

# **System Design Document**

## CaRnS

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## CRC Cards - Frontend

### Pages

| BookDetailsRentPage  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the checkout page for rent listings.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BookDetailsRent</li> </ul> |

| BuyCheckoutPage   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the checkout page for buy listings.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BuyCheckout</li> </ul> |

| BuyDetailsPage   |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the specific details of a vehicle listing.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BuyDetail</li> </ul> |

| BuyerHistoryPage   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None |  |

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| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the history of all the vehicles the customer has bought in the past.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ProfileSideBar</li> </ul> |
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|---|--|
| BuyListingPage  |  |
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays all the active buy listings in descending creation order.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BuyListing</li> </ul> |

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|---|---|
| CreateListingPage   |   |
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the form where the vendor can create a listing to sell their vehicle.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ListingForm</li> </ul> |

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| CreateRentListingPage   |   |
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the form where the vendor can create a listing to rent their vehicle.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RentListingForm</li> </ul> |

| EditProfilePage   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the form where the user can edit their own profile information.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EditProfileForm</li> </ul> |

| LandingPage  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give the users a general overview of the website, use cases and company goals.</li> <li>Direct the user to the login/sign-up pages.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hero</li> </ul> |

| ProfilePage   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the user's profile.</li> <li>Allows the user to access their profile sidebar, which can allow them to access their history, profile, and listings (if they are a vendor).</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Profile</li> <li>ProfileSideBar</li> </ul> |

| RentCheckoutPage  |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display the rent checkout form so that a customer can rent a vehicle for a certain period of time.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RentCheckout</li> </ul> |

| RentDetailsPage  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displays the specific details of a rent listing after the user has clicked on it in the listing page.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RentDetail</li> </ul> |

| RentListingPage  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displays all the active rent listings in descending creation order.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RentListing</li> </ul> |

| SignInPage   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displays the input fields for the user to login to their account.</li> <li>• Direct the user to the signup page if they do not have an account.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SignIn</li> </ul> |

| SignUpPage   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the input fields that allow the user to create an account given their input credentials.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SignUp</li> </ul> |

| VendorBookingHistoryPage   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the vendor's history for their rent listings.</li> <li>Allows the user to access their profile sidebar, which can allow them to access their history, profile, and listings.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VendorBookingTrans</li> <li>ProfileSideBar</li> </ul> |

| VendorHistoryPage   |  |
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| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays the vendor's history for their buy listings.</li> <li>Allows the user to access their profile sidebar, which can allow them to access their history, profile, and listings.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PastSellList</li> <li>ProfileSideBar</li> </ul> |



| VendorListingsPage  |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displays all of the vendors active buy listings.</li> <li>• Allows the user to access their profile sidebar, which can allow them to access their history, profile, and listings (if they are a vendor).</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ActiveSellList</li> <li>• ProfileSideBar</li> </ul> |

| VendorListingsPageRent   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displays all of the vendors active rent listings.</li> <li>• Allows the user to access their profile sidebar, which can allow them to access their history, profile, and listings (if they are a vendor).</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ActiveRentList</li> <li>• ProfileSideBar</li> </ul> |

## Components

| App  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main React component.</li> <li>• Contains all the mainline logic of the frontend.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Components</li> <li>• All Pages</li> </ul> |

| ActiveHistorySingle   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains the information about a singular card in the active rent/sell list.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> |

| ActiveRentList   |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subpage to display vendor's active rent listings.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ActiveHistorySingle</li> </ul> |

| ActiveSellList   |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subpage to display vendor's active sell listings (buy listings on customer side).</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ActiveHistorySingle</li> </ul> |

| BuyDetail  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gets the details and displays the buy listing information.</li> <li>Allows the user to access the</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ContactInfo</li> </ul> |

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| checkout page for the buy listing. |  |
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| BuyerHistory   |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gets and displays the transaction history for all of the buy listings for a customer.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ContactInfo</li> </ul> |

| BuyListing  |  |
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| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display general listing information of all the vendor listings created for buyers.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> |

| ContactInfo   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sub-component card that displays the user's contact information (name and phone number) inside of the listing detail page.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> |

| DateRangePicker  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None |  |

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| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a calendar so the user can rent out a rent listing for a given amount of time.</li> <li>• Display dates which are unavailable for the user to pick.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |
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| EditProfileForm   |  |
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form that allows users to input and edit their name, email and phone number.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

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| Hero  |  |
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None                                    |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graphic for the LandingPage.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

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| ListingForm  |  |
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a form that takes user input to create a buy or rent listing.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

| NavBar   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows users to navigate to different parts of the website.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> |

| PastHistorySingle  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generates the card with the buy listing details from the transaction.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> |

| PastSellList  |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generates the list of all of the buy listing transaction cards that PastHistorySingle templates.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PastHistorySingle</li> </ul> |

| Profile  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display user profile information.</li> <li>Allow the user to edit their profile information.</li> <li>Allow the user to access other information they should have</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> |

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| access such as their history and listings. |  |
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| ProfileSideBar   |  |
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| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer - account and history buttons to display their respective information.</li> <li>• Vendor - account, history and listing buttons to display their respective information.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

| RentCheckout   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displays the form for users to book and checkout their vehicle for a certain period of time.</li> <li>• Displays the number of days, cost and total of the order dynamically.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

| RentDetail  |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gets the details and displays the buy listing information.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ContactInfo</li> </ul> |

| RentListing   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display general listing information of all the active vendor listings created for renters.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

| RentListingForm   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input form which allows customers to create rent listings.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

| SignIn   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow a previously registered user to login using their username and password.</li> <li>• Prevent non-users from accessing the rest of the website.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

| SignUp   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None |  |

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| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow new users to create a username and password to use for the login page.</li> <li>• Prevent users from signing up if they have overlapping login information with another user in the database.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |
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| VendorBookingTrans  |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generates the vendor's list of rent transactions for their vehicles.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

| VendorRentSingle   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generates the card with the rent listing details for the rent listings.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |

## CRC Cards - Backend

| Server   |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Runs the Express.js server on a given port.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• authenticationRoutes</li> <li>• listingRoutes</li> </ul> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connects to the MongoDB database with the .env file.</li> <li>• Defines what routes the API uses.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MongoDB</li> </ul> |
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| AuthenticationRoutes  |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pair login and sign-up functions that correspond to their respective HTTP methods and their relative route paths.</li> <li>• Get controller functions from authenticationController.</li> <li>• Exports the router for Server.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• authenticationController</li> <li>• Server</li> </ul> |

| ListingRoutes   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pair listing functions that correspond to their respective HTTP methods and their relative route paths.</li> <li>• Get controller functions from listing Controller.</li> <li>• Exports the router for Server.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• listingController</li> <li>• Server</li> </ul> |

| TransactionRoutes   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pair transaction/purchase history functions that correspond to their respective HTTP methods and their relative route paths.</li> <li>• Get controller functions from transactionController.</li> <li>• Exports the router for Server.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• transactionController</li> <li>• Server</li> </ul> |

| AuthenticationModel   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines user schema to be inputted into the database.</li> <li>• Validates user signup input and returns a user if it is a valid input.</li> <li>• Validates and authenticates username/password for login.</li> <li>• Exports user schema for authenticationController.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• authenticationController</li> </ul> |

| ListingModel  |   |
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| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines listing schema to be inputted into the database.</li> <li>• Validates required listing information and returns a listing if it is a valid input.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• listingController</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exports listing schema for listingController.</li> </ul> |  |
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| TransactionModel   |  |
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| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines transaction schema to be inputted into the database.</li> <li>Validates required listing information and returns a transaction if it is a valid input.</li> <li>Exports listing schema for transactionController.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>transactionController</li> <li>User</li> <li>Listing</li> </ul> |

| AuthenticationController   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None   |  |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines authentication functions for authenticationRoutes.</li> <li>Performs CRUD operations in the database.</li> <li>Returns respective HTTP status code if a function works properly or throws an error.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AuthenticationModel</li> <li>MongoDB</li> </ul> |

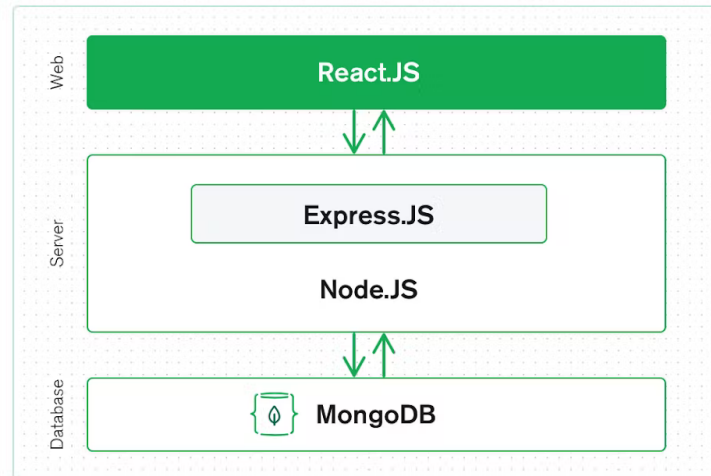
| ListingController   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines listing CRUD functions for listingRoutes.</li> <li>• Performs CRUD operations in the database.</li> <li>• Returns respective HTTP status code if a function works properly or throws an error.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• listingModel</li> <li>• MongoDB</li> </ul> |

| TransactionController   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parent Class (if any):</b> None<br><b>Subclasses (if any):</b> None  |   |
| <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines listing CRUD functions for transactionRoutes.</li> <li>• Performs CRUD operations in the database.</li> <li>• Returns respective HTTP status code if a function works properly or throws an error.</li> </ul> | <b>Collaborators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• transactionModel</li> <li>• listingModel</li> <li>• MongoDB</li> </ul> |

# System Architecture

## Software Architecture Diagram

### Three-tiered architecture



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## Architecture Description

The MERN stack follows the traditional three-tiered architecture (shown above). Our frontend, the presentation tier, uses React JavaScript, HTML and CSS to display and collect information for the backend to handle. The application tier, written in Node.js accompanied by an Express.js server, communicates with the frontend to process the user's API calls using HTTP request methods. Depending on the call, the backend will store, access or update information in the MongoDB database, the data tier, and return some feedback to the frontend. This works conveniently due to the frontend, backend and database all using the JSON data format to send data between tiers.

## System Decomposition

As shown through the CRC cards, the frontend is divided between the different pages the various users interact with. The backend is mostly organized between models, controllers and routes for each type of interaction with the database. For example, users need listings to have CRUD operations. Each listing operation has routes for the controller to perform said operations to the database. The controller uses the model to form proper JSONs, check for valid fields and return HTTP statuses.

Invalid input is handled in the backend and returns HTTP statuses to ensure that data has either been handled properly or that the frontend needs to display an error message for the user. If the backend server fails, the user will still be able to interact with the frontend application and use the NavBar to travel between pages, but cannot interact with the database in any way, such as creating a listing or logging in.