**2. Current System (limitations and problems) – either existing system or manual system that is being automated.**

Panther connect is a website where FIU students can search for clubs and organizations to join, find and attend events happening on campus, and sign up for volunteering activities. It provides a way for organizations for keep track of their member’s involvement, stay in contact with their members, send invitations, and create events where members can RSVP. However, there are some issues with the site.

The site provides a “Forms” option on the homepage. This leads the user to a long list of forms (applications, waivers, etc.) from all the organizations registered on the site. The only filter option is a search bar which is useless if you do not know the name of the form you are looking for. Whenever an organization creates a form, it is automatically added to the list where any user can view it. They do not need to have an account or a membership with the organization in order to access it. This prevents organizations from being private.

Another problem is its roster function. It displays all the members registered within an organization and includes each person’s contact information. It provides the option to end a member’s membership. However, it doesn’t provide the functionality of selecting multiple members at once. It does have an “End All Memberships” button, but it is not needed most of the time. If a user needs to end a decent number of memberships, they must select each member one by one. It also allows users to invite others through email, but it can only invite 500 people at a time. There is also a way for users to send mass emails to their rosters. Unfortunately, its mail server can be unreliable at times and may sometimes take up to 3 hours to send an email.