

CSU34031 Advanced Telecoms Project 1

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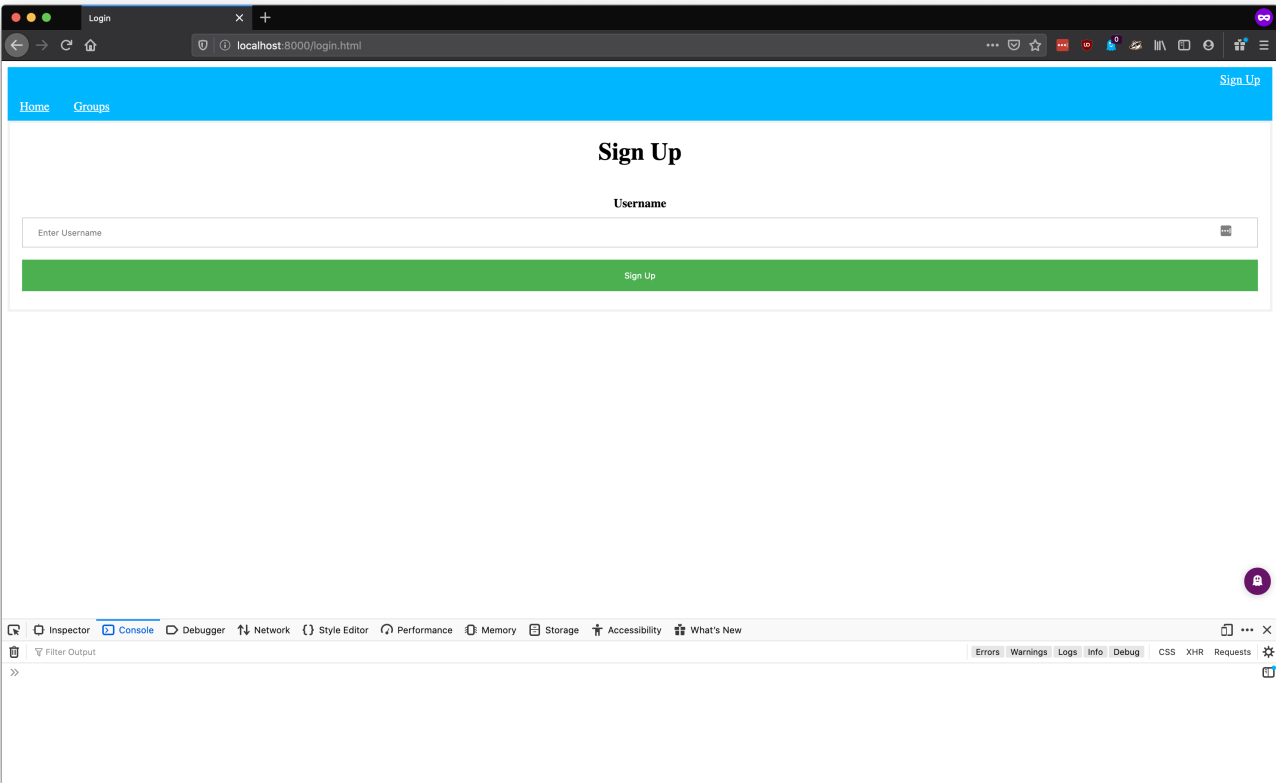
Overview

The overall program is separated into two segments. A webpage frontend and a backend to act as a intermediary between each user. The frontend allows users to sign up, add/remove people to their wall, post to their wall, and see other peoples posts. On the other hand the backend handles who is allowed to view which, post along with over distribution.

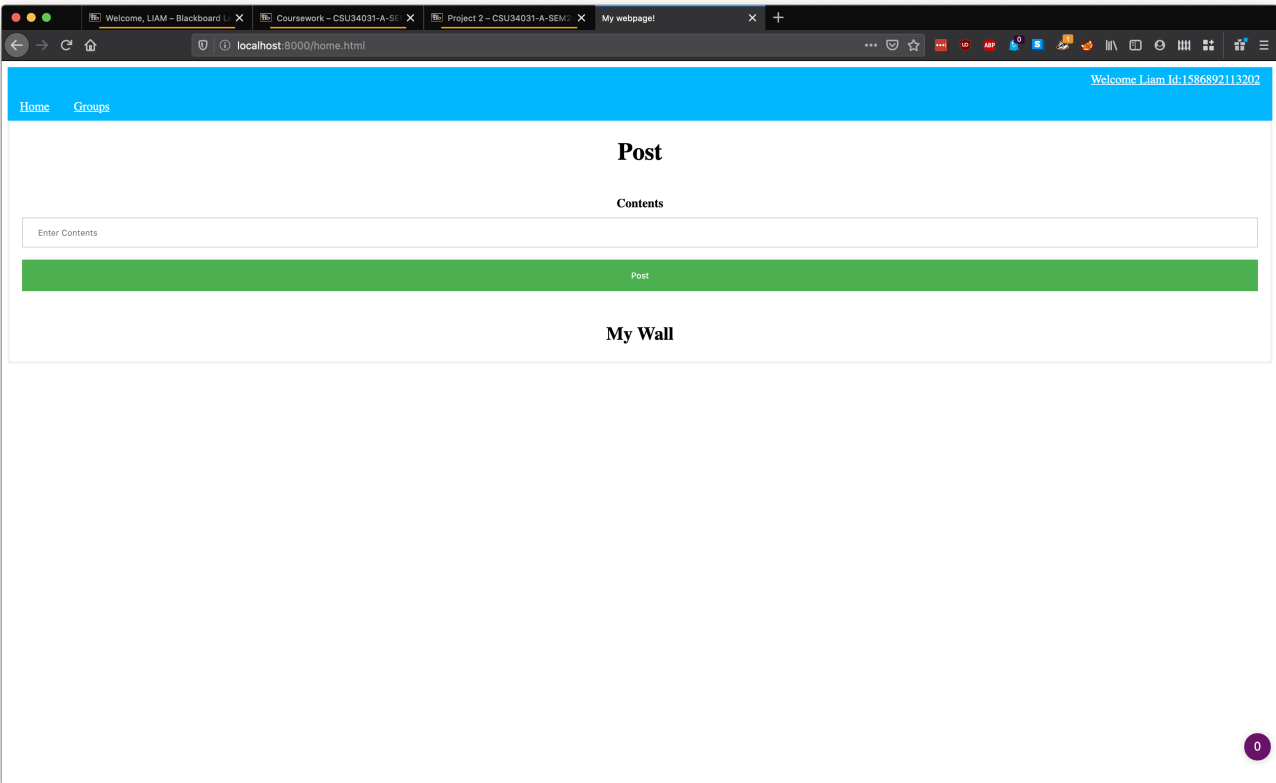
Webpage

The webpage layout consists of a blue navigation bar at the top with links for 'Home' and 'Groups', and a 'Sign Up' link in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar is a section titled 'Post' with a sub-label 'Contents'. This section contains a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter Contents' and a green 'Post' button. Below the post section is a section titled 'My Wall'.

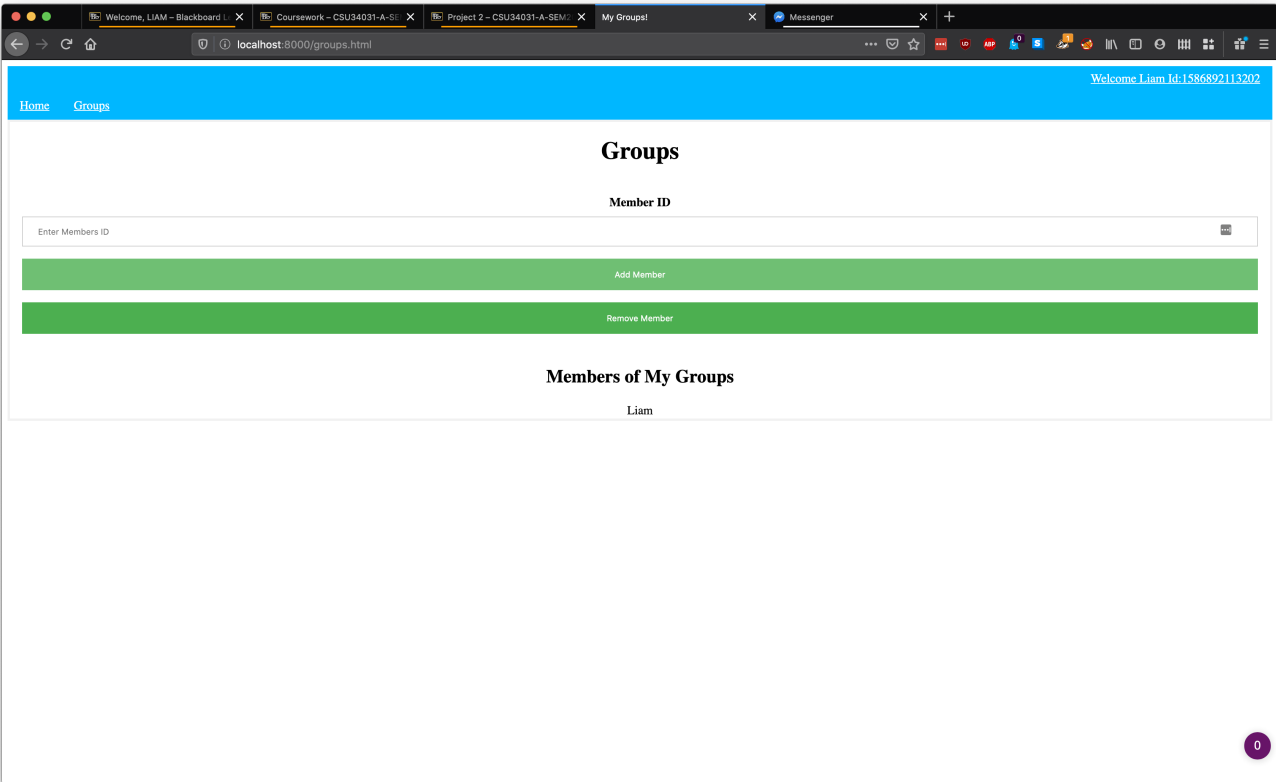
Initially when a user navigates to the website they are greeted by their wall but as they have not signed up yet it will be empty. In the top right corner they can navigate to the sign up page.



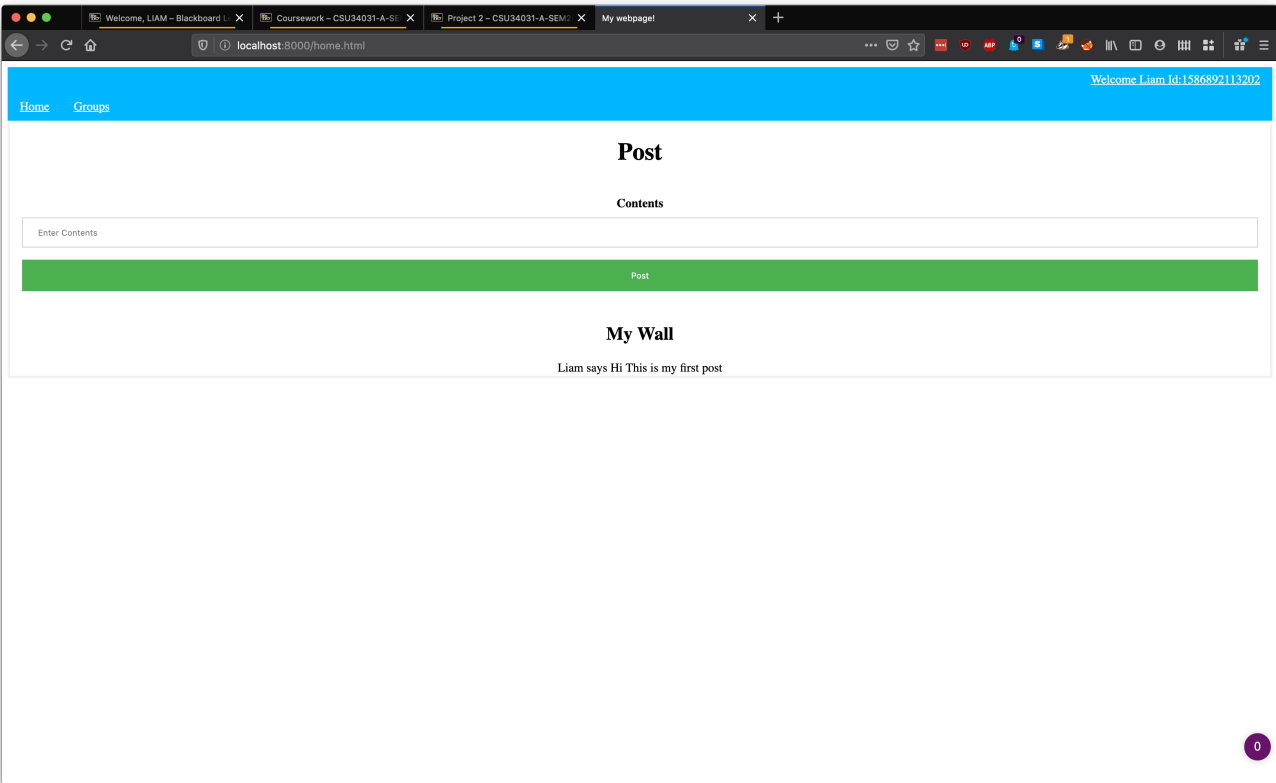
On the sign up page they simply need to type in a username. Users are specific to their browser. This is due to the overall localized design. As the majority of the required information is stored in the browser rather than a database. Upon signing up the frontend creates a private/public key pair informs the backend off the user's name, unique id, and public key. Additionally the private key and related information is saved in the users browser.



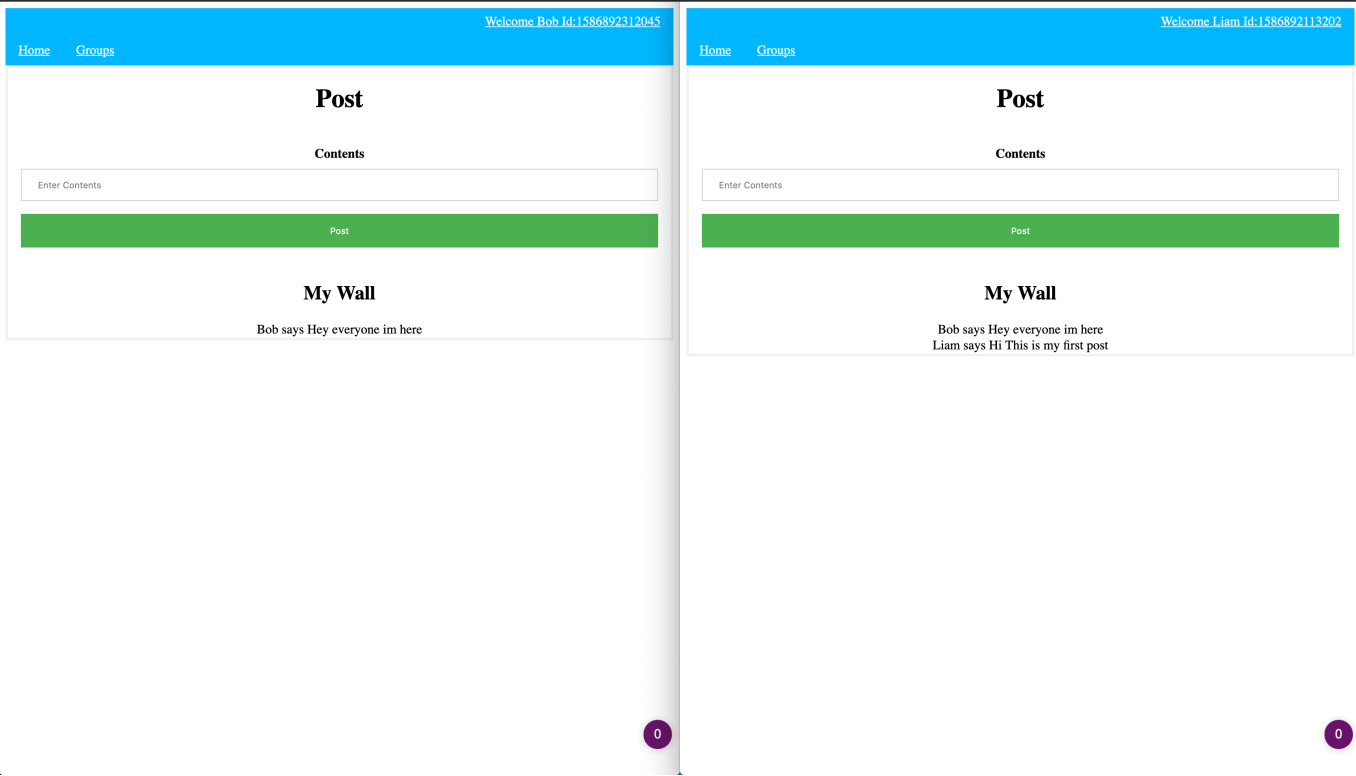
Upon signing up you are navigated to the home page and in the topright side of the page is the users name and id. This id is key as it allows other users to add you to their group.



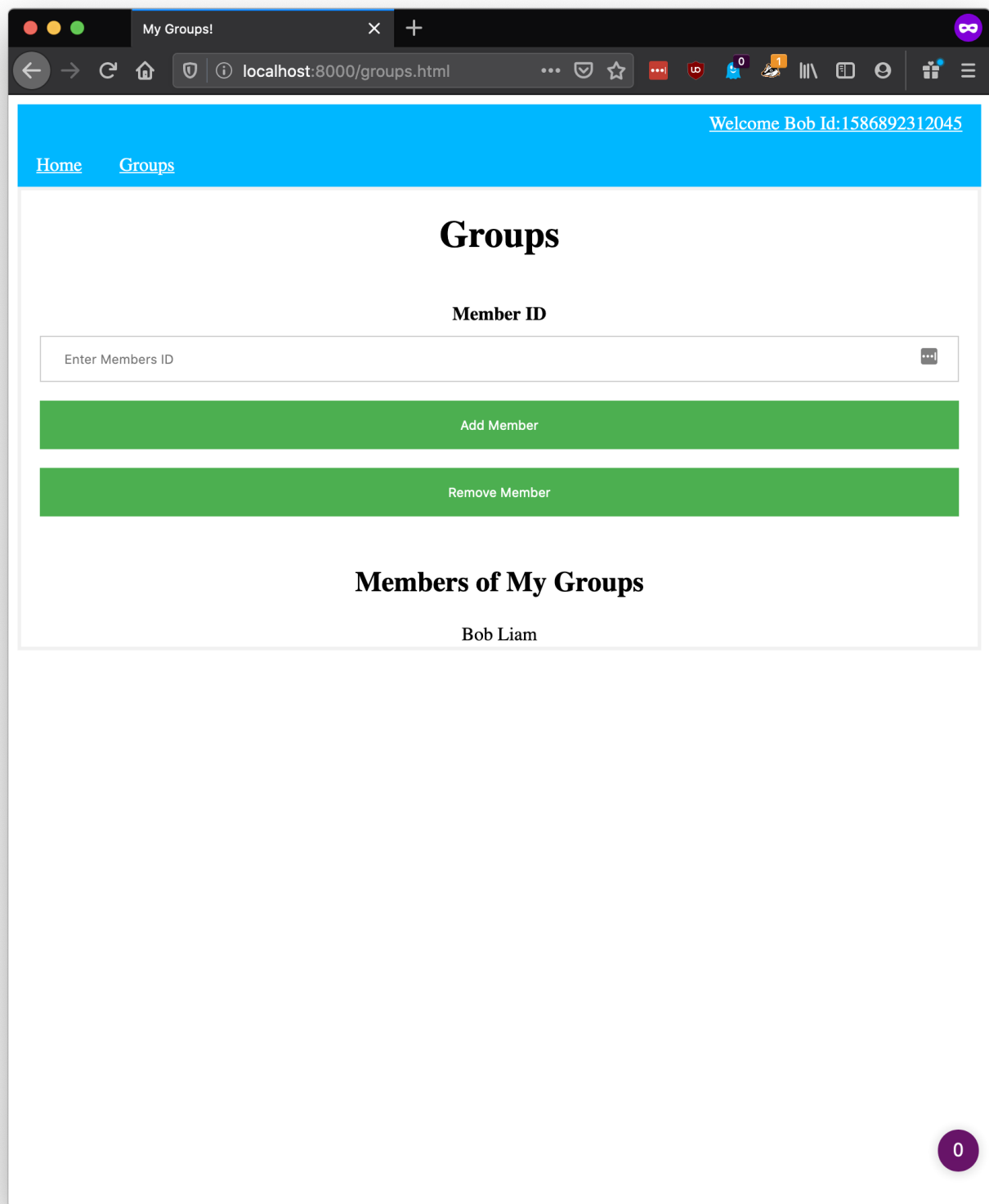
At the group page you can add new users to your group and remove users from your group. Additionally you start as part of your group. If you do not want to see your own posts you could remove yourself from your group with your id.



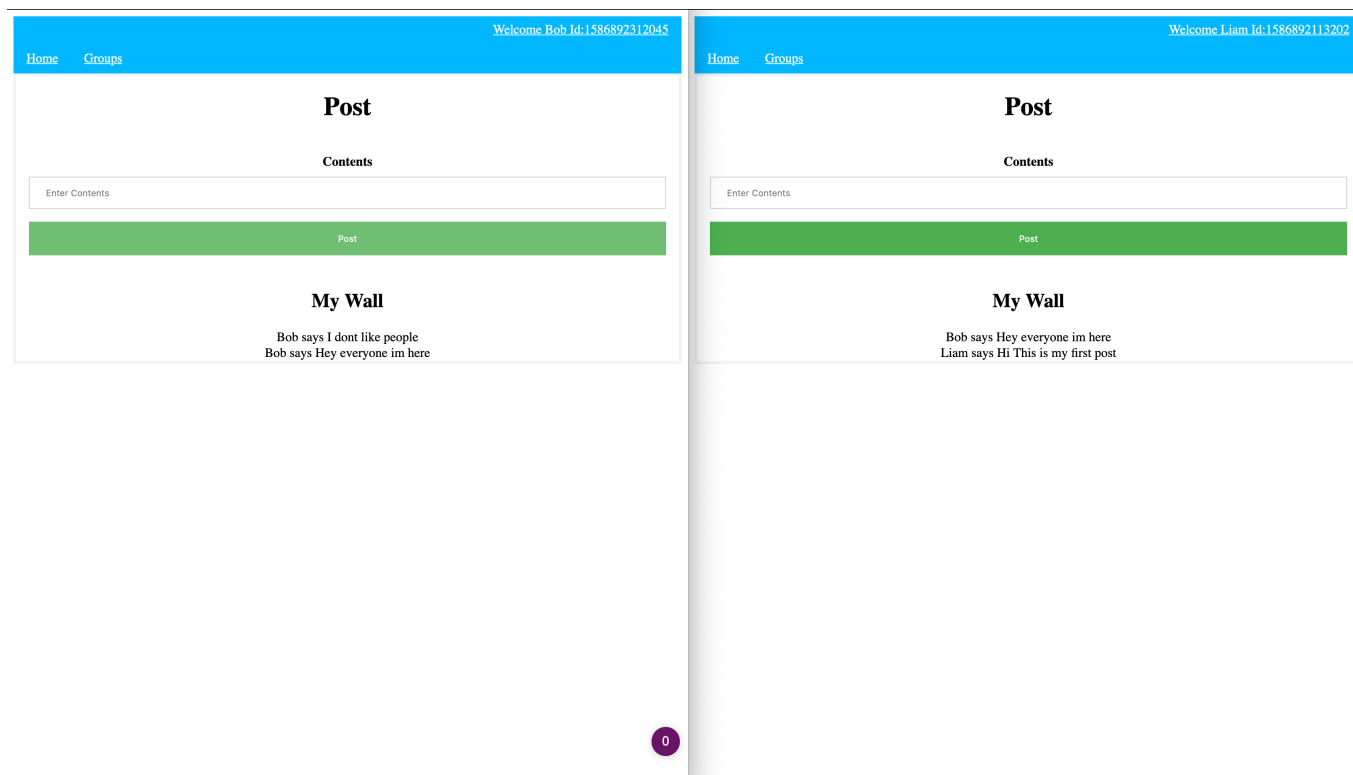
Upon posting you wall is filled with the new post. If others have added you to their group you will also see their posts that occurred after you were added.



In this image you see that liam, right, has recieved bob's, left, message. This is due to the fact that bob added liam to his group.



As you can see liam is a member of bobs group.



But once bob removes liam, liam will not be able to see bobs new posts.

Video with a look into the website can be found at.

Key Handeling

The keys are handeled very simply. First of all the backend has a private and public key. When a user joins the backend sends its public key to the user. Any message sent from a user to the backend uses that public key. On the other hand each user generates its own private/public keys. And upon creating an account sends its public key to the backend. Whenever the backend sends data to the user it uses its public key.

In the backend it stores its own private and public keys. It also stores list of all users and thier private keys.

On the other end users store their private and public keys along with the servers public key in the browsers local storage.

Encryption

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Group Membership

The cache is simply implemented with a map between the url and a response (stored as a byte array). When a new http request occurs that is not cached the response is added to the map and when a call is made to the same url again the byte array is reconstructed into a http response and sent to the client with appropriate headers. The example below demonstrates that I am able to load the website with my wifi off (note top right side of screen) and the browsers caching turned off (in the right side of inspect element console). Additionally you can see in the console of VSCode it is logging that the website is being pulled from the cache. The network portion of the browser also states that packet took 0ms to receive.



In this image where it is not cached you can see it takes significantly longer to receive, in this case 3931ms.



Sending Posts

When a post is received by the backend it sorts through the users group membership. Placing a copy of the encrypted message in each user's posts queue.

```
for (var key in users[uname]["group"]) {
  if (users[uname]["group"].hasOwnProperty(key)) {
    let aname = uids[key];
    users[aname]["posts"][uname] = message;
  }
}
```

The next time the recipient pulls their posts the posts are decrypted using the server's private key and then encrypted using the recipient's public key before being sent off. The queue is then emptied.

```
for (var key in users[uname]["posts"]) {
  if (users[uname]["posts"].hasOwnProperty(key)) {
    let message = await decrypt(privateKey, users[uname]["posts"]
[key])
    resp[key] = await encrypt(users[uname].key, message)
  }
}
```

The recipient then uses their private key to decrypt the message before storing/displaying the posts. Posts are also saved locally.

```
for (var key in x) {
  if (x.hasOwnProperty(key)) {
    posts[new Date().getTime()*-1] = {
      message:await this.getWebWorkerResponse('decrypt', x[key]),
```

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        name: key
      }
    }
  }

  var newObject = {};
  var keys = [];

  for (var key in posts) {
    keys.push(key);
  }

  let n = document.getElementById("wall")

  for (var i = keys.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
    let d = document.createElement("div")
    let u = document.createTextNode(posts[keys[i]]["name"] + " says "
+ posts[keys[i]]["message"])
    d.appendChild(u)
    n.appendChild(d);
  }

```

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{ Liam:
  { id: 1586895383973,
    name: 'Liam',
    key:
      '-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----\nMIIBIzANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCARAAMIIBCwKCAQIAiMRum53aX+EK67mQgCg
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    posts:
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{ Liam:
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    name: 'Liam',
    key:
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    group: { '1586895383973': 1586895383973 },
    posts: {} } }
{}

```

As these logs show liam sends a message which then is stored in liams groupmembers(only liam at the moment) posts(See the first posts: blob containing a clearly encrypted message from liam). Bellow that you can see the message that is being sent. To liam but now the message has a diferent encryption. Finally once you can see that liam's info no longer contains any posts as all posts in the cache have been sent.

Database

For the backend there is no database. The backend simply contains a list of all users, group membership, and caches posts before they are sent to the end users. As soon as posts are passed to the end user they are deleted. As such the users store the posts they receive locally.

Improvements

Code

<https://github.com/Liampobob/AdvTelecoms>