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RECOMMENDATION LETTER GENERATOR

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Introduction

The Recommendation Letter Generator system is designed to integrate the overall process of requesting and creating recommendation letters for students. After the completion of their final year, there is a significant number of students applying to foreign Universities for higher education, and professors are faced with a massive influx of recommendation letter requests. This causes significant delay in accommodating the student requests, so our recommendation letter generator system tries to solve this problem by creating a common portal for both students and professors, whereby students can request a professor by providing the appropriate credentials and resume. Then for professors, our portal provides an organized list of all pending student requests, and then the professors can easily create recommendation letters for the students.

Technologies Used

We have employed the following technologies to power our Recommendation Letter Generation System
1. Django to handle the backed system
2. HTML/CSS crate UI and frontend
3. Relational Database SQLite

System Architecture

Our system can be mainly categorized into the following components
1. Backend System
   This is the system powered by Django, a powerful framework for the Python programming language. It implements an MVT (Model-View-Template) architecture and is responsible for activities such as database management, user authentication, session management, and other processing logic.
2. Frontend System
   This is the system that is rendered to the end user and provides an easy-to-understand way of interacting with our system. It is rendered as a webpage in a browser and employs web technologies such as HTML and CSS.

In our system, there are mainly three types of roles that a user will have
1. **Admin**
   Administrators are those who are responsible for the maintenance of the system, they have privileges of managing the other user's accounts and handling their data. They are capable of adding teachers and modifying the student's information
2. **Teacher**
   Teachers are the ones who provide the recommendation letters in response to requests from students. Our portal provides the teachers with an organized list of all student requests along with accompanying pieces of information such as their CV, extra-curricular-activities, scholastic achievements, and any other such relevant information, the teachers can then choose from a list of options in our intuitive form and create custom recommendation letters for students.
3. **Student**
   Students are the ones making requests to teachers for recommendation letters, upon registering into our portal and creating an account, the students provide all the relevant information such as their faculty, department, professors they have studied from, and the names of projects or any other extra activities they have been involved with during their time in college. Then, they can request one of the teachers for a recommendation letter.

A walkthrough of the Recommendation Letter Generator System:

1. **Landing Page**

    This is the first page that users are greeted with when they go to our portal
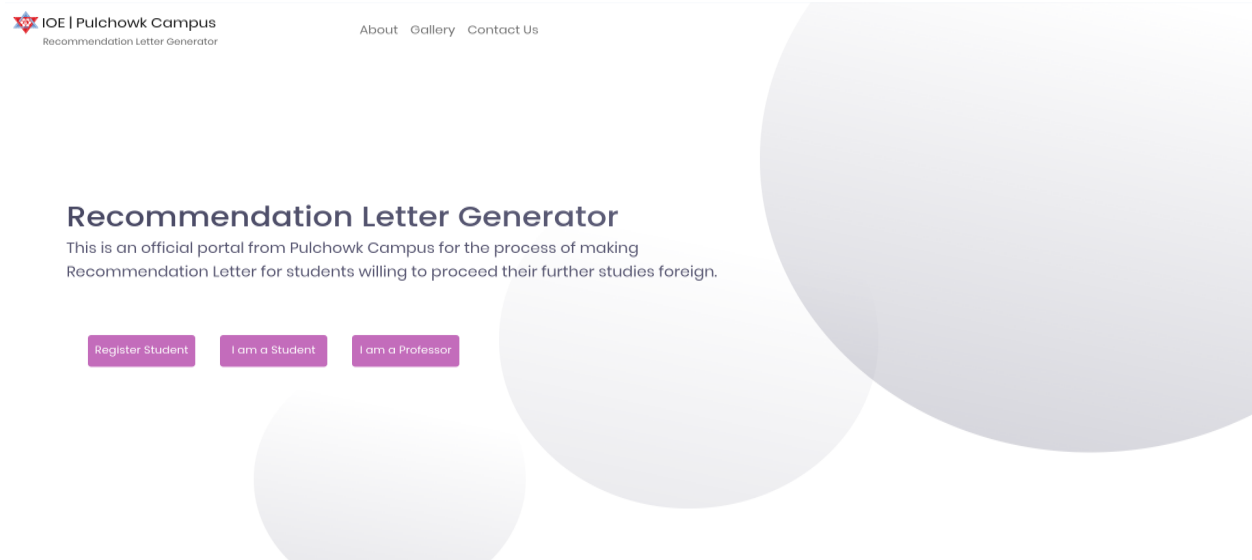
2. **Admin Panel**

    The admin panel is given access to only a few individuals. It is done manually by assigning Django superuser to the user to be given admin access. The admin can then assign other users as admin from this interface too. Students and professors can be registered from here.
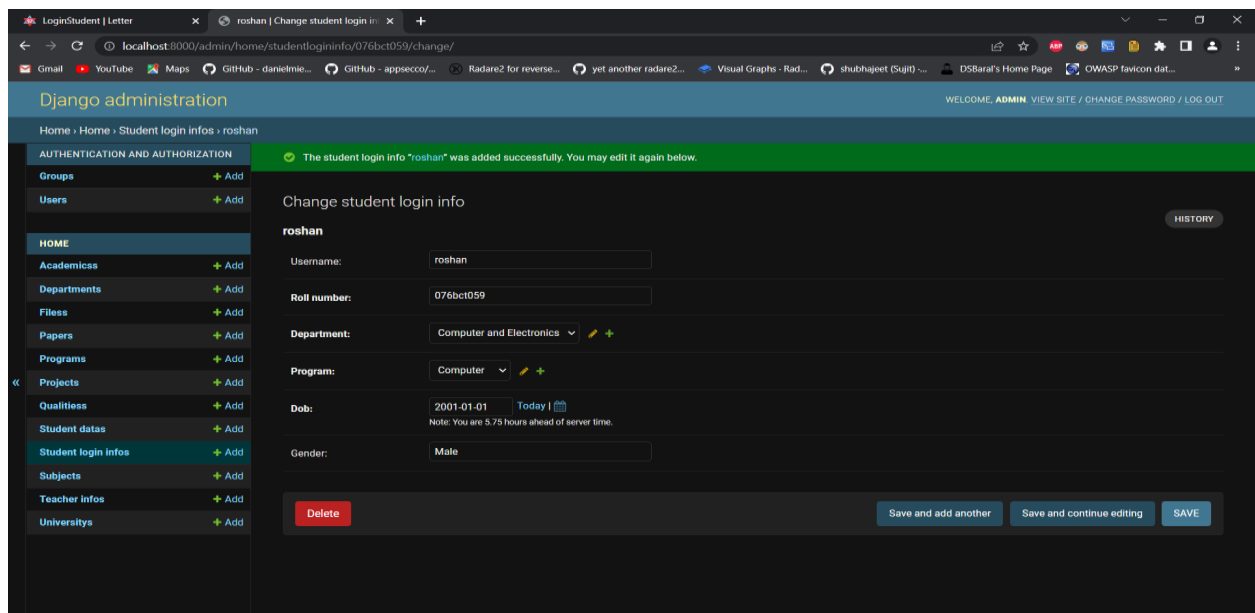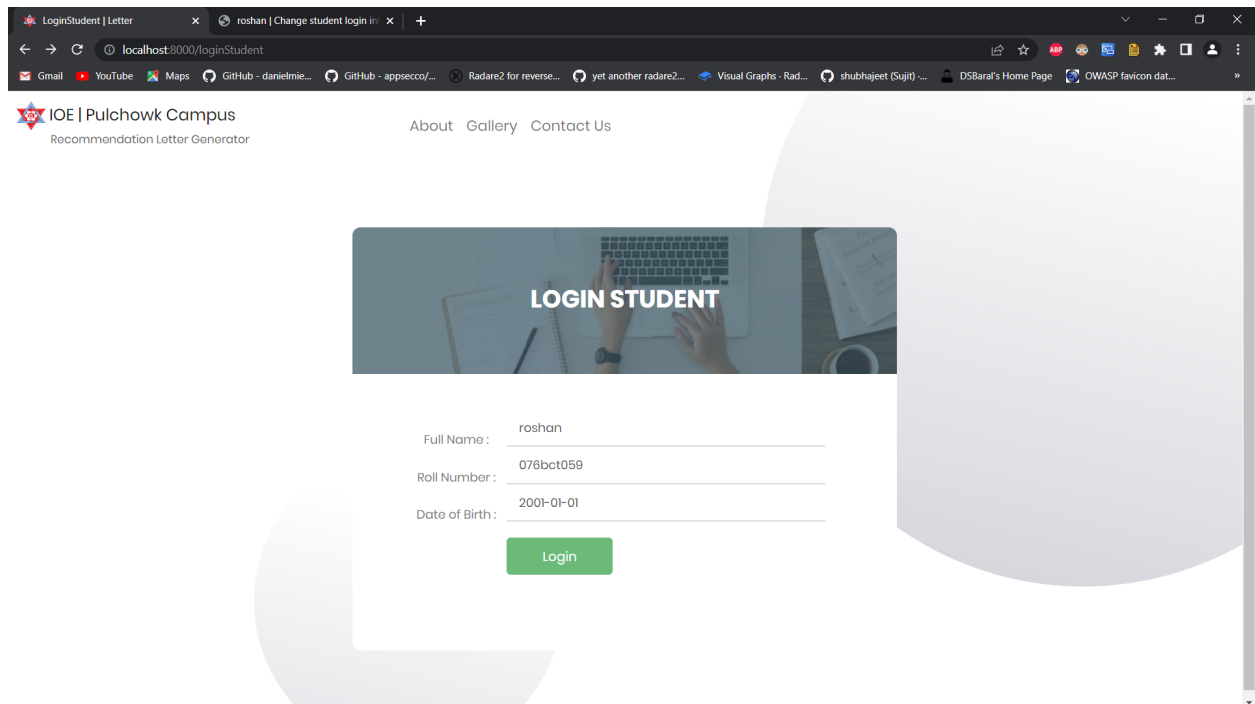

Figure 1: Admin Panel

The above picture shows the student login info tab where a student can be registered from the admin interface.

3. Student Login

The figure below shows the student login interface. A student already registered can log in using this interface. He/She has to just type in his/her name, roll no. and date-of-birth and that's all, he is through.

Figure 2: Student Login

After the student logs in, he/she is presented with the following interface. He/she should fill in their details.

Figure 3: Student Login 2

The student is asked to fill in additional information.

Figure 4: Student Login 3

The information is sent to the requested teacher.
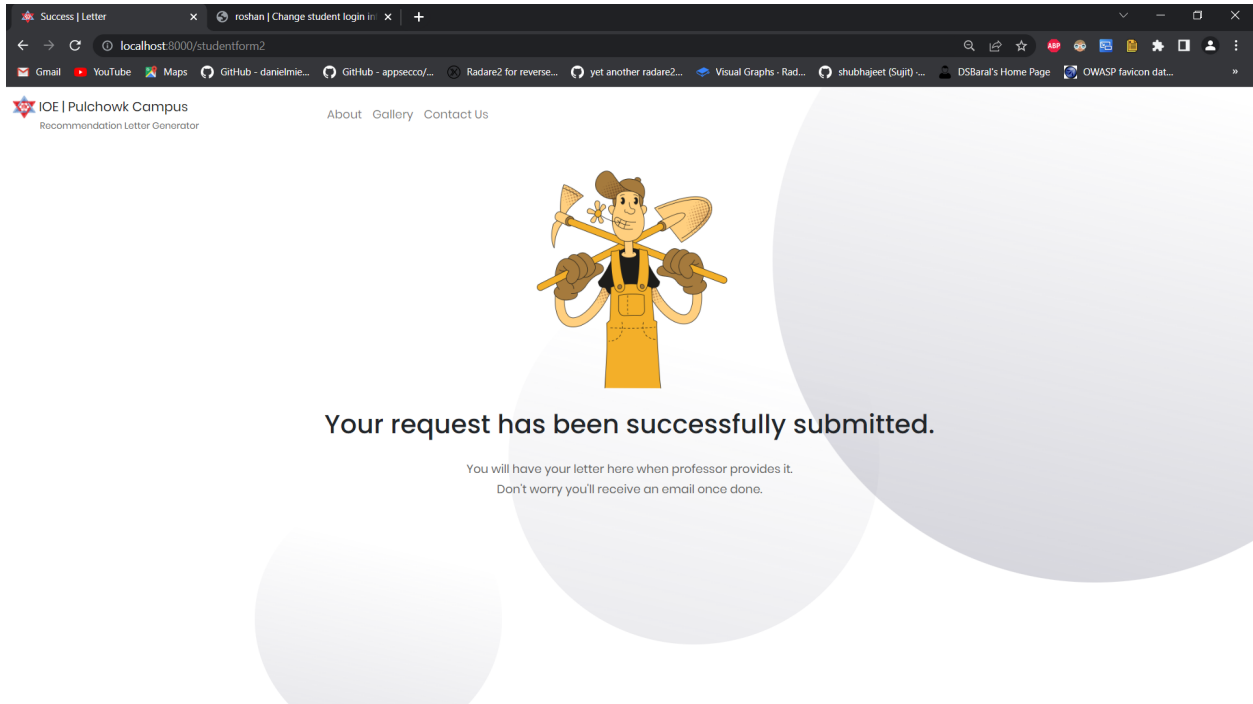
Figure 5: Student Login 4

4. Professor Login

The figure below shows the professor login interface. A professor already registered can log in using this interface. He/She has to just type in his/her name and password and that's all, he is through.
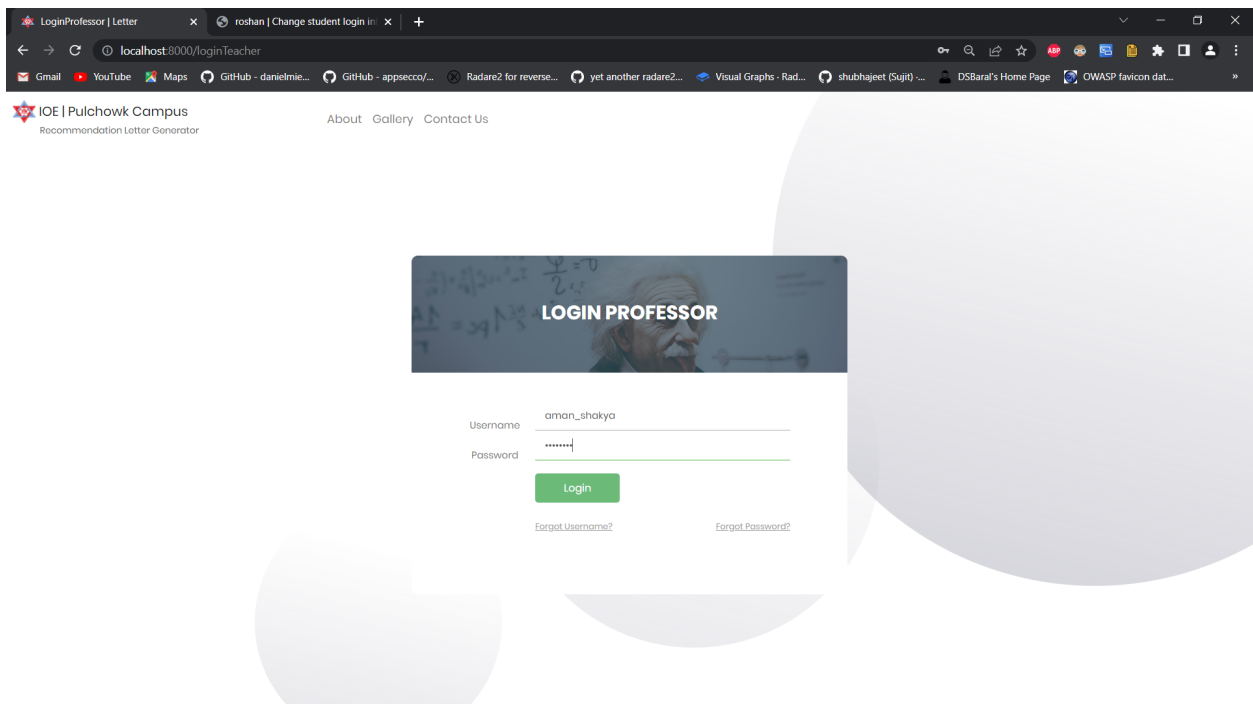
Figure 6: Professor Login

After the professor logs in, he/she is asked to create a recommendation letter for students' requests.
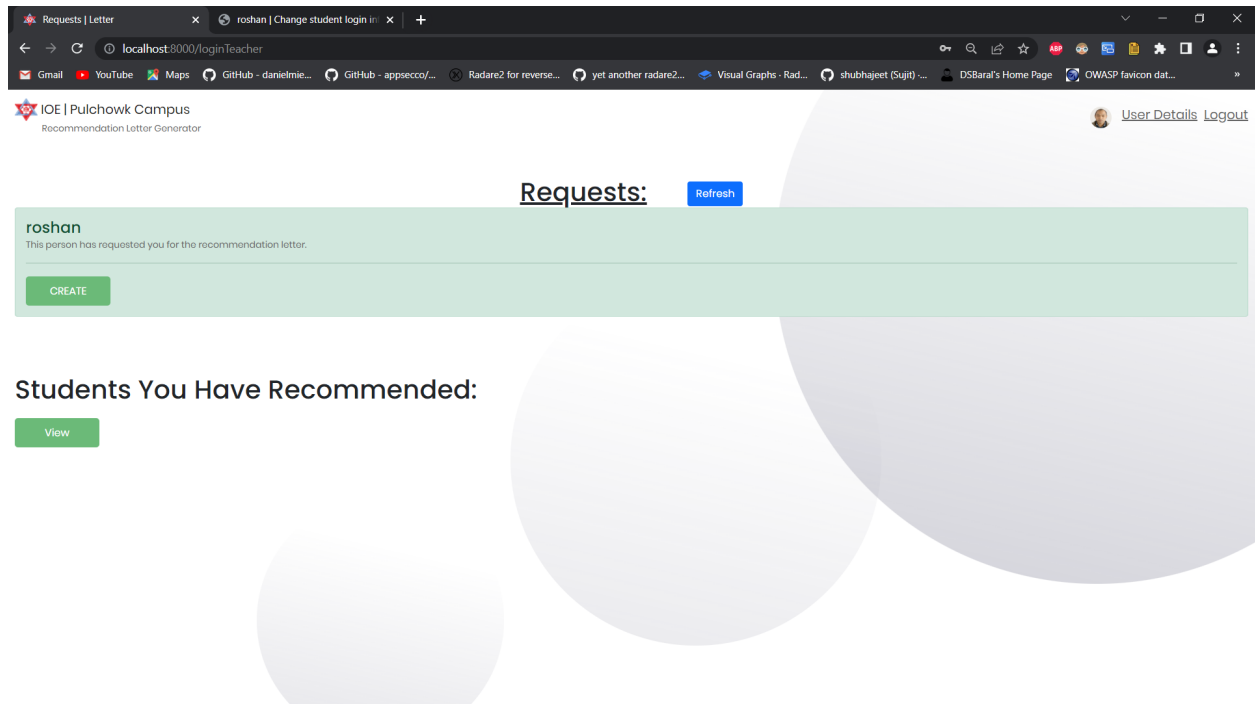
Figure 7: Professor Login 2

If the professor chooses to generate the recommendation letter, he/she is presented with the following interface.
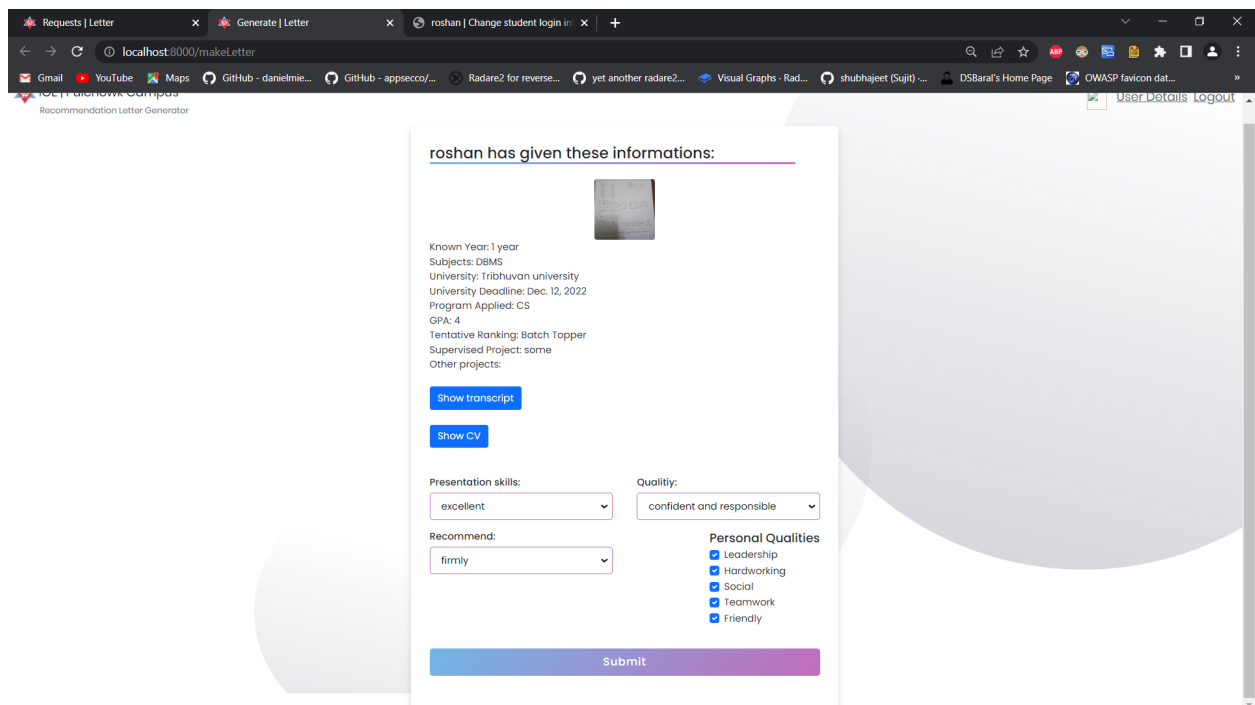
Figure 8: Professor Login 3

The following letter is presented to the professor after submitting the previous form. The professor can make amends in the letter if he/she wishes to.

Figure 9: Professor Login 4

Figure 10: Professor Login 5

A mail is sent to the student to notify them that the letter has been generated for him/her. The student then can check the letter in the student portal.
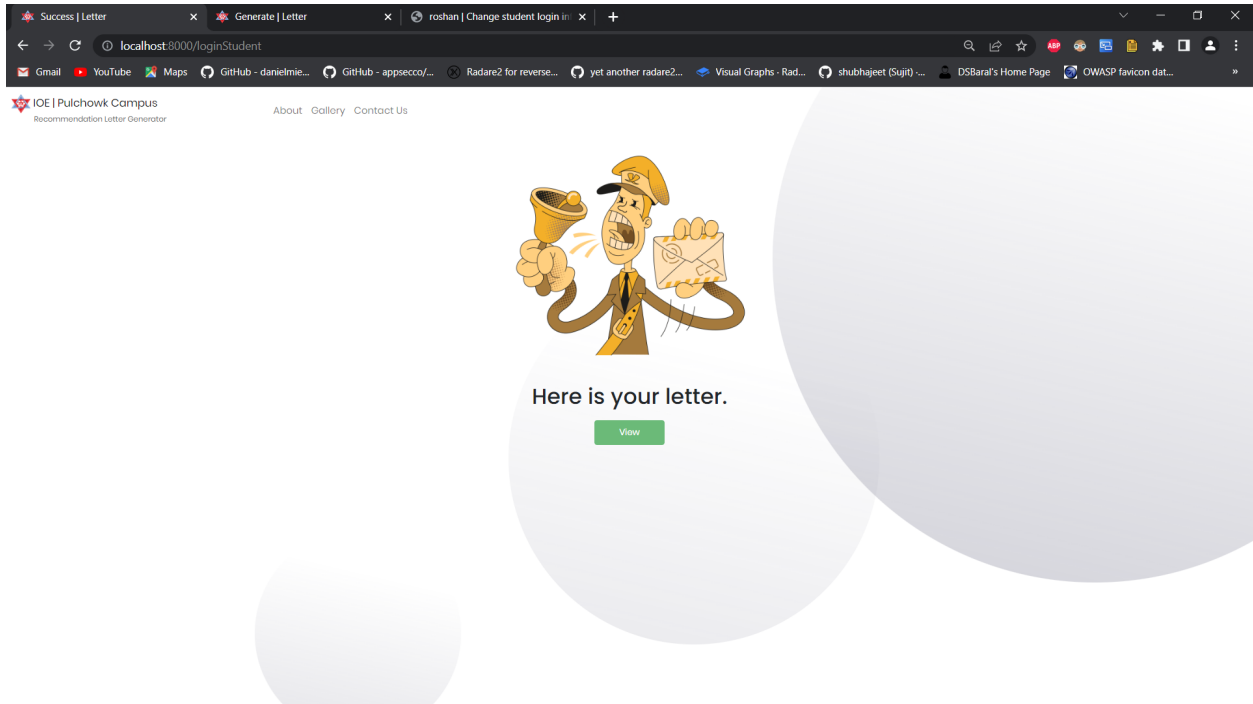
Figure 11: Professor Login 6

5. Generated Letter

The figure below shows the generated letter.

Figure 12: Generated Letter