TalkaTiel Second Implentation System

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1 Product Release

1.1 Server Side Implementation

Currently the server code can be downloaded and run locally. By cloning the repository located at

https://github.com/B13rg/Talkatiel_API.git

one can run the server. There is also extensive documentation detailing all the steps that need to be taken to run the server. There is also a SQL script that will create a database when run. This can be used to create a database for use on a different engine. Currently it is configured to run on the localhost on port 5002. This can be tested to navigating to

127.0.0.1:5002/Posts/New

where you can see the raw Json output of a post. In the repository there is also an sqlite database that is run alongside the python code. This will connect with the python to respond to different sql queries. It is fully functioning, and the only thing left to do is test it, and find a permanent URL. By midweek, we plan to start permanent hosting with google app engine.

1.2 Client Side Implementation

Product URL:

https://github.com/thegrims/talkatiel-ui

The product is current working on a basic level. We are able to consistently pull data and connect to the server. We have added several test posts and are able to bring them into cards on our mobile client. We are currently working on developing our fingerprinting and identifying users individually and tying them to their posts server side only. This will take some time and testing, and will only be implemented after a series of testing and penetration testing. When we implement this, we need to be absolutely sure that the data is secure, because we will be dealing with sensitive data.

Our CSS is looking as intended. We have built it to be easy to change later on. We are not completely decided on a color, however it works with most. We have yet to implement animations. We do have screen rotation completed for mobile devices, and the app grows in size accordingly. We have tested the app on IOS and Android, with a consistent look between the two.

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Our project is still being developed in parts. For the most part, we have been working towards building a working application and database, and slowly cleaning up as we go. This has lead to some sloppy, duplicate code. However, we have been making progress building. Once one of our members has completed his/her section, while waiting for others to complete, they have cleaned up their code and make it easier to follow. While this isnt a top priority right now, we believe that refactoring our code as we complete files will help us in the future. It will also allow us to switch duties and work on each other's code without too much confusion.

We ended up doing minor refactoring. While working on the client side development, we ended up making templates for common, reoccurring elements. This has been useful while developing other parts of the application, when attempting to make the styling similar. We have been able to remain somewhat consistent.

In addition to these changes, we have also changed variable names before committing to the shared repository. This helps those who are viewing changes follow along. Many of us have been saving files offline before pushing, forcing us to correct changes before pushing. By doing this, we are not stressed to push our work as a simple backup of our work. Saving and updating locally/remotely before pushing to a shared repo has helped us stay consistent and organized.

Making these changes has helped us stay organized and also limit the turnover time between switching parts and tasks. For instance, when two people switched files to review code, we were able to follow along much easier when the code was simplified.

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