MEet and You

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Purpose

The purpose of this documentation is to provide an overview in regards to the technical aspects related to our MEet and You web applications. The bulk of this document covers the potential tools as well technologies that will be utilised. Our technologies will include the development environment, accompanying programming languages, as well as frameworks and deployment.

Programming Languages

C#

• C# is a general-purpose language that is used across a variety of tasks and objectives. It is used in conjunction with the Window .NET framework and can be applied to an open source platform. Due to being object oriented it is easily scalable and easy to maintain.

JavaScript

JavaScript will be useful in helping us define the behavior of our content. JavaScript has
no other alternatives since it is a standard of the Internet and is supported by all the major
browsers.

HTML

• HTML lays the foundation for the structuring of our content and it's basic layout. HTML does not have any other alternatives and is also supported by the major web browsers. As a result compared to other markup languages it has more support and the other languages end up compiling to HTML in the end.

CSS

CSS is how the presentation of our markup language is, more specifically the style and
presentation of our content. Much like HTML and JavaScript it is also an Internet
standard and has more support compared to other stylesheet languages.

IDE

Name	Intellij Idea: Free Community Edition	Eclipse: Free Community License	Microsoft Visual Studio: Free Community Edition
Version	2021.2.2	4.21.0	16.11
Pros	Intellij has live templates, is easily customizable and is good at auto-refactoring which is a plus for testing.	Eclipse is open source with a variety of various add-ons and great environmental tools	Most utilised IDE for team collaboration. Has a diversity of extensions and is updated regularly.
Cons	Utilises more memory without much flexibility in the community edition.	Does not have a lot of noticeable updates. Not much language support aside from Java	Hardware intensive, may cause computers to run slower.

Browser

Name	Google Chrome(Windows)	Firefox(Windows)	Microsoft Edge(Windows)
Version	94.0.4606.61	92.0.1	94.0.992.31
Pros	Has a lot of addons, plugins, development tools and extensions. It is the most used browser in the world	Adequate addons for development. It tends to have better performance than Chrome.	Full hardware acceleration for graphics, texts, and videos.
Cons	Resource intensive since it uses a heavy portion of memory in order to run.	Smaller user base with limited amount of plugins.	Large memory utility as well as a small extensions library.

Web Server

Name	Apache HTTP Server: Free	Microsoft Internet Information Service (IIS): Free	NGINX
Version	2.4.49	10.0.17763.1	1.20.0
Pros	It runs in most OS and is a very popular web server with a lot of documentation. Various modules can be utilised along with it	Microsoft IIS is a very organized management system. Due to it being supported by Microsoft, it receives updates frequently.	NGINX is scalable and it works well with other web servers. It is lightweight and is capable of serving a large number of users using an event-driven asynchronous architecture.
Cons	It has a high ram consumption and a greater security risk since it is much easier to modify compared to the other servers.	It has limited extension and is lacking customizability. It also has problems being configured to run with Node js.	It has a small number of extensions and requires third party web servers which can lead to complications.

Database Management System

Name	MySQL: Free Community License	Microsoft SQL Server: Free Community License	Netbeans
Version	8.0.26	SQL Server 2019	12.5
Pros	Unlimited size for each database/table and is fully-manage SBaaS through Google or Azure	It is capped at 542,272 TB and allows us to store each data once without duplicates	It supports a large number of Java applications and is able to indicate edited code as well as files based on GIT commits.
Cons	It requires a third party in order to work with .NET. Data restoration also ends up being time consuming due to the need of multiple SQL statements	It supports only Linux and Windows platom and is also more costly than MySQL since it requires the purchase of licenses to use/run multiple databases.	It takes time to load and utilises a lot of memory. It also has outdated framework support.

Front-End Languages

Name	JavaScript	TypeScript	РНР
Version	ECMAScript 2021	4.2.4	8.0.11
Pros	It allows for both client and the server side runtime. The client side can be fast as it can be run within the client-side browser. It is also ideal for dealing with JSON.	In terms of larger projects it will result in a more robust software and allows for better collaboration and static typing.	It's easier to maintain due to being loosely coupled with little repetition. It has an extensive database support with SQL.
Cons	Its interpretation can differ depending on the specific browser. However it can be difficult to debug with more complex projects.	It requires compilation before providing and output and is not easily manipulated with a Content Management System	It can be utilised with JSON and is more situational than other languages. However it does have slower execution

Back-End Languages

Name	C#	Java	Python
Version	9.0	SE 17	3.9.7
Pros	It's object oriented programming and integrates well with Windows . It can also read and write files when the Silverlight version allows it.	It has excellent documentation to reference. Using multithreading we can switch efficiently between threads. It has a significant amount of libraries and APIs.	Cost efficient in terms of resources and takes much less time to build things compared to other languages. It has easy scalability and is dynamic enough to be used for the most simple to the most complex agile based programming.
Cons	Requires a specific IDE to code it with and also requires a plugin like Silverlight in order to run on a browser.	The code can become bloated and more complex in comparison to a language like Python.	It is not a useful choice for memory intensive tasks and has it's restrictions when it comes to database access.

Framework

• Frontend

Name	React.js	Angular	Vue.js
Version	17.0.2	12.2.0-rc.0	3.2.1
Pros	Compared to other frameworks, React has a simpler syntactical form as well as a nice UI. It is also flexible and highly responsive.	It constantly has newer features due to its frequent updates. It's detailed documentation helps in utilising and implementing the framework.	It can be upscaled with larger projects and is also lightweight as well as offering excellent performance.
Cons	React can often be bloated as a result of having too many options. It also lacks official documentation.	Contains complex syntax inherited from the first generation of Angular and comes with migration issues.	Due to being lightweight it lacks a few resources and it might be harder to upscale your projects as a result.

• Backend

Name	ASP .NET Framework	Express.js	Flask
Version	4.8	4.17.1	2.0.1
Pros	Integrates naturally with a SQL server. It is also a framework with huge extensibility and third-party components. It is a mainstream standard that has many developers actively working on it. This means it comes with a lot of support and documentation	It supports many third party plugins and happens to be a very simple and fast framework with a large library. It happens to be one of the first frameworks that worked with node.js and maintained its popularity.	It has a very simple and clean implementation and is lightweight as well. It is a flexible framework that upscales with larger products.
Cons	Scalability of your projects becomes costly as they become larger.	There is no default method of arranging things and as a result becomes harder to manage in the long term.	Has a smaller library in comparison to the others and has nothing in the form of a database.

Deployment

• Cloud Platform

Name	Google Cloud Platform: 6 month trial	Amazon Web Services: 12 month trial	Microsoft Azure: 12 month
Version	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pros	A cheaper service compared to AWS with a 6 month free trial. With more flexibility than its competitors.	Free as long as trial specifications are not exceeded. Additional storage is relatively inexpensive and versatile.	It is free for a year with high security, scalability and security.
Cons	Periods of downtime when maintenance is needed. Only capable of of running small projects	High transactions and retrieval may be slow.	Requires set up to support Windows and has a smaller selection of functions compared to AWS

Version Control Repository

Name	Github	Sourceforge	Bitbucket
Version	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pros	A free and open source repository that allows collaboration across the board. There is a great number of documentation in order to better utilise its features. Offers unlimited private repositories.	Allows users to make contributions to code within a repository and is effective in allowing groups to contribute together.	It offers free private repositories and also allows users to import existing repositories.
Cons	Private repositories do not necessarily mean that data is private. Its project management could be more robust.	Its free private repositories are limited to a group of five or less.	Its download installer attempts to install third-party software.

Version Control

Name	Apache Subversion	Git	AWS CodeCommit
Version	1.14.1	2.33.0	N/A
Pros	It is also another free repository that allows the creation of branches within code files.	It is an open source repository and allows the creation of branches in any existing code files.	As long as less than 5 people utilise it, then it is free to utilise it's capabilities such as creating branches in code files
Cons	Merging code from one branch to another is difficult.	Difficult to integrate different repositories to one another.	Much smaller user base compared to its competitors. Users pay if the group limit is exceeded,

Diagrams/Modeling

Name	LucidCharts	Draw.io	FlowMapp
Version	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pros	It contains an online repository for both diagrams and for collaboration. It is also able to import and export different type bars.	Has great accessibility to the specific features . The diagrams also revert with their pages	Easy to utilise with many pre-built templates. It also has slack integration for updates.
Cons	Certain features are locked behind a paywall and there is a lack of customizability when it comes to it's options.	It is only available as a web application.	There are quality of life improvements that can be made. Its project management could be more involved and flexible.

Security

Transfer Protocol

Name	HTTPS	HTTP/2	НТТР
Version			
Pros	Automatically understood by website users as being secure. Has the capability to encrypt the data being transferred between two systems and is an easy transfer from the HTTP system.	Performs the best in terms of header compression and has a faster load time compared to its competitors.	Utilised as the basic means for two systems to communicate with one another
Cons	An SSL certificate is required.	Not as well as established as the others or as supported	Data being transferred is not encrypted and can be intercepted.