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2. Introduction

The present document provides a detailed description of the architecture and design of the scheduling system developed by team schedulers. The architecture of the system is represented through a “4+1” view that comprises logical, development, physical, and process views, in addition to scenarios which explain how actors, processes, and objects interact with each other.

Specification of the interactions between software interfaces and the components is discussed in the Subsystem interfaces specifications section, which describes how exchanges such as parameters passing, or function calls lead to service fulfillment. The design of each subsystem is subsequently detailed with class diagrams used to explain the internal structure of the subsystems, as well as a list of all attributes and functions in each class.

Dynamic design scenarios are depicted in the present document via a dynamic design of four use cases, namely: setpreferences, generateSchedule, addCourseinDB, and resetPasssword. While the first two uses cases are student specific, the third only pertains to the administrator, and the fourth is common between the two aforementioned actors.

A review of the cost estimate, prototyping, and risks comes at the end of the document to justify the validity of the overall software development process.

3. Architectural Design

The “4+1 Architecture View” will be used in this section to show a clearly updated and detailed version of the architecture design that have been developed based on the architecture designed in the deliverable 1. The “4+1 Architecture View” includes Logical, Development, Process, Physical and Scenarios Views. In the Logical View, we are going to present all the classes and their functions in the Class Diagram. Moreover, the Component Diagram will be shown in the Development View. Nevertheless, the Activity Diagram will be used in the Process view. To implement the overview of the interaction between the system with the client, the Deployment Diagram is presented in the Physical view. Lastly, the Use Cases Diagram is shown in the Scenarios to help the clients understand more about the product.

3.1 Architecture Diagram

**3.1.1 Logical View: Class Diagram Description**

A class diagram is a static structure diagram which describes the system based on displaying its classes, their attributes, their methods, and the relationship between each class. The class diagram provides a good representation on the implementation of the software since it shows the types being modeled. Simply put, the class diagram of the system can be altered or refined.

A class in a class diagram is represented by a block divided into 3 sections.

The block contains the **name of the class**, the **attributes** and the **methods**.

Classname

-Attributes

+ methods()

The **attributes** of a class describes the properties and characteristics that its object can have, while the **methods** pertain to the main actions and functions that the class can do. The signs, such as - and + represent accessibility level of a certain field or method in object oriented-programming. None the less, there also exists other types of accessibility levels such as default. It is conventional to display the attributes as private fields and the methods of public access.

The class diagram of the project portrays the system *Scheduler* as the main bridge to access functionality. The way for a certain user to access the Scheduler is to successfully login. From there, the UI will then redirect the user to the main page. The user interface also manages everything the client needs, meaning changing of pages, accepting requests or displaying information.



**3.1.2 Development View**

The development view describes our scheduling system from our programmer's perspective and the management of our software. It is illustrated by the component diagram which consists of components and links that show the dependencies between them.

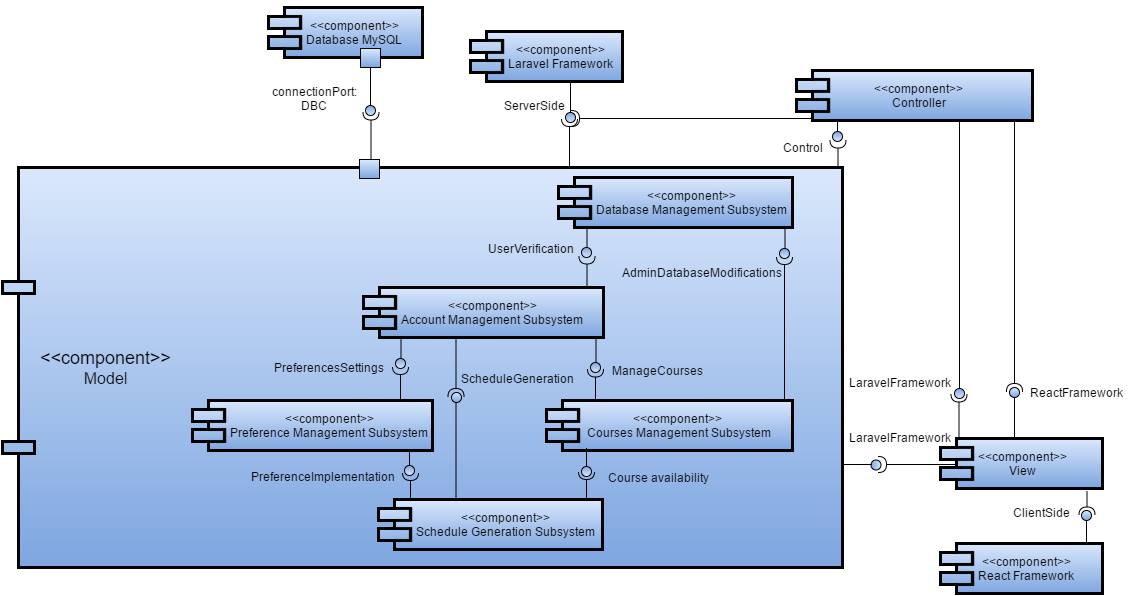


Figure 1 : Component Diagram

The main components of our system consists of the model, view and controller. Since these 3 components are not taken by the same framework, we have specified on the component diagram that the view is handled using React and that data manipulation and database queries are handled by Laravel. Most importantly, in our model, we have defined our subsystems to be account management, courses management, preferences management, schedule generation and database management. The different subsystems interact with each other through interfaces, with the open end of the link being a required interface and the lollipop being the provided interface. Also, the model is connected to a MySQL database.

In our component diagram the two frameworks, Laravel for server side model and controller, and react for the client side view, are described. The components of the model view controller system interact as following: The model requires connection to the SQL database through Database Connection port and control instructions provided by the controller. The view requires object oriented and control information in order to present the user with the system on a browser. The controller requires input from the user through the view.

Within the model, the database management subsystem can provide the user credentials in order to manage the account subsystem and allow a confirmed admin to modify the database. The account subsystem provides preferences and course management subsystems for students. Each of these subsystems (course management and preferences) each provide their own criteria to a schedule generator that will use the inputs in order to provide a schedule.

**3.1.3 Physical View**

Deployment diagram will be used to illustrate the physical view of the system. The application server where the Web server and the Database server are located. The Web server and the Database server will interact with each other to get the requested information. MySQL is a tool to get the information stored in the Database server.

The client component can use any devices such as Apple device, Windows Device or Linux device that come with a web browser like Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari or Internet Explorer to connect to the server.



Figure: Physical View: Deployment Diagram.

**3.1.4 Process View**

The purpose of these diagrams are to show the path of system when actions and decisions are made by Users or Admins order to complete a specific task. In this case, showing the steps to generate a schedule and update account information are shown for the Student diagram. As for the admin diagram, representing the activities required in order to modify the database or to change a student’s information can be observed.

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Figure 1: Student Activity diagram

The first activity diagram demonstrates the generation of a schedule by a User using The Scheduler system. Upon entering the website, the student is prompted with the decision to login using a username and password or create a new account. If the users are on their first visit, they will choose to sign up, otherwise, they can simply login. If the users input wrong data, an error message will be displayed. The option to reset the password can then be used. Once all the required information are given, the Scheduler opens the menu page, giving the choice to, have a look at the schedule, access the preferences and classes, open the account information page or logout.

If the users opt to look at their preferences and classes, they can either select to update them or to simply display them. If the former is chosen, the user will be prompted to set their preferences, classes and the needed classes. An error message will be displayed if anything went wrong and the system will bring back the users to update the preferences again, otherwise the choices will be saved or the schedule can be generated, which brings the user to the schedule display page.

In the event that the student decides to look at the schedule, it will either provide the user with an option to generate a schedule or it will display an error due to conflicting data, such as time conflicts for courses. After generating the schedule, the user can take a look at it and then choose to go back to the menu page.

The last option available on the menu page is the account information. If the users decides to choose this option, they can either update or simply display their account information. The information that are to be saved for the account are the email, username and password. A display error will be seen if there was any problems. Once the users are done using the Scheduler, they can logout.

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Figure 2: Admin Activity diagram

The second activity diagram shows the Admin’s rights over the Scheduler system’s database. When accessing the system, the admins also have to login. Successfully signing in to the website, brings up the menu page. The choices here are to open the account information page, which contains the students account information, to modify the course database and to logout.

In order to modify the database, the scheduler either requests to add a course or to edit a specific course. Choosing to select a course requires the admin to either delete it from the database, alter its description and information or modify the sections. The last option consists of adding deleting and changing information of the course section. After finishing working on the database, all the changes are saved.

For the account information page, this is used for any student that is unable to access the Scheduler for any reason and requires the assistance of an Admin. The Admin can look at the student’s information and update their email or password. Upon modifying their login information, an error will be displayed if anything went wrong. If the changes were successful, the admin will be brought back to the account information page. Once the admins are done using the system, they can simply logout.

**3.1.5 Scenarios**

In the “4+1” architecture, the "1" stands for the *scenarios*. This section describes and illustrates the interactions between objects and process, or better said, between actors and use cases. The use case diagrams represent the functionalities and requirements of the system, such as generating a schedule, managing the account information, etc.

The system three types of users: public users, students, and admin. The *public users* can sign up into the system, and become a *student*, therefore interact with the system. As said before, the system goals is to generate a schedule out of the *student* preferences, course choices for the current semester and his own personalized list of taken classes. On the other side, the *admin* does not have the same functionalities as the *student* and a *public user*. First, an admin cannot sign in, as his/her account is already in the database. Second, the *admin*'s system goal is to mainly manipulate the course and section database. This includes adding, deleting, and modifying data. However, the *admin* and the *student* still shares some functionalities; both can login, edit their account (except the *admin* cannot change his username), reset their password if forgotten, login and logout.

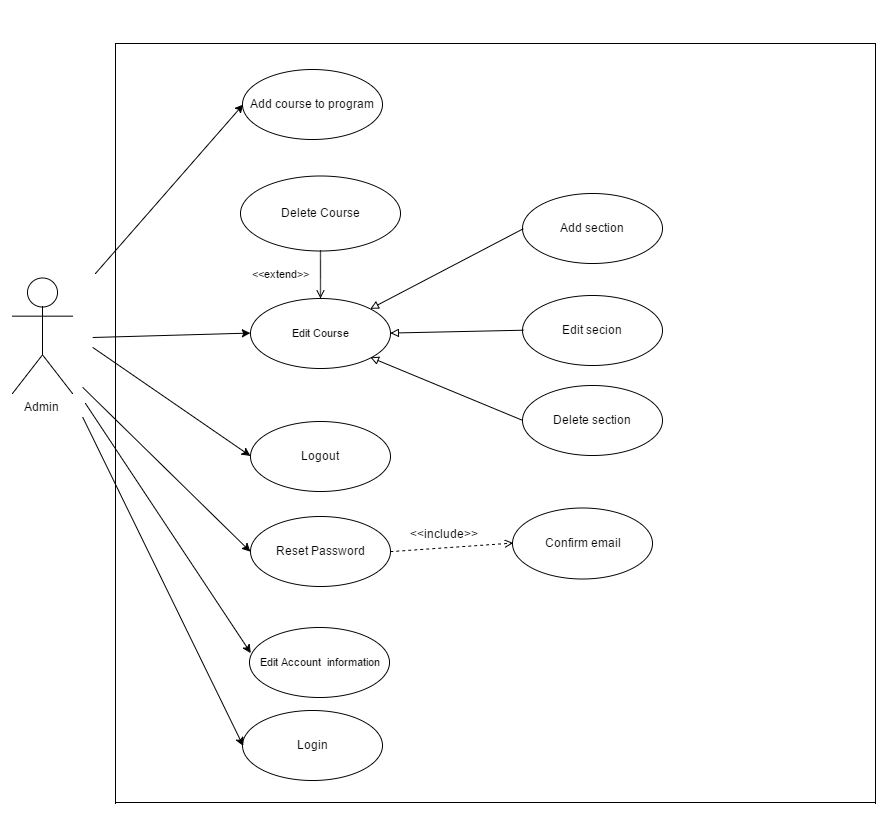


Figure : Admin Use Case Diagram

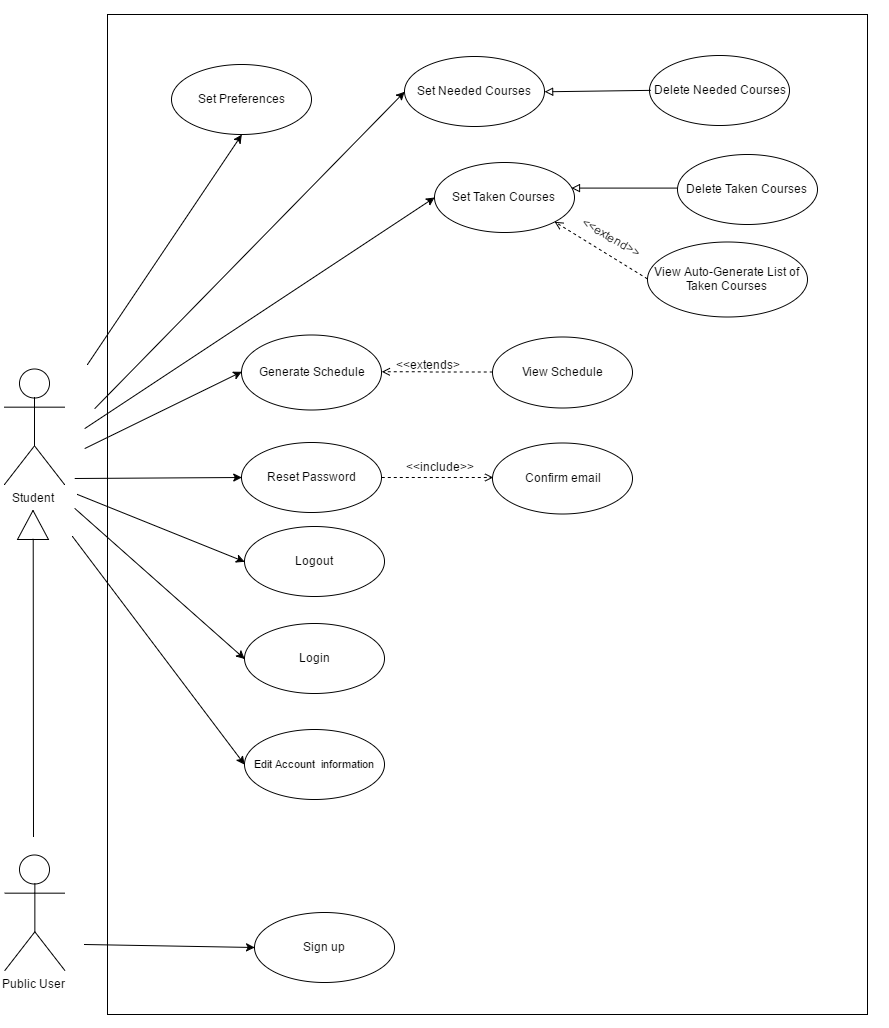


Figure : Student Use Case Diagram

3.2 Subsystem Interfaces Specifications

The subsystem interfaces consist of: ManageCourses, PreferenceSettings, UserVerification, CourseAvailabilty, PreferenceImplementation, ScheduleGeneration. Each of the interface connect two subsystems together. In this section, each of these interfaces will be described and the function calls exchanged between its subsystems will be given along with the specific description of the parameters passed.

**3.2.1 ManageCourses**

The manage courses interface joins the provided interface of account management with the required interface of the subsystem courses management.

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| **Classes involved** | SchedulerStudent, Course |
| **List of Methods** | 1. addTakenCourses(JSON): boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to add courses to the list of taken courses.  **Input Parameter(s)**: serialized Course -course to be added  **Return Type**: boolean   1. getTakenCourses(User): Course[]   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to get the list of courses taken.  **Input Parameter(s)**: User of type Student -user making inquiry  **Return Type**: an array of type Course   1. addNeededCourses(JSON): boolean   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to add courses to the list of needed courses.  **Input Parameter(s)**: serialized Course -courses to be aded  **Return Type**: boolean   1. getNeededCourses(User): Course[]   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to get the list of courses needed.  **Input Parameter(s)**: User type Student -user making inquiry  **Return Type**:  an array of type Course   1. autogenerateTakenClasses(int): String[]   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to generate a list of taken courses.  **Input Parameter(s)**: int -number of classes t  **Return Type**:  an array of Strings -names of courses   1. getCoursesFromDB(int): void   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to access courses in database.  **Input Parameter(s)**: none  **Return Type**:  N/A |

**3.2.2 PreferencesSettings**

The preference settings interface joins the provided interface of account management with the required interface of the preferences management.

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| **Classes involved** | User Student, Preferences, Scheduler Student |
| **List of Methods** | 1. setPreferences(User, Preferences): boolean   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to set the preferences for a user of type Student  **Input Parameter(s)**: object of type Preferences and User of type Student -current user and their new preferences  **Return Type**: boolean   1. getPreferences(User): Preferences   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to get the preferences  **Input Parameter(s)**: User of type Student -current user and their preferences  **Return Type**: An object of type Preferences |

**3.2.3 UserVerification**

The UserVerification interface is provided by the user account in order to manage the database. The credentials entered in the UI are compared to the User’s in order to establish a valid login type.

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| **Classes involved** | User |
| **List of Methods** | 1. getName() : String   **Implemented in Class**: User  **Description**: Method to access the name of a user.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: String   1. getPassword() : String   **Implemented in Class**: User  **Description**: Method to access the password of a user.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: String   1. getEmail() : String   **Implemented in Class**: User  **Description**: Method to access the email of a user.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: String   1. login(Student) : void   **Implemented in Class**: User  **Description**: Method to access the student object associated with a user account.  **Input Parameter(s)**: object of type Student  **Return Type**: void |

Verification of user login type is used to ensure proper access to the database.

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| **Classes involved** | UI |
| **List of Methods** | 1. verificationUserType(User) : void   **Implemented in Class**: UI  **Description**: Method to access the user’s dynamic type Student/Admin.  **Input Parameter(s)**: object of type User -user to be verified  **Return Type**: void |

Enables an Admin to modify any User’s information, allow Student to modify its own information.

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| **Classes involved** | Scheduler Student, Scheduler Student |  |
| **List of Methods** | 1. changeAccountInformation(User) : boolean   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin/Student  **Description**: Method to modify a user’s account information.  **Input Parameter(s)**: object of type User -user who is verified as either Admin or Student.  **Return Type**: boolean |  |

**3.2.4 AdminDataBaseModifications**

This interface allows an administrator to edit the courses and sections list in the database. This is not accessible for a student because of the UserValidation interface.

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| **Classes involved** | Scheduler Admin, User Admin |
| **List of Methods** | 1. getCoursesFromDB(): void   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method to access all Courses in database.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: void   1. addCourseInDB(JSON) : boolean   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method to add a Course in database.  **Input Parameter(s)**: serialized Course -to be added  **Return Type**: boolean   1. dropCourseInDB(JSON) : boolean   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method to remove a Course from database.  **Input Parameter(s)**: serialized Course -to be removed  **Return Type**: boolean   1. modifyCourseInDB(JSON) : boolean   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method to modify an existing Course in database.  **Input Parameter(s)**: serialized Course  -to be modified  **Return Type**: boolean   1. modifySectionInDB(JSON) : boolean   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method to modify an existing section of a course in database.  **Input Parameter(s)**: serialized Section -to be modified  **Return Type**: boolean   1. addSectionInDB(JSON) : boolean   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method to add a Section for a Course in database.  **Input Parameter(s)**: serialized Section -to be added  **Return Type**: Boolean   1. dropSectionInDB(JSON) : boolean   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method to remove a section for a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: serialized Section -to be removed  **Return Type**: boolean |

**3.2.5 CourseAvailability**

The Course availability Interface generates, from a list of Courses that a student may take, a list of course Sections that could match together in a schedule. This interface provides viewing of courses list, not modification.

The Scheduler Student provides a list of courses needed and their sections. This list is solely based on which course could be taken for the schedule; semester and prerequisites are the only constraints.

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| **Classes involved** | Scheduler Student, User Student, Course |
| **List of Methods** | 1. getTakenCourses(User) : Course[]   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to access the list of courses taken.  **Input Parameter(s)**: User of type Student -who has taken the courses  **Return Type**: array of objects of type Course   1. getNeededCourses(User) : Course[]   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to access the list of needed courses.  **Input Parameter(s)**: User of type Student -who needs the courses  **Return Type**: array of objects of type Course   1. getCoursesFromBD() : void   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to access the list of all courses.  **Input Parameter(s)**: none  **Return Type**: N/A   1. getSectionsForCourse(String) : Section[]   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method to access the list of sections for a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: String -name of course  **Return Type**: array of objects type Section |

The Course attributes are accessed in order to create the schedule, more importantly they provide a list of Sections.

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| **Classes involved** | Course, Section |
| **List of Methods** | 1. getName(): String   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the name of a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: string   1. getNumber(): int   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the number of a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: int   1. getPrereqs(): Courses[]   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the list prerequisite courses of a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: array of objects of type Course -sections not initialized   1. getLectures(): Section[]   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the list of lectures for a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: array of objects of type Course Section   1. getTutorial(): Section[]   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the list of tutorials for a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: array of Course objects of type  Section   1. getLabs(): Section[]   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the list labs of a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: array of Course objects of type  Section |

Sections are contained within Courses, stored in the arrays lecture, tutorial and Lab -from which they get their section type. Sections provide availability and more precise scheduling information.

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| **Classes involved** | Section |
| **List of Methods** | 1. getSemester(): String   **Implemented in Class**: Section  **Description**: Method to access the semester in which the section is taught.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: string |

**3.2.6 PreferenceImplementation**

The preference implementation interface provides the student preferences in order to generate a schedule with the current student preferences.

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| **Classes involved** | Scheduler Student, User |
| **List of Methods** | 1. getPreferences(User) : Preferences   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler  **Description**: Method to access the preferences of a User of type Student.  **Input Parameter(s)**: User type Student -who will access their preferences  **Return Type**: object of type Preferences |

**3.2.7 ScheduleGeneration**

The schedule generation interface is a combination of the course availability and the preferences of a student. A schedule is generated from a list of sections for the courses to be taken that are offered during the semester and have times corresponding with preferences. The Schedulegeneration then chooses sections from the lists that fulfil the requirements to be added to a schedule until it is filled. This schedule can then be displayed with section information -times and classrooms. In order to modify the schedule, preferences or courses to be taken can be modified to generate a new schedule.

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| **Classes involved** | Scheduler Student, Student |
| **List of Methods** | 1. generateSchedule(Student) : void   **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler  **Description**: Method to produce a schedule for a semester according to a list of courses and preferences.  **Input Parameter(s)**: object of type Student  **Return Type**: void. |

More Information is required in order to draw a schedule: the course names, number and section.

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| **Classes involved** | Course, Section |
| **List of Methods** | 1. getName(): String   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the name of a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: string   1. getNumber(): int   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the number of a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: int   1. getCredits(): double   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the number of credits of a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: double   1. getPrereqs(): Courses[]   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the list prerequisite courses of a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: array of objects of type Course -sections not initialized   1. getLectures(): Section[]   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the list of lectures for a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: array of objects of type Course Section   1. getTutorial(): Section[]   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the list of tutorials for a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: array of Course objects of type  Section   1. getLabs(): Section[]   **Implemented in Class**: Course  **Description**: Method to access the list labs of a course.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: array of Course objects of type  Section |

Still more Information is required in order to draw a schedule: the section IDs, Times, Types, Classrooms.

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| **Classes involved** | Section |
| **List of Methods** | 1. getID(): String   **Implemented in Class**: Section  **Description**: Method to access the id of a section.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: string   1. getTime(): String   **Implemented in Class**: Section  **Description**: Method to access the time of a section.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: string   1. getClassroom(): String   **Implemented in Class**: Section  **Description**: Method to access the location of a section.  **Input Parameter(s)**: N/A  **Return Type**: stringA  **Return Type**: string |

4. Detailed Design

4.1 Detailed Design Diagram

The following section describes a detailed description of the concerning the class diagram of the system. The scheduler contains a total of 8 classes. The classes *Student, Admin* and *User* represent essentially the user. *Student* and *Admin* are subclasses of the *User* class. This corresponds to the possibility of a student and an admin to log in to the system. The *User* class interacts with the *UI* class where the this class simply manages the information to be displayed. The classes *Scheduler - Admin* and *Scheduler-Student*. Depending on the type of user, the UI will redirect that user the the appropriate *Scheduler* system. These classes are the core of the system since they provide functionality with the help of the other classes *Preferences, Classes & Sections.*

**4.1.1 Student Generate Schedule**

The *Student Scheduler* has a method called *generateSchedule(Student)* which generates a schedule based on the courses, preferences and sections. A method called *autogenerateTakenClasses(int)* shall automatically display the courses that are added even before finalization. The Student Scheduler contains Preferences, Course, Section and Scheduler Student. Each of these classes communicate between each other to generate schedule.

Student generated schedule is provided as part of the schedule generation component, the method listed below are elaborated:

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| **Classes Involved** | **Preferences, Course, Section, Scheduler Student** |
| **Method(s) Implemented** | generateSchedule(Student): void  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that generates schedule for Student  **Input Parameter(s)**: An object Student  **Return Type**: void  getTakenCourses(User): Course []  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that retrieves taken courses from database  **Input Parameter(s)**: User  **Return Type**: void  getNeededCourses(User): Course []  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that returns needed courses  **Input Parameter(s)**: User  **Return Type**: Course []  autogenerateTakenClasses(int): String []  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that autogenerates taken classes  **Input Parameter(s)**: int  **Return Type**: String []  getPreferences(User):Preferences  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that returns preferences of a user  **Input Parameter(s)**: User  **Return Type**: Preferences |

**4.1.2 Student Manage Courses**

This subsystem portrays the path for a student to manage his course load. The scheduler possesses methods such as *addNeededCourse(), dropTakenCourse()*, which allows for the user to simply add courses to his/her schedule or simply drop them. The methods *dropTakenCourse()* and *addTakenCourse()* are functions where the user himself creates his own transcript. The project and specifications defines the courses taken in the previous semesters as inputs to be put into the database.

Student Manage Courses is part of the component Course Management, the methods listed below are elaborated.

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| **Classes Involved** | **Scheduler Student** |
| **Method(s) Implemented** | addTakenCourse(JSON): boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that adds a taken course in the scheduler  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes JSON  **Return Type**: boolean  addNeededCourse(JSON): boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that adds a needed course that has not been taken yet in the scheduler  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes JSON  **Return Type**: boolean  dropTakenCourse(JSON):boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that remove taken course requested by the student and returns a boolean  **Input Parameter(s)**: JSON  **Return Type**: boolean  dropNeededCourse(JSON):boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that remove a course that is needed by the student and returns a boolean  **Input Parameter(s)**: JSON  **Return Type**: boolean |

**4.1.3 - Student manages preferences**

For this subsystem, the scheduler contains one method called *setPreferences()* where the user who is a student can set his preferences. The *Preference* class contains attributes such as *timeOfDay, offDay*.

Student manages preferences is part of the component preferences manager and the following methods are elaborated

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| **Classes Involved** | **Scheduler Student, Preferences** |
| **Method(s) Implemented** | setPreferences(User,Preferences):boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that returns a boolean for preferences modification  **Input Parameter(s)**: User and Preferences  **Return Type**: boolean  getPreferences(User):Preferences  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that returns preferences of a user  **Input Parameter(s)**: User  **Return Type**: Preferences  setLoad(int):void  **Implemented in Class**: Preferences  **Description**: Method that sets the load for preferences  **Input Parameter(s)**: int  **Return Type**: void  setOffDay(String):void  **Implemented in Class**: Preferences  **Description**: Method that sets the days that the students wants to be off  **Input Parameter(s)**: String  **Return Type**: void  setPrefDay(String):void  **Implemented in Class**: Preferences  **Description**: Method that sets the preferred day that the student wants  **Input Parameter(s)**: String  **Return Type**: void  setTimeOfDay(String):void  **Implemented in Class**: Preferences  **Description**: Method that sets the preferred time that the student wants the course to start  **Input Parameter(s)**: String  **Return Type**: void  Preferences(): void  **Implemented in Class**: Preferences  **Description**: Default constructor that initializes preferences  **Input Parameter(s)**: Empty  **Return Type**: void |

**4.1.4 - Admin Manage Course Database**

This subsystem portrays the relationship between the priviliges of the admin and the database. The admin will set all the courses and sections that students can take through the *Scheduler Admin* class. This system contains methods that manipulate the database such as *addSectionInDB()*, *modifyCourseInDB()*.

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| **Classes Involved** | **Scheduler Administrator** |
| **Method(s) Implemented** | addSectionInDB(JSON): boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method that adds a section in the database  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes JSON  **Return Type**: boolean  dropSectionInDB(JSON): boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method that removes a section from the database  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes JSON  **Return Type**: boolean  modifySectionInDB(JSON):boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method that modifies section for a course inside database  **Input Parameter(s)**: JSON  **Return Type**: boolean  addCourseInDB(JSON):boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method that adds course inside database  **Input Parameter(s)**: JSON  **Return Type**: boolean  dropCourseInDB(JSON):boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method that removes course from database  **Input Parameter(s)**: JSON  **Return Type**: boolean  modifyCourseInDB(JSON):boolean  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method that modifies the course inside database  **Input Parameter(s)**: JSON  **Return Type**: boolean |

**4.1.5 - Admin and Student Verification**

This subsystem has one functionality which is to verify which type of user is accessing the system(student/admin). The *UI* class represents the bridge between the systems and will direct the user to their corresponding Scheduler system depending on their type(student/admin).

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| **Classes Involved** | **Student, User, UI** |
| **Method(s) Implemented** | login(Student): void  **Implemented in Class**: User  **Description**: Method that allows user to login. For security purposes, hashing will be used in order to avoid potential breaches and unwanted access.  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes User  **Return Type**: void  signUp(JSON): void  **Implemented in Class**: Student  **Description**: Method that signs up the student  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes JSON  **Return Type**: void  verificationUserType(User): void  **Implemented in Class**: UI  **Description**: Method that checks the user type and redirects to their respective scheduler according to their type  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes User  **Return Type**: void |

**4.1.6 - Admin and Student Managing Account Information**

In this subsystem, both Scheduler systems(admin/student) contain methods that allow for the user to change its account information: *changeAccountInformation()*, *resetUserPassword()*. This subsystem simply permits the user to change his/her information and characteristics.

Admin and Student Managing Account Information is part of the component Account Management.

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| **Classes Involved** | **Student, User, Admin, Scheduler Student, Scheduler Admin** |
| **Method(s) Implemented** | setPassword(String, String): void  **Implemented in Class**: User  **Description**: Method that allows user to change their password  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes two Strings, first string is the old password and second string the new password  **Return Type**: void  setEmail(String): void  **Implemented in Class**: User  **Description**: Method that allows to change email address for the user  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes String  **Return Type**: void  sendEmailForgotPass(**User**): void  **Implemented in Class**: Student  **Description**: Method that sends the password to the Student  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes User  **Return Type**: void  changeAccountInformation(User): void  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Admin  **Description**: Method that changes the account information of a user  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes User  **Return Type**: void  changeAccountInformation(User): void  **Implemented in Class**: Scheduler Student  **Description**: Method that changes the account information of a user  **Input Parameter(s)**: takes User  **Return Type**: void |

4.2 Unit Descriptions

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| **Class Name** | **Admin** |
| **Description** | A type of user inherited from the User class representing the Admin. |
| **Attribute(s)** | N/A |
| **Operation(s)** | N/A |

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| **Class Name** | **Student** |
| **Description** | A type of user inherited from the User class representing the Student. |
| **Attribute(s)** | * neededCourses : Course[] * preferences : Preferences * takenCourses : Courses |
| **Operation(s)** | Ø signUp(JSON\_File : JSON): Boolean  o Registers the student into the system for the first time.  Ø Student(): void  o Creates a preset Student object.  Ø sendEmailForgotPasswordt(UserObj : User): void  o Sends an email to the student explaining how to log back on if they forgot their password. |

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| **Class Name** | **User** |
| **Description** | The generic model of the user of the system from which Student and Admin inherent from. |
| **Attribute(s)** | * username : String * password: String * email : String |
| **Operation(s)** | Ø User(username : String, password : String, email : String): void  o Generates a new account for a new user.  Ø getName(): String  o Returns the user’s username.  Ø getPassword(): String  o Returns the user’s password.  Ø getEmail(): String  o Returns the user’s email.  Ø setPassword(oldpassword : String, newpassword : String): void  o Allows the user to the change their password  Ø setEmail(newEmail : String): void  o Changes the user’s email.  Ø login(StudentObj: Student): void  o Provides the student user access to the system.  Ø ConfirmEmail(): Boolean  o Sends an automated confirmation email to the user confirming that a new account has been successfully. |

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| **Class Name** | **UI** |
| **Description** | Provides the front end user interface (GUI) to the user. |
| **Attribute(s)** | N/A |
| **Operation(s)** | Ø VerificationUserType(UserObj : User): void  o Determines whether a user is a Student or Admin and only gives them access to parts of the system that they are allowed to interact with. |

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| **Class Name** | **Preferences** |
| **Description** | Manages and stores the preferences the Student User selects if any. Used by Scheduler Student. |
| **Attribute(s)** | * load : int * offDay : String * prefDay : String * timeofDay : String |
| **Operation(s)** | Ø getLoad(): int  o Returns the number of courses a student wishes to take per semester.  Ø getOffDay(): String  o Returns the selection of days the Student selected to try and have off in a semester.  Ø getPrefDay(): String  o Returns the preferred day(s) that the Student wants to have classes on.  Ø getTimeOfDay(): String  o Displays the time of the day the Student wishes to not have classes at.  Ø setLoad(NumOfCourses : int): void  o Student sets the number of courses they wish to take per semester.  Ø setOffDay(DayOff : String): void  o Student sets the days they wish to have no classes..  Ø setPrefDay(PrefDay : String): void  o Student sets the days they wish to have classes on.  Ø setTimeOfDay(TimeOfDay : String): void  o Sets the time of day Student would like to have classes at.  Ø Preferences(): void  o Generates the preferences of the Student User. |

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| **Class Name** | **Course** |
| **Description** | The object model of an academic course inside the system from which Section is derived. Used by Scheduler Student to construct a Schedule for the Student User. |
| **Attribute(s)** | * name : String * id : String * description : String * lectures : Section [ ] * credits : double * tutorial : Section [ ] * labs : Section [ ] * prereqs : Course [ ] |
| **Operation(s)** | Ø getName(): String  o Retrieves and displays the name of Course for Admin.  Ø getDescription(): String  o Retrieves and displays the description of Course for the Admin User.  Ø getLectures(): Section [ ]  o Retrieves and displays the Section(s) of Course that contain lectures.  Ø getCredits(): double  o Retrieves the number of credits for the Course.  Ø getTutorial(): Section [ ]  o Retrieves and displays the Section(s) of Course that contain lectures.  Ø getLab(): Section [ ]  o Retrieves and displays the Section(s) of Course that contain labs.  Ø getPrereqs(): Course [ ]  o Retrieves and displays the name of Course for Admin. |

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| **Class Name** | **Section** |
| **Description** | Contains the information of a particular section for a given Course which can be accessed and manipulated by an Admin User. |
| **Attribute(s)** | * time : String * id : String * classroom : String * semester : String * type : String |
| **Operation(s)** | Ø getTime(): String  o Admin retrieves and displays the time the course is offered during a week.  Ø getId(): String  o Returns the ID of the Course to the Admin.  Ø getClassroom(): String  o Retrieves and Displays the Classroom number to the Admin.  Ø getSemester(): String  o Returns and displays the semester the Section is being offered to the Admin.  Ø getTypye(): String  o Returns and displays the type of the Section (Lab, Tutorial or Lecture).  Ø setTime(time : String): void  o Admin can set the time of a section during the week.  Ø setID(ID : String): void  o Admin sets the ID of the Section.  Ø setClassroom(classroom : String): void  o Admin sets the classroom number of the Section.  Ø setSemester(semester : String): void  o Admin sets the semester the Section is offered in.  Ø setType(type : String): void  o Admin sets the type of Section (lab, tutorial, lecture) for a particular Course.  Ø Section(time : String, id: String, classroom : String, semester : String, type : String): void  o Generates a new Section for a Course for the Admin. |

5. Dynamic Design Scenarios

6. Estimation

Few adjustments were needed during the process of deliverable 2, notably

* **Deliverable 0**

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| **Artifact** | **Estimated Cost in Hours** | **Final Cost in Hours** |
| **Team members list** | 1 | 1 |
| **Domain Model** | 4 | 4 |
| **Total Cost** | **5** | **5** |

* **Deliverable 1**

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| **Artifact** | **Estimated Cost in Hours** | **Final Cost in Hours** |
| **Use Case Diagram** | 10 | 10 |
| **Use Cases** | 12 | 12 |
| **Domain Model** | 4 | 4 |
| **Non-Functional Requirements** | 10 | 10 |
| **Technologies used** | 2 | 2 |
| **Estimation** | 2 | 2 |
| **Schedule** | 2 | 2 |
| **Risks** | 3 | 3 |
| **Working Framework** | 10 | 10 |
| **Server Connection** | 15 | 15 |
| **Total Cost** | **70** | **70** |

* **Deliverable 2**

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| **Artifact** | | **Estimated Cost in Hours** | **Final Cost in Hours** |
| **4+1 Architectural**  **View** | **Logical** | **10** |  |
| **Development** |  |
| **Physical** |  |
| **Process** |  |
| **Scenarios** |  |
| **Subsystem Interface Specification** | |  |  |
| **UML Class Diagram** | |  |  |
| **Dynamic Design Scenario** | |  |  |
| **Estimation** | |  |  |
| **Rapid Prototyping Report** | |  |  |
| **Risks** | |  |  |
| **Total Cost** | |  |  |

7. Rapid Prototyping and Risk

7.1 Front-End Work

All the major pages were completed for the prototype, except for the schedule page, which will be completed after the scheduling algorithm is in place

Figure : The login page

Figure : The preferences/classes page

The account page

The front-end work progressed as expected without any scope changes. React continues to be a simple and elegant solution for the front-end that only gets complicated when it comes to communicating with the back-end.

7.2 Back-End Work

For the prototype, the plan was to get a working interface that interacted with the database. As planned, one of the first steps was to design and set up the database that was to be used. A document explaining how to create and populate the Mysql database was also shared with the team. The second step was to work with the front-end team to link the set of pages with the databases through server calls. The register and the log in modules were working. However, they were not using the Laravel framework. Incorporating the current pages in the MVC model and the Laravel folder architecture as well as using the features of the framework (such as routing) were the last step of the prototype implementation. As a confirmation, the application was shared with the team and implemented on their end to test the modules that were implemented.

**7.2.1 Front-end and back-end communication issues**

There were a lot of issues with the usage of React and Laravel. React was initially designed for use with NodeJS, where the Javascript can be rendered on the server, but this is not an option when our back-end is running with a PHP framework. Since we are using React generate the views (this is operation is done client-side) and Laravel to handle the architecture, this makes it complicated for Laravel to manage the views for instance. While the original prototype did prove React renders the pages flawlessly, we had not yet implemented them with the framework and its architecture. Our initial prototype was merely testing log-in authorization and registration. Once Laravel came into play, this complicated the project. These issues did not affect our design decisions.

7.3 Added Technology

**7.3.1 Twitter Typeahead**

We have implemented Twitter’s typeahead component to improve the user experience. It is a jQuery open source text component that provides auto-completion suggestions as the user types (much like the google search bar). We will be using it to help the user add their needed and taken courses. The list of courses given in the auto-complete will be retrieved from the server. This will not only make a better user experience, but make it less likely for the user to input a course that doesn’t exist by accident.