eXtensible Test Markup Language (XTML)

Quiz Time Online Quiz tool

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Goals:

- To create an XML schema that can be used to generate and manage quizzes.
- Allow professors to administer exams to students through XML generated from schema
- Generate flexible statistical information about quizzes, students, and professors.

Purpose:

- To reduce the cost of administering exams and quizzes at RIT
- To improve the accuracy of test-taking and grading

Assumptions:

- System cannot be used until necessary support software is developed including:
 - user management
 - validating user logins against RIT LDAP
 - storing login data in Quiz Time system
 - course management
 - Getting courses from existing RIT systems
 - Getting course information from existing RIT systems
 - generation of statistical information when:
 - a quiz is created
 - a quiz is modified
 - students answer questions on a quiz
 - creating necessary graphical data
- System is exclusively a model for the format of data storage and transmission
 - XML needs to be generated for actual use
- System will support only one exclusive user-lock for data modification/storage at a time
 - support software could hold exclusive right to modify XML instance
 - future potential to divide system so that each user has their own XML instance to modify

Audience (views):

The quiz time system supports two primary audiences: professors and students. From the perspective of the system, users are treated to any

combination of three views: professor, student, and administrator. This was decided on because some professors have the option to be a student in a class they don't teach. It also allows for a user that may simultaneously be a professor and/or student to also be an administrator of the quiz time system.

• Professors

- create and manage quizzes
- view student responses to quizzes
- view statistical information about quizzes

• Students

- take quizzes
- view their grades and other quiz statistics

• Administrators

• manage the quiz time system as a whole

Objectives:

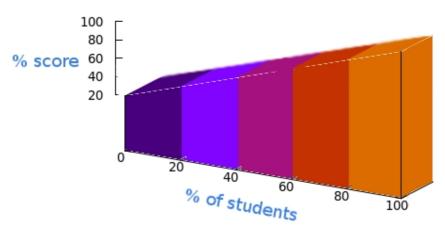
- Develop well-formed XML schema for quiz system
- Have schema support multiple views (professor, student, administrator)
- Have schema support a generic person entity that can be a student, professor, administrator, or any combination of the three.
- Have referential integrity enforced throughout the schema by use of keys and key references

System Objects:

- Courses
 - Allows for registering courses in the system
- Quizzes
 - Supports multiple quizzes
 - Supports multiple quiz formats
 - multiple choice
 - true/false
 - essay/short answer
 - Supports hyperlinks and images within questions and answer choices
 - Retains information for auditing
 - Supports start and end date/time values for quiz access
- Statistics
 - Supports displaying student responses
 - Data would support aggregation for question analysis purposes
 - Supports displaying images (for statistical graphs)







Operating Process:

Student:

- 1. User is created in the system
- 2. User is applied student role
- 3. User has option to take available quizzes in system
- 4. User is added to a course by a professor
- 5. User has option to take available quizzes from courses they are in
- 6. User can view statistical information about their grades from quizzes

Professor:

- 1. User is created in the system
- 2. User is applied the professor role
- 3. User is assigned courses
- 4. User can view information about students in courses
- 5. User creates quizzes
- 6. User can view statistical information about student grades for quizzes

Administrator:

- 1. User exists in system
- 2. User can create other users in the system
- 3. User applies professor and student roles to other users in the system
- 4. User can add and remove courses in the system
- 5. User can add/remove courses to/from a professor's class list
- 6. User can add and remove quizzes in the system (created by any user)

Features:

- Statistical information about quizzes can be stored
- System allows for multiple professors to author one quiz
- Multiple choice questions can have as many choices as desired (allows for matching questions)
- Quizzes have auditing information about creation and modification
- Quizzes may or may not have start and end date/times that can be set by a professor