

Smart Campus Mobile Application Toward the Development of Smart Cities

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Abstract

Smart Campus is an android mobile application that has strong features to facilitates students, faculties, admins, parents, and managers. It provides a comprehensive integrated solution to improve the overall performance of the college. The use of mobile applications is increasing day by day. We all use the mobile application in a lot of things in our daily life. We came up with an idea of building an application that will help the students and faculty member to accesses the system as fast as possible. In this study, we will discuss the problem and propose a solution to it, as we will talk about the planning phase and its component, requirements the functional and non-functional with its Data Flow Diagram, etc. We also design the interfaces. This mobile application will help the students and faculty members to do the tasks in the minimum time.

Keywords: Mobile Application, Android, Smart Campus, Smart Cities.

1 Introduction

The problem in this situation is about time if you want to check in the system you have to go to the browser, next search about the university, then looking for the page to help for go on the system put if we have an application we will shortcut a lot of steps to go on it. After we studied the problem and knowing the student's and faculty member's needs [1]. We decided to create a mobile application that will serve those who need to do his tasks such as check the schedule, add and remove a course, and many other functions [18]. Develop a software platform to be able to access the digital college system as fast as possible.

- 1) Collect requirements about students and faculty members.
- 2) Analyze the collected requirements and propose solutions to these problems.
- 3) Attract the largest number of students and faculty members.
- 4) Students and faculty members can use the system at any time and easy to use.

What makes our application different than the other applications we talked about (Islamic university)? After we installed the application and tested, we explored that application depends on the web page for the Islamic university, it created as an interface [4, 5, 6]. Actually, all icons linked by the web pages there is no database depend on it. For example, if a student wants to show the schedule, he will click on the icon on the academic system then will transfer to the web page for Islamic university [7,8,9,10]. Also, the problem with this system is that it is supported only by the Arabic language. That application creates just for the students it does not support faculty members and deans [11,12,13,14]. However, in our application, there is a database. It is an independent application that does not depend on web pages. Also, it supports English language. It can use by students, faculty members, and deans.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. The related works are explained in section 2, the research methodologies are explained in section 3, results and discussion are explained in section 4, and the conclusion is explained in section 5.

2 Related works

1) Imam Muhammad bin Saud University

The official application of the Imam Mohammed bin Saud Islamic University provides application services for many of the employees of the university students, staff, faculty members, visitors, and others [15, 16, 17]. The application provides the most important news and announcements and events about the university in addition to university maps and academic calendar and telephone directory and others [2]. The most important services of students: student information, schedule, grades, exam schedule, etc. The most important services of staff and faculty: salaries - vacations - allowances - inboxes.

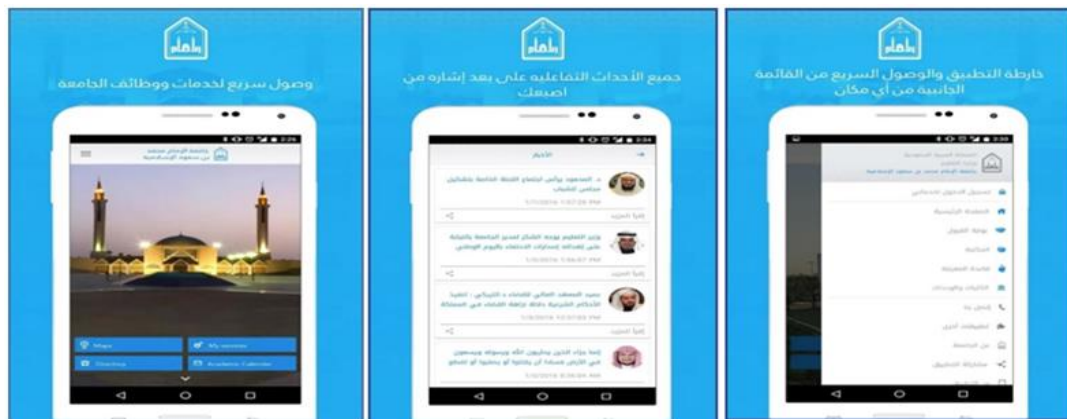


Figure 1 Imam Muhammad bin Saud University

2) Qassim University Application

Qaseem University online service is a mobile application that aim is to provide communication with students, faculties, management etc. Also, students can add, remove courses for their schedule, show marks, transcripts, and plan [3, 19].

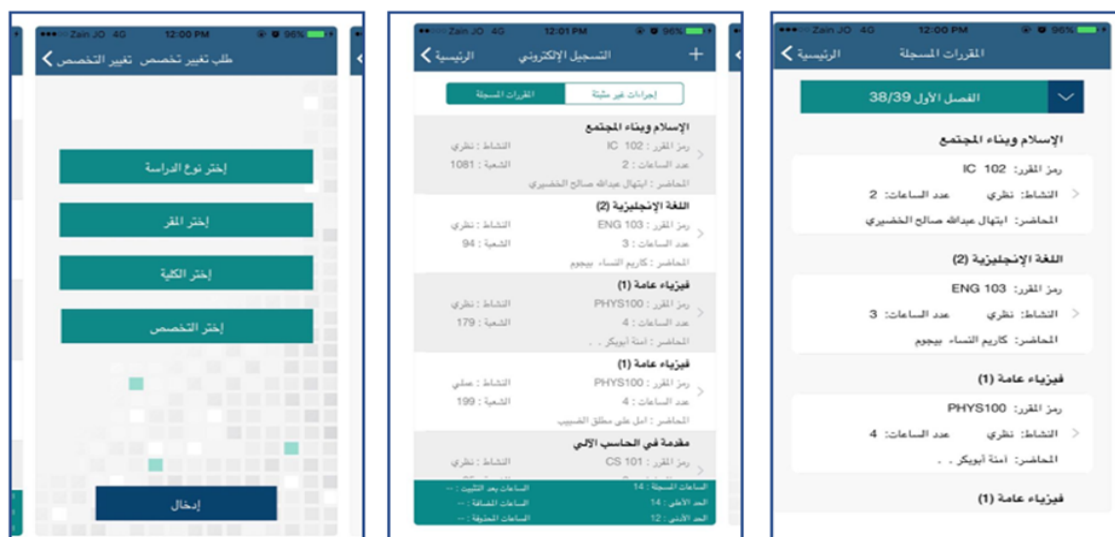


Figure 2 Qassim University Application

3) Islamic University Mobile Application:

You can follow through the application:

1. University news and announcements
2. Access to the university's personal account
3. Booking travel administration dates
4. View the names of the admissions
5. University calendar
6. Follow the requests of the university administration and communicate with the Rector.
7. Save your notes in the application (days and tests). ..)
8. Department of Messages Received

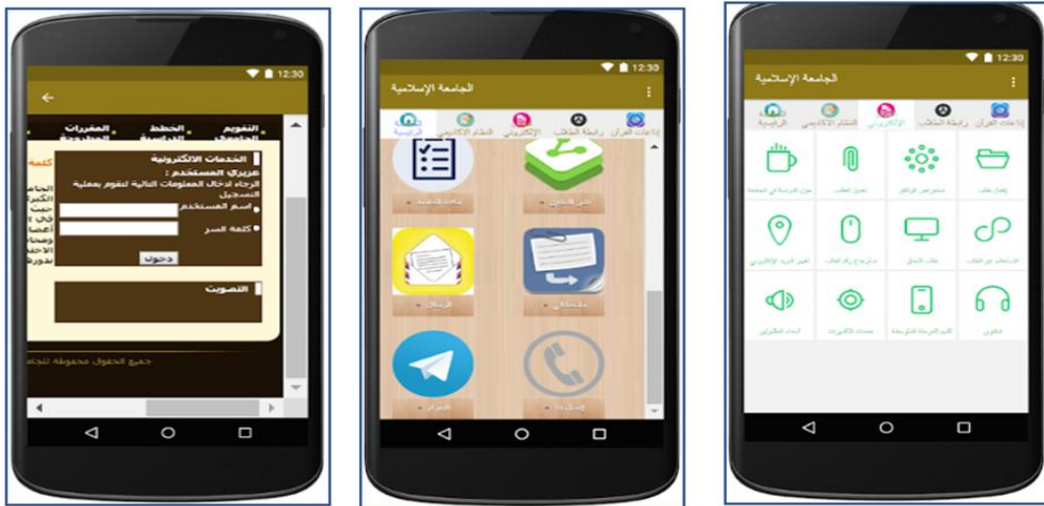


Figure 3 Islamic university

3 Research Methodology

This diagram explains how the user can enter the system we mean by user (Student, Faculty Member, Manager, Admin) when the user opens the application he will enter his user name and password then the application will check with database, the databases response message [20, 21] to the application if the user name and password match in the database he will enter to home page otherwise reject.

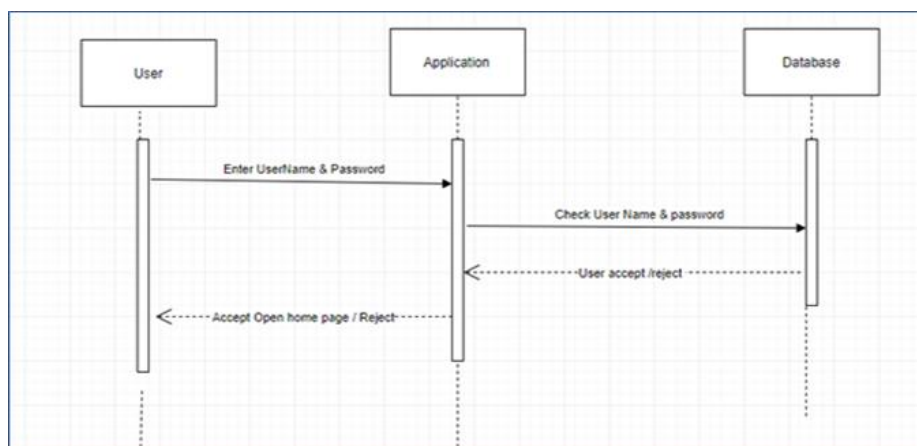


Figure 4 Login to the system

In the following sequence diagram, show how the admin give approve to account by choose account in the application then give him approve in the database after that the approved account can enter the system

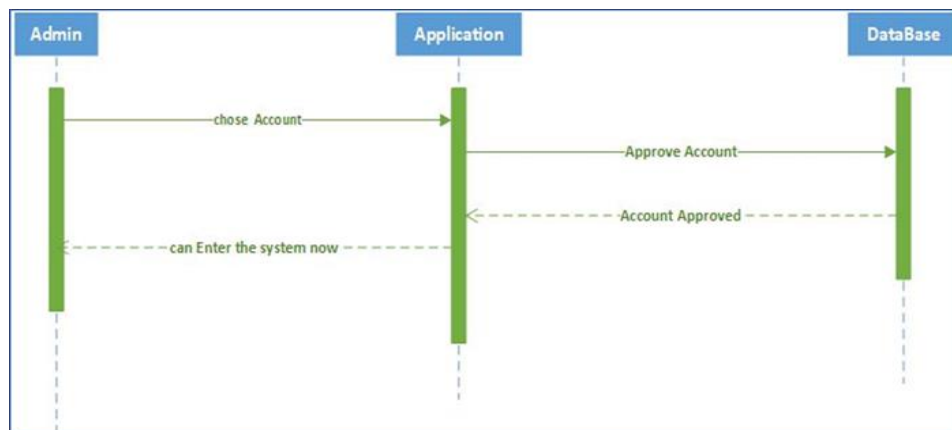


Figure 5 Approve Account

The next sequence diagram shows how the student can add or remove a course from his schedule [22, 23]. If the student wants to add a course first choose course name in the application. It will add the course to the database and the database will response message to the application then the course will be in the student schedule.

Remove course is similar to add the course. The student will choose a course in the application, then the course will be deleted from the database. The database will respond message to the application course removed. Course removed from the student schedule.

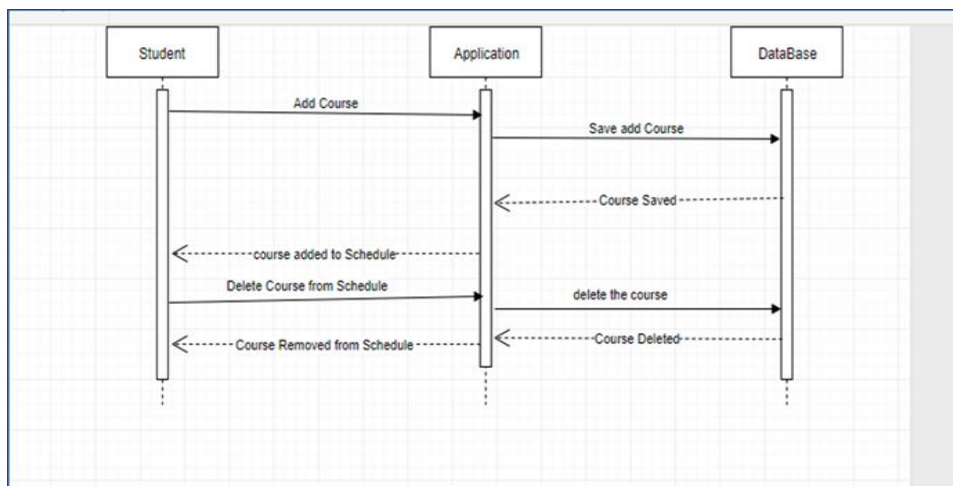


Figure 6 Add/Remove course

The following diagram explains how the student can evaluate the courses and faculty members through questionnaires. After the student selects a specific course in the application, he will start the evaluation of the course and faculty member and submit the evaluation to the application [24, 25]. The application will store the submission in the database. The database will respond message to the application evaluation stored.

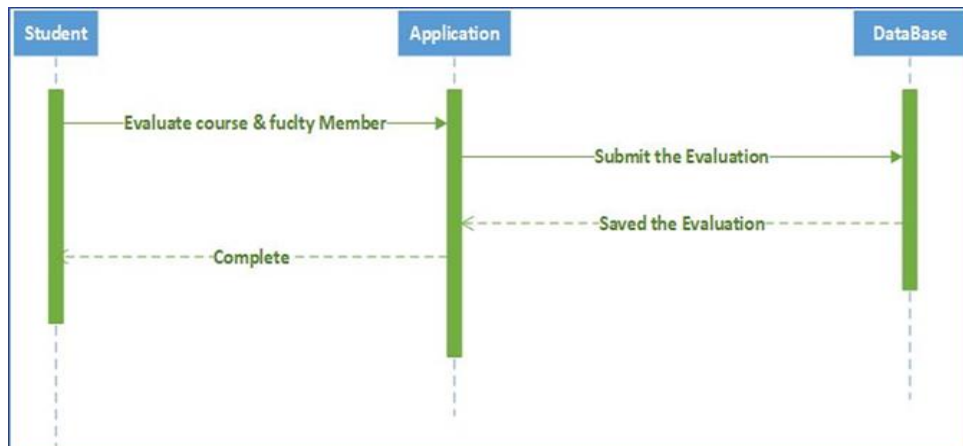


Figure 7 Evaluate course and Faculty member

The Following sequence diagram shows how Faculty member set marks for students. After choosing the student the faculty member can set the marks in the application. The application will store the marks in the database [26, 27, 28]. The database will respond to message marks stored. The application will show the marks.

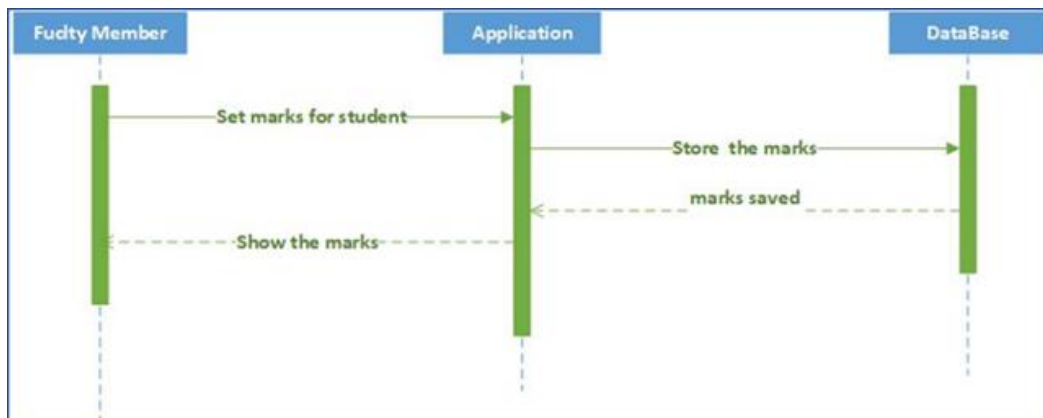


Figure 8 Set marks to Student

The next diagram shows how a manager can give permission. After selecting students or faculty members and determine the type of permission in the application. The application will update the database. The database will respond to the message the student or faculty member has permission for the application. Students or faculty members can now use the new permission.

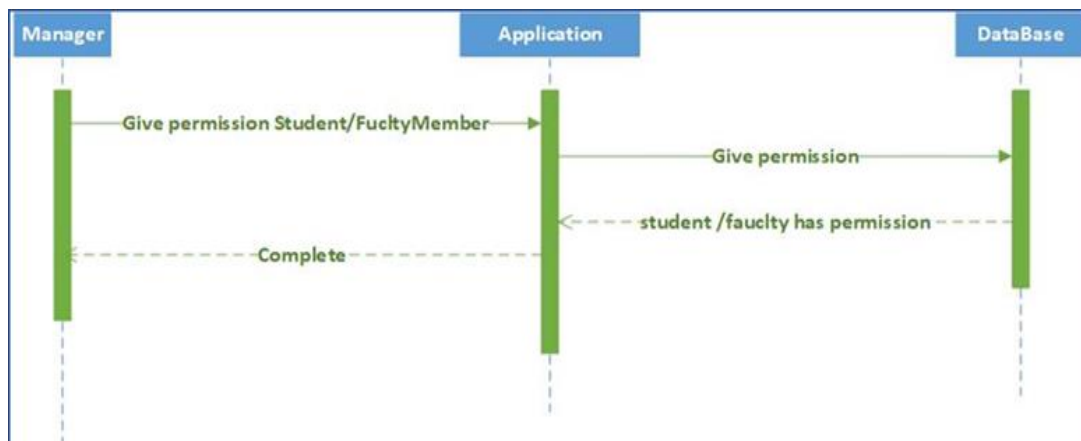


Figure 9 Give permission from the manager

The Following sequence diagram explains how the admin update data.

First, the admin will select the user (student, faculty member, manager) and change data in the application [29, 30, 31]. The application will store the data in the database. The database will respond message to the application data updated [32, 33]. The application will show the updated data.

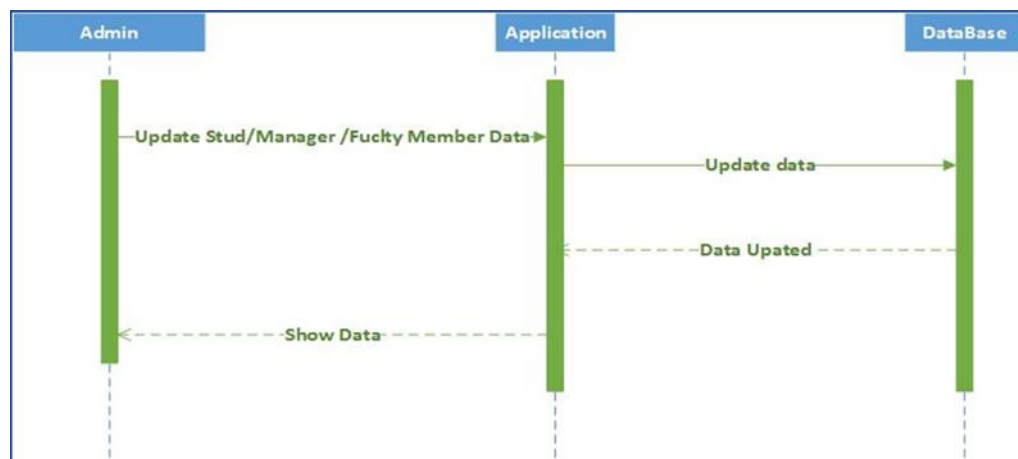


Figure 10 update data from admin

4 Results and Discussions

The first interface is the login interface. It let the user enter his name and his password to enter into the application. There is a forget password button for the turn to another page to create a new password. In addition, the sing up button for a turn to the page to create new accounts.

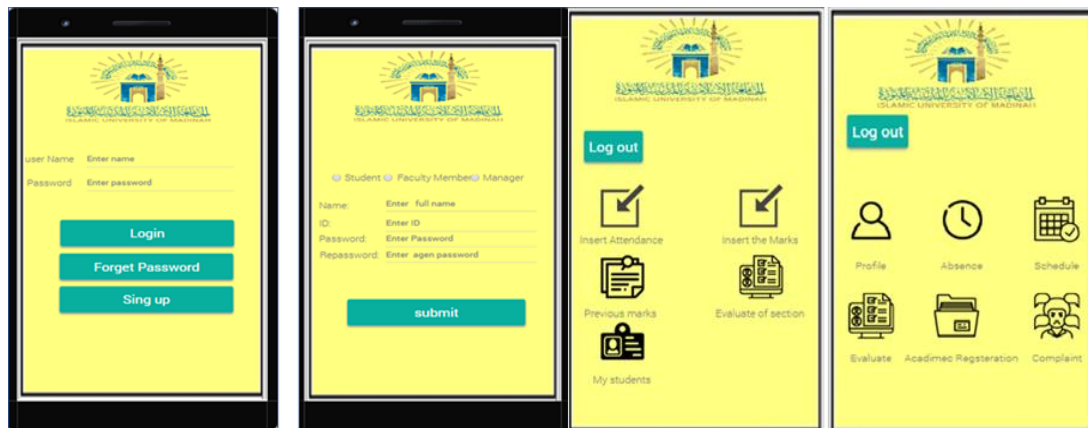


Figure 11 (a) Application Interfaces

This is the registry interface and you have the option of choosing between student, faculty, and administrator. To complete registration in the application. Username, password, and repeat password are necessary. This is the main menu interface for a student. There are processes for students such as showing profiles, absence, schedule, and academic registration. Also can do evaluate for the courses. This is the main menu interface for faculty members. There are processes for faculty members such as showing the evaluation of section and previous marks. In addition, they can make some operations such as insert attendance and marks.



Figure 11 (b) Application Interfaces



Figure 11 (c) Application Interfaces

5 Conclusions

The authors have done all the initiation processes that start from problem statement moving through the proposed solution into objectives and the aim. We studied and clarify three of related work that has some similarity of our project, which are 'application of the Imam Mohammed bin Saud University, Qassim University Application, Islamic University Application. Each one of them has one or more properties we are going to use in our application, also they have some negative we must avoid. The survey is done for information gathering from users. We collected the information that we gathered from the survey and we analyzed it, some UML Diagrams and Data Flow Diagrams as well as, the interface at the end. We have worked hard and diligent in this project, and believe we have done very well, and hope that everyone likes and uses our application, and making their life easier, and that's what we've tried to achieve for them.

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