

Chat based news assistant

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Objective

- * To develop a website to display news, scraping it from different news websites
- * To develop a chatbot that would assist the user to find news according to his preference and suggest latest news according to his preference after a certain desired time intervals
- * To train chatbot to smart enough to pick out news based on user preferences

Web scraping

- * Web Scraping is also termed Screen Scraping, Web Data Extraction, Web Harvesting etc
- * It is a technique employed to extract large amounts of data from websites whereby the data is extracted and saved to a local file in your computer or to a database in table (spreadsheet) format.

Modules used for web scraping

* The modules used by us for web scraping is:

* Beautiful soup

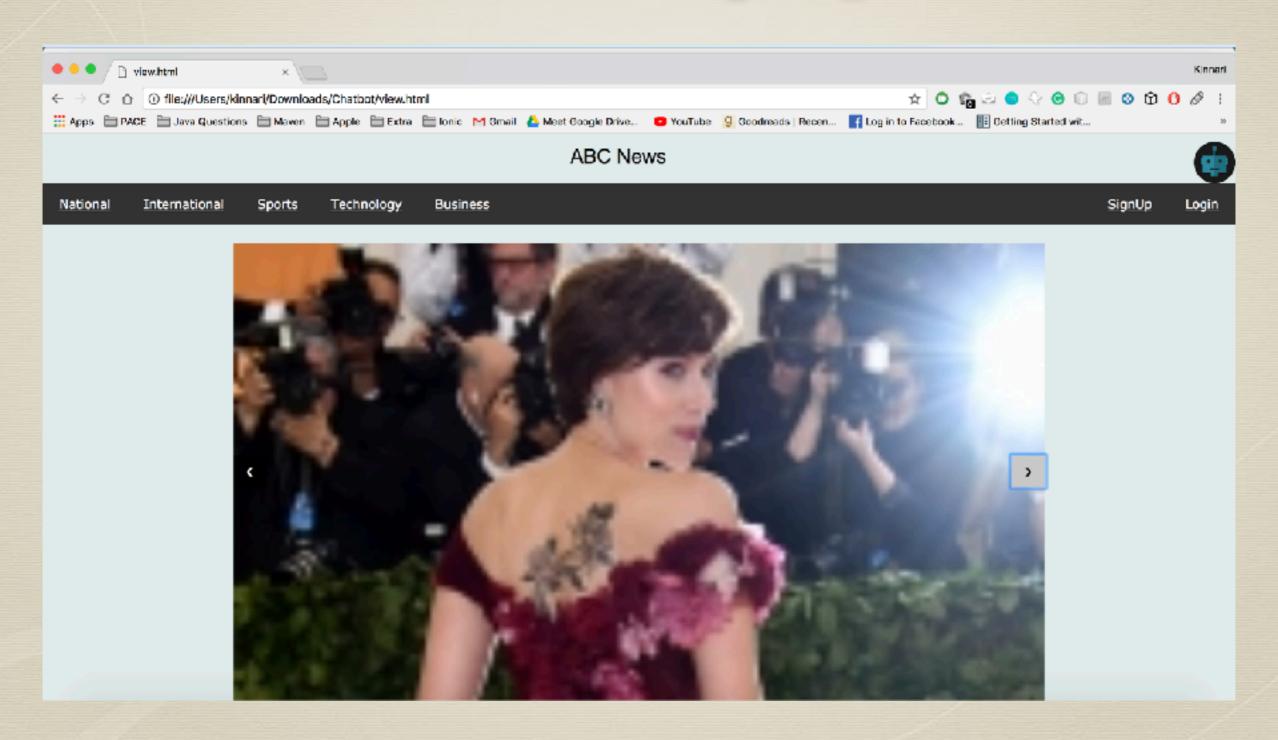


Accomplishment

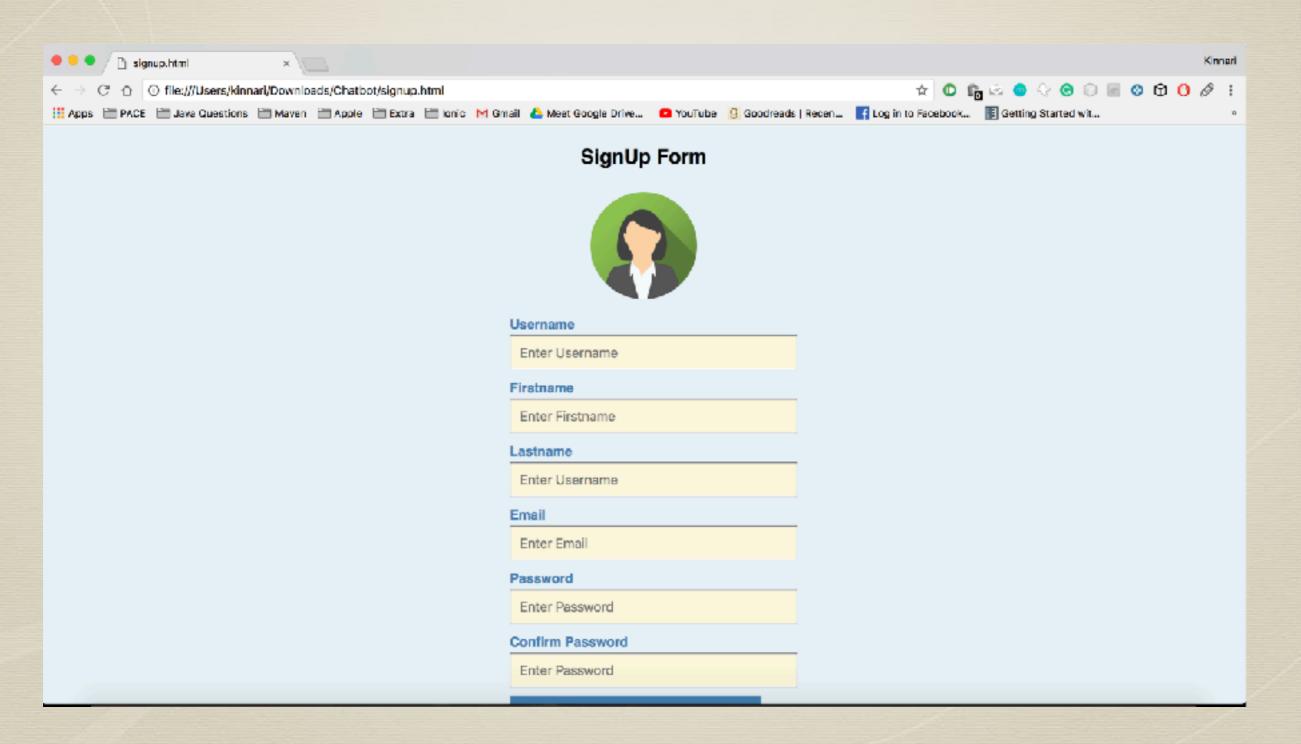
- * Using the python module, scraped news data from websites and stored it in a csv file for now
- * A simple UI to display news and a simple UI for a chatbot, separate for now

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amain.py
     # import libraries
     import urllib2
     import bs4
     import csv
     from datetime import datetime
     data = []
     # specify the url
     quote_page = 'https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/?utm_term=.46e8da5f7e3b'
     # query the website and return the html to the variable 'page'
     page = urllib2.urlopen(quote_page)
     # parse the html using beautiful soup and store in variable 'soup'
     soup = bs4.BeautifulSoup(page, 'html.parser')
     # Take out the <div> of name and get its value
     name_box = soup.find_all(['h3'])
     # print datetime.now()
     for i in name_box:
         # name = name_box.text.strip() # strip() is used to remove starting and trailing
         # print i.text.strip()
         name = i.text.encode('utf-8').strip()
         data.append(name)
         # print data
     # specify the url
     quote_page = 'https://www.cnn.com/us'
     # query the website and return the html to the variable 'page'
     page = urllib2.urlopen(quote_page)
     # parse the html using beautiful soup and store in variable 'soup'
     soup = bs4.BeautifulSoup(page, 'html.parser')
     # Take out the <div> of name and get its value
     name_box = soup.find_all('h3', attrs={'class':'cd_headline'})
     # print datetime.now()
    for i in name_box:
Install packages failed: Installing packages: error occurred. Details... (today 12:42 AM)
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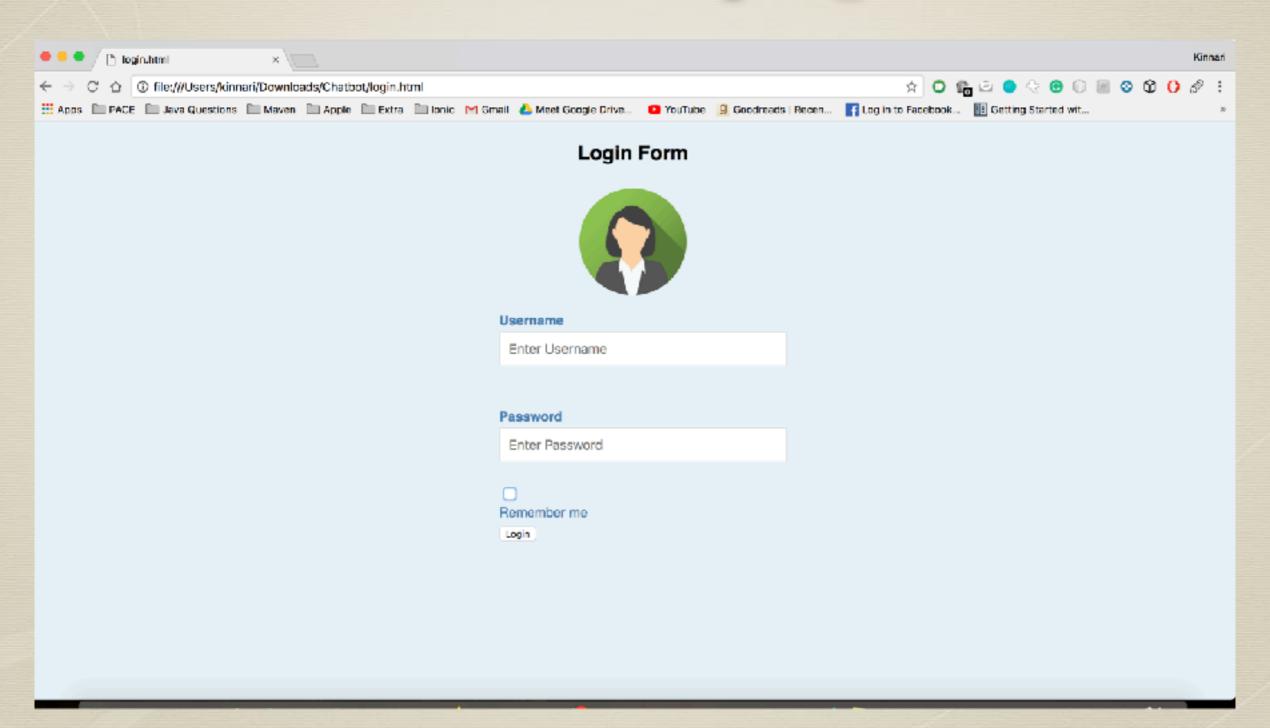
UI Static pages



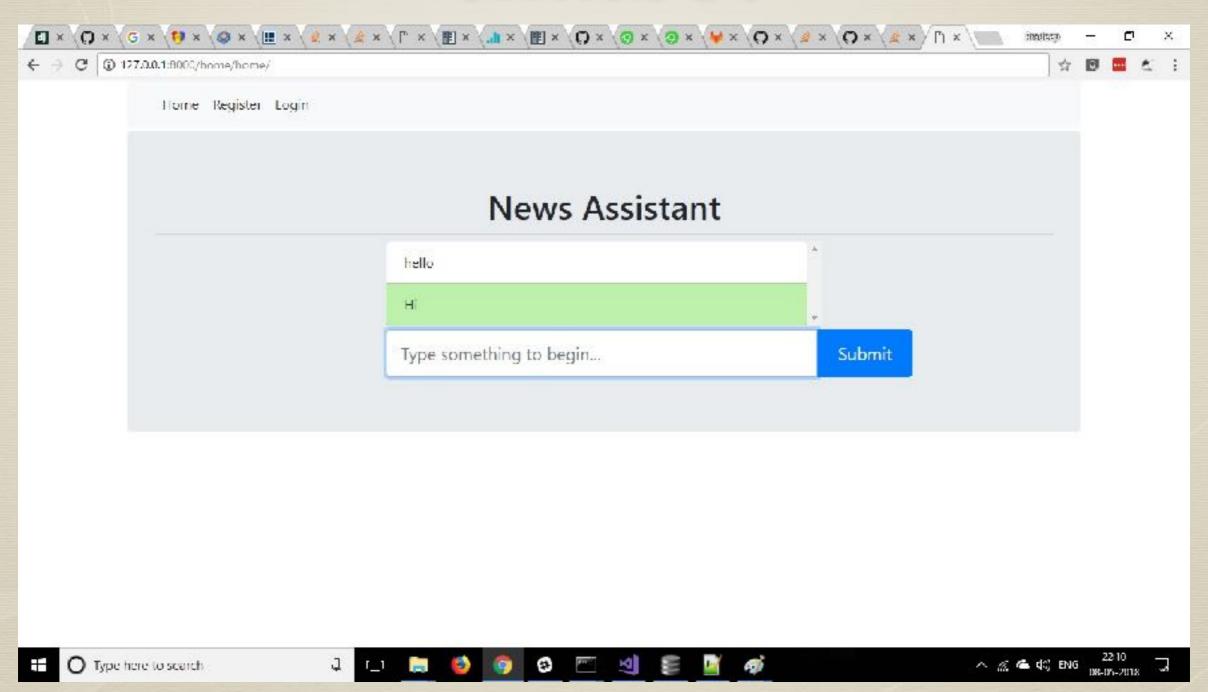
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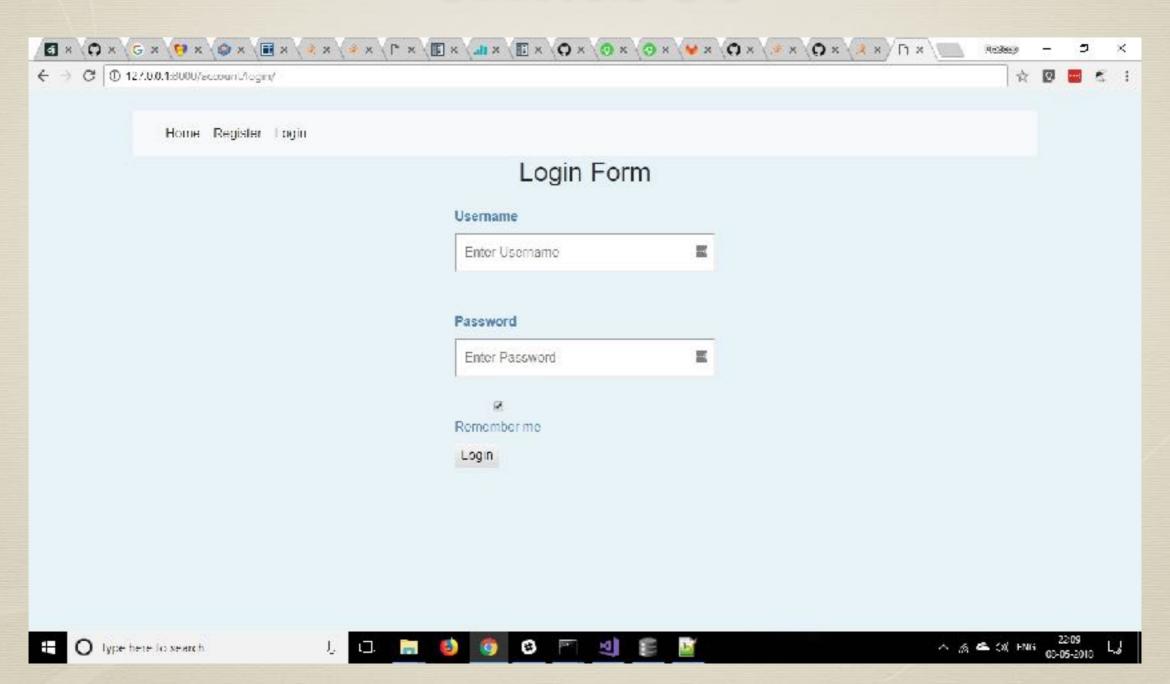
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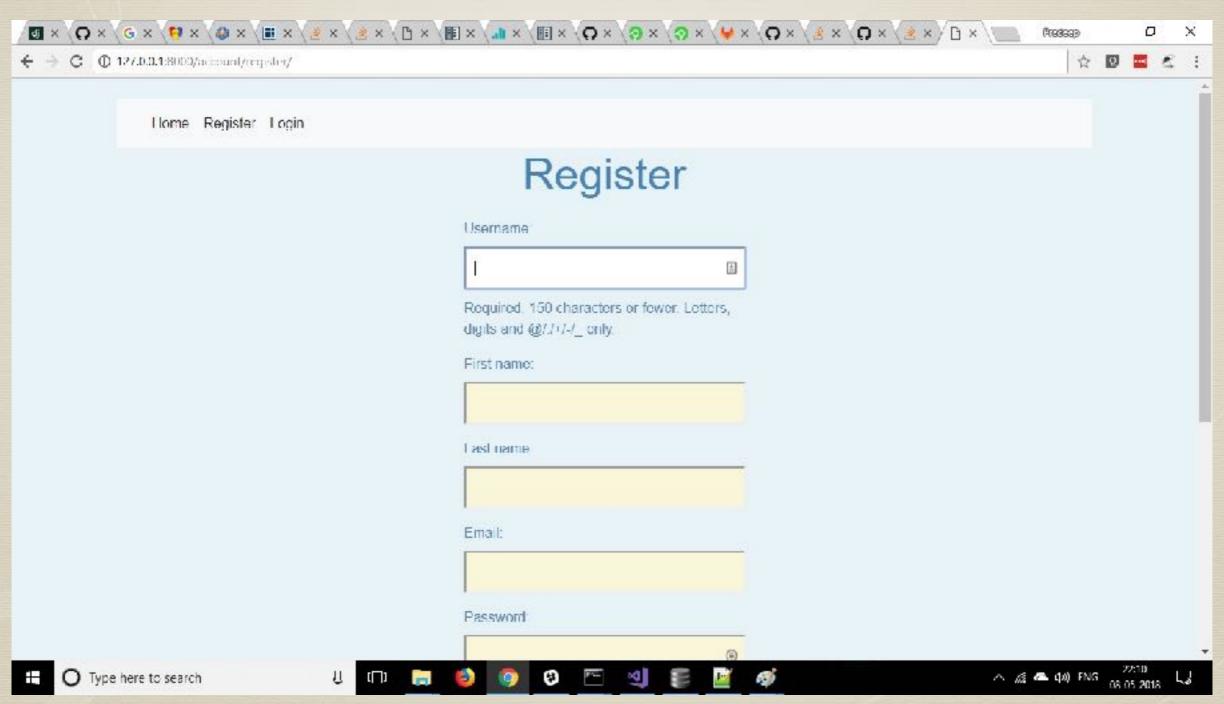
Django web UI with chatbot



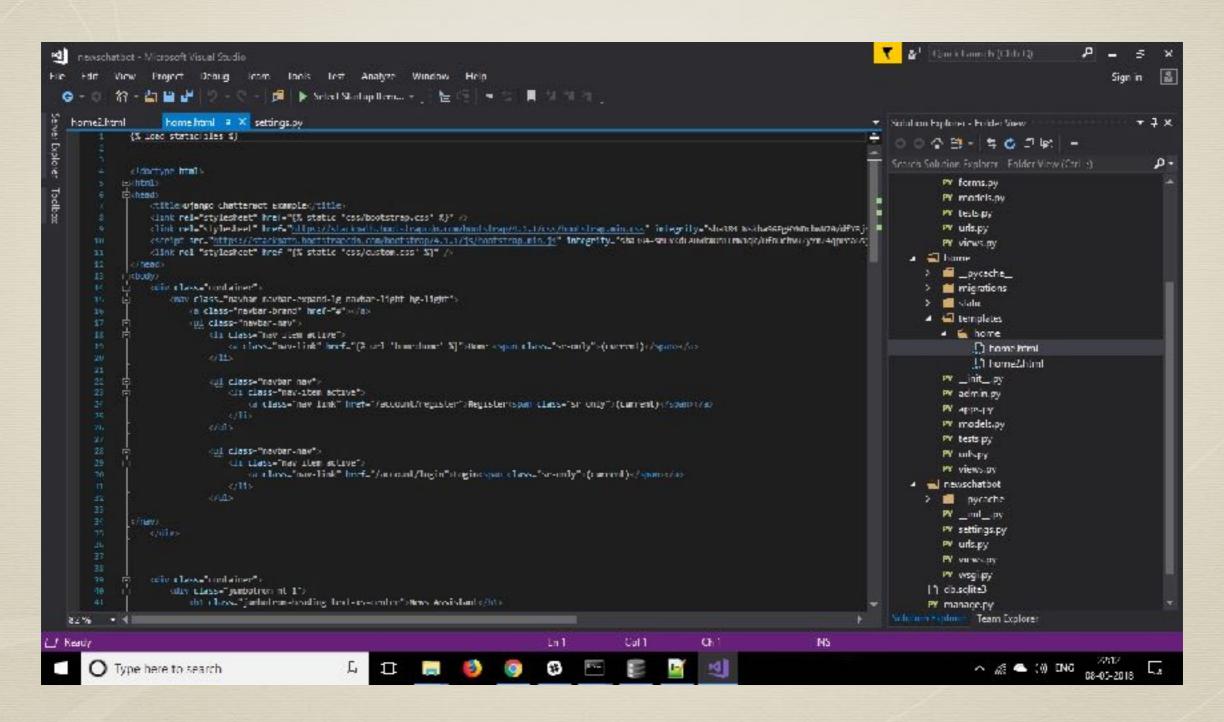
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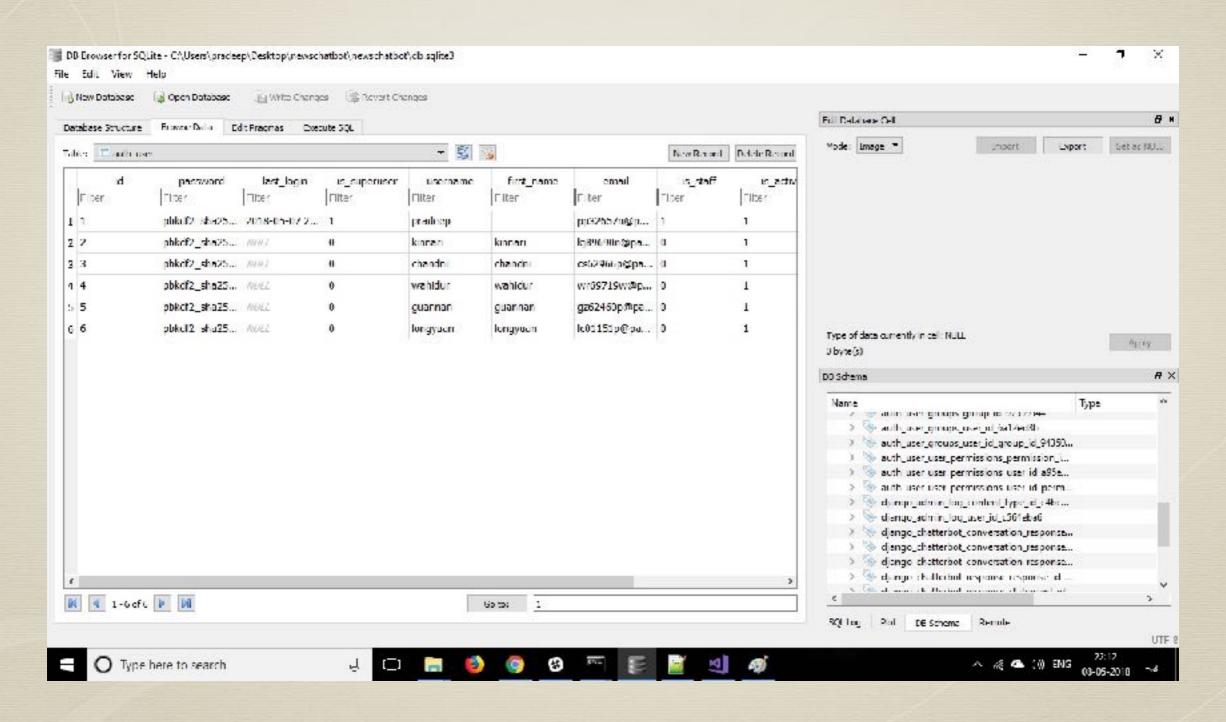
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Django code snippet



Django database



Future Enhancement

- * Update UX for usability
- * Add more interaction using JS scripts
- * Update HTML and CSS
- * Implement push notifications
- * Add Machine learning models for better NLU and responses

Future Enhancements

- * Implement storage procedures and user roles
- * Implement Merge for data transfer for deferent servers
- * Update the Database Architecture
- * Implement proper test cases for testing

Github wiki

* https://github.com/paceuniversityCS691TeamB/ NewsAssistant/wiki Thank you