Student Companion Fourth Iteration Report COMP-SCI 5551 Advanced Software Engineering

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Introduction

This document is intended to provide an overall description of the project named "Student Companion" in detail. The project schedule and the plan of action is also discussed. The proposal document will give an insight on the project. The outcome of the fourth increment is the final web and mobile application with end to end user functionality.

Project Goal and Objectives

The goal of this project is to provide various functionalities that a student uses regularly such as updating the profile, checking for computer lab availability, library study room reservation etc. The student details will already present in the database. The student has to login before he uses these functionalities. Main objectives of this application are:

- To reduce the student's stress and to save the student's time by providing the latest availability of the computer labs.
- To develop an application that helps the students in taking the decision on to which laboratory the students have to go.
- To secure the information by providing a login form to the end user.
- To provide a tool with which the students will be able to reserve the library study rooms.
- To ensure that the student will never miss his schedules by setting reminders.
- To enable the Student Assistants to view their shifts, post and take substitutions.
- To provide the students with the option to update their address or mobile phone number etc.

Project Background and Related Work

Some functionalities of this application are already exist. We are creating a new android application which integrates (mash up) all the available and new functionalities under one hood, thus making the application a viable one. Some functionalities will be developed by importing the existing APIs into our application like Google Calendar API, Google Maps API etc. We are inspired by the problems that the Students are currently facing in reserving the study rooms, problems related to their working shifts and we came up with a solution which can resolve the existing challenges.

Significance:

The major significance of the application lies in mashing up of all the useful services under one system. This will save the student's time and increases the productivity. The application will prevent the fraudulent usage by restricting the resources access to only the students who

successfully logged in to the system. As of now, the student assistants has to go through a lengthy process in order to post or take shifts. The proposed application will make it easier for the student to perform such tasks by providing on-the-go support.

Work flow

The first workflow of the application is that of the designing the User Interface for the system. Our application goal is to provide instant access to the user regarding lab availability and library room availability. So, for this we are developing a mobile application. We are using ionic framework so that we can develop hybrid application.

Second, we have created the login page and database using MongoLab and we have successfully authenticated the user based on his details which are stored in database in mongodb.

The third workflow deals with the creating a mongodb database to store and retrieve the user profile and information about IS labs, library study rooms etc. The work flow of the each and every feature of the application is explained through sequence diagrams and state chart diagram presented in the first increment report.

Fourth workflow deals with the end to end functional development of the application. Development of each and every feature of the application. Successfully running the application on web browser and in mobile phone.

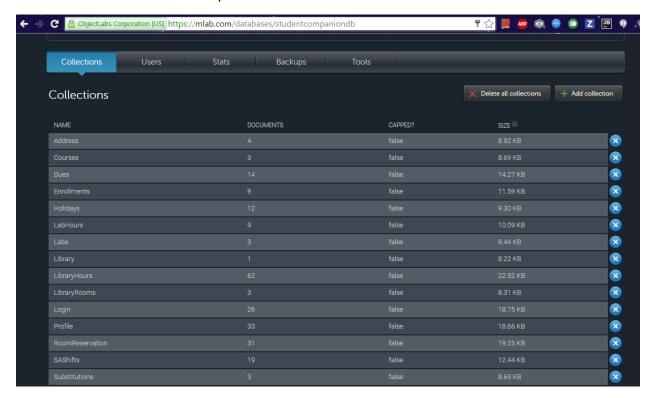


Fig: Collections in Mongo Database

Technological and architecture requirements

In the application system need to interact with the database for retrieving the data to do this interaction between the system and database is done through REST technology. We use CRUD API calls of the REST for accessing the database.

Ionic framework, it is a powerful SDK used to develop hybrid applications using web technologies like HTML, CSS and JavaScript. It is also a core in providing better UI to the user.

The architectural requirement aims at the development of flexible architecture for the better interaction between the system and the database.

Existing Services/API

We have so far used the MongoDB in our application. MongoDB is a cross-platform document-oriented database and it is a NoSQL database, MongoDB avoids the traditional table-based relational database structure in favor of JSON-like documents with dynamic schemas making the integration of data in certain types of applications easier and faster.

We have used mongoDB to store the information of the users and data about the IS labs, library study rooms, student assistant information etc. Using REST API calls data is retrieved from the database and displayed to the user.

mLab is a fully managed cloud database service that hosts and provide featuring automated provisioning and scaling of MongoDB databases. Data can be accessed from mongoDB using two ways. Fist, by using the DATA APT URL in which it contains database name, collection name and API key.

Example URL:

https://api.mongolab.com/api/1/databases/studentcorner/collections//Ase project/' + id + '?apiKey=Q u73BV4oOdMGpnu3WFGmJ8YH lxHDHO

Second, accessing the mongoDB using a driver to connect the database. An example driver:

mongodb://<dbuser>:<dbpassword>@ds011399.mlab.com:11399/studentcompaniondb

REST Services:

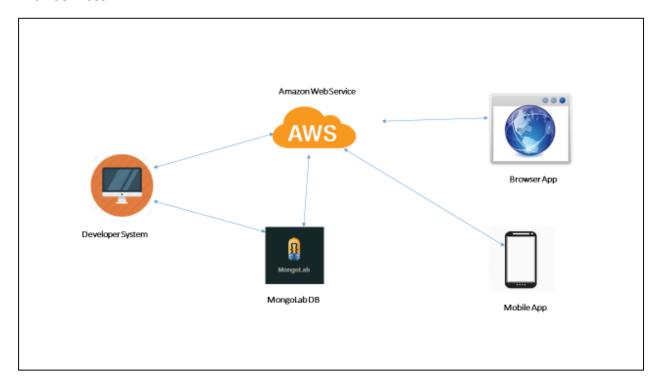


Fig: REST API Communication with mongoDB and Application

We have developed an API through which we perform the REST services for our application. As in the second increment we have developed database in the mongoLab and the data is fetched from the mongoLab through REST services.

Amazon Web Services (EC2):

We have used Amazon Web Services as a server to host our REST API. Our REST API will run in background and listen to port 9000. Our application send data request to the REST API hosted on Amazon EC2 cloud server. REST API will fetch the request data from mongoDB collections and perform the filtering of data according to the criteria and sends responds to the client application. This enables us complex queries on the server instead on the client thereby increasing the performance of client application.

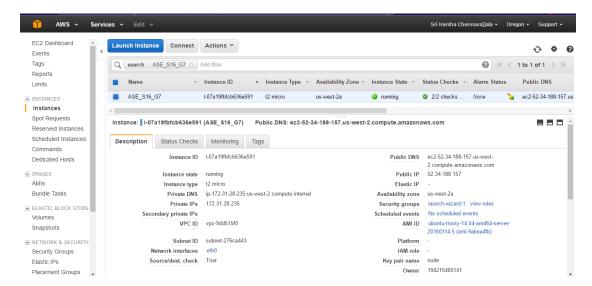


Fig: Amazon Web Services (EC2) Dashboard - Hosting our REST API

Architecture Diagram

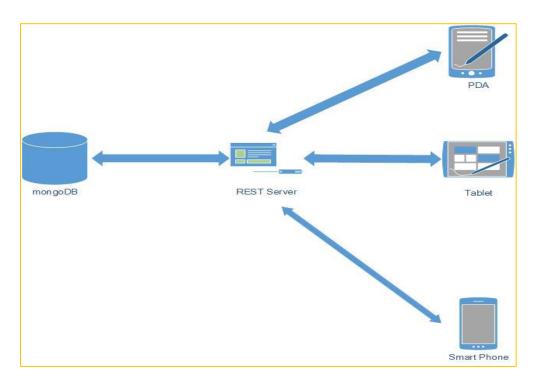


Fig: Architecture Diagram for StudentCompanion application

The architecture diagram for our application shows that it is 3-tier architecture. Application which deployed in smart phones, PDA's and Tablet uses the REST services for interacting with the database for storing and retrieval of required information from the mongoDB.

Project plan

The proposed project plan is outlined the by the screenshot from the ZenHub tool. The project is divided into four milestones. Each iteration has several states namely future tasks, new issues, to do, development in progress, testing in progress, done and closed.

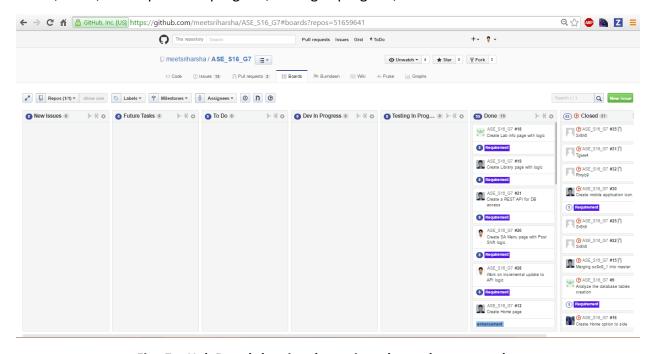


Fig: ZenHub Board showing the project plan and current tasks.

Milestone 4:

This milestone mainly deals with the designing the end to end functionality of the system. The tasks of this phase mainly focuses six tasks.

First, the development of REST API which performs the communication between Client application and database.

Second, development of Profile page and display the profile of the user which is stored in the mongoDB. Developed the functionalities for register user, edit profile and edit password.

Third, development of Lab Information page and display the Lab name and lab details.

Fourth, development of Reserve Study Room page and display the Library information, study rooms which are reserved by the user and available study rooms and the details of resources present in it and cancellation of reserved study room.

Fifth, development SA Menu page and display the SA Shifts of the user and available shifts on a selected date. Developed the functionality for taking the available substitutions.

Sixth. Implemented the toast functionality for the final application.

The results of this milestone contains the screenshots of the application and the related class, sequence and state chart diagrams.

Fourth Increment Report

This document contains the report of fourth increment work done on the Student Companion application. This document emphasizes the final end to end implementation of the application using different technologies such as REST API, Amazon Web Services, Ionic framework and mongoDB. We're using the HTML5, CSS ,Node.js, , ExpressJS and Angular JS for the end to end implementation.

We have created REST API which host on the Amazon Web Services through which communication between client application and database.

We have created the Profile, Register, Edit Profile, Lab Information, Reserve Study Room, SA Menu, Contact Us pages. We have also checked the work so far by deploying the application in the mobile and manual testing is done.

The detail development in fourth increment include the enhancement of Profile, Lab Information, Reserve Study Room, SA Menu, Contact Us pages and development of Register and Edit Profile pages. Developed an icon for the application.

Class diagram for the high level design of the application:

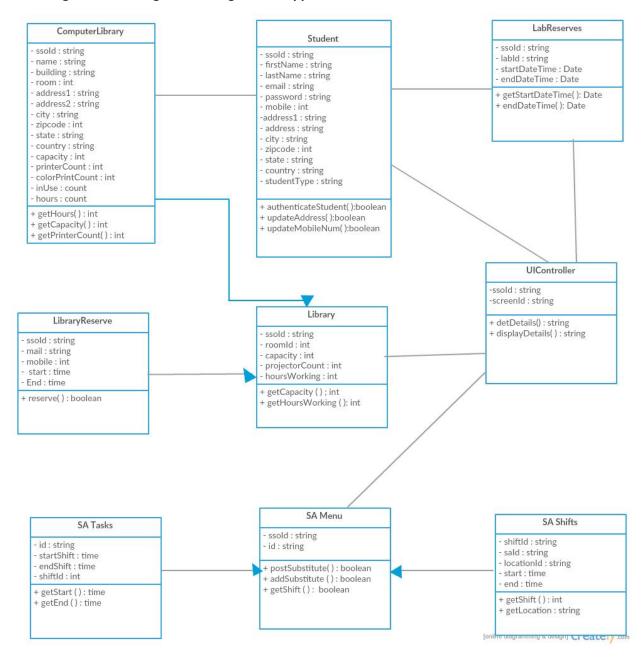


Fig: Demonstrates a class diagram of high level design of application

Sequence diagrams for the high level design of the application:

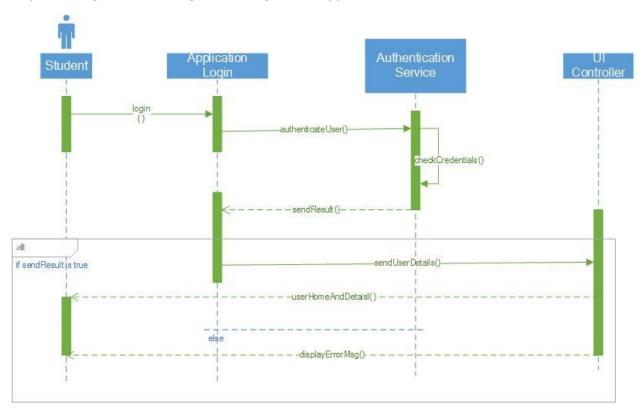


Fig: Sequence diagram for student login activity

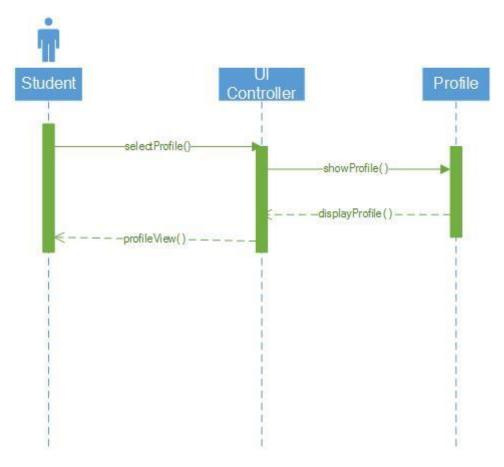


Fig: Sequence diagram shows the control flow for "view user profile" task

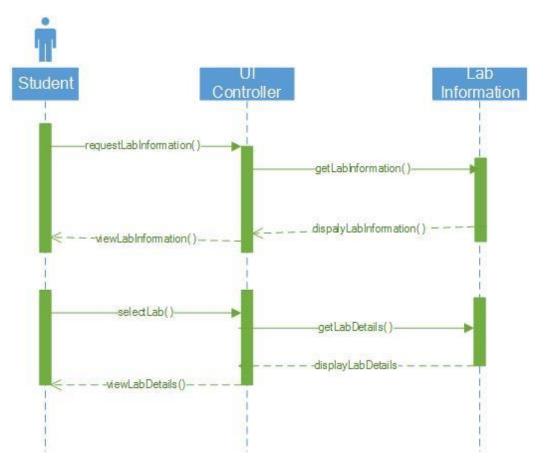


Fig: Sequence diagram for "View lab information" activity

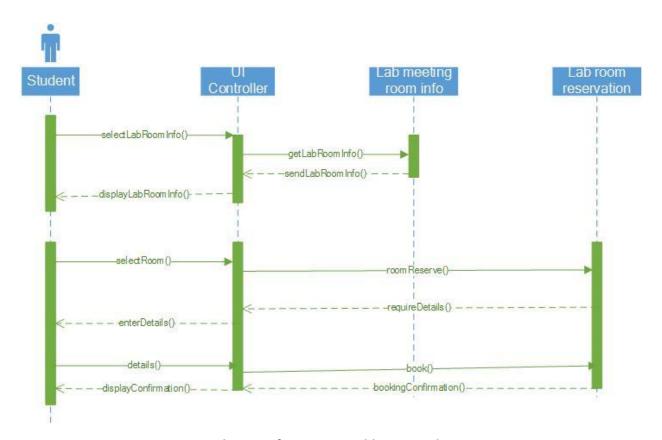


Fig: Sequence diagram for reserving library study room activity

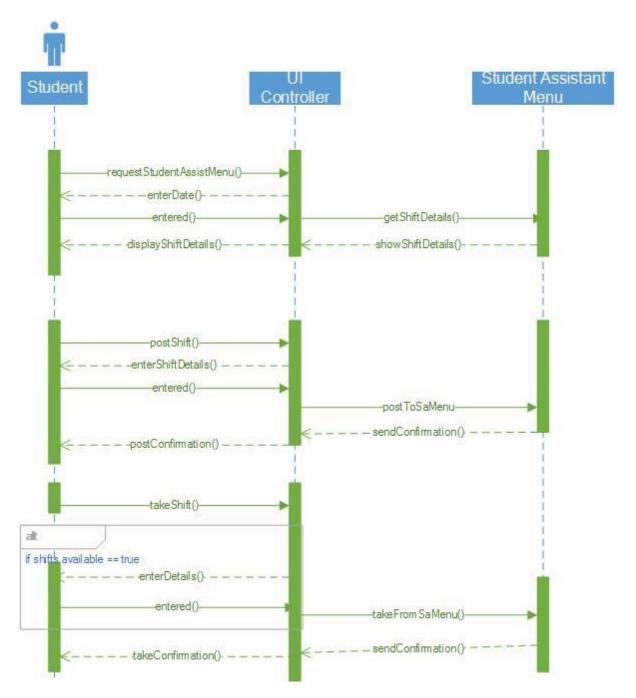


Fig: Sequence diagram for student assistant activities like post or take shifts.

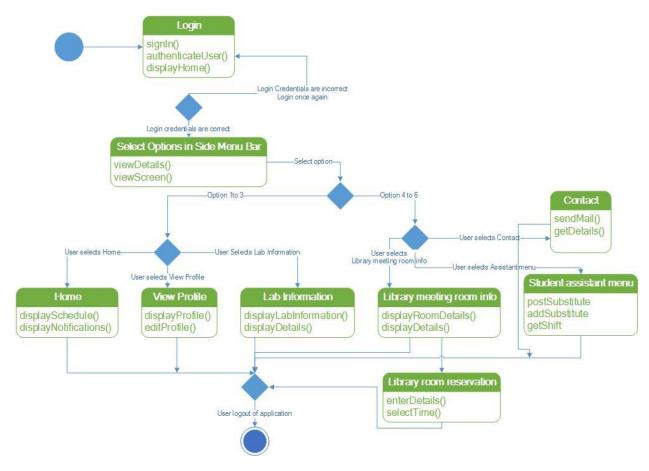


Fig: State chart diagram for the application modules.

Wireframes of the application:

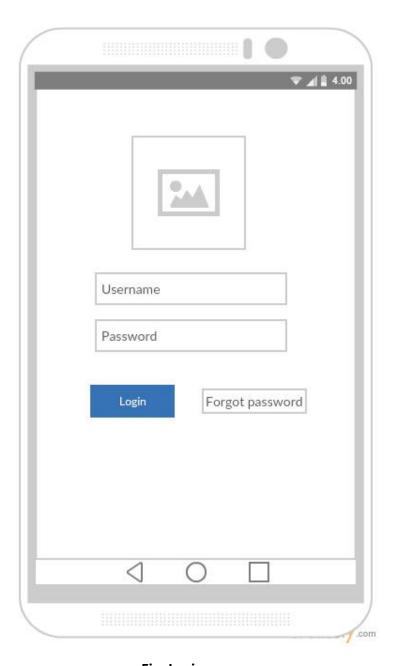


Fig: Login screen

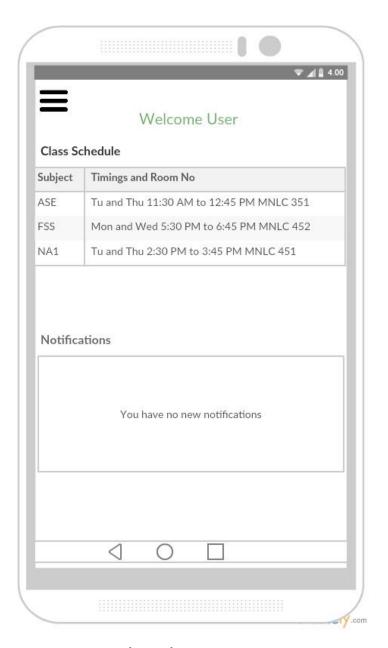


Fig: Main Home page

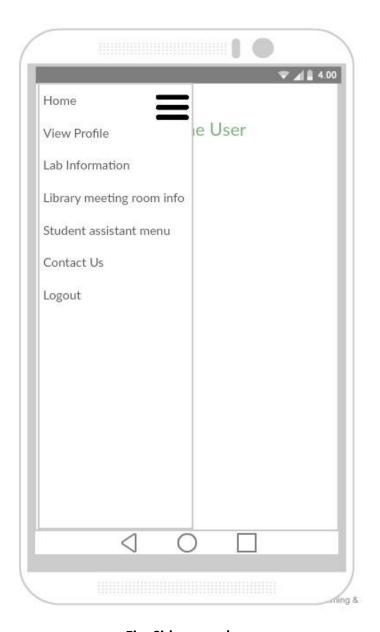


Fig: Side menu bar

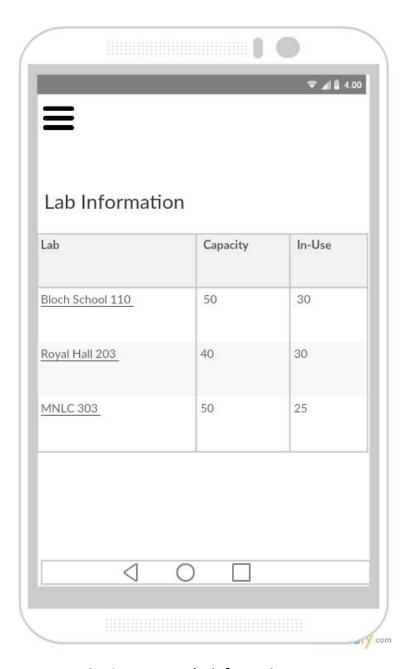


Fig: Computer Labs information page

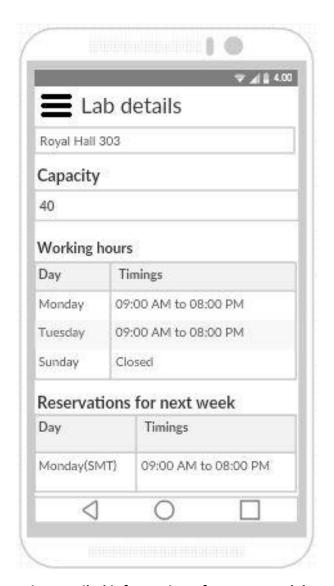


Fig: Detailed information of a computer lab

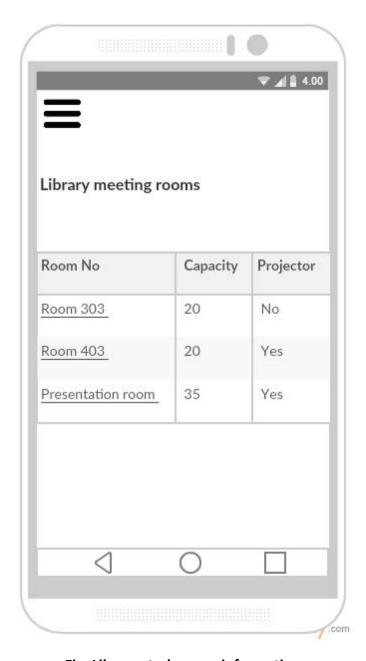


Fig: Library study room information

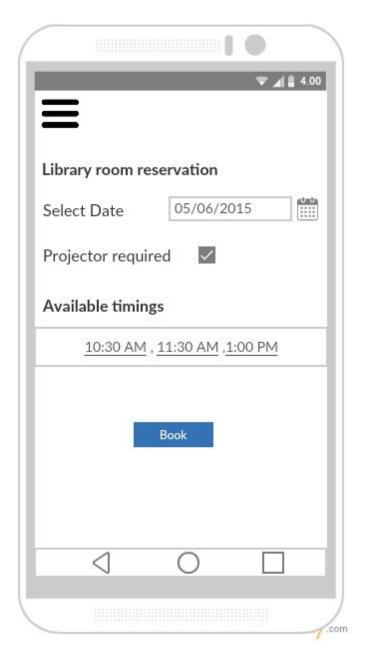


Fig: Library room reservation page

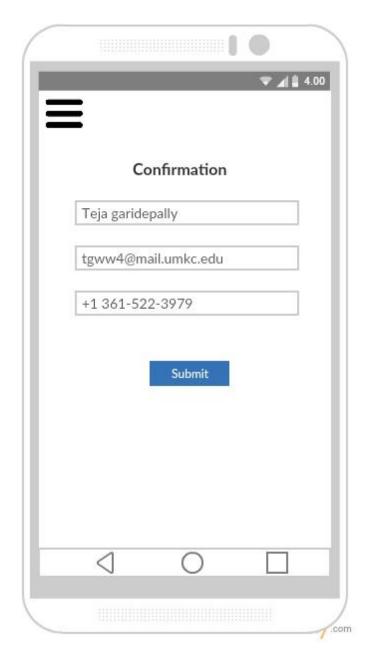


Fig: Library room reservation form

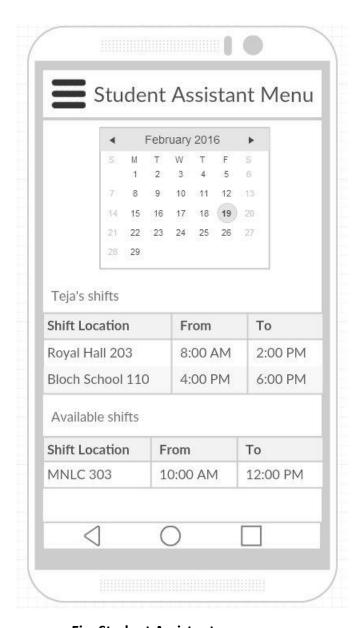


Fig: Student Assistant menu page

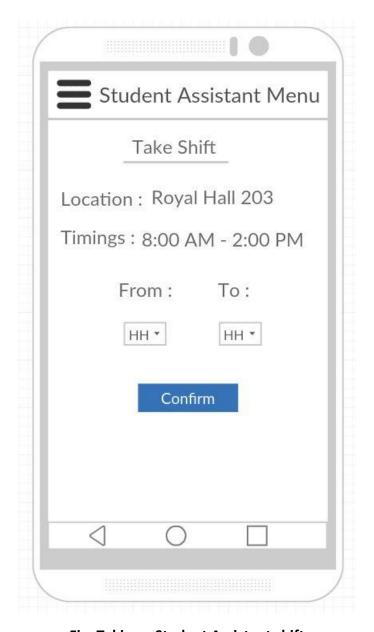


Fig: Taking a Student Assistant shift

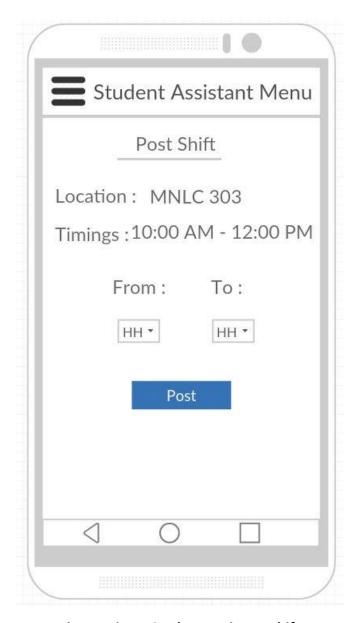


Fig: Posting a Student Assistant shift

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Fig: Student profile page

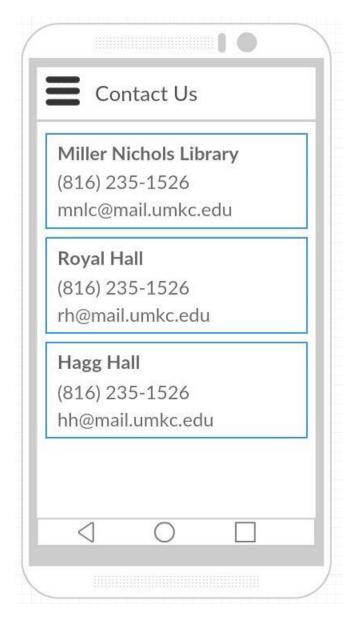


Fig: Contact Us information page

User Stories:

- As a User, I can see the UI of StudentCompanion App.
- As a user, I can see the Login Screen.
- As a user, I can enter my Details and Login to the App.
- As a user, I can see the Side menu bar on Home Page with side menu options like Profile, Lab Information, Reserve Study Room, and SA Menu.
- As a User, I can see my Profile.
- As a User, I can see the Lab Information of specified lab.

- As a User, I can Reserve Study Room.
- As a User, I can choose the SA Menu option
- As a User, I can utilize the options in SA Menu.

As a user, I can Sign-out from the Application.

Testing

We've used *YSlow* - a Google Chrome extension to test the performance of our application. It shows the requests and their weights in a graphical manner. This helped us to tweak our code to improve the application overall performance.

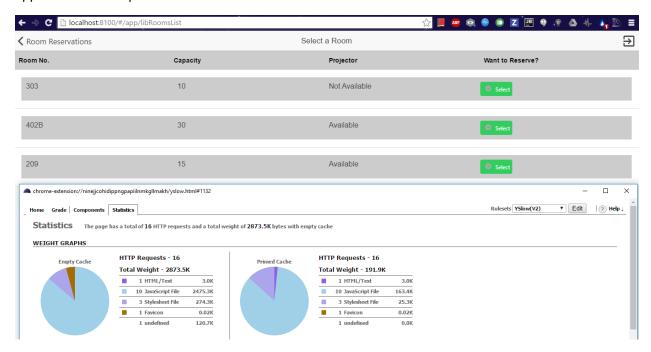
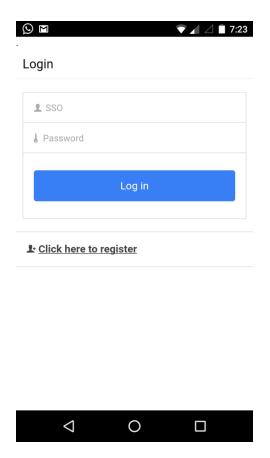


Fig: YSlow statistic of "Room Reservation" page

Deployment

Deployment of application to Mobile phone.

Screen Shots:



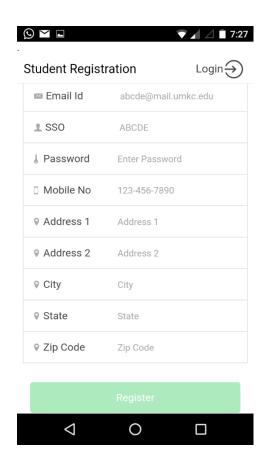


Fig: Login Fig: Register User

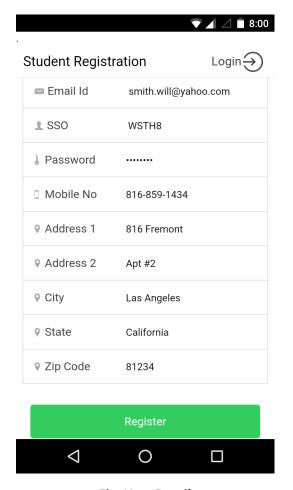


Fig: User Details

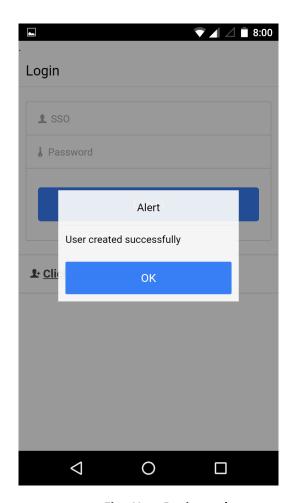


Fig: User Registered

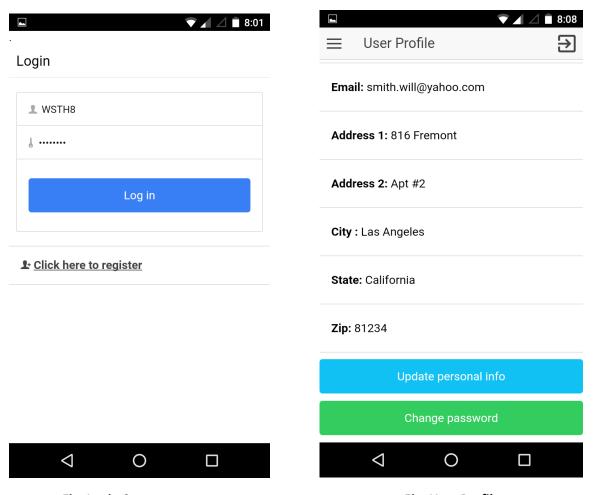


Fig: Login Success Fig: User Profile

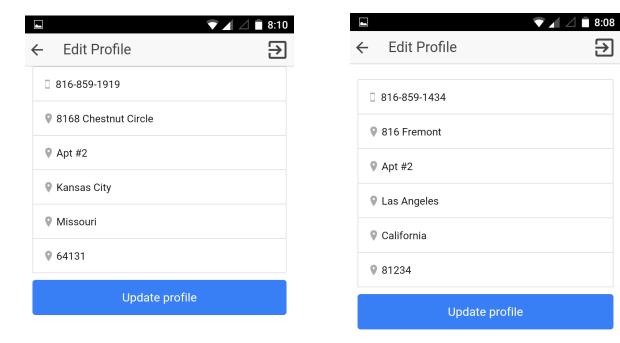
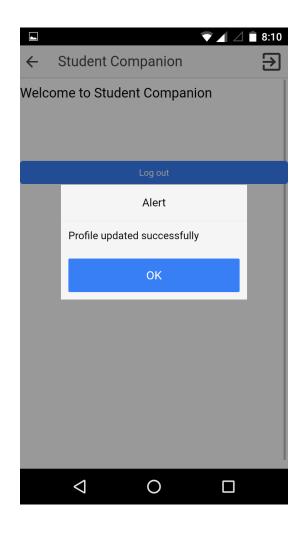




Fig: Initial Details

Fig: Updated Fields

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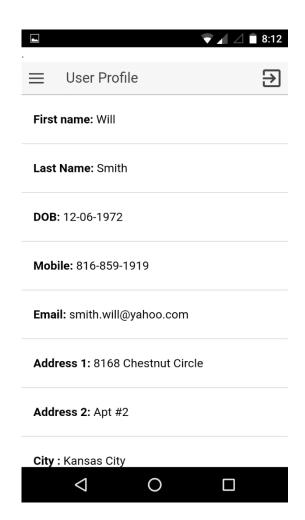
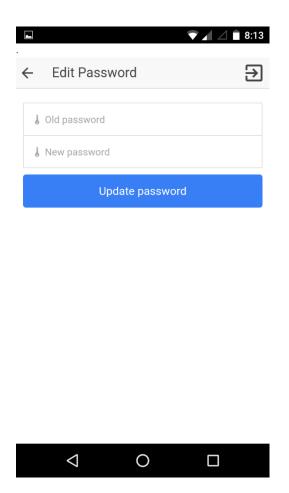


Fig: Profile Updated

Fig: Updated Profile



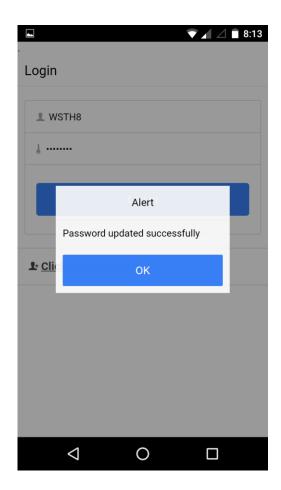


Fig Edit Password

Fig: Password Updated

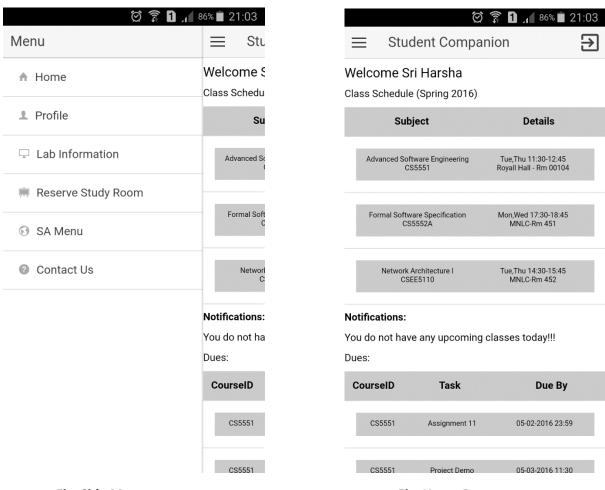


Fig: Side Menu Fig: Home Page

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Fig: Lab Information

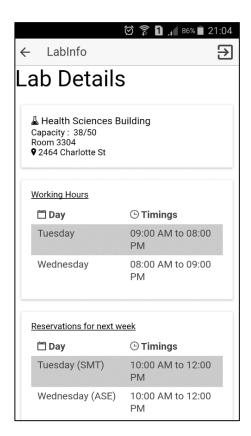


Fig: Lab Details

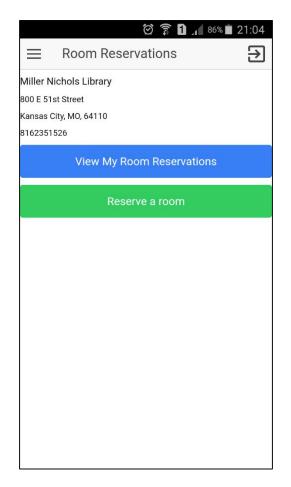
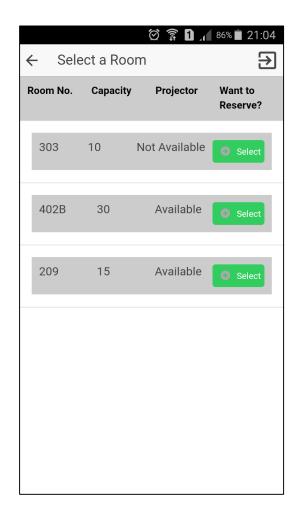
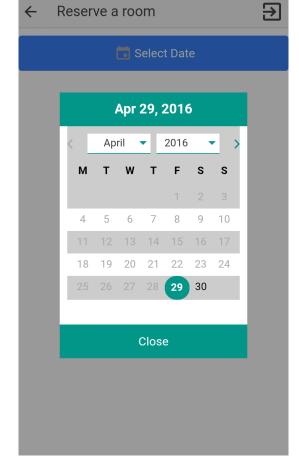




Fig: Room Reservation

Fig: View My Reservations





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Fig: Select a Room

Fig: Select Date

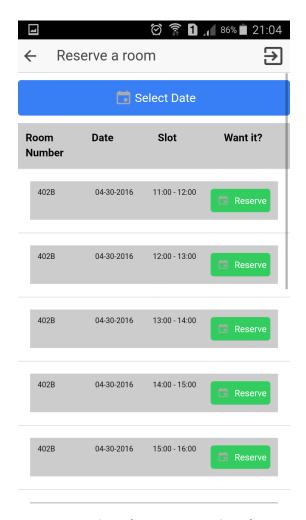


Fig: Select a Reservation Slot

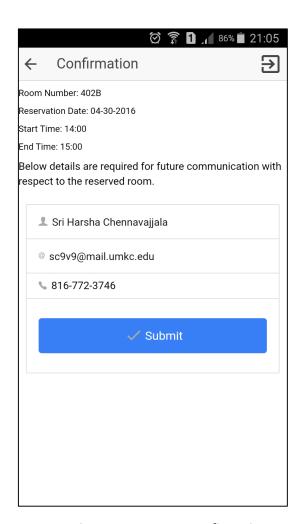


Fig: Room Reserve Confirmation

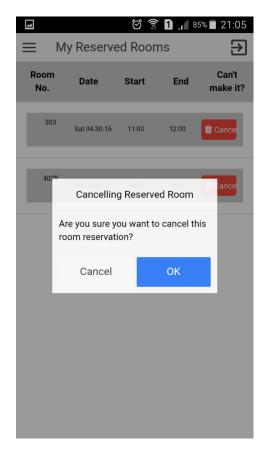


Fig: Room Cancellation



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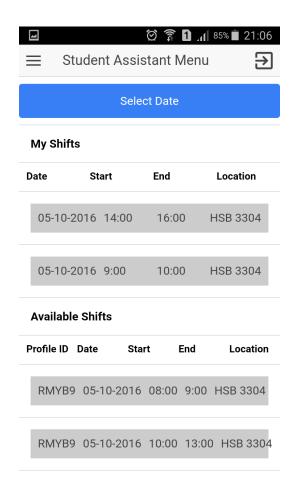
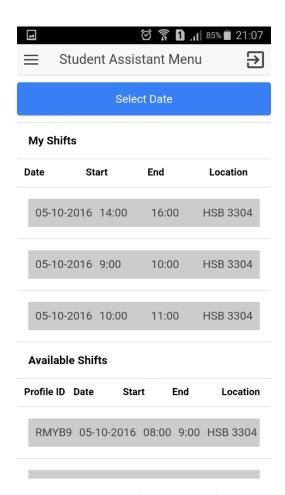




Fig: View Shifts Fig:





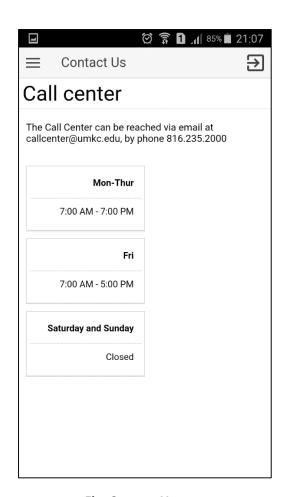


Fig: Contact Us

Web Application Views:

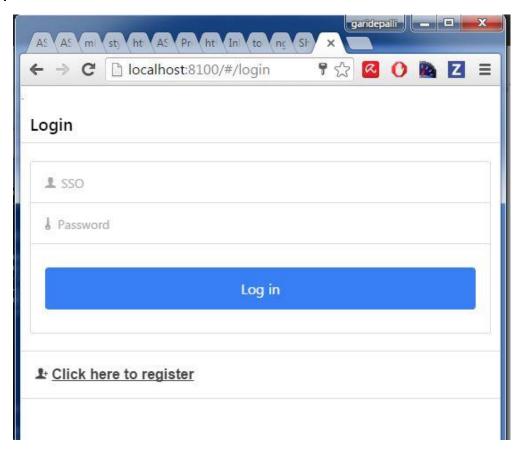


Fig: Login

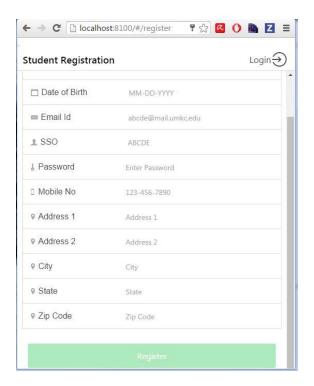


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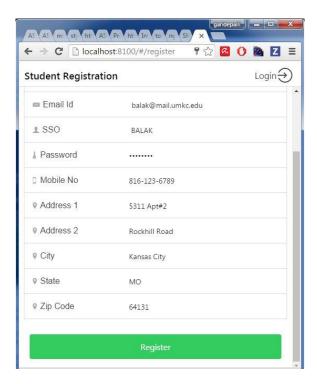


Fig: Student Registration

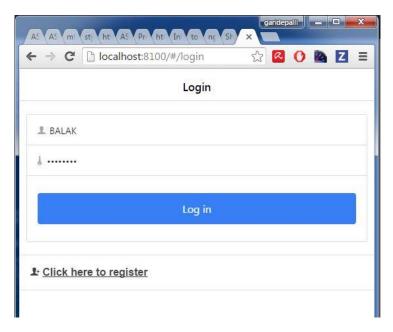


Fig: Registered User Login

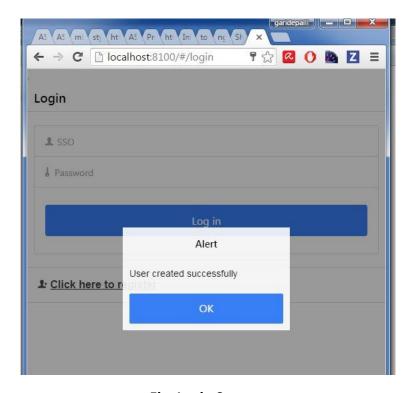


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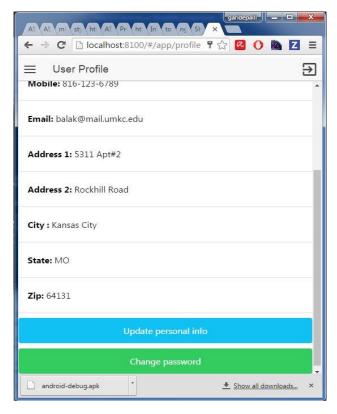


Fig: View Profile

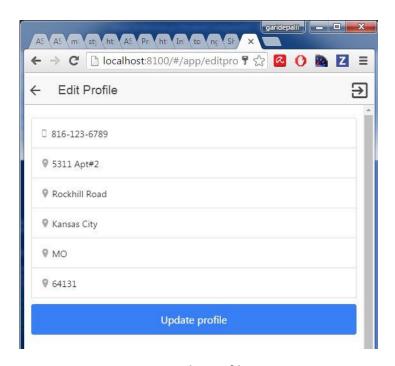


Fig: Edit Profile

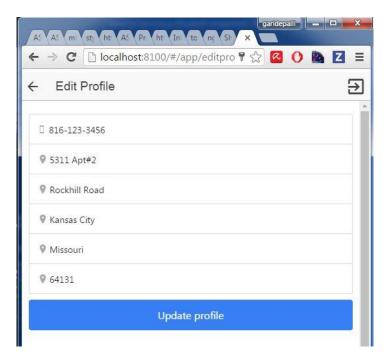


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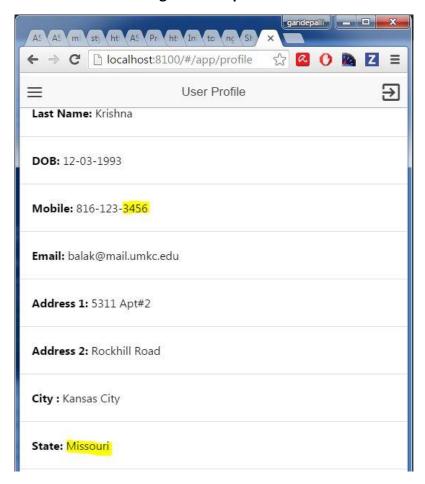


Fig: Updated View

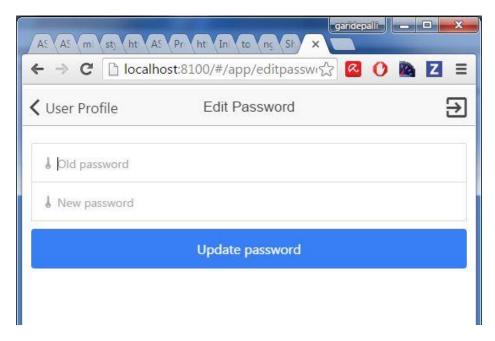


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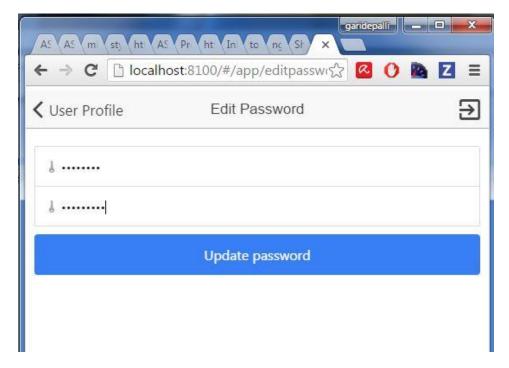


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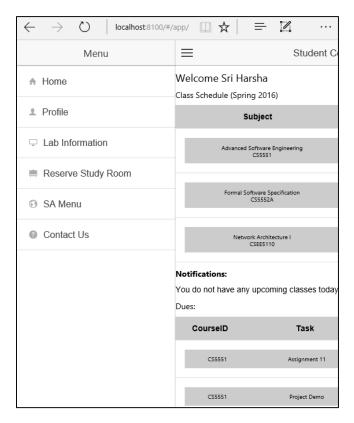


Fig: Side Menu

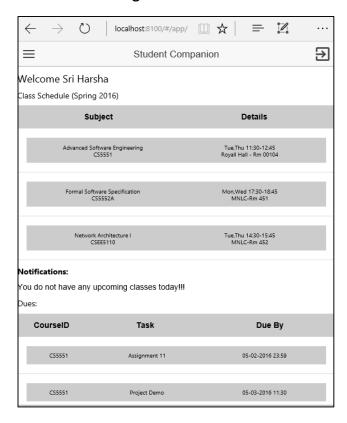


Fig: Home Page

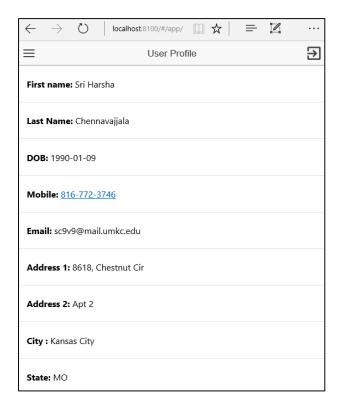


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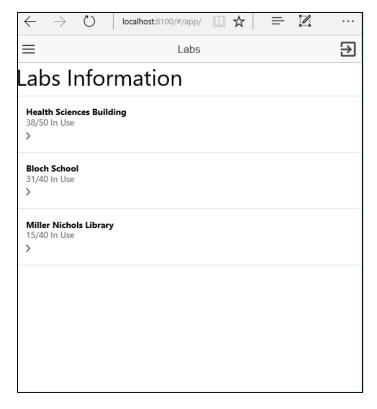


Fig: Lab Information

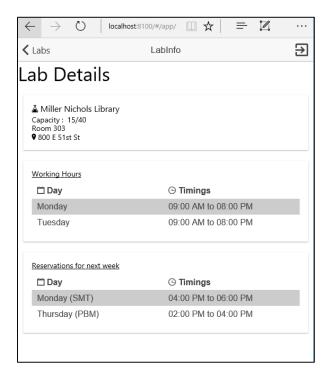


Fig: Lab Details

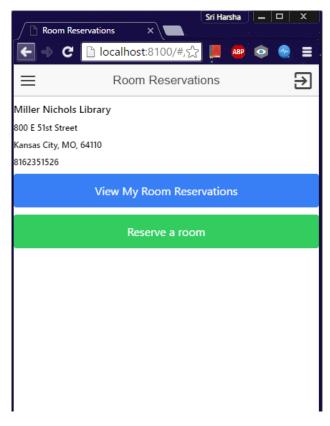


Fig: Room Reservation

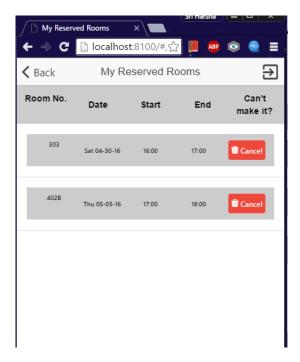


Fig: View Reserved Rooms

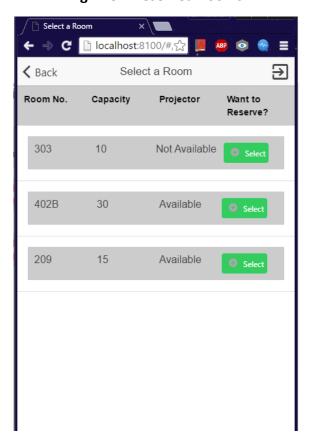


Fig: Available Rooms

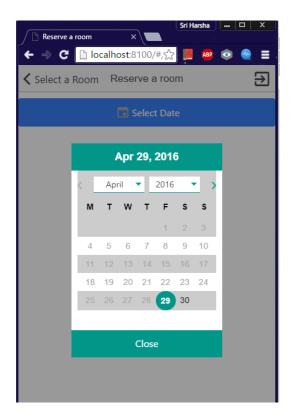


Fig: Select Date

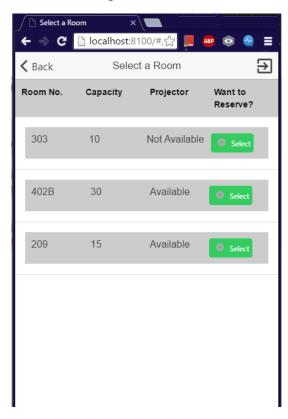


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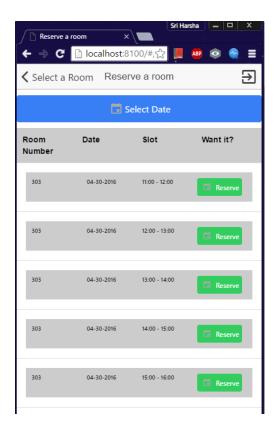


Fig: Available Slots

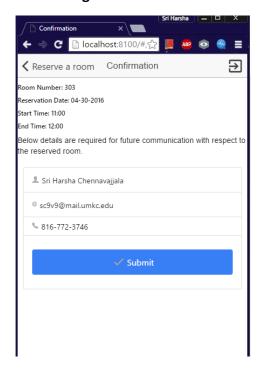


Fig: Confirm Reservation

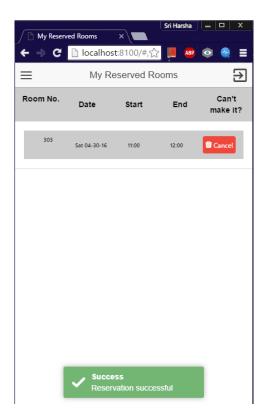


Fig: Room Confirmation Toast

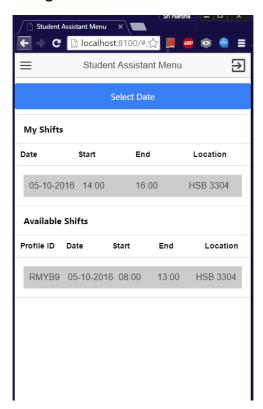


Fig: SA Menu



Fig: Take Shift

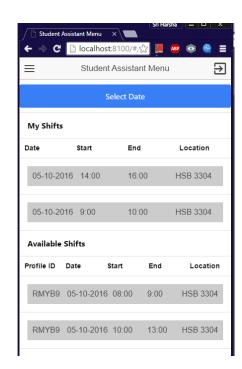


Fig: After Take Shift

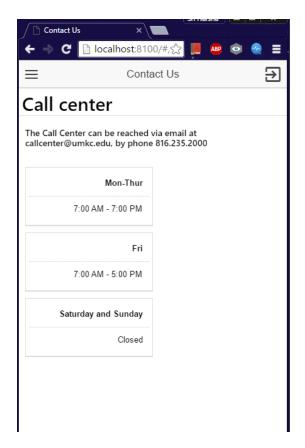


Fig: Contact Us

Project URL:

https://github.com/meetsriharsha/ASE S16 G7/

Document URL:

https://github.com/meetsriharsha/ASE S16 G7/Documentation

Project Management Work Completed

In detailed analysis of the system, environment and technical requirements for the application development. Project proposal documentation, Project tasks created in ZenHub and assigned the tasks to team members. Created the Project increment 4 document. All team members are involved in this task. Total time taken is 30 hours per person. Contributions: Harsha 30%, Teja 25%, Raj 25%, Suhas 20%.

Limitations:

The data which we worked on is a static database so the test cases that we performed on the application may not be accurate or sufficient. As we used ionic frame work for the development of application we have some limitations on the core functionalities of the mobile phones.

Issues/Concerns:

Sometimes we are getting black background for the login page due to some unknown big in ionic framework .Sometimes we are getting asynchronous results from API in Home page.

Burndown Chart for Increment 4:

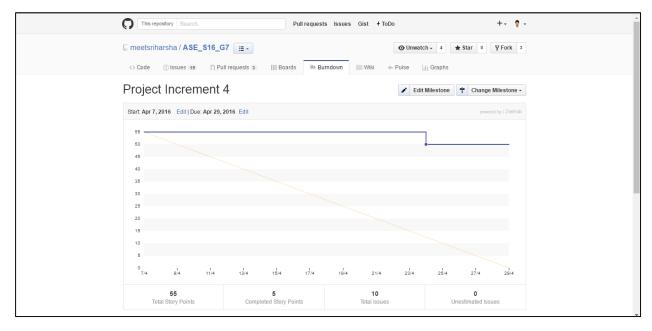


Fig: Burndown Chart

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