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#### INTRODUCTION

**Studeework** is a centralized job-hunting platform specifically designed for university students. It aims to connect students with relevant job opportunities both on campus. Whether it's part-time jobs, internships, freelance work, or campus-related tasks, Studeework provides a fast and reliable space to find and post them.

The platform is open not just to students seeking jobs, but also to university staff, departments, and external employers who wish to offer opportunities. By streamlining the job search and application process, Studeework helps students gain experience while making it easier for job providers to reach the right candidates.

With a user-friendly interface and real-time updates, Studeework serves as an all-in-one hub for student employment, making the process more organized, efficient, and accessible.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

- To provide a **centralized platform** for UTM students to discover various earning opportunities in one place.
- To support **students** in **earning income** while studying by offering flexible job options such as part-time work and freelance gigs.
- To **connect job providers**, including university staff, departments, and external employers, with students who are capable and available to work.
- To streamline the job posting and application process through a fast, reliable, and user-friendly system.
- To enhance students' career readiness and experience by exposing them to real-world working environments during their studies.

#### PROJECT ARCHITECTURE

Studeework is built based on a **Client-Server Architecture**, a common model used in web applications. In this architecture, the system is divided into two main roles: the client (frontend) and the server (backend). Each part has its responsibility, and they communicate with each other over the internet.

#### a) Front-End

- HTML: To build the structure and content of the web pages
- CSS: To style the website, providing a clean and responsive layout
- JavaScript: To add interactivity and dynamic content, like form validation and page responsiveness

#### b) Back-End

- PHP handles the server-side logic, processes user input, manages user sessions, and connects with the database
- It also controls how job posts, applications, and user data are created, stored, and retrieved

#### c) Database

- MySQL is used to store all the website's data, including user account information, job listings, and applications
- The database is connected to the PHP backend using MySQL

# **FUNCTIONALITY**

Module	Functionality
Student	<ol> <li>Register</li> <li>Sign in</li> <li>Filter jobs by name</li> <li>Sort jobs</li> <li>Apply for jobs</li> <li>View application history</li> <li>Delete job application</li> <li>Rate jobs</li> <li>Edit profile</li> <li>Chatbot assistance</li> <li>Logout</li> </ol>
Employer	<ol> <li>Register</li> <li>Sign in</li> <li>Post jobs</li> <li>View jobs posted</li> <li>Sort jobs posted</li> <li>Edit jobs posted</li> <li>Delete jobs posted</li> <li>View applicants</li> <li>Filter applicants by name</li> <li>Sort applicants</li> <li>Update applicant status</li> <li>Rate applicants</li> <li>Edit profile</li> <li>Chatbot assistance</li> <li>Logout</li> </ol>

Admin	1. Sign in
	2. View unverified students
	3. Verify students
	4. View unverified employers
	5. Verify employers
	6. View all students
	7. Delete students
	8. View all employers
	9. Delete employers
	10. View all job postings
	11. Delete job postings
	12. Logout

#### SETTING UP THE PROJECT LOCALLY/WEB DEPLOYMENT

This document provides detailed instructions for setting up the project both **locally** using XAMPP and for **web deployment** using a hosting provider such as InfinityFree.

# **Local Setup (Using XAMPP)**

To run the project on your local machine, follow these steps:

#### 1. Prerequisites

- 1. Download and install XAMPP (ensure both Apache and MySQL are included).
- 2. Download the complete project source code.

#### 2. File Placement

- 1. Extract or move the project source code to the htdocs directory inside your XAMPP installation folder (usually located at: C:\xampp\htdocs\).
  - a. Example: C:\xampp\htdocs\YourProjectFolder

## 3. Database Setup

- 1. Launch XAMPP and start both the Apache and MySQL services.
- 2. Click the Admin button next to MySQL to open phpMyAdmin.
- 3. Navigate to the SQL tab.
- 4. Open the provided schema.sql file from the project folder and copy its contents.
- 5. Paste the SQL code into phpMyAdmin's SQL interface and click Go.
- 6. The required database and tables will now be created.
- 7. Open db.php in any text editor and configure the database details accordingly. See "DATABASE CONFIGURATION" for a more detailed walkthrough.

#### 4. Run the Application

- 1. Open your browser and visit http://localhost/yourProjectFolder
- 2. The login page should appear, indicating a successful setup.

## **Web Deployment (Using InfinityFree)**

To deploy the project online, follow these steps:

## 1. Register for Hosting

- 1. Create a free account at InfinityFree.
- 2. Set up a domain or subdomain for your website.

## 2. Upload Project Files

- 1. Log into the InfinityFree Control Panel.
- 2. Navigate to File Manager > htdocs directory.
- 3. Upload all source code files from your local project directory into htdocs.

#### 3. Database Configuration

- 1. Create a new MySQL database named 'jobhunt' from the MySQL Databases section in the control panel.
- 2. Take note of these details and copy them into a text file:
  - a. MySQL host
  - b. Database name
  - c. Username
  - d. Password
- 3. Open db.php in any text editor and configure the database details accordingly. See "DATABASE CONFIGURATION" for a more detailed walkthrough.
- 4. Access phpMyAdmin from the hosting control panel.
- 5. Select the created database.
- 6. Import the schema.sql file.

#### 4. Access Your Site

1. Visit your custom domain (e.g.,

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http://yourproject.infinityfreeapp.com)
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2. It may take a few minutes to 24 hours for the site to be available due to dns caching. Once available, your site will be live.

#### **DATABASE CONFIGURATION**

To establish a connection between your project and the MySQL database, follow the steps below:

#### 1. Locate db.php

• Open the db.php file located in the root directory of your project using any text editor (e.g., VS Code, Notepad++).

## 2. Update Database Credentials

• In db.php, locate the following variables and update them according to your environment:

For local hosting using XAMPP software, the following credentials are the default:

For web hosting using InfinityFree, hostname, username, password, and dbname should be copied exactly as in the control panel.

#### 3. Check Connection

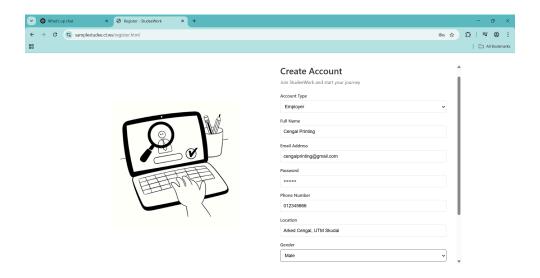
Once you have configured the database credentials:

- Load your application in the browser.
- If the database is set up correctly, the connection will be established and the app will function normally.
- If there's a connection error, double-check the credentials and ensure the database has been imported.

## **RUNNING THE APPLICATION**

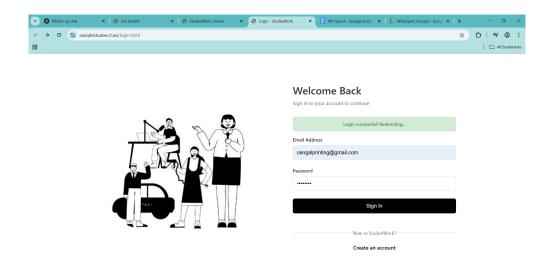
#### **All Users**

## 1. Register an Account



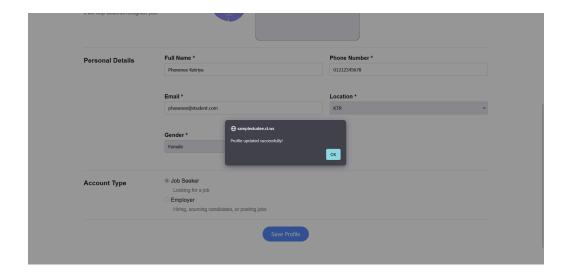
Users must register an account by providing basic details before signing in. This allows secure access to the website features.

# 2. Sign In



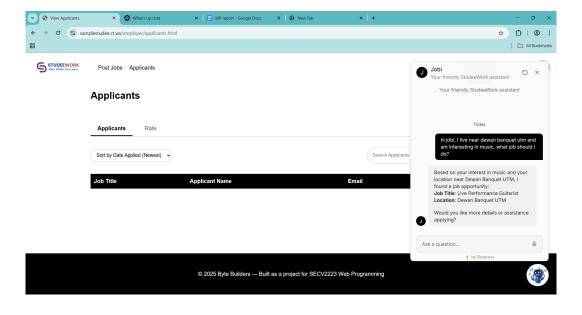
After registering, users are redirected to the sign-in page. They log in using their credentials, and a success message is displayed upon successful login.

#### 3. Edit Profile



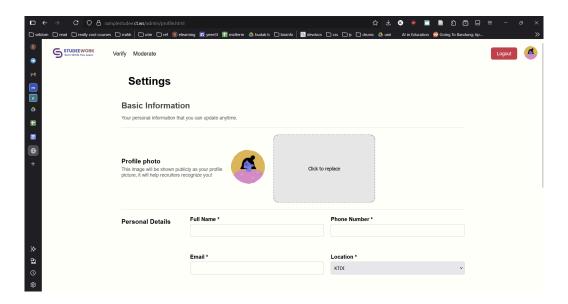
Users can edit their profile information, such as name, email, contact number, skills, and other relevant details to keep their account up to date.

#### 4. Chatbot Assistance



A virtual assistant integrated into the platform to help users navigate the website, answer common questions, and provide job recommendations, available 24/7 for instant support.

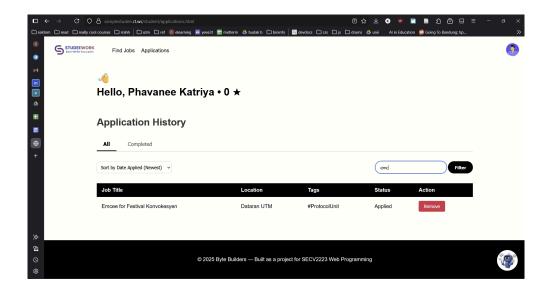
# 5. Logout



Users can log out by clicking the logout button on the top right corner of their screen of their profile page. This will clear their session data and return them to the login page.

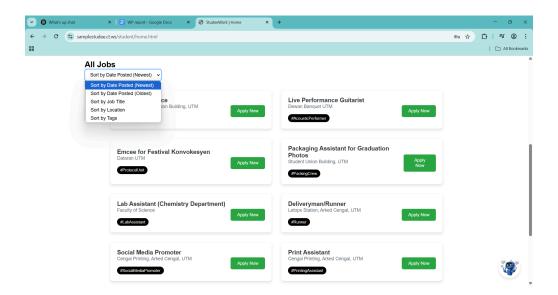
#### **Students**

# 1. Filter Jobs by Job Title



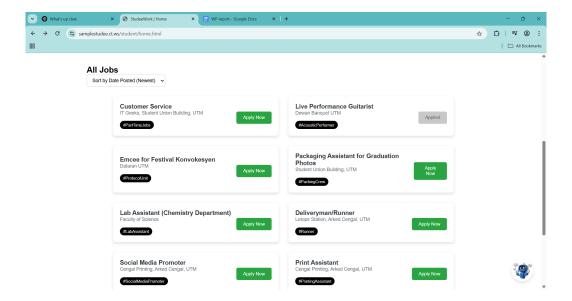
Students can search/filter jobs by job title using the search/filter bar. Text matching user input for job title will be returned as rows.

#### 2. Sort Jobs



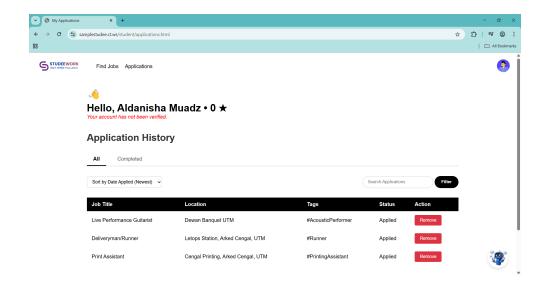
Users can sort available jobs by **date posted**, **job title**, **location**, or **tags**, making it easier to find listings that best match their preferences.

## 3. Apply for Jobs



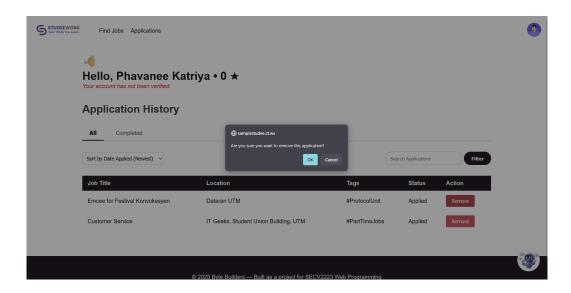
Students can apply for jobs, and once applied, the website provides feedback by disabling the "Apply Now" button, changing it from green to grey with the label "Applied".

# 4. View Application History



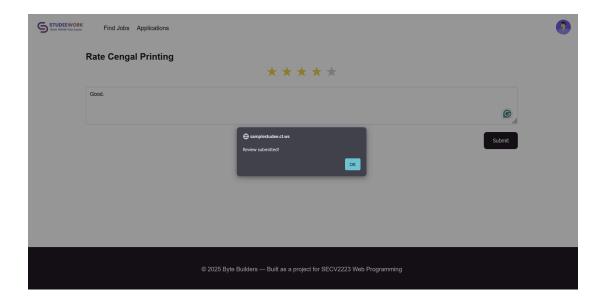
Students can view their application history, which displays a list of all the jobs they have applied for, along with the status.

# 5. Delete Job Application



Students can delete their job applications if they are no longer relevant.

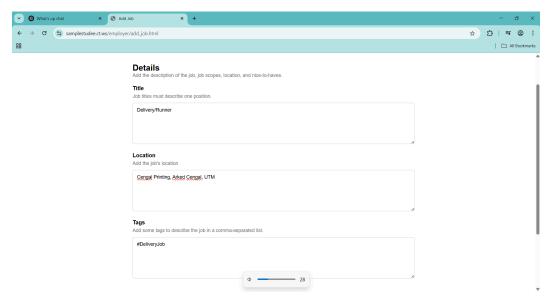
## 6. Rate Jobs



Students can rate the jobs/employers that has been marked completed by employers.

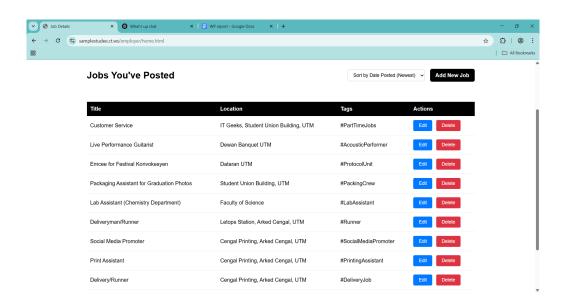
# **Employers**

#### 1. Post Jobs



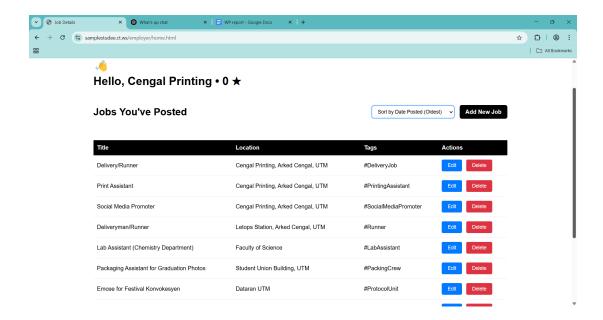
Employers can post job openings by providing details like job title, location, and relevant tags to help users find and filter the listing easily.

#### 2. View Jobs Posted



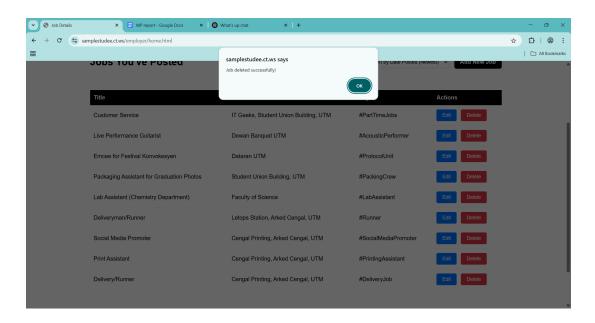
Employers can view a list of all the jobs they have posted, including job titles, locations, and current application statuses.

#### 3. Sort Jobs Posted



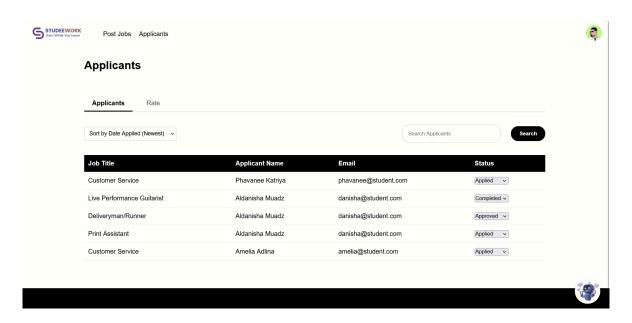
Employers can sort their posted jobs based on criteria such as posting date, job title, location, or tags to help manage listings more efficiently.

#### 4. Delete Jobs Posted



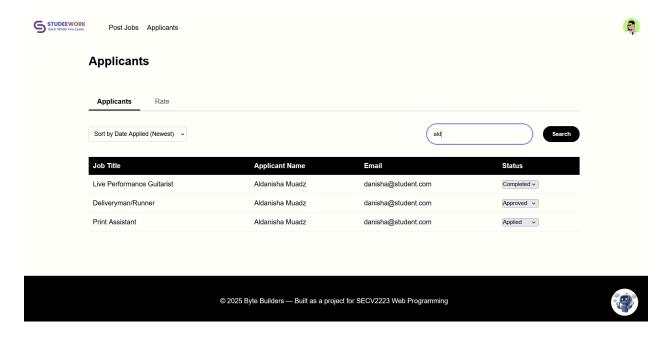
Employers can delete jobs they have posted. Upon successful deletion, the system will display a confirmation message such as "Job has been deleted successfully."

# 5. View Applicants



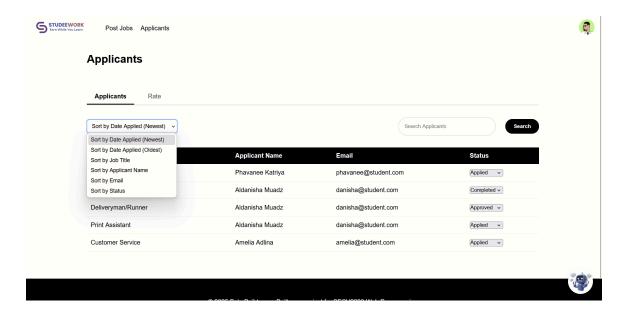
Employers can view a list of applicants who have applied for the jobs. This includes applicants' details like name and email.

# 6. Filter Applicants by Name



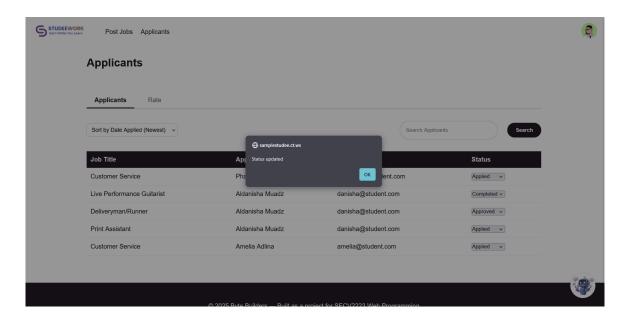
Employers can quickly search and filter the list of applicants by entering a name, making it easier to find specific candidates among many applications.

## 7. Sort Applicants



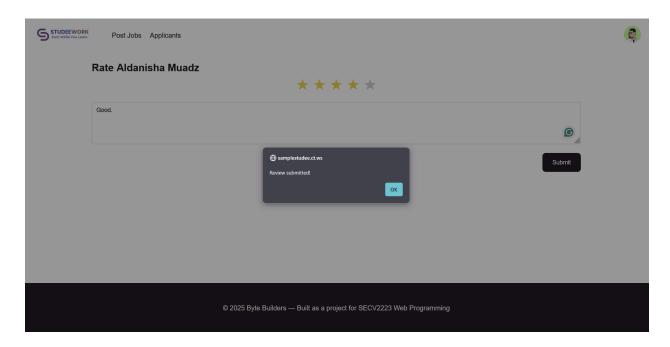
Employers can sort applicants based on criteria such as name, application date, or status (e.g., pending, reviewed) to better manage and review applications efficiently.

# 8. Update Applicants Status



Employers can update each applicant's status (e.g., from "Applied" to "Approved" or "Completed") to reflect progress in the hiring process and keep records organized.

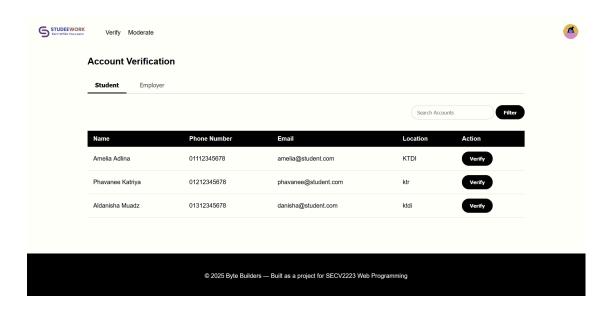
# 9. Rate Applicants



Employers can assign ratings (e.g., 1 to 5 stars) to applicants based on their qualifications or performance.

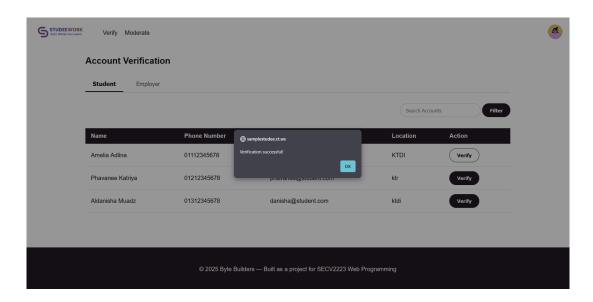
## Admin

#### 1. View Unverified Students



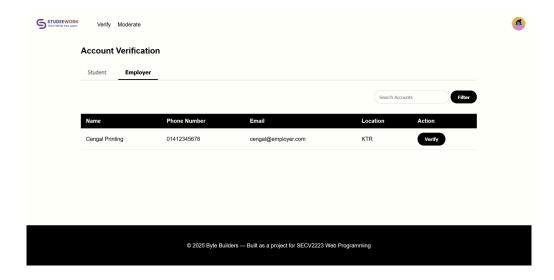
Administrators can view the full list of students who have not yet been verified.

## 2. Verify Students



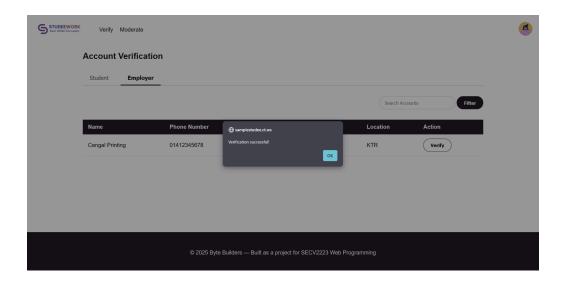
Administrators can verify students by clicking on the 'Verify' button in the table. After verifying the student, they will disappear from the unverified students table.

# 3. View Unverified Employers



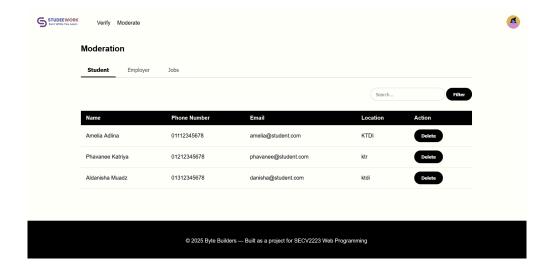
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# 4. Verify Employers



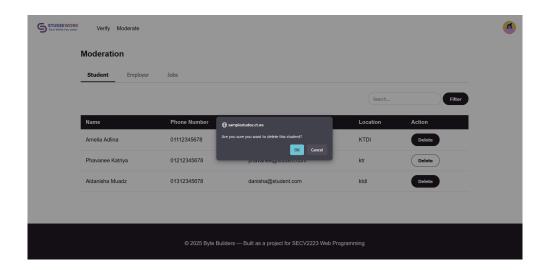
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#### 5. View All Students



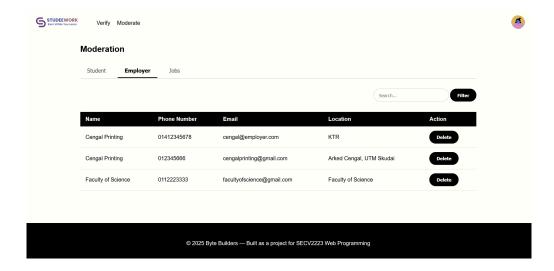
Administrators can view the list of all students who have registered with the system.

## 6. Delete Students



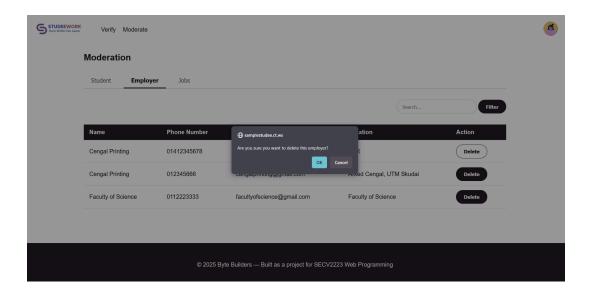
Administrators can delete any student from the system by clicking the 'Delete' button. A confirmation box will appear, and if the administrator selects "OK", the student will be deleted from the table and the system's database.

# 7. View All Employers



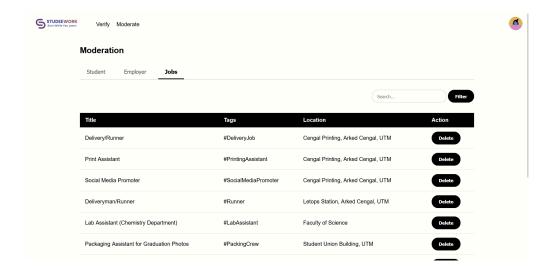
Administrators can view the list of all employers who have registered with the system.

## 8. Delete Employers



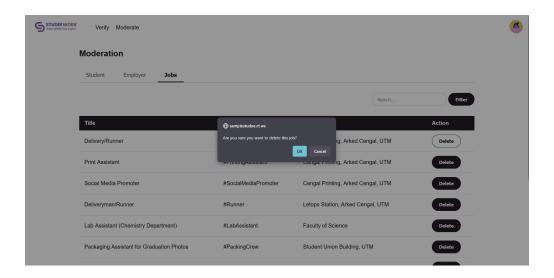
Administrators can delete any employer from the system by clicking the 'Delete' button. A confirmation box will appear, and if the administrator selects "OK", the employer will be deleted from the table and the system's database.

# 9. View All Job Postings



Administrators can view the list of all jobs created by employers within the system's database.

## 10. Delete Job Postings



Administrators can delete any job from the system by clicking the 'Delete' button. A confirmation box will appear, and if the administrator selects "OK", the job will be deleted from the table and the system's database.

## **DEPENDENCIES**

Before running this project, make sure the following dependencies are installed:

# **System Requirements**

- PHP >= 8.0
- MySQL  $\geq$  5.7
- Web Server (e.g., Apache)

# **Local Development**

- XAMPP via <a href="https://www.apachefriends.org/">https://www.apachefriends.org/</a> (includes Apache, PHP, and MySQL)
- A modern web browser (e.g., Chrome, Firefox)