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# School System Database Project

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# **Introduction**

This report outlines the design and implementation of a school system database made for the use of students and faculty alike. Users will be given permissions to utilize the database based on their role, and have access to tools that suit their needs. Major sections will be outlined in the report, along with supporting subsections.

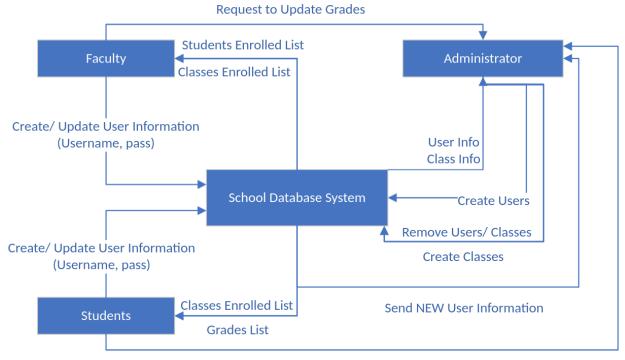
# **System Requirements**

### **System Description**

The system is a school portal that supports users of various levels in a school system.

Students can register for classes and view their grades, faculty can see students in their classes and update grades. Staff are administrators that have more robust access to the database

### **Context Diagram**



Request to Add Classes

### **Functional Requirements**

- User Requirements
  - Login and Logout
  - Edit contact information and address
- Student Requirements
  - Look at available classes
  - Check grades for classes
- Faculty Requirements
  - Look at assigned classes
  - Assign grades for each student in a class
  - View student list for a class
- Staff Requirements
  - Staff are database administrators who have full access to the database
  - Staff should be able to enroll students into classes
- System Requirements
  - Provide a GUI for users to log in and provide the appropriate functions for the user based on their type

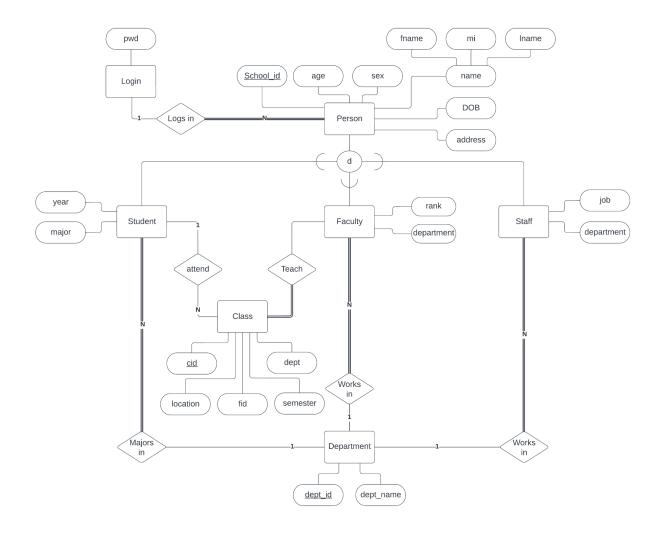
### **Non-Functional Requirements**

- The system must be written in JAVA
- Runs on popular user systems like Mac or Windows
- Must have a super-user account to maintain database and software
- Uses PostgreSQL
- Not vulnerable to SQL injection

- Has a response time faster than 10 seconds
- Able to support up to 200 students

# **Conceptual Design of the Database**

# **Entity-Relationship Diagram**



### **Business Rules and Integrity Constraints**

#### Person

- School id should be an integer representing a person's unique ID
- Age should be an integer with a max length of 3
- Sex should be a character value M or F
- o DOB should be a string of max length 10 with the format mm/dd/yyyy
- Address should be a string of max length 50, formatted in standard US addressing
   (building number, street name, city, state, zip code)

#### Name

- Fname should be a string of characters with max length 20, with the first character uppercase
- Lname should be a string of characters with max length 20, with the first character uppercase
- o Mi should be a string of characters with max length 20

#### Student

- School\_id should be a foreign key of Person (student\_id), cascading changes both
   on delete and on update
- Year should be an integer to list the year that the student is in
- Major should be a string of max length 30 representing a student's major
- GPA is a floating point number that represents a student's GPA

### Faculty

School\_id should be a foreign key of Person (student\_id), cascading changes both
 on delete and on update

- Rank should be a string of max length 20 showing a faculty member's rank
- Department\_id should be a foreign key of Person (student\_id), restricting deletion changes, but cascading on update

#### Staff

- School\_id should be a foreign key of Person (student\_id), cascading changes both on delete and on update
- Department\_id should be a foreign key of Department (department\_id), restricting deletion changes, but cascading on update
- o Job should be a string of max length 20 that describes a staff member's job

### Department

- Department id should be an integer representing the department's ID
- Department name is a string of max length 30 that describes a department's name

#### • Login

- School\_id should be a foreign key of Person (student\_id), cascading changes both on delete and on update
- Password should be a string of encrypted characters with max length 20

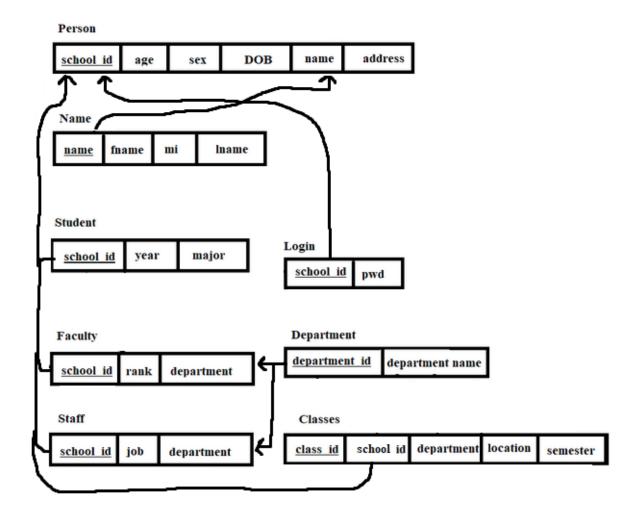
#### Classes

- Class id should be an integer representing a course's unique ID
- faculty \_id is a foreign key of Faculty (faculty\_id), set to NULL on delete and cascading on update.
- Department\_id should be a foreign key of Department (department\_id), restricting deletion changes, but cascading on update
- Location should be a string with max length 20, containing the classroom number

- that the class will be held in
- Semester should be a string of max length 3, with the first character representing the Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall semesters followed by the last two digits of the year.

# **Logical Database Schema**

### **Database Schema**



### **SQL Statements for Construction**

```
DROP TABLE if exists Classes;
DROP TABLE if exists Login;
DROP TABLE if exists Staff;
DROP TABLE if exists Faculty;
DROP TABLE if exists Student;
DROP TABLE if exists Name;
DROP TABLE if exists Department;
DROP TABLE if exists Person;
CREATE TABLE Person (
      school_id int not null,
      age int null,
      sex varchar(1) null,
      DOB varchar(10) null,
      address varchar(50) null,
      PRIMARY KEY(school_id)
);
CREATE TABLE Department (
      department_id int not null,
      department_name varchar(30),
```

```
PRIMARY KEY(department_id)
);
CREATE TABLE Name (
      school_id int not null,
      fname varchar(20) not null,
      mi varchar(20) null,
      lname varchar(20) not null,
      FOREIGN KEY(school_id) REFERENCES Person (school_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
CREATE TABLE Student (
      school_id int not null,
      year int not null,
      major varchar(30) not null,
      GPA int not null,
      FOREIGN KEY(school_id) REFERENCES Person (school_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
CREATE TABLE Faculty (
```

```
school id int not null,
      rank varchar(20) null,
      department int not null,
      FOREIGN KEY(school_id)
      REFERENCES Person (school_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
      FOREIGN KEY(department)
      REFERENCES Department (department_id)
      ON DELETE restrict ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
CREATE TABLE Staff (
      school_id int not null,
      job varchar(20) not null,
      department int not null,
      FOREIGN KEY(school_id)
      REFERENCES Person (school_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
      FOREIGN KEY(department)
      REFERENCES Department (department_id)
```

```
ON DELETE restrict ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
CREATE TABLE Login (
      school_id int not null,
      pwd varchar(20) not null,
      FOREIGN KEY(school_id)
      REFERENCES Person (school_id)
      ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
CREATE TABLE classes (
      class_id int not null,
      faculty_id int not null,
      department int not null,
      location varchar(20) not null,
      semester varchar(20) not null,
      PRIMARY KEY(class_id),
      FOREIGN KEY(department)
      REFERENCES Department (department_id)
      ON DELETE restrict ON UPDATE CASCADE,
```

```
FOREIGN KEY(faculty_id)

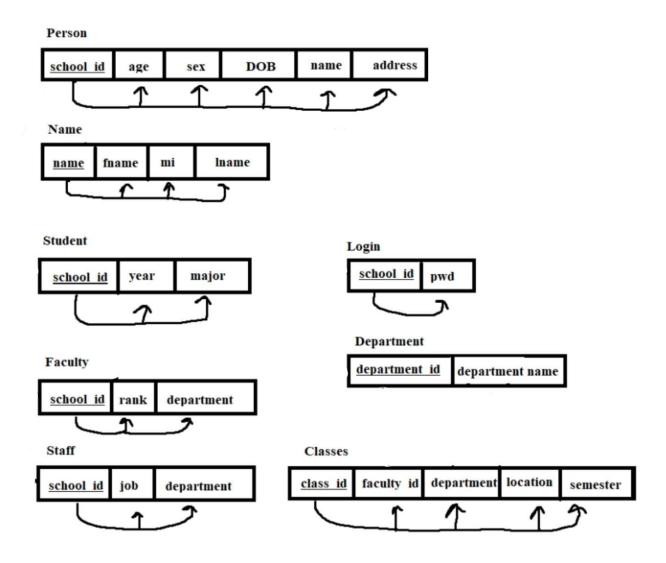
REFERENCES Person (school_id)

ON DELETE restrict ON UPDATE CASCADE

);
```

# **Functional Dependencies and Database Normalization**

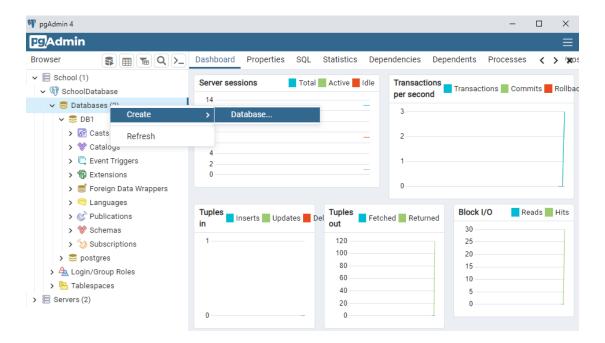
All the tables are already in 3NF, so no further normalizations are required.



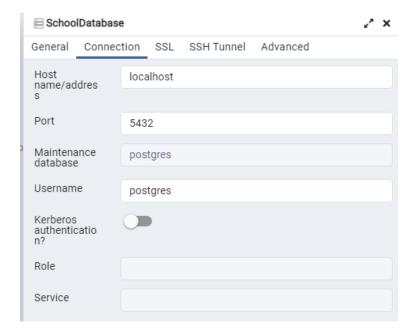
# **The Database System**

Our system uses PostGRESQL, along with pgAdmin to start the database.

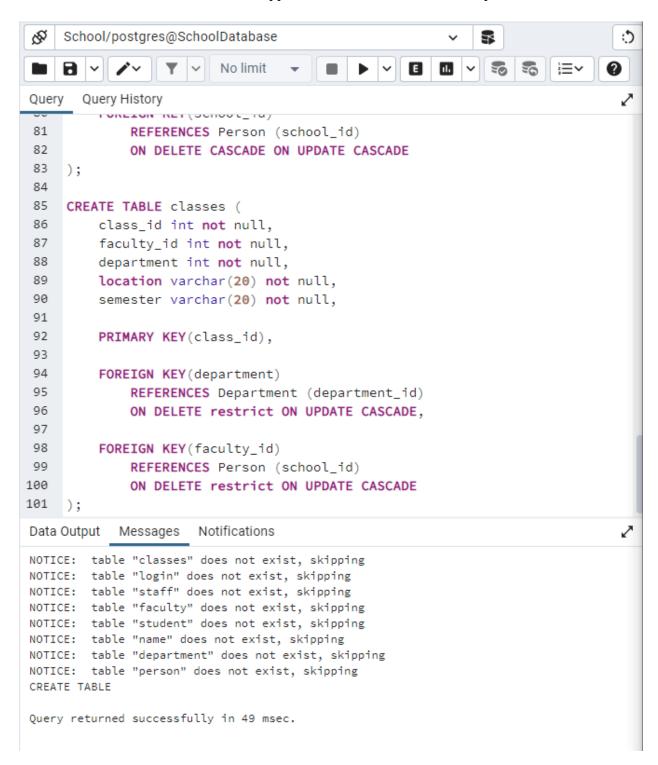
A new database can be initialized as follows.

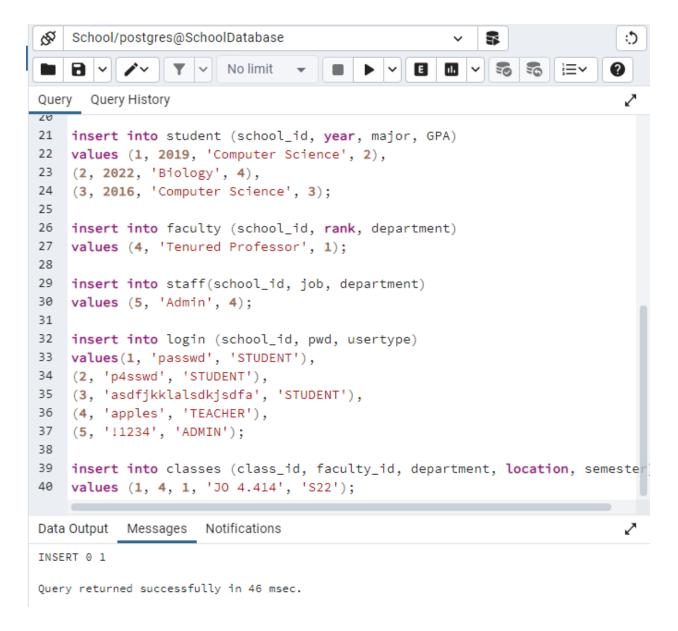


Note the connection properties that the server has, in this instance of PostGRE/pgAdmin, the default port is 5432 and the default password has been set to 1234.



Once the database has been initialized, we can use sql statements to create and populate the tables. These files can be found in the appendix and are attached in the zip file.





The database is online, and we can now connect it to our login system. The following line of code connects the application to the database. For Java applications such as this, please note that postgresql-42.5.1.jar must be installed and put in your build path, which can be installed from <a href="https://jdbc.postgresql.org/download/">https://jdbc.postgresql.org/download/</a>. The program is now ready to compile and run

```
//testing connection
Class.forName("org.postgresql.Driver");
conn = DriverManager.getConnection( unk "jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/DB1", user "postgres", password: "1234");
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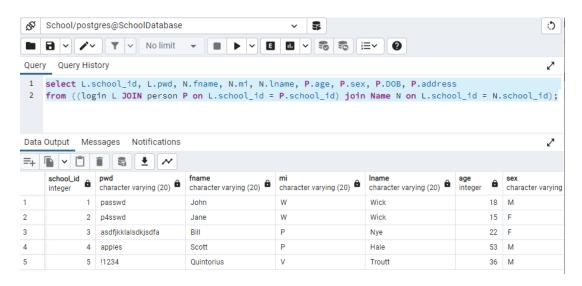
# **Suggestions on Database Tuning**

For sufficiently large tables, indexing values can be used to speed up record retrieval. This can be especially useful for the "person" table, which will have many different values stored within it. Implementing tighter constraints on our columns can also help to speed up queries, although it will come with a slight cost to memory.

# **Additional Queries and Views**

The following query returns a table containing all the personal information about a person, with their school id, password, full name, age, sex, date of birth, and address via a 3-way join of the login, person, and name tables.

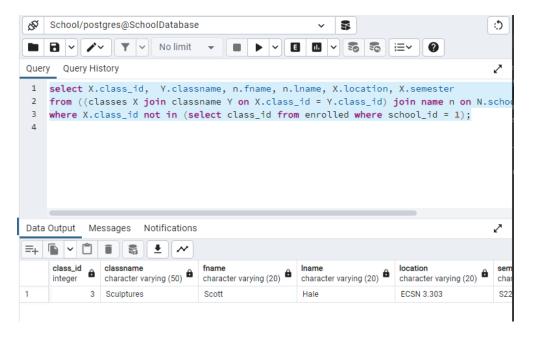
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select L.school_id, L.pwd, N.fname, N.mi, N.lname, P.age, P.sex,
P.DOB, P.address
from ((login L JOIN person P on L.school_id = P.school_id) join
Name N on L.school_id = N.school_id);
```



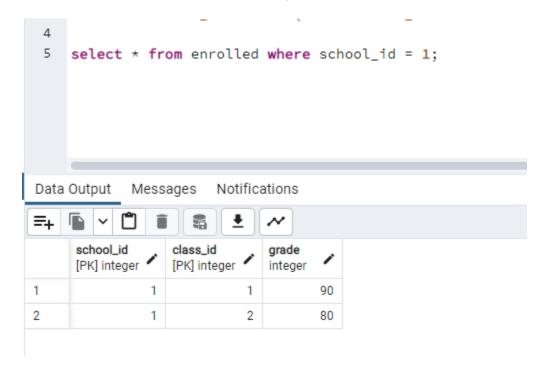
The following query is used by students to display classes they are eligible to enroll for. Since This user is already enrolled in class IDs 1 and 2, only class 3 shows eligible enrollment. This is done via a 3-way join of the classes, classname, and name tables, and then exclude values found in classes that the current user is enrolled

```
select X.class_id, Y.classname, n.fname, n.lname, X.location, X.semester
from ((classes X join classname Y on X.class_id = Y.class_id) join name n
```

on N.school\_id = X.faculty\_id)
where X.class\_id not in (select class\_id from enrolled where school\_id =
1);



As shown, the user with school ID 1 is already enrolled in class IDs 1 and 2.

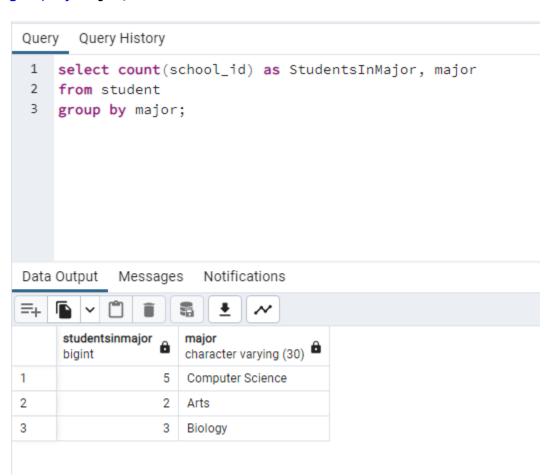


The following query returns a table of students in each major.

# select count(school\_id) as StudentsInMajor, major

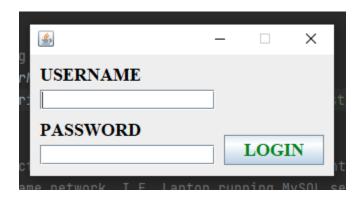
#### group by major;

from student



# **User Application Interface**

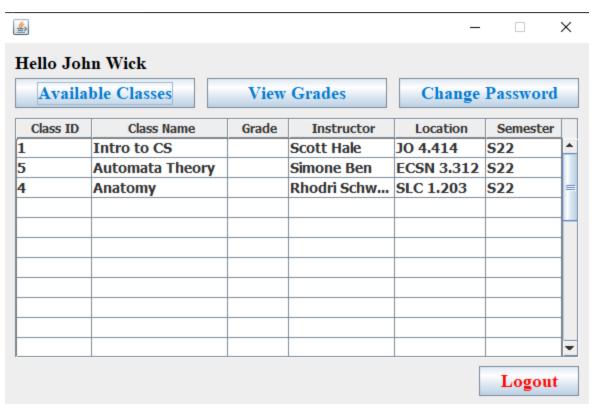
Compiling and running the program will bring up a login prompt

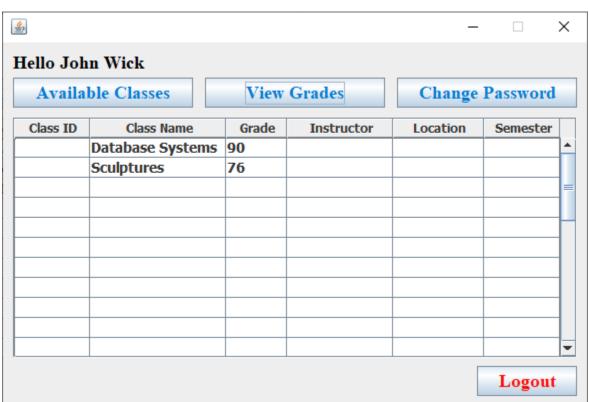


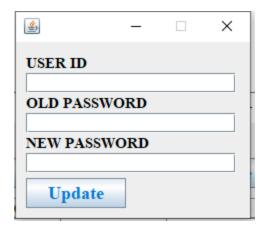
Depending on the user accessing the system, it will bring up a different window based on their user type, as shown below.

#### **Student View**

The Student UI allows students to view available classes for enrollment, view their class grades, and change their password. If they wish to register for a new class, a Staff member must be contacted via external means. The available class list will not list classes that a student is already registered in. The Grades section will show grades for classes that the student is attending. The login prompt will allow any user to edit his or her password. The logout



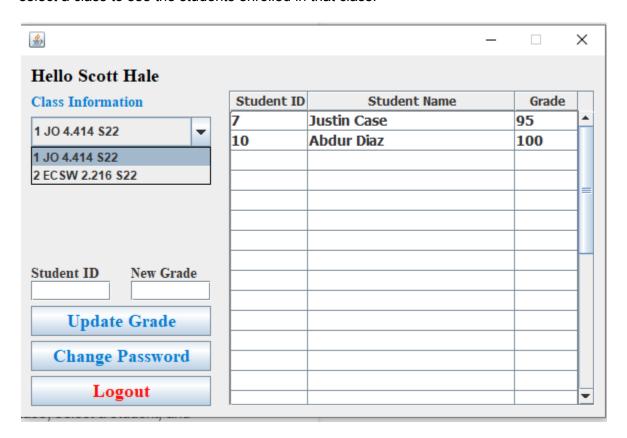


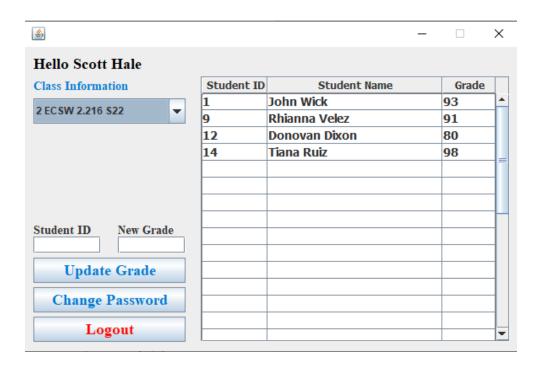


### **Faculty View**

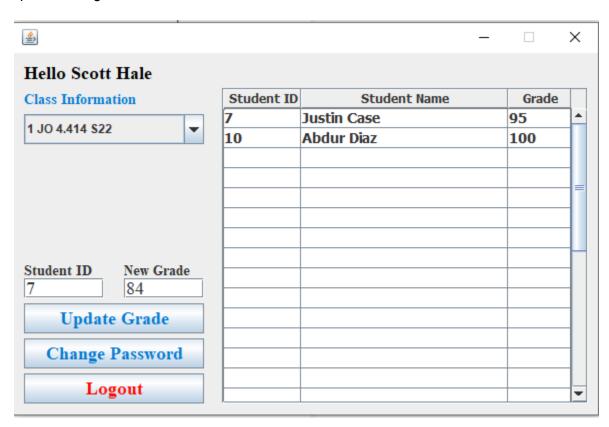
Logging in as a faculty member will allow you to view students in your classes, update their grades, change password, and logout.

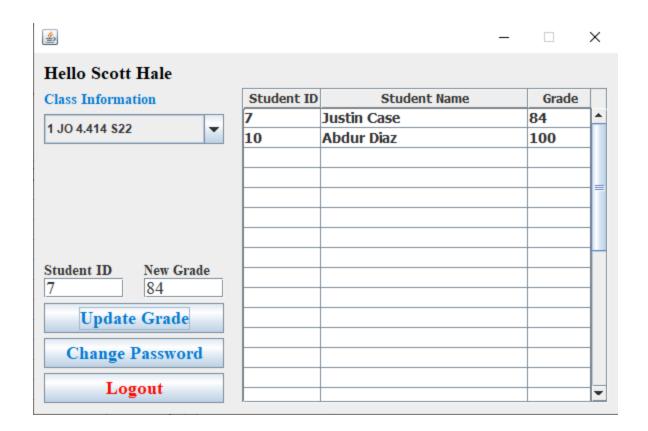
When you view students, you will see a list of classes via a drop-down menu and be able to select a class to see the students enrolled in that class.



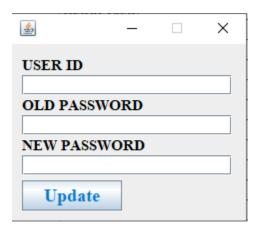


When you update grades, you will see a list of classes, select a class, select a student, and update their grades.



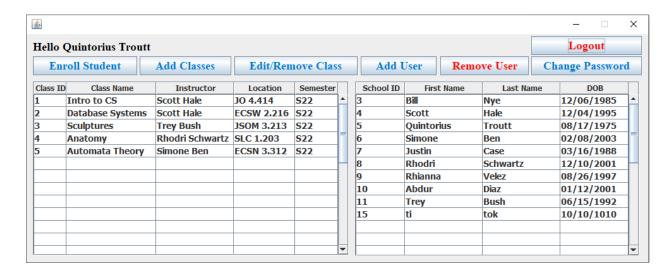


The Change password works similarly to the change password in student as well as admin

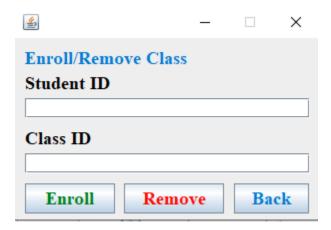


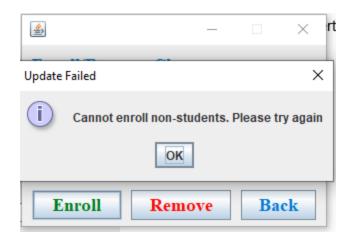
#### **Admin View**

The administrator has the most power between the three user types, with the power to enroll students into classes, add, edit and remove classes, add and remove users from the database, and change their own password.

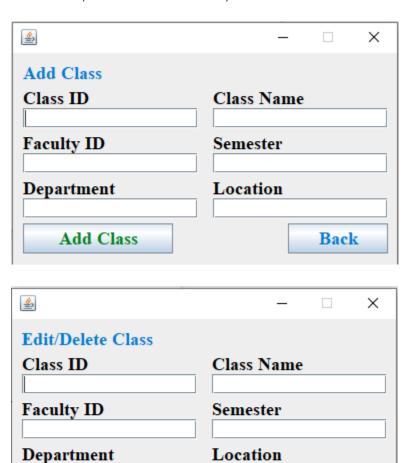


The enroll student option allows the Admin to add and remove students from certain classes via the student and class ID. The app will prompt the user on a failed update.





The add classes function allows the admin to create classes, provided they fill in the required information, and in the same vein, edit and delete classes based on information.

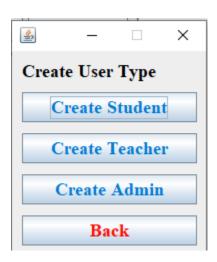


**Delete Class** 

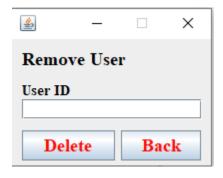
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**Edit Class** 

The admin can add and remove users as well, with different forms based on the type of entity they would like to add, and can remove users based on their user ID.







# **Conclusions and Future Work**

Our project provides a rudimentary database for managing classes within a school environment. Creating our project reinforced important concepts of database management through SQL, and taught us how to apply the knowledge we learned in class within a group setting. We are currently missing some functionality, such as the user specific functions, and perhaps an enrolled table to relate students and classes. For further development, our system could be expanded in many different ways. The capability to drop or waitlist classes could be added, more functions such as tuition or on-campus housing can be added, and additional information such as minor or graduate status can also be added. Adding TA and professor information to the class attributes would be handy for students to get into contact with a professor. Adding realistic enrollment limit constraints would also help refine the system.

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# **Appendix**

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