

GENERAL INFORMATION

We have created a social website. In this website, users are able to register from the main page. In order to register, a username, an email and a password is needed. Info and profile picture is optional. Each email has to be unique, this means once a user registers with an email, the same email can't be used for another user. Each registered user is able to create threads, make posts under aforementioned threads, comment under posts and other users' comments themselves.

Users are able to create threads. They can be considered as hubs for posts. After a user creates a thread, other users can post whatever they wish under that thread.

There are three types of posts: basic posts, picture posts and video posts. Picture posts and video posts are the two subcategories of the basic post. We have implemented this with an ISA relationship. Users are able to create a basic post which only contains text. If the user wishes they can also provide a url and select if they want to make a picture post or a video post. Users are also allowed to delete their own posts, however if they wish to delete other user's posts they will see an error message indicating it is not allowed. Once a post is deleted, naturally all the comments made under the deleted posts are also deleted. Users are also able to like or dislike all posts, a post's likes and dislikes are shown under each post right next to their respective counters.

Users are also able to comment under posts and other comments. This is done under each post. They are also allowed to delete their own comments, and once a comment has been deleted it'll be indicated as [Redacted]. Users however are not allowed to delete other users' comments, if they try to do so they will see an error message indicating such an action is not allowed.

We, Group K, have worked quite hard on this project. We have spent countless hours, and we genuinely hope it will be to your liking. Below is a google drive link if you wish to check our files. There is a total of 10 files: 1 gif, 1 css and 8 php files:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RO759hctZm6X0mb1qW0vTf2JWJAbkGJJ?usp=sharing>

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Changes from Initial Specifications:

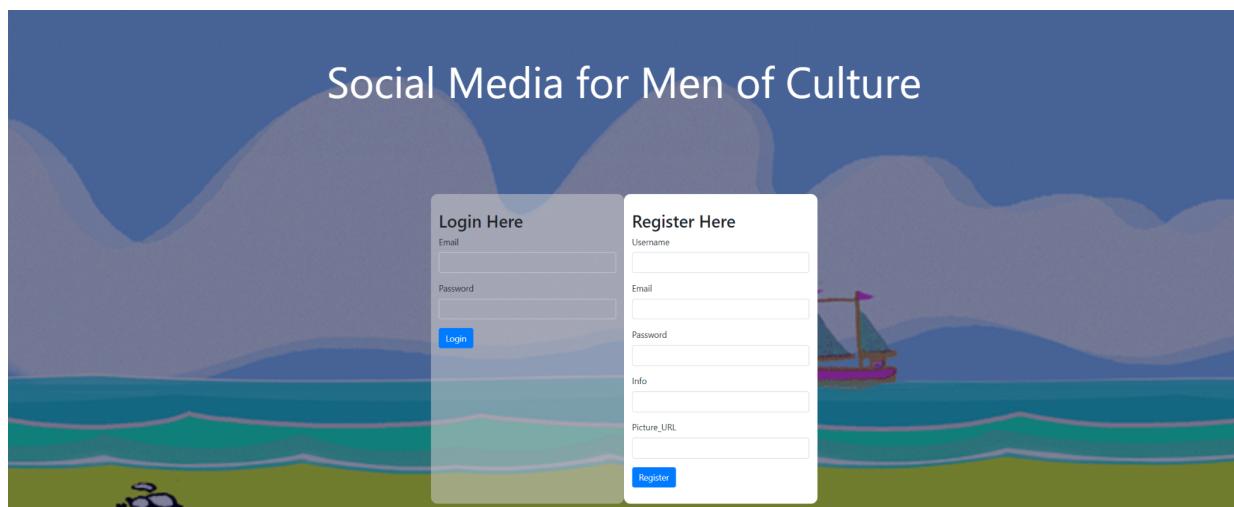
Initially, we didn't plan to implement delete on cascade to posts when a thread is deleted, and to comments when a post is deleted. However, after some deliberation we have reached the conclusion that this would be counterproductive since users may be confused when reading the comments of a deleted post, or the posts of a deleted thread. In the latest version, if an admin deletes a thread through the admin panel all the posts and comments related to the are also deleted, and if a user deletes their own post the comments under it will be deleted as well. Other than the specifications indicated above, there were no future deprecations.

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Login/Registration Page



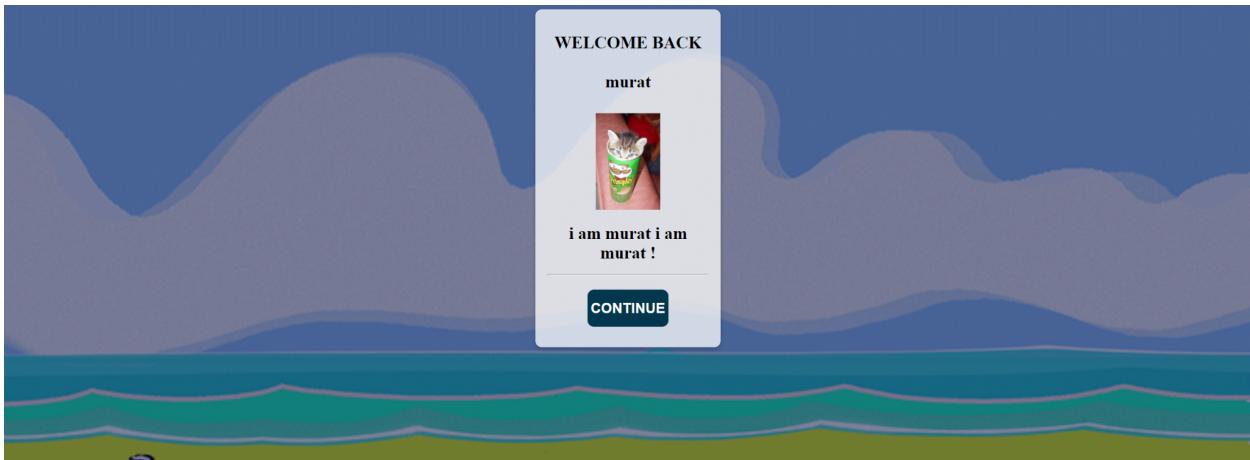
This is the first webpage users are presented with. In this page the user can register or if the user is already registered they can login to the website. In order to register for this website the user must provide a unique email. Info and picture_URL are not mandatory. Users can login by inputting their emails and the matching password. If the wrong combination is given users won't be able to login and will stay at the login screen. After the user has logged in successfully they will be referred to the validation page, where they will be able see their own profile picture and information. Beneath are two examples of what a user may see if they try to register without providing a username or an email.

The screenshot shows the same layout as the main page. The "Login Here" section is on the left with fields for Email and Password. The "Register Here" section is on the right with fields for Username, Email, Password, Info, and Picture_URL. A validation error message "Please fill out this field." is displayed above the "Username" input field.

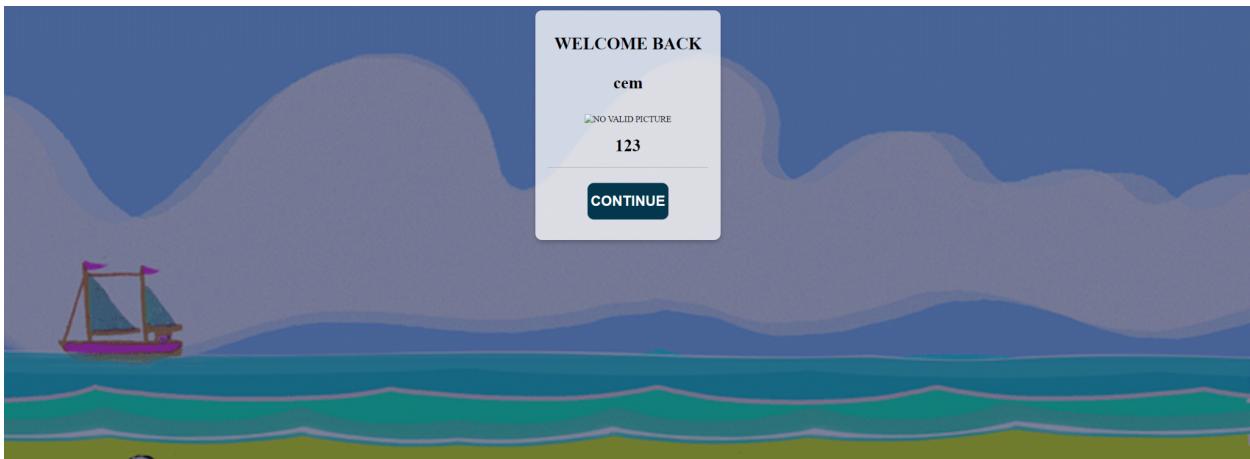
The screenshot shows the same layout as the main page. The "Login Here" section is on the left with fields for Email and Password. The "Register Here" section is on the right with fields for Username, Email, Password, Info, and Picture_URL. Validation messages are displayed above both the "Username" and "Email" input fields, both stating "Please fill out this field."

Validation Page

After the user logins, the user is referred to the validation page (user profile page) where the user's info and picture_url (if provided during registration) is displayed. After the user clicks on Continue Button, the user is directed to the threads main hub where all threads are contained.



- Validation page of a user who provided a picture_url during registration.



- Validation page of a user who didn't provide a picture_url during registration.

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Threads Main Hub



In Threads Main Hub, users are able to create threads, click on an already existing thread to view the posts made under the selected thread, or simply log out of the website. All threads are created by users. Users are able to create threads by simply writing the thread's name and clicking the insert button at the upper left part of the web page.

Posts Section

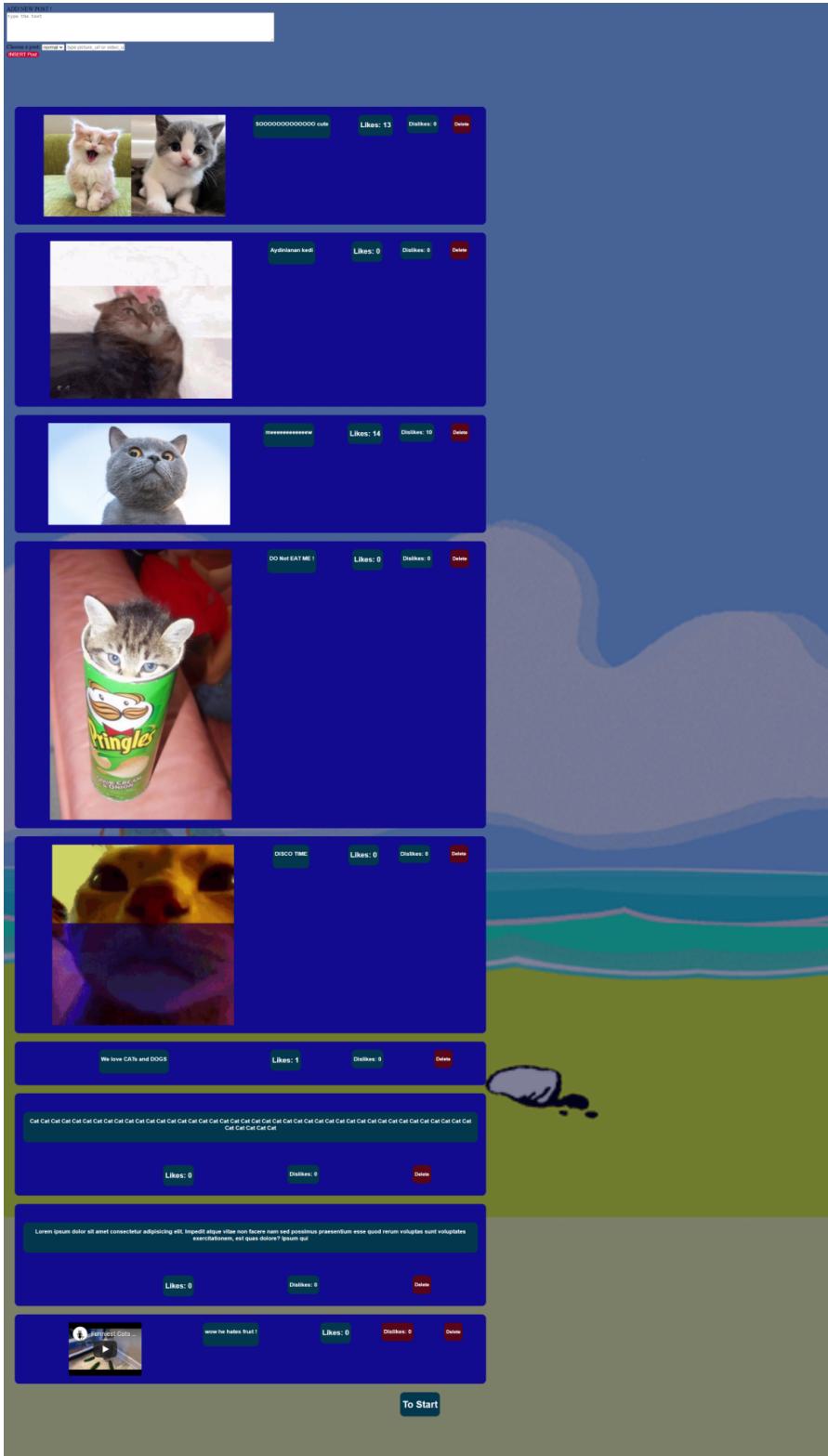
After users click on a thread they will be referred to the posts section where the posts under the selected thread are displayed. Each user can create a post simply by writing the text (optional) and selecting the post type. Normal posts only contain text however if the post type is picture post there should be picture_url and if post type is video post there should be video_url. Users can view, like or dislike a post. Posts are ordered by their creation date. Users can delete their own posts by simply clicking the delete button which is right next to the posts. If the user tries to delete another user's post there will be an error message. There is also a footer in this page to go back to the thread page.

On the next page is an example of the Posts Section of a thread.

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- Web page for posts

Comments Section

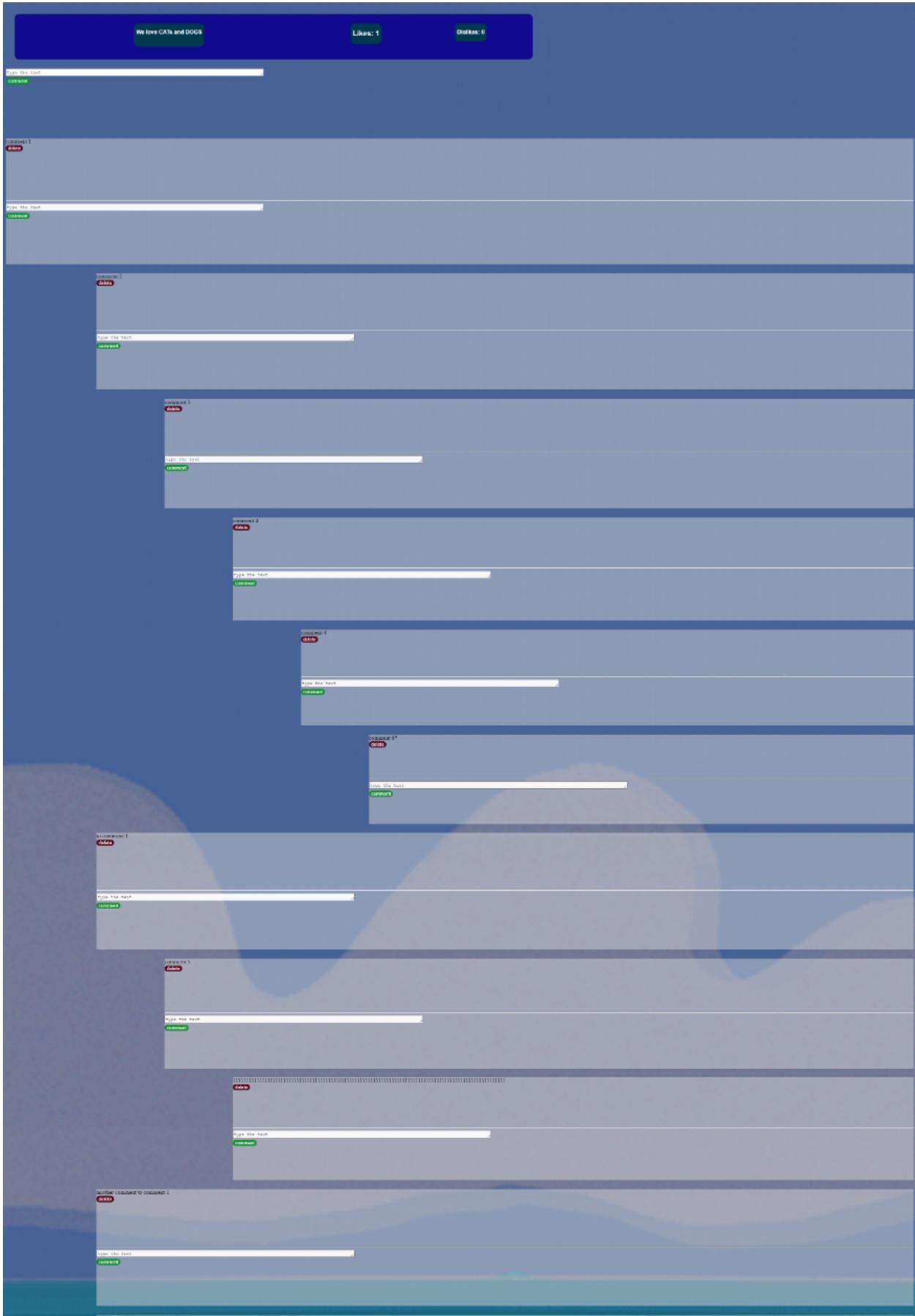
After a user clicks on a post, they are presented with the comments section, where users may comment under a post directly, or under another comment. Each comment only contains text. Each user is also allowed to delete their own comments, in which case the deleted comment will be indicated by [Redacted]. If they try to delete another user's comment they will be shown a warning message indicating it is not allowed. Beneath is an example of the comments section under a post. A comment under another comment is indicated by shifting it to right by 7.5%. At the bottom of the page is a button which the user can use to go back to the Threads Main Hub.

On the next pages, there are examples of comments and an example of a deleted comment at the end.

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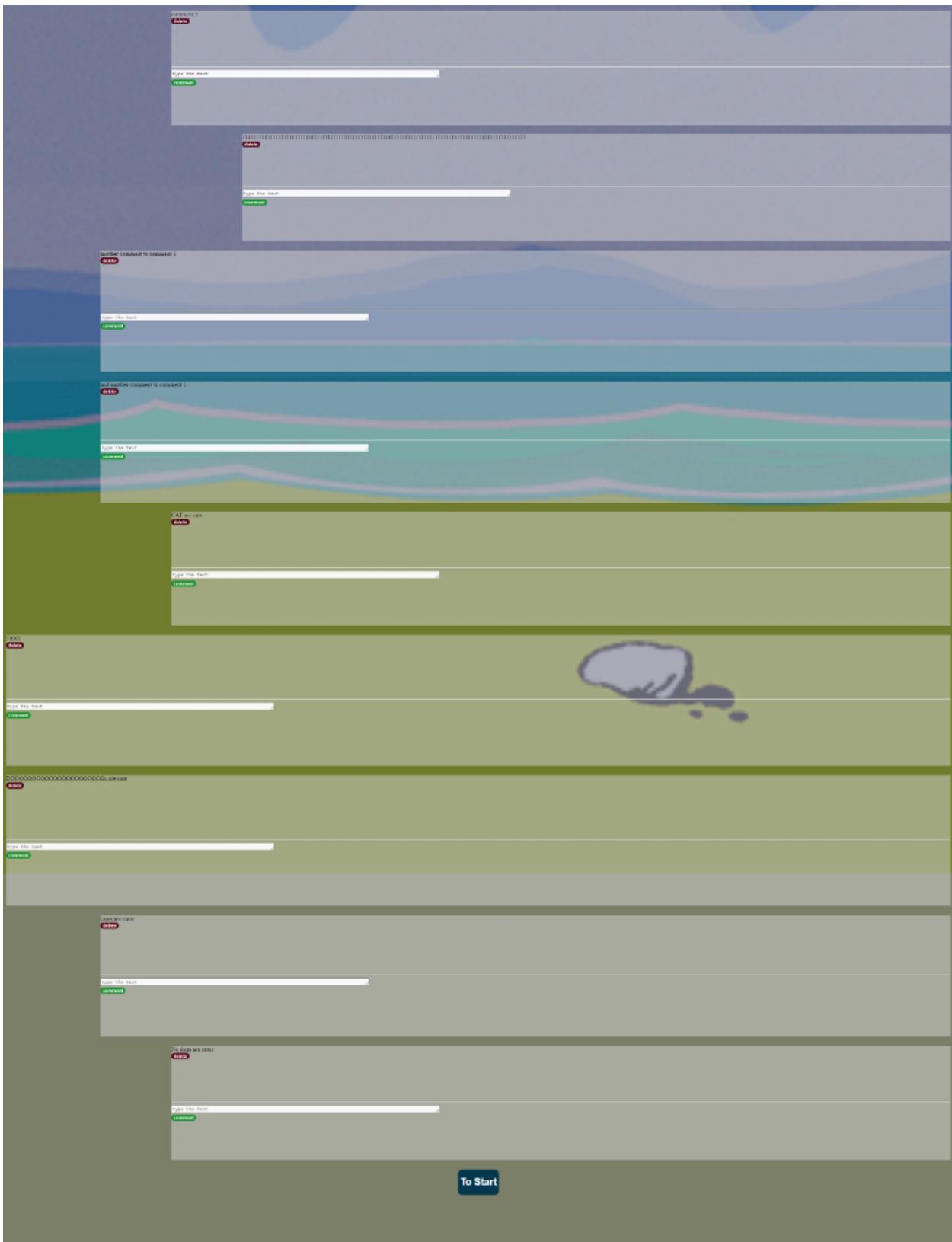
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- Below is an example of “[Redacted]” comment.

