PIP2001 Capstone Project Review-0

PSCS190-Examination Timetable Generation

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Problem Statement Number: PSCS190

Organization: Presidency University

Category : Software

Problem Description: The aim of the project is to generate a timetable given information such as course registration information, elective information, etc. The project will involve defining constraints, domains and variables before slotting the examinations in the respective slots. Further constraints, such as faculty availability for tasks like invigilation, student and faculty exhaustion (Eg. Not allocating more than 3 hours of examinations or invigilation in a day), etc. are also to be considered while generating the timetable. The final deliverable for this project will aid in the smooth and fair conduct of examinations in Presidency University.

Difficulty Level: Complex

Github Link

- The Github link provided should have public access permission.
- Github Link
- https://github.com/susheeth1/Timetable-scheduling-problem-for-university-examinations

Analysis of Problem Statement

Technology Stack Components:

• Frontend (User Interface)

The frontend should allow users (administrators, faculty, students) to interact with the system, input data (course registrations, faculty availability), and view the generated timetable.

Backend (Business Logic and APIs)

The backend will handle the core logic of timetable generation, including constraint management, scheduling algorithms, and data processing.

Database (Data Storage)

The database stores data about students, courses, faculty, rooms, and schedules. For this problem, both relational and non-relational databases can be considered, depending on your specific needs.

Scheduling Algorithms and Optimization

The core of this project is the scheduling algorithm. You can use various techniques to solve the Constraint Satisfaction Problem (CSP), ensuring that exams are scheduled optimally without conflicts.

- APIs (Communication Between Frontend and Backend)
- DevOps and Deployment Once the system is built, you'll need to deploy it to ensure it's accessible to users and runs reliably.
- Version Control

Git: Use Git for version control. Host your repository on GitHub or GitLab to manage collaboration, track issues, and ensure proper versioning.



Analysis of Problem Statement (contd...)

Software and Hardware Requirements:

Software Requirements:

Operating System: Windows, macOS, or Linux

Programming Language: Python, Java, or similar for algorithm development **Database**: MySQL, PostgreSQL, or equivalent for storing course and exam data

IDE: Visual Studio Code, PyCharm, or Eclipse for development

Optimization Tools: Constraint satisfaction libraries (e.g., Google OR-Tools, PuLP) for scheduling algorithms

User Interface: Web framework (React, Angular, or similar) or desktop interface for displaying timetables

Version Control: Git for code management

Deployment Platform: Cloud-based server (e.g., AWS, Azure) or local server for hosting the application

Hardware Requirements:

Processor: Intel i5 or higher

RAM: 8 GB or more

Storage: 256 GB SSD or higher

Internet Connection: For accessing cloud services or hosting platform

Display: Standard monitor or laptop display for development and UI testing

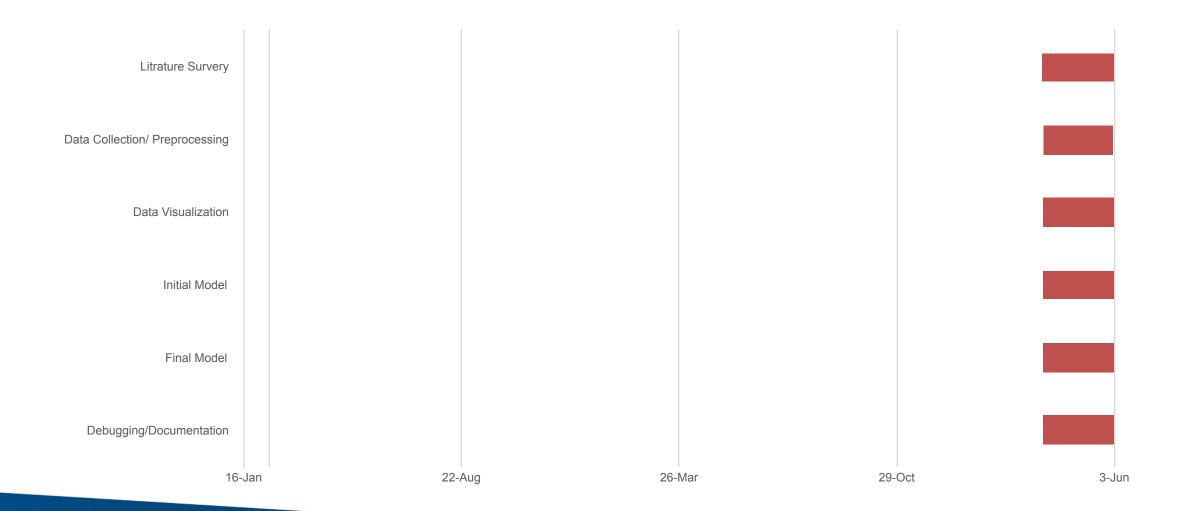


Analysis of Problem Statement (contd...)

Constraints of the problem statement

- Allocate exams into available time slots, ensuring no overlap for students registered in multiple courses.
- Ensure elective exams do not clash with core course exams for students registered in those electives.
- Schedule exams while adhering to faculty availability for invigilation duties.
- Avoid scheduling faculty for multiple invigilation tasks in overlapping time slots.
- Limit the total examination hours for students and faculty to a maximum of 3 hours per day to avoid exhaustion.
- Ensure sufficient gaps between exams to prevent fatigue for both students and faculty.
- Ensure equitable distribution of exam schedules to avoid consecutive heavy exam days for students.
- Balance faculty workload for invigilation, preventing back-to-back sessions.
- Consider the availability of exam halls or venues while slotting exams.

Timeline of the Project (Gantt Chart)





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