Time Sheet System (TSS)

JavaEE Web application course WS17.

Project Manual

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Introduction

The German federal law for minimum wages ("Mindestlohngesetz") requires that employees with a monthly income below a certain amount (currently 850€) fill time sheets about their working hours, vacation, illness, etc. This enables examination and verification of the minimum wage guaranteed by the law.

In the university context, this means that most of the student assistants have to report the times on a weekly base. Both the student assistant as the employee as well as the supervisor as representative of the employer should sign the time sheets. The university as the employer has the obligation to file the time sheets for 2 years. After that period, the time sheets shall be destructed.

The whole process is tedious and error-prone since the current solution (spreadsheets or paper forms) are inconvenient, students as well as staff easily miss to fill, print, sign, and archive the forms in a timely manner.

The Time Sheet System (TSS) will keep track of all time sheet related business activities.

This user manual will provide instructions on how to access the TSS and installing it on Glassfish web application server.

System Setup

TSS is a web application, which means it runs on a server machine and responds to all the requests made by client via web browser of the client.

A windows/Unix/Linux based system with following software and hardware requirements is required to run TSS.

Client-side Software requirements

Latest JavaScript enabled browser to access the application.

Server-side Software requirements

Application Server (Payara)

Application server is required to host the application and provide the necessary environment for its execution. We will use Glassfish/Payara application server, available at https://www.payara.fish/downloads.

Database Server

TSS stores all data related to the system in a database. A MYSQL database server is required to run TSS. The latest version of the MYSQL database server is available at https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/installer/.

JAVA

Java Developer Kit (JDK) or Java Runtime Environment (JRE) platform is required to be installed on the server's operating system. The latest version of JDK is available at http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html.

TSS application ear

The latest version of the application in ear format can be obtained from the group svn repository.

Server-side Hardware requirements

System with min 2 GB RAM.

Deploying Application on server

For an application to run, it must be deployed on the application server like Payara to start serving to the user requests. But before that we must complete few steps to complete the process of installing the application on the server.

Installing MYSQL

After Downloading the MYSQL database server open the file and follow the instructions to install the MYSQL server.

Create a database schema with name "yankee_tss" and desired username and password to access it

Creating JDBC resource and JDBC Connection pools

After installing the payara server to the desired location, start the server domain by executing following command to start the domain of your choice.

\$ {PAYARA INSTALL DIR}/bin/asadmin start-domain your domain name

Once the server is up and running, navigate to URL http://localhost:28933. Please note that the admin port may vary. Refer to the port number displayed in the message after the server is started.

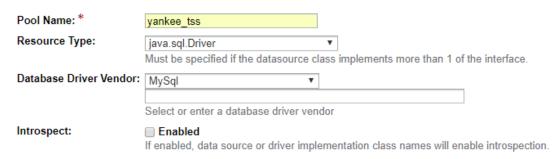
Navigate to the JDBC Connection pool option.

Click on New button to create a new JDBC connection pool. Fill in the details as show in the screenshot shown below.

New JDBC Connection Pool (Step 1 of 2)

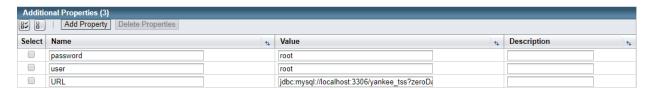
Identify the general settings for the connection pool.

General Settings



Click on next to mention the desired values for database username, password and the URL.

Pool Name: yankee_tss



Click finish to save the Connection pool settings. Navigate to JDBC Resources to create a new Resource. Select the pool created in previous step. **New JDBC Resource**

Specify a unique JNDI name that identifies the JDBC resource you want to create. The name must contain only alphanumeric, underscore, dash, or dot characters.



Please note that a JDBC driver for MYSQL is required. This can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/j/. The jar file obtained needs to be placed in side \${PAYARA_INSTALL_DIR} \payara41\glassfish\lib

Deploying the application

Before we start the deployment, we should ensure that the domain and the database server is up and running.

To see which domains are started execute the following command.

```
$\{PAYARA_INSTALL_DIR\}\/bin\/asadmin
```

list-domains

```
asadmin> list-domains
D1 running
domain1 not running
payaradomain not running
yankeeDomain running
Command list-domains executed successfully.
asadmin>
```

To deploy the EAR file, use the **deploy** option and mention the path to the application which needs to be deployed.

```
$ {PAYARA_INSTALL_DIR}/bin/asadmin deploy yankee_tss.ear
```

Please note above command will deploy in the default domain. If any other domain is selected then use following command

\$ {PAYARA_INSTALL_DIR}/bin/asadmin deploy --port DomainPort --host localhost yankee_tss.ear

Where **DomainPort** represents the port number specified for the selected domain and localhost is the hostname.

```
asadmin> deploy --port 28933 --host localhost C:\\deploy\\yankee_TSS.ear
Deprecated syntax, instead use:
asadmin --port 28933 --host localhost deploy [options] ...
Application deployed with name yankee_TSS.
Command deploy executed successfully.
asadmin>
```

Deploying Directory Lookup application

To support the working of TSS application, additional "DirectoryLookup" application needs to be deployed in the same domain in which the yankee_TSS.ear file will be deployed. The latest version of the "DirectoruLookup.ear" can be obtained from the svn repository. To deploy execute the following command.

```
$ {PAYARA_INSTALL_DIR}/bin/asadmin deploy -port 28933 {path to application}
asadmin> deploy --port 28933 C:\\deploy\\DirectoryLookup.ear
Application deployed with name DirectoryLookup.
Command deploy executed successfully.
asadmin>
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Installing the file realm on server

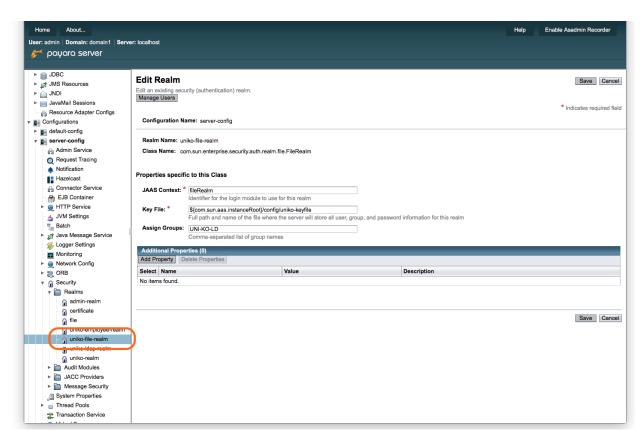
To ensure that only authenticated users can access a security policy "realm" is defined. Users are assigned to user groups and are given specific roles.

To install UNI-KO file realm please follow below mentioned steps.

1. Copy the file "uniko-keyfile" to your Payara domain config folder.

In general, you'll find that folder from Payara's installation directory:

- \$ {PAYARA_INSTALL_DIR}/payara41/glassfish/domains/D1/config
- 2. Using the domain admin console, create a Security Realm by following below mentioned path. Configurations > server-config > security > Realms.

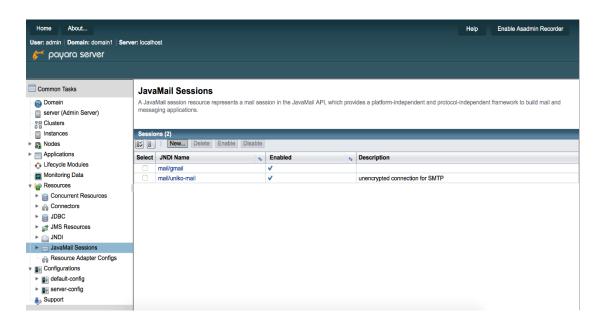


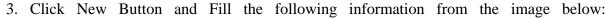
3. Restart your Payara server.

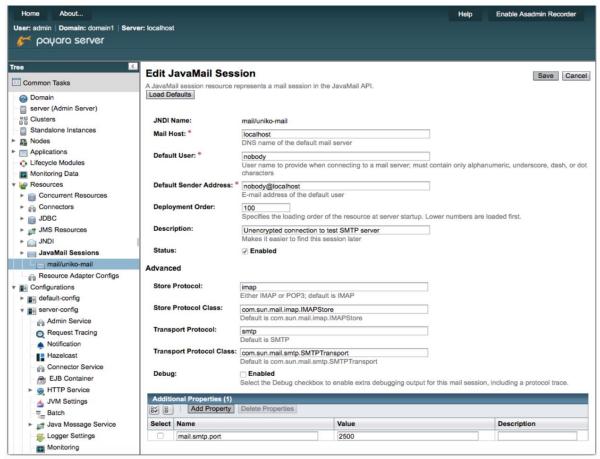
Installation Guide of TestSMTP Server

To enable email service in the application we need to set up SMTP server to send email reminders. Please follow following steps to setup SMTP server.

- 1. Go to Payara Admin Console by right clicking to the Payara Server and click on "View Admin Console". Before going there, make sure that Payara Server is running. (You can start the Payara Server from Project Explorer -> Services tab -> Servers -> Payara).
- 2. From Admin Console click on Resource Tab, after that click on JavaMail Sessions.





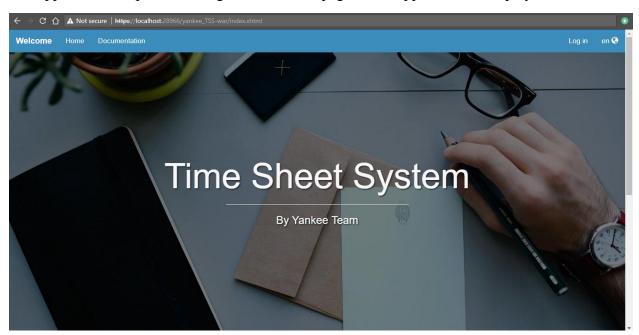


- 4. Click save. Now you can see the listing of your JavaMail Session settings.
- 5. Deploy the TestSMTPServer.ear application on the same domain and the TSS application is ready to send emails.

Launching the Application

Once the deployment process is complete you can access the application by entering following URL $\frac{http://localhost:28966/yankee/}{localhost:28966/yankee/}$. Please note that the port number and the host name may vary.

The application is up and running once the homepage of the application is displayed.



Problems faced

Unit Testing

Cannot start glassfish server error:

For testing we started with some simple application which did not include fetching data from database. This was just to get acquainted with Junit, creating test cases and working with basic features like assertEquals, assertTrue, assertFalse, etc.

Things worked fine for simple application. This sample application can be provided if need be. A screenshot from sample application for unit testing can be seen below:

However, for our application when it came to working with database we could not get it running. We kept getting error saying cannot start glassfish server. Even when the server was not running we kept getting same error.

Due to time limit we could not dive further into the problem. However, we have created test classes for Business logic and it exists in unit testing branch. The test classes include the test methods for business logic class which we think should work if we could solve the glassfish server problem.

Tab View Refresh

Problem occurred when trying to refresh page with actions on tab view e.g. Sign Timesheet or Archive Timesheet using command button. When we implemented similar tab related tasks in few other pages, there seems to be no problem. Work around was performed on few pages using refresh window using JavaScript. It was also later realized that annotation @Postconstruct was causing issues on tabs to be refreshed. It was later resolved by not making use of such annotation. A research on code optimization will be realized in next version.

JSF Communication Issue

During Contract creation we were to achieve a functionality of being able to change supervisor on behalf of another staff. This was to be achieved when a person as employee is selected from the drop down, a list of applicable supervisor for that employee were to be obtained. This meant Ajax rendering of content which contained another form. The issue was not solved as we figured it was a JSF spec issue 790. The issue is detailed in following link.

http://balusc.omnifaces.org/2011/09/communication-in-jsf-20.html#AjaxRenderingOfContentWhichContainsAnotherForm

JDBC Ping Issue

We faced issues when trying to setup the database using the jdbc pool and jdbc resource as described above in system setup. Some of us could ping to the database and obtain successful connection. But few of us had issued connecting.

Solution mentioned below solved the issue after few research using google.

Firstly we located the domain.xml file in the payara41 folder inside our domain, which for us was - for example in following location

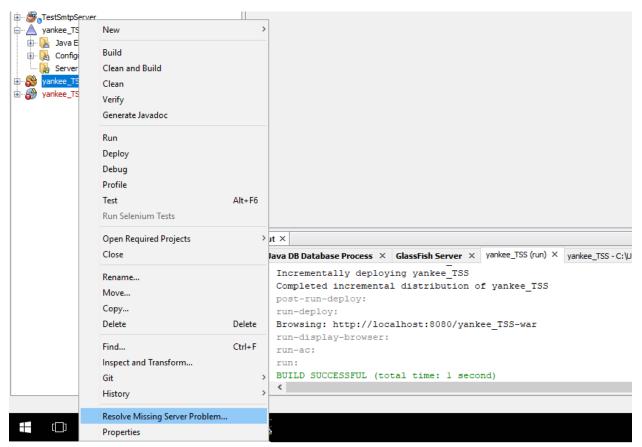
C:\Users\Sabs\GlassFish_Server\payara41\glassfish\domains\tss_domain\config\domain.xml

We had to make sure the following existed in the following xml file. We were missing value as localhost "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/yankee_tss"

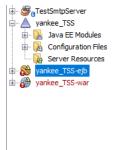
Missing Server Problem

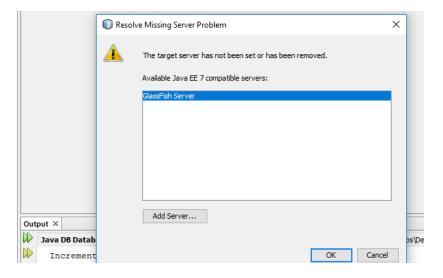
Due to .private and .properties files created by NetBeans during build, we ran into problems where certain libraries were not detected and error were thrown when we tried to pull the pushed code in via GitHub. We found a solution to exclude those properties files from git using. gitignore file. However we kept on getting the problem with properties files missing. Thus the following had to be done when pulling from git.

Right click on the project file and click on Resolve missing Server Problem



Next is to select the Glassfish server from the list as shown below.





Assumptions

We made few assumptions during the project implementation as described below.

Working Days Per Week

Assumption was made during hours due calculation where public holidays were to be considered. The calculation involved use of working hours per week which user could edit during contract creation. The assumption made was when a user enters working days per week as 3, the days taken were Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. If working days per week was given as 2, the days taken were Monday and Tuesday. Meaning the working days started from Monday.

Time Spent

Following are some of the course and videos followed prior to project implementation.

Pluralsight course

Java EE: Getting started with Javaserver Faces – by Jesper De Jong.

Java EE 7: The fundamentals – by Antonio Goncalves

Java Persistence API 2.1 – by Antonio Goncalves

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Description	Hours spent
Understanding Java EE. This included watching courses from Pluralsight and YouTube	40 approx.
Going through the application provided from teacher.	8 approx.
Working on application.	50 approx. (Around 20 days, 2-3 hours a day)

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Description	Hours spent
Studying java scheduler	8 approx.
Implementing reminder service	24 hrs
Deleting Archive Timesheet	8 hrs
Research on finding public holiday on Germany	8 hrs

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Description	Hours spent
Understanding Java EE. This included watching courses from Pluralsight and YouTube	45 approx. (inclusive with working on application)
Going through the application provided from teacher.	12 approx.
Working on application.	112 approx. (Beginning 25 days, 4 – 5 hours a day)
	100 approx. (Last 10 Days (8 - 12 hours a day)

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(22 * 5 hour working on application + 50 hour study and research.)

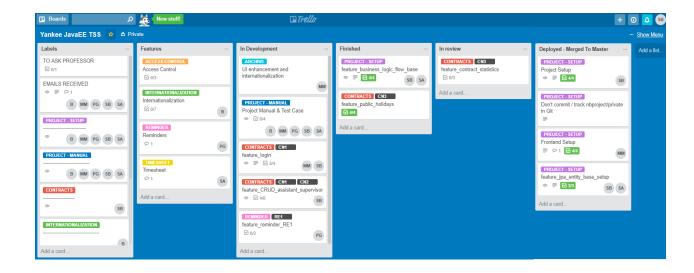
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(40hr study and research + 20 (days) * 4 hours)

Initial Project Planning

Project planning was done using **Trello** where all requirements were listed and divide among the group.

A screenshot of the initial plan is shown below.



List of Completed and Missed Requirements

Functional Requirements.

List of Completed requirements for Contract Sub Module.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
CN1	Ability to manage Contracts	Completed
CN2	Ability to print contracts	Completed
CN3	View contract Statistics	Completed
CN4	Calculate total hours due,	Completed
	vacation hours, remaining	
	hours due	
CN4a	Calculation of vacation hours	Completed
CN4b	Calculation of total hours due	Completed
	for the contract as the sum of	

	hours due of individual	
	timesheet	
CN4c	Calculation of hours due	Completed
CN4d	Determine the public holidays in Rheinland-Platinate	Completed
CN4e	Determine the public holidays in Germany from 01-January- 2017 until 31-December-2027	Completed
CN5	Set a contract to PREPARED status as soon as it is created	Completed
CN6	Ensure that start date, end date, frequency, hours per week, vacation hours, working days per week, and vacation days per year can only be changed when the contract is in PREPARED status.	Completed
CN6a	Ensure that start date and end date of a contract always denote complete months	Completed
CN7	Provide assistants and supervisors with the ability to start a contract.	Completed
CN8	Provide assistants and supervisors with the ability to terminate a started contract	Completed
CN9	Ensure that only contracts can be aborted whose time sheets are in status SIGNED_BY_SUPERVISOR or IN_PROGRESS.	Completed
CN10	Record the date of termination of a contract	Completed
CN11	Warn the user if there are time sheets in state IN_PROGRESS that have entries, before terminating the contract	Completed
CN12	Set a contract to status ARCHIVED as soon as all time sheets of that contract are in status ARCHIVED	Completed

List of completed requirements for **Time Sheets** Sub Module.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
TS1	Create Timesheets for Contract once started	Completed
TS2	Timesheet entries can be changed only when the Timesheet is in IN_PROGRESS state	Completed
TS3	delete time sheets in status IN_PROGRESS once the contract is terminated	Completed
TS4	Don't delete time sheets that are in the SIGNED_BY_EMPLOYEE state	Completed
TS5	Do not delete time sheets that are in the SIGNED_BY_SUPERVISOR state	Completed
TS6	Ability to view time sheets	Completed
TS7	Ability to print time sheets	Completed
TS8	Ability to manage time sheet entries when time sheet is in IN_PROGRESS state	Completed

List of completed requirements for **Signatures** Sub Module.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
SG1	Provide employees with the	Completed
	ability to sign a time sheet	
SG1a	Provide employees with the	Completed
	ability to revoke signatures	-
SG2	Provide supervisors with the	Completed
	ability to sign a time sheet that is	-
	in status	
	SIGNED_BY_EMPLOYEE	
SG3	Ability to request changes to	Completed
	a time sheet that is in status	1
	SIGNED_BY_EMPLOYEE	
SG4	Ability to digitally sign the time	Incomplete
	sheets	1

List of completed requirements for **Reminders** Sub Module.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
RE1	Send reminder mail to	Complete
	employee on last day of	
	timesheet if time sheet is in	
	IN_PROGRESS state	
RE2	Send reminder mail to	Complete
	supervisor and assistant if	
	time sheet is signed by	
	employee	
RE3	Send a reminder mail to the	Complete
	secretaries if the time sheet is in	
	state	
	SIGNED_BY_SUPERVISOR.	
RE4	Repeat reminders every day.	Complete
RE5	Collect all reminders so that a	Complete
	person receives at most one e-	
	mail per day.	

List of completed requirements for **Archiving** Sub Module.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
AR1	Ability to archive time sheets that are in status SIGNED_BY_SUPERVISOR	Completed
AR2	ensure that archived time sheets can not be changed	Completed
AR3	Delete time sheets 2 years after the signature of the supervisor	Completed
AR4	Support variable archive durations	Completed

Nonfunctional requirements.

List of completed nonfunctional requirements for **Access Control**.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
AC1	authenticate users prior to giving	Completed
	access to any data	
AC2	determine whether a person is	Completed
	university staff member	-
AC3	Allow only authorized users to	Completed
	manipulate data	

List of completed nonfunctional requirements for User Interface.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
UI1	Support mobile devices	Completed
UI2	Support different browsers	Completed
UI3	Use Bootstrap CSS library	Completed

List of completed nonfunctional requirements for Internationalization Sub Module.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
IN1	Change of User Interface	Completed
	Language	
IN2	Ability to choose the language	Completed
IN3	Support at least two languages	Completed
IN4	Support English language	Completed
IN5	Support German language	Completed
IN6	Send reminders to users in	Completed
	preferred language	

List of completed nonfunctional requirements for **Software Architecture**.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
SA1	Implement layered architecture	Completed
SA2	Must contain the web and ejb	Completed
	module	
SA3	Use third-party libraries after negotiation with the customer	Completed
SA4	Use of the database servers MySQL	Completed
SA5	Document architectural decisions	Complete
SA6	Prefix all global names with its team name	Complete

List of completed nonfunctional requirements for **Project Manual**.

Requirement No	Short Description	Status
PM1	document in a project manual	Complete
PM2	Maintain list of completed and incomplete requirements	Complete
PM3	Document description of problems occurred	Complete
PM4	Document decision made to change requirements	Incomplete
PM5	Record time spent on project	Complete

Subsystems in TSS Application

Following subsystems exists in TSS application.

1. Contract and timesheet subsystem.

The core business functionalities are handled by this subsystem.

With majority of the functional requirements handled by this subsystem makes it an integral part of TSS application.

2. Email reminder subsystem

The email reminder subsystem is responsible for sending email reminder based on the configuration approved by the system administrator.

3. Scheduler subsystem.

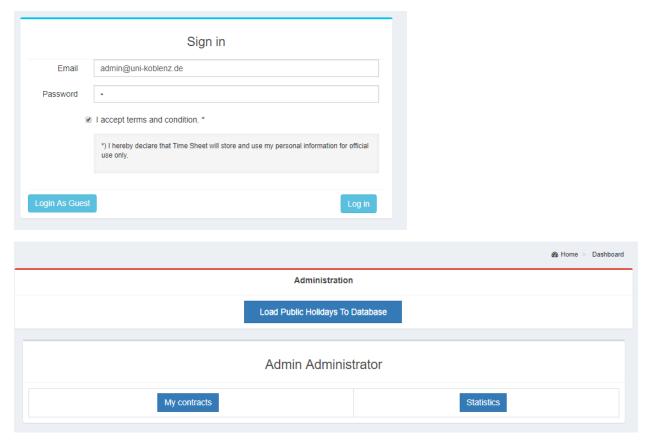
The scheduler subsystem is responsible for all scheduling related activities like archiving of timesheets after 2 years, scheduling of email reminders etc.

Documentation

Using the application

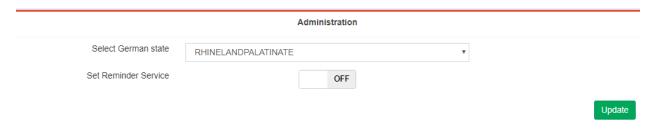
Note: When initially deployed, admin of the system should perform the loading public holidays task.

Initially the login is performed by admin and through Dashboard (shown in later steps) he/she will load all public holidays as shown below.



Button namely Load Public Holidays To Database is to be pressed prior to use of application. **Note** it takes few seconds to perform the task.

Similarly, Admin after loading application has access to choose state and also decide on whether to switch of Reminder service as shown below.



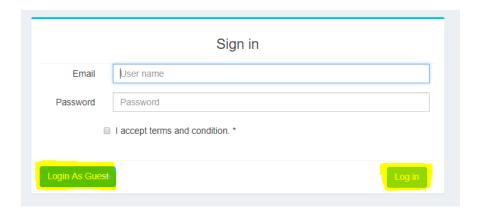
Now Let us delve into all the allowed actions and basic set of business activities that can be performed by the logged in user.

The view for the user will vary as per the roles assigned to that user.

1. Login

Application allows login to users listed in the realm file. No registration allowed. Login page appears when clicked on Login on top right of the main page shown while launching the application. There are two options with Guest Login as well as user Login.

Guest Login can only view documentation while the user login gets all the application features that will be mentioned below.



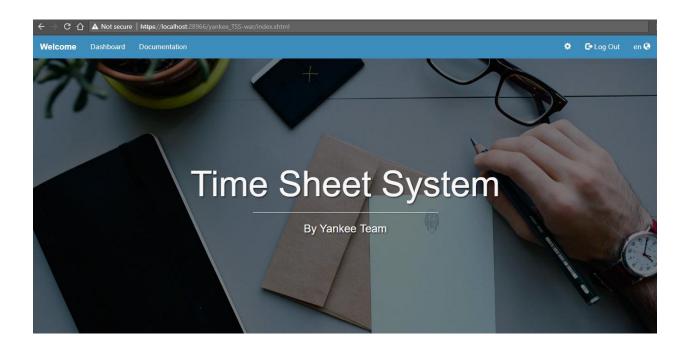
2. Create contract

As per the requirements a contract can be created by a person who has a role of Supervisor, Secretary or Assistant. i.e. STAFF.

Steps to create a contract are mentioned below.

Step 1:

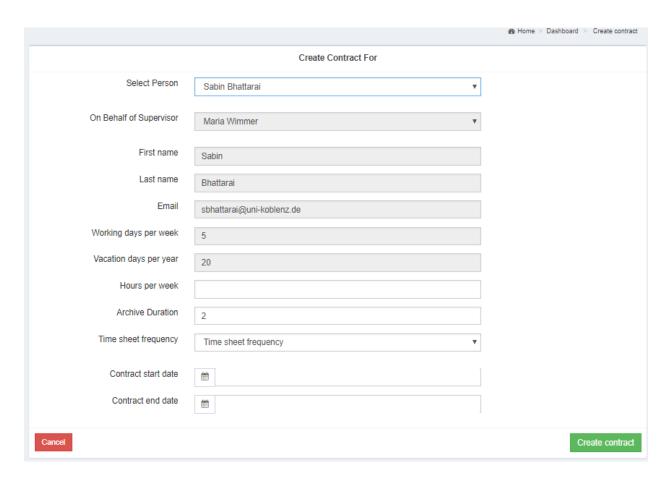
To create a contract a person with role STAFF must log in with correct credentials. On successful validation home page is displayed to user as shown in below screenshot.



Step 2: Click on the "Dashboard" button to open the "Manage contract" view.



Step 3: Click on the "Create Contract" button to view the Create Contract form.



Following fields are mandatory to create contract.

<u>Select Person</u>- List of University staff members for whom the contract needs to be created.

Hours per week- Hours to work per week.

<u>Time Sheet Frequency</u>- Denotes the frequency of time sheets. It can be either weekly or monthly.

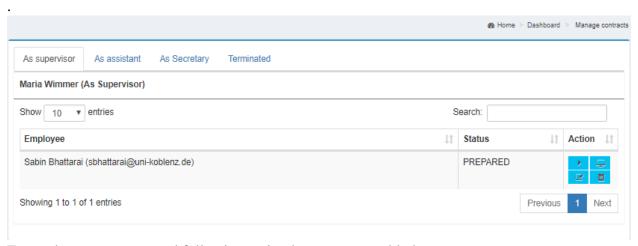
<u>Contract Start Date</u>- Denotes the start date of the contract.

Contract End Date- Denotes the end date of the contract.

Click "Create Contract" button to create the contract.

3. Manage contract

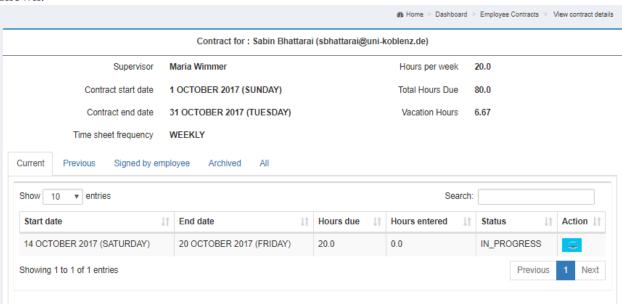
Manage contract screen shows the list of Contract that logged in user is assigned to as either a Supervisor or as Secretary or as Assistant. The Terminated Contract is also viewable in the tabs shown.



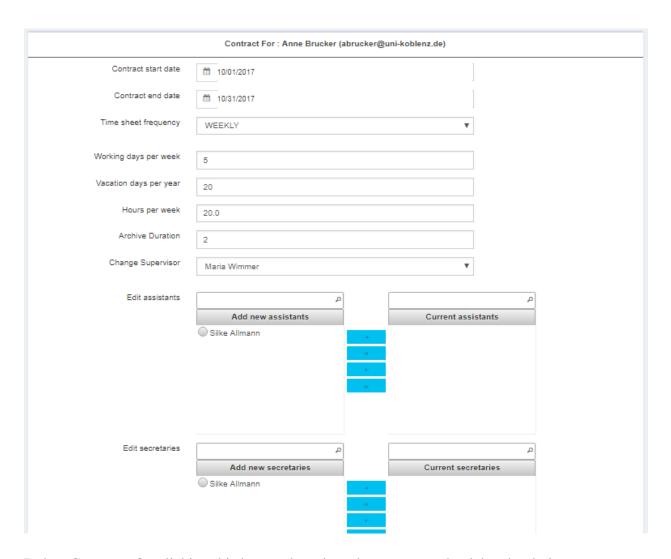
For each contract prepared following action buttons are enabled.

<u>Start Contract</u>- On clicking this button the selected contract is started. Once started no changes can be done to the contract. Timesheets are created at this stage.

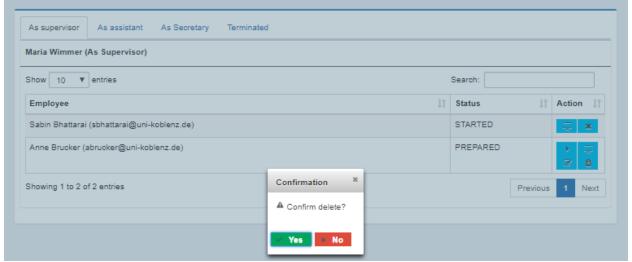
<u>View Contract</u>- On clicking this button the details of selected contract are displayed as shown.



<u>Edit Contract</u>- On clicking this button the details entered for contract can be edited as shown where assistants can be added, supervisor can be changed, secretaries added.

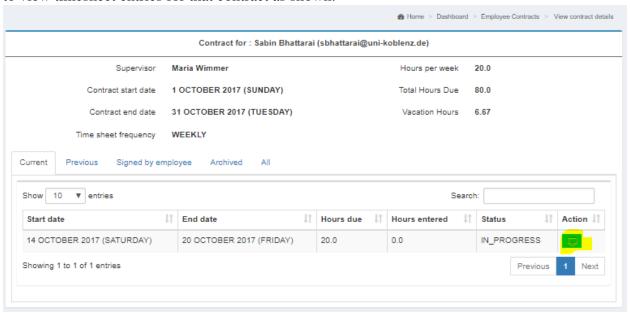


<u>Delete Contract</u>- On clicking this button the selected contract can be deleted only in prepared state. As no delete is allowed after Started as shown below.



4. Adding time sheet entry

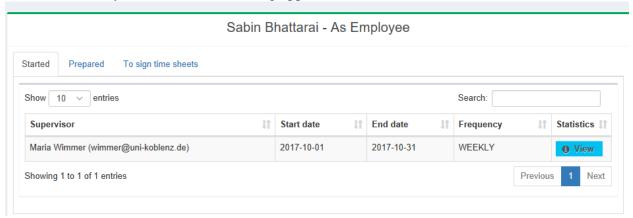
When viewing the contract details as shown in view contracts above. You have an option to view timesheet entries for that contract as shown.



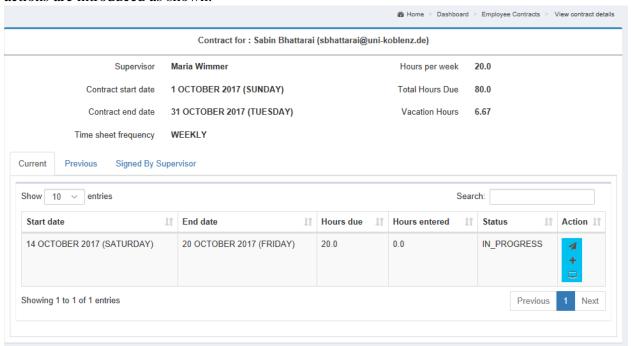
Note that we are looking this under Staff who is not allowed to add entries for the employee. So when logged in as employee the similar page appears with further possible action. Thus we will now delve into Employee view when they login.



Can now view my contracts and following appears



When View button pressed. He/She will be able to perform timesheet entries. i.e. further actions are introduced as shown.



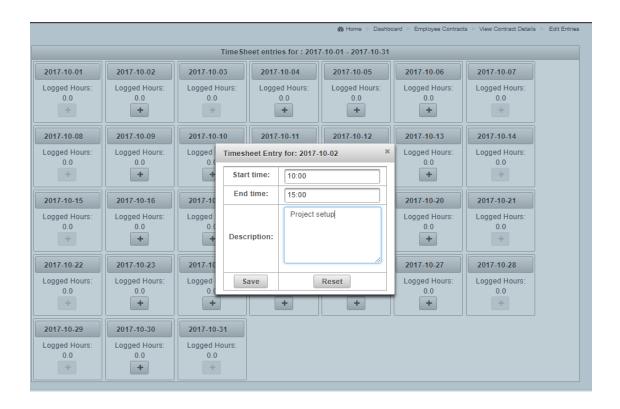
As you can see the Sign timesheet action, view timesheet entries action, and add entry action appears.

Time sheet entry can be added by an employee for whom the contract has been created and the contract is in "STARTED" state.

The contract is visible under Home > Dashboard > Your Contracts.

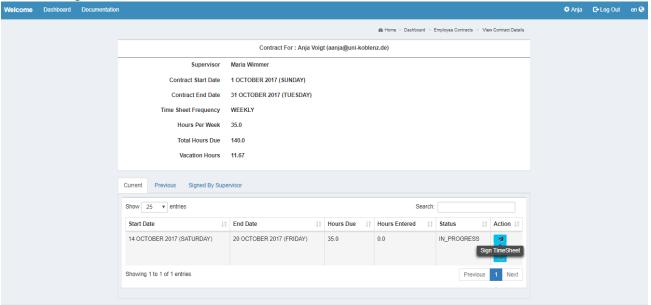
A Time sheet is created based on the **Start** and **End date** of the contract and as per the **Time sheet frequency** mentioned in the contract.

An entry can be added to log the working hours by clicking the "Add Timesheet Entry" action button for the contract.

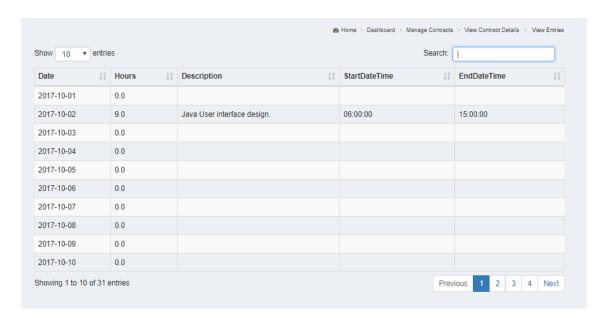


5. Sign Time sheet.

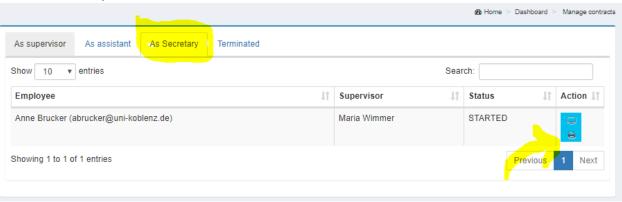
Once all time sheet entries are added the user can choose to Sign the time sheet on the click of "Sign timesheet" action button.



6. View entered Time sheet entries Employee, Supervisor, Assistant and Secretary can view the time sheet entries entered by the employee.



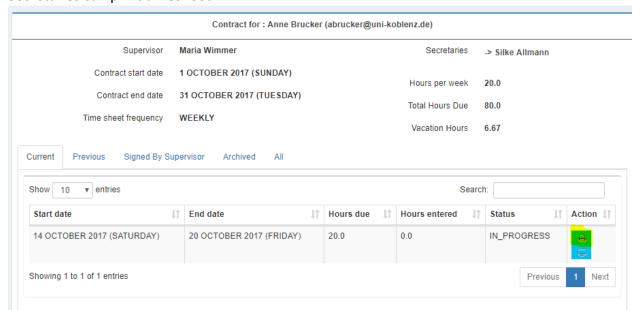
7. Secretaries can print contract



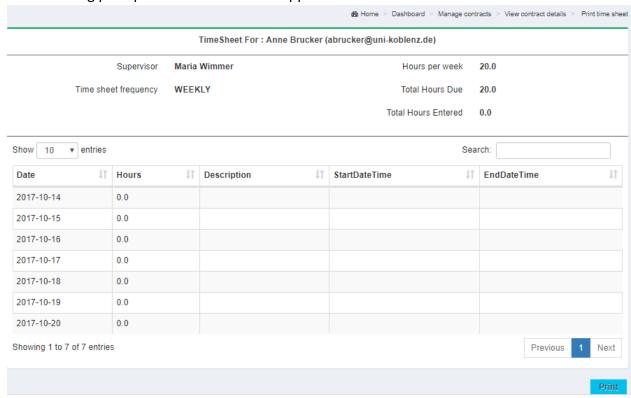
Following print view shows

Employment Contract
This Employment Contract states the terms and conditions that govern the contractual agreement betweeen Supervisor: Maria Wimmer
having its principal place of employement at [University Koblenz Landau], and Employee : [Anne Brucker]
who agrees to be bound by this Contract.
NOW, Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises made by the parties hereto, the Company and the Temp (individually, each a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties") covenant and agree as follows:
TERM. The term of this Temporary Employment Contract shall commence on 1 OCTOBER 2017 (SUNDAY) and end on 31 OCTOBER 2017 (TUESDAY).
TIMESHEET FREQUENCY. The time sheets frequency is set to WEEKLY
SECRETARIES. The Contract will be bound to have following member as secretary Silke Allmann
HOURS OF WORK. The hours of work shall be on working days except public holidays at hours determined by the employer provided that ordinary working hours shall not exceed 20.0 hours per week.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties has executed this Temporary Employment Contract, both Parties by its duly authorized officer, as of the day and year set forth below.
Supervisor SIGN/DATE
Employee SIGN/DATE
Print

8. Secretaries can print timesheet

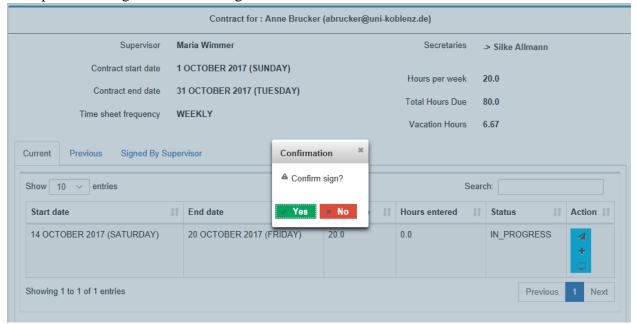


The following print preview for timesheet appears

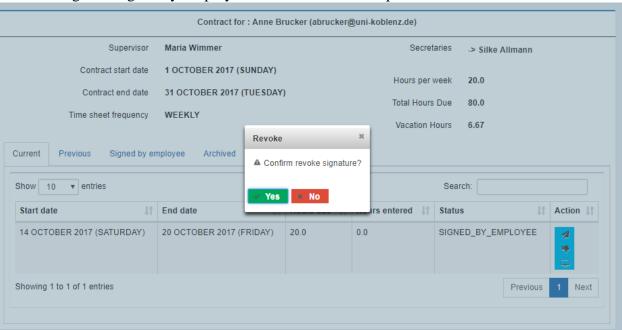


9. Sign timesheets By Employee

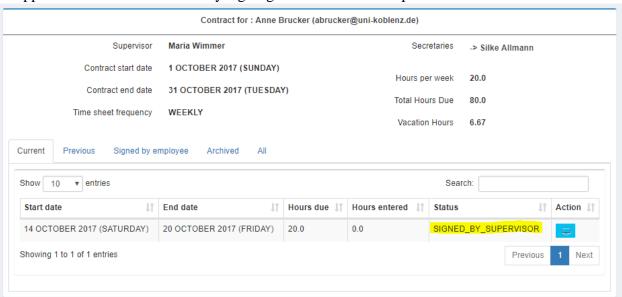
Prompts user to sign in and when signed in.



Status changes to Signed by Employee and further allows supervisor to either revoke

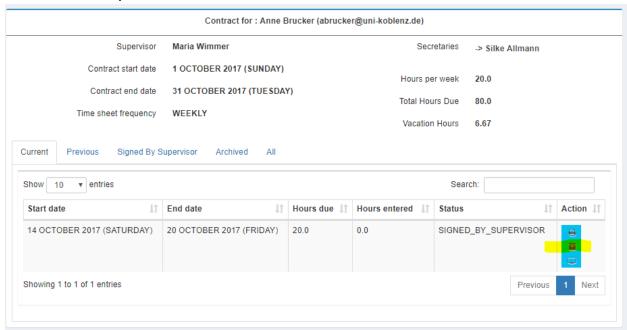


or approve the timesheet entries by signing the timesheet as Supervisor.

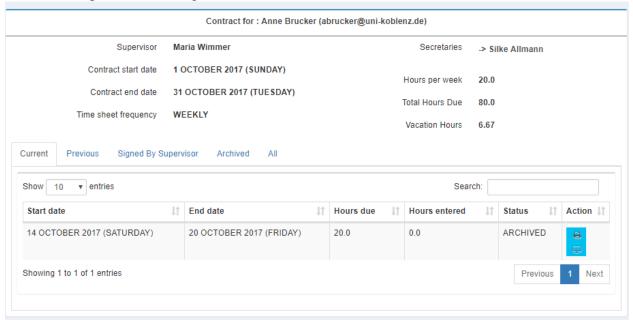


And the status changes to Signed by supervisor.

Now the secretary will be able to archive the timesheet

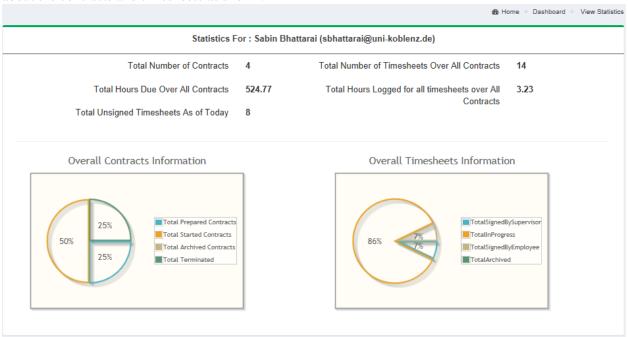


Which when performed changes the status to Archived.



10. Contract Statistics for Employee.

Employees will be able to view statistics for all the contracts they have with more detailed view about the contracts and timesheets as shown.



Glossary

Term	Definition
Administrator	An Administrator is a university staff member. Administrators are responsible to install, configure, and operate the TSS.
Application server	Software framework that provides both facilities to create web applications and a server environment to run them.
Assistant	An assistant is a university staff member. Assistants are responsible for the concrete tasks assigned to employees.
Contract	A written or spoken agreement
Employee	An employee can be a student or a university staff member
Guest	Guests may only view public information and documentation about the TSS.
Secretary	A secretary is a university staff member. Secretaries are responsible for printing the time sheets
Supervisor	A supervisor is a university staff member. The supervisor is the contractual boss of an employee.