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Personalized Learning Website

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Abstract

A web application built using the nodejs engine, express application framework and sqlite3 to build a database. Help professors and students operate their own courses and various details more easily and clearly.

Acknowledgments

I use bootstrap as the main design style of my application. I am not using any copyrighted material to make my application. The express application framework and many middlewares of node.js (like the passport) are used. All the rest of the code is done by myself.

Introduction

Learning sites similar to brightspace or culearn. Courses are created by professors, and students can manage their own courses. Students can categorize the courses they are taking and the courses they have completed. Make it easier and faster for students to find the knowledge they need. At the same time, students can discuss under the courseware, videos, assignments or quiz released by the professor. (I think this can be more targeted to help students reduce the time to find the information they need) If logging in as a professor or TA, can give some hints about the assignments and the quiz is related to which lectures or additional material like It's like the quiz of the previous semester. And you can choose delete the student's comment.

Motivation

Whether it is culearn in the past or brightspace we use now, it is a website that professors use to publish various information to help students. So I wonder if I can make a website with

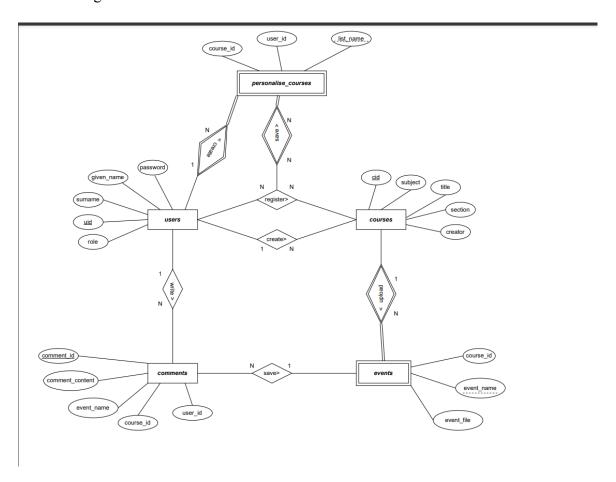
higher operability for students themselves. In my case, I usually take 2 or 3 major courses in each semester, and the remaining credits are for elective courses. This leads to that when I need to look for the lectures of the computer courses I have taken in the past, I need to click on the list of each semester to find it, so I think that if I can improve the operability of the courses for students, it's easier to find what you need.

Methodology:

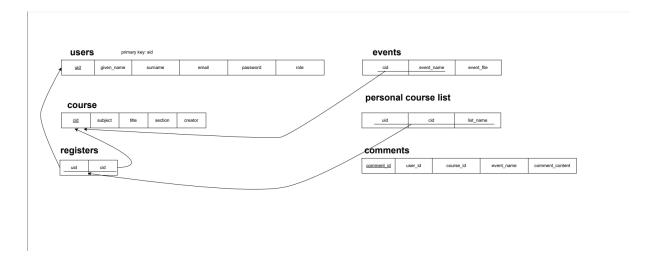
ER moduling -

According to the knowledge learned from COMP 3005 Database Management System, build ER-moduling and schema to help me understand the relationship between each table more clearly when building the database.

ER moduling



Schema:



Database Setup -

Build a sqlite3 database based on what I learned about sqlite3 from COMP 3005 Database Management System. The tables in the database are:

```
sqlite>.tables
comments events registers
courses personalise_courses users
```

Build the database_insert.sql file to update the database at any time. Here is one snapshot of the database_insert.sql

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS users;
    DROP TABLE IF EXISTS courses;
    DROP TABLE IF EXISTS registers;
    DROP TABLE IF EXISTS events;
    DROP TABLE IF EXISTS personalise_courses;
    DROP TABLE IF EXISTS comments;
8
9 ECREATE TABLE users (
        uid integer primary key not null,
                                                 -- user unique id
        given_name text NOT NULL,
                                                -- user given name
12
        surname text NOT NULL,
                                                -- user surname
13
        email text NOT NULL,
                                                 -- user email
14
        password text NOT NULL,
                                                -- user password
15
        role text NOT NULL
                                                -- student or professor
16
        );
17
18 CREATE TABLE courses (
19
        cid integer primary key not null,
                                                                 --course unique id (used to jc
20
        subject text NOT NULL,
                                                                 --course subject: such as comp
        title text NOT NULL,
                                                                 --course title, or in other wc
        section text NOT NULL,
                                                                 --course section
        creator text NOT NULL
                                                                 --course creator (professor)
```

Use nodejs middleware

```
const sqlite3 = require('sqlite3').verbose();
```

to help us connect web application and database

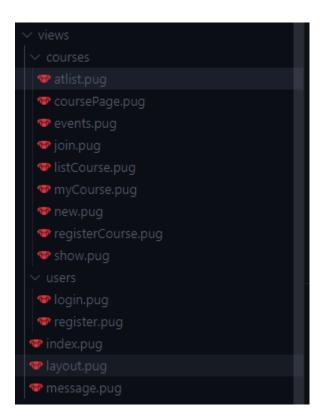
```
const sqlite3 = require('sqlite3').verbose();

let db = module.exports = new sqlite3.Database('./db/mydatabase.db', sqlite3.OPEN_READWRITE, (err) => {
    if (err) {
        console.log(err.message);
    }else {
        console.log('Connected to Database');
    }
});
```

Render Page -

Use pug template to render html page

```
app.set('views', path.join(__dirname, 'views'));
app.set('view engine', 'pug');
```



Register

○ student ○ professor
Given Name:
Given Name
Surname:
Surname
Email:
email@example.com
Password:
Password
Password Confirmation:
Comfirm Password
Submit
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User system -

In the user system I wrote, there are two important middlewares that need to be introduced: one is express-validator

```
const {check, validationResult} = require('express-validator');
```

This middleware helps me to check that all input form users have filled in the information correctly. (Here is check for register:)

```
router.post('/register', [
    check('inlineRadioOptions').isIn(['student', 'professor']).withMessage('Please select you are studer
    check('given_name').isLength({min: 1}).withMessage('Given name is required.'),
    check('surname').isLength({min: 1}).withMessage('Surname is required.'),
    check('email').isLength({min: 1}).withMessage('Email address is required.'),
    check('email').isEmail().withMessage('Please enter correct email address.'),
    check('password').isLength({min: 1}).withMessage('Password is required.'),
    check('password', " ")
    .custom((value, {req, loc, path}) =>{
        if(value != req.body.password_confirmation){
            throw new Error("Password not match");
        }else{
            return value;
        }
}
```

Another important middleware is passport:

```
const db = require('../config/database');
const bcrypt = require('bcrypt');
const LocalStrategy = require('passport-local').Strategy;

module.exports = function(passport) {
    passport.use(new LocalStrategy(
        function verify(username, password, cb) {
        db.get('SELECT**FROM*users*WHERE*uid*=*?', username, function(err, user) {
            if(err) { return cb(err); }
            if(!user) { return cb(null, false, { message: 'No User Found!'}); }

        bcrypt.compare(password, user.password, function(err, isMatch) {
            if(err) { return cb(err); }
            if(isMatch) {
                return cb(null, user);
            }else {
                return cb(null, false, { message: 'Incorrect password.'});
            }
        });
        });
    });
}
```

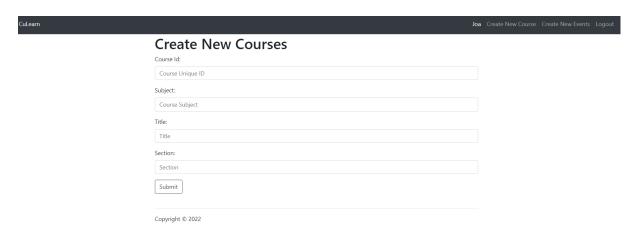
its authentication function is very powerful.

```
function ensureAuthenticated(req, res, next) {
   if (req.isAuthenticated()) {
     return next();
   } else {
     req.flash('danger', 'Please login');
     res.redirect('/users/login');
   }
}
```

CuLearn		Register Login
	Please login	
	Login Unique Login id:	
	Unique Id Password:	
	Password	
	Submit	
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Course System -

When the user is logged in as a professor, he can create a new course through <Create New Course> in the navigation bar.



When the user is logged in as a student, he can join a new course through <Join New Course> in the navigation bar.

Join Course



It is crucial to remember the course's unique id.

After logging in, click your given_name in the navigation bar to view the courses you have registered or created.

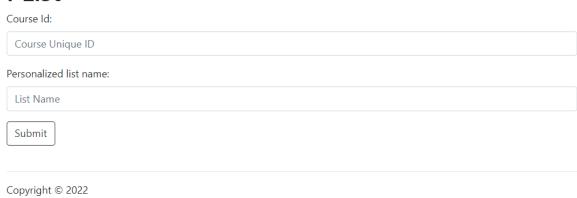


My Register Course



Students can add courses to the new personalized list by entering the course number of the registered courses through "Add Course to PList".

PList



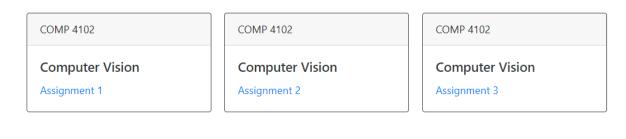
My Register Course



Click different PList names in the drop-down box to view the courses saved in different lists. If you want to view the default list, click the given_name of the user in the navigation bar again.

Event System -

The event system is used by professors to upload different assignments or lectures or quiz to different courses (file acceptance type is limited to pdf files)





COMP 4102 Assignment 1

The realization of this function is largely due to the middleware of multer

```
const multer = require('multer');

let reqPath = path.join(__dirname, '../');

const storage = multer.diskStorage({
    destination: function(req, file, cb) {
        cb(null, reqPath+ 'public/upload/');
     },
     filename: function (req, file, cb) {
        cb(null, Date.now() + '-' + file.originalname);
     }
});

const upload = multer({ storage: storage});
```

Comment System -

Both students and professors can post a comment in each event, and the student's perspective will see the speaker @speaker's unique id. In the professor's perspective, the format will be speaker #comment unique id. Professors can delete inappropriate comments by commenting unique id

```
COMP 4102 Assignment 1
— Joa Sue @1

Second comments
— Joa Sue @1

third comments
— Joa Sue @1

Already delete
— Joa Sue @1

Comments

Submit
```

COMP 4102 Assignment 1 — Joa Sue #1		
Second comments — Joa Sue #4		
third comments — Joa Sue #5		
Already delete — Joa Sue #8		
Comments		
Delete comment with #		
Submit		

Deliverable functions

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- 1. Website user login authentication function (Finished)
- 2. Professor: Create course function (Finished)
- 3. Student: Join specify course function (Finished)
- 4. Course function (Finished)
- 5. Event function include Assignment or Lecutre or quiz. (Finished)
- 6. Database ER modeling (Finished)
- 7. Database db and sql document (Finished)
- 8. Comment function (Finished)
- 9. Student personalise course list function. (Finished)

References

None

Appendix A: Setup and Execution Instructions

Dependencies

```
"bcrypt": "^5.0.1",
"body-parser": "^1.19.2",
"bootstrap": "^5.1.3",
"connect-flash": "^0.1.1",
"cookie-parser": "^1.4.6",
"express": "^4.17.3",
"express-messages": "^1.0.1",
"express-session": "^1.17.2",
"express-validator": "^6.14.0",
"formidable": "^2.0.1",
"multer": "^1.4.4",
"nodemon": "^2.0.15",
"passport": "^0.5.2",
"passport-local": "^1.0.0",
"path": "^0.12.7",
"pug": "^3.0.2",
"sqlite3": "^5.0.2"
```

Setup and running

- 1. Open the command terminal
- 2. Install NPM dependencies:
 - npm install
- 3. Run
 - nodemon app

4. Use web browser (such as chrome) go to localhost:3000