System Design Document: Worker Time Tracking & Payroll

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1. User Diagrams (Conceptual Use Case Style)

This outlines the main actors and their primary interactions with the system.

Actors:

- Worker
- Administrator

Use Cases:

- Worker:
 - o Clock In (selects Project)
 - o Clock Out
 - O View Own Time Entries

• Administrator:

- o Log In
- o View Worker Status Dashboard
- o Manually Clock In/Out Worker
- o Manage Projects (Create, View, Update, Archive)
- Manage Workers (Create, View, Update worker info)
- Manage Worker Pay Rates (Add new, view history ensures old rates are not overwritten)

- O Generate Payroll Report (with filters for period, worker, project)
 - Includes: Calculate Regular Pay
 - *Includes:* Calculate Daily Overtime Pay
 - Includes: Calculate Weekly Overtime Pay
- O Update Bill Number for Time Entries (on Payroll Report)
- O Update Paid Date for Time Entries (on Payroll Report)
- o Log Out

2. Folder Structure (Conceptual)

This is a typical way projects might be organized.

A. Frontend (e.g., using plain HTML/CSS/JS or a simple framework) frontend/

```
- payroll.html // Admin payroll report
   L— admin layout.html // Optional: template for common admin page elements
- css/
   - style.css // Main stylesheet
   L— admin style.css // Styles specific to admin pages
|--- js/
   ├── main.js // JS for index.html (worker clocking)
   -- worker_view.js // JS for worker_view.html
   - auth.js
             // JS for admin login.html
   - admin dashboard.js // JS for admin/dashboard.html
   - admin projects.js // JS for admin/projects.html
   - admin workers.js // JS for admin/workers.html
   - admin payroll.js // JS for admin/payroll.html
   utils.js // Common utility functions (API calls, date formatting)
-- assets/
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L- images/
                // Logos, icons, etc.
B. Backend (e.g., Node.js with Express.js)
backend/
--- src/
    --- api/
                         // API route definitions
       - authRoutes.js // Handles /api/admin/login
       clockRoutes.js // Handles /api/clock/*
       - projectRoutes.js // Handles /api/projects/*
       -- workerRoutes.js // Handles /api/workers/*, /api/admin/worker-statuses
       - payrollRoutes.js // Handles /api/payroll-report, /api/time-entries/*
    - controllers/ // Request handlers (business logic)
       - authController.js
       - clockController.js
       projectController.js
       - workerController.js
       - payrollController.js // Contains the core overtime logic
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- models/ // Database interaction logic (e.g., using an ORM or direct queries)
   -- workerModel.js
   - projectModel.js
   --- payRateModel.js
   L clockEntryModel.js
- services/ // More complex business logic, helper services
   - payrollService.js // Could house the detailed OT calculation steps
├── middleware/ // Express middleware
   - authMiddleware.js // Protects admin routes
   - errorMiddleware.js// Global error handling
--- config/
                 // Configuration files
   - db.js
                  // Database connection setup
   index.js // Environment variables, etc.
- utils/ // Utility functions (date calculations, etc.)
   L- timeUtils.js
```

3. User Function Chart (Mapping UI Elements to High-Level Functions)

Screen	UI Element / Section	User Action / Function	Actor
index.html	Project Dropdown	Select Project	Worker
	"Clock In" Button	<pre>Initiate Clock-In for selected project (records time, timezone, snapshots pay rate)</pre>	Worker
	"Clock Out" Button	Initiate Clock-Out (records time)	Worker
	"View My Hours" Link	Navigate to worker_view.html	Worker

Screen	UI Element / Section	User Action / Function	Actor
worker_view.html	Time Entries Table	View own historical clock entries (date, project, times, duration)	Worker
admin_login.html	Username/Password Fields	Enter Credentials	Admin
	"Login" Button	Submit credentials for authentication	Admin
admin/dashboard.html	Worker Status Table	View real-time status of all workers (In/Out, Project, Duration)	Admin
	"Manual Clock In/Out" Btn	Force clock-in or clock-out for a worker	Admin
admin/projects.html	Project List Table	View all projects (name, description, status)	Admin
	"[+ New Project]" Button	Open form to create a new project	Admin
	Project Form	Enter/Edit project details (name, description)	Admin
	"[Edit]" Button (per project)	Open form to edit existing project details	Admin

Screen	UI Element / Section	User Action / Function	Actor
admin/workers.html	Worker List Table	View all workers (name, ID, contact)	Admin
	"[+ New Worker]" Button	Open form to add a new worker	Admin
	Worker Info Form	Enter/Edit worker static details	Admin
	"[Edit Info]" Button	Open form to edit worker details	Admin
	"[Manage Pay Rates]" Button	View historical pay rates for a worker; Add new pay rate with effective start date	Admin
admin/payroll.html	Filter Controls	Select Date Period, Worker(s), Project(s)	Admin
	"Generate Report" Button	Trigger payroll calculation (Reg, Daily OT, Weekly OT) & display report	Admin
	Payroll Report Table	View calculated pay breakdown (Reg Hours/Pay, Daily OT H/P, Weekly OT H/P, Total Pay)	Admin

Screen	UI Element / Section	User Action / Function	Actor
	Bill Number Input Field	Enter/Update customer bill number associated with time entries	Admin
	Worker Paid Date Picker	Select/Update date worker was paid for time entries	Admin
	"Update Bill/Paid" Button	Save changes to bill number and paid date	Admin

4. Backend Chart (Conceptual Component/Module Interaction) HTTP Requests | | (from Frontend) | Express.js App (`app.js`, `server.js`) | | Routing Middleware |---->| authMiddleware |---->| API Route Handlers| | | | (`api/*Routes.js`) | | (for protected routes)| | (`api/*Routes.js`)| |

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| | Controllers (`controllers/*.js`)
| | - authController.js (Handles login logic)
                                                                        | | - clockController.js (Handles clock in/out, gets current pay rate)
| | - projectController.js (CRUD for projects)
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                                                                        | | - payrollController.js (Orchestrates payroll generation)
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                                                                        | payrollService.js (Core OT Logic) |
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                                                                        | - CalculateDailyOvertime() |
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                                                                       | - CalculateWeeklyOvertime()
                                                                       | - AggregatePayComponents() |
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                                                                        | (Database Operations)
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| | Models / DB Access Layer (`models/*.js`)
                                                                                  | | - workerModel.js (Interact with `workers` table)
| | - projectModel.js (Interact with `projects` table)
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| | - clockEntryModel.js (Interact with `clock entries` table)
                                                                                | (SQL / ORM Queries)
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                                    Database
                              | (e.g., PostgreSQL)|
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Key Backend Flows Highlighted in Chart:

- Request Lifecycle: Request -> Router -> Auth (if needed) -> Specific Route Handler -> Controller.
- Controller Responsibilities: Validate input, call necessary services/models, format response.
- PayrollService: Encapsulates the complex overtime and pay calculation logic, making the payrollController cleaner.
- Models: Abstract database interactions. For example, payRateModel.getEffectiveRate(workerId, date) would find the correct historical pay rate.

End of Document

SQL CREATE DATABASES

```
-- Table workers
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS workers (
  worker id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  name VARCHAR (255) NOT NULL,
  employee id number VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE,
  phone number VARCHAR(50),
  address TEXT,
  email VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE, -- Added for potential login/notifications
  is active BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE, -- To deactivate workers instead of deleting
  -- password hash VARCHAR(255), -- For authentication if you implement it
  created at TIMESTAMPTZ DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP,
  updated at TIMESTAMPTZ DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP
);
-- Trigger to automatically update updated at timestamp
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION trigger set timestamp()
RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
  NEW.updated at = NOW();
  RETURN NEW;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
CREATE TRIGGER set workers timestamp
BEFORE UPDATE ON workers
FOR EACH ROW
EXECUTE FUNCTION trigger set timestamp();
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-- Table projects
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS projects (
 project id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
 project name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
 description TEXT,
 is active BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE,
 created at TIMESTAMPTZ DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP,
 updated at TIMESTAMPTZ DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP
);
CREATE TRIGGER set projects timestamp
BEFORE UPDATE ON projects
FOR EACH ROW
EXECUTE FUNCTION trigger set timestamp();
-- Table pay rates
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CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS pay rates (
 pay rate id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
 worker id INT NOT NULL,
 rate amount DECIMAL(10, 2) NOT NULL CHECK (rate amount > 0),
  effective start date DATE NOT NULL,
  effective end date DATE, -- Null means it's the current/ongoing rate
  created at TIMESTAMPTZ DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP,
  updated at TIMESTAMPTZ DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP,
  CONSTRAINT uq worker effective start UNIQUE (worker id, effective start date), -- A worker can only have
one rate starting on a specific day
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CONSTRAINT chk dates CHECK (effective end date IS NULL OR effective end date > effective start date)
);
CREATE TRIGGER set pay rates timestamp
BEFORE UPDATE ON pay rates
FOR EACH ROW
EXECUTE FUNCTION trigger set timestamp();
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-- Table clock entries
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS clock entries (
  entry id BIGSERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  worker id INT NOT NULL,
 project id INT NOT NULL,
 clock in time TIMESTAMPTZ NOT NULL,
  clock out time TIMESTAMPTZ,
  original timezone VARCHAR(100), -- Timezone from worker's device at clock-in
 duration minutes INT, -- Calculated on clock-out
  recorded pay rate DECIMAL(10, 2), -- Pay rate at the time of clock-in
  notes TEXT.
  bill number VARCHAR(100), -- For invoicing/billing reference
 worker paid date DATE, -- Date the worker was paid for this entry
 is manually adjusted BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE, -- If entry was edited by admin
 created at TIMESTAMPTZ DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP,
 updated at TIMESTAMPTZ DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP
);
CREATE TRIGGER set clock entries timestamp
BEFORE UPDATE ON clock entries
FOR EACH ROW
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EXECUTE FUNCTION trigger set timestamp();
-- Add Foreign Key Constraints
ALTER TABLE pay rates
  ADD CONSTRAINT fk pay rates worker
  FOREIGN KEY (worker id)
  REFERENCES workers (worker id)
  ON DELETE RESTRICT; -- Or CASCADE if you want pay rates deleted when worker is deleted
ALTER TABLE clock entries
  ADD CONSTRAINT fk clock entries worker
  FOREIGN KEY (worker id)
  REFERENCES workers (worker id)
  ON DELETE RESTRICT; -- Prevent deleting worker if they have time entries
ALTER TABLE clock entries
  ADD CONSTRAINT fk clock entries project
  FOREIGN KEY (project id)
  REFERENCES projects (project id)
  ON DELETE RESTRICT; -- Prevent deleting project if it has time entries
-- Add Indexes for Performance
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx pay rates worker id ON pay rates (worker id);
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx clock entries worker id ON clock entries (worker id);
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx clock entries project id ON clock entries (project id);
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx clock entries clock in time ON clock entries (clock in time);
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx workers employee id number ON workers (employee id number);
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CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx projects project name ON projects (project name);

COMMENT ON COLUMN clock_entries.duration_minutes IS 'Total duration of the work shift in minutes, calculated upon clock-out.';

COMMENT ON COLUMN clock_entries.recorded_pay_rate IS 'The hourly pay rate effective for this worker at the moment of clock-in.';

COMMENT ON COLUMN pay_rates.effective_end_date IS 'If NULL, this pay rate is currently active until a new one supersedes it.';

COMMIT; -- Commit all changes