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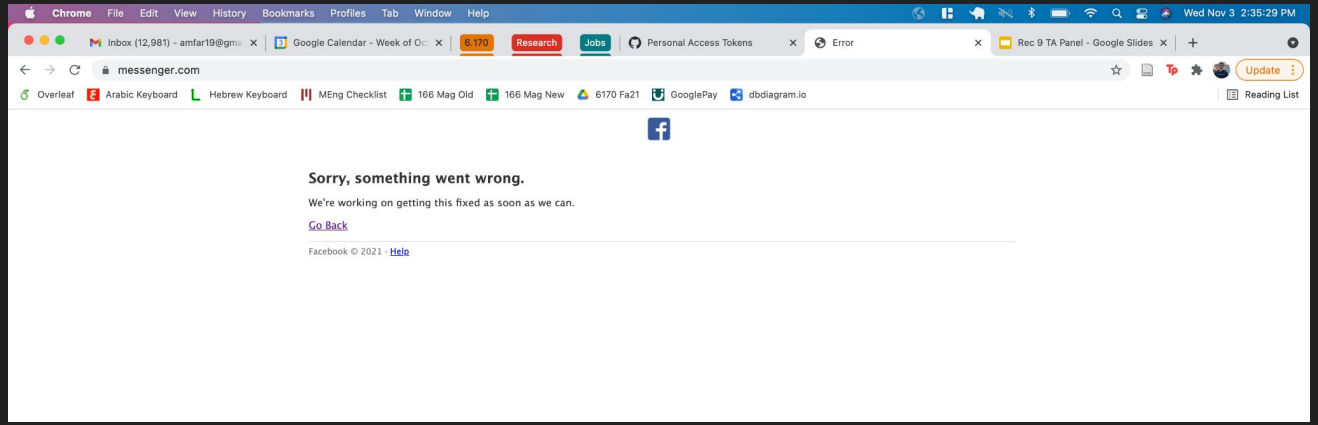

Agenda

1. Final Project Experiences and Advice
    a. Suggested Workflow
    b. Team Dynamics Tips
    c. Design First
2. Q&A

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- It's helpful to work at the same time, on a Zoom / Discord call
    - Can ask questions / coordinate
    - Can help each other debug via screenshare / VSCode liveshare

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- Quick prototypes / proofs of concept with some hard-coding is good if you want to try something out
  - This should be code you are okay with throwing out if it doesn't work
  - Stub out unfinished functions

Resources

- Online Resources Doc with general links to materials from the class, deployment, etc
- Final Project Programming Resources Doc with links to VCS workflow, visual design, map resources, vue ecosystem packages, and different databases
- Next Wednesday, TAs will be showing you how to employ data-preloading on your web server and how to use MongoDB for data persistence
- Your assigned TA!

Q&A

- We will put this presentation on canvas

What questions do you all have?
Let’s chat :)