

# CSConnects:

## Connecting Students Across Computer Science



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# Product Definition

In order to connect the Computer Science community on our current **virtual** campus, CSConnects will solve students' problem of feeling **disconnected** from our peers, **networking opportunities** and club **events** and programming by giving them easy access to our clubs **calendar** as well as **notifications** when there are events that will interest them.



## Product Definition (cont.)

We know our product will work when:

- It displays a full **calendar** of events for all CS **clubs**
- Allows for users to filter their event **preferences** and **notifies** them about upcoming events
- Display helpful **resources** for students such as tips to get more **involved** on campus, links to group chats, links to internship opportunities, etc.

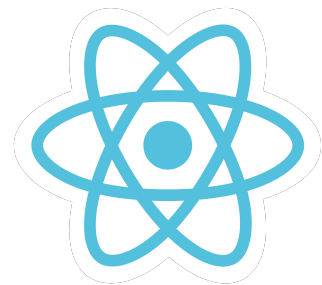
DEMO

# Contributions

<p>Shaina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Added Twilio API feature and logic to send users SMS messages</li><li>- Cron scheduler</li><li>- UX of calendar page and accounts page</li><li>- Delete event from calendar functionality</li><li>- User signing up for event notifications functionality</li></ul>	<p>Matt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Created login, signup functionality.</li><li>- Added login sessions and user roles.</li><li>- Added calendar admin panel</li><li>- Contributed to MySQL database design</li><li>- Setup Heroku Mysql database</li><li>- Setup API for filter feature of calendar</li><li>- Setup API for accounts page</li></ul>
<p>Leman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Researched calendar APIs - Google Calendar, React Scheduler, FullCalendar</li><li>- Set up events page, adding the calendar</li><li>- Contributed to database design and backend APIs</li><li>- Deployed project on Heroku</li><li>- Setup filter feature for frontened</li></ul>	<p>Maisa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Created mockup for the project and identified reusable components</li><li>- Created pages and components using ReactJS and SASS</li><li>- Worked on responsive web design</li><li>- Added react router for seamless user experience</li></ul>

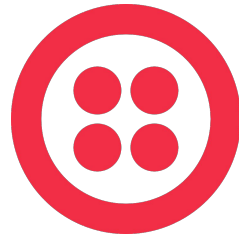
## Tools used

- MySQL
- Twilio
- React frontend
- Full Calendar
- Moment (for date and time)
- Cron (for scheduling our text messages)
- Axios (for API calls)
- Express backend
- Formspree API



# Remaining Goals for CSConnects

# Technical Presentation #1: Twilio



```
//Pino logger-tracks each request: https://www.npmjs.com/package/express-pino-logger
const pino = require('express-pino-logger')();
const client = require('twilio')(
  process.env.TWILIO_ACCOUNT_SID,
  process.env.TWILIO_AUTH_TOKEN
);
```

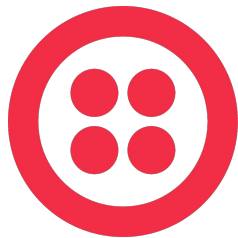
```
function sendNotification(arr){
  const bindings = arr.map(number => {
    return JSON.stringify({ binding_type: 'sms', address: number });
  });
  service.notifications
    .create({
      toBinding: bindings,
      body: "Hello! You have an event coming up. Log into your CSConnects account here: http://huntercscconnects.herokuapp.com/"
    })
    .then(notification => {
      console.log("notification!", notification);
    })
    .catch(err => {
      console.error(err);
    });
}
```

```
app.get('/api/greeting', (req, res) => {
  const name = req.query.name || 'World';
  res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'application/json');
  res.send(JSON.stringify({ greeting: `Hello ${name}!` }));
});

app.post('/api/messages', (req, res) => {
  res.header('Content-Type', 'application/json');
  client.messages
    .create({
      from: process.env.TWILIO_PHONE_NUMBER,
      to: req.body.to,
      body: req.body.body
    })
    .then(() => {
      res.send(JSON.stringify({ success: true }));
    })
    .catch(err => {
      console.log("Error: ", err);
      res.send(JSON.stringify({ success: false }));
    });
});
```





# Twilio cont.





My first Twilio... TRIAL ▾ Billing /


Upgrade Project

Go to...

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 Dashboard

 Billing



Overview

Recurring Items

Pricing

Usage

Notification Preferences

Settings

Upgrade

Trust Hub

Beta

Account Insights

Beta

Billing Overview

Billing Information

CURRENT TRIAL BALANCE  
+\$12.29

Your project is in trial mode  
Upgrade now to buy phone numbers, publish your app in the App Gallery, and take over the world.  
[Upgrade Now](#)

Usage Summary

As of 12:26:25 UTC 2020-12-08 Dec 2020 ▾

PRODUCT	COST
Total	\$0.0075
Sales Tax	TBD
Programmable SMS	\$0.0075

# Twilio cont.

## Pay-as-you-go SMS pricing

NUMBER USED

TEXT MESSAGES

TO SEND ↑↑\$

TO RECEIVE ↑\$

LOCAL NUMBERS

\$0.0075

\$0.0075

TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

\$0.0075

\$0.0075

## Pay-as-you-go Phone Number pricing

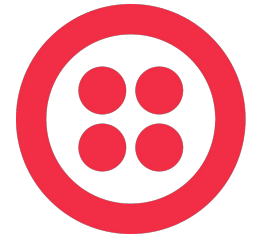
CLEAN LOCAL NUMBERS

Local phone numbers validated as spam-free with a 120-day seven-point inspection.

LOCAL PREFIX

**\$1.00** / month

One (1) SMS per second



# Technical Presentation #2: Calendar APIs

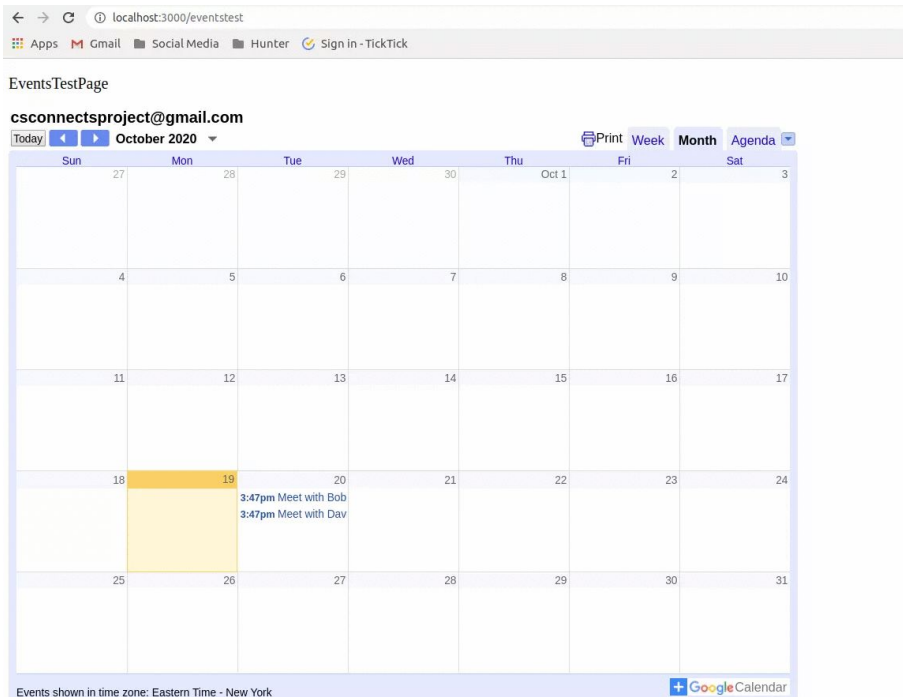
Options:

1.  Google Calendar API

2.  

3. 

# 31 Google Calendar API



## Pros:

- Many people use it and has good documentation

## Cons:

- Unable to filter the calendar w/o filtering another non-user's calendar.
- No dedicated React component

## Pros:

- Dedicated React calendar component

## Cons:

- Not many people use this so finding answers would be hard
- Documentation is also lackluster
- We also were unable to get it to work



<https://fullcalendar.io/docs/react>

```
<FullCalendar
  plugins={[ dayGridPlugin ]}
  initialView="dayGridMonth"
  weekends={false}
  events={[
    { title: 'event 1', date: '2019-04-01' },
    { title: 'event 2', date: '2019-04-02' }
  ]}
/>
```

```
<FullCalendar
  plugins={[ dayGridPlugin, interactionPlugin ]}
  initialView="dayGridMonth"
  events={this.state.EventsFromDB}
  eventClick = {this.handleEventClick}
  dateClick = {this.handleDateClick}
/>
```



# FullCalendar

```
//as soon as page runs, make an api call to grab all events, and populate them into this.state.EventsFromDB
Axios.get(`${BASE_API_URL}/api/getEvents`).then((response) =>{
  var jsonArr = [];
  response.data.map( (val) =>
  {
    jsonArr.push({
      title: val.event_name,
      date: val.date,
      extendedProps: {
        event_id:val.event_id,
        club_name: val.club_name,
        date: val.date,
        start_time: val.start_time,
        end_time: val.end_time,
        event_description: val.event_description,
        event_location: val.event_location,
        event_type: val.keyword_name
      }
    })
  })
  this.setState({
    EventsFromDB: jsonArr
  })
  console.log("eventsFromDB: ", this.state.EventsFromDB);
});
```

Thank you!  
Any questions?