for a course in creation order:

SELECT text

**FROM** announcement

WHERE course\_id = @course\_id
ORDER BY announcement\_id DESC

The above statement finds all announcements of a course, orders them by creation order, and these queried announcement texts will be stored in an array to display them with indices on this page as can be seen from the figure.

#### **Creation of Announcement Notifications:**

We know the announcement is added to the @course\_id. When a new announcement is added to the entity, we know which students to send the notification, the ones that are taking the course. Thus, to find this student list we need the following SQL.

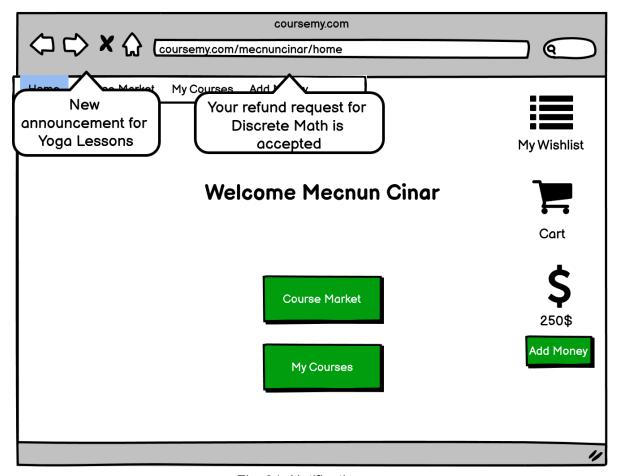


Fig. 31: Notification screen

#### SQL statement to find students taking a particular course:

SELECT student\_id FROM enrolls

**WHERE** course\_id = @course\_id

After that when we have the student id's, we can simply use the php library pushpad\Notification to notify the relevant students.

#### D. Course Q&A Page

#### Select a course and/or lecture to ask a question about (by a standard user)

When a student selects a course and clicks to 'ask question', we will have @student\_id ( which is the current user) and @course\_id (which is retrieved from php when the student selected the course). Thus, we only need the question text. When the student enters the question text the php will store it as @question\_text.

In php, we can retrieve the id of the question via MYSQLi->inserted\_id. In the following question id is referred as @question id.

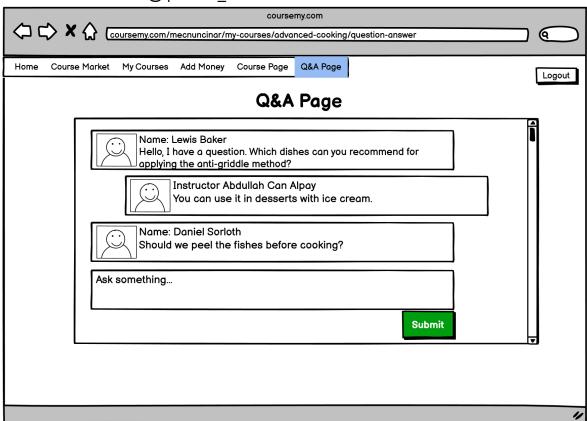


Fig. 32: Q&A page of a course from students' perspective

#### SQL statements to ask a question:

**INSERT INTO** question **VALUES** (**CURRENT\_DATE**, @question\_text)

Then, we need to specify which student asks this question for which course.

**INSERT INTO** asks **VALUES**(@question id, @student id, @course id)

With that we will store the questions.

#### Course creator lists its courses and selects one:

In the first query, all the courses created by the current course creator ( @course\_creator\_id will store the user's id, which is the course creator). In the second query, the course creator selects a course and all the information is displayed for the course creator. @course id refers to the selected course.

## SQL statements to display created courses and retrieve the selected course information:

**SELECT** C.course\_id, C.course\_name, C.course\_rating, C.create\_date,

C.category

**FROM** courses C

**WHERE** C.course creator id = @course creator id

SELECT \*

FROM course C

**WHERE** C.course id = @course id

#### List questions about that course

We still have the @course id in php.

#### SQL statement to display questions of specific course:

**SELECT** Q.question\_id, Q.question\_text

FROM asks A, question Q

WHERE A.courses\_id = @course\_id AND A.question\_id = Q.question\_id

AND A.question\_id NOT IN (SELECT Ans.question\_id

**FROM** answers Ans)

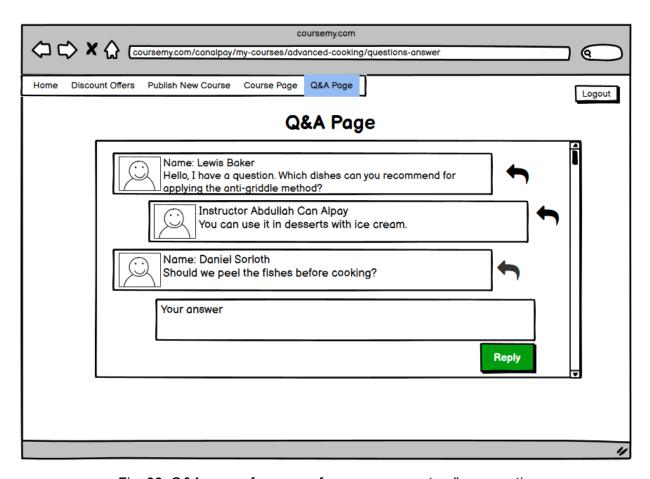


Fig. 33: Q&A page of a course from course creators" perspective

Now, we display the questions and we have their id's.

#### Select one question and answer it

When course\_creator selects one of the questions, we can access it since we know the question's id from the php. @question id refers to the selected question.

When the answer text is filled, we can insert into the answers entity and we can access the answer text from php which is referred as @answer text.

#### SQL statement to answer a question:

**INSERT INTO** answers **VALUES** (@question\_id, @answer\_text)

## III. Site management (by an Admin)

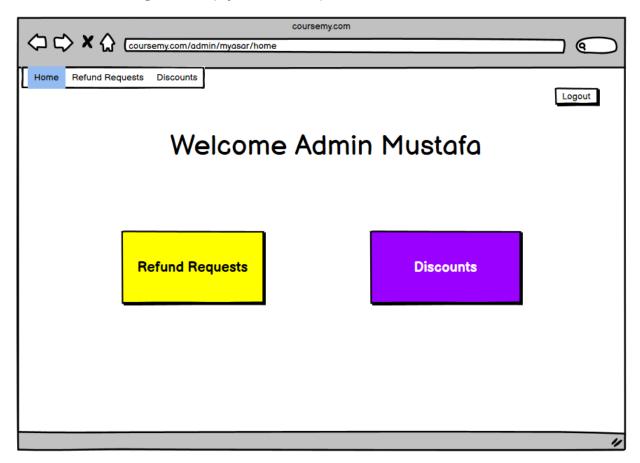


Fig. 34: Home page of site admin

As an admin, s/he is responsible for maintenance, addressing refund requests and offering discounts. When a student sends a refund request, the admin's refund page will be updated and new requests will be added.

#### A. Request refund on a course (by a standard user)

Students can make refund requests from their course list by selecting the course and clicking the 'Request Refund' button. Then in the opened page, students will write the refund reason.

#### List all bought courses

From the below SQL, the courses bought by the student will be displayed. @student\_id comes from the php, it refers to the current user's id.

#### SQL statement for displaying the courses:

**SELECT** C.course\_id, C.course\_name, C.language, C.average\_rating, C.category,

 $C.course\_description, E.purchase\_date$ 

**FROM** course C, enrolls E,

WHERE C.course\_id = E.course\_id AND E.student\_id=@student\_id

#### Select the course to return

When we display the enrolled courses for the student, we also get the course\_id's of these courses and stored in the php. When the student clicks the course, from php we will know which course is selected and stored in @course\_id.

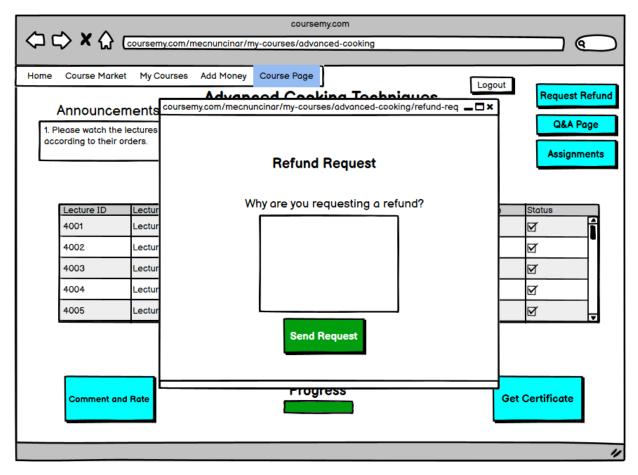


Fig. 35: Refund screen for student

#### Specify the reason for the request and send

When the student writes the reason for the refund, we will create a new refund with the @refund\_reason and refund\_id. Refund\_ids are auto incremented attributes, thus, we do not need to specify while inserting into the refund entity. Thus, we can simply add the refunds in the refund entity.

After inserting refund requests into the refund entity, we need to specify the course\_id and the student\_id. We also need to add this tuple into the refund\_requests entity. So that, when the admin responds to the refund request, we can update the student's course.

As it mentioned before we do not store the refund\_id yet. We know that this refund is the lastly added refund, thus, with the MySQLi->inserted\_id will return the id of lastly added refund. We will refer to it as @refund id.

#### SQL statements after student requests a refund:

**INSERT INTO** refund(reason) **VALUES**(@refund\_reason)

And we also insert the refund request in the refund\_requests table.

**INSERT INTO** refund requests **VALUES**(@refund id, @student id, @course id)

#### B. Check request and approve/reject (by an admin)

Firstly, we will display the refund requests. We do not need to show previously assessed requests for admin. When the admin selects a refund request and sends a response, we need to inform the relevant student.

#### List available refund requests

We will display not previously assessed refunds.

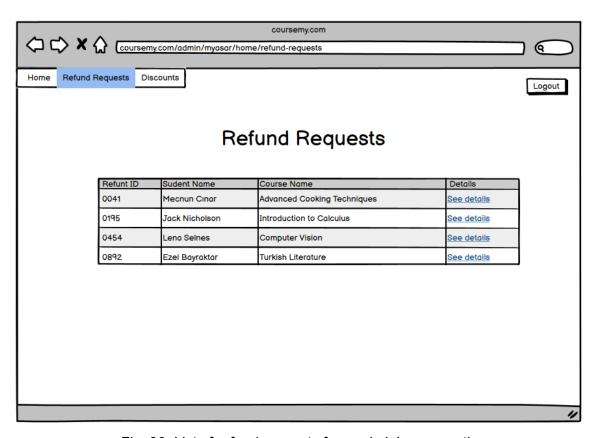


Fig. 36: List of refund requests from admin's perspective

#### SQL statement for displaying refunds:

**SELECT** R.refund\_id, R.reason, RR.course\_id, RR.student\_id

**FROM** refund R, refund requests RR

**WHERE** R.is\_assessed = 0 **AND** RR.refund\_id = R.refund\_id

#### Select a refund request and make a decision

Previously, when we displayed the refund requests, we also retrieved the refund\_ids. When the admin selects a request, PHP will store refund\_id in @refund\_id. After the admin assesses the request, is\_assessed will be TRUE and the outcome will be stored in is\_approved.

@selection comes from the php. Admin will select the 'Approve' or 'Deny' option according to reason and purchase date. If the admin selects the 'Approve' option, @selection will be TRUE vice versa otherwise.

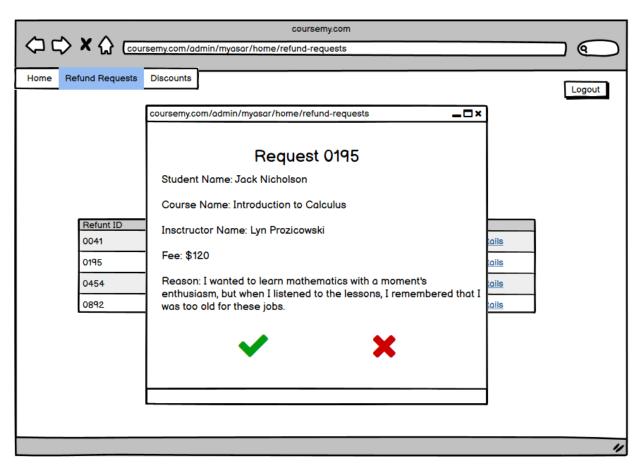


Fig. 37: Details of a refund request

#### SQL statement for assessing refunds:

**UPDATE** refund

**SET** is\_assessed = TRUE, is\_approved = @selection

WHERE refund\_id IN @refund\_id

#### User must be notified of outcome of request

When the is\_assessed attribute becomes true, we will know that the refund is assessed. From that we will have following conditions:

If is assessed is false => Refund is not addressed yet.

If is\_assessed is true and is\_approved is false => Refund is assessed and rejected.

If is\_assessed is true and is\_approved is true => Refund is assessed and accepted.

When the refund is accepted (is\_assessed and is\_approved returns true), the course will be deleted from the student's enrollments and the price will be added to the student's wallet.

We get the refund\_id, student\_id, course\_id and is\_approved from the first SQL and stored in php as @refund\_id, @student\_id, @course\_id, @result, respectively. When the admin responds to the refund, the refund entity will be updated and then we get the above attributes for only one refund. We delete the assessed refund and when the admin addresses one more refund, we also retrieve that information too.

We get the assessed refunds, both accepted and rejected.

@student\_id, @course\_id, @result are an array; where i hold the i-th assessed refund information.

#### SQL statements for addressing refunds:

**SELECT** R.refund id, RR.student id, RR.course id, R.is approved

**FROM** refund R, refund\_requests = RR

**WHERE** R.refund\_id = RR.refund\_id **AND** R.is\_assessed = TRUE

When we retrieve the necessary information, we can simply notify the relevant student via php Library pushpad\Notification. Notification UI can be seen in figure 31.

When we notify the student we do not need to hold the refund request in the dataset. So we simply delete it from the set.

**DELETE FROM** refund requests

WHERE refund\_id IN @refund\_id

If the @result is TRUE we delete the course from the student's enrollments and add the price to the wallet.

@price =

**SELECT** E.purchased price

**FROM** enrolls E

WHERE E.course\_id = @course\_id AND E.student\_id = @student\_id

**UPDATE** student

**SET** wallet = @price + wallet **WHERE** student\_id = @student\_id

**DELETE FROM** enrolls

**WHERE** student\_id = @student\_id **AND** course\_id = @course\_id

#### C. Offer discount for a course

The admin can offer discounts for courses. The discounts will be evaluated by the course creator and according to the course creator's response, the discount will become effective or not. The discounts will remain effective until the end date of the discount. Additionally, while one discount is effective it can be cancelled by the admin before the end date.

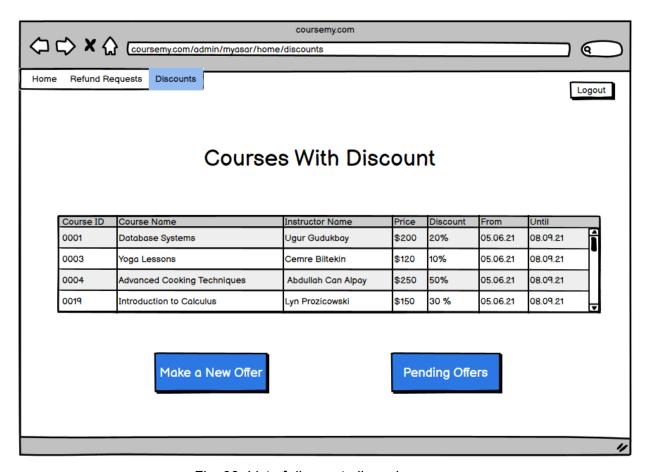


Fig. 38: List of discount allowed courses.

#### List all discount allowed courses

When one discount is effective for a course, the course cannot take any additional discount. Thus, these courses will not be displayed at the offer discount list.

#### SQL statement for displaying discount allowed courses:

**SELECT** C.course\_id, C.course\_name

FROM course C

WHERE C.course id NOT IN (SELECT D.discounted course id,

**FROM** discount D

WHERE D.is allowed = 1 AND

D.end date > CURRENT DATE)

#### Select a course and apply desired discount

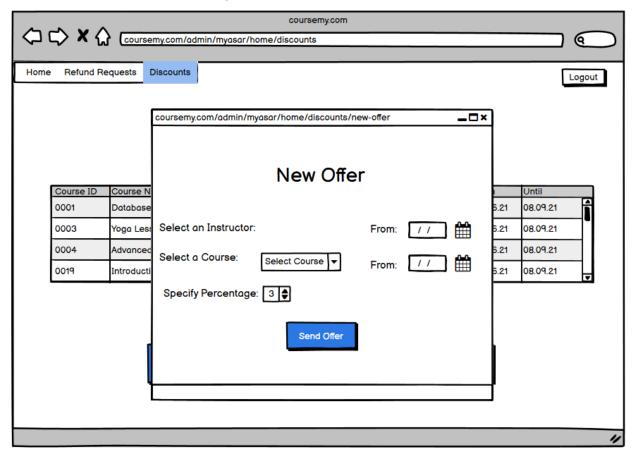


Fig. 39: Discount offer sending screen

To apply the desired discount, the admin needs to make an offer for a course and the course creator should accept this offer. After that, we can apply the desired discount for the course.

Firstly, the admin needs to make a discount offer for the selected course. We stored all the displayed courses' id in php, and when the admin selects a course, we will have the course's id as @course\_id. After finding the course\_id we need to find the creator's id to make computazion easy when the course creator addresses discounts.

We know the @course\_id, thus a simple search does the trick:

#### SQL statement for find the course creator's id:

SELECT C.course\_creator\_id

**FROM** course C

**WHERE** C.course id = @course id

After that SQL statement, course\_creator\_id will be stored in @course\_creator\_id With that, we will have all the necessary information for inserting discounts.

#### SQL statement for inserting discounts in the discount entity:

**INSERT INTO** discount(start\_date, end\_date, percentage,

discounted course id, allower course creator id)

**VALUES** (CURRENT\_DATE, @end\_date, @percentage, @course\_id,

@course creator id)

When a discount offer will be made from the admin, course creator will be able to see them.

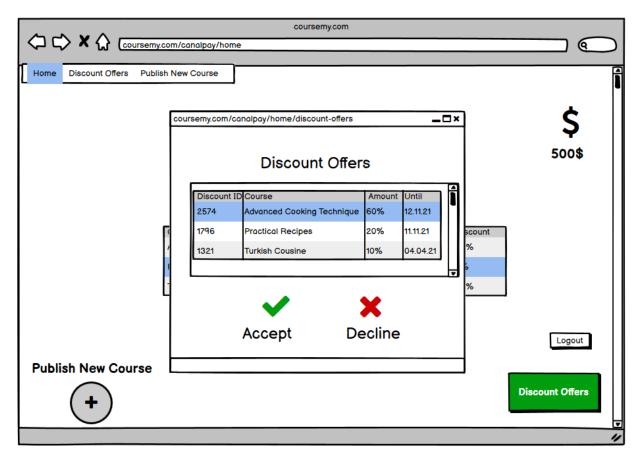


Fig. 40: Screen for seeing discount offers, from course creators' view

#### SQL statement for course creator to display newly offered discounts:

**SELECT** D.discount\_id, C.course\_id, C.course\_name, C.course\_description,

C.course\_price, D.percentage

**FROM** discount D, course C WHERE D.is allowed = 0

When a discount offer is selected by the course creator we will get the discount id from the php as @discount\_id. In the opened page we will display the course\_name, course\_description, discount percentage and course price which are already stored in the php. In the opened window we will ask the course creator's approval. When the course creator makes a decision, either one of the following SQL statements will be executed:

#### SQL statement when course creator approves the discount offer:

**UPDATE** discount

**SET** is allowed = TRUE

**WHERE** discount\_id = @discount\_id

#### SQL statement when course creator rejects the discount offer:

**DELETE FROM** discount

WHERE discount\_id = @discount\_id

#### Cancel an already applied discount

First admin can see the list of offers and discounts of the courses. To show the list of the discounts, we can simply retrieve the offers from the discount entity. Discount entity will automatically delete the offers which are expired (end\_date < current\_date). Thus, the discount entity only stores the current offers and discounts.

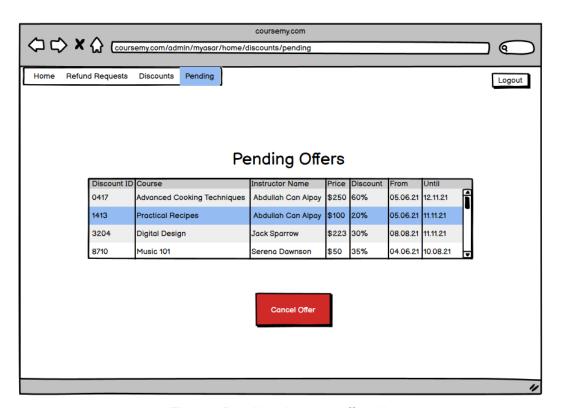


Fig. 41: Pending discount offers list

#### SQL statement for displaying all the offers and the discounts:

**SELECT** D.discont id, D.discounted course id, D.start date, D.end date,

D.percentage, C.course\_name

**FROM** discount D, course C

WHERE C.course id = D.discounted course id

When admin selects a discount from the discount list to delete, discount will be deleted from the discount entity. We will get the discount id from the php as @discount\_id.

#### SQL statement for deleting the selected discount or discount offer for the course:

**DELETE FROM** discount

**WHERE** discount\_id = @discount\_id

## Implementation Plan

MySQL will be used for the database management system.

- PHP will be used to develop the back-end (software) of the web application.
- Javascript, CSS, HTML5 will be used to develop the front-end (user interface) of the web application.

## Website

https://oguzkaanimamoglu.github.io/Online-Course-Platform/