HALLORITHM

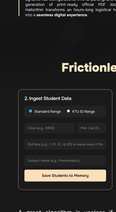
The Nightmare of Manual Logistics

Examination sections in engineering colleges face a recurring administrative nightmare: **manually allocating students to halls**. Coordinators are tasked with the near-impossible guaranteeing that no two adjacent students share the same question paper. Legacy systems rely on rigid, hard-coded rules that fail to accommodate shifting subjects, conflicting constraints, fragmented data, and **high risks of academic malpractice**.

The Algorithmic Cure

Hallorithm is a self-contained, automated seating arrangement system built to eliminate spreadsheet headaches. By ingesting raw student data and applying interleaving algorithms, the web application guarantees **zero-conflict seating** in milliseconds. With features like dynamic hall configurations, ATU ID parsing, and one-click PDF generation, it turns a multi-day logistical challenge into a **seamless digital experience**.

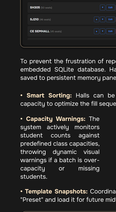
Frictionless Data Entry



A great algorithm is useless if gettingdata into it is a chore. Hallorithm's ingestion engine is built for speed and flexibility, supporting two distinct input modes:

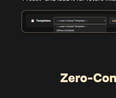
- **Standard Range Mode:** Automatically parses ranges (e.g., "1-45") and individual comma-separated rolls, intelligently zero-padding numbers to match class prefixes.
- **KTU ID Range Mode:** Purpose-built for Kerala Technological University, this mode seamlessly parses continuous alphanumeric university ID blocks (e.g., "MCE23CS001-MCE23CS060") into individual student records.

Persistent, Live-Updating Workspaces



To prevent the frustration of repetitive data entry, Hallorithm operates on an embedded SQLite database. Hall configurations and student batches are saved to persistent memory panels that update in real-time.

- **Smart Sorting:** Halls can be dynamically reordered or auto-sorted by capacity to optimize the fill sequence.
- **Capacity Warnings:** The system actively monitors student counts against predefined class capacities, throwing dynamic visual warnings if a batch is over-capacity or missing students.
- **Template Snapshots:** Coordinators can freeze their entire workspace as a "Preset" and load it for future midterms or finals with a single click.

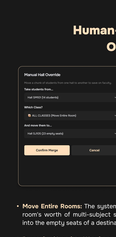


Zero-Conflict by Design

At the core of Hallorithm is a mathematically rigorous allocation engine designed to neutralize cheating while maximizing hall space.

- **Round-Robin Interleaving:** The engine utilizes O(1) subject queues, continuously rotating through active subjects to guarantee that no two horizontally or vertically adjacent seats contain students from the same batch.
- **Strict Alternating (Long-Bench Failsafe):** To accommodate real-world physical constraints like long continuous benches, coordinators can toggle "Strict Alternating." This instructs the algorithm to ignore verticality and enforce a pure, horizontal 1-2-1-2 subject alternation.
- **Subject Caps:** Granular control allows coordinators to strictly lock the maximum number of distinct subjects allowed in any single hall.

Human-in-the-Loop Override



- **Move Entire Rooms:** The system allows for bulk extraction—moving an entire room's worth of multi-subject students and automatically interleaving them into the empty seats of a destination hall.
- **Dynamic Clumping Warnings:** If a user attempts a risky move—such as dropping multiple students of the same subject into a hall—the UI dynamically detects the anti-cheating violation and flashes a "Clumping Warning" before the merge is confirmed.

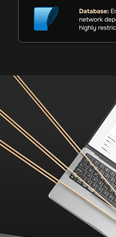
Print-Ready in One Click

The ultimate goal of the system is the physical output. Instead of wrestling with Word templates, Hallorithm's stateless FPDF2 engine reads the finalized JSON allocation and instantly generates the **four official documents** required for university examinations:

The Hall Plan: A master summary for the Examination Controller featuring algorithmically compressed roll-number ranges.

Automated Attendance Sheets: Pre-filled signature sheets sorted sequentially by roll number for every specific class inside a hall.

The Seating Plan: A visual, grid-based layout for students to locate their desks.



The Packing List: Formatted data for the invigilator to verify question paper distributions.

Tech Stack & Architecture

Engineered for Institutional Deployment Hallorithm was intentionally architected to be a lightweight, self-contained powerhouse.

Frontend: Built with vanilla HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript. No bulky frameworks or Node.js build tools required.

Backend: Powered by Python and Flask, exposing fast, RESTful API endpoints.

Database: Embedded SQLite ensures zero external network dependencies, making it deployable on highly restricted, offline institutional servers.

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