



# *HitchRide*

A rideshare network for students  
by students

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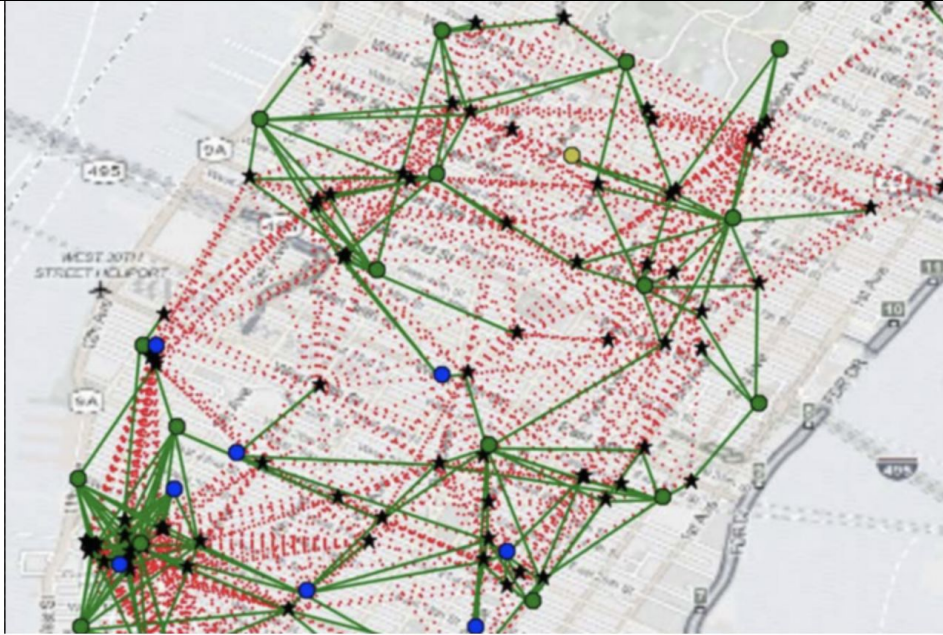
Share of Americans who have used ride-hailing  
apps in the last year

Even higher for college-age students!



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A new MIT system first creates a graph of vehicles (circles) and ride requests (stars) in a city, and then uses a method called “integer linear programming” to compute the best assignment of vehicles to trips.

Image courtesy of the researchers.

## How ride-sharing can improve traffic, save money, and help the environment

Study shows carpooling apps could reduce congestion by a factor of three while still serving the same number of people.

# Problem

**Searching these groups to find rides becomes very tedious.**

**Tara Srivastava**  
May 20 at 6:32 PM

Looking for a ride from richmond to uva on Wednesday!

1 Like

Write a comment...

**Tianshu Li**  
May 20 at 4:48 PM

looking for a ride on May 30th from uva to nova!

Like Comment Share

looking for ride to dc/nova this weekend (thursday, friday, or saturday), please let me know if you have room in your car for 1!



HitchRide can fix  
this! How?



# A rideshare network for students by students

HitchRide is a straightforward web app that connects college students looking to share rides.

HitchRide makes it effortless to enter when you will need a ride, choose your origin and destination, and find other students taking the same trip.

HitchRide connects you to the other students who need the same ride as you, exchanges your emails ahead of the time so you can meet, and guarantees that they will be a college student, just like you, by requiring a “.edu” email for signup.



# Use Cases

Students who own a car and will be making either a one-off or recurrent journey can create a carpool group of other students to cover transportation costs

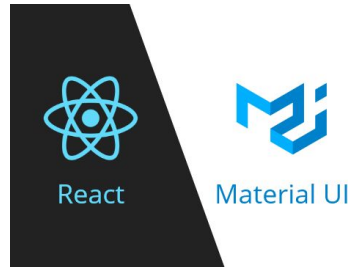
Students without access to a vehicle can create/search for a group of students to share an Uber/Lyft, substantially reducing per person costs of such services

Students who are afraid to travel alone and would prefer the company of additional college students

# Technologies / Project Details



- Front End
  - ReactJS
  - Material UI Framework
- Back End
  - PostgreSQL
  - Flask/SQLAlchemy
  - Axios
- Cloud Deployment
  - AWS EC2 Instance
  - RDS PostgreSQL Database
- APIs
  - Google Maps API
  - Leaflet
  - Uber/Lyft API (planned)



Flask SQLAlchemy



Amazon EC2





# Challenges

- Git!
- Development locally vs. on the AWS EC2 Instance
- State flow from child to parent components in React
- JS dynamic typing and other quirks
- Data communication between front end and back end
- Learning/Installing the same version of technologies
- Database schema changes affecting both front/back end (ER Model for relational database)



# Improvements

- Use TypeScript and Redux
- Implement/Integrate Uber and Lyft APIs
- Migrate to an Amazon RDS database
- Work on multiple pages/routing (React-router)
- Implement Mobile App (iOS/Android/React Native)
- Login/Verification functionality (backend complete)
- Implement algorithm for pickup on the way (log time search using kd tree)
- Implement ratings feature (backend complete)
- Automatically split the cost and charge the credit cards



Questions?



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## ***HITCHRIDE***

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