## INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 PURPOSE

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The Virtual Classroom project aims to develop a robust Database Management System (DBMS) for an educational platform, akin to Google Classroom. This system endeavors to streamline course management, facilitate efficient communication between educators and students, simplify assignment submission and grading processes, and provide comprehensive progress tracking functionalities.

#### **Problem Statement**

In today's digital era, traditional educational methods are being supplemented, if not replaced, by online platforms. However, many existing educational systems lack efficient organization and communication tools, leading to inefficiencies in teaching and learning processes. Educators struggle to manage resources effectively, communicate with students, and track their progress efficiently. Students, on the other hand, may find it challenging to access and organize educational materials, collaborate with peers, and submit assignments seamlessly.

Therefore, there is a need for a comprehensive educational platform that offers a centralized hub for educators to manage their courses, materials, and assignments, while also providing students with easy access to resources, opportunities for collaboration, and transparent tracking of their academic journey.

## **Objectives**

- **Centralized Student Management**: Develop features for educators to maintain student details, including joined records, attendance tracking, and performance metrics.
- Resource Management: Implement functionalities for educators to upload, organize, and manage educational materials such as lecture notes, presentations, and supplementary resources.

- Efficient Communication Channels: Create tools for announcements, messaging, and discussion forums to facilitate seamless communication between educators and students.
- Assignment Submission and Grading: Design mechanisms for students to submit assignments digitally and for educators to grade them efficiently, with options for providing feedback and using grading rubrics.
- Comprehensive Progress Tracking: Develop tools for educators to track student progress, including assignment submissions, grades, attendance records, and overall performance metrics.

## **1.2 SCOPE**

This project represents an ambitious endeavor to create a state-of-the-art web-based educational platform, poised to revolutionize the landscape of online learning. At its core lies PostgreSQL, serving as the backbone for robust backend data management, ensuring the seamless storage and retrieval of critical educational data.

The platform's feature set is comprehensive and forward-thinking. From sophisticated course management tools to facilitate educators in creating, organizing, and disseminating course materials, to intuitive communication channels enabling seamless interaction between educators and students, every aspect is meticulously crafted to enhance the educational experience. Moreover, streamlined assignment submission and grading mechanisms promise to simplify the workflow for educators while providing students with a seamless means of submitting coursework and receiving feedback. Comprehensive progress tracking capabilities round out the platform, allowing educators to monitor student performance and tailor their teaching strategies accordingly.

On the frontend, React powers dynamic user interactions, enabling a fluid and responsive user experience, while Tailwind CSS ensures a sleek and modern design aesthetic that adapts seamlessly across devices.

In essence, this project aims to transcend the traditional boundaries of online education, delivering a platform that is not only functional and efficient but also intuitive and engaging. It represents a bold step forward in the realm of digital learning, promising to empower educators and inspire students on their educational journey.

# REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION

# 2.1 FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### 1. User Authentication and Authorization

- Users (both educators and students) should be able to register, login, and logout securely.
- Authentication mechanisms should ensure that only authorized users can access specific functionalities based on their roles (e.g., educator or student).

## 2. Student Management

- Educators should be able to add, remove, and modify student details, including enrollment records, personal information, and performance metrics.
- Students should have access to view their own profile information and update it as necessary.

## 3. Resource Management

- Educators should be able to upload, organize, and manage educational resources such as lecture notes, presentations, readings, and multimedia materials.
- Resources should be categorizable by course, topic, and type for easy navigation and access.

## 4. Communication Channels

- The system should provide features for educators to make announcements to students regarding course updates, deadlines, and other relevant information.
- Messaging functionality should allow direct communication between educators and students, facilitating queries, discussions, and feedback.

# 5. Course Management

- Educators should have the capability to create, manage, and delete courses, including setting up course schedules, enrollment limits, and prerequisites.
- Course materials and resources should be easily accessible within the course interface, allowing students to navigate through lectures, assignments, and supplementary materials seamlessly.

#### 6. User Notifications

- The system should notify users (both educators and students) of relevant updates, such as new announcements, upcoming deadlines, or changes to course materials.
- Notifications should be delivered via email or within the platform's notification center, ensuring timely communication with users.

## 7. Accessibility and Usability

- The platform should adhere to accessibility standards to ensure inclusivity for users with disabilities.
- User interfaces should be intuitive and user-friendly, with clear navigation menus, consistent layouts, and responsive design for compatibility across devices.

# 8. Security Measures

- The system should implement robust security measures to protect user data, including encryption of sensitive information, secure authentication protocols, and role-based access controls.
- Regular security audits and vulnerability assessments should be conducted to identify and address potential security risks.

# 2.2 HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

The hardware requirements of our project are:

#### 1.1 Server Hardware

- Processor: Intel Core i3 processor or equivalent (or higher).
- RAM: Minimum 1GB RAM (4GB or more recommended) for optimal performance, especially with concurrent user connections and database operations.
- Storage: At least 20GB of storage space for system files, temporary storage, and backups.

#### 1.2 Networking Infrastructure

• Network Interface: Ethernet port for connecting the server to the local network or the internet.

## 1.3 Client Devices

Personal Computers: Desktops or laptops with modern specifications for accessing the
 Virtual Classroom platform via web browsers.

 Mobile Devices: Smartphones or tablets with modern web browsing capabilities for accessing the platform's mobile-responsive interface through web browsers or dedicated mobile applications.

The software requirements of our project are:

Operating System : Windows

Back End : Node.js with Express.js framework

Front End : React.js with Tailwind CSS.

Database Connectivity : PostgreSQL

## **Software Requirements**

## 2.1 Operating System

 Server: Any operating system compatible with Node.js and Neon DB, such as Windows, macOS, or Linux distributions.

#### 2.2 Web Server

- Node.js: JavaScript runtime environment for executing server-side code.
- Express.js: Minimalist web application framework for Node.js, providing tools and utilities for building robust and scalable backend APIs and web services.

## 2.3 Database Management System

• Neon DB: Database management system for storing and managing structured data, including student information, course materials, and user credentials.

#### 2.4 Frontend Framework

- React.js: JavaScript library for building dynamic user interfaces, enabling interactive features and seamless navigation within the Virtual Classroom application.
- Tailwind CSS: Utility-first CSS framework for styling frontend components, offering
  pre-built design patterns and responsive layouts for consistent user experience across
  devices.

## 2.5 Development Tools

 Integrated Development Environment (IDE): Software development environment such as Visual Studio Code, debugging, and version control.

- Package Managers: npm (Node Package Manager) for managing project dependencies and installing third-party libraries and modules.
- Version Control: Git for collaborative development, version tracking, and managing code changes across multiple contributors

# 2.3 SOFTWARE TOOLS USED

The whole project is divided into two parts, namely, front end and the back end.

#### **2.3.1 Front End:**

The front end of the project is designed using the following technologies:

- **React.js**: A JavaScript library for building dynamic user interfaces, enabling interactive features and seamless navigation within the Virtual Classroom application.
- JavaScript: A programming language that adds interactivity and dynamic behavior to web pages, enhancing user experience and enabling client-side scripting in the Virtual Classroom project.
- HTML (HyperText Markup Language): The standard markup language for creating web pages and structuring content within the Virtual Classroom application. HTML is utilized alongside React.js to define the structure and layout of components, including elements such as headings, paragraphs, lists, and forms.
- CSS (Cascading Style Sheets): A style sheet language used for describing the presentation of HTML elements within the Virtual Classroom application. CSS is employed in conjunction with Tailwind CSS to apply visual styles, layout designs, and responsive behavior to frontend components.
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React.js serves as the primary framework for building the frontend of the Virtual Classroom project, facilitating the creation of reusable components and managing the state of the application. JavaScript enhances the functionality by adding interactivity and dynamic behavior to web pages, while HTML provides the foundational structure for organizing content. CSS and Tailwind CSS are utilized for styling and layout purposes, ensuring a visually appealing and user-friendly interface.

These technologies collectively contribute to the development of a modern and responsive frontend for the Virtual Classroom application, enabling educators and students to interact with the platform seamlessly.

## **2.3.2 Back End:**

The backend of the project is designed using the following technologies:

- **PostgreSQL**: PostgreSQL is a powerful, open-source relational database management system (RDBMS) known for its reliability, robustness, and extensibility. It offers advanced features such as ACID transactions, multi-version concurrency control (MVCC), and support for complex data types, making it well-suited for handling the data management needs of the Virtual Classroom application.
- Neon DB: Neon DB is a supplementary database technology used in conjunction with PostgreSQL in the backend architecture of the Virtual Classroom project. It provides additional functionalities or capabilities that complement PostgreSQL by enhancing specific aspects of the application's data management.

Neon DB is specifically utilized for [insert purpose here, e.g., caching frequently accessed data, handling real-time updates, etc.]. By integrating Neon DB alongside PostgreSQL, the backend architecture of the Virtual Classroom application benefits from enhanced performance, scalability, and efficiency in managing and processing data.

Together, PostgreSQL and Neon DB form a robust backend infrastructure for the Virtual Classroom application, ensuring reliable data storage, efficient data retrieval, and optimal performance for educators and students accessing the platform.

# **DATABASE DESIGN**

# 3.1 ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM

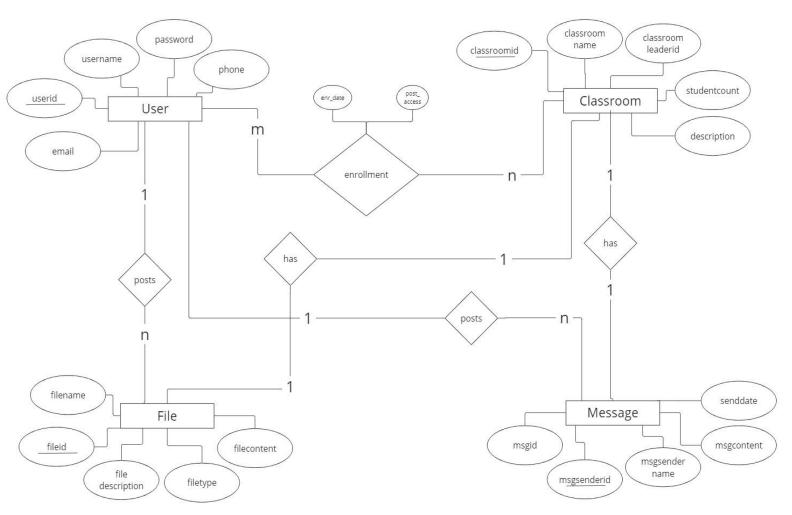


Figure 3.1 E-R Diagram

# 3.2 RELATIONAL SCHEMA

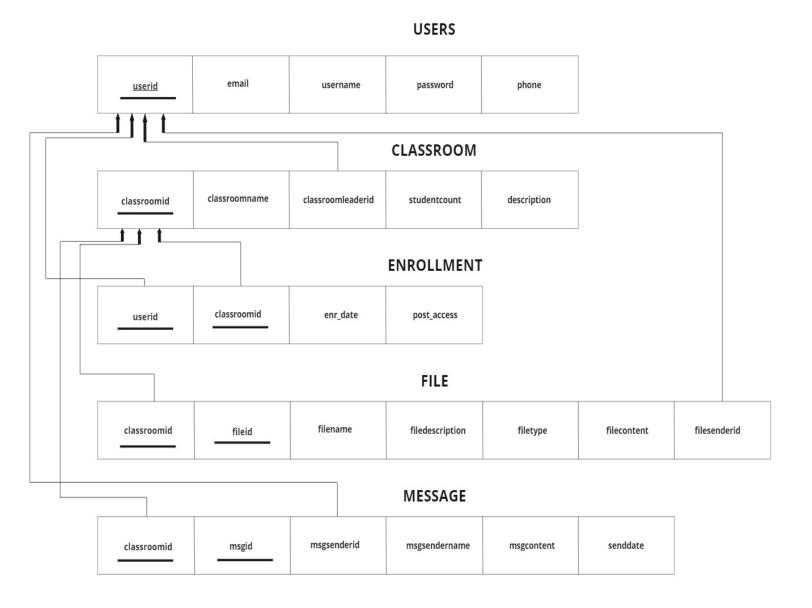


Figure 3.2 Relational Schema

# **SYSTEM DESIGN**

## 4.1 TABLE DESIGN

The project requires many relations to store the data and retrieve it. These relations are defined as tables in PostgreSQL using CREATE TABLE statement. The following are the tables defined in our project.

#### 1.USERS Table:

- This table stores information about users registered in the Virtual Classroom platform.
  - > CREATE TABLE USERS(

```
userId SERIAL primary key ,
email varchar(50) unique,
userName varchar(50),
password varchar(50) default null,
phone varchar(13) default null
);
```

### **2.CLASSROOM Table**:

• This table contains details about the classrooms within the Virtual Classroom platform.

```
CREATE TABLE CLASSROOM(
classroomid SERIAL primary key,
classroomName varchar(50) not null,
classroomLeaderid INT not null,
studentCount INT default 1.
```

foreign key(classroomLeaderid) references USERS(userId) on delete cascade );

#### **3.ENROLLMENT Table:**

This table establishes the relationship between users (students) and classrooms, indicating
which classrooms each student is enrolled in.

```
CREATE TABLE ENROLLMENT(

userId INT,

classroomid INT,

Enr_date DATE not null default now(),

post_access BOOLEAN default true,

primary key(userId,classroomid),

foreign key(userId) references USERS(userId) on delete cascade,

foreign key(classroomid) references CLASSROOM(classroomid) on delete cascade
);
```

#### **4.FILE Table**:

• This table facilitates the correlation among classrooms, users, and files, delineating the association of each user with the transmission of specific files to particular classrooms.

```
CREATE TABLE FILE (
fileId SERIAL unique,
fileName varchar(50),
fileDescription varchar(500),
```

```
fileType varchar(10),
fileContent bytea not null,
uploadDate DATE not null default now()
```

## **5.MESSAGE Table**:

• This table fosters the correlation among classrooms, users, and messages, outlining the connection of each user with the sending of specific messages to particular classrooms.

```
CREATE TABLE MESSAGES (

msgId SERIAL unique,

msgSenderID int,

msgSenderName varchar(50),

msgContent varchar(500),

sendDate DATE not null default now(),

foreign key(msgSenderID) references USERS(userId) on delete cascade
)
```

# **4.2 FORM DESIGN**

Form design plays a crucial role in the usability and effectiveness of any web-based application, including our Virtual Classroom project. Below, we detail the various forms implemented in our project along with screenshots for each:

# **1.User Registration Form:**

- This form allows new users to sign up for an account on the Virtual Classroom platform.
- Fields typically include email, username, password, and optional fields such as phone number.
- Screenshot:

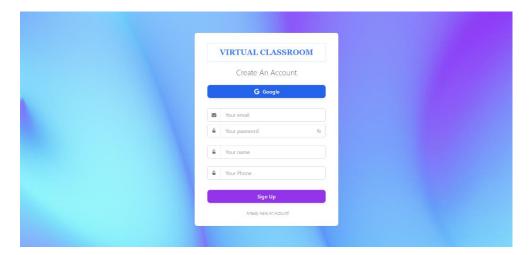
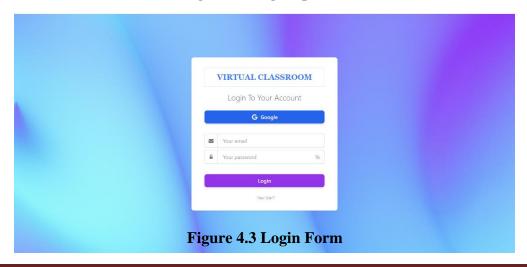


Figure 4.2 Sign Up Form



## **2.**Course Creation Form:

- This form enables educators to create new courses within the Virtual Classroom platform.
- Fields include course name and other relevant details.
- Screenshot:

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM



**Figure 4.4 Create Class Form** 

# **3.**NotesUpload Form:

- Educators use this form to upload new materials for their courses.
- Fields typically include assignment title, description, due date, maximum score, and any additional instructions.
- Screenshot:

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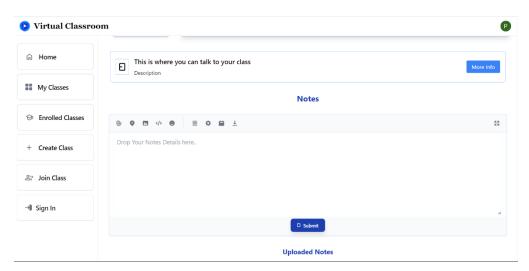
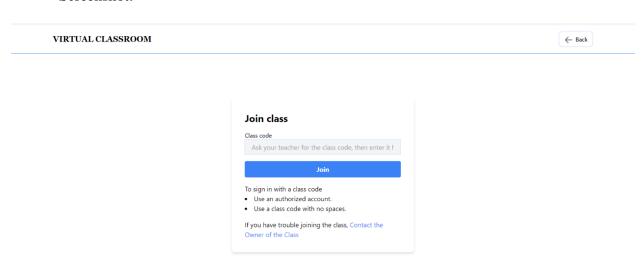


Figure 4.5 Notes Upload Form

## **4.Enrollment Form**:

- Students use this form to enroll in specific courses offered within the Virtual Classroom platform.
- Typically involves selecting the desired course from a list of available options.
- Screenshot:



**Figure 4.6 Join Class Form** 

## **5.Messaging Form:**

- This form allows users to compose and send messages to other users within the platform.
- Fields include recipient, subject, message body, and optional attachments.
- Screenshot:

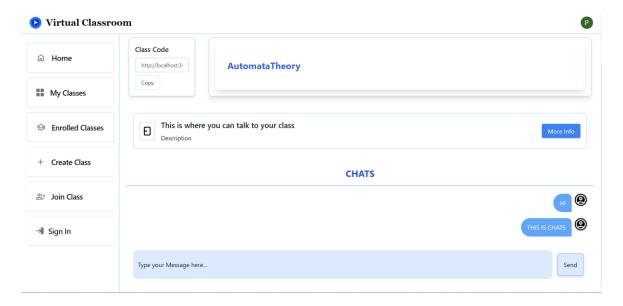


Figure 4.7 Message Field

# **SYSTEM TESTING**

The aim of the system testing process was to determine all defects in our project .The program was subjected to a set of test inputs and various observations were made and based on these observations it will be decided whether the program behaves as expected or not.

Our Project went through two levels of testing:

- 1.Unit testing
- 2. Integration testing

## **5.1 UNIT TESTING**

Unit testing is undertaken when a module has been created and successfully reviewed. In order to test a single module we need to provide a complete environment where-in besides the module we would require

- The procedures belonging to other modules that the module under test calls
- ➤ Non local data structures that module accesses
- > A procedure to call the functions of the module under test with appropriate parameters

Unit testing was done on each and every module that is described under form design description.

#### 1. Test for the Admin Module:

**Objective:** The objective of testing the Admin module is to ensure that administrators can perform their designated tasks effectively and efficiently within the Virtual Classroom platform.

#### **Test Cases:**

- 1. Admin Login Test:
  - **Test Description:** Verify that the admin can log in successfully using valid credentials.
  - Test Steps:
    - 1. Enter valid admin username and password.

- 2. Click on the login button.
- **Expected Result:** The admin should be logged into the system and directed to the admin dashboard.

#### 2. Course Creation Test:

• **Test Description:** Ensure that the admin can create new courses within the platform.

# • Test Steps:

- 1. Navigate to the course creation section in the admin dashboard.
- 2. Enter course details such as course name, description, start date, and end date.
- 3. Click on the create course button.
- Expected Result: A new course should be successfully created and visible in the course list.

### 3. User Management Test:

- **Test Description:** Verify that the admin can manage user accounts effectively.
- Test Steps:
  - 1. Navigate to the user management section in the admin dashboard.
  - 2. Search for a specific user by username or email.
  - 3. Perform actions such as editing user details, deleting user accounts, or resetting passwords.
- **Expected Result:** The selected user account should be successfully managed according to the admin's actions.

## 4. Notes Management Test:

- **Test Description:** Ensure that the admin can manage course notes effectively.
- Test Steps:
  - 1. Navigate to the notes management section in the admin dashboard.
  - 2. Select a course and view existing notes.
  - 3. Perform actions such as adding new notes, editing note details, or deleting notes.
- **Expected Result:** Course notes should be effectively managed and reflected in the course's notes list.

### 5. System Configuration Test:

• **Test Description:** Verify that the admin can configure system settings and preferences.

# • Test Steps:

- 1. Navigate to the system configuration section in the admin dashboard.
- 2. Adjust settings such as email notifications, system preferences, and access permissions.
- **Expected Result:** System settings should be successfully configured as per the admin's preferences.

## 2. Test for Student Login Module:

**Objective:** The objective of testing the Student Login module is to ensure that students can access their accounts securely and navigate the Virtual Classroom platform effectively.

#### **Test Cases:**

### 1. Student Login Test:

- **Test Description:** Verify that the student can log in successfully using valid credentials.
- Test Steps:
  - 1. Enter valid student username and password.
  - 2. Click on the login button.
- **Expected Result:** The student should be logged into the system and directed to the student dashboard.

#### 2. Course Enrollment Test:

- **Test Description:** Ensure that the student can enroll in courses within the platform.
- Test Steps:
  - 1. Navigate to the course enrollment section in the student dashboard.
  - 2. View available courses and select desired courses for enrollment.
  - 3. Click on the enroll button.

• **Expected Result:** The student should be successfully enrolled in the selected courses and have access to course materials.

## 3. Assignment Submission Test:

• **Test Description:** Verify that the student can submit assignments for their enrolled courses.

### • Test Steps:

- 1. Navigate to the assignment submission section in the student dashboard.
- 2. Select the course for which the assignment is due.
- 3. Upload the assignment file and submit.
- **Expected Result:** The assignment should be successfully submitted, and a confirmation message should be displayed.

### 4. Note Access Test:

• **Test Description:** Ensure that the student can access course notes provided by educators.

# • Test Steps:

- 1. Navigate to the notes section in the student dashboard.
- 2. Select the desired course to view available notes.
- **Expected Result:** Course notes should be accessible to the student, allowing them to review and study the material.

## 5. Messaging Test:

• **Test Description:** Verify that the student can send and receive messages within the platform.

## • Test Steps:

- 1. Navigate to the messaging section in the student dashboard.
- 2. Compose a message to another user and send.
- 3. Check the inbox for incoming messages.
- **Expected Result:** The student should be able to send and receive messages seamlessly, facilitating communication with peers and educators.

# **SNAPSHOTS**



Figure 6.1 Landing Page

Illustration depicting the user interface of the landing page. featuring two primary buttons: 'Join Class' and 'Get Started', facilitating seamless access and initiation of user interaction.

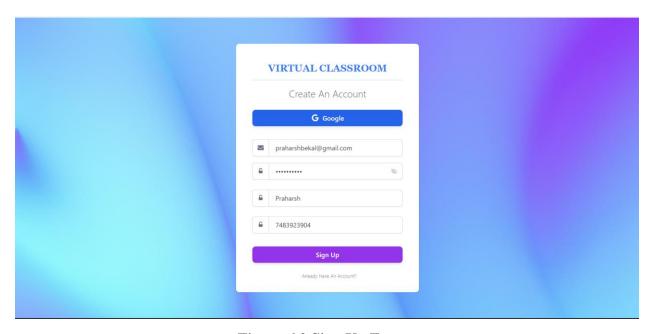


Figure 6.2 Sign Up Form

Image capturing the interface of the sign-up page, showcasing the form fields and user interaction elements for account creation.

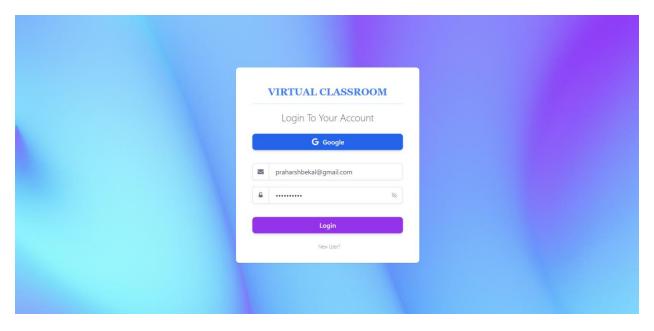


Figure 6.3 Login Form

Screenshot displaying the login interface, featuring fields for user credentials entry and access authentication.

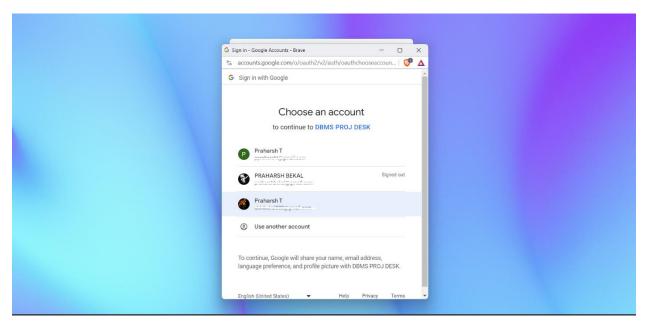


Figure 6.4 Sign In Through Google Account

Illustration depicting the option to sign in using a Google account.

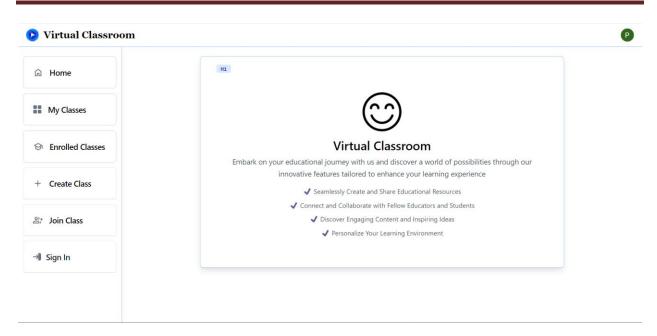


Figure 6.5 Home Page

Visual representation of the homepage interface, showcasing its layout and content.

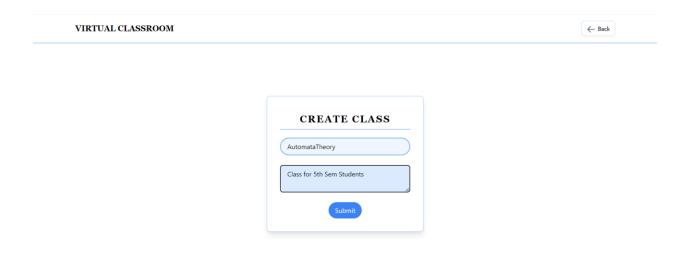


Figure 6.6 Create Class Form

Image displaying the form interface for creating a new class, including fields for class details and settings.

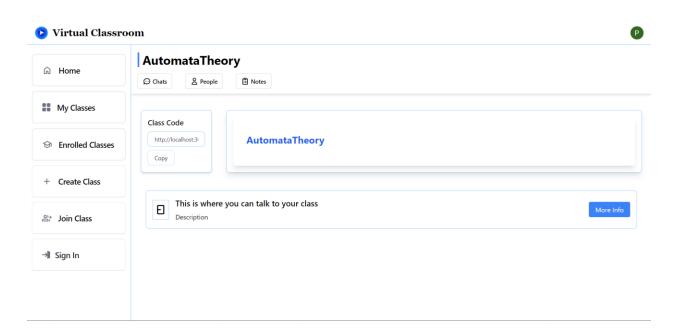


Figure 6.7 View Class

Screenshot presenting the class introduction page, offering an overview of the class details and content

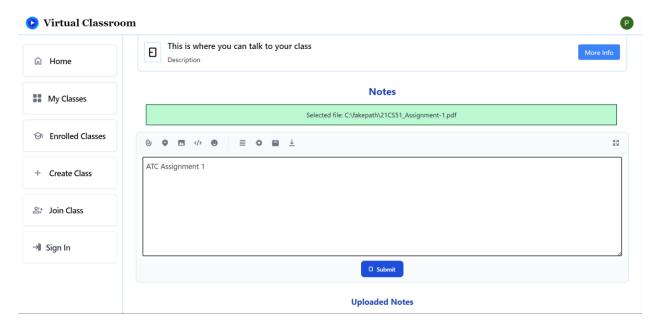


Figure 6.8 Upload Notes

Snapshot depicting the interface for uploading notes, providing a means for users to contribute educational materials to the platform.

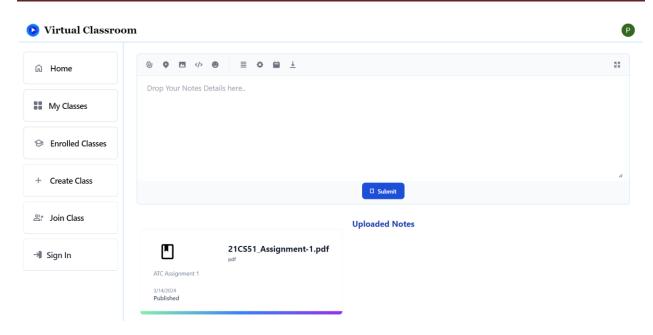


Figure 6.9 Uploaded Notes

Visual representation of the notes uploaded to the platform, showcasing the available educational resources.

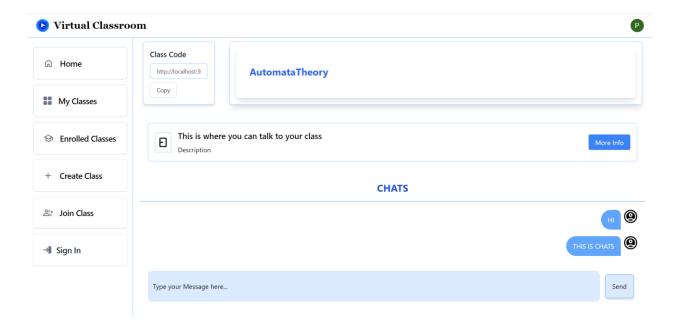


Figure 6.10 Chats

Image displaying the chat interface, facilitating communication and collaboration among users within the platform

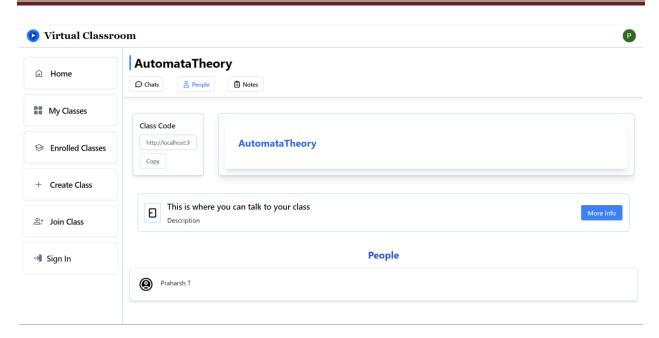


Figure 6.11 Students List

Visual representation of the list of students, displaying the names of users who have joined the platform or enrolled in a specific class.



Figure 6.12 My Classes

Screenshot presenting the 'My Classes' section, offering an overview of all created classes associated with the user's account

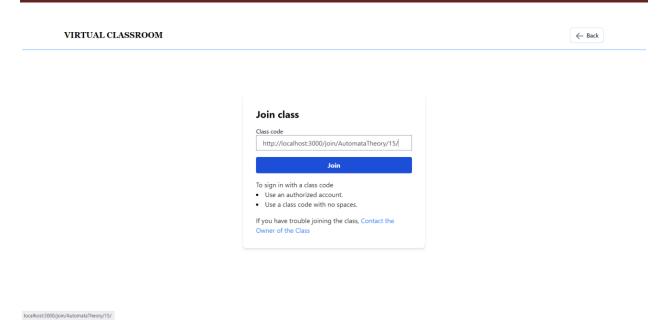


Figure 6.13 My Classes

Image capturing the join class form interface, allowing users to enter a class link and join a class seamlessly.

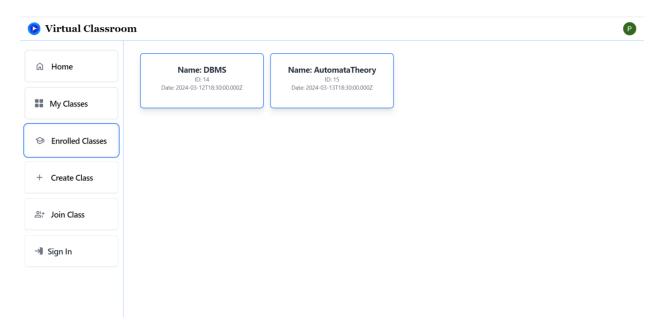


Figure 6.13 Enrolled Classes

Snapshot showcasing the classes that the user has joined or enrolled in through provided links, offering easy access to enrolled class content and resources.

# CONCLUSION AND SCOPE FOR FUTURE WORK

In this project, we have successfully developed a Virtual Classroom system using PostgreSQL for the backend, React.js and Tailwind CSS for the frontend. The system allows users to register, create classrooms, enroll students, post resources, assignments, announcements, and interact within the platform through messages. The implementation includes the following key features:

- User Registration and Authentication: Users can register with their email, username, and password. Authentication is implemented to ensure secure access to the platform.
- Classroom Management: Educators can create classrooms, manage student enrollments, and lead classroom activities.
- Resource Sharing: Educators can upload resources such as lecture notes, presentations, and study materials for students to access.
- Assignment Management: Educators can create assignments with due dates and maximum scores, and students can submit their work.
- Announcement Posting: Educators can post announcements to communicate important information to students.
- Messaging System: Users can exchange messages within the platform for communication purposes.

The Virtual Classroom system provides a user-friendly interface and efficient data management, enhancing the teaching and learning experience for educators and students.

#### **Scope for Future Work:**

While the current implementation covers essential functionalities of a Virtual Classroom, there are several avenues for future enhancements and upgrades:

1. **Real-Time Collaboration Tools**: Integrate real-time collaboration features such as live video conferencing, whiteboarding, and screen sharing to facilitate interactive teaching sessions and group discussions.

- Enhanced Assignment Grading: Implement automated grading systems or rubric-based grading to streamline the assignment evaluation process and provide detailed feedback to students.
- 3. **Attendance Tracking**: Develop functionality for tracking student attendance within classrooms to monitor participation and engagement.
- Advanced Analytics: Incorporate data analytics capabilities to analyze user behavior, track student performance, and generate insights for educators to improve teaching strategies.
- 5. **Mobile Application**: Develop a mobile application for iOS and Android platforms to provide convenient access to the Virtual Classroom system on smartphones and tablets.
- 6. Accessibility Features: Ensure accessibility compliance by implementing features such as screen reader support, keyboard navigation, and adjustable font sizes for users with disabilities.
- 7. **Integration with Learning Management Systems**: Explore integration possibilities with existing Learning Management Systems (LMS) to enhance interoperability and extend functionality.
- 8. **Gamification Elements**: Introduce gamification elements such as badges, leaderboards, and rewards to incentivize student engagement and motivation.

By incorporating these enhancements and upgrades, the Virtual Classroom system can evolve into a comprehensive and feature-rich platform that caters to the diverse needs of educators and students in the digital learning environment.

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