Role Switching and Management Features

Overview

This document outlines the new role selection and switching functionality implemented for the Music-U-Scheduler application.

Implemented Features

1. Role Selection Page

- Location: /role-selection/page.tsx
- **Component**: components/auth/role-selection.tsx
- **Purpose**: Allows instructors with admin privileges to choose between admin and instructor dashboards

Features:

- Automatic detection of users with dual privileges (instructor + admin)
- Clean, user-friendly interface with role cards
- User information display
- Direct logout functionality
- Responsive design with smooth animations

2. Enhanced Authentication Logic

- File: frontend/contexts/auth-context.tsx
- Enhancement: Modified login flow to redirect users with multiple roles to the role selection page

Logic:

- Checks if user has both instructor role AND admin privileges
- Redirects to /role-selection if both conditions are met
- Otherwise, redirects to appropriate single dashboard

3. Role Switching in Dashboards

Admin Dashboard

- **File**: app/components/admin/admin-dashboard.tsx
- Added: Role switching dropdown in header
- Features:
- Switch to Instructor Dashboard
- Return to Role Selection page
- Only visible if user has instructor privileges

Instructor Dashboard

- **File**: app/components/instructor/instructor-dashboard.tsx
- Added: Role switching dropdown in header
- Features:
- Switch to Admin Dashboard
- Return to Role Selection page

• Only visible if user has admin privileges

4. Role Management Delete Functionality

• **File**: app/components/admin/role-management.tsx

• Status: Already implemented 🔽

• Features:

· Delete custom roles with confirmation dialog

· Prevents deletion of built-in roles

• Proper error handling and success notifications

5. Type System Updates

• File: app/lib/types.ts

• Added: assigned_roles property to User interface

• Purpose: Support for users with multiple instructor roles and admin privileges

How It Works

For Instructors with Admin Privileges:

1. Login: User logs in with credentials

2. **Detection**: System detects user has both instructor role and admin privileges

3. Role Selection: User is redirected to role selection page

4. Choice: User chooses between Admin or Instructor dashboard

5. Navigation: User can switch roles anytime using the dropdown in dashboard headers

Admin Privileges Detection:

Admin privileges are detected when a user has either:

- Primary role: admin

- OR assigned roles with admin_access permission

Role Switching:

- Available in both Admin and Instructor dashboard headers
- Uses dropdown menu with intuitive icons
- Provides options to switch roles or return to role selection
- Only displays if user has multiple role capabilities

UI/UX Improvements

• Consistent Design: Matches existing application theme

• Intuitive Icons: Clear visual indicators for different roles

• Smooth Transitions: Professional animations and state changes

• Responsive Layout: Works on all device sizes

• User Feedback: Toast notifications for all actions

Technical Implementation

- TypeScript Support: Full type safety for all new features
- React Hooks: Proper state management and lifecycle handling

- Next.js Integration: Server-side rendering compatible
- Component Reusability: Modular design for maintainability

Testing Status

- V TypeScript compilation successful
- W Build process successful
- Component rendering verified
- A Backend API integration pending (authentication endpoints need backend)

Usage Examples

Role Selection Page

```
// Automatically shown for users with dual privileges
// Manual access via: /role-selection
```

Dashboard Role Switching

```
// Available in header dropdown for eligible users
// Immediate navigation to selected role dashboard
```

Future Enhancements

- 1. Role History: Track user's role switching patterns
- 2. **Default Role**: Allow users to set preferred default role
- 3. Session Persistence: Remember last selected role across sessions
- 4. **Role Permissions**: More granular permission-based role detection

Conclusion

The role switching functionality provides a seamless experience for users with multiple privileges while maintaining security and usability. The implementation follows React best practices and integrates well with the existing codebase.