

System Design Document V2

Exam Jam

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CRC Cards

Database Models

Course		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents a course at UofT 		Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> courseCode: string title: string description: string programArea: string[] campus: string[]

Exam		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents an exam belonging to a course 		Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> examId: string courseCode: string link: string data: string Buffer

Post		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents a discussion post belonging to an exam 		Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> examId: string postId: string author: string body: string images: string[] upvotes: number downvotes: number tags: string[]

PiazzaPost		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PiazzaComment
Responsibilities		Fields

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents a post scraped from a piazza forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> courseCode: string forumId: string postNumber: number title: string content: string createdAt: Date
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PiazzaComment		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PiazzaPost
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents a comment under a piazza post 		Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> id: string postId: string type: Enum(s_answer, i_answer, followup, feedback) content: string parentId: string null children: PiazzaComment[]

Tag		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Post
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents a tag that can be attached to a Post 		Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> courseCode: string postId: string name: string

Comment		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents a comment under a post 		Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> postId: string commentId: string parentCommentId: string null author: string body: string upvotes: number downvotes: number

User		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none">
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents application users 		Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> username: string email: string active: boolean password: string isModerator: boolean

Visited		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Exam Post User
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents the history of all previously visited courses, exams, or posts for a particular user 		Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> email: string courses: string[] exams: string[] posts: string[]

Bookmark		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Exam Post User
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database model that represents either a course, exam, or post that the user has bookmarked. 		Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> userEmail: string; type: string; courseCode: string; examId: string; postId: string;

Backend

App		
Parent Class	Sub Class	Collaborations

• None	• None	• Everything
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main entry point into the backend API 		

Server		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • App
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for running the App on a specific port/host 		

UsersController		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BaseController 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User • Visited
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for everything related to a users profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Managing fields such as username, password etc ○ Account deletion ○ History management 		

AuthController		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BaseController 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for handling authentication i.e. register, login, and logout 		

ExamsController		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BaseController 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily responsible for querying exam files and metadata from the database 		

CoursesController		
Parent Class	Sub Class	Collaborations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BaseController 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily responsible for querying course information from the database 		

PostsController		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BaseController 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post • Comment • Tag
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for managing posts (Primarily basic CRUD) 		

CommentsController		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BaseController 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post • Comment
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for managing comments (Primarily basic CRUD) 		

Frontend

App Page		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pages
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entry point of the application into the frontend Responsible for routing the browser to different pages 		

Register Page		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Login Page
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a way for users to create accounts by filling out a form Will also supply a way for users to reset their forgotten password or resend account verification emails 		

Login Page		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register Page
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a way for users to authenticate themselves by logging in to their accounts 		

Navbar		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Pages
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an easy way for users to navigate to different pages in the app 		

Dashboard Page		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Search Page Course Page Navbar
Responsibilities		

- The page that users are redirected to after logging in
- Contains bookmarked/enrolled courses and recent activity

Course Search Page		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Page • Navbar
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clicking on an icon on the navbar takes users to this page • Provides a search bar for users to search for courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ A paginated list of course results appear 		

Course Page		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Search Page • Navbar • Exams Page • Posts Feed • Piazza Posts Feed
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After clicking on either a bookmarked or a search result course, the user is redirected to this page • Contains a table with links to all exams for that specific course • Contains a feed of posts related to the course • Contains a link that redirects users to all exams for that specific course 		

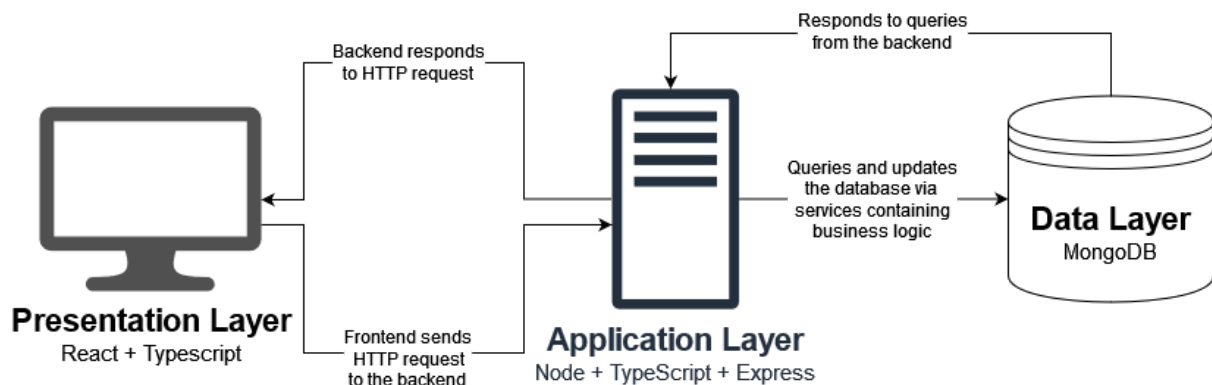
Exam Page		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Page • Navbar • Exam Page • Posts Feed
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After a user is redirected to this page from the page of a specific course, the exam is displayed in an embedded pdf viewer • Underneath the pdf viewer, there is a feed of posts that have been made related to that specific exam 		

Posts Feed

Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Page • Exam Page
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for displaying a feed of discussion posts related to a course or exam. • Posts are displayed in a paginated manner and can be filtered or sorted 		

Piazza Posts Feed		
Parent Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Sub Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Page • Exam Page
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for displaying a feed of discussion posts scraped from piazza related to a course • Posts are displayed in a paginated manner and can be filtered or sorted 		

System Architecture Diagram



Reference

- <https://www.linuxjournal.com/article/3508>

Explanation

- Our application will follow the 3-tiered architecture
 - Presentation: Frontend with React and TypeScript
 - Application: Backend API with TypeScript, Node, and Express.js, and Python for simple scripts
 - Data Layer: Database primarily using MongoDB
- The frontend will only ever communicate with the backend which will act as a middleman between the frontend and the database

Error Handling & Exceptional Cases

- There will be two explicit layers of schema validation and one implicit layer.
 - The two explicit layers are:
 - Frontend form validation using the yup npm library
 - Primarily for a better UX
 - Backend API schema validation also using yup + TSOA
 - TSOA checks for the presence of required items and yup checks for properties of each field (i.e. a password is 8 characters long or an email follows a certain regex)
 - Database validation (on insertion)
 - We are using the mongoose ODM which allows us to define a structure/schema for a specific model. It takes care of validating all database objects on insertion or update queries.
- Generic error handling will make use of HTTP status codes and error messages