**Documentation for TAAP**

**Overview**

**T**eaching **A**ssistant **A**ssistance **P**latform – TAAP, is a web application that assists teaching assistants and professors in evaluating students' performance in lab sessions that are conducted in-person at the labs.

**Objectives**

We made use of the following objectives to implement the system:

* The system should allow the creation of new lab sessions and generate tokens for teaching assistants and students to join the active lab session.
* The system should allow students to raise a review request to the teaching assistant when they finish their lab exercise.
* The teaching assistant should be able to see the number of students in the queue, and the system should assign review requests to teaching assistants on a first-come, first-serve basis.
* The system supports multiple lab sessions and multiple teaching assistants to be registered with a lab session so that the review requests will be split based on availability.
* Once the teaching assistant taps on the "ready to accept request" button, a request will be assigned to the teaching assistant from the queue.
* The system should allow the teaching assistant to grade the students and submit the evaluation.
* While in the queue, the students should be able to see their queue status on the page.
* The lab session should have a set time duration, and once the session expires, the evaluation results should become available in the dashboard for download for the next 24 hours.

**Technologies Used**

We have made use of the following technologies to implement the system:

* Java Spring Boot
* Server-Sent Events (SSE)
* Thymeleaf
* HTML
* CSS
* Bootstrap
* JavaScript
* jQuery

**Design Patterns**

To satisfy the requirements for the Software Architecture and Design Patterns course, we have implemented the system using the following design patterns:

* Command Pattern
* Factory Pattern
* Iterator Pattern
* Observer Pattern
* Singleton Pattern
* State Pattern

The application follows the architectural style - Model View Controller (MVC).

**Application in Use**

*Homepage*

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The Homepage is the starting point of the application. Here, a user can either join an active lab session that was already created or create a new lab session.

As an example, we can create a new lab session named “SoftwareArchitecture”. (A professor can create a lab session)

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Now that the lab session is created, we have given the option to generate the token which can be shared to the respective Teaching Assistants (TA) in the lab.

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The TA can now join the session with the TA token and by filling out the required details as shown above.

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The TA is taken to TA Dashboard where they can do the following:

* Fetch a token to share to the students joining the same lab session.
* Click the “TAP” button to start the evaluation.
* View the number of evaluations already completed and pending evaluations.
* View the Report of evaluated students.
* Terminate the lab session.

Examples of Students Joining the session with the TA generated code “8341”:

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The students Ashwant M and Nidhin J have joined the queue in the respective order by tapping the “Request Review” button. Students can also revert the review request by clicking on the “Revert Review Request” button.

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Now, the TA can view that there are 2 students in the queue who are ready to be evaluated.

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When the TA is ready to evaluate the students, he/she clicks on the TAP button on the respective screen and the details of the student who is first in the queue will be displayed on his/her screen.

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After the evaluation is complete the TA can be ready and wait for new review requests from students.

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The students can view their result by clicking on the “Report” button. Note that here the students cannot view the other students’ grades.

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Similarly, the TA can view the Report for all the students he/she has evaluated in the lab session.

There is the option for the TA to export the Grade Report in JSON and CSV formats.

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The TA can also search for individual student using the Search bar.

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After the lab session and evaluations are over the TA can terminate the lab session.