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CPE/CSC 365Introduction to Database Systems

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Final Project: Database Application

Due date: June 14^{th} (Finals Week).

Assignment Preparation

Your final project will be a team based project. The entire team will share the same grade unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Teams should be no more than **four** and no less than **two** unless I have given explicit permission.

After you gather your team and have an idea about what you want your project to be, talk with me about it. I can tell you if it will be a good project.

The Task

The task for this assignment is simple: create an application that utilizes a database.

Requirements

Database. For this assignment, you are required to interact with a database.

Design. You will have to design your database to fit your application.

Updates. Your application will have to perform at least one update operation (INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE) on your database.

Query. Your application will have to perform a number of different query based operations.

Because of the varying difficulty in queries, there is no finite number of required operations.

GUI. Most database applications act as front-ends that allow generic users to ask questions about the underlying data. Because they are meant for generic users, most database applications will feature a GUI. If your project features a GUI, I will be expecting less on the database design and query complexity.

Deliverables

Design Writeup. You are expected to deliver a writeup about the design of your application and database.

Your writeup should contain adequate information on the following:

- Database Schema*
- Application/Database Interaction (How is your end application interacting with your database).
- Database Operations (What you expect the database to be used for and the most common operations).

*If for some reason you don't have control over the design of your database, then you can still write about the design of the database.

Code. Before your project demonstration, you will have to turn in a copy of your code.

Project Demonstration. You will need to demonstrate your project to me.

Break Code. If I cannot break your code during the demonstration, you can get extra credit.

Ideas

- Website. Almost all modern websites load content dynamically from a database. Pages, products, and users are all stored in a database. A fully functional website backed by a database could be an adequate project.
- **API.** A rest API is a great way to explore more complex database operations without needing a GUI.
- **Web/Mobile App.** Because of the ubiquity of browsers, writing applications with web front-ends can easily make them multi-platform. Web technologies also make for one of the simplest and richest UI framework.
- **Double-Dipping.** I encourage efficiency. You may have a project in another class that would work well with a database.

Submission Instructions

You will be required to schedule a demo to take place no latter than ${\sf June~14}^{\sf th}$ (Finals Week).

You **must** submit a copy of your code (even if it is incomplete) via email at least **one day** prior to your demo.

If any changes are made to your code after your demo, I will expect an updated version no later than 11:59PM on the Friday of finals week.