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Web Applications Design – Orchestra Booking Tickets

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1. Describe the role and objectives of your application. Specify detailed requirements for your application.

The objective of my application is that to encourage more peoples to spend their free time at the local orchestras, making the booking system more efficient and in handy for the most of the users.

Orchestras and cultural movements are fading away because the majority of the peoples think that are outdated and no more in trend, but making the booking system online and promoting the Philharmonic's in the online environment can give significant results and revive this domain.

Therefore, this web application serves to drive more traffic to the public Philharmonic market by convincing more people to book their tickets online, from the comfort of their homes.

In the following section will be presented the fundamental actions and functional requirements of this application:

The application has 3 main roles: Admin, User and Guest:

User role:

- It is considered a user when a person registered an account in the web application and logged in successfully
- The user can see all the available orchestras and also the location, lead artist, instruments and more details about a specific orchestra
- the user is allowed to choose a seat in the building where the orchestra will take place
- after the user book a seat successfully, then the entry is added in the history orchestras page where he can track the progress of the orchestra and when will take place
- after an orchestra was done, on the status column form that specific orchestra, will be set to "Completed"

- when an orchestra event was completed the user can leave a rating also, stars in the range of 1 to 5
- the user can also check some gallery photos of past orchestra events and make an impression
- The user can contact the administrator by sending an email through the Contact page area

Guest role:

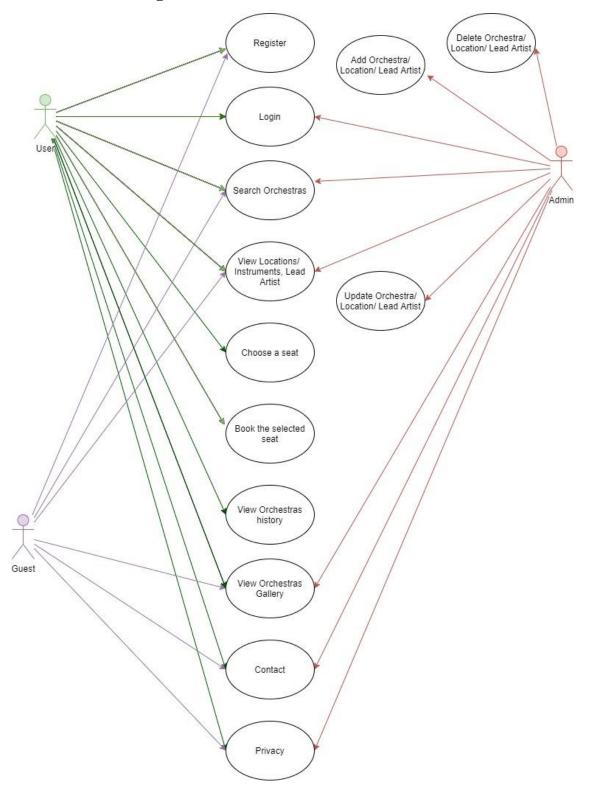
- The guest has limited restrictions on the site because he/she does not have an account
- The guest can search and explore the available orchestras and check the details of some specific orchestra events but they can't make a booking
- the guest can also see the gallery with past orchestra events
- the guest can contact the admin and ask some questions or to get some solutions related to registering or logging in

Admin role:

- This role is designed to control the entries in the database and is allowed to make changes like Create/Update/Delete
- The admin can add a new orchestra entry with specific locations, lead artists, instruments and more
- The admin can answer or communicate with the users through the contact page area
- The admin can post new gallery photos with the past orchestra events

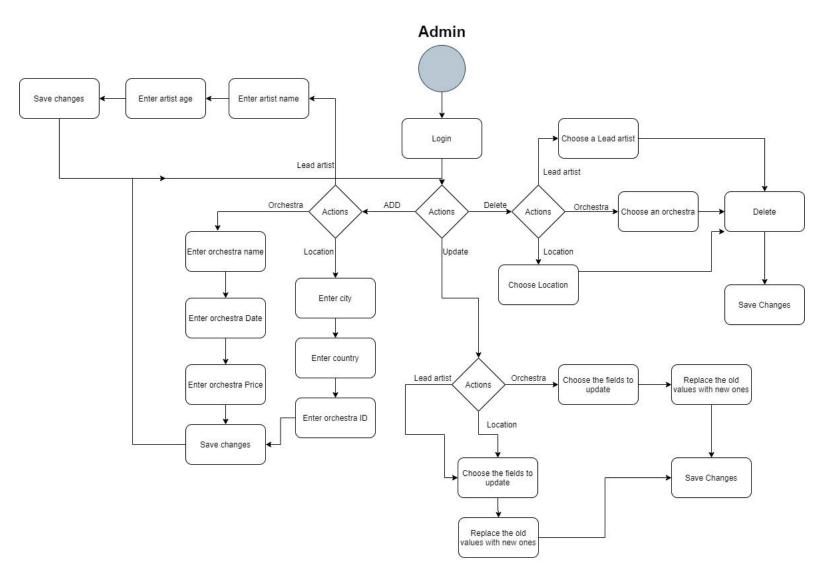
2. Model your application by means of UML diagrams (Use case diagrams, Activity diagrams, Class diagrams, State machine diagrams, Hypertext structure models, Access models, Presentation pages, Interaction overview diagrams, Sequence diagrams)

• Use case diagram:

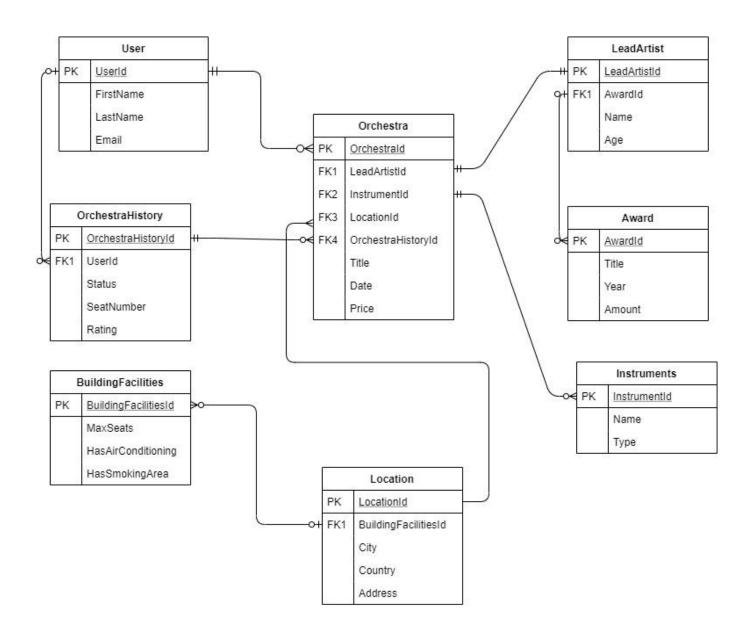


User • Activity Diagrams: - User: YES NO is memeber Login Register Home Page Enter Username Enter Email Check available orchestras Results Enter Password Confirm Registration Choose an orchestra YES NO Check details? YES NO See Location Book seat? See Lead Artist Choose seat See Instruments Buy Ticket Orchestra booking history YES Leave a rating? NO Choose rating (1-5 stars) Submit

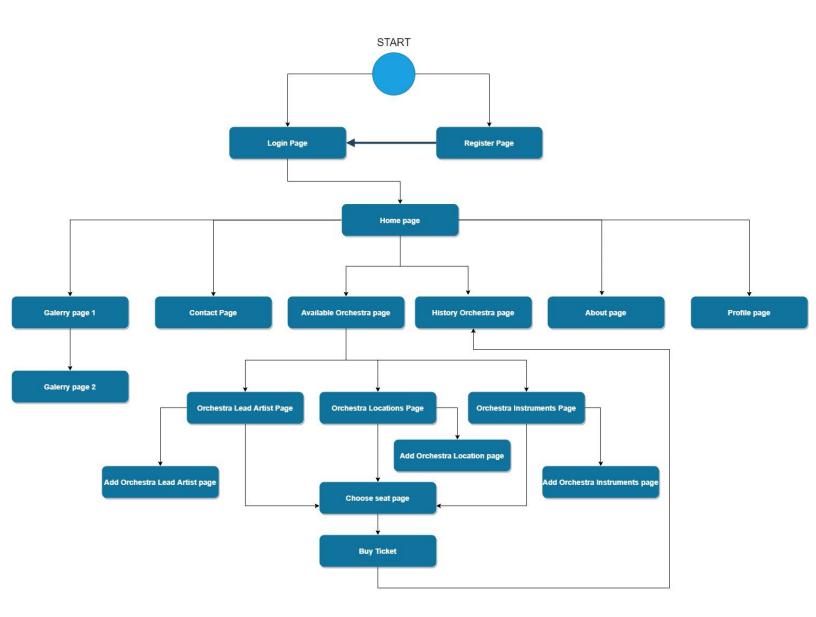
- Admin:



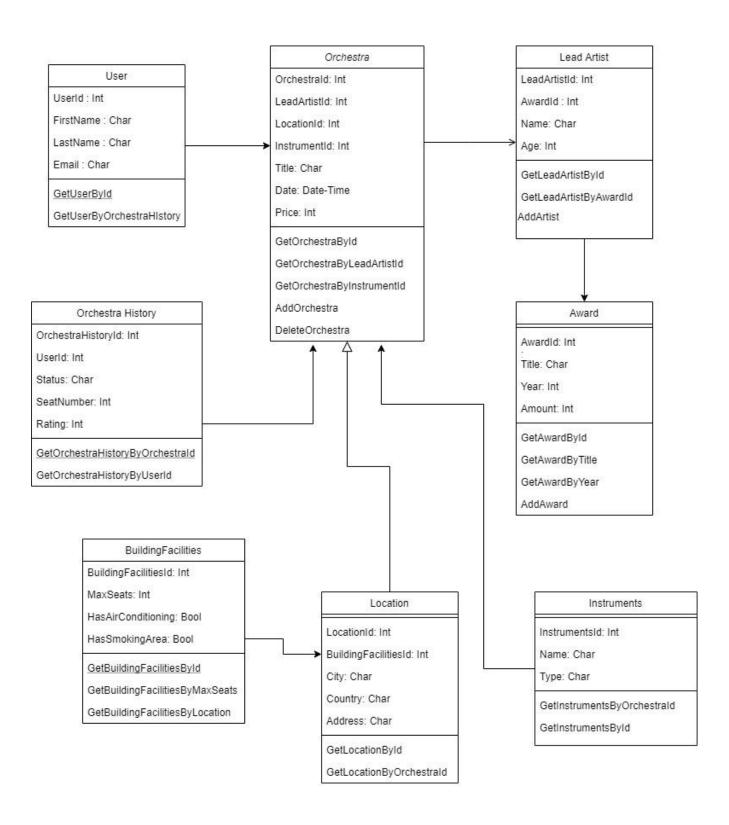
• Access models diagram



• Presentation pages diagram

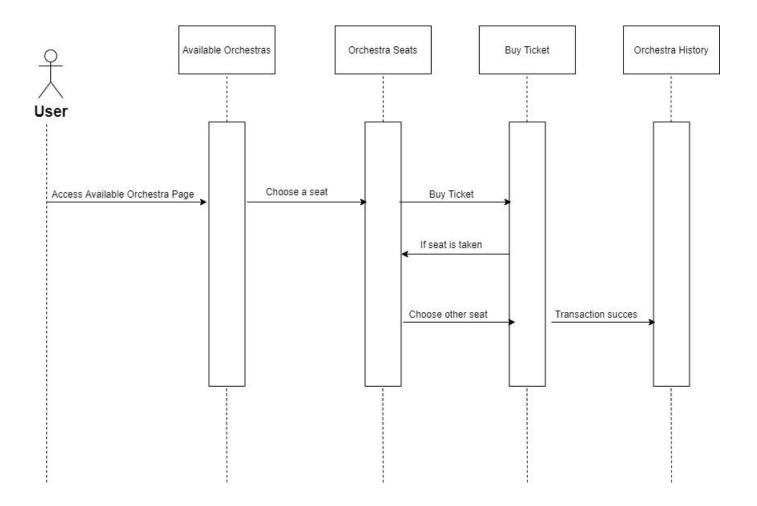


• Class diagram:

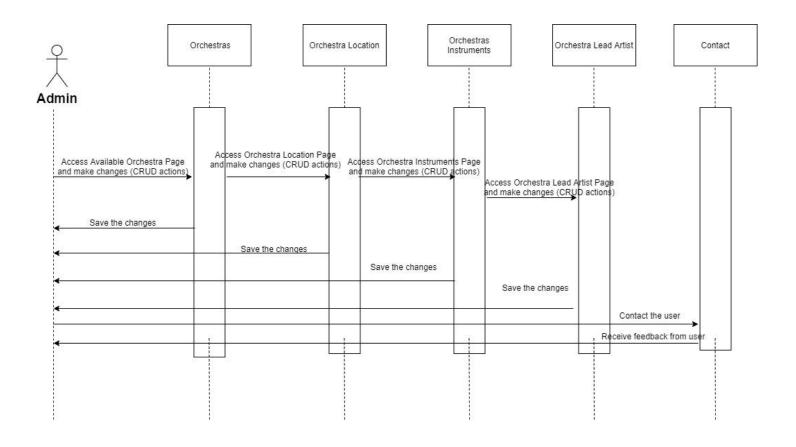


• Sequence diagram:

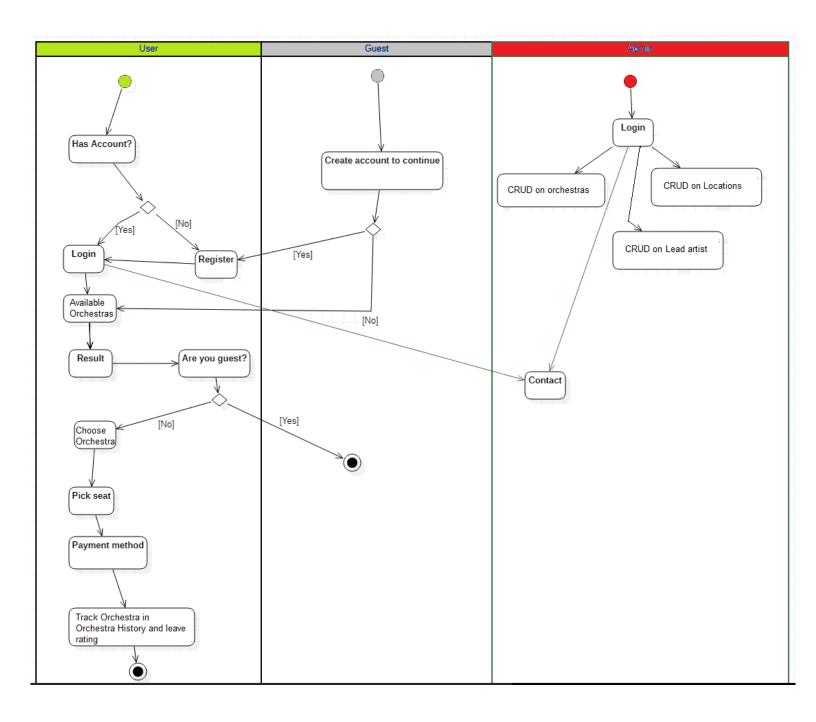
- User:



- Admin:



• Interaction overview diagram:



3. Describe the system architecture and database structure for your application (including diagrams).

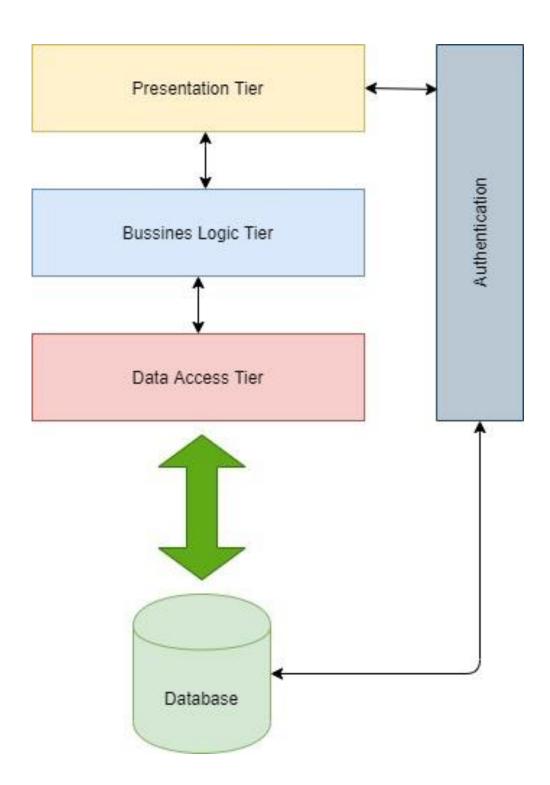
The layered architecture pattern manages the system into 3 main layers with related functionality for every layer. These layers are represented by the Presentation layer that represents the computer program, which the users interact with an application and contains the Shared UI code, used to represent information to the user.

Business logic Tier is principally working as a connection between Data Access Tier and Presentation Tier. All the knowledge passes through the Business Logic Tier before passing to the presentation Tier. Business Tier is that, the sum of Business Logic Layer, Data Access Layer and Value Object and also other components accustomed to be added at the business logic.

The business logic uses the Repository pattern that permits better further modifications and an excellent application maintenance over time because the functionalities are modular, using interfaces to create the implementation more efficient.

Data Access Tier is that the server which stores all the application's data. Data access tier contents Database Tables, XML Files and other means of storing Application Data. Authentication is formed using the ASP.net Identity system that's pretty safe and encrypts the user password using hashing.

The authentication system filters the Presentation tier counting on the role of the customer, there may be 3 roles: Admin, User and Guest and provides different access type to the database. For example, the user can only see the retrieved data from the database but the Admin may modify the data from the database using the C.R.U.D actions.

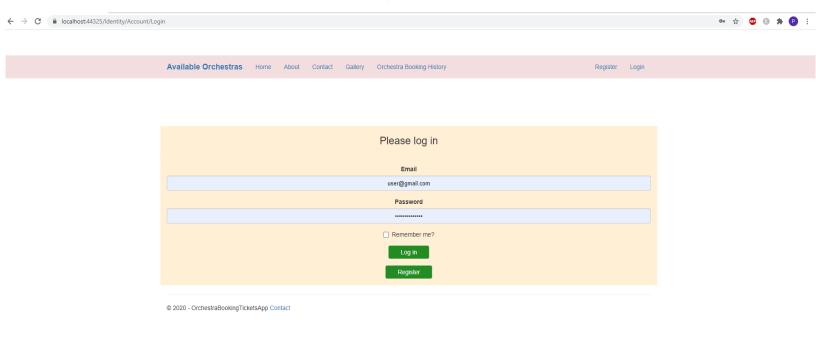


4. Describe the implemented functionalities of your application and illustrate them with screenshots.

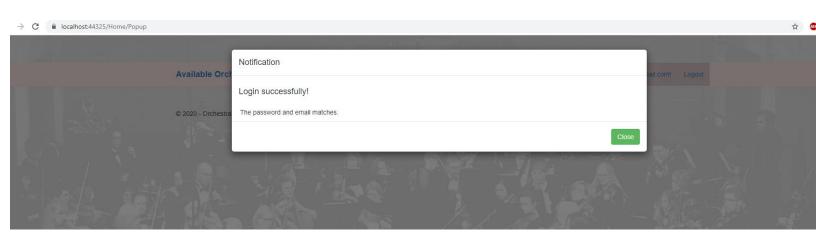
The implemented functionalities will be represented by the 3 roles:

User:

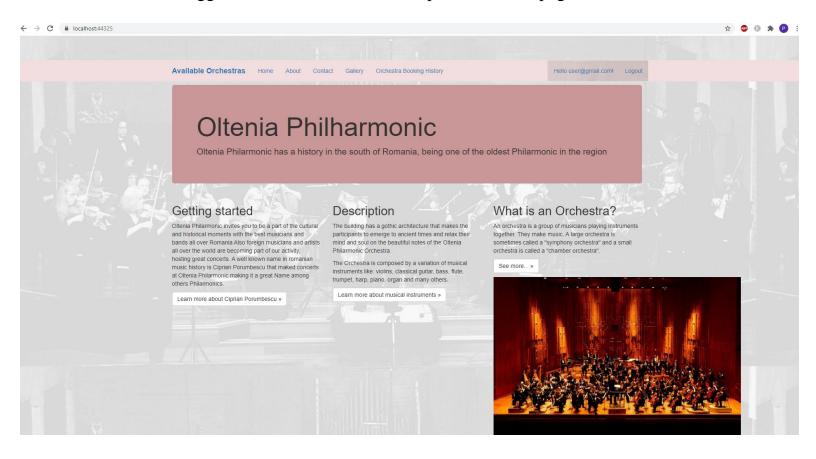
A person that is present on the website is considered a user when it is registered and can enter in its account successfully



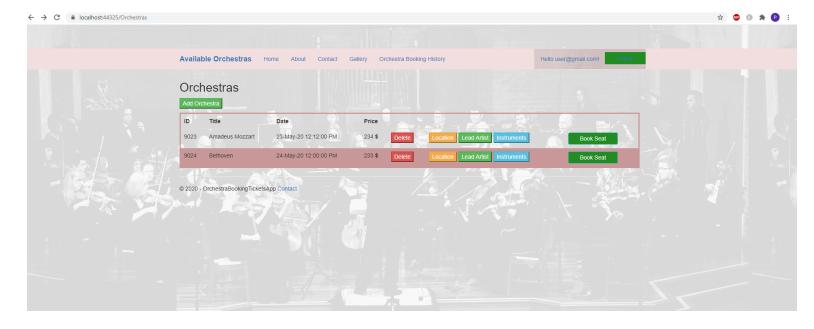
A pop up will appear that will notify the user that the login was successfully.



The user is logged in the account and can explore the homepage:

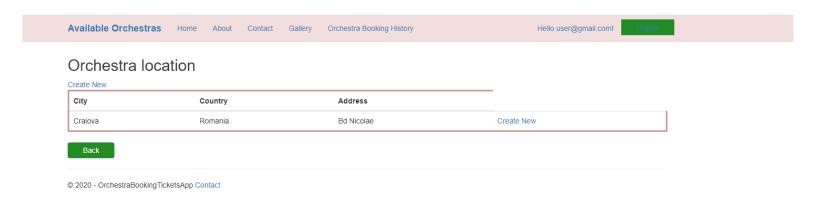


If the user presses the "Available Orchestras" tab a page like this will appear:



- He can see all the available orchestras until now and can see detailed information about a specific orchestra by clicking the three buttons:
 - "Locations" to see the actual location where the orchestra event will take place

This is an example of the location for the "Amadeus Mozart" Orchestra.

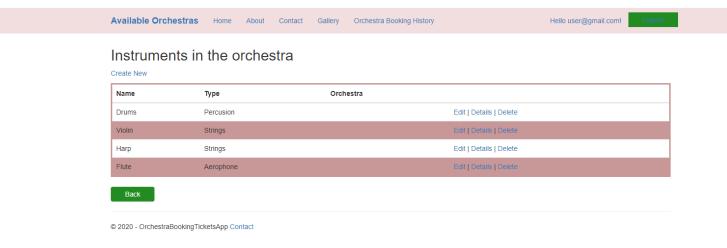


• "Lead Artist" - to see the lead artist of that specific orchestra

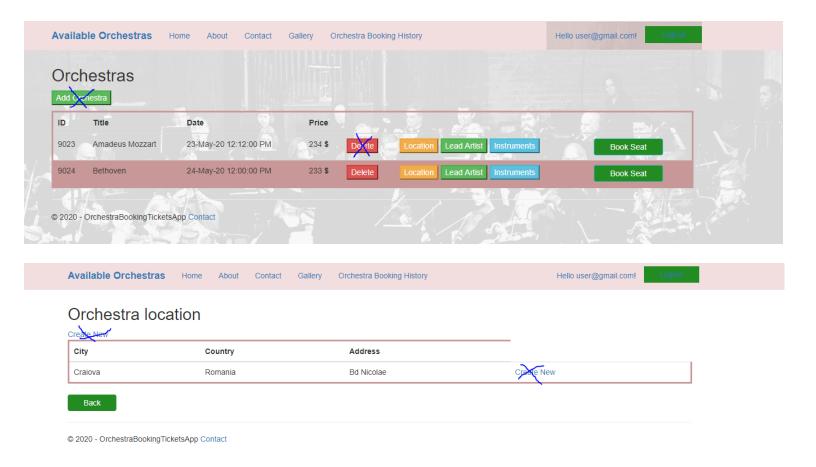


The lead artist Age, Name and also the Orchestra title is specified here to remember the user at which orchestra corresponds this Lead artist.

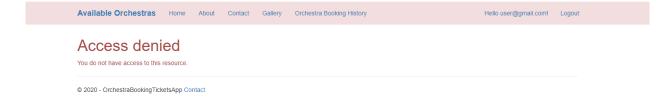
• "Instruments" – to see the instruments that will be used at that respective orchestra event to make the user more excited about the experience



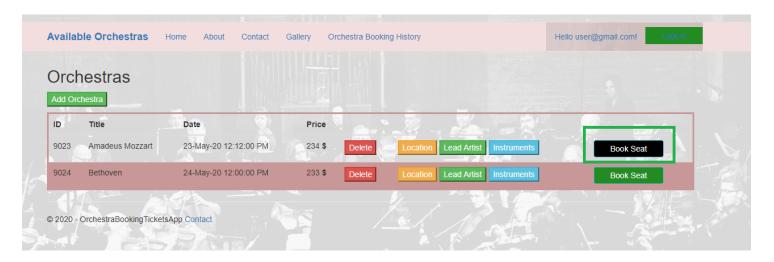
- The user is **NOT** allowed to Add/Delete/Update a new Orchestra, Location, Lead Artist or Instruments (I displayed with an X on the buttons), the following message will appear if he/she try to hit the "Create new" or the following buttons in the application:



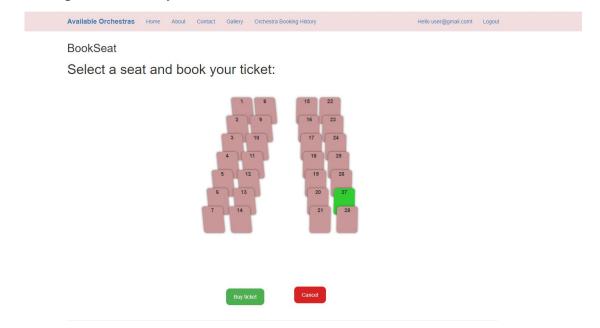
The following message will appear:



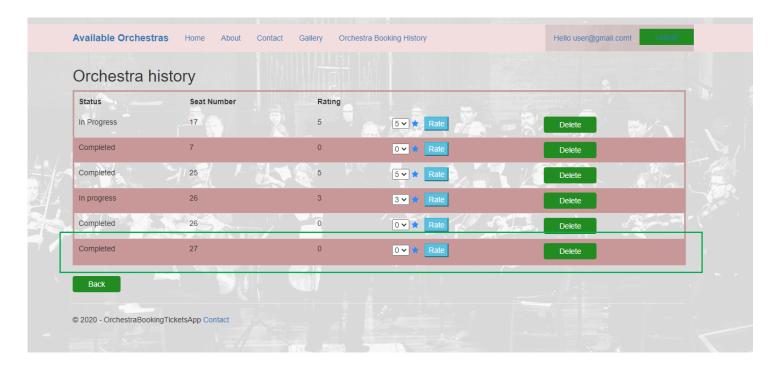
- Let's make a new booking, let's say the user choose the "Amadeus Mozzart" orchestra and he must press the "Book Seat" button in order to proceed further to the seat selection:



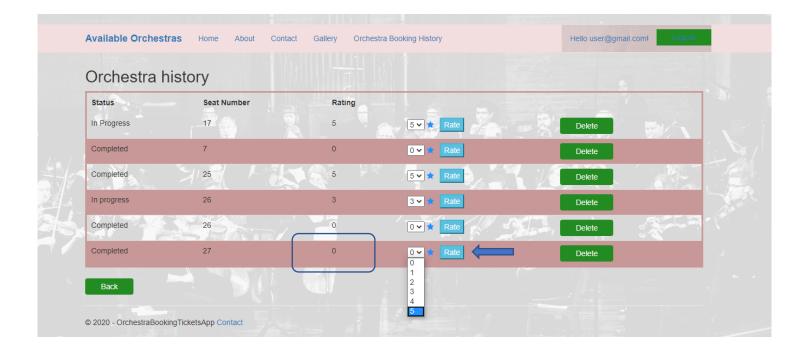
After that the seat selection page will be displayed and the user must choose a seat and press the "Buy ticket" button.



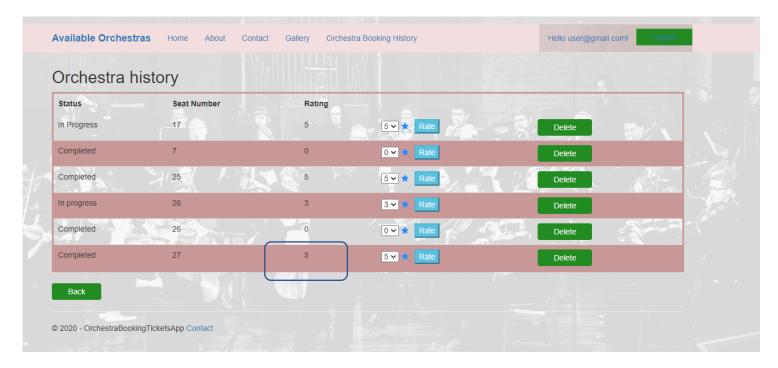
The entry will be found on the Orchestra history page as can be seen below:



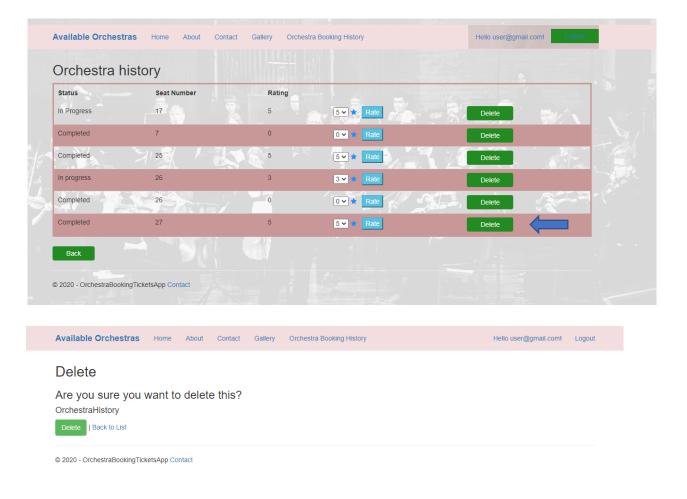
Initially the rating is 0 but it can be updated using the dropdown near the "Rate" button. Let's try to give a rating to this new booking:



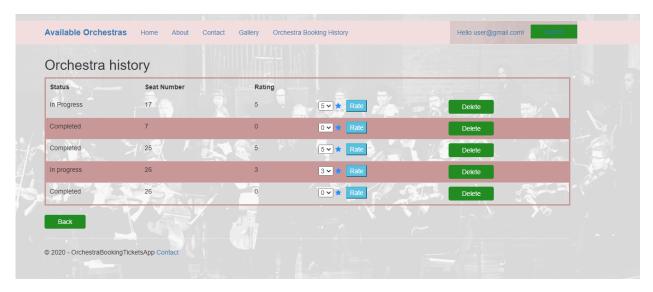
After we hit that "Rate" button the rating will be changed to 5, as we selected in the dropdown menu:



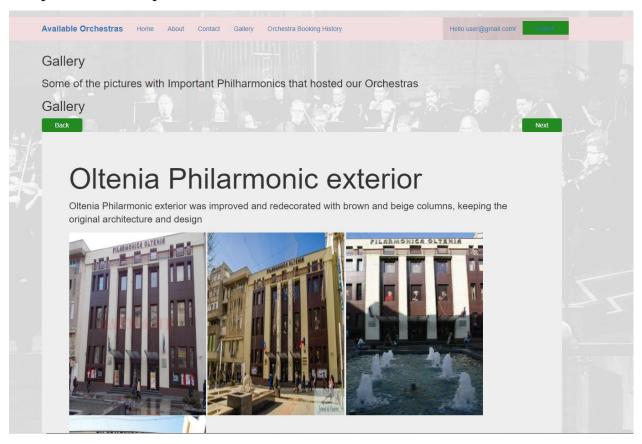
Let's try to delete this entry, so it will appear like this:

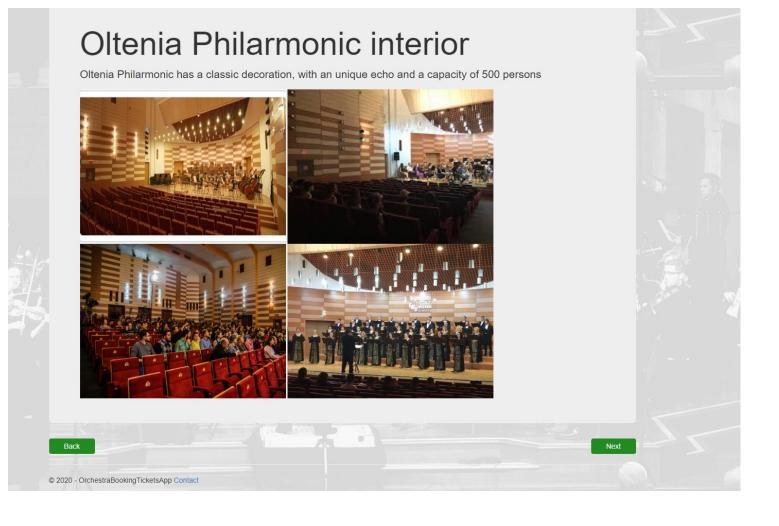


As we can see, the entry was deleted and there are 5 entries now instead of 6:

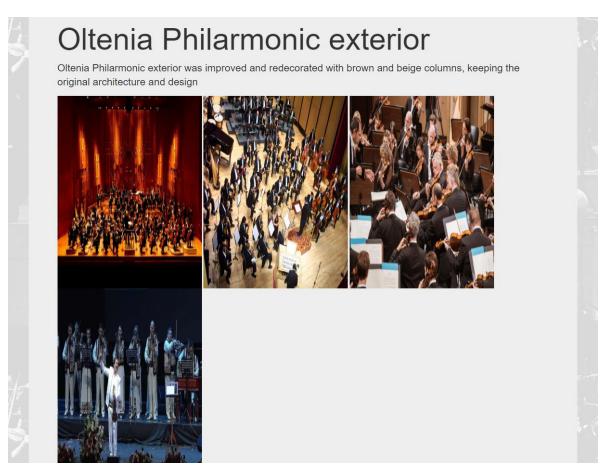


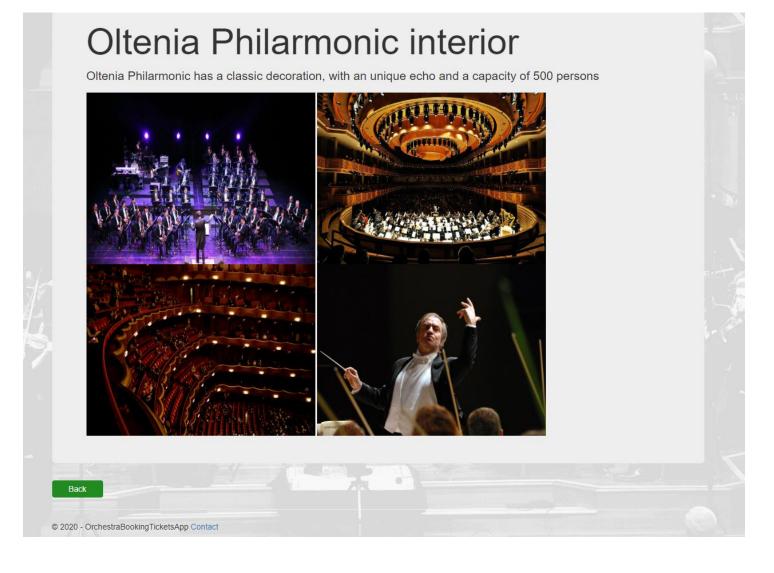
- The user can access the Orchestra Gallery of the website and enjoy beautiful pictures of the past orchestra event:



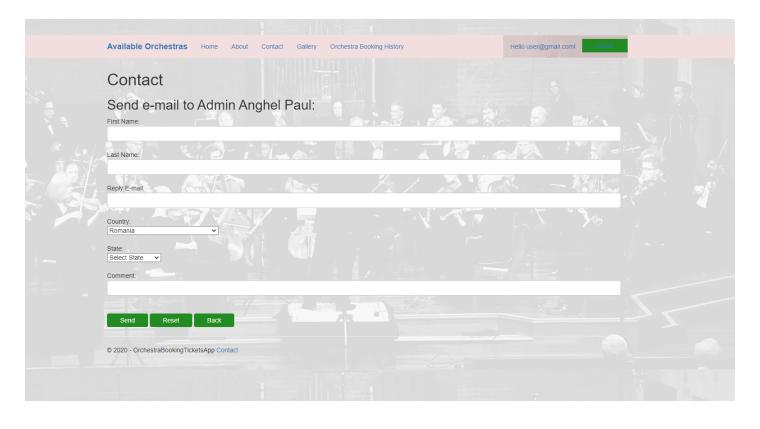


There are 2 pages, so if the user hit "Next" the second page of photos will appear:





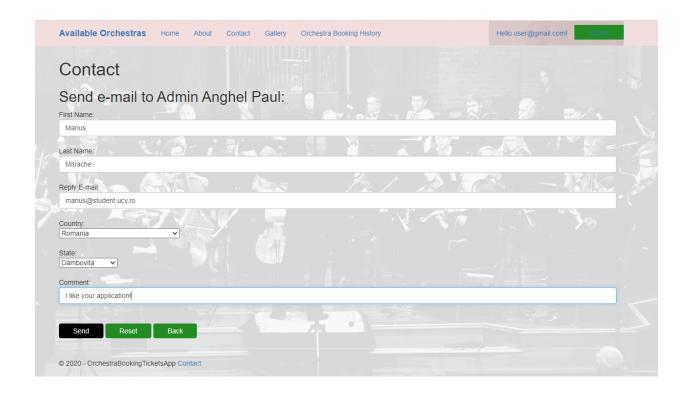
- The user can also access the Contact page and send an email to the admin filling the following form:



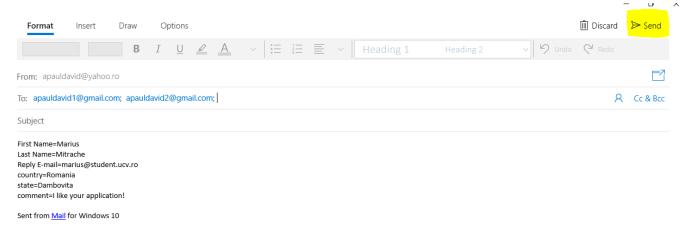
The country dropdown menu has all the countries in the world and also all the states within the selected country, because it is used an external library that contains this data.

The user can press 3 buttons:

"Send"- the form will be submitted and an email will automatically be filled with all the data provided in this form, so the user must only hit again send and the admin will receive its message.

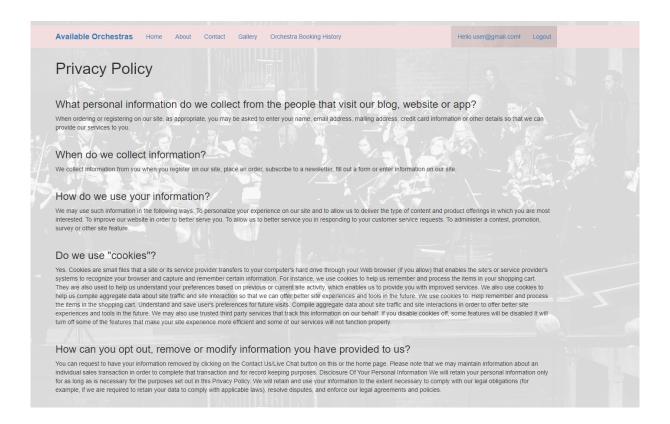


After pressing send the following email will be generated outside the app, so the user must only hit that highlighted send button.



The "Reset" button will clear all the fields that were filled by the user, and the "Back" button will take the user to the previous page.

- Another page that the user can access is the About page where he/she will read about the Privacy Policy and how its data are collected or used.



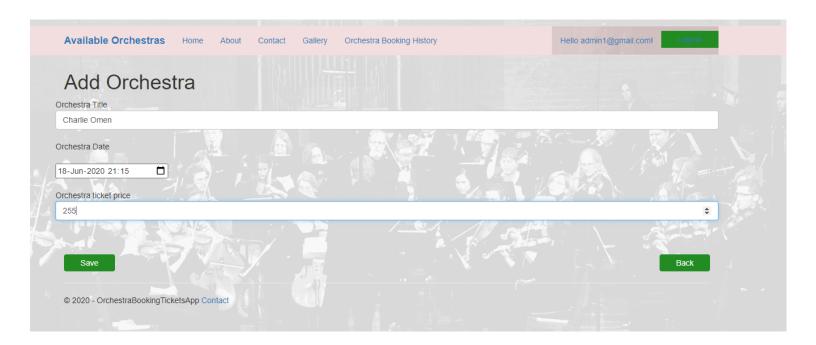
Admin:

The Admin has an automatically generated account with username and password using the database seeder.

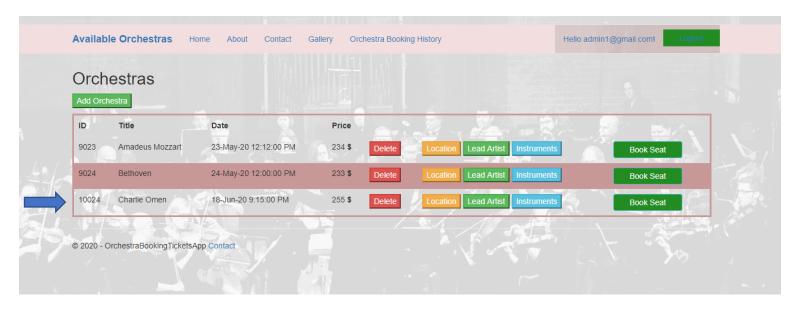
The admin can add an orchestra by pressing the "Add Orchestra button"



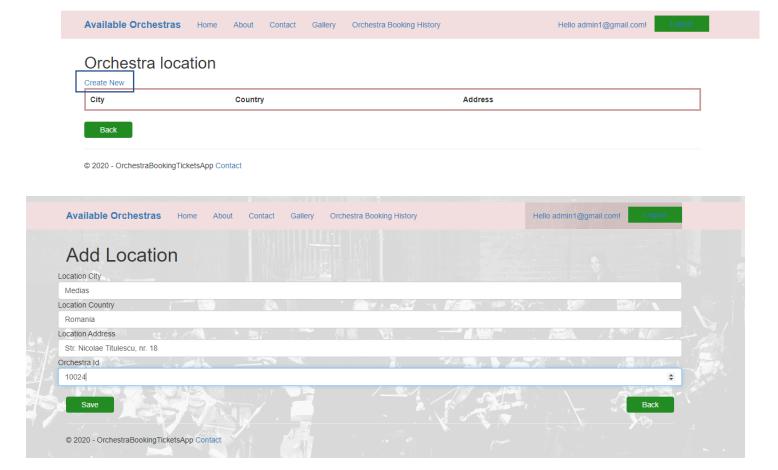
In this screenshot can see that we are currently in the admin account and after he/she presses the "Add orchestra" button the following form will be displayed:



I filled the boxes with some random orchestra and chose a date for it from the date time form and after the admin hits "Save" button then the new entry will be added to the available orchestras with a new generated unique ID:

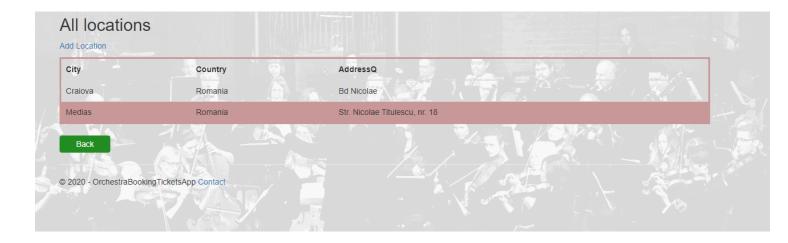


On this new entry the admin can also add a location/lead artist/instruments by pressing the "Create new" from the Location/lead artist/ instruments pages initially being blank on a new entry:



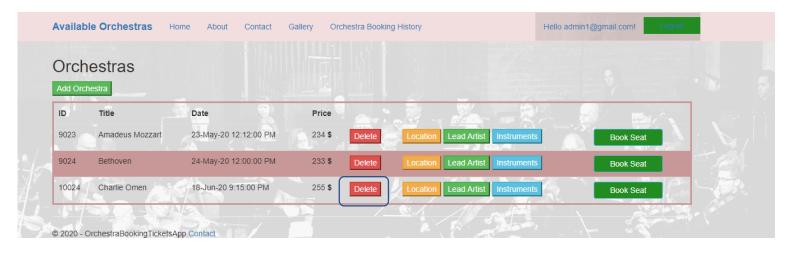
After hitting "Save" the entry will be added on that specified orchestra using the orchestra ID to choose in what orchestra the Location should be added.

An orchestra can have multiple locations because the same orchestra team can travel to the other cities:

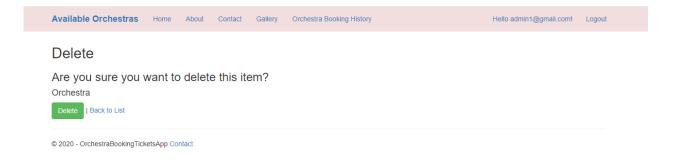


The same can be done for the other Orchestra details as the Lead Artist or Instruments.

- The admin can also delete an orchestra, let's try to delete the added orchestra pressing the "Delete" button as an admin:



The following page will appear that will ask for the confirmation:

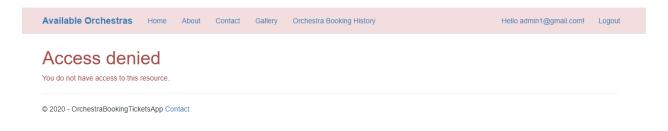


And after we press the delete again, then we are redirected to the available orchestras page with the updated database:



There is no more that added entry, so is completely removed from the database.

- The admin can't access the Orchestra history because he can't make a reservation so the following message will appear:



- The admin can also access the contact, gallery, home, about page freely.

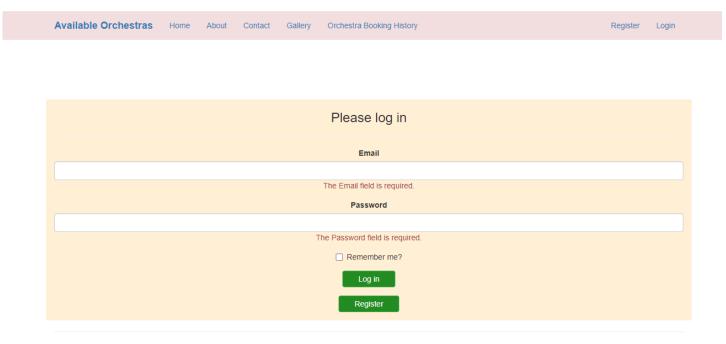
Guest:

A person is considered being a guest if he/she doesn't have an account yet

- The guest can only view freely the available orchestras and the details about them but he/she can't make a proper booking because the guest doesn't have an Orchestra History
- The guest can view also the gallery, about and can contact the admin through the Contact page because he/she can ask questions about issues that is experiencing when tries to login



If the guest tries to press the "Book Seat" button he/she will be redirected to the login page:



5. Elaborate a plan for promoting your web application.

My plan for promoting my Orchestra booking tickets application is to get sponsored by the City Hall of my city because is in the interest of the local Philharmonics to get more clients and keep the orchestras alive.

Being able to book tickets online is an advantage and more efficient, so integrating this system online can come in handy.

Another type of advertising can be done by posting some posters near all the cultural monuments or building to attract interested peoples in this niche, and being able to book tickets to local orchestras just using their mobile phones right away is really great and fast.

My web application can be promoted even online, using google AdSense for a specific type of peoples, that are interested in the cultural and musical niche, because can be more effective to post the ads for a group of peoples that match my web application domain. Also, through YouTube, by creating a channel that promotes my web application and to be seen by many users, I can promote my videos by appearing on the regular searches using specific keywords.

6. Describe usability and accessibility issues that are relevant for your application; how could you integrate / implement them?

Some accessibility issues relevant to my application are:

- Not having validation error messages that appear in the UI for the reader, for example if the admin wants to add a new orchestra, in the price field if he inputs any other characters besides numbers, will not validate and no error message is displayed, so the reader can be confused.

Some fixes for this issue can be done by implementing multiple error messages on every input validation or where is room for error or misleading for the user.

- Pretty bad contrast between Text and Background that can hide some buttons or important message text or labels that can be easily missed, or for bad sighted users can mix up the colors, for instance when a seat is taken it will become red and when a seat is selected will become green, this can be a serious issue for a color blind person.

Some fixes for this issue are that the user can be asked in the beginning if is color blind or not and apply some better contrast color instead of the default ones.

Some usability issues relevant to my web application are:

- The contact system of the application is kind of poor, making the connection with the supervisor or admin harder because is implemented using a basic function: "mail to" function that isn't that efficient and also the user must provide an email in the contact form in order to receive the response or the feedback instead of using automatically the email of the user which is logged in.

A fix for this can be done by implementing a more complex system for communication with the admin and more user friendly, for instance a built-in chat system directly with a supervisor or admin will be really efficient.

- There is not a possibility to search or filter the available orchestras that is making the user to find that specific orchestra pretty inefficient

A quick fix for this issue is to implement a search box on the available orchestras with multiple filter options

7. Describe security issues that are relevant for your application; how could you integrate / implement them?

Some of the security issues for my web application are:

- The username and email of a user are stored in the database with exactly the same characters, a prevention of this can be fixed by adding a more complex register form, for instance asking for multiple data of the user: First Name, Last Name, Birthday, Country, City, Secret security question, email, and strong password.
- Another important security issue is that for the password field are not many validations, for example the password length can be minimum 7 characters, without uppercase letters or numerical, so the user can give a poor password and will be accepted.

For fixing this issue it is required to be implemented more validations and constraints for the password, and also an indicator that notifies the user if the password is weak / medium / strong.

- Currently the application has two roles admin and user, the user can see the add and delete buttons that add/delete/update an orchestra but if he click on it a message of "Access denied" will appear, but for an efficient experience, these buttons must be hidden for the user.

A fix for this can be by hiding the HTML and CSS elements that are not designed for the User role.

- A user can try to guess a password or email by trying an infinite combination because there is not a limitation on the number of incorrect validations

A quick fix for this security issue is to add a maximum count of the wrong tries on the email and password fields and also to suspend that account for a certain period of time if the maximum count is exceeded

8. Enumerate the current limitations and weaknesses of your application and potential future improvements / extensions.

Some of the weaknesses of my web application are:

- When creating a new account, it will be automatically reserved as a user account, so there can be only one predefined admin account with a predefined password that can't be changed.

A quick fix for this can be done by making a more complex form when a new account is registered, for example a drop menu where the user can choose if this account will be an admin or a user account.

- If an orchestra is canceled or something came up, the users can still book tickets to that orchestra

A fix for this can be done by implementing a system that besides checking the availability but also if that specific orchestra will take place or was not canceled or deleted.

- Another weakness can be that every orchestra building has the same number of total seats, and that is not really accurate because in real life, the maximum number of seats can variate due the building size and space.

A fix for this can be more complicated to implement, because every building must come with their own size and seat numbers or position, but the trickier part is that the user interface for selecting the seats must be different for every building and to represent the exact of maximum seats number.

Some of the constraints (limitations) of my web application are:

- If a user stops to use this application, there is not a feature where the user can delete its account, so the account will remain in the database and won't be efficient.

A fix for this can be done by adding a feature that allows the user to delete the current account and all the personal data will be erased from the database.

- The admin role is limited that he can't see all the users or to manage a user history orchestra booking.

A feature for this must be implemented because if an orchestra is canceled or deleted, a user that already managed to book a ticket to that orchestra will still have an in progress booking that won't take place, so the admin must remove that from the user booking history, or at least notify him of the new changes.