

CS104 (SSL)- Project Submission: Spreadsheets

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1 Project description

- General description :

In this project, we build a simple token system that will mimic a virtual queue and assign tokens to people based on the order in which people filled a form. The system involves collecting responses from people using google forms, storing the data in a Spreadsheet and using it to generate a token system which allots token on basis of the order in which the form was filled by different users.

- My Project :

I have implemented the task given in the form of a personalised doubt clearing service. The google form shared with all the students of Bakliwal Tutorials will collect their responses in a spreadsheet for a personalized doubt clearing service. According to the sequence in which the form was filled by students they will be allotted a token number and hence a time slot for their appointment which they will be informed the mail.

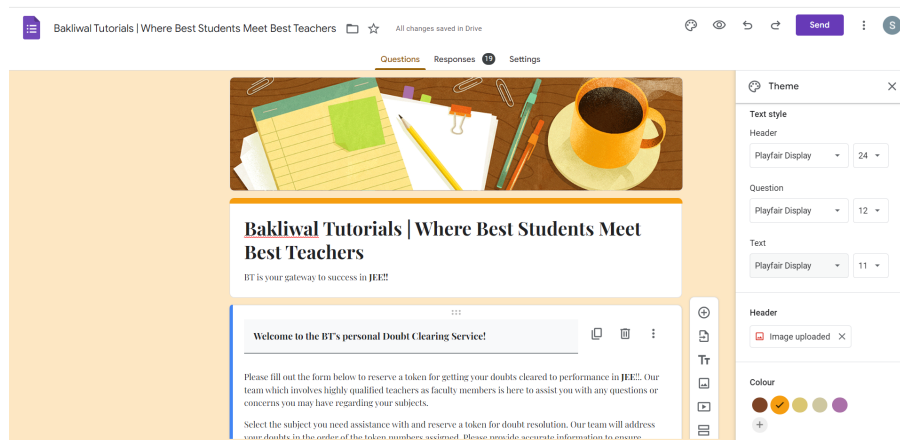
2 Implementation and Customization

2.1 Google form

Link of the google shared with students that will collect data in a Spreadsheet:

<https://forms.gle/akwdd5JU68h3iJsT9>

The google form collects Name, Email ID, Contact number, Subject in which the student has a doubt in and the nearest BT center for him/her as data.

The image shows a Google Form titled "Bakliwal Tutorials | Where Best Students Meet Best Teachers". The form is designed for a "personal Doubt Clearing Service". It features a header with a logo and a tagline "BT is your gateway to success in JEE!". Below the header, there is a welcome message: "Welcome to the BT's personal Doubt Clearing Service!". The main body of the form contains instructions: "Please fill out the form below to reserve a token for getting your doubts cleared to performance in JEE!. Our team which involves highly qualified teachers as faculty members is here to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your subjects." and a section for selecting a subject: "Select the subject you need assistance with and reserve a token for doubt resolution. Our team will address your doubts in the order of the token numbers assigned. Please provide accurate information to ensure". The form is displayed on a mobile device screen, and a theme editor is visible on the right side, showing options for text style, question, text, header, and color.

2.2 Customization

An input for nearest BT center and the subject of concern is taken from the form filler. So there is unique queue for every center and each center maintains a separate queue for different subjects. The appointments end at 1pm and a new mail is generated at 1:30 pm which is sent to all the students who had an appointment scheduled that day, providing them with a feedback form for the service where they can rate the session and also suggest improvements in the service.

2.3 Linked Spreadsheet

The data received from the google form responses is collected in a Spreadsheet.

Spreadsheet link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ni5HYcR82v5eiC1Fr_tZ8dmTV-bK1RubTCv3k2sjxuM/edit?usp=sharing

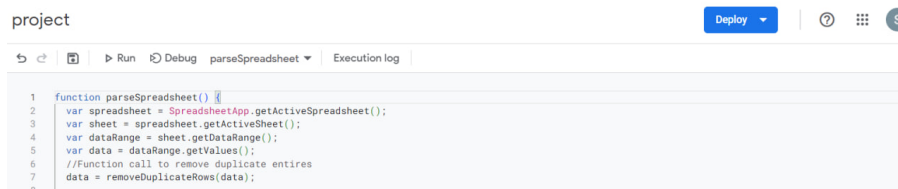
Timestamp	Student Name	Email-ID	Contact Number	Choose Subject in which Nearest BT center from your house
10/06/2023 16:48:25	Ananya Rao	ananyarao.2005@gmail.com	7303045251	Counseling session for IITM (Address: 6th Floor, Unit No. 627 and 628 Lodha Supremus II, Thane - 400607)
10/06/2023 16:55:44	Aarushi N Kolhawale	aarushikolhawale0@gmail.com	912133224	Counseling session for IITD (Address: Ground Floor, Pata Complex, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar West, Mumbai - 400028)
10/06/2023 17:04:29	Mithila Banoth	mithila1208@gmail.com	9903381288	Chemistry
10/06/2023 17:13:44	Deek	sharvaneer@gmail.com	222222222	Physics
10/06/2023 17:14:17	Shanvaneer	sharvaneer@gmail.com	9145617248	Physics
10/06/2023 17:14:51	Ana	sharvaneer@gmail.com	3199999999	Physics
10/06/2023 17:15:14	Mithu	sharvaneer@gmail.com	8144444444	Physics
10/06/2023 17:15:36	Aak	sharvaneer@gmail.com	2411111111	Physics
10/06/2023 17:16:07	Unvi	sharvaneer@gmail.com	5555555555	Physics
10/06/2023 17:16:38	Jyoti	sharvaneer@gmail.com	1999999999	Physics
10/06/2023 17:32:14	Shalish bhagwan patil	shalishpatil2212@gmail.com	9730740758	Physics
10/06/2023 17:50:55	Piyu	sharvaneer@gmail.com	9155555555	Chemistry
10/06/2023 18:01:13	Pravin Ishwarlal Sonawane	pravinsonawane@gmail.com	9822340373	Maths
10/06/2023 18:23:18	Tanisha Anmol Karpe	drusugandhasonawane@gmail.com	982347616	Physics
10/06/2023 18:34:16	Sugandha Pravin Sonawane	drusugandhasonawane@gmail.com	9881635267	Physics
10/06/2023 18:40:10	Shambhavi Pravin Sonawane	shambhavi308@gmail.com	8983169667	Maths
10/06/2023 18:42:02	Sugandha Pravin Sonawane	drusugandhasonawane@gmail.com	9881635267	Physics
10/06/2023 22:45:29	Piyu Patil	drusugandhasonawane@gmail.com	830002755	Physics
11/06/2023 00:07:12	Piyu Patil	220943@iitb.ac.in	3524352435	Physics

2.4 Explanation of Code

Get the full code here : <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MdtYGxws97HgdnxY2DXLEXtnrXQn0GoS?usp=sharing>

Go through the following explanations for each section of the code I have written in Apps Script and understand the beauty of using Google sheets API to read a spreadsheet and perform the task given. In the extensions section of the spreadsheet, we can use Apps Script to work on the data it has. The form opens at 8am everyday and closes by 8.30am. At 8:30am the Apps Script code is run to generate tokens. For this the spreadsheet is parsed.

2.4.1 Storing the Spreadsheet data



- `SpreadsheetApp.getActiveSpreadsheet()` and `getActiveSheet()`:
These functions return the currently active spreadsheet in Google Sheets and the sheet in that spreadsheet respectively.^[1]
- `getDataRange()`:
This function returns the range of cells that contains data in the selected sheet.^[1]
- `getValues()`:
It returns a two-dimensional array where each element represents the value of a single cell.^[1]

2.4.2 Removing duplicate entries

A 2D array called 'data' is created. A row with index *i* in 'data' is accessed using `data[i-1]` and `row[j-1]` stores the column information of the (*j*)th column. All the sections filled by the user are

```

137 //Create a function to remove duplicate entries
138 function removeDuplicateRows(data) {
139   var uniqueKeys = {};
140
141   for (var i = 1; i < data.length; i++) {
142     var key = data[i][2];
143
144     if (!uniqueKeys.hasOwnProperty(key)) {
145       uniqueKeys[key] = true; // Store the unique key
146     } else {
147       data.splice(i, 1); // Remove the duplicate row
148       i--; // Decrement the loop counter since the array length has changed
149     }
150   }
151
152   return data;
153 }

```

assigned to variables. Now the function `removeDuplicateRows` is called and `data` variable is passed as an argument to it.^[2]

- `removeDuplicateRows(data):`

This function defines a new variable 2D array of name `uniqueKeys` and the variable `key` stores the Email-ID column. The `hasOwnProperty(key)` method is used to check if the `uniqueKeys` object contains the current key. If the key is not present in `uniqueKeys`, it means that the current row is unique and has not been encountered before. In this case, the key is added to the `uniqueKeys` object by assigning `true` to it. This ensures that future rows with the same key will be recognized as duplicates. If the key is already present in `uniqueKeys`, it means that the current row is a duplicate. In this case, the `splice(i, 1)` method is used to remove the duplicate row from the `data` array at the current index `i`. Since the `splice()` operation modifies the array and reduces its length, it is necessary to decrement the loop counter `i` by 1 to ensure that the next iteration processes the correct row. Hence, the `data` array is updated to eliminate out duplicate entries.

2.4.3 Generating Token Number

```

8
9 // Create an object to store the count of applicants for each location and subject
10 var locationQueue = {};
11
12 for (var i = 1; i < data.length; i++) {
13   var row = data[i];
14   var timestamp = row[0];
15   var name = row[1];
16   var contact = row[3];
17   var subjectfilled = row[4];
18   var location = row[5];
19   var email = row[2];
20
21   // If the location is not in the locationQueue object, initialize it
22   if (!locationQueue.hasOwnProperty(location)) {
23     locationQueue[location] = {};
24   }
25
26   var locationData = locationQueue[location];
27
28   // If the subject is not in the locationData object, initialize it
29   if (!locationData.hasOwnProperty(subjectfilled)) {
30     locationData[subjectfilled] = {
31       count: 0, //initialize no of applicants to 0
32       slots: 6 //initial no of available slots for that particular location and subject
33     };
34   }
35
36   var subjectData = locationData[subjectfilled];
37
38   // Check if the current location and subject have available appointment slots
39   if (subjectData.slots > 0) {
40     // Increment the count for the current location and subject, and generate token number
41     subjectData.count++;
42     var tokenNumber = subjectData.count;
43   }

```

We make a separate queue for each subject at every location. The `locationQueue` object is used to store information about the count of applicants for each location and subject. The code checks if the current value of `location` variable is present as a property in the `locationQueue` object using the `hasOwnProperty()` method. If the location is not present, it initializes it by assigning an empty object to it to make sure that each unique location has an object to store its associated subject data. `locationData` object within `locationQueue` corresponding to the current location stores the subject data for that location. Similarly, the code checks if the current `subjectfilled` is present as a property in the `locationData` object. If not, it initializes it by assigning an object with properties `count` and `slots` to it. The `count` property is initially set to 0, representing the number of applicants

for the subject, and the slots property is set to 6, representing the available appointment slots for that subject at the location. Then if there are available appointment slots (slots > 0) for the current location and subject, the code increments the count property of subjectData by 1, representing the number of applicants for that location and subject. This incremented value is then assigned to the tokenNumber variable, which represents the token number for the current applicant.[4]

2.4.4 Assigning time slots according to token number

```

44 // Generate time slot based on token number and parity of token number
45 var slotStartHour = 10 + Math.floor((tokenNumber - 1) / 2);
46 var slotStartMinute = (tokenNumber % 2 === 1) ? '00' : '30'; //set to 00 for odd token no and 30 for even token no
47 var slotEndHour = slotStartHour;
48 var slotEndMinute = (tokenNumber % 2 === 1) ? '30' : '00'; //set to 30 for odd token no and 00 for even token no
49
50 if (tokenNumber % 2 === 0) {
51   slotEndHour += 1;
52   slotEndMinute = '00';
53 }
54
55 // Formatting the time values
56 var formattedStartTime = slotStartHour.toString().padStart(2, '0') + ':' + slotStartMinute;
57 var formattedEndTime = slotEndHour.toString().padStart(2, '0') + ':' + slotEndMinute;
58 var startTimePeriod = (slotStartHour >= 12) ? 'PM' : 'AM';
59 var endTimePeriod = (slotEndHour >= 12) ? 'PM' : 'AM';
60 if (tokenNumber <= 6) {
61   var timeSlot = formattedStartTime + ' - ' + formattedEndTime + ' ' + startTimePeriod + ' - ' + formattedEndTime + ' ' + endTimePeriod;
62   if (tokenNumber <= 6) {
63     var timeSlot = formattedStartTime + ' - ' + startTimePeriod + ' - ' + formattedEndTime + ' - ' + endTimePeriod;
64   }
65   console.log('Time slot:', timeSlot);
66   Logger.log('Recipient Email: ' + email);
67   Logger.log(tokenNumber);
68   // Get the current date in DD/MM/YYYY
69   var currentDate = new Date();
70   var options = { day: 'numeric', month: 'numeric', year: 'numeric' };
71   var formattedDate = currentDate.toLocaleDateString('en-IN', options);
72

```

The variable slotStartHour is set to 10 plus the integer division (tokenNumber - 1) / 2. The slotStartMinute is set to '00' for odd tokenNumber and '30' for even tokenNumber. slotEndHour and slotEndMinute also adjusted according to parity of the token number. The code then formats the start and end time values by converting the hours and minutes to strings and padding them with leading zeros if needed. The startTimePeriod and endTimePeriod variables are used to determine whether the time slot is in the AM or PM period depending on the slotStartHour and slotEndHour.[6] The code also retrieves the current date using new Date(), and formats it to a localized string in the format "day/month/year" using the toLocaleDateString() method.[5]

2.4.5 Sending Emails

```

73 // Compose the email
74 var subject = "Appointment confirmation with BT faculty under doubt clearing service";
75 var message = "Dear " + name + ",\n\n";
76 message += "Greetings from Bakliwal Tutorials. Hope your JEE preparation is going well. Being a part of the personal doubt clearing system will definitely benefit you in your JEE journey." + "\n";
77 message += "Your appointment for the personal doubt session is scheduled at: " + location + " with the " + subjectfilled + " faculty at BT." + "\n";
78 message += "Your token number is: " + tokenNumber + "\n";
79 message += "Your appointment time slot is: " + timeSlot + " on: " + formattedDate + "\n";
80 message += "Collect all your doubts in the subject of " + subjectfilled + " and be there on time to utilize the session to the fullest." + "\n";
81 message += "Thank you" + "\n\n" + "Regards" + ",\n" + "Bakliwal Tutorials | Where Best Students Meet Best Teachers";
82
83 // Send the email only if the token number is up to 6
84 if (tokenNumber <= 6) {
85   MailApp.sendEmail(email, subject, message);
86   Logger.log(message);
87 }
88 // Reduce the available slots for the current location and subject
89 subjectData.slots--;
90
91 // If there are no available appointment slots for the current location and subject, send a notification email
92 var subject = "Appointment Slot Unavailable with BT faculty under doubt clearing service";
93 var message = "Dear " + name + ",\n\n";
94 message += "Greetings from Bakliwal Tutorials. Hope your JEE preparation is going well. Being a part of the personal doubt clearing system will definitely benefit you in your JEE journey." + "\n";
95 message += "Token number : " + tokenNumber + "\n";
96 message += "Appointment slot : Not available" + "\n";
97 message += "Unfortunately, all appointment slots for " + location + " with the " + subjectfilled + " faculty are already filled on a first-come, first-served basis.\n";
98 message += "If you prefer to schedule at a later date, you can fill out the form again on that particular day between 8 am to 8:30 am.\n";
99 message += "Thank you" + "\n\n" + "Regards" + ",\n" + "Bakliwal Tutorials | Where Best Students Meet Best Teachers";
100
101 // Send the denial email with confirmation link
102 MailApp.sendEmail(email, subject, message);
103 Logger.log(message);
104

```

Two different mails are generated according to the condition whether token number is <= 6. The mails are sent at 8:30 am when the script is run.[3]

2.4.6 Feedback Form feature

```

107 function feedbackform(){
108   // Check if the current time is 1:30 PM
109   var currentDate = new Date();
110   var currentHour = currentDate.getHours();
111   var currentMinute = currentDate.getMinutes();
112   if (currentHour === 13 && currentMinute === 30) {
113     // Send the feedback form email
114     var spreadsheet = SpreadsheetApp.getActiveSpreadsheet();
115     var sheet = spreadsheet.getActiveSheet();
116     var dataRange = sheet.getDataRange();
117     var data = dataRange.getValues();
118     data = removeDuplicateRows(data);
119     for (var i = 1; i < data.length; i++) {
120       var row = data[i];
121       var name = row[1];
122       var email = row[2];
123       var feedbackSubject = "Feedback form for BT faculty under doubt clearing service";
124       var feedbackMessage = "Dear " + name + ",\n\n";
125       feedbackMessage += "We hope the doubt clearing session with our faculty at Bakliwal Tutorials was helpful for you." + "\n\n";
126       feedbackMessage += "Your feedback is valuable to us, and we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the feedback form linked below." + "\n\n";
127       feedbackMessage += "Feedback Form: https://forms.gle/efp5Vv4P9hm143d48" + "\n\n";
128       feedbackMessage += "Thank you for your time and contribution." + "\n\n";
129       feedbackMessage += "Regards," + "\n" + "Bakliwal Tutorials | Where Best Students Meet Best Teachers";
130     }
131     // Send the feedback form email
132     MailApp.sendEmail(email, feedbackSubject, feedbackMessage);
133     Logger.log(feedbackMessage);
134   }
135 }

```

Since last appointment ends at 1pm, a mail containing a feedback form is sent to all those students who had their appointment on that day at 1:30pm . For that a function is defined to check if current time is 13:30 in the 24 hour clock system of the device. A trigger is set up to make the sendFeedbackform function to run according to time-driven basis daily and the interval being 1pm - 2pm.^[7]
 Feedback form link: <https://forms.gle/EpWetV3mukT9dzzs7>

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