

Criterion A: Initial consultation

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Interviewee: Ayşin Zeynep Ertaş, Head of the School's Psychological Counseling and Guidance Department

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Interview was done in person

Atahan Öztürk: Hello Ms. Ayşin. For our ITGS class it is expected from us to make a project. For this project, I learned that you did profession seminars this year, and for the seminar you had to assign students to the different seminars. I learned that this was done by a group of students and it took a very long time, so I would like to create an IT solution to this problem. So, Ms. Ayşin, can you start with your current position at the school?

Ayşin Zeynep Ertaş: I am the school's psychological counseling and guidance department's head.

Atahan Öztürk: Can you please explain the profession seminars? What were the difficulties you faced?

Ayşin Zeynep Ertaş: The profession seminars is an activity where our students meet about 30-40 people that are experts in their areas. For this activity students choose the professions they want to see and they are assigned to the seminars based on their choices. In the activity we have done, a 7 student team spent a very great effort to assign the students, because they had to assign everybody to the places they wanted, while keeping all the seminars at a certain number of people, which was very difficult to do. We want every student to go to the seminars they want so that they can see the professions they want.

Atahan Öztürk: Like I said before, I would like to create an IT solution to this problem, which will probably be an application that will run on a computer. Are there any comments, suggestions, or specifications do you have in mind?

Ayşin Zeynep Ertaş: Like I said, the students should be assigned to the activities they want to go to. Secondly, we wasted a lot of time in this year's event to this assignment, 3 full days, which is a very serious time waste. The program should be fast, people should be satisfied with the results, and the seminars should have a specific quota, the experts shouldn't come and see a class of just 3 students. Both students should see the experts they want and the experts should see students that want to see them.

Atahan Öztürk: And also I heard this about the subject: The higher grades, as I heard, were assigned to the seminars more favorably than the lower grades.

Ayşin Zeynep Ertaş: Ah yes, that's a point I forgot. Thanks for reminding me. Yes, another criteria, as the 12th graders are in their last year and they are going to choose their professions very soon they should get the seminars they wanted as much as possible because they don't have any more years. After them 11th graders and the other grades take priority.

Atahan Öztürk: Okay. Thanks a lot Ms. Ayşin.

Ayşin Zeynep Ertaş: Thank you too, for your help in this matter.