PROJECT TITLE:

LOGIN AUTHENTICATION: AUTHENTICATE USERS WITH A USERNAME AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE APPLICATION'S FEATURES.

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INTRODUCTION

Project Overview

The project aims to address a critical challenge faced by many student management systems: the security vulnerabilities inherent in their login mechanisms. At the frontend of this project is the development of a robust Login Authentication System designed to fortify the authentication process, particularly in educational institutions. Leveraging advanced technologies such as React JS for the frontend, Spring Boot for the backend, and MySQL for the database, this system represents a significant step forward in enhancing both the efficiency and security of student admissions processes. By automating routine tasks and implementing stringent security measures, the system not only streamlines operations but also safeguards sensitive data against unauthorized access and potential breaches.

The project not only focuses on enhancing the login mechanism's security but also emphasizes the integration of cryptography to fortify user authentication. By employing hashing algorithms to encrypt passwords stored in the database, the system ensures that sensitive user credentials remain protected even in the event of a breach. Additionally, the project implements a token-based authentication system, wherein users receive unique tokens via email upon registration. These tokens serve as validation mechanisms, verifying the authenticity of user accounts and mitigating the risk of unauthorized access. Furthermore, each user is assigned a randomly generated number at the database level, adding an extra layer of security to the system. This approach enhances user privacy and resilience against common security threats, aligning with the project goals that bolstering security in student management systems while leveraging cutting-edge cryptographic techniques.

In this report, we delve into the key functionalities such as registering user, login mechanism, add users, see list of user and room allocation.

Background

The imperative for robust security measures in student management systems arises from the pervasive vulnerabilities that have plagued traditional systems, particularly concerning login mechanisms. Historically, many institutions have grappled with the repercussions of weak authentication protocols, leaving their systems vulnerable to a myriad of cyber threats. Instances of unauthorized access, data breaches, and compromised user credentials have underscored the critical need for a paradigm shift towards fortified security frameworks.

In response to these challenges, the project delves into the intricate landscape of cybersecurity, recognizing the indispensable role of cryptography in safeguarding sensitive data. Traditional systems, often reliant on rudimentary authentication methods, have proven insufficient in the face of increasingly sophisticated cyber threats. By harnessing cryptographic techniques such as hashing algorithms, the project aim to improve every foundation of user authentication, ensuring that passwords are securely encrypted before storage, thereby mitigating the risk of data compromise.

Furthermore, the project acknowledges the vulnerability inherent in traditional email-based authentication methods. Recognizing the susceptibility of email communication to interception and spoofing, the project seeks to augment traditional email verification with token-based authentication. This approach, wherein unique tokens are generated and sent to users via email, serves as a robust validation mechanism, bolstering the security of user accounts and thwarting potential unauthorized access attempts.

Moreover, the project adopts a proactive stance towards user privacy, recognizing the importance of implementing additional security measures beyond traditional authentication protocols. By assigning each user a randomly generated number at the database level, the project further fortifies the security posture of the system, mitigating the risk of data correlation and enhancing user privacy.

Problem Statement

The prevailing issues plaguing conventional login mechanisms within student management systems underscore a critical need for comprehensive solutions to address inherent security vulnerabilities. Weak authentication mechanisms, characterized by simplistic username-password combinations, pose a significant risk to the integrity and confidentiality of user credentials. These vulnerabilities leave systems susceptible to a spectrum of cyber threats, including brute force attacks, dictionary attacks, and credential stuffing, which can result in unauthorized access and potential data breaches. The architectural vulnerabilities inherent in many student management systems exacerbate these security concerns. Inadequate implementation of authentication protocols and flawed system design expose vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and session hijacking, further compounding the risk of unauthorized access and data compromise.

Compounding these challenges is the stringent regulatory landscape governing the protection of student data, the proliferation of cyber threats necessitates a proactive stance towards user privacy and data security. By assigning each user a randomly generated number at the database

level, the project aims to augment traditional authentication mechanisms, enhancing user privacy and resilience against common security threats.

General Objective

The overall goal of this project is to develop a robust and secure Login Authentication system tailored specifically for student management systems. This system aims to fortify the authentication process, ensuring the integrity and confidentiality of user credentials while mitigating the risk of unauthorized access and data breaches. By adopting advanced cryptographic techniques and adhering to best practices in cybersecurity, the project seeks to establish a resilient security framework that enhances the overall security posture of student management systems.

Specific Objectives

- 1. Implement a Secure Authentication Mechanism: The project aims to implement a robust authentication mechanism that utilizes advanced cryptographic techniques to securely verify the identity of users. By leveraging hashing algorithms and salting techniques, passwords will be securely encrypted before storage, mitigating the risk of data compromise in the event of a breach.
- 2. Develop Backend Functionalities for Secure Authentication: The project will focus on developing backend functionalities using Spring Boot to facilitate secure authentication processes. This involves implementing stringent access controls, session management mechanisms, and encryption protocols to fortify the authentication process and prevent unauthorized access to sensitive user data.
- 3. Integrate MySQL Database for Secure Storage: The project will integrate a MySQL database to securely store user credentials and authentication tokens. By implementing encryption-at-rest and access control measures, the system will ensure the confidentiality and integrity of user data, safeguarding against potential data breaches and unauthorized access attempts.
- 4. Define User Roles and Access Permissions: The project will define distinct user roles, including administrators, staff, and students, each with specific access permissions and functionalities. Role-based access control mechanisms will be implemented to restrict access to sensitive features and data, ensuring that users only have access to the information and functionalities relevant to their role.
- 5. Enable User Registration, Login, and Account Activation: The project will enable user registration, login, and account activation functionalities, ensuring a seamless and secure user authentication process. Users will receive unique tokens via email upon registration, serving as validation mechanisms to activate their accounts securely.
- **6.** Implement Role-Based Access Control: Role-based access control mechanisms will be implemented to restrict access to application features based on user roles. This involves defining access control policies, enforcing access restrictions, and auditing user activities to ensure compliance with security policies and regulatory requirements.

Structure of the document

The structure of this document is meticulously crafted to offer a comprehensive understanding of the Login Authentication system. Beginning with an introductory overview, it delves into the historical context and underlying challenges, articulating the project's overarching goal and specific objectives. An expanded section details each subsequent section's content and purpose, serving as a navigational guide. This is followed by explorations of related work, relevance, methodology, and technologies utilized, culminating in a detailed exposition of the system's implementation and operational mechanics. The document concludes with a concise summary encapsulating key insights and references for further exploration, providing readers with a holistic view of the project's scope, significance, and contributions to enhancing security in student management systems.

Related Work

This section of the report presents a comprehensive analysis of existing research and developments in the realm of secure authentication systems. It shows effort to contextualize the project within the broader landscape of cybersecurity and authentication mechanisms, drawing insights from seminal works and cutting-edge advancements in the field.

In this section, we delve into various frameworks, technologies, and protocols that have been employed to fortify user authentication processes. Among these are industry-standard frameworks such as OAuth, JWT, and OAuth 2.0, which have emerged as pillars of secure authentication and authorization. Through a detailed examination of these frameworks, we aim to show their relevance and applicability to our project, offering insights into their underlying principles, methodologies, and best practices.

Moreover, the section explores recent advancements in cryptographic techniques and authentication mechanisms, including multi-factor authentication (MFA), biometric authentication, and blockchain-based authentication systems.

Methodology and Sustainability

The development of the Login Authentication system follows a systematic approach, incorporating best practices in software development and cybersecurity. The use of React JS for the front end, Spring Boot for the backend, and MySQL for the database ensures a robust and scalable architecture that can accommodate future enhancements and updates. Additionally, the implementation of role-based access control and secure authentication mechanisms contributes to the long-term sustainability and security of the system.

Technologies Used

1. Front End: React JS

2. Back End: Spring Boot

3. Database: MySQL

4. Authentication Mechanism: JWT (JSON Web Tokens)

IMPLEMENTATION

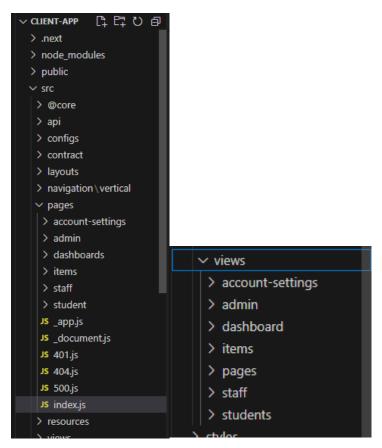
The implementation of the Login Authentication system involves the development of front end and back end components using React JS and Spring Boot, respectively. The system architecture comprises client-side and server-side components that interact seamlessly to authenticate users securely and efficiently.

The Implementation of program is based Two part:

- ✓ Font End (Client Side)
- ✓ Back End (Server Side)

FRONT END

The front end of the system is developed using React JS, a popular JavaScript library for building user interfaces. The front end components include login, registration, account activation, and user dashboard functionalities. React JS provides a robust and responsive user interface, ensuring an intuitive user experience for accessing application features securely.



System structure

Login Page

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       const LoginPage = () => {
         const theme = useTheme()
         const router = useRouter()
         const [openAlert, setOpenAlert] = useState(false)
         const [errormsg, setErrorg] = useState(null)
         const [values, setValues] = useState({
          email: '',
password: '',
           showPassword: false
         const handleChange = prop => event => {
           setValues({ ...values, [prop]: event.target.value })
         const handleClickShowPassword = () => {
           setValues({ ...values, showPassword: !values.showPassword })
         const handleMouseDownPassword = event => {
          event.preventDefault()
         function extractUserRoleFromToken(token) {
          const decodedToken = JSON.parse(atob(token.split(".")[1]));
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          function extractUserRoleFromToken(token) {
            const decodedToken = JSON.parse(atob(token.split(".")[1]));
            return decodedToken.role;
          const handleSubmit = async (e) => {
            e.preventDefault();
            setErrorg(null);
            if (!values.email || !values.password) {
              setErrorg("Please enter both email and password.");
              setOpenAlert(true);
                 const response = await axiosInstance.post(
                   "auth/authenticate", // the endpoint values, // the request body
                   { withCredentials: true },
                   const accessToken = response.data.access_token;
                   const refreshToken = response.data.refresh_token;
                   localStorage.setItem("access_token", accessToken); localStorage.setItem("refresh_token", refreshToken);
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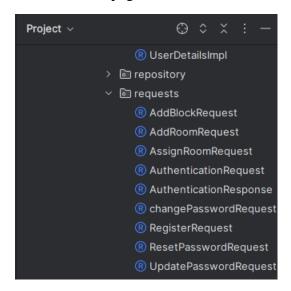
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src > pages > JS index.js > [∅] LoginPage > [∅] handleSubmit
       const LoginPage = () => {
         const handleSubmit = async (e) => {
                  axiosInstance.defaults.headers.common[
                  ] = `Bearer ${accessToken}`;
                  const userRole = extractUserRoleFromToken(accessToken);
                  localStorage.setItem("role", userRole);
       console.log(userRole);
                  setOpenAlert(true);
                  setErrorg("Login success");
                  if(userRole == "ROLE_USER"){
                    await router.push("/dashboards/student_dashboard");
                  } else if (userRole == "ROLE_ADMIN"){
                  await router.push("/dashboards/admin_dashboard");
} else if(userRole == "ROLE_STAFF"){
                    await router.push("/dashboards/employee_dashboard");
            catch (error) {
                console.error('Authentication failed:', error);
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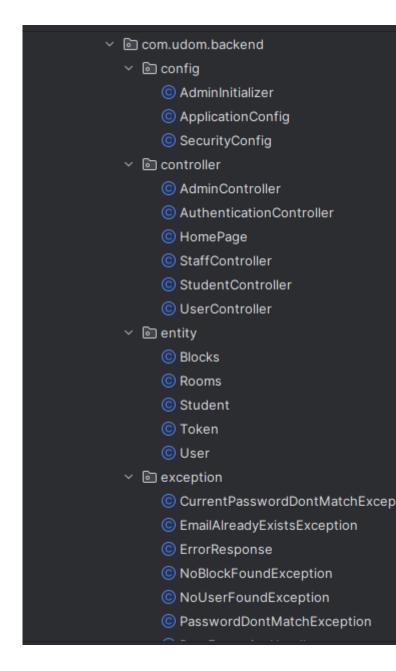
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<form noValidate autoComplete='off' onSubmit={e => e.preventDefault()}>
                  <TextField autoFocus fullWidth id='email' label='email' sx={{ marginBottom: 4 }} value={values.email} onCha</pre>
                  <FormControl fullWidth>
                    <InputLabel htmlFor='auth-login-password'>Password</InputLabel>
                      label='Password'
                      value={values.password}
                      id='auth-login-password'
onChange={handleChange('password')}
type={values.showPassword ? 'text' : 'password'}
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onClick={handleClickShowPassword}
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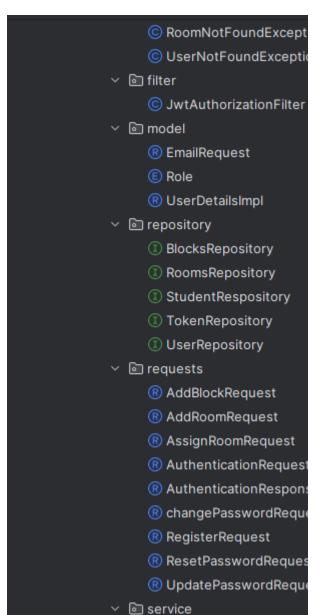
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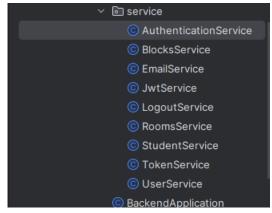
The back end of the system is built using Spring Boot, a lightweight framework for building Java-based applications. The back-end components include authentication, authorization, user management, and database interaction functionalities. Spring Boot provides a scalable and efficient framework for implementing secure authentication mechanisms and managing user data securely.

Here are some pages that are used in back which shows some mechanism of security include:









Authentication Page: This page used to provide authentication when user register into the system by provide token that sent to email account also it used to hash password when stored into the data base

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public AuthenticationResponse authenticate(AuthenticationRequest request) {
          new UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken(
            request.email(),
            request.password()
   } catch (InternalAuthenticationServiceException e) {
        throw new BadCredentialsException("Invalid credentials");
   User user = userService.validateCredentials(request.email(), request.password());
   log.info("User {} successfully authenticated with role {}", user.getFirstName(), user.getRole());
   String accessToken = jwtService.generateAccessToken(user);
   String refreshToken = jwtService.generateRefreshToken(user.getEmail());
    tokenService.revokeAllUserTokens(user);
    tokenService.saveUserToken(user, accessToken);
    /\!\!/ Returns an authentication response containing the JWT token
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Security Config: This is used to configure the setting of the system that will be used in many of operation in the system such as get and post

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JWTAuthrization Filter: This page used to Check the validity of token generated to the user and allowed public endpoint and private that are defined

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SecurityConfig.java
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uthenticationService.java
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          @Override
          protected void doFilterInternal(
               @NonNull HttpServletRequest request,
               @NonNull HttpServletResponse response,
               @NonNull FilterChain filterChain
          ) throws ServletException, IOException {
               if (isPublicEndpoint(request)) {
                   log.info("Skipping the filter for the following request URL {}", request.getServletP
                   filterChain.doFilter(request, response);
               String authHeader = request.getHeader(AUTHORIZATION_HEADER);
               if (authHeader == null || !authHeader.startsWith(BEARER_PREFIX)) {
                   handleMissingToken(response, request);
               String jwt = authHeader.substring( beginIndex: 7);
               String username = extractUsernameFromJwt(jwt);
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CONNECTION BETWEEN FRONT END AND BACK END

The front end and back-end components communicate via RESTful APIs, enabling seamless interaction between client-side and server-side components. The connection between the front end and back end is established using Axios, a promise-based HTTP client for JavaScript. Axios facilitates data exchange between the front end and back end, ensuring secure communication and efficient data transfer.

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                             1 import axios from "axios";
 > .next
 > node_modules
 > public
                              5 const API_URl = "http://localhost:3001";
  > @core
                             6 // set the base URL from the .env file

✓ api

                                 const baseURL = API_URl + "/api/v1";
   JS axiosInstance.js
   JS interceptor.js
                                  > configs
                                  baseURL,
                             11
  > contract
  > layouts
  > navigation
                                 // set the Authorization header for every request
                                 let token;
                            if (typeof localStorage !== 'undefined') {
   > account-settings
                                    token = localStorage.getItem("access_token");
   > admin
   > dashboards
                                   if (token != null) {
   > items
                                      axiosInstance.defaults.headers.common["Authorization"] = `Bearer ${token}`;
   > staff
   > student
   Js _app.js
   JS _document.js
   JS 401.js
```

The connection to the MySQL database

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O JwtService.java
                    © TokenService.java

■ application.yml ×

                                                                SecurityConfig.
   server:
     port: 3001
   spring:
       url: jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/university
       username: root
       password:
       driver-class-name: com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver
     jpa:
       show-sql: true
       hibernate:
         ddl-auto: update
       properties:
         hibernate:
           dialect: org.hibernate.dialect.MySQL8Dialect
           format_sql: true
       database: mysql
        database-platform: PostgreSQLDialect
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jwt:

# different expiration time for each token

expiration:

access-token: 86400000 # 1 hour

refresh-token: 604800000 # 7 days

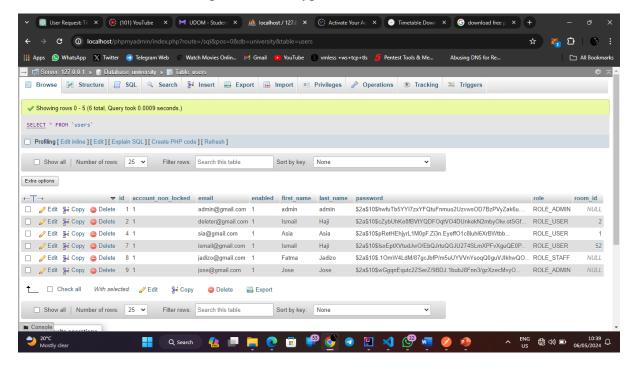
reset-password: 900000 # 15 minutes

enable-account: 900000

# The jwt secret key is used to sign the token.

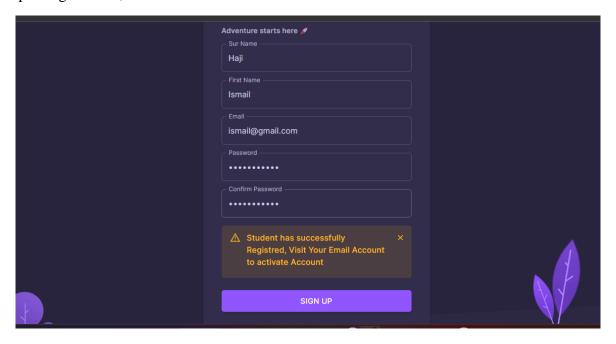
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User as seen in database with password encrypted

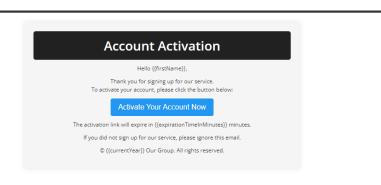


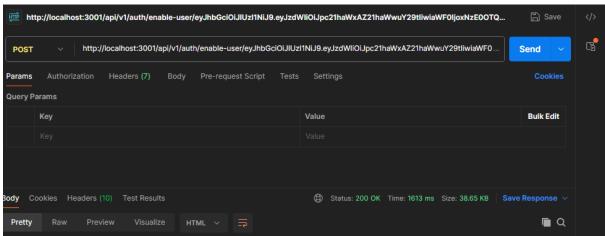
HOW DOES THE SYSTEM WORK

1. **User Registration:** Users can register an account using their email address and password. Upon registration, users receive an email verification link to activate their account.



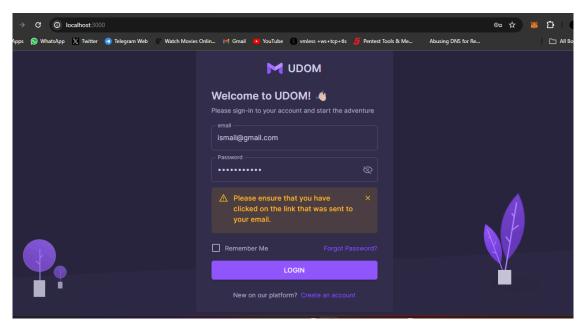
2. **Account Activation:** Users activate their account by clicking the email verification link sent to their email address. Once activated, users can log in to access the application's features.



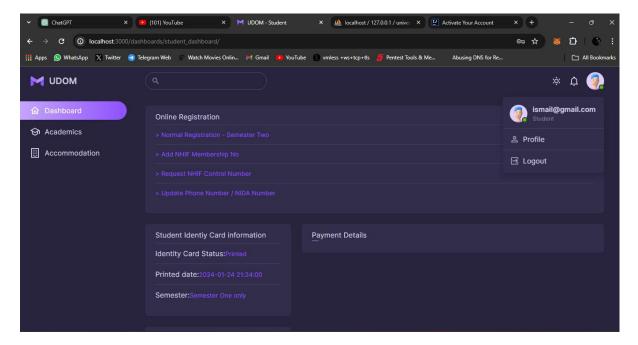


3. Login: User can login in the system after activate account if not he won't able to login

Role-based Access Control: The system defines three user roles: admin, staff, and user, each with specific access permissions and functionalities. Role-based access control ensures that users have appropriate access permissions based on their roles within the application.

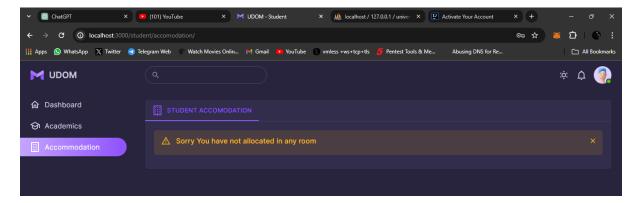


4. **User Dashboard**: Upon successful login, users are redirected to their respective dashboards based on their roles. The dashboard provides access to application features and functionalities based on the user's role.



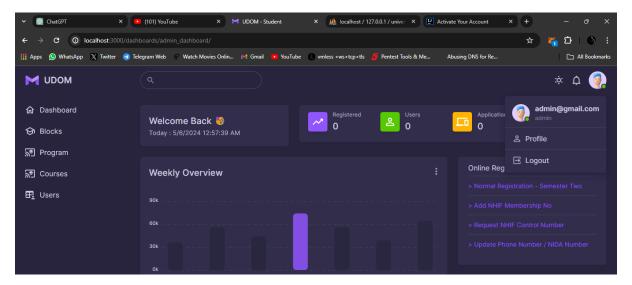
NORMAL USER (STUDENT)

This is normal user when into to account he will be able to see his room allocated

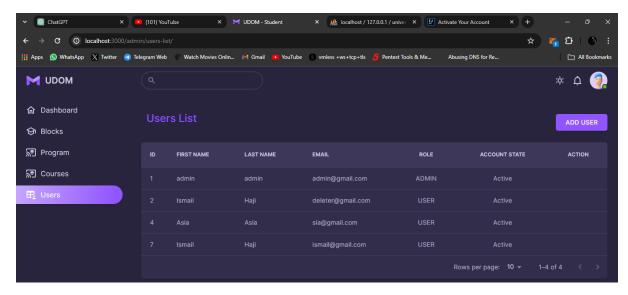


ADMIN USER (ADMIN)

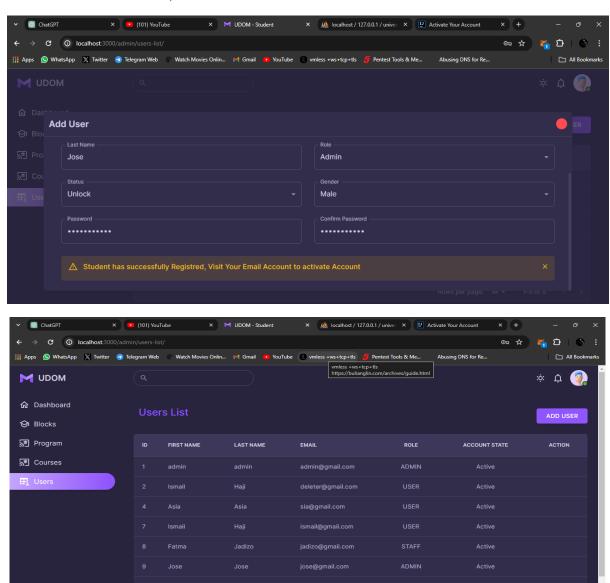
This one admin account into his account he can add users, block and rooms for student



Here is the list of users in the system

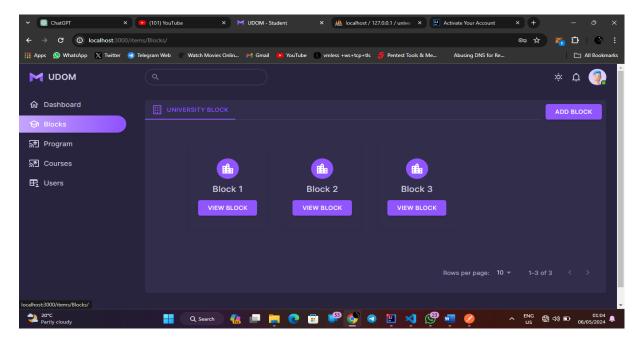


When user click add user, he will be able to add new user

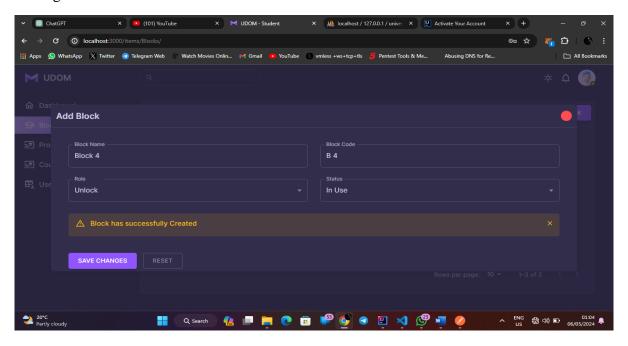


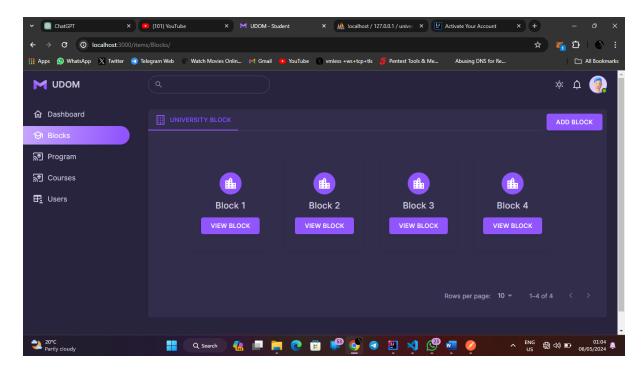
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List of blocks

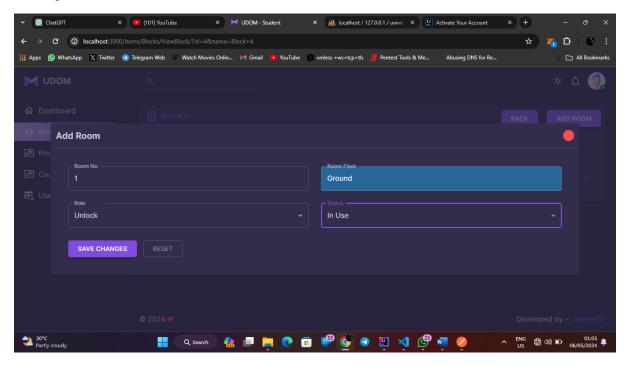


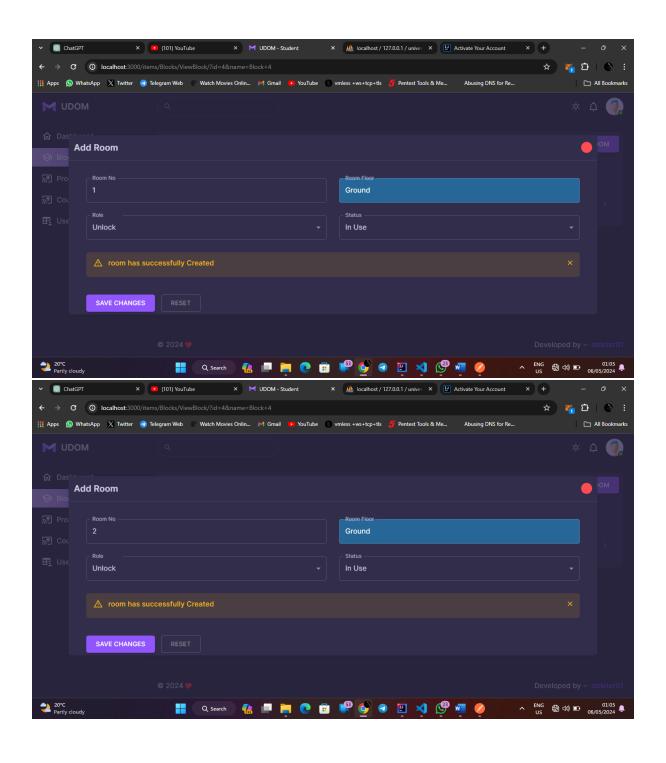
Adding blocks

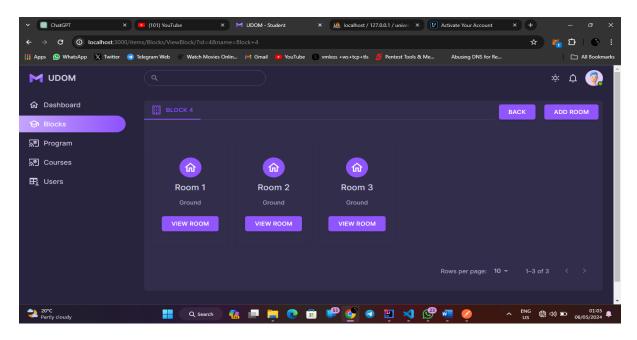




Adding Room



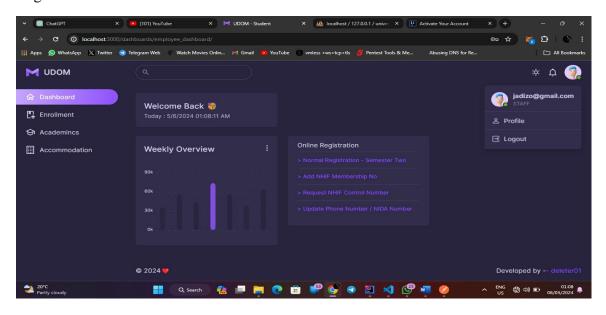




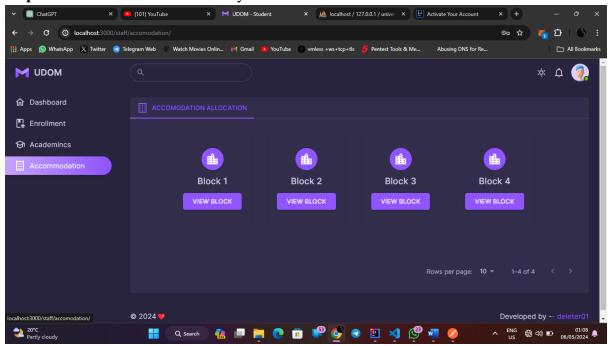
STAFF USER (DEAN OF STUDENT)

This is the staff user who can assign user to specific room.

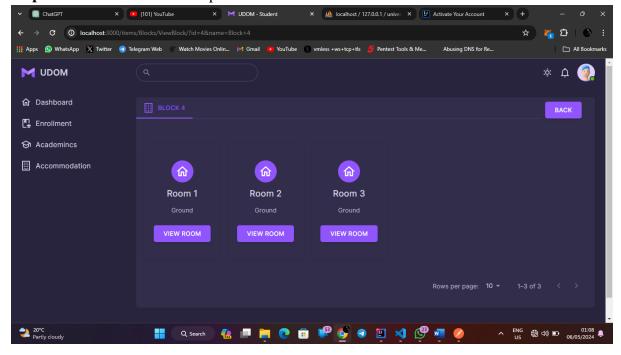
Login as staff and access his dashboard



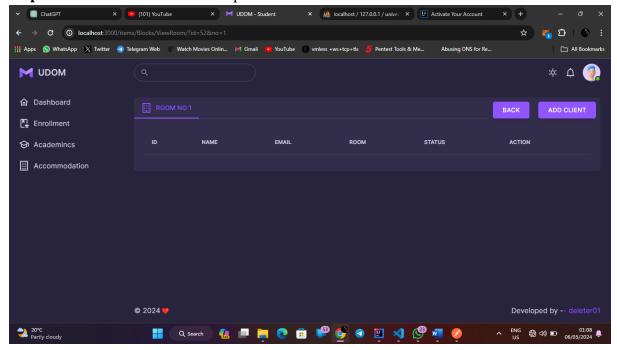
Step One: See list of blocks in the system



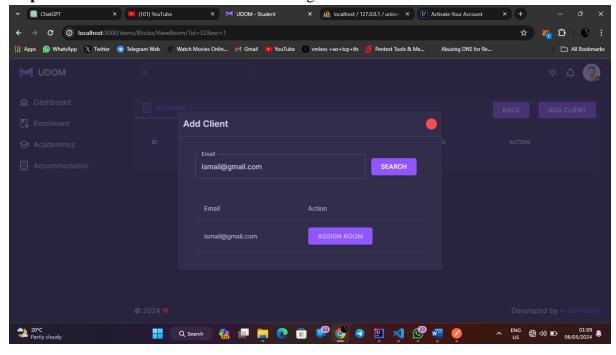
Step Two: See list of room respective to block



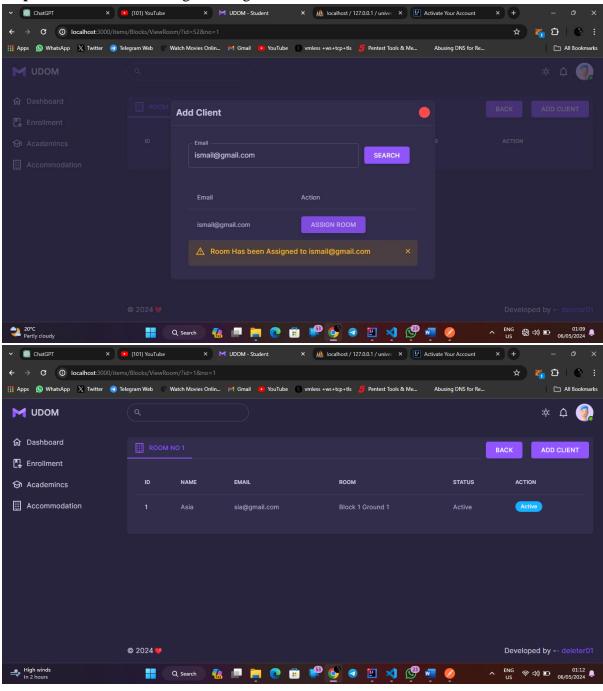
Step Three: See list of users in respective room



Step Four: Search student or user need to assign to the room

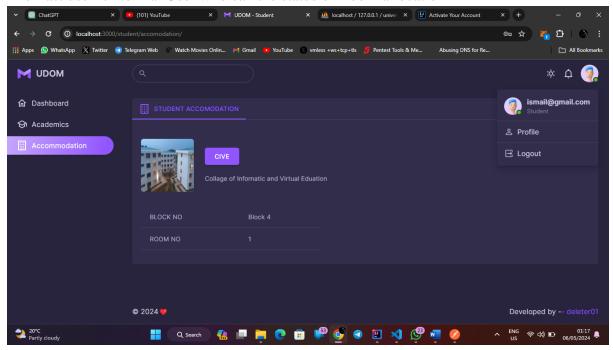


Step Five: Click button assign to assign to the room



NORMAL USER (STUDENT)

The Last user is Normal User who can the status of Room allocation



CONCLUSION

The implementation of the Login Authentication system signifies a pivotal advancement in the realm of student management systems, prioritizing security, efficiency, and user experience. Utilizing cutting-edge technologies such as React JS and Spring Boot for front end and backend development, respectively, the system offers a seamless and intuitive interface while fortifying authentication processes with robust security mechanisms. From token-based authentication to role-based access control, every facet of the system is meticulously designed to safeguard user data and ensure smooth access to essential functionalities. Moreover, the system's functionality extends beyond authentication, empowering administrators, staff, and users with a comprehensive suite of features tailored to their roles and responsibilities, thereby streamlining administrative tasks and enhancing user engagement.

In conclusion, the Login Authentication system stands as a testament to the collaborative efforts and innovative thinking of the development team, embodying the transformative potential of modern authentication solutions in educational institutions. With its robust foundation, commitment to security, and user-centric design, the system not only addresses the immediate challenges of user authentication but also sets a precedent for future advancements in student management systems. As educational institutions navigate the complexities of digital transformation, the Login Authentication system emerges as a beacon of progress, ensuring the integrity, accessibility, and security of user data in an ever-evolving technological landscape.

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