Communication Tool Iteration #2

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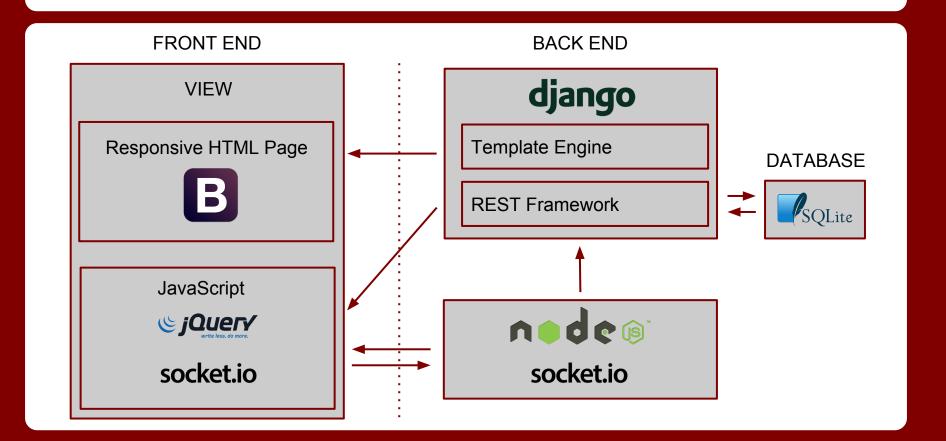
Project Requirements for Iteration #2

- Add multi-room messaging
- Show number of new messages
- Responsive UI especially for mobile devices
- Archive conversations in the database.
- Change development environment to match production. Refactored front end code.

Application Architecture

- Single HTML page served through Django
- Data managed using AJAX and Django Rest Framework
- SocketIO for real-time message sending
 - Separate NodeJS service
 - Manage collections of websockets by namespace
- Persistence using SQLite (for now)

Architecture



Environment

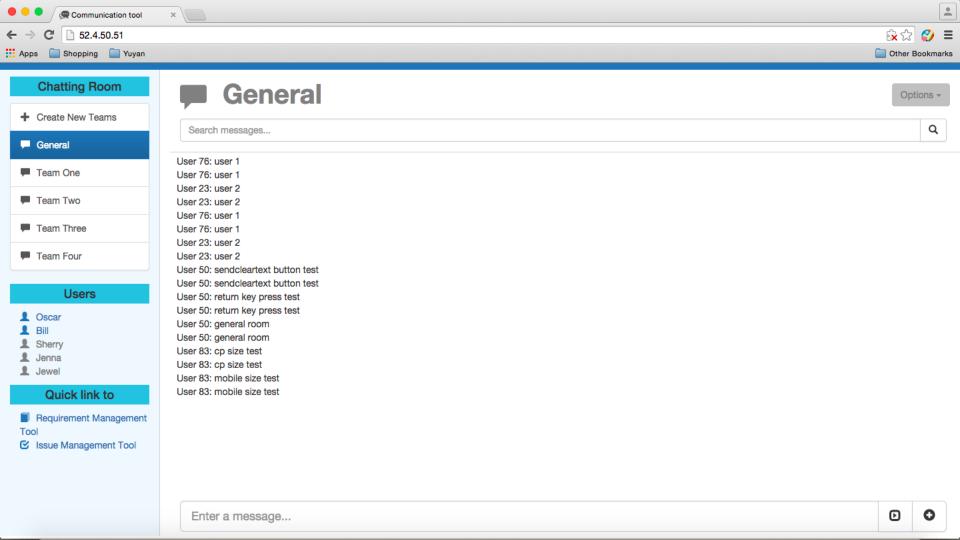
- Moved from Ubuntu to CentOS 6.6
- Gunicorn is our WSGI HTTP server
- NGINX acts as our reverse proxy and static file server
- Supervisor keeps both node and gunicorn running

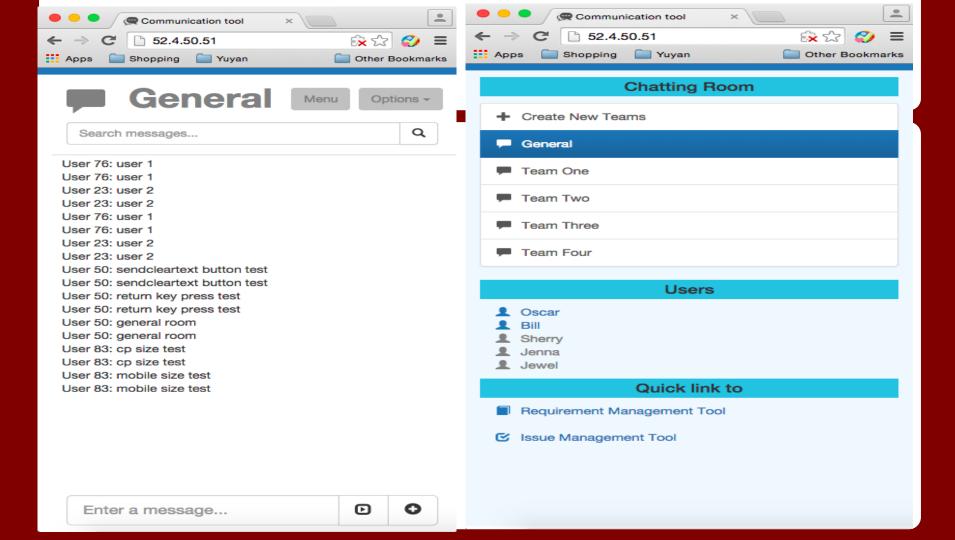
Implementation - Back End

- Used SocketIO namespaces to create user groups.
 - Node server initially queries database for namespace names and opens a socket for each namespace
- Django RESTful-API endpoint established to get room data based on the user

Implementation - Front End

- 1. Responsive: design different layout for different sizes of screen(Full site, mobile site, tablet site).
- 2. The headers and conversation content will change with the the rooms that user choose.
- 3. User can create new rooms (in progress)





Testing Cases(Functional Testing)

Test case 1: test mobile site and PC site

Test case 2: test all buttons

Test case 3: test general message sending function

Test case 4: test group message sending function

Testing Cases, cont.

video demo

Challenges

- Moving operating systems
- Maintaining consistent configuration for individual VMs
- Trying to create endpoints to acquire serializing data
- Interact with user management with Team1

Next Iteration

- User model Integration
- Private text messages
- Record Searching
- Emoticons
- @mentions
- Unit tests

References

Bootstrap: http://getbootstrap.com/

SocketIO: http://socket.io/

NodeJS: http://nodejs.org/

Django: http://www.djangoproject.com/

DRF: http://www.django-rest-framework.org/

LIVE DEMO: http://52.4.50.51/