

# Sanchit Kaushal - What I Built for This Project

\*\*My Role\*\*: Team Leader & Security Expert

\*\*Project\*\*: School Activity Booking System

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## Quick Summary - What I Did

\*\*In Simple Words\*\*: I built the security system and admin control panel for our school booking website.

\*\*Think of it like this\*\*:

- I'm like the security guard who checks IDs at the door
- I built the manager's office where they control everything
- I made sure nobody can hack or break into the system

\*\*My Main Jobs\*\*:

- Made sure passwords are safe
- Built the login system
- Created the admin control panel
- Set up the website for internet deployment

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## Part 1: Making Passwords Safe

### ***What I Did (Simple Summary)***

- I made sure when you type your password, it gets scrambled up
- Nobody (not even us!) can see your real password
- Even if hackers steal our database, they can't read passwords

### ***How Does It Work? (Easy Explanation)***

\*\*Imagine this situation\*\*:

- You write "MyPassword123" on paper
  - I put it in a super special blender
  - It turns into "xY7#kL9@pQ2\$" (scrambled mess)
  - We store "xY7#kL9@pQ2\$" in our safe
  - \*\*Nobody can unscramble it!\*\*
- \*\*When you login\*\*:
- You type "MyPassword123" again
  - We scramble it the same way
  - Does "xY7#kL9@pQ2\$" match what's in the safe? ■ Login!
  - Did you type wrong password? It scrambles different! ■ No entry!

### ***The Code (With Simple Explanation)***

```
def set_password(self, password):
    # This is like putting password in the "super blender"
    self.password = generate_password_hash(password)

    **What this means**:
    - `password` = What you typed (like "MyPassword123")
    - `generate_password_hash` = The special blender
    - `self.password` = The scrambled mess we save

    **Example**:
    You type: "ILoveCats2024"
    Scrambled becomes: "scrypt:32768:8:1$aBc123xyz$9876..."
    We save: The scrambled version (not the real one!)
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## Part 2: Login System

### What I Did (Simple Summary)

- Built 3 different login doors (Parent, Admin, Tutor)
- Made sure only the right people can enter the right doors
- Like a nightclub with VIP sections!

### How Does It Work? (Easy Explanation)

\*\*Think of our website like a building with 3 floors\*\*:

- Building = Our Website
- ■ Ground Floor Door = Parent Login
- ■■■ Only parents with kids can enter
- ■ 2nd Floor Door = Admin Login
- ■■■ Only managers can enter
- ■ 3rd Floor Door = Tutor Login
- Only teachers can enter

\*\*What happens when you login\*\*:

\*\*Step 1\*\*: You arrive at the door

You: "Hi, I'm John and my password is ILoveCats2024"

\*\*Step 2\*\*: We check our list

Guard: "Let me check..."

- Do we have 'John' in our book? ■ Yes!
- Does password match? ■ Yes!
- Here's your access card!"

\*\*Step 3\*\*: We give you a magic bracelet

- We put invisible bracelet on you
- Every time you click something, we check: "Does this person have bracelet?"
- If yes = You can see the page!
- If no = "Sorry, please login first!"

### The Code (With Simple Explanation)

```
@app.route('/login', methods=['POST'])
def login():
    # Step 1: Get what user typed
    email = request.form.get('email')
    password = request.form.get('password')
    # Step 2: Check our database (like looking in a phonebook)
    parent = Parent.query.filter_by(email=email).first()
    # Step 3: Does password match?
    if parent and parent.check_password(password):
        # Step 4: Give them the magic bracelet!
        session['parent_id'] = parent.id
        return redirect('/dashboard') # Let them in!
    else:
        flash('Wrong email or password!') # Show error message
```

\*\*Real Example\*\*:

User types:

Email: john@example.com

Password: ILoveCats2024

Computer checks:

1. Is john@example.com in database? ■
2. Does "ILoveCats2024" scrambled match saved scrambled? ■
3. Give session bracelet: session['parent\_id'] = 42
4. Send to dashboard page!

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## Part 3: The Admin Control Panel

### What I Did (Simple Summary)

- Built a special control room for managers
- They can create/edit/delete activities
- Like a TV remote control - but for the whole website!

### How Does It Work? (Easy Explanation)

\*\*Imagine the admin panel like a car dashboard\*\*:

- Admin Dashboard = Control Panel
- ■ Speedometer = See how many bookings today
- ■ Fuel Gauge = See how much money earned
- ■■ Buttons = Create new activities
- ■■ Trash = Delete old activities

\*\*What admins can do\*\*:

\*\*1. See Statistics (Like checking your phone battery)\*\*

Total Bookings Today: 47

Total Money Earned: £1,250

Active Activities: 8

\*\*2. Create New Activity (Like adding new contact in phone)\*\*

Admin clicks "New Activity"

Fills form:

- Name: "Swimming Lessons"
- Price: £25
- Max Students: 15
- Day: Monday
- Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Clicks "Save"

■ New activity appears on website!

\*\*3. Edit Activity (Like editing a contact)\*\*

Admin sees: "Swimming - £25"

Clicks "Edit"

Changes price to: £30

Clicks "Save"

■ Updated!

\*\*4. Delete Activity (Like deleting old photo)\*\*

Admin clicks "Delete" on old activity

Computer asks: "Are you sure?"

Admin clicks: "Yes, delete it"

■■ Gone forever! (and all its bookings)

### The Code (With Simple Explanation)

\*\*Creating New Activity\*\*:

```
@app.route('/admin/create_activity', methods=['POST'])
def create_activity():
    # Get what admin typed in the form
    name = request.form.get('name') # "Swimming"
    price = request.form.get('price') # "25.00"
    max_capacity = request.form.get('max_capacity') # "15"
    # Create new activity (like creating new contact)
    new_activity = Activity(
        name=name,
        price=price,
        max_capacity=max_capacity
```



Parent: Tries to access Admin Panel  
Guard: "Your bracelet says 'Parent', this is 'Admin Only'!"  
Parent: ■ Access Denied!

## ***The Code (With Simple Explanation)***

\*\*The Security Guard (Decorator)\*\*:  
def login\_required(f):  
# This is like hiring a security guard  
def check\_before\_entering(\*args, \*\*kwargs):  
# Guard checks: Do you have login bracelet?  
if 'parent\_id' not in session:  
# No bracelet = send to login page  
return redirect('/login')  
# Has bracelet = let them in!  
return f(\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
return check\_before\_entering  
\*\*Using the Guard\*\*:  
@app.route('/dashboard')  
@login\_required # ← Security guard stands here!  
def dashboard():  
# Only people who pass the guard can reach this code  
return "Welcome to your dashboard!"  
\*\*Real Example\*\*:  
What happens step-by-step:  
1. User clicks "Dashboard" link  
2. @login\_required guard activates  
3. Guard checks: session['parent\_id'] exists?  
If YES (logged in):  
- Guard: ■ "Go ahead!"  
- User sees dashboard  
If NO (not logged in):  
- Guard: ■ "Stop! Login first!"  
- redirect('/login')  
- User sent to login page  
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## **Part 5: CSRF Protection (Super Important Security!)**

### ***What I Did (Simple Summary)***

- Protected against sneaky hackers
- Made sure forms can't be faked
- Like putting a special seal on official documents

### ***How Does It Work? (Easy Explanation)***

\*\*Imagine this bad situation WITHOUT protection\*\*:  
You login to our website ■  
You visit evil website (still logged in) ■  
Evil website has hidden form that says:  
"Delete John's account on School Website"  
Your browser automatically sends it (because you're logged in!)  
■ Your account deleted!  
\*\*How we prevent this\*\*:  
\*\*Step 1: We give you a secret code\*\*  
When you visit our website:  
- We create random code: "abc123xyz"  
- We remember this code

- We put it in all our forms (hidden)

\*\*Step 2: When you submit form\*\*

You click "Book Activity"

Form includes:

- Activity: Swimming
- Child: Emma
- CSRF Code: "abc123xyz" ← Secret code!

\*\*Step 3: We check the code\*\*

Form arrives at server

Guard checks: "Does code 'abc123xyz' match what we gave earlier?"

YES = ■ This is real form from our website!

NO = ■ Fake form from hacker! REJECT!

\*\*Why evil website can't fake it\*\*:

Evil website tries to submit form

But they don't know our secret code "abc123xyz"

Their form has wrong code or no code

■ We reject it! Attack blocked!

### ***The Code (With Simple Explanation)***

\*\*In HTML form\*\*:

```
 {{ csrf_token() }}
```

Book Activity

\*\*What user sees\*\*:

```
 Book Activity
```

\*\*When form is submitted\*\*:

## **Automatic check happens before your code runs**

## **If CSRF token wrong = Error before reaching here**

```
@app.route('/book', methods=['POST'])
def book_activity():
    # If code reaches here, CSRF check already passed! ■
    activity = request.form.get('activity')
    # Process booking...
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```

## **Part 6: Deployment Setup**

### ***What I Did (Simple Summary)***

- Prepared website to go on the internet
- Like packing a suitcase for a trip
- Made sure it works on real servers (not just my computer)

### ***How Does It Work? (Easy Explanation)***

\*\*Running on my computer vs Real internet\*\*:

My Computer (Development):  
■ Like testing recipe in home kitchen

- I can see all the ingredients
- I can change recipe anytime
- Only I can taste it

Real Internet (Production):

■ Like restaurant serving customers

- Professional kitchen

- Many people eating at once

- Need proper equipment

- Can't just stop and change recipe!

\*\*What I prepared\*\*:

\*\*1. Requirements List (Like shopping list)\*\*

File: requirements.txt

Flask==2.3.0 (Main framework - like oven)

Flask-Mail==0.9.1 (Email system - like delivery service)

ReportLab==4.0.4 (PDF maker - like printer)

\*\*2. Instructions for Server (Like cooking instructions)\*\*

File: Procfile

web: gunicorn app:app

Translation: "Run the website using professional server software"

\*\*3. Secret Settings (Like safe combination)\*\*

File: .env

SECRET\_KEY=super-secret-only-i-know

MAIL\_PASSWORD=email-app-password

DATABASE\_URL=where-to-save-data

\*\*Think of it like moving\*\*:

My Computer:

■ Everything in one box

■ Small apartment (SQLite database)

■ Just me using it

Real Server (Render/Heroku):

■ Organized in proper boxes

■ Big warehouse (PostgreSQL database)

■ Hundreds of people using it at once

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## My Contribution Summary

\*\*Files I Created/Modified\*\*:

1. `app.py` - Added security, login, admin features (300+ lines)

2. `config.py` - Settings file (complete)

3. `Procfile` - Deployment instructions

4. `.env.example` - Secret settings template

5. Admin templates - Control panel pages

\*\*What Each Part Does (Simple)\*\*:

| Part | What It Does | Like... |

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| Password Hashing | Scrambles passwords | Putting paper in blender |

| Login System | Checks who you are | Security guard checking ID |

| Sessions | Remembers you're logged in | Invisible bracelet |

| CSRF Protection | Stops fake forms | Checking document seal |

| Admin Panel | Control everything | TV remote for website |

| RBAC Decorators | Allow/Block pages | Bouncers at VIP club |

| Deployment Config | Run on internet | Packing for trip |

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## Why This Matters

\*\*Without my security work\*\*:

- ■ Hackers could steal passwords

- ■ Anyone could access admin panel

- ■ Evil websites could do fake actions
  - ■ Website wouldn't work on internet
- \*\*With my security work\*\*:
- ■ Passwords super safe (even we can't see them)
  - ■ Only right people access right pages
  - ■ Protected against hacker attacks
  - ■ Ready for real internet use
  - ■ Thousands can use it safely
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## Real-World Impact

- \*\*Example Day in Life of My Code\*\*:
- \*\*9:00 AM\*\* - Parent tries to login
    - My password check: ■ Correct! Let them in!
  - \*\*10:30 AM\*\* - Hacker tries to fake a form
    - My CSRF protection: ■ Blocked! Nice try!
  - \*\*2:00 PM\*\* - Parent tries to access admin panel
    - My security guard: ■ "Sorry, admins only!"
  - \*\*3:45 PM\*\* - Admin creates new activity
    - My admin panel: ■ Created successfully!
  - \*\*All Day\*\* - Website running on internet
    - My deployment config: ■ Serving 100+ users smoothly!
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