Form Buster

Software Design Descriptions

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Introduction

1. Scope and Purpose

This SDD describes the overall architectural design of Form Buster and the interactions of the system with external components. These external components are a user authentication system and a student database. They will be simulated, as access to the current existing systems is not granted for the project. The document goes more in-depth on the design topics discussed in the SRS document. It provides a clear description of the organization of the classes used to implement Form Buster, as well as depicting and describing the external appearance of the website.

2. Intended Audience

The intended audience for the document is:

- The Form Buster team
- The Faculty Sponsor
- Senior Design Instructor
- Maintenance Engineers (future reference)

3. References

This document refers to:

- Form Buster's Project Plan(http://formbuster.me/plan1.pdf)
- Form Buster's Software Requirements Specifications document (http://formbuster.me/requirement.pdf)
- IEEE Standard for Systems Design

4. Definitions & Acronyms

API Application Programming Interface

GUI Graphical User Interface

IEEE *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers* - Organization that handles the standardization of software project documents

PAWS University System Database

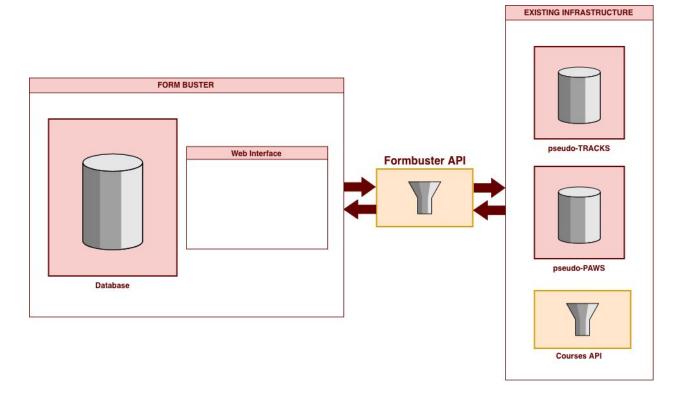
SRS Software Requirements Specifications

TRACKS Account System Provider - Authentication System

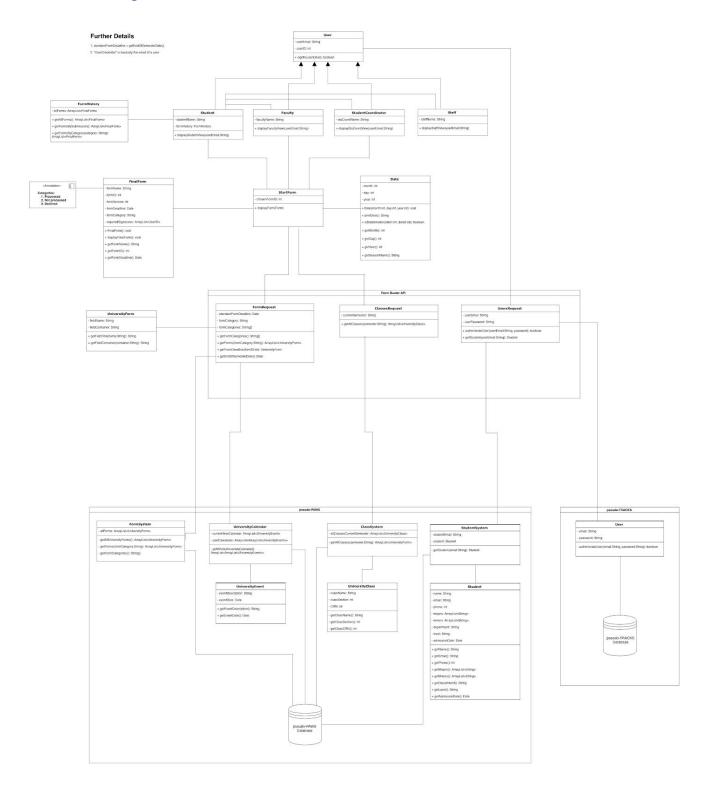
UML Unified Modified Language

Module Design

5. System Architecture Diagram



6. Classes Diagram



7. Classes

Form Buster

- **User**: represents a type of user in Form Buster's system, whom has an email and that can be either a student, faculty member, student coordinator, or staff member.
- **Student**: represents a student user.
- **Faculty**: represents a faculty member user.
- **StudentCoordinator**: represents a student coordinator user.
- Faculty: represents a faculty member user.
- **FormHistory**: represents a history of forms in which a student submitted through Form Buster's system. It holds all the forms and is also used to sort the forms which will be displayed in the student's "Form History" menu option view.
- **StartForm**: is the component which starts a form for a student. It communicates with the Form Buster API in order to get specific forms and initiate them. Since student, faculty, and student coordinators can start a form for a student, then all of them are connected to this class.
- **FinalForm**: represents a form modified by the Form Buster system, in which contains extra information about the form, such as required signatures, form deadline, form version, etc.
- **UniversityForm**: represents an university form which only contains information provided by the university. It is different from the FinalForm, because it doesn't contain filled information by the student, not added information from Form Buster's system.
- **Date**: represents a date. It is used auxiliate in the manipulation of dates for the forms. It also contains functions in which compare dates so that we can see if a form is past the pre defined deadline for it.

Form Buster API

- **FormRequest**: is the component in the API which makes the calls for getting forms and their deadlines.
- **ClassesRequest**: is the component in the API which is used to obtain information regarding classes of the university, like getting all the classes for a specific semester.
- **UsersRequest**: is the component in the API which gathers information about the users of the university, and most important, authenticate them to log in into the Form Buster system.

Pseudo-TRACKS

- **User**: represents a user in the authentication system of TRACKS. It is used to authenticate users such as students, student coordinators, faculty members, and staff members.

Pseudo-PAWS

- UniversityEvent: represents university's events. Includes academic events, form events, etc.
- **UniversityCalendar**: represents a calendar, and thus it holds many university's events. It helps on computing the current year's calendar and past calendars too.
- **FormSystem**: represents the system of forms from the university and it gathers the forms from the university's database.

- **UniversityClass**: represents a class within a university. It contains all the information regarding a specific class entity.
- **ClassSystem**: represents the system of classes of an university. It is used to compute all the classes that are available to be taken at specific semesters.
- **StudentSystem**: represents the system of students, which is used to obtain information about specific students, given their email.
- **Student**: represents a student entity, which has all the attributes of a student in an university.

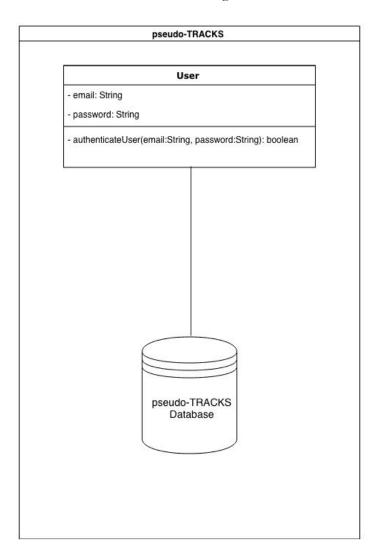
8. Design Rationale

The rationale behind the design adopted for Form Buster is to build a platform that can easily be used with existing authentication systems (TRACKS) and university databases (PAWS).

Database Design

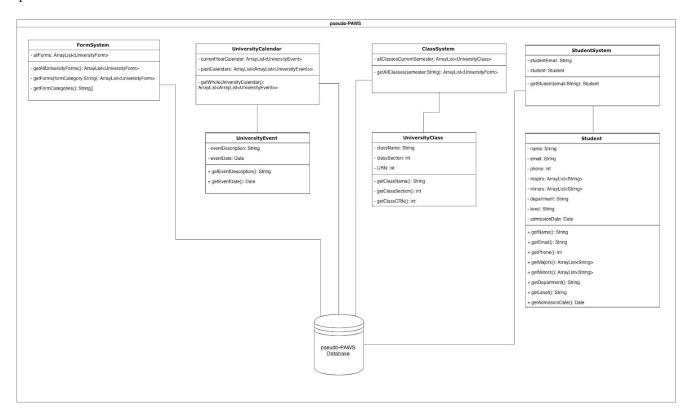
9. pseudo-TRACKS

Form Buster will simulate the university's user authentication system, in order for students, faculty, student coordinators, and staff to sign into Form Buster.



10. pseudo-PAWS

Form Buster will also simulate the university's database, which will provide Form Buster with the necessary information about a student, such as their student id, address, phone number, etc., which will be used to store information along with user-entered, form specific, information. This is a representation of this database:

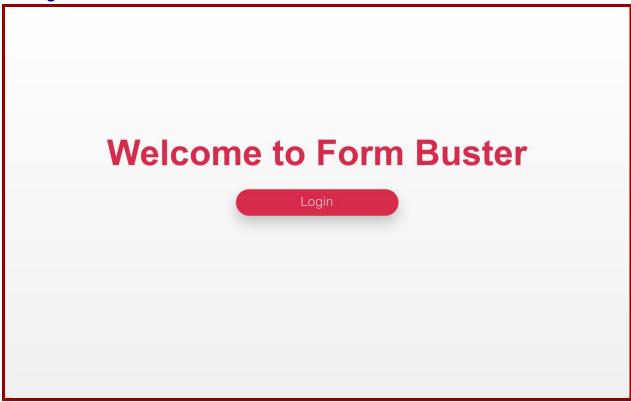


11. Form Buster Database

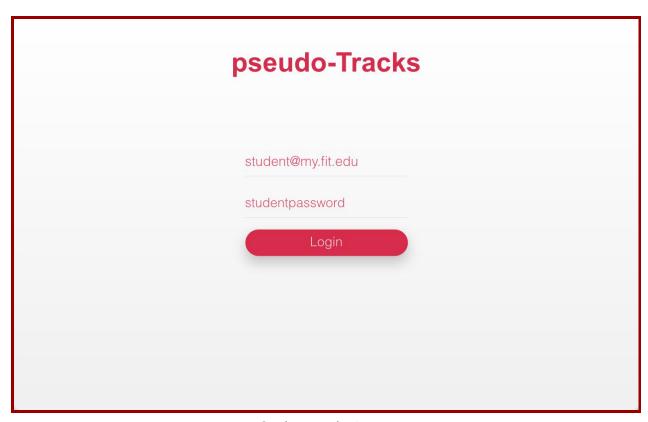
Form Buster's database will hold data relative only to the forms submitted and approved through the system. A non-relational scheme will be used in order to record the forms information for the students.

Graphical User Interface

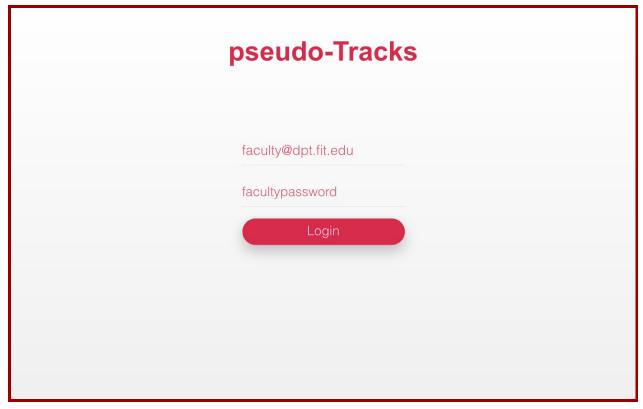
12. Login



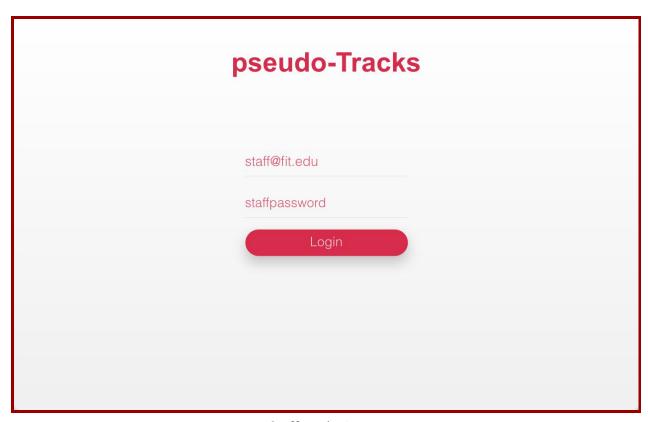
Main Page



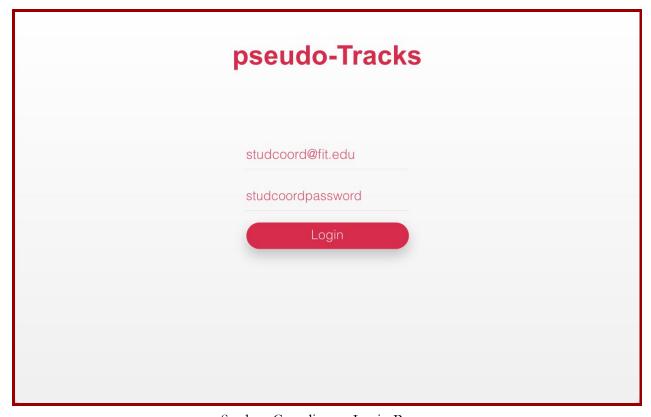
Student Login Page



Faculty Login Page

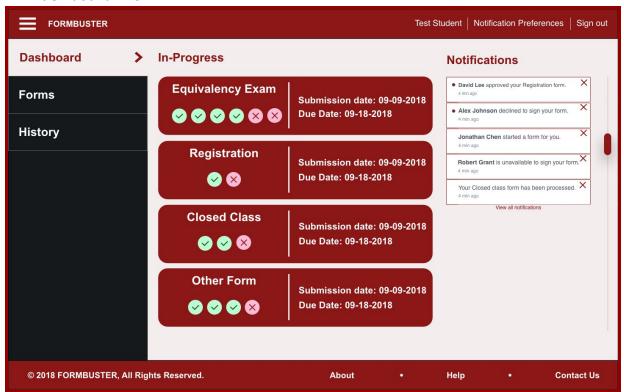


Staff Login Page

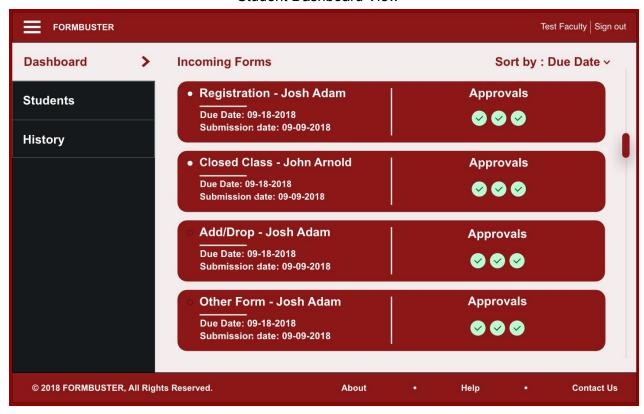


Student Coordinator Login Page

14. Dashboard View

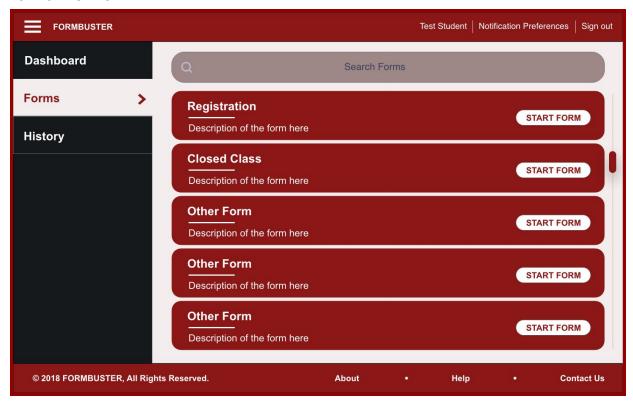


Student Dashboard View

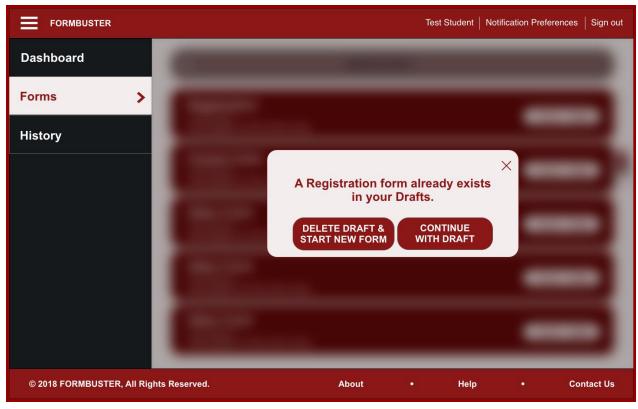


Faculty Dashboard View

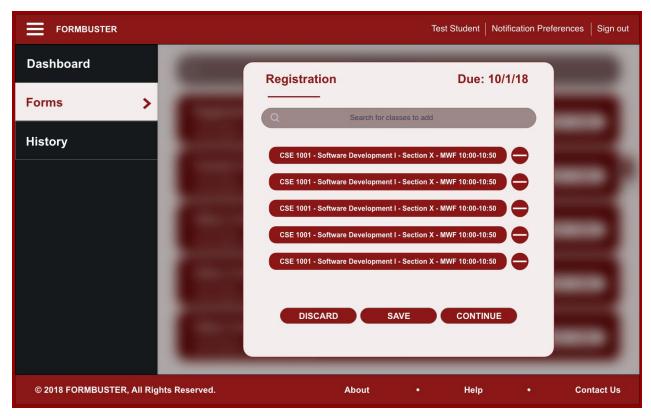
15. Forms View



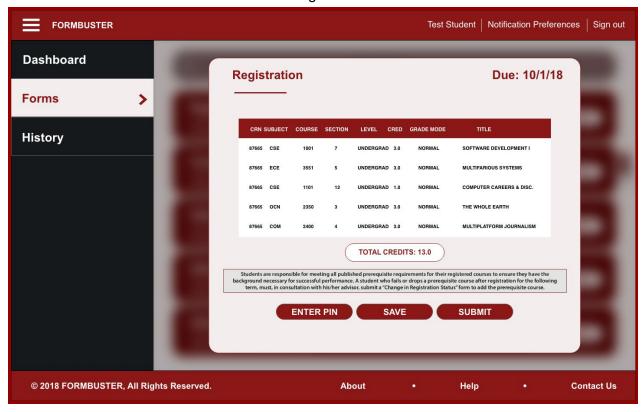
Student Forms View



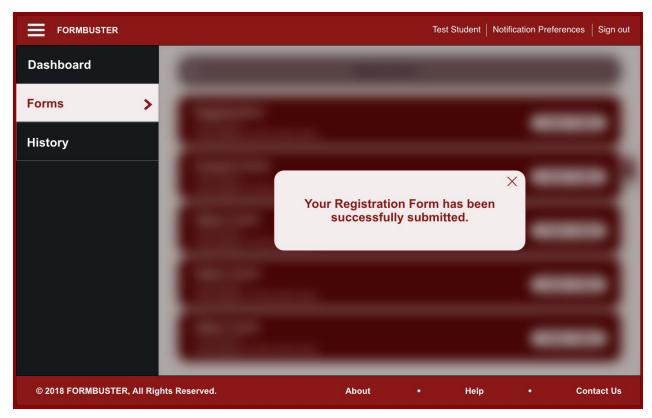
Draft exists for selected form by student



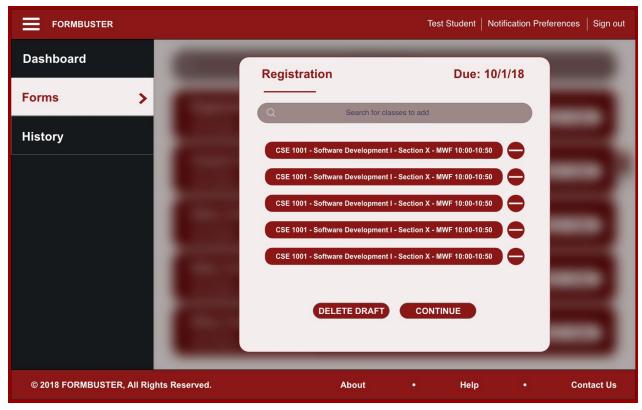
Student is filling out a new form



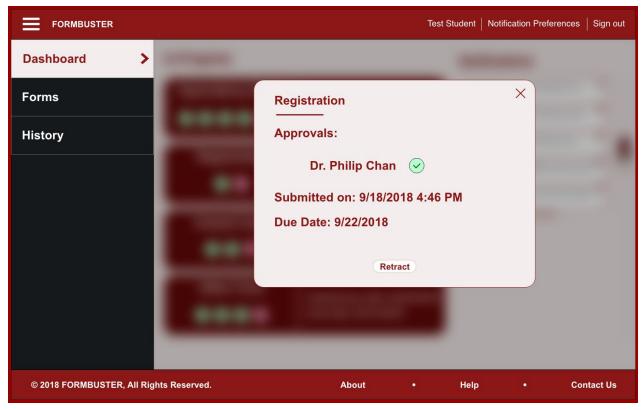
Student is ready to submit



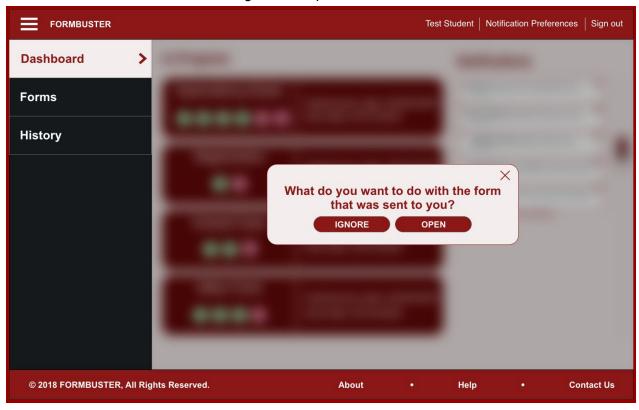
Student's form is submitted



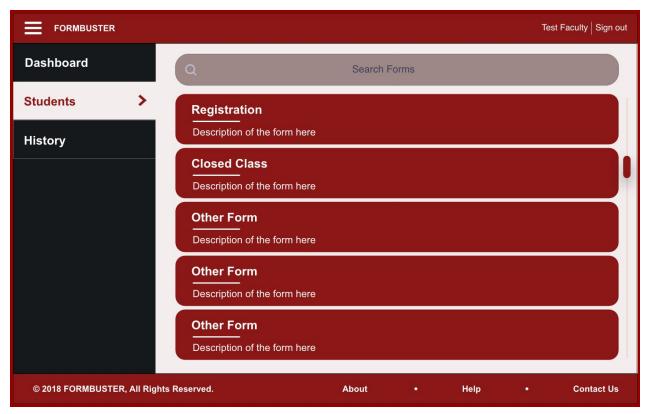
Student continues from draft



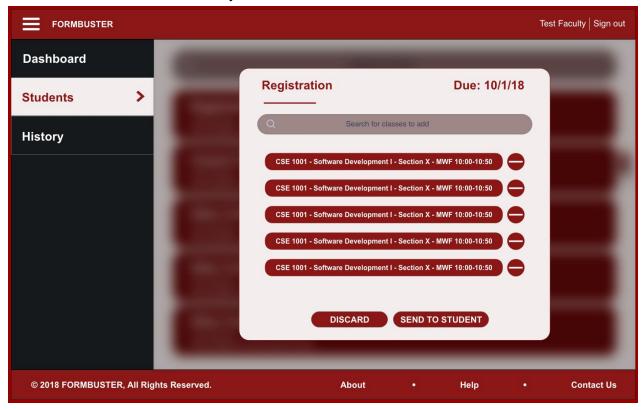
Student is given the option to retract a form



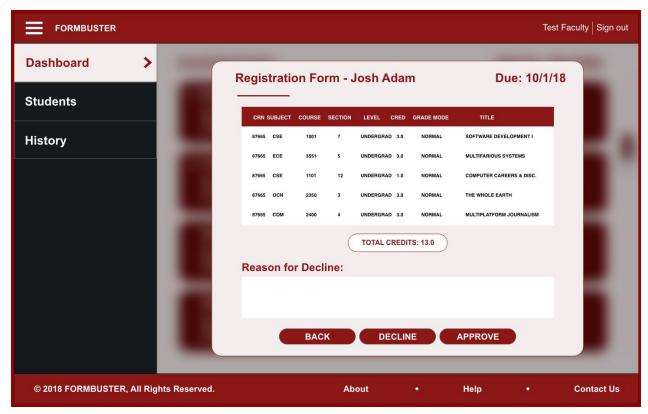
Student opens notification about a form that was started for them



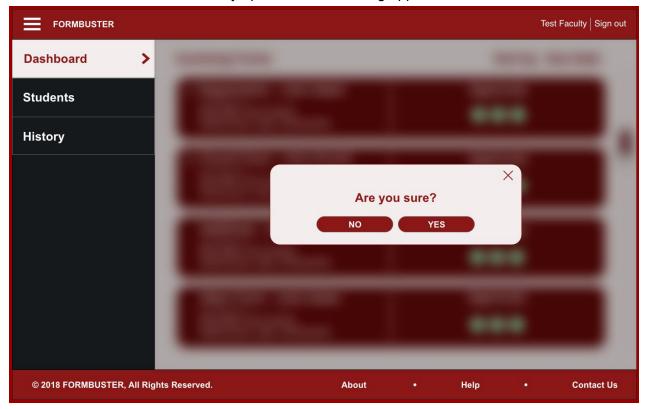
Faculty Select Form to Start for Student



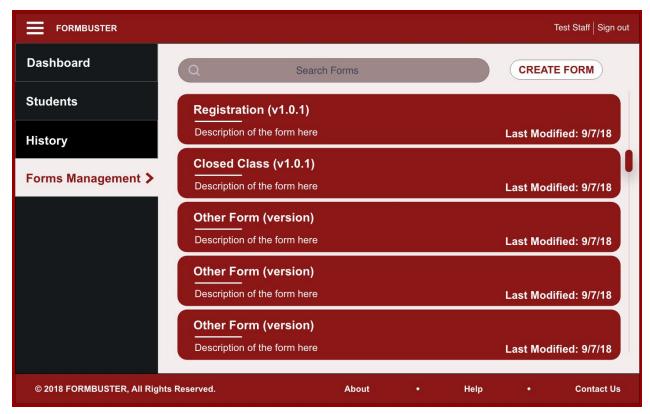
Faculty starts filling in form and is ready to send it to student



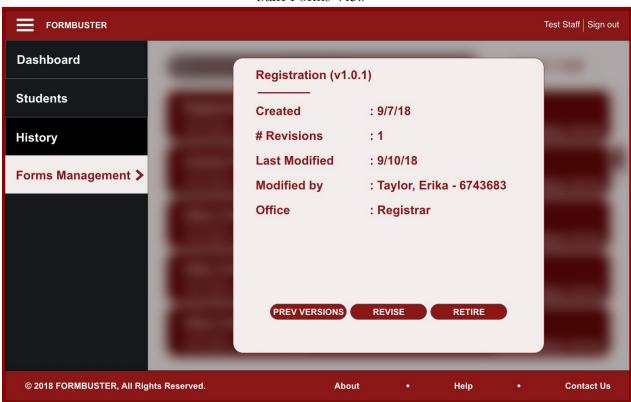
Faculty opens a form awaiting approval



Faculty is asked to confirm form decision



Staff Forms View

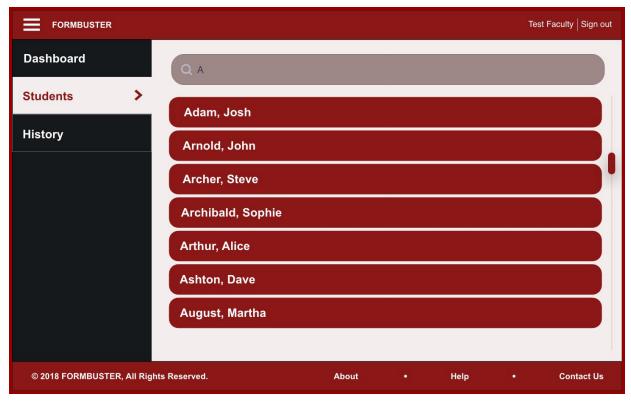


Staff Forms Management View

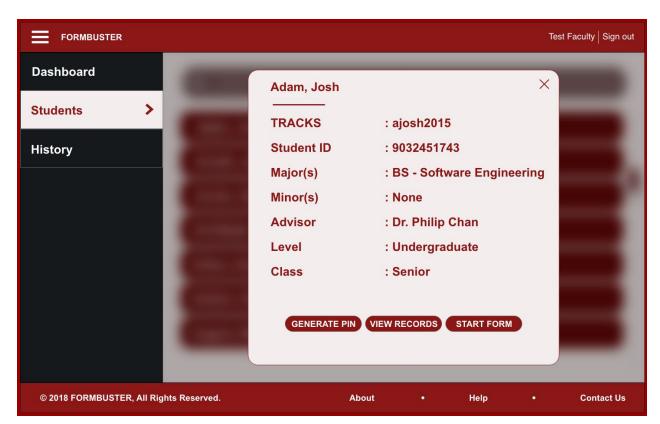
16. Student Records View



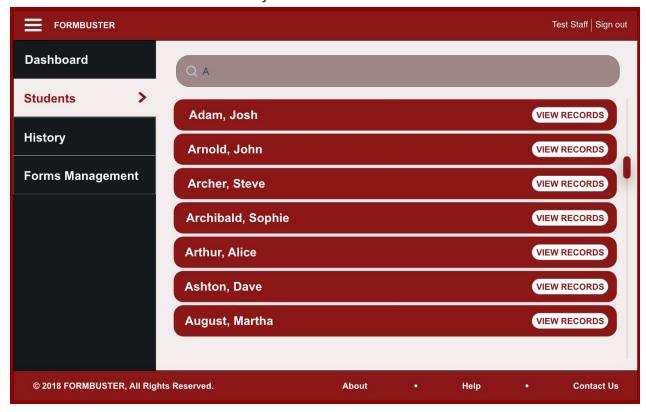
Student Coordinator Students View



Faculty Students View

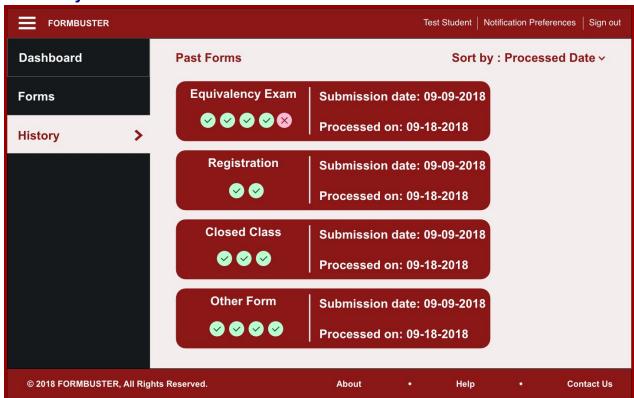


Faculty Detailed Student View

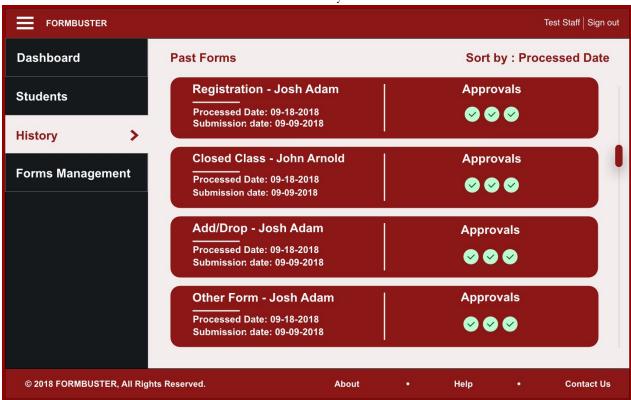


Staff Students View

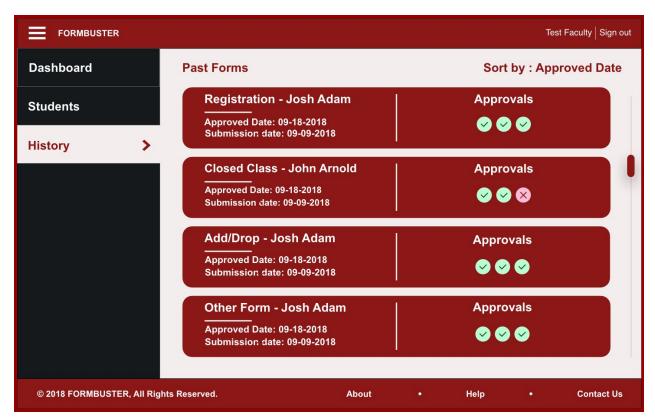
17. History View



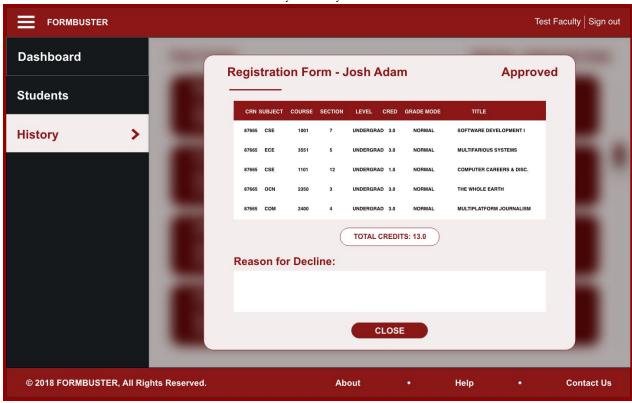
Student History View



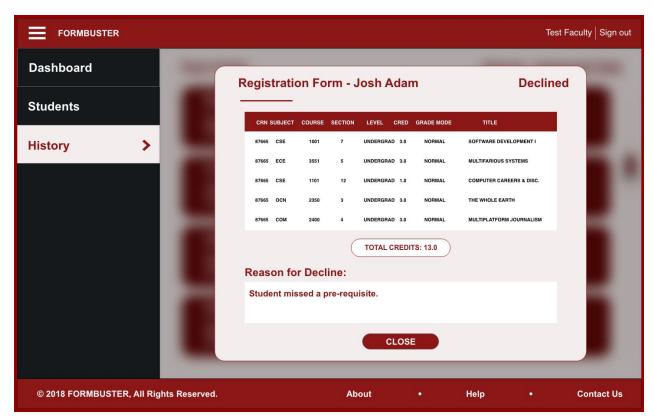
Staff History View



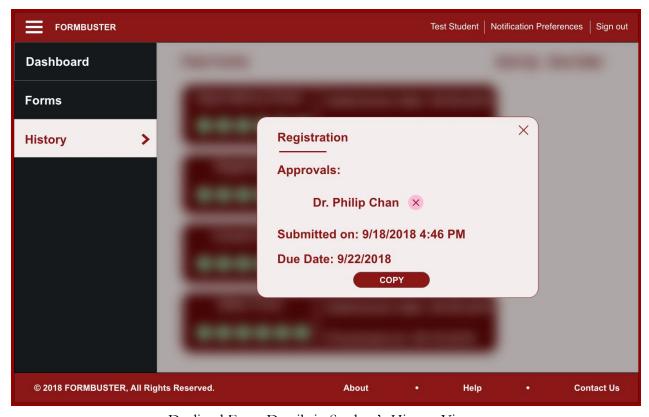
Faculty History View



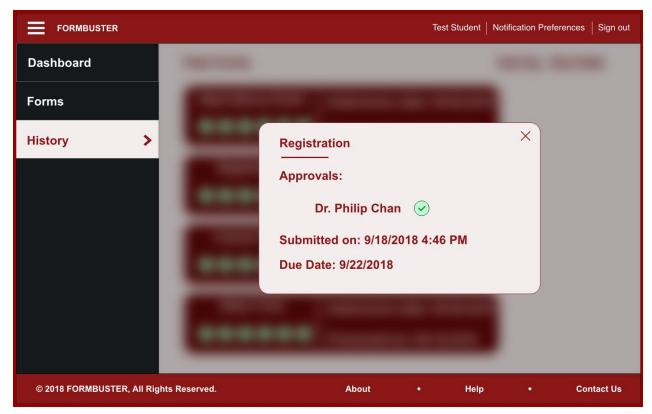
Approved form details in Faculty's History View



Declined Form details in Faculty's History View



Declined Form Details in Student's History View



Approved Form Details in Student's HIstory View

API Design

18. Requests

Form Buster's API will have basic, but important system calls to the pseudo-PAWS and the pseudo-TRACKS system. These calls will be basic enough that they will be able to be used in other university's system that are different than PAWS and TRACKS.

18a. pseudo-TRACKS

- authenticateUser(userEmail:String, password)

18b. pseudo-PAWS

- getStudent(userEmail:String)
- getFormCategories()
- getForms(formCategory:String)
- getFormDeadline(formID:int)
- getEndOfSemesterDate()
- getAllClasses(semester:String)

19. Responses

postStudentForm(studentID:int, formID:int)