



MAMS SISO (Contd.)

Digitizing attendance at Mass Academy

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1. How It Started

Problem

- Written sign-ins waste paper and are inconvenient to swap out
- Paper sign-ins consume time (i.e. signing name/recording time)
- No ability to track attendance history
 - If students leave the building and come back, this remains unreported
- Identifying whether students are at school



Minimum Viable Product



1. Allow the student to sign in and sign out using an easily accessible personal identifier for each student.
2. Collect the sign-in/out data into a database that tracks sign-in and sign-out times, attendance by each date, and the student's unique personal identifier.
3. Provide a user interface web page or application that allows administrators to access daily reports and query attendance data.



2. What's New

Software

- Conducted code review and debugged
- Redux was integrated (Tarun)
- Helped work with IT department to migrate VMs
- Helped migrate from locker number to student ID
- Created individual student view

Student View

Students

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E

Erica Dong
Junior

Entry Time: N/A
Exit Time: N/A

Not Here Requires Attention

N

Nicholas Eck
Junior

Entry Time: N/A
Exit Time: N/A

Not Here Requires Attention

A

Abigail Eck
Junior

Entry Time: N/A
Exit Time: N/A

Not Here Requires Attention

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Date	Time
11-15-2023	12:45:47
11-15-2023	20:10:41
11-16-2023	12:30:51
11-16-2023	19:59:02
11-19-2023	12:40:55
11-19-2023	19:50:50
11-20-2023	12:41:14
11-20-2023	21:29:38
11-26-2023	12:37:08
11-26-2023	20:04:29

Student Times (Date vs Time)

Present

27

Absent

107

Late

0

Left Early

0

Projected Sign-In

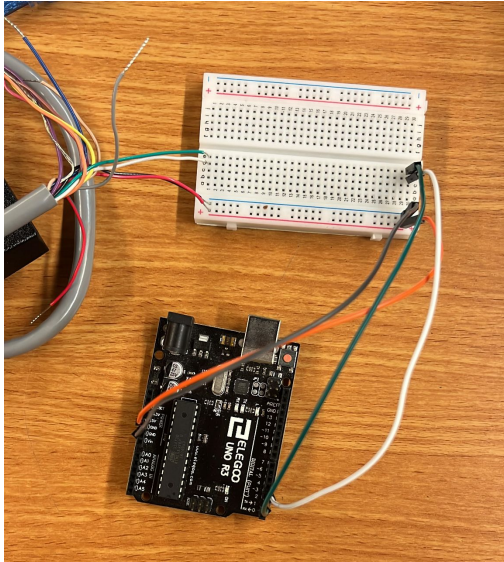
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Projected Sign-Out

04:03 PM

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Card Reader

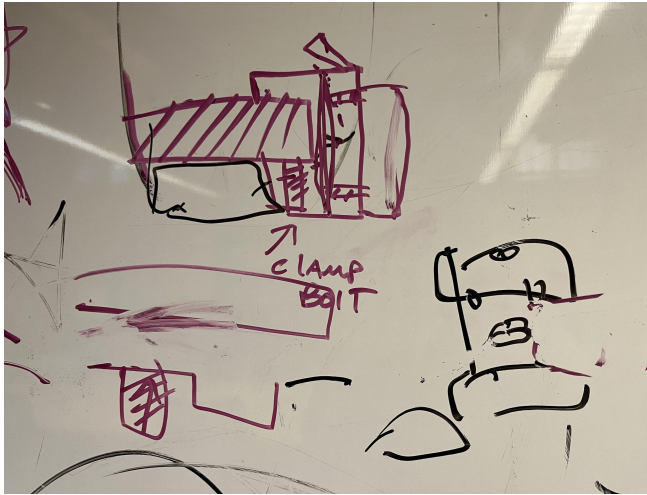


- Prototyped system with Arduino Uno and breadboard
- Tested card reader output with student IDs

Name	Student ID (employee ID) #	5-digit card ID (on back of card)	HID Reader Output (Card Code)
Erica Dong	901022796	69406	Read 35 bits. FC = 1039, CC = 69406 (consistent)
██████	██████	████	Read 35 bits. FC = 1039, CC = █████ (consistent)
██████	██████	████	Read 35 bits. FC = 1039, CC = █████ (consistent)
██████	██████	████	Read 35 bits. FC = 1039, CC = █████ (doesn't read all bits in some cases)
David Barsoum	██████	████	Read 35 bits. FC = 1039, CC = █████ (consistent)

Card Reader Case

- Worked with David to design and CAD case, which was then 3D printed



Integration

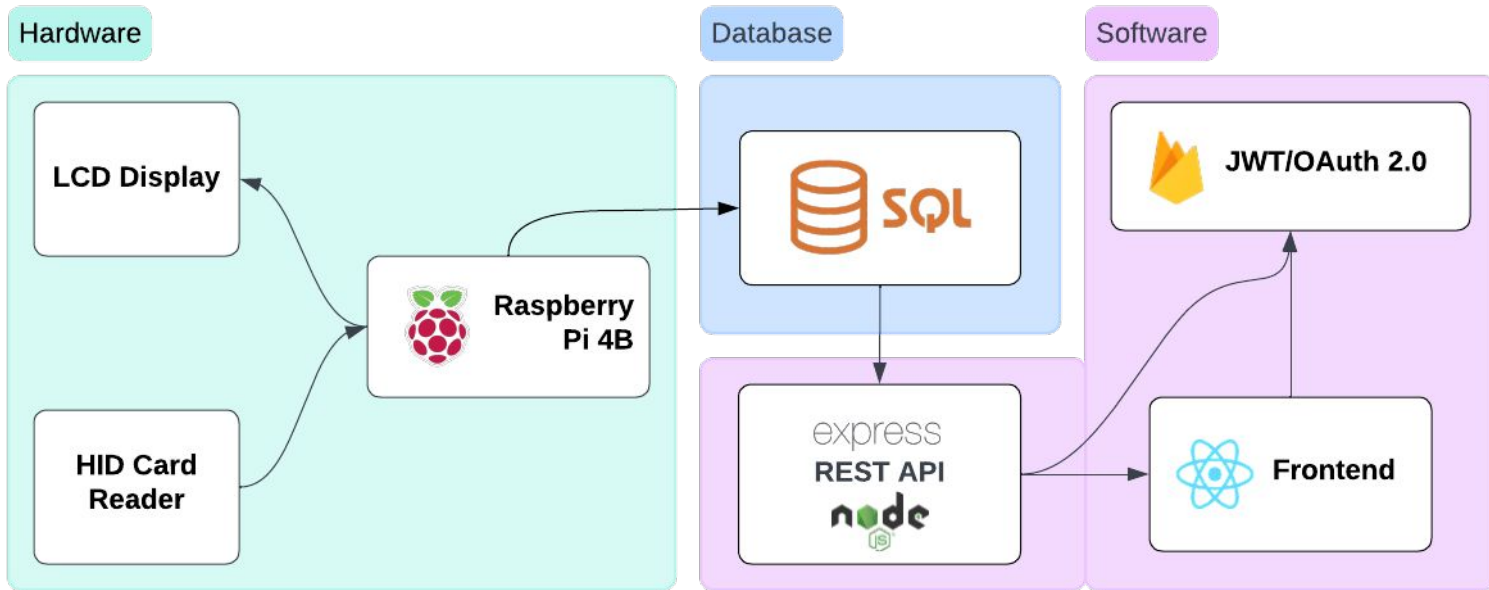


- Ported Arduino code (C++) to RasPi (Python)
- Met with IT to get badge ID to student ID mapping for DB integration

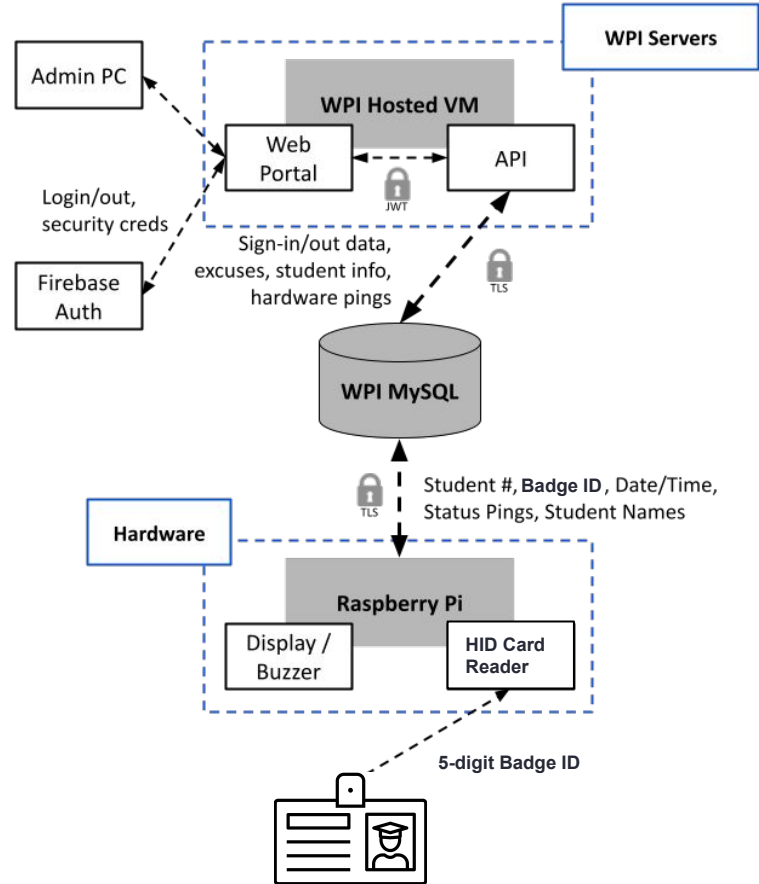
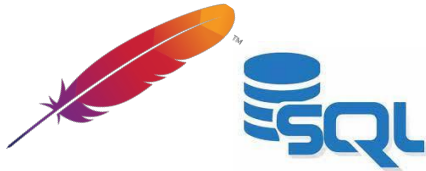


3. Architecture and Tools

High-Level Flow Chart



Stack and Data Flow



Summary

Software

- Pages for daily logs, historical logs, metrics, recent entries, calendar view, individual student attendance, and settings
 - Tags to identify students and special day handling
- Admin has full control over logs, setting student information, etc.
- RESTful API backend

Hardware

- Transitioning from key fob to student ID card
- Custom case with HID card reader, Raspberry Pi, and LCD display
- RasPi communicated with frontend through MySQL database



3. Demo



4. Reflection

Learning and Challenges

- React!
 - Wrangling components
- Git merges
- Working with a full-stack system
- Arduino + RasPi + other hardware
- Communicating effectively with IT

Next Steps

- Assemble case with RasPi, card reader, and display
- Test reader code and integrate with DB
- More metrics
- Set up regular batch queries for student info
- **Deploy at MAMS!**
- Gather user feedback

Thanks! Questions?

Admin Only

Front end: mams-iso.wpi.edu

API: mams-iso.wpi.edu/api

Public View Next.js Application

mass-academy-sign-in-system.web.app

Organization Git Repo

github.com/DigitalSignInMams

- Contains documentation
- Diagrams
- Log of work

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