

# Current Updates at IIIT-H

#### Facebook

- Facebook is used for all official updates and events.
- Pages are made by every club or association where content is shared.

#### WhatsApp

Every batch has at least two official groups and several others.

#### Discord

One or many servers are made to share updates.

#### Instagram

Posters regarding the event are posted here.

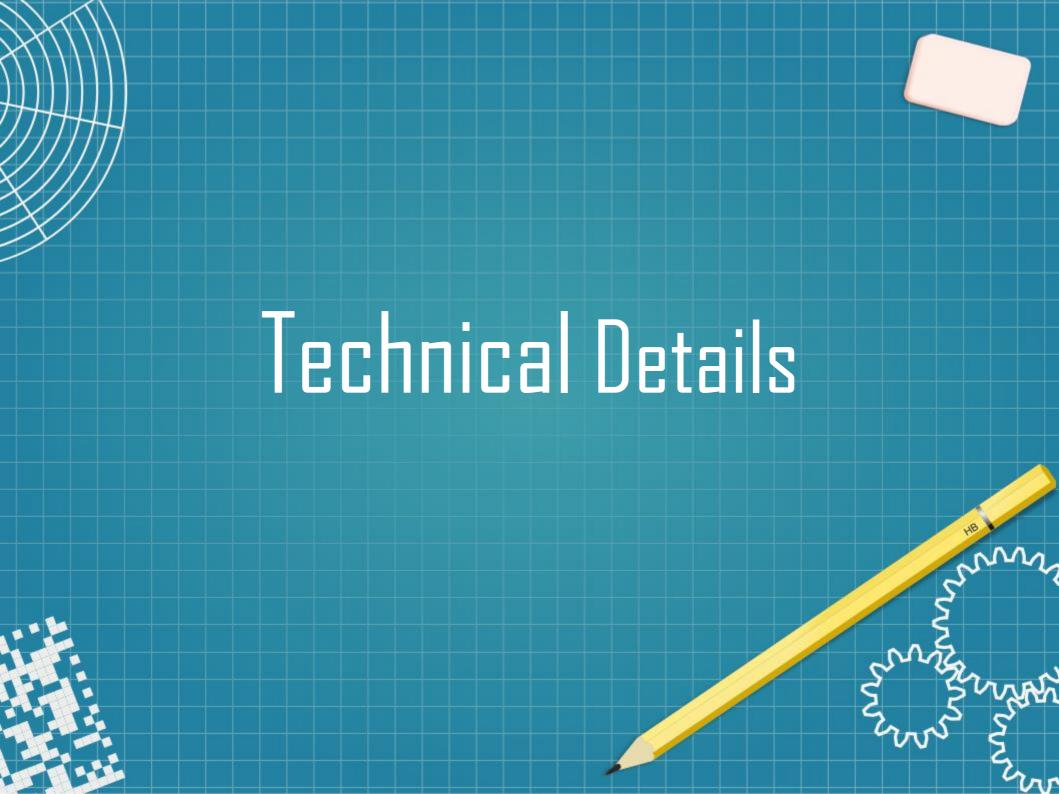
## Problem Faced

- There are at least three different channels of sharing updates.
- Not all students are active on these channels.
- Due to large number of students, these are prone to spam. So students tend to mute them.
- Anyone who receives the invite link can join.
- As a result, when there are some important announcements students might miss out on them.

#### THE SOLUTION:

### **Announce IIIT**

- Announce IIIT is the one stop app where you can make and join custom rooms.
- There's free will in posting.
- Power lies with the creator of the room. He/she has the ability to delete a post if noticed as spam.
- Share short and to the point information so no one ever misses out on an event again.



### React

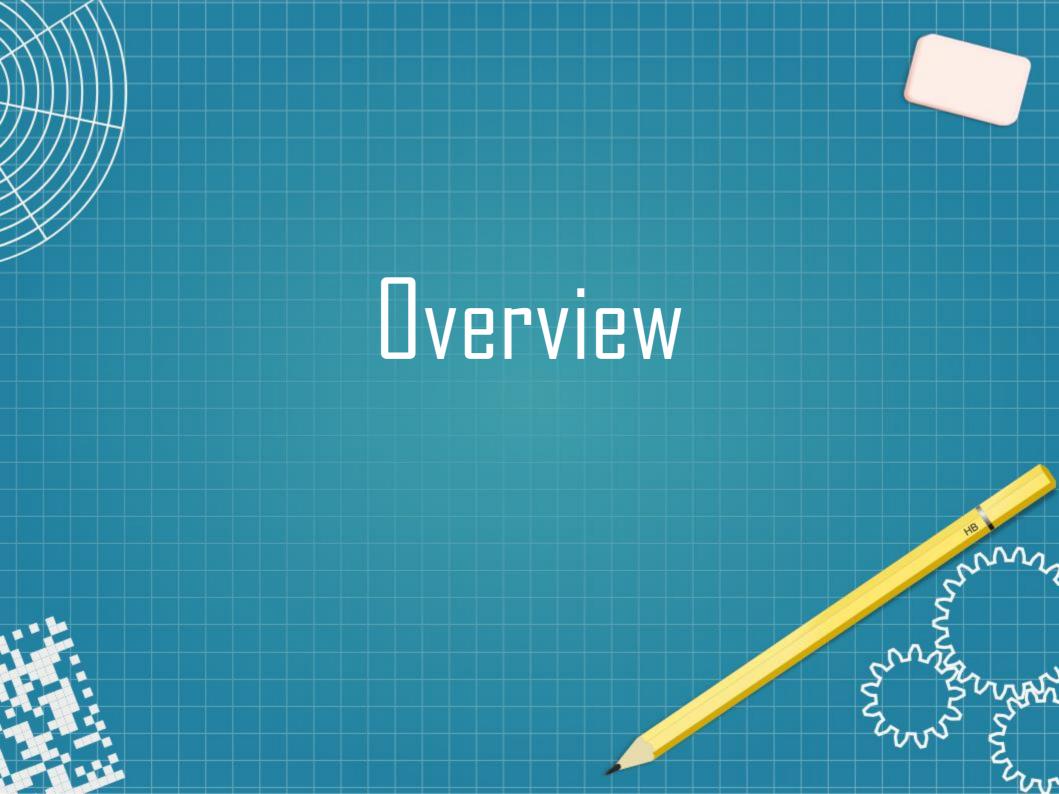
- React is a JavaScript library created by Facebook.
- It's a tool for building User Interface components and Single Page Applications.
- The front-end of this project is a single page web application developed entirely using React.

### Redux

- Redux is a central state management system for JavaScript applications.
- It follows a simple PUB/SUB approach, where a component can subscribe to it for accessing data from the central store, and a component can also publish to the data store to update its contents.
- Redux is used in this application to maintain a local copy of the data fetched from the external database.

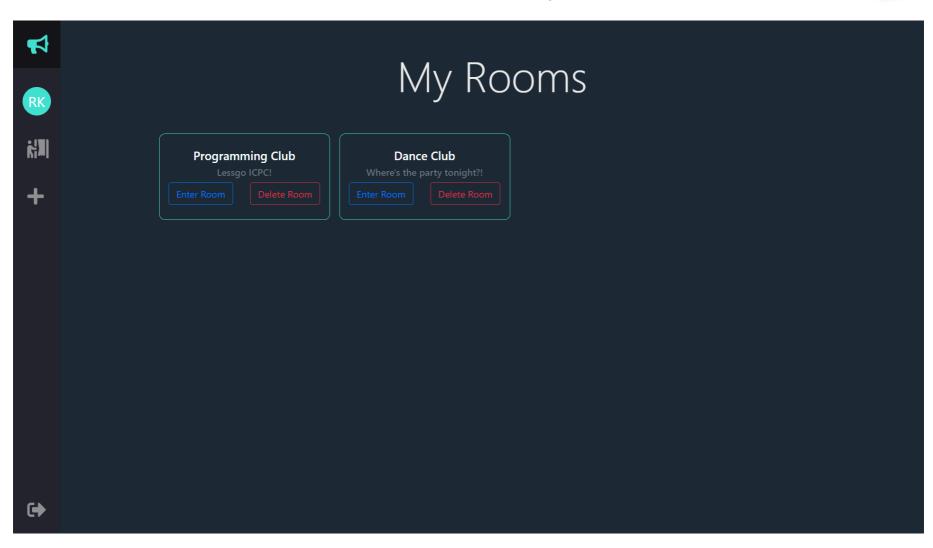
### **Firebase**

- Firebase is a Cloud Processing facility provided by Google. It is an implementation of the concept of "Backend As A Service".
- It provides developer facilities such as cloud storage (Firestore), cloud processing (Cloud Functions), Authentication (Firebase Auth), Analytics, and much more.
- Firebase takes the role of managing the backend in this project. All
  the data about rooms, events and users is stored in a Firestore
  cloud database, authentication is done using Firebase Auth and
  notifications are managed using Firebase Cloud Functions,



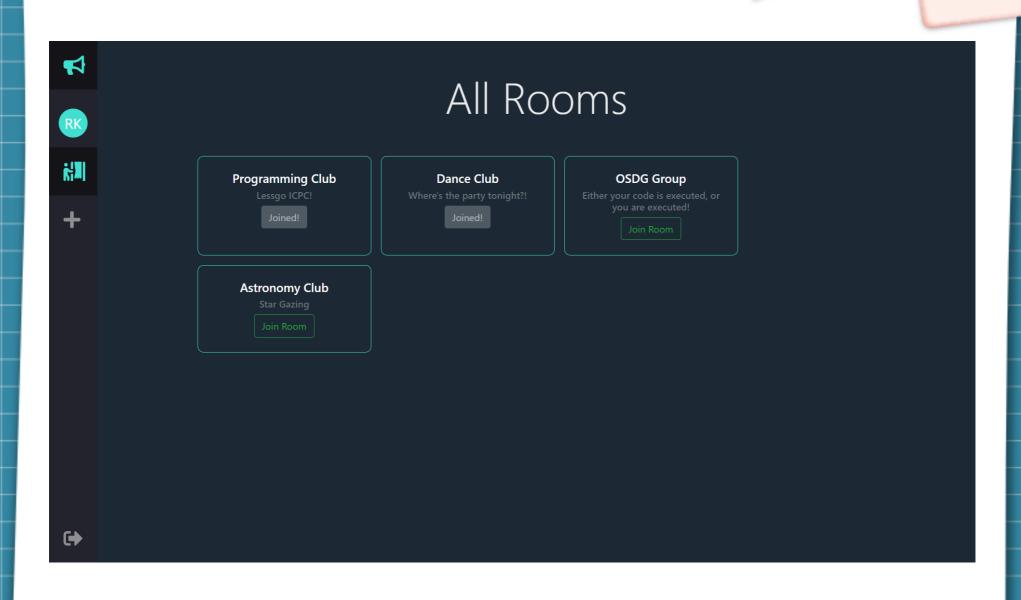
## My Rooms

A user can see a list of rooms he/she is a part of on log in. They can also leave a room if they like.



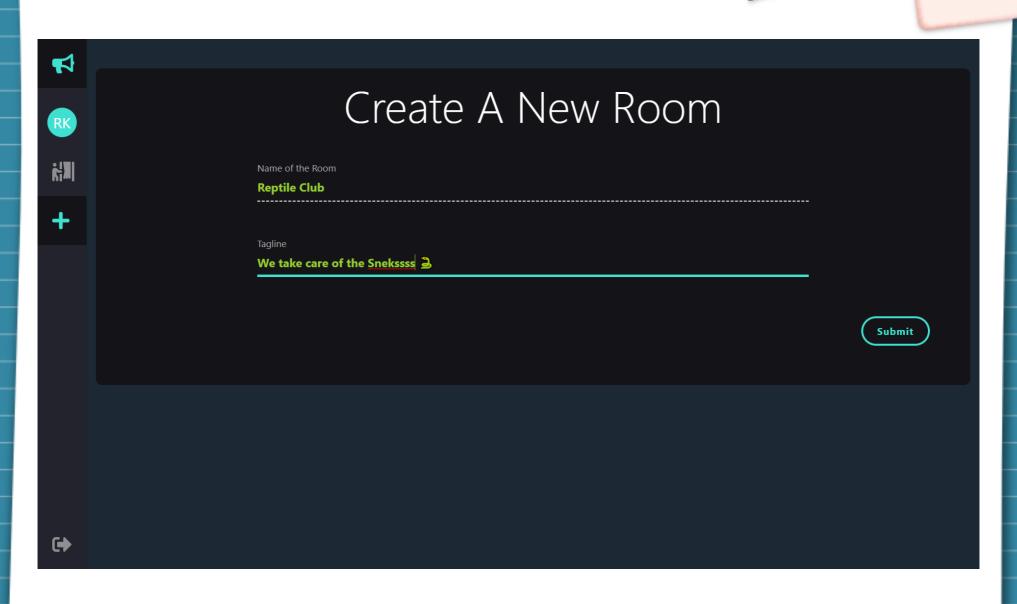
## Join a Room

A list of all the Rooms that already exist, that you can join



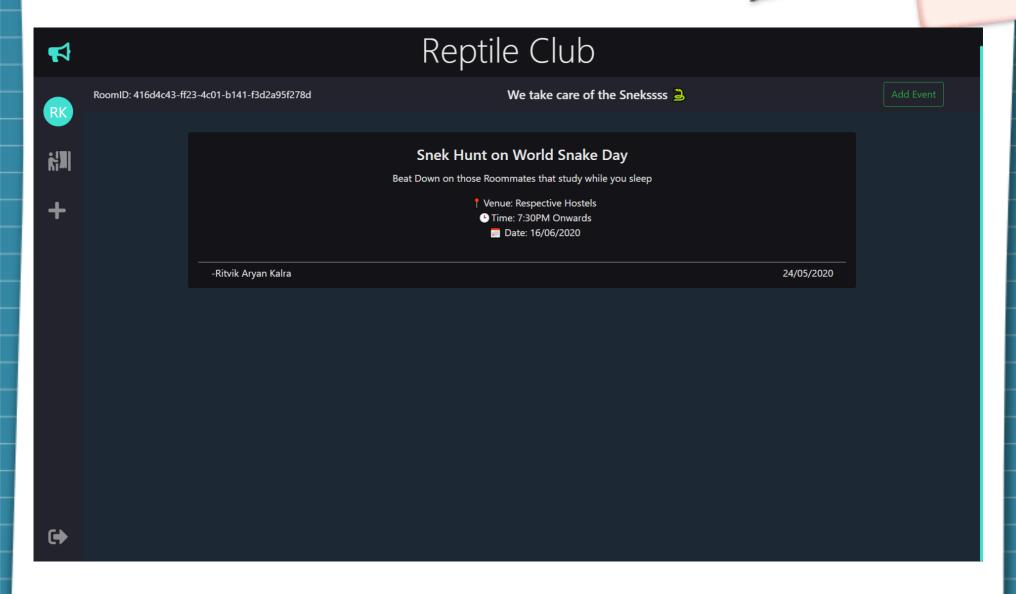
## Create a Room of your Own

Need to create a new room for you and like minded peeps?



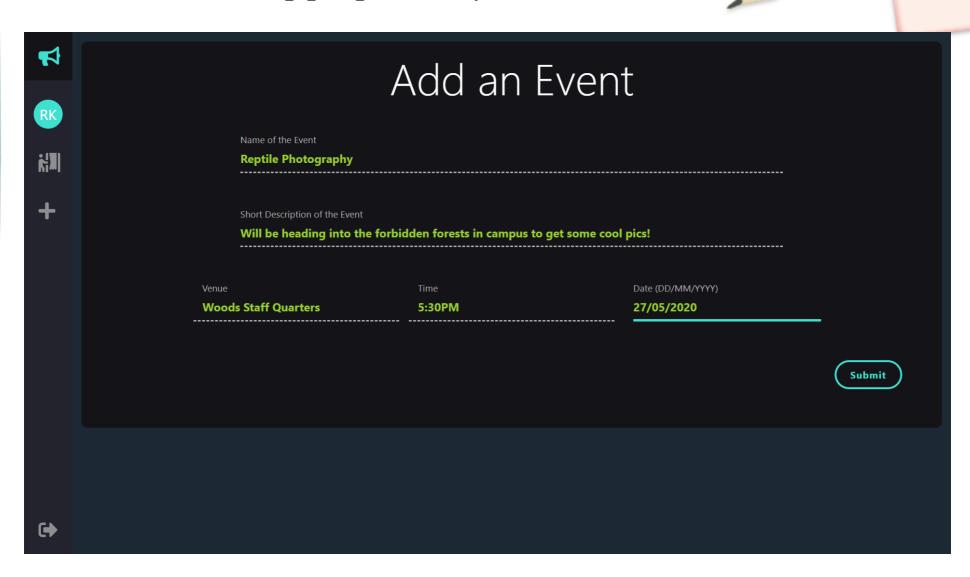
### Inside a Room

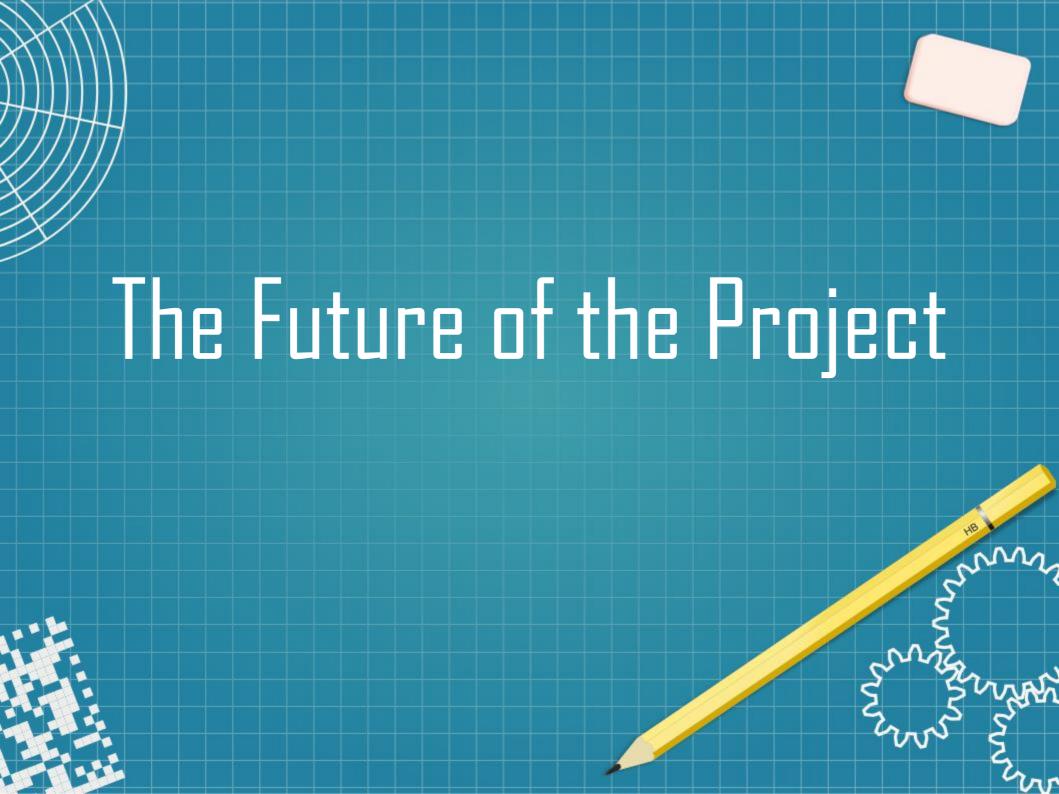
A list of events being organized by the club



### **Add and Event**

Something going down in your club? Let the members know!





## Vision for Announce IIIT

The Vision for Announce IIIT is for it to be integrated into the IIIT ecosystem. For it to use CAS authentication and be used on a large scale by all the clubs in IIIT to keep their members informed about upcoming events.

However, this isn't meant to be used for official and academic purposes, rather, in more of an informal setting.

Also, we are aware that a Web Application isn't the most appealing when it comes to the field of notifications and alerts, that is why, there are plans to port this application to mobile using either React Native (as most of the code for the web-app is already written in React) or Flutter (because it is awesome, and we don't want the DASA kids with their iPhones to miss out on the app). Either way, the backend logic with Firebase won't require much tampering and will remain entact.

