

Sprint Report #2

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0.2 Prototype Progress

The progress is mostly out of the research phase and has began the first steps of production. The progress is laid out in more detail in this report. As of now the prototype is in a state to begin working on functionality. The rough (not final) GUI pages are laid out and being constructed to give us an environment for creating the functionality. The back end database has been constructed and will allow us to begin testing the database connected page as we create them. Current pages constructed are log in page, landing pages, and some options page.

0.3 Project deliverables of Sprint 2:

1. The database creation script
2. Gui path work, meaning figuring out the path through the Gui
3. Log in page that reads users permission level and sends them to the correct landing page
4. Rough landing pages for Admin and Teachers (design improvements to come in later sprint)

0.3.1 Sprint 2 Backlog:

1. Creation of database tables
2. Draw Gui path

Figure 1: Tables currently in database

Name	Engine	Version	Row Format	Rows	Avg Row Length	Data Length	Max Data Length	Index Length	Data
Account	MyISAM	10	Dynamic	3	30	112.0 bytes	256.0 TiB	3.0 KB	
Address	MyISAM	10	Dynamic	0	0	0.0 bytes	256.0 TiB	1.0 KB	
Admin	MyISAM	10	Dynamic	0	0	0.0 bytes	256.0 TiB	1.0 KB	
Class	MyISAM	10	Dynamic	0	0	0.0 bytes	256.0 TiB	1.0 KB	
Guardian	MyISAM	10	Dynamic	0	0	0.0 bytes	256.0 TiB	1.0 KB	
Student	MyISAM	10	Dynamic	0	0	0.0 bytes	256.0 TiB	1.0 KB	
Student_Class	MyISAM	10	Fixed	0	0	0.0 bytes	4096.0 TiB	1.0 KB	
Teacher	MyISAM	10	Dynamic	0	0	0.0 bytes	256.0 TiB	1.0 KB	
Teacher_Class	MyISAM	10	Fixed	0	0	0.0 bytes	2304.0 TiB	1.0 KB	

3. Decision on rough Gui theme
4. Create a log in page that sends the user to the correct landing page based on their permission level
5. Create rough versions of teacher and admin landing pages to test functionally (improve look in latter sprint
6. Continue rough gui page creation to have environments for functionality
7. Sprint 2 Review
8. Continuing practice with QT

0.4 Database Creation

The first thing we tackled in sprint 2 was getting the database up so we could begin actually developing the product and give our qt interface something to actually interface with. The main goal here was to make sure we had constructed the database in such a way that it could complete all the user stories it needed to in a way that made sense. After talking through the tables and the users stories we came up with the table creation script that was submitted with this sprint. While modifications will need to be made for when we do the billing side of the project, we think that this table structure should provide for the need of the academy.

A few thing to note in the database, we created student_class and teacher_class tables to deal with the many to many relationships in the database. Also there are no payroll or transaction tables yet as the group is still trying to figure out how to handle billing information and data.

0.5 GUI Work

0.5.1 GUI Path and Theme

The path for the gui was part of the backlog so we could figure out the minimum number of pages we would need to do the things required by this project. This does not mean we are looking to create only the minimum but just get a general idea of how many pages we would need. Also it allowed us to see how the pages were connected and how we expect navigation through the system to work. The rough drawing of the path can be found in the Github repo's sprint two folder.

The other thing we need was to talk to the client about what he wanted for a navigation theme. We came up with three options, first was a button layout on the top and side of the page, second was drop down menu similar to the way was mac and windows handle navigation in their products. Last was an expanding folder structure similar to that of the content management system Ektron. After consulting with Dr. McGough, he decided that the more familiar drop down menu would be the easiest and most user friendly option and the option he would prefer we do. This decision allows us to use the built in menu bar functionality of PyQt and should reduce work load on navigation for this project.

Another part of theme is color and design, the color scheme will most likely resemble the academy's color plate, but the improve design will be worked on later. As of now the primary focus is making sure all the functionality works.

0.5.2 GUI Pages

The GUI pages for this sprint were the log in page and the landing pages for admin and teachers. The student part of the gui will be php which will be worked on in a future sprint once the functionality is done. Since the student functions are similar to some of the admin or teacher functions most work should port over fairly quickly.

The first page we made was a login in page that takes a username and a password and first checks to see if they exist and are correct within the system. If they are not a dialog saying whats wrong appears and prompts the user again. If the information passes the check the system reads the users permission level and sends them to the corresponding landing page.

Figure 2: Current iteration of the log in page

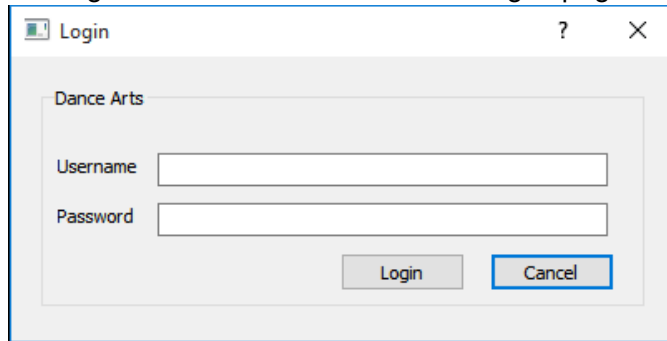
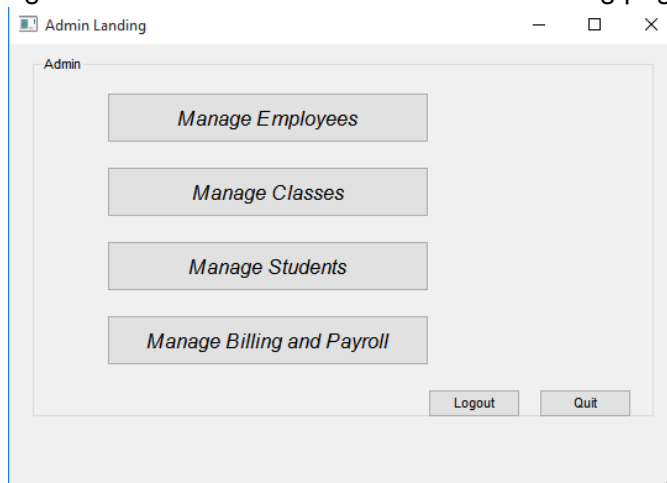
A screenshot of a Windows-style window titled "Login". The window has a standard title bar with a question mark icon and a close button. Inside the window, the text "Dance Arts" is at the top left. Below it, there are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "Login" and "Cancel". The "Cancel" button is highlighted with a blue border.

Figure 3: Current iteration of the Admin Landing page

A screenshot of a Windows-style window titled "Admin Landing". The window has a standard title bar with minimize, maximize, and close buttons. Inside the window, the text "Admin" is at the top left. Below it, there are four buttons stacked vertically: "Manage Employees", "Manage Classes", "Manage Students", and "Manage Billing and Payroll". At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "Logout" and "Quit".

The other set of pages we need to make to begin writing functionality was the landing pages for the admin and teacher permission levels. These pages show the types of things each can do and allow navigation to the various different functionality that permission level can do. For example the admin landing page has a button to take you to a student options page, from there you select which option you want and will be taken to the page to execute that function. The idea is to start at the landing page and be able to navigate to a specific function in three or four clicks max. The menu bar will also execute navigation and should allow the user to jump to a desired function.

Pages currently being worked on include:

1. Search pages
2. Modify data page
3. Add information and new information pages

0.6 Sprint 2 Issues

Some issues that were encountered during this sprint were:

1. Running out of time - the group found it hard to complete this sprint on time due to many time draining issues, such as other class work, family matters, midterm exams and a client presentation during this sprint. Mitigation for this issue will be better time management for the team.
2. Inexperience with pyqt - The team ran into some issues that drained on time when working with pyqt, such as looking up information on how to perform a needed task. Mitigation for this issue is mostly experience based as we learn the system and learn how to more efficiently navigate the community the time sink should go down.
3. Team communication - The team found some issues in communicating with one another because of the language barriers within the team. Which in some cases slowed sprint progress. Mitigation for this issue will come with time as the group begin to understand each other better and find efficient patterns of communication.

0.7 Client Interactions

Client interactions came in the form of weekly meeting every wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Topics included:

1. Progress reports on where we are in the project
2. Asking questions to refine functionality and understand academy needs
3. Discuss the future of the project and idea on how to execute them

0.8 Group Meeting

The group has a standard meeting time of 4:00-5:00 or 4:00-6:00 MWF and a second meeting time of TTH 10:00 - 12:00

Meeting can continue pass these times if needed, and other times during the weekend. However weekend times fluctuate and do not remain constant from week to week.

0.9 Work Distribution

Marcus:

1. Gui Path Charts
2. Landing page Construction

Dicheng:

1. GUI Theme Ideas
2. Log In Page and Permission Navigation

Together:

1. Wrote and talked through database and construction
2. Got database running
3. GUI page breakdown based on user stories and product backlog
4. Coded some functionality