Software Design Specifications for Student Help Desk

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

This Software Design Specification (SDS) is made with the purpose of outlining the software architect and design of the StudentHelpDesk (SHD) in detail. The document will provide the developers an insight to the solutions of the problems faced by the placement cell and students of various colleges. Moreover this facilitates communication and understanding by providing several views of SHD.

1.2 Scope of the development project

The SDS would demonstrate how the design will accomplish the functional and non-functional requirements captured in the SRS. It will provide a framework to the programmers through describing the high level components and architecture, subsystems, interfaces, database design etc. It is achieved through the use of design patterns, design patterns, sequence diagrams, relational models and user interfaces.

The purpose of this StudentHelpDesk System is to manage the inconvenience that the placement cell faces while collecting and organizing the data of the students of various courses and provide them to the companies for the placement or internship drive. So, the system would store all the academic details, personal details and other related documents (i.e., Resume or marksheets) of the students who wish to sit for the placement/internship drive. This would also store the data of the companies who come to offer jobs to the students.

The Details of the students along with the resume will be there for all the admins to view and analyze. It will also have a notification section to keep the students updated about the company i.e., the details of the company, the eligibility criteria, date of exams, etc. All the details regarding the placement activities and procedures for the company (i.e., the selection procedure) would be provided by the admin/company to all the students by the notification section only. There may or may not be direct contact of the company with the student, depending upon company's choice. The system would be based on **Firebase database**. Firebase is database, which is real time and allows us to store data in the form of collections and documents. The whole database is divided into 'Collections', which contains 'Documents', which in turn contain 'Fields' and 'Data' along with 'Sub Collections'.

We hope to provide a comfortable user experience for both the interfaces i.e., the admin and the user.

1.3 Definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations

S.NO.	TERM	DESCRIPTION		
1.	admin	Administrator		
2.	API	Application Program Interface		
3.	app	Application		
4.	FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions		
5.	5. GUI Graphical User Interface			
6. JSON JavaSc		avaScript Object Notation		
7. NA		Not Applicable		
8.	8. NoSQL not Sequential Query Language			
9.	PDF Portable Document Format			
10.	SDS	Software Design Specification		
11.	SHD	StudentHelpDesk – Project Title		

Ī	12.	SRS	Software Requirement Specification
	13.	TPO	Training and Placement Officers

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1.5 Overview of document

This document describes the architectural design of the StudentHelpDesk. It consists of high level components and their interactions, suitable architectural patterns, physical arrangement of components and design decisions applied to the whole SHD.

As we go down the SDS, we have component and detail design which includes design patterns, sequence diagrams, class diagrams, database design in detail and user interface design with screenshots of the interface.

The next section - **System architecture description,** introduces the various components and subsystems of the app SHD. The high level components and their interactions, suitable architectural patterns, physical arrangement of components and design decisions applied to the whole system. This section makes it clear the interrelationships and dependencies among the various components. Structure charts are used for this.

The third portion of the SDS is on **Component and detailed design**, which includes design pattern, sequence diagrams and database design in detail and user interface design with screen shots of the interface.

The following forth section of this document is **Reuse and relationships to other products.** This section includes the following subsections -- how reuse is playing a role in your product design, how reuse is playing a role in the product implementation etc.

The fifth part of this SDS is **Design decisions and tradeoffs**, which will help the readers to understand the design used for the project better. This part also includes all the trade-off ideas.

The heading that follows will consist works as a rough documentation, so the program of one developer can be understood easily. The main aim of this division is making the code construction phase easier for the programmer. Hence making it very vital. This section is of **Pseudocode for various components.**

The succeeding bit included supplement material and additional information on the topic explored in the contents of the text. Hence concluding the document.

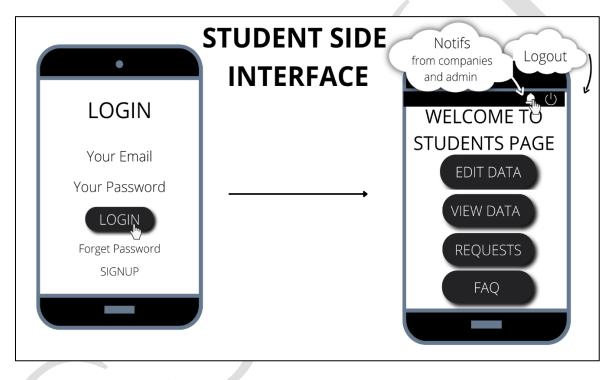
2. System architecture description

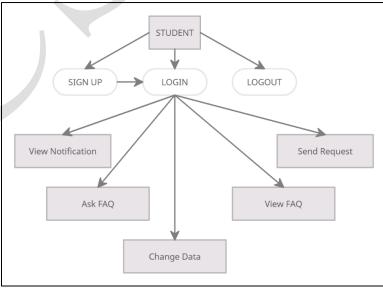
2.1 Overview of modules / components

The various components of the system includes:

1. Student

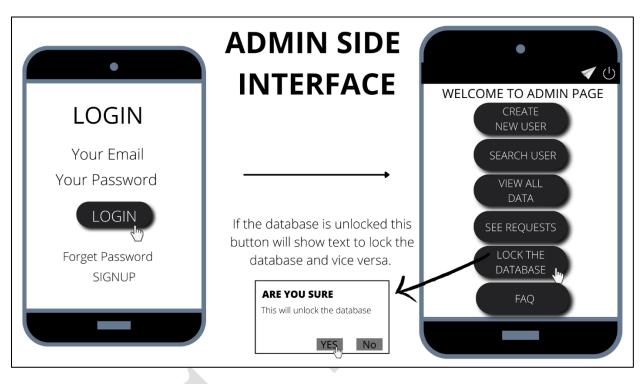
Student is one of the major component of this app. A new student needs to *sign up* by giving their complete details i.e., Personal details, Academic details and other related documents as mentioned by their college admin while they register the college in the app. Students can *update their profile information in real time*, only when database is unlocked. Also, only changeable fields would be allowed to be changed directly by students, whereas non-changeable fields requires sending a *change request to admin* (e.g. – Name, college id, etc.). They *will receive notification* from the companies and admin as and when the need comes.

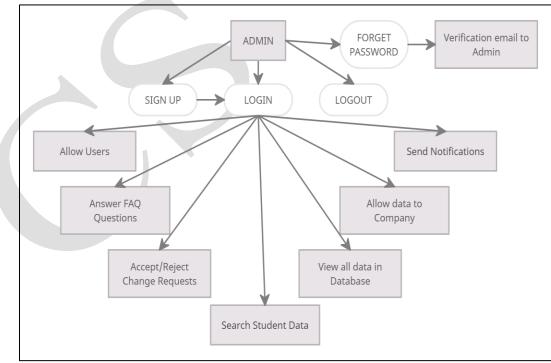




2. Admin

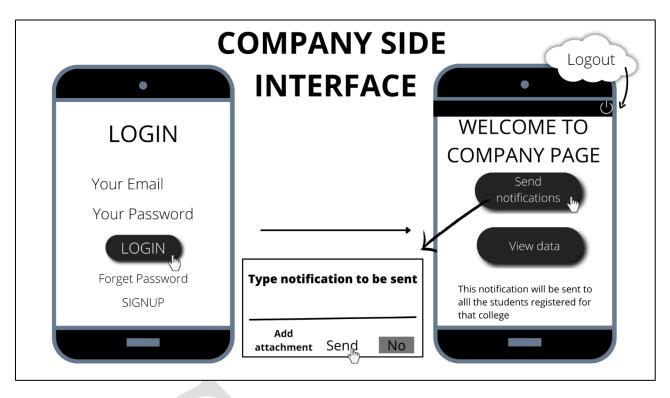
Admin is another major component of the app. It has *supreme power* of the application SHD. Admin *provides approval to Student and the corporate registration*, thereafter, they can follow up for signup or login procedure. Admin holds the responsibility for *maintaining and updating the whole system* and has to authority to *notify the students* regarding any changes in the procedure or selection. He has the power to *lock the database* and notify students for the same, before sending the data to required company.

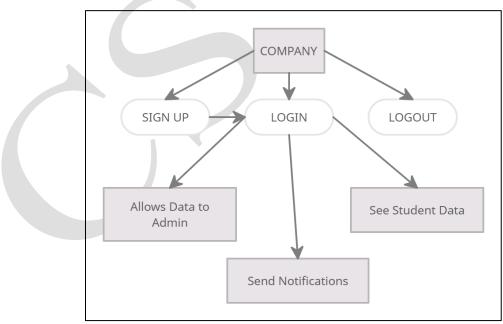




3. Company

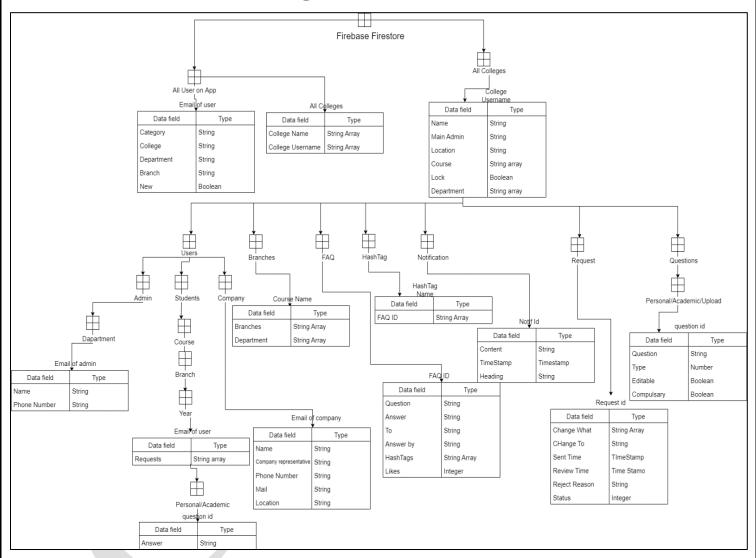
Company is a minor component of the app. The Company *initially has to register* using the details that admin provides them. The Company can *notify the Admin or the TPO* as well as *send direct notifications to students* regarding placement/internship after signup. It *can view shortlisted students' details* (based on eligibility criteria) as provided by TPO. Each company will have Company Representative for guiding the procedure of drive in campus registered.





4. Firebase database- The database used for this app is Firebase Firestore. It is a real-time database that stores information in the form of collections and documents. A collection contains various documents and a document contains collections as well as data fields. Firebase is a NoSQL database i.e. It doesn't require tables to store data but it stores data in a JSON-like document. The following is the proposed database's diagram.

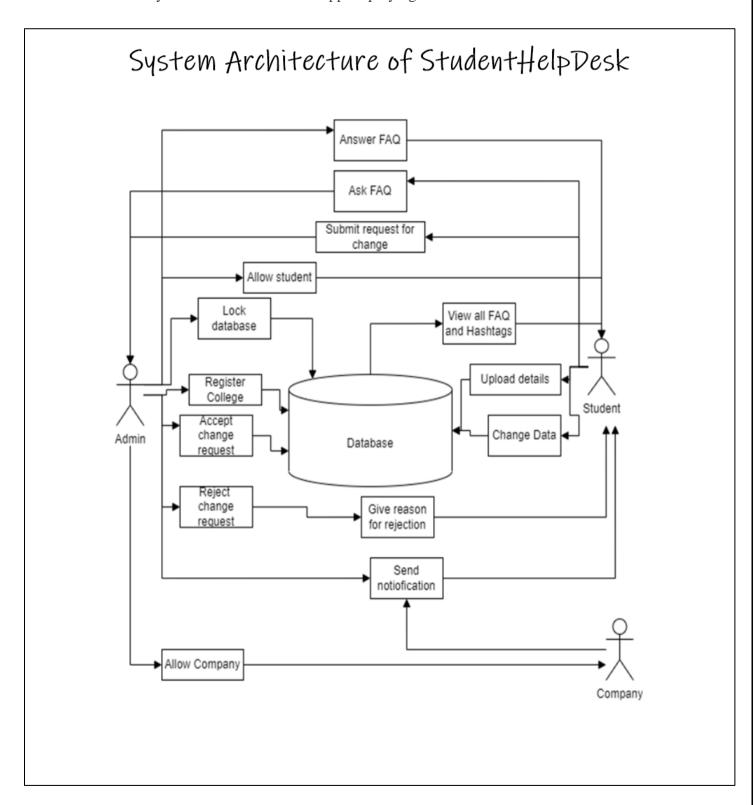
Database Diagram for Firebase Firestore



In the above diagram, we can see collections and documents. The fields that each document contains are shown in the table along with it's type. We will also be using other Firebase functions like authentication for authenticating the user i.e. allowing user to login and thus get access to database components. It also has feature of Firebase storage which we will be using for storing multimedia files like resume and photos.

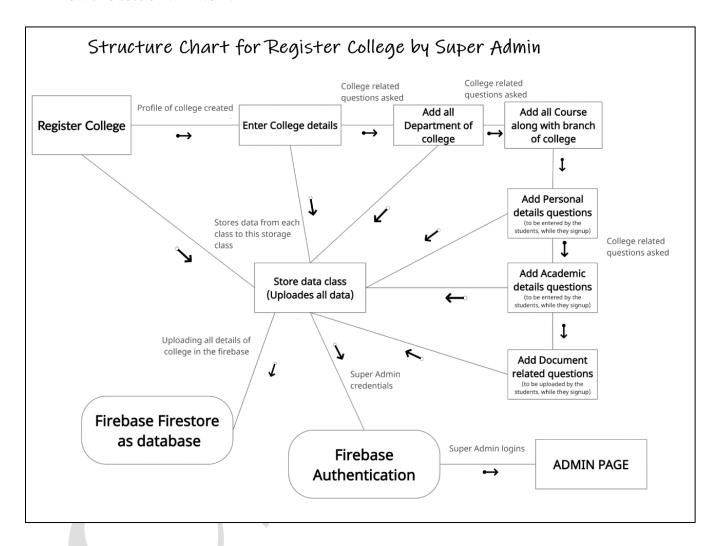
2.2 Structure and relationships

There are a lot of components joined together internally to provide various functionality in an application. The main functionality is that an admin can register their college for managing various types of details of its students and the companies that visit their campus, and can have an effective communication with them. Below is the system architecture of the app displaying the various different functionalities.



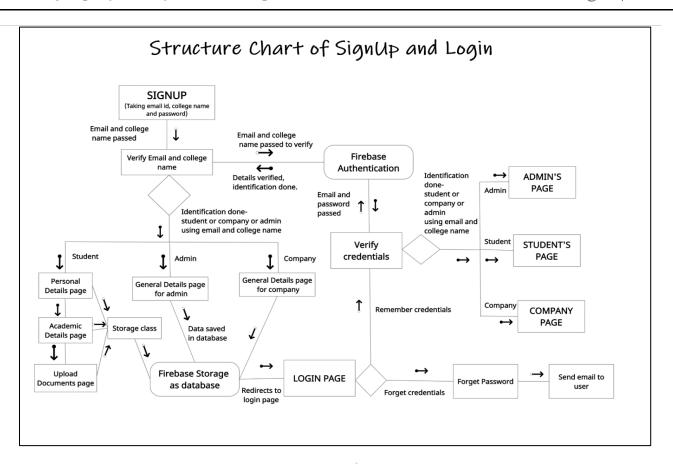
The following structure charts represents the transfer of data and flow between the various components of the app mentioned above. They represent the interrelationships and dependencies of various components with the modules of the app.

1. **College Register by Super admin** - At very initial stage, the super admins have to register their college on the app and provide various details about their college, and add questions/ detail entries they want from their students. Here, the following structure chart show the dependencies and flow how this section will work.

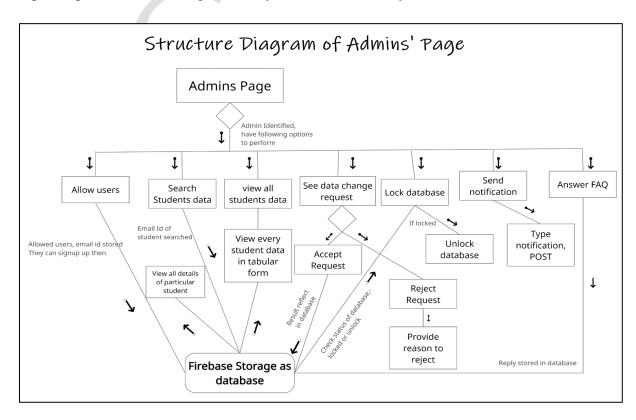


Here, all the data from the various activities will get stored in the storage class, after which at last all the data is sent to firebase firestore to save. This super admin is then directly logged in to the admin page module.

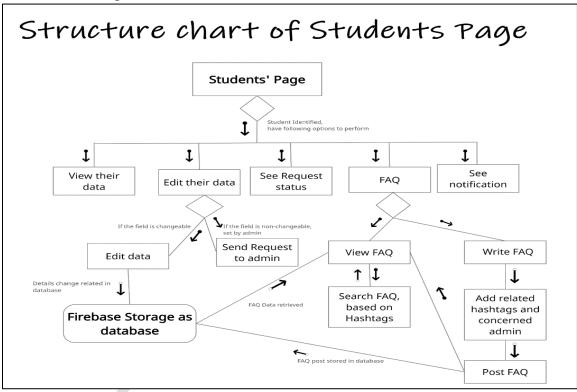
2. **Signup and Login** – After any particular college is registered, the member of the college- its other admin, students or the company (for that particular college) may signup. Every user has to have an allowed email id by any of the admin. Through that only they will be able to sign up (for consideration, our college email ids). After they enter the email ids and college name, authentication is done by firebase as to whether it is a student or admin or college, after which it directs it to its associated detailed signup pages. After successful signup, data gets stored in the firebase firestore and the users can login thereafter to their respective pages. Below is the detailed structure chart.



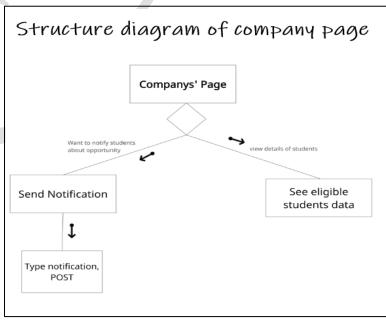
3. **Admin's Page** - The major component of the app is admin, whose has the following relations with the modules of the app. He can allow new user from college, search student, view all data, accept/reject requests from students, lock/unlock database, answer FAQ and send notifications. Admin is supreme power and all changes done by him reflects directly in the database.



4. **Students page**- Another major component of the app is Student, for whose details basically this app works. He has the module relations to perform various activities like editing their own details, which changeable one and send request to admin for changing the non-changeable ones. The changed data will directly reflect in the database and will have no concern from the admin. Students can as well post and view FAQ and receive notifications from the company and the admin. Following is the structure chart to represent them.

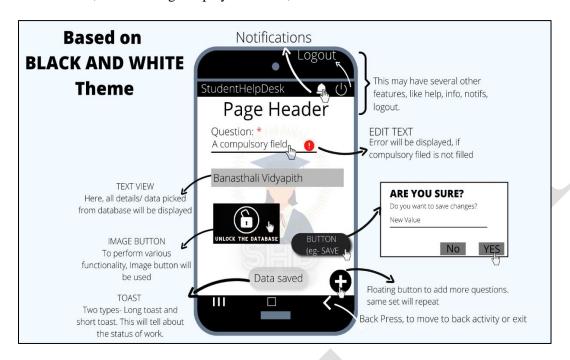


5. **Company page**- Company is a minor component and has only a few functionality, which is of sending notifications to the students/admin and view data of eligible student. Following is the structure chart for it.

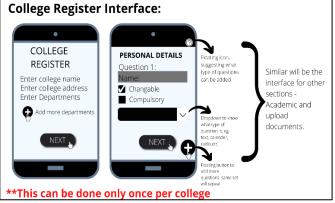


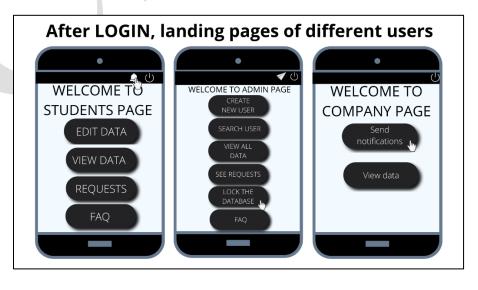
2.3 User interface issues

Following image below includes sample screen images, GUI standards or product family style guides that are to be followed in to be app, screen layout constraints, standard buttons and functions (e.g., SAVE) that will appear on every screen, keyboard shortcuts, error message display standards, etc.

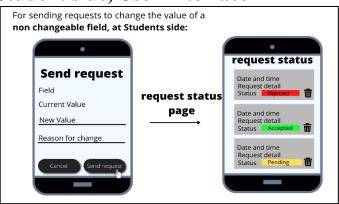


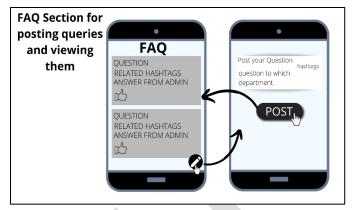




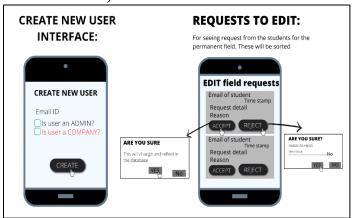


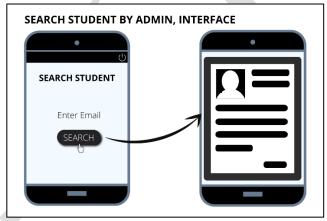
Student side, User Interface

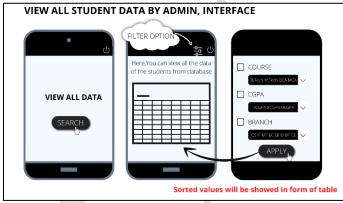


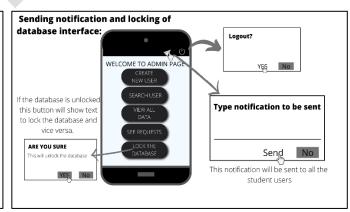


Admin side, User Interface

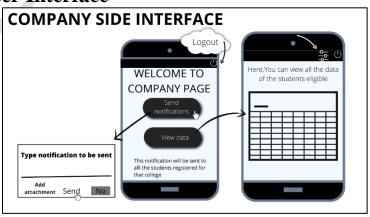








Company side, User Interface



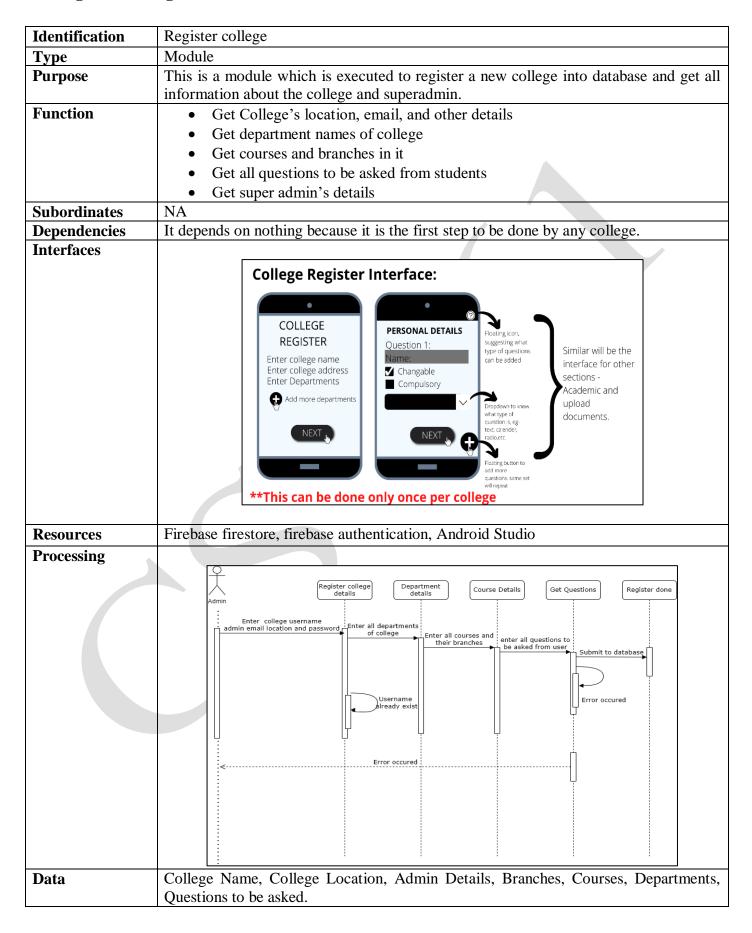
3. Detailed description of components

3.1 Component template description

Identification	ADMIN	STUDENT COMPANY			
Type	Components	Components	Components		
Purpose	They are the supreme controller of the app for their college. They have the authority to change, update and authorize other app components and modules.	They are the target users of the app. It is their data that is managed by the app.	They are the guests users of the app.		
Function	 Register college Login Signup Allow users Answer FAQ questions Accept/Reject change requests from students Search student data View all data from database All data to company Send notification Logout 	 Login Signup Send request Change data Ask FAQ View FAQ Logout 	 Login Signup Send Notification View Data Logout 		
Subordinates	Modules for admin (Using android) which includes most features and connect to backend application via API	Modules for Student (Using android) which includes most features and connect to backend application via API	Modules for Company (Using android) which includes most features and connect to backend application via API As soon as the admin creates company user, they can login, signup, view student data(allowed by admin) and send notification to students.		
Dependencies	As soon as the college is registered, the super admin is created. Other admins can signup and login. They can create other users, view students data, accept/reject requests from students, answer FAQs, and allow data to company.	As soon as the admin creates student user, they can login, signup (feed their information), view their data, see notifications send by admin or company. They can also ask admin FAQs and request them to change their non-changeable data.			
Interfaces	WELCOME TO ADMIN PAGE CREATE NEW USER SEARCH USER VIEW ALL DATA SEE REQUESTS LOCK THE DATABASE FAQ	WELCOME TO WELC COMPARED TO THE PROPERTY OF TH	OME TO ANY PAGE Send iffications 1.7		
Resources	Firebase firestore, firebase storage, fir	rebase authentication, Android St	udio		

Processing	ADMIN	STUDENT	COMPANY
Trocessing	STEP 1. Open SHD	STEP 1. Open SHD	STEP 1. Open SHD
	STEP 2. If user exists go to step 8	STEP 2. If user exists go to step	STEP 2. If user exists go to
	otherwise go to step 3	3 otherwise go to step 4	step 5 otherwise go to step 3
	STEP 3. If college exists go to step 6	STEP 3. Login and go to step 5	STEP 3. Sign up as company
	otherwise go to step 4	STEP 4. Sign Up and go to step	and go to step 5
	STEP 4. Register college.	3	STEP 4: Enter company
	STEP 5. Go to step 8	STEP 5. if user want to view	details
	STEP 6. Sign up as admin	data go to step 5 otherwise step	STEP 5. Login
	STEP 7. Go to step 8	7	STEP 6. If user wants to
	STEP 8. Login	STEP 6. View data and go to	view data go to step 7
	STEP 9. If user wants to view data go	step 7	otherwise step 9
	to step 10 otherwise step 11	STEP 7. if user wants to send	STEP 7. If company has data
	STEP 10. View all data of various	request to change data go to step	access go to step 8 otherwise
	students in tabular format	8 otherwise step 9	step 9
	STEP 11. If user wants to send	STEP 8. Send Request and go to	STEP 8. See data and go to
	notification go to step 12 otherwise step 13	step 9 STEP 9. if user wants to ask	step 9 STEP 9. If user wants to send
	STEP 12. Enter notification details and	FAQ go to step 10 otherwise	notification go to step 10
	send	step 11	otherwise step 12
	STEP 13. If user wants to see request	STEP 10. Ask FAQ, add	STEP 10. Enter notification
	go to step 14 otherwise step 18	department and hashtags and go	details and send
	STEP 14. If user wants to accept any	to step 11	STEP 11. If User want to
	available request go to step 15 else step	STEP 11. if user wants to view	logout go to step 12
	18	FAQ go to step 12 otherwise	otherwise step 12
	STEP 15. Accept request and go to	step 13	STEP 12. If user want to exit
	step 14	STEP 12. View FAQ and go to	app go to step 13 otherwise
	STEP 16. If user wants to reject any	step 13	step 6
	request got to step 17 otherwise step 18	STEP 13. if user wants to see	STEP 13. Exit
	STEP 17. Give reason for rejection of	notification go to step 14	
	the request and go to step 14	otherwise step 15	
	STEP 18. If user want to answer FAQ	STEP 14. See Notification and	
	go to step 19 otherwise step 20	go to step 15	
	STEP 19. Give answer and go to step 20	STEP 15. if user wants to logout go to step16 otherwise step 5	
	STEP 20. If user want to change state	STEP 16. if user wants to exit	
	of database lock go to step 21	app go to step 17 otherwise step	
	otherwise step 24	2	
	STEP 21. If database is locked go to	STEP 17. Exit	
	step 22 otherwise step 23		
	STEP 22. Unlock database and go to		
	step 24		
	STEP 23. Lock database and go to step		
	24		
	STEP 24. If user want to all other users		
	go to step 24 otherwise step 25		
	STEP 25. Enter user's basic info and		
	Create and go to step 25		
	STEP 26. If User want to logout go to step 26 otherwise step 9		
	STEP 27. If user want to exit app go to		
	step 28 otherwise step 2		
	STEP 28. Exit		
Data	Some of the data that will be stored	Some of the data that will be	Some of the data that will
- uu	are—email id, name, department,	stored are—email id, personal	be stored are—email id,
	phone number	details, academic details,	name, department, phone
	phono number	some documents, requests of	number, company location.
		edit data sent to admin and	namoer, company location.
		FAQs.	
		TAQS.	

3.2 Register College



3.3 Signup

Identification	Signup						
Type	Module						
Purpose	This is module which authorize the user to use the app and provide their detail to database.						
Function	 Get username and password Get personal details Get academic details 						
Subordinates	Get uploads NA						
Dependencies	Only if college has been registered and admin has allowed the user, this step will complete successfully.						
Interfaces	SIGNUP Your Email Your Password SIGNUP LOGIN						
Resources	Firebase Authorization, Firebase FireStore, Firestore Storage						
Processing	Enter email and password Enter details Signup Enter Details Login Page Enter email and password User airedy exists Error occured						
Data	Email, Password, College, Branch, Year, Personal Details, Academic Details, Uploads						

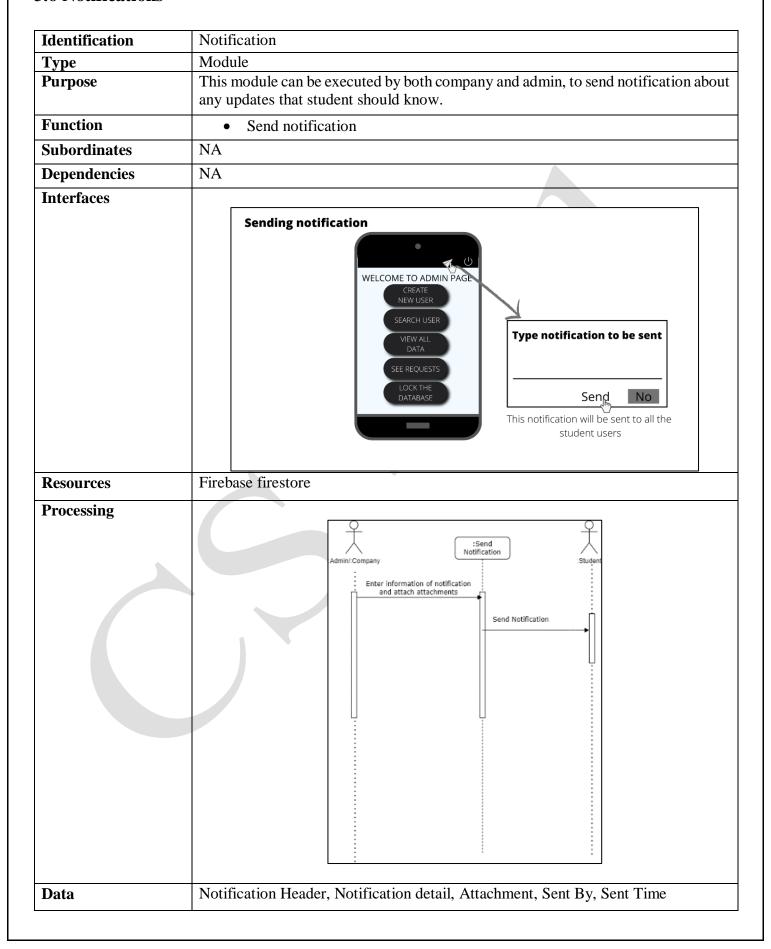
3.4 Login

Identification	Login					
Туре	Module					
Purpose	This is the module which allow the user to enter the app.					
Function	 Get Email and Password Check if credentials are correct Login 					
Subordinates	NA NA					
Dependencies	Login will only work if the user has already signed up and have entered correct email and password					
Interfaces	LOGIN Your Email Your Password LOGIN Forget Password SIGNUP REGISTER COLLEGE					
Resources	Firebase Authorization					
Processing	Login Forgot Password Login Page Enter email and password Submit details User does not exist Changed password Changed password Error occured					

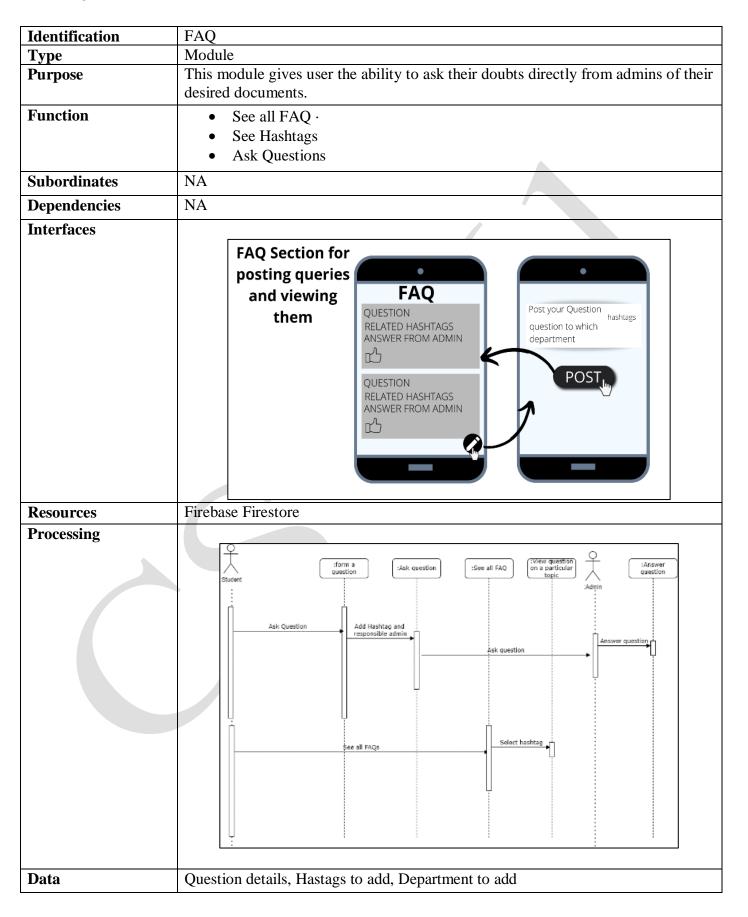
3.5 Request to change data

Identification	Request to change data					
Type	Module					
Purpose	This module gives student the power to request admin to change the data which is					
	otherwise set as non-changeable by admins.					
Function	Get details to change					
	Send request					
Subordinates	NA					
Dependencies	This module will only work if the data field is set non-changeable by admin and if database is unlocked					
Interfaces	COLLEGE REGISTER College name Main admin email Password Register LOGIN					
Resources	Firebase Firestore					
Processing	I HOUSE I HOSTOIC					
D	Select field to change data Enter new Value Send request Accept request Reject with reason					

3.6 Notifications



3.7 FAQ



3.8 Lock Database

Identification	Lock database						
Purpose	module Sometimes the college will have to send data to company, and they would not want						
	students to change data at that time. It is at such moments when the module will be						
	used. Admin will lock the database and thus no student would be able to mak						
	changes in their data.						
Function	Check current database status						
	Change status						
Subordinates	NA						
Dependencies	Admin can only lock the database of his department only.						
Interfaces	locking of database interface:						
	WELCOME TO ADMIN PAGE CREATE NEW USER SFARCH USER VIEW ALL DATA DATA SEE REQUESTS LOCK THE DATABASE NO WELCOME TO ADMIN PAGE CREATE NEW USER SEARCH USER VIEW ALL DATA DATA DATA SEE REQUESTS LOCK THE DATABASE						
Resources	Firestore firestore						
Processing	Lock database Lock database						

3.9 Help

Identification	Help						
Type	Module						
Purpose	While using the app user might not understand the interface or features, thus to help them understand it this module is used.						
Function	Redirect to help document						
	Show help toast						
Subordinates	NA						
Dependencies	NA						
Interfaces		Help inte	rface		Floating icon, suggesting what type of questions can be added and other help user might need		
Resources Processing	PDF viewer, And	droid API	Click on help bu	:Open help PDF			
Data	NA						

4.0 Reuse and relationships to other products

The environment during placements and internship interviews is one of the most hectic environments that a student face in his college life. This is mainly because of the fact that the current existing methods used by college are obsolete in terms of data collection and correction. Students have to mail the placement cell every time they have to change their data and placement cell have to release a form every time they need data. Although currently online forms are released by the college to get data, these forms often leave no scope of correction in real time and in case any mistake is made, student have to go back to the old method of mailing the placement team. But, SHD brings both student and admin of the colleges to one single platform, releasing the extra burden from both the sides. It also not only allows the students to upload their data but also admin can see it all the time. Admin can also set some data fields as non-editable thus making students to take his permission before changing the data. The editable fields can be changed anytime, given the database is unlocked.

SHD also provides the following advantages:

- Admin need not to send data to company separately. They can allow the desired company to see data from their database provided company has registered.
- Admin can send important notifications to student directly. These notifications will be sent to user in real time thus helping them to not miss any update. Send notification feature is also available with the companies, helping them to communicate with students directly eliminating the need of middleman.
- Admin can lock the database anytime necessary. They can do it to ensure consistency in the database before sending data to company.
- Students can ask their doubts to various department of the colleges directly using the FAQs. They can directly tag the related department and hashtags. The admins from related department can answer the questions. These questions will be categorised with hashtags, so all questions related to a particular hashtags will be available for student to refer.

5.0 Design decisions and tradeoffs

StudentHelpDesk(SHD) uses technologies and provides an efficient way for students to send their data to the placement cell, Admins to receive the data from the students and provide it to the companies required for placement/internship purpose. SHD helps to solve the problems faced by the placement cell by collecting data from the students and provide it to companies for placements. It is necessary to have a mobile phone and a good internet connection to access the app which is easily available to everyone nowadays.

This app uses the firebase database and stores the data dynamically. The firebase database allows us to use the real time database which helps our app to be dynamic and more realistic. It is time effective as well as cost effective. Since our app works only with verified users and admins therefore it offers security of data of students as well as companies.

6.0 Pseudocode for components

6.1 Pseudocode for Admin

Admin

STEP 1. Open SHD

STEP 2. If user exists go to step 8 otherwise go to step 3

STEP 3. If college exists go to step 6 otherwise go to step 4

STEP 4. Register college.

STEP 5. Go to step 8

STEP 6. Sign up as admin

STEP 7. Go to step 8

STEP 8. Login

STEP 9. If user wants to view data go to step 10 otherwise step 11

STEP 10. View all data of various students in tabular format

STEP 11. If user wants to send notification go to step 12 otherwise step 13

STEP 12. Enter notification details and send

STEP 13. If user wants to see request go to step 14 otherwise step 18

STEP 14. If user wants to accept any available request go to step 15 else step 18

STEP 15. Accept request and go to step 14

STEP 16. If user wants to reject any request got to step 17 otherwise step 18

STEP 17. Give reason for rejection of the request and go to step 14

STEP 18. If user want to answer FAQ go to step 19 otherwise step 20

STEP 19. Give answer and go to step 20

STEP 20. If user want to change state of database lock go to step 21 otherwise step 24

STEP 21. If database is locked go to step 22 otherwise step 23

STEP 22. Unlock database and go to step 24

STEP 23. Lock database and go to step 24

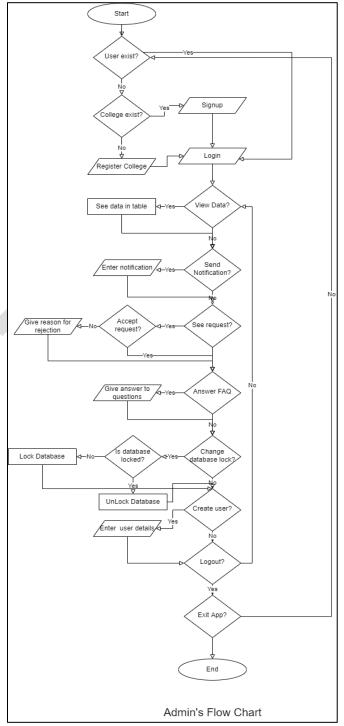
STEP 24. If user want to all other users go to step 24 otherwise step 25

STEP 25. Enter user's basic info and Create and go to step 25

STEP 26. If User want to logout go to step 26 otherwise step 9

STEP 27. If user want to exit app go to step 28 otherwise step 2

STEP 28. Exit



6.2 Pseudocode for Student

Student

STEP 1. Open SHD

STEP 2. If user exists go to step 3 otherwise go to step 4

STEP 3. Login and go to step 5

STEP 4. Sign Up and go to step 3

STEP 5. if user want to view data go to step 5 otherwise step 7

STEP 6. View data and go to step 7

STEP 7. if user wants to send request to change data go to step 8 otherwise step 9

STEP 8. Send Request and go to step 9

STEP 9. if user wants to ask FAQ go to step 10 otherwise step 11

STEP 10. Ask FAQ, add department and hashtags and go to step 11

STEP 11. if user wants to view FAQ go to step 12 otherwise step 13

STEP 12. View FAQ and go to step 13

STEP 13. if user wants to see notification go to step 14 otherwise step 15

STEP 14. See Notification and go to step 15

STEP 15. if user wants to logout go to step16 otherwise step 5

STEP 16. if user wants to exit app go to step 17 otherwise step 2

STEP 17. Exit

6.3 Pseudocode for Company

Company

STEP 1. Open SHD

STEP 2. If user exists go to step 5 otherwise go to step 3

STEP 3. Sign up as company and go to step 5

STEP 4: Enter company details

STEP 5. Login

STEP 6. If user wants to view data go to step 7 otherwise step 9

STEP 7. If company has data access go to step 8 otherwise step 9

STEP 8. See data and go to step 9

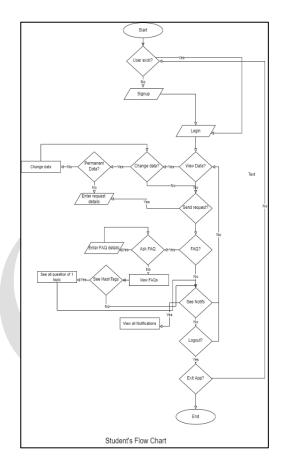
STEP 9. If user wants to send notification go to step 10 otherwise step 12

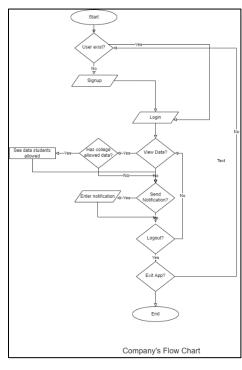
STEP 10. Enter notification details and send

STEP 11. If User want to logout go to step 12 otherwise step 12

STEP 12. If user want to exit app go to step 13 otherwise step 6

STEP 13. Exit





7.0 Appendices (if any)

Not Applicable

