BLG 317E – DATABASE SYSTEMS TERM PROJECT Implementation Report

A. Motivation and Requirements

Motivation Music is one of the biggest industries in our world. It is everywhere: in advertisements, there are musicians on the streets, most people are using streaming services. It is in everybody's lives; we are surrounded by music. One of the biggest issues in music industry, naturally, is finding a sound that you like for your creation. Everyone who listens to music at some point says "Wow, this song sounds great.", but what really goes into this statement? What makes a song great? In my mind there are two sides to this question: The composition and the sound. We are going to focus on the latter for this project. Musicians and producers are always trying to either recreate a sound that they have heard and were amused by, or they are trying to find a way to produce a specific sound/tone in their head. There are many elements that go into the mix for both of these processes: The choice of instrument, the amplification you use, settings for your amp, type of cabinet, choice of microphone, and the list goes on and on. Though, it sounds like a simple process when you think about it the first time, it's quite possible and in most cases unavoidable to run into issues. As a musician and someone who is interested in music production myself, I can relate to this struggle and would like to propose and offer to this problem. "FindYourTone" is not a database for a music library or an application to store and listen to music. It is designed as a solution for a problem that musicians face on every instance of recording or playing on a day to day basis. Users will be able to add and share detailed information of sounds they liked like the instruments used, amplification used, settings etc. They will also be able to upload small sound samples to display the sounds they have created. Achieving a musical sound that you like can be easier than ever with a database with some certain features. Let's go over those features and see which problems they help solve.

- 1. Provides a structured and moderated source One of the biggest issues regarding recreating a particular sound is lack of information. Sometimes you cannot find any information at all, sometimes you can find some buried deep within the reigns of internet. But can you really trust that? Let's say you are a fan of Led Zeppelin and want to create the guitar sound from Stairway to Heaven for your own musical work. And the only thing you can find is a forum entry from a random user from 2003 explaining gear that has been used for an album made in 1971. The information you find being flawless in these circumstances is not very high at all. Having a system closely monitored and well structured would help with this issue. Admins can find and delete defective information from the website. This way information can be a lot clearer and can be found in a single neatly designed platform, providing ease of use. Information being trustworthy or not, directly correlates with the second point as well.
- 2. Incorporates verified musicians to find the correct answers If we are talking about Smells Like Teen Spirit from Nirvana, who can provide better information than the band members themselves? Which guitar did Kurt Cobain play? Which pedals did they end up using? What brand was the drum kit? FindYourTone will provide a platform where amateur musicians get a chance to interact with and learn from their favorite artists. Admins will be able to add verified musicians as members to the website. Therefore, users will be able to view featured artist entries as well as entries from other users. When an artist makes an entry about their own material they will be distinguished from others, since this information will be certainly authentic. This will help us separate real answers from suggestions. Of course, entries from regular users are not disregarded when a verified artist provides an entry for a certain sound. Other users may have achieved similar result with a different set of equipment which may still

- be valuable information. For example, a verified musician can spend enormous amounts of money on gear, but most amateur musicians don't have such funding. Someone coming up with a different, more affordable road to produce a similar sound is hence still very beneficial.
- 3. Easier to find better sounds Users will be able to grade the sound suggestions they have tried and the average grade for each entry will be shared with all users. This way you can get an decide if an entry is good enough for you to try or should you try and find another one. This will provide a platform for the community to communicate with each other as well, which is always a plus.
- 4. Reduces cost & time spent on sourcing Once find what kind of gear you need, you have to purchase the gear if you don't already own it and in most cases you won't have all necessary parts on hand. Good gear in music is almost never cheap, professional grade equipment will cost in thousands of dollars range (up to hundreds of thousands for vintage and rare items). If you are starting with bad information and heading into the wrong direction, you may have to spend a lot more time, money and effort to reach result you want. This is an unnecessary waste and can be spared. This system will provide user with an environment, thanks to its set of features, where they can hit the result they want spot on.

B. Conceptual/Logical Database Design

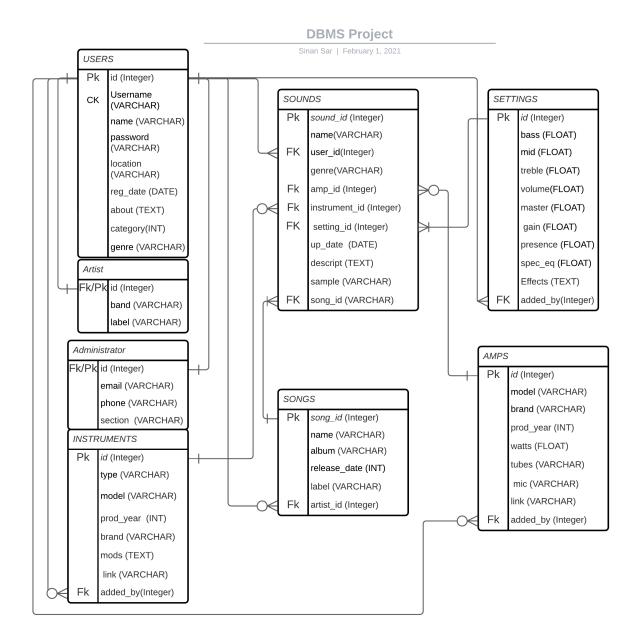
I have found it sensible to merge the conceptual design and logical design parts for my project. Since I have delivered the ER design assignment with the tables already prepared. Therefore, these two sections will be addressed under one single section.

Data Requirements

- A sound is created by one user.
- A user can create zero or many sounds.
- A sound incorporates one instrument
- An instrument can be incorporated in zero or many sounds.
- An instrument is added by one user.
- A user can add many instruments.
- A user can add many amps.
- An amp is added by one user.
- A sound uses one amp. An amp can be used in zero or many sounds.
- A song is created by one artist. (Artist is specified user, default users can't create songs.)
- An artist can create many songs.
- A sound uses one setting.
- A setting can be used by many sounds.
- A song uses one or many sounds.
- A sound can be used in one song.
- An artist is a user.
- An admin is a user

As a revision to these requirements, multiple user types weren't implemented. There is a single user type available on the system, which is the same as the "User" type from the proposal. For the purposes of this project single user type was sufficient in my opinion, hence the revision. The user actions are still the same as the proposed ones.

ER/Logical Design Schema



This is the latest version of the tables used in the project. As mentioned above artist, administrator and songs tables haven't been implemented. But their CRUD statements have been written therefore they are still retained on the logical design diagram. There also have been slight modifications on the tables on the attributes since the initial proposition of the logical design. Those can also be noticed when the figure above is compared with the older version.

DDL Statements Used on the Project

DDL statements used to create the tables can be seen below.

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CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS USERS(
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C. Database Normalization

This part has been revised since the last time it was reported, since there have been some changes in the attributes for the tables. Changes related to this section are in Users and Administrator tables.

1. Functional Dependencies

A list of the functional dependencies can be seen below.

- Users table: All non-key attributes are dependent on "id" (primary key). Username is also candidate-key.
- Artist table: All non-key attributes are dependent on "id" (primary key).
- Administrator table: All non-key attributes are dependent on "id" (primary key).
- Instruments table: All non-key attributes are dependent on "id" (primary key).
- Sounds table: All non-key attributes are dependent on "sound id" (primary key).
- Songs table: All non-key attributes are dependent on "song id" (primary key).
- Settings table: All non-key attributes are dependent on "id" (primary key).
- Amps table: All non-key attributes are dependent on "id" (primary key).

2. Normalization

For this part, I have explained the requirements on each normal form and expressed why the tables on my design fit a normal form or not. Since there is only a single table having a different situation than the others, to save the readers time I explained the situation for all the tables at once. There wouldn't be much of a point in explaining the same thing over and over again for the 7 tables, since their situation is exactly the same. And then I explained the Users table exclusively, since it has 2 candidate keys while all other tables only have one and that needs to be discussed.

- For the first normal form, attribute values have to be atomic. This statement holds for all of the tables in my design, as it can be easily seen on the logical design diagram.
- For the second normal form, table must be in first normal form and it must not have any nonprime attribute that is functionally dependent on any proper subset of any candidate key of the relation.

Considering the functional dependencies shown on the first part of the report, all non-prime attributes on each table only depend on the primary keys. Hence, all non-prime attributes on each table are dependent on the whole of their respective candidate keys. Therefore, all tables are in second normal form. (If we consider the 2 keys present in Users table, the table still will be in 2nd normal form since non-prime attributes will still be dependent on the whole of each candidate key.)

• For the third normal form: The table has to be in second normal form, every non-prime attribute of R must be non-transitively dependent on every key of R.

All the tables in the design are already in 2^{nd} normal form. On all tables, every non-prime attribute only depends on the primary key of the respective table. Hence all tables are in the third normal form. (If we consider the 2 keys in Users table, the table still will be in 3^{rd} normal form since non-prime attributes will only be dependent on the keys for the table.)

For Boyce-Codd normal form, for every one of the tables dependencies $X \rightarrow Y$, at least one of the following conditions must hold:

- 1. $X \rightarrow Y$ is a trivial functional dependency $(Y \subseteq X)$,
- 2. X is a superkey for schema R.

Considering the functional dependencies on part 1, for every functional dependency left hand side will be a candidate key (which is a super key) on each table. Hence, we can say that all tables are in Boyce-Codd normal form. (If we consider the 2 keys in Users table, the table still will be in Boyce-Codd normal form since all attributes will still be dependent on keys for the table. Which satisfies Boyce-Codd normal form.)

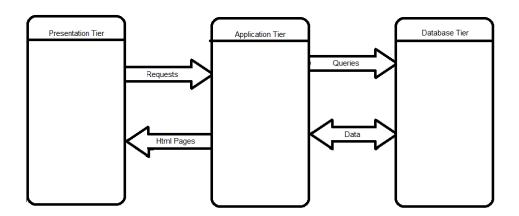
D. Application Design and Implementation

1. Technical Manual

• We can think this application as a three-tier application. We have the presentation tier, application tier and the database tier. These parts will be called "Tier" if they are deployed and run on different servers and "Layer" if they are run on the same device. In my presentation for example, they were all run on the local device which would make them layers. But in a real-world application of such a system they would be tiers. Now these three tiers will be discussed in more detail.

Firstly, the presentation tier can be shortly described as the user interface and the communication tier. This is the tier that users see and interact with. Its main purpose would be collecting and presenting data. Data can be collected via forums etc. from the user and then actions can be performed correspondingly on other tiers of the app. For this project this tier runs on a web browser and has been developed using html, CSS and JavaScript. Secondly, the application tier (the logic tier) is where data collected from presentation tier is processed. This tier can also manipulate the database tier and fetch/update/delete/add data. All communication between tiers go from this tier. Database and presentation tiers can't communicate without going through application tier. In this project this tier is built using python.

Lastly, the database tier is where data required for the app is stored and managed. In this project a PostgreSQL database is used for this purpose. (Different relational database management systems or NoSQL databases can also be used.)



SQL queries used in the application and their meaning in plain English are listed below.

Semantics: Inserts a new user into the users table with attributes provided

```
ii. Query: SELECT *
    FROM users
    WHERE (username = %s);
```

Semantics: Select a user from the database with a certain username

```
iii. Query: UPDATE users SET
    name =%s ,
    username=%s,
    PASSWORD=%s,
    location=%s,
    about=%s,
    genre=%s
    WHERE (id = %s);
```

Semantics: Update attributes of a user with a certain id

Semantics: Delete a user with a certain username

Semantics: Insert a new amp into the amps table

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vi.
      Query: UPDATE amps SET
             model =%s ,
             brand=%s,
             prod year=%s,
             watts=%s,
             tubes=%s,
             mic=%s,
             link=%s,
             added by=%s
             WHERE (id = %s);
      Semantics: Update attributes of an amp with a certain id.
      Query: SELECT *
vii.
             FROM amps
             WHERE (id = %s);
      Semantics: Select an amp from the database with a certain id
viii.
      Query: SELECT *
             FROM amps
             WHERE (added by = %s);
      Semantics: Select all amps from the database added by a certain user
 ix.
      Query: DELETE FROM amps
             WHERE (id = %s);
      Semantics: Delete an amp with a certain id from the database.
      Query: INSERT INTO instruments
 х.
             (type, model,
             prod_year,
             mods,
             link,
             added_by)
             values (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s);
      Semantics: Insert a new instrument into the instruments table.
      Query: UPDATE instruments SET
 xi.
             type=%s,
             model=%s,
             prod_year=%s,
             mods=%s,
             link=%s,
             added_by=%s where (id = %s);
      Semantics: Update attributes of an instrument with a certain id.
xii.
      Query: SELECT *
              FROM instruments
              WHERE (id = %s);
```

Semantics: Select an instrument from the database with a certain id.

```
Query: SELECT *
xiii.
              FROM instruments
              WHERE (added by = %s);
       Semantics: Select all instrument from the database added by a certain user.
 xiv.
       Query: DELETE FROM instruments
              WHERE (id = %s);
       Semantics: Delete an instrument with a certain id from the database.
       Query: INSERT INTO SETTINGS (bass, mid, treble, volume,
 XV.
       master, gain, presence, spec eq, effects, genre, added by)
       values ( %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s);
       Semantics: Insert a new setting into the settings table.
       Query: UPDATE SETTINGS SET
 xvi.
              bass=%s,
             mid=%s,
              treble=%s,
              volume=%s,
             master=%s,
              gain=%s,
              presence=%s,
              spec eq=%s,
              effects=%s,
              genre=%s,
              added by=%s
              WHERE (id=%s)
       Semantics: Update attributes of a setting with a certain id.
       Query: DELETE FROM settings
xvii.
              WHERE (id = %s);
       Semantics: Delete a setting with a certain id from the database.
       Query: SELECT *
xviii.
               FROM settings
               WHERE (id = %s);
       Semantics: Select a setting from the database with a certain id.
 xix.
       Query: SELECT *
              FROM settings
              WHERE (added by = %s);
```

Semantics: Select all settings from the database added by a certain user.

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XX.
       Query: INSERT INTO sounds (
              name,
              user id,
              genre,
              amp id,
              instrument id,
              setting id,
              descript,
              sample)
              values (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s);
       Semantics: Insert a new sound into the settings table.
       Query: UPDATE SOUNDS SET
 xxi.
                name=%s,
                user id=%s,
                genre=%s,
                amp id=%s,
                instrument id=%s,
                setting id=%s,
                descript=%s,
                sample=%s,
                up date=%s
                WHERE sound_Id=%s;
       Semantics: Update attributes of a sound with a certain id.
       Query: SELECT *
xxii.
               FROM sounds
               WHERE (id = %s);
       Semantics: Select a sound from the database with a certain id.
xxiii.
       Query: SELECT *
              FROM sounds
              WHERE (added by = %s);
       Semantics: Select all sounds from the database added by a certain user.
       Query: SELECT *
xxiv.
              FROM sounds
              WHERE (name LIKE %s);
       Semantics: Select all sounds from the database containing a certain string in their
name.
       Query: SELECT *
XXV.
              FROM sounds;
       Semantics: Select all sounds from the database.
       Query: DELETE FROM sounds
xxvi.
              WHERE (id = %s);
       Semantics: Delete a sound with a certain id from the database.
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Query INSERT INTO SONGS (
xxvii.
               id,name,album,release date,label,artist id);
         Semantics: Insert a new song into the songs table.
         Query: UPDATE songs SET
xxviii.
               id=%s,
               name=%s,
                album=%s,
               release date = %s,
                label =%s,
               artist id=%s
               where (id = \%s);
         Semantics: Update attributes of a song with a certain id.
         Query: SELECT *
 xxix.
                 FROM songs
                 WHERE (song_Id = song_id);
         Semantics: Select a song from the database with a certain id.
 XXX.
         Query: SELECT *
               FROM songs
               WHERE (artist id = user id);
         Semantics: Select all songs from the database added by a certain artist.
 xxxi.
         Query: DELETE FROM songs
               WHERE (song Id = song id);
         Semantics: Delete a song with a certain id from the database.
         Query INSERT INTO Artists(id,band, label);
xxxii.
         Semantics: Insert a new artist into the artists table.
xxxiii.
         Query: UPDATE Artists SET
               band=%s,
                label=%s,
               where (id = %s);
         Semantics: Update attributes of an artist with a certain id.
xxxiv.
         Query: SELECT *
               FROM Artists
               WHERE (id = %s);
         Semantics: Select artist from the database with a certain id.
         Query: DELETE FROM Artists
XXXV.
               WHERE (id = %s);
         Semantics: Delete an artist with a certain id from the database.
```

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xxxvi. Query INSERT INTO Administrator (id, email. phone, section);
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Semantics: Insert a new admin into the administrator table.

```
xxxvii. Query: UPDATE Administrator SET email=%s, phone=%s, section=%s, where (id = %s);
```

Semantics: Update attributes of an admin with a certain id.

Semantics: Select admin from the database with a certain id.

```
XXXIX. Query: DELETE FROM Administrator
WHERE (id = %s);
```

Semantics: Delete an admin with a certain id from the database.

- In this project the application part has been written in Python3, front end has been implemented using Html, CSS (Bootstrap) and JavaScript. As DBMS, PostgreSQL has been used.
- Data has been added manually for the application for test purposes. A different data source hasn't been employed since it wasn't necessary for the purposes of this project.
- There is one error regarding the "edit sound" feature. As it was also pointed out in the demo session, even though the necessary query and backend infrastructure is set up there is an issue with editing sounds via a forum. There is an issue with the communication between the frontend and the backend I believe.

Another difference in the implementation is the fact that user login is implemented with single privilege. In other words there are no admins, artists. The necessary tables and their SQL queries have been prepared (also added to the previous section) but the login method just hasn't been implemented.

2. User Manual

In this section all the features of the application will be described. A screenshot corresponding to each feature can also be found in this part of the report.

• A new user can register to the application using the "Register" button on the landing page and filling a form with necessary user credentials.

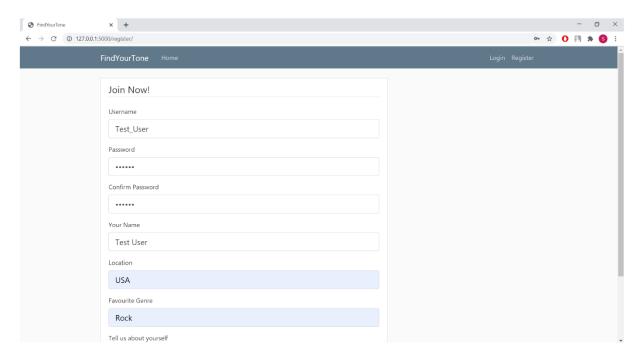


Figure 1 Register Page

 A successful registration is indicated with a success message as user is redirected to login page. An unsuccessful registration attempt would create an error message and redirect user back to the registration page.

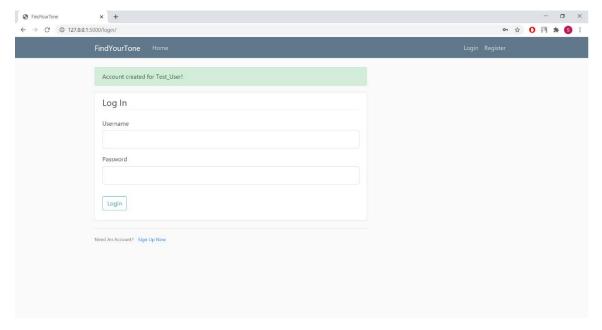


Figure 2 Successful Registration

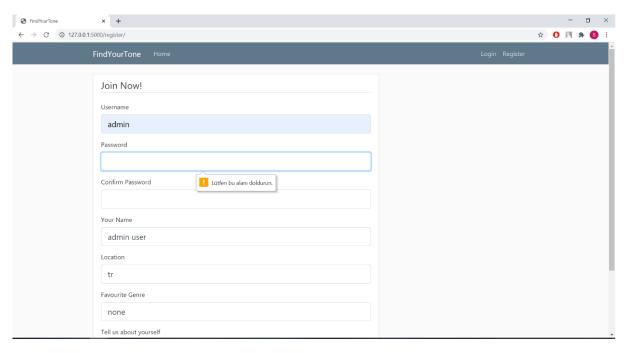


Figure 3 Error message after registration attempt

These types of error messages are available for any user action on the website such as adding, deleting or editing amps, sounds etc. But for other actions these messages won't be shown in the screenshots since they are extremely similar to one other and there is not a valid reason to flood the report with them. Showing one should be enough.

• Users can login to the application after being registered. When login is successful they are redirected to the homepage, if authentication fails they are redirected to the login page with an

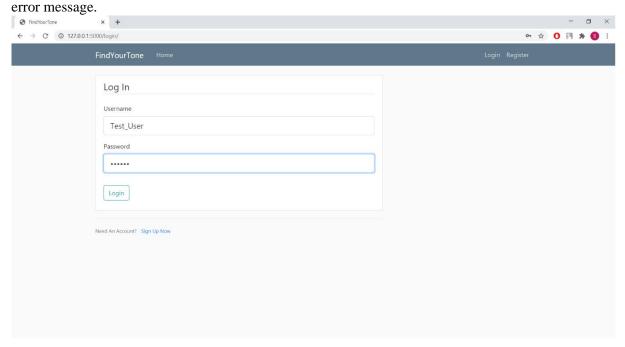


Figure 4 Login page

• Users are redirected to homepage after login. It's also noticeable that once user logs in, navbar changes and new options appear. Also, instead of register or login, logout option appears. Users can browse sounds from all users in the homepage.

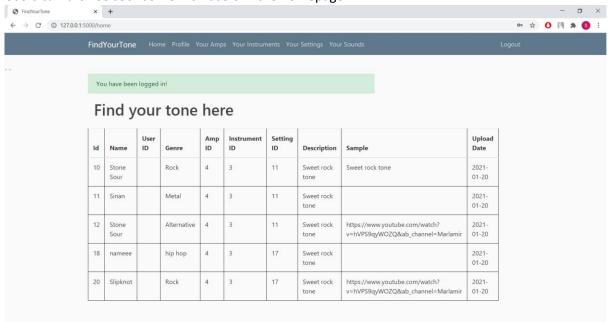


Figure 5 Homepage after login

• Users can go to Profile tab to view their profile page. There they can edit or delete their profiles as they would like.

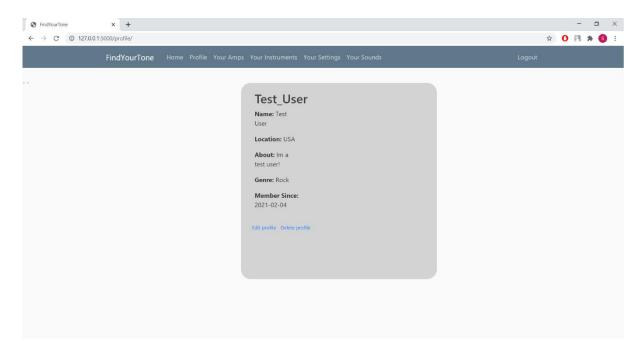


Figure 6 Profile tab for a user

• Users can go to Your Amps tab to add, browse, delete or edit amplifiers belonging to them.

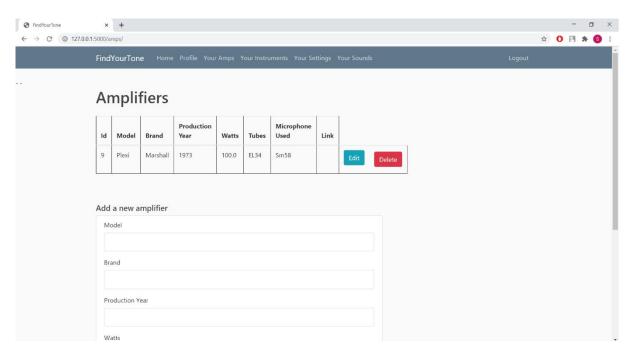


Figure 7 Amplifier page

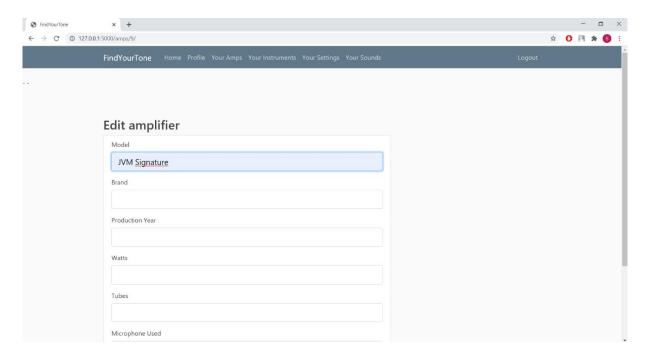


Figure 8 Edit Amplifier

• Users can go to Your Instruments tab to add, browse, delete or edit instruments belonging to them.

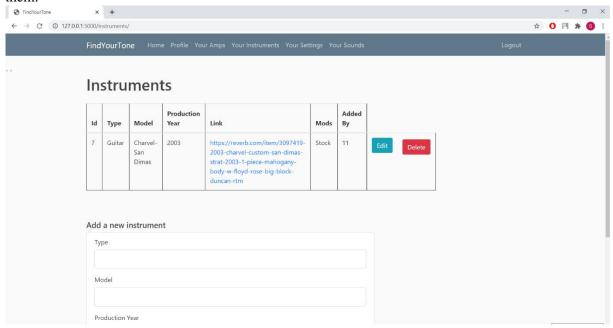


Figure 9 Instrument Page

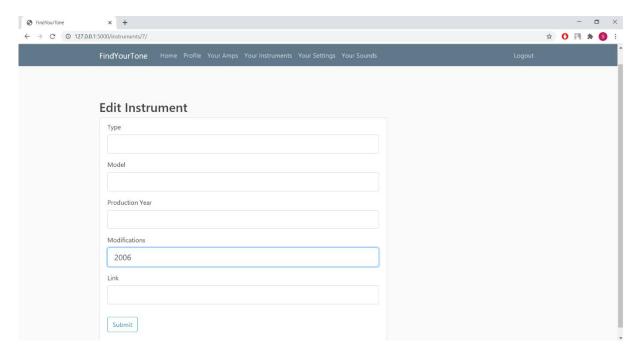


Figure 10 Edit Instruments

• Users can go to Your Settings tab to add, browse, delete or edit settings belonging to them.

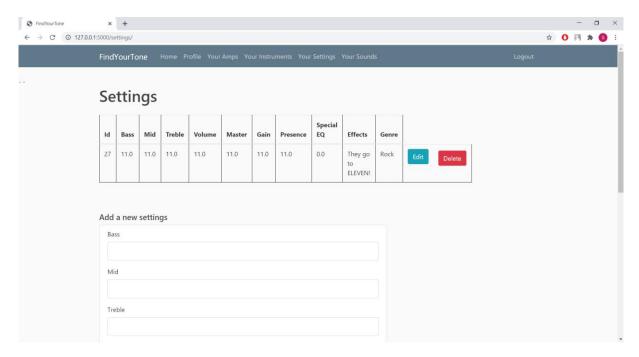


Figure 11 Settings Page

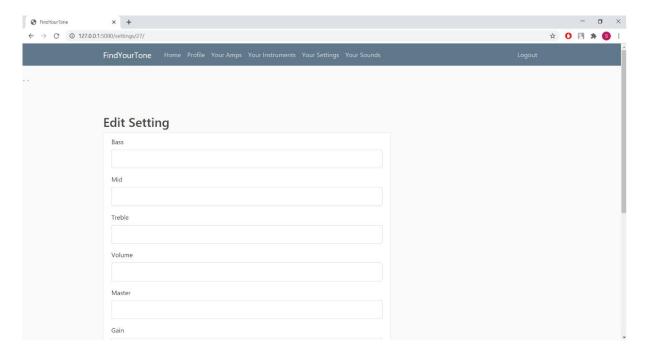


Figure 12 Edit Settings

• Users can go to Your Sounds tab to add, browse, delete or edit Sounds belonging to them.

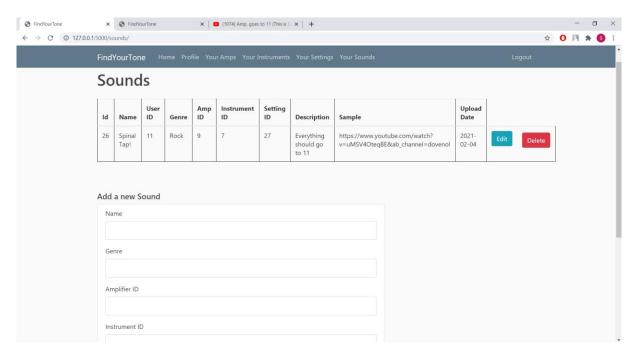


Figure 13 Sounds Page

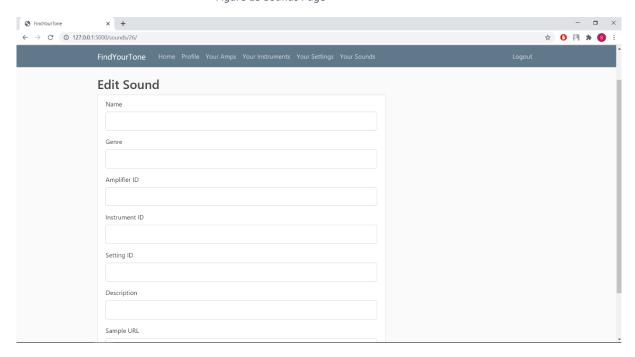


Figure 14 Edit Sounds

• Homepage after test user added an amp, instrument, setting and added a sound using them. It is different from the homepage screenshot above(Figure 5).

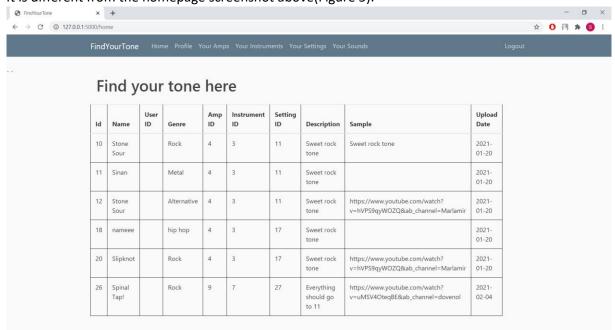


Figure 15 Homepage after additions to db

• In Figure 16, an instance of a Logout can be seen. User is redirected to landing page

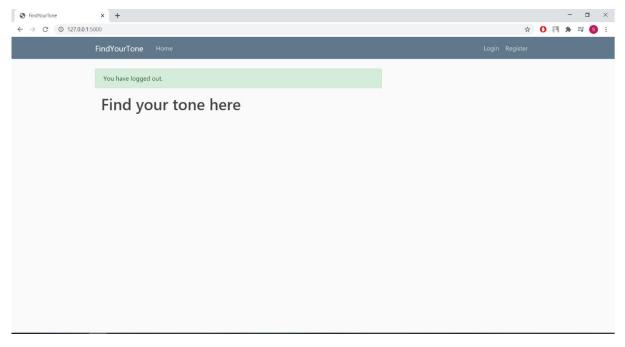


Figure 16 Application after user logged out

3. <u>Installation Manual</u>

Firstly, there are some requirements that have to be installed. Requirements to run this application are:

- werkzeug
- Flask==1.1.2
- Flask-Bootstrap==3.3.7.1
- Flask-Login==0.5.0
- Flask-WTF==0.14.3
- psycopg2==2.8.6
- passlib==1.7.4
- WTForms-Components==0.10.4
- FlaskSocket-IO==5.0.1

There were some issues with the deployment to Heroku hence the project demo has been done on localhost. But for deployment Gunicorn can be used. While deploying new credentials for the database used should be written in the necessary parts of the program.

Source code is available on Github: https://github.com/sinansar123/DBMSPublic