

Tools for Supporting Community Growth in Open Source

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Abstract

For the past six months our group has been working on a project that is creating tools that gives users the ability to look for open source community leaders that are hosting events. These tools will allow users to have the opportunity to find these events in order to become a contributor to an open source project. This is done in the form of a website that will have features for finding certain events dealing with open source projects so that it can be easily accessible by people with a passion for wanting to contribute to projects. Throughout this document, we look at what this team has accomplished for each of the requirements that have been laid out, discussing problems that have halted our progression through the project, and how we changed our timeline. Also included are important images of the user interface we have decided to use, along with pieces of code that we have completed. By the end of this document, you will get a complete picture of how we reached our version 1.0 release.

I. PROJECT PURPOSES AND GOALS

After continuous work on this project, the perspective on what this community development tool wants to accomplish became clear. After taking more time to read and understand the code that was previously written for the prototype, we can see clearly how the data is organized and connected using Django and its tools. First and foremost, the purpose of the community development tool remains the same. The purpose is to gather information from meetup.com which is the website we are pulling information about events and people from. Next we parse that information into a list of upcoming events related to Apache and open source projects so that developers in the open source community have an easy way to access an environment where they can hope to participate in those events. The ultimate goal of this project is to create a set of tools that eager developers can use to find events, view community leader profiles, and get involved.

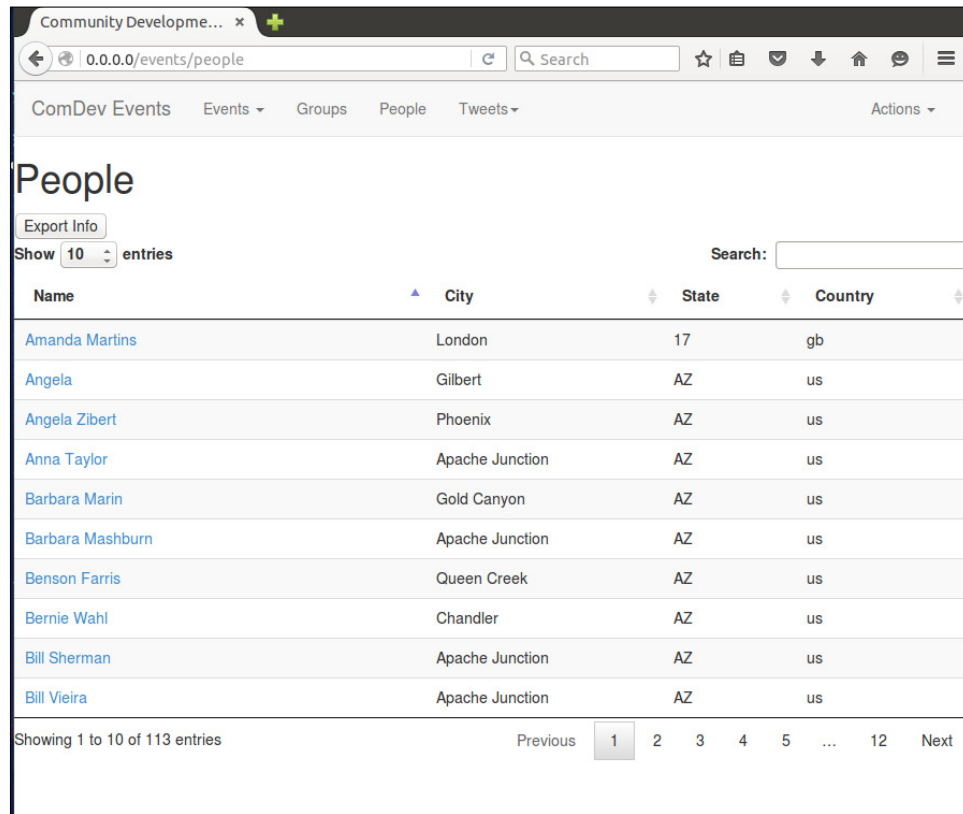
II. SYSTEMS OUTLINE

This project is developed through Django, a free, open source, high-level Python web application framework which follows the model-view-controller architectural pattern. It provides an option dynamic admin interface, which is controlled in a similar way as other portions of the framework, by models. Django is used for both front-end and back-end of the application. For a database management system, the application uses MySQL, which is the most popular and commonly used relational database management system. MySQL handles the data and works efficiently while "cutting corners" for runtime efficiency. For the front-end templates, HTML and JavaScript are mainly used. the HTML user interface is more secure than most sites and allows images and objects to be embedded and used to create interactive forms. JavaScript is used to extend functionality of the website, specifically with the Google Maps feature. Execution on the client side means that the code is executed on the user's processor instead of the web server which saves bandwidth and strain on the web server overall.

III. CURRENT PROGRESSION THROUGH REQUIREMENTS

A. *Fix the People page where the list of community leaders are shown*

1. Completed Implementation: The People page currently takes all of the people in the database and lists them onto the page. Normally, if the prototype is hosted on a local machine and the database is relatively small, then the page loads fine in a minimal amount of time. The issue is nested in the actual hosted site by Apache where hundreds of thousands people are imported into the database daily and dramatically slowing down the loading time of the page. With our current progression of the project, we have not made significant progress into improving the loading time of the page. We use our own local host to import a small amount of members at a time and that requirement is set to be worked on shortly for Beta implementation. The guideline for working towards accomplishing this requirement is to limit the amount of people loaded at a time onto the page. For Beta, we have rearranged where the table is generated for the people page in the function within views.py. This change specifically was introduced because a bug was found where when the table is generated, then if the amount of people were too many, then the table would crash and not build. With the rearrangement, now the table does not break through a large build and now tends to load faster. Unfortunately, the implementation of the fix for the People page is local. We have yet to test it on the host that Apache is using to run the prototype currently. We predict that the fix will work but it will need to be approved and patched into the live site for clarification.



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0.0.0.0/events/people

Search

ComDev Events Events Groups People Tweets Actions

People

Export Info

Show 10 entries

Search:

Name	City	State	Country
Amanda Martins	London	17	gb
Angela	Gilbert	AZ	us
Angela Zibert	Phoenix	AZ	us
Anna Taylor	Apache Junction	AZ	us
Barbara Marin	Gold Canyon	AZ	us
Barbara Mashburn	Apache Junction	AZ	us
Benson Farris	Queen Creek	AZ	us
Bernie Wahl	Chandler	AZ	us
Bill Sherman	Apache Junction	AZ	us
Bill Vieira	Apache Junction	AZ	us

Showing 1 to 10 of 113 entries

Previous 1 2 3 4 5 ... 12 Next

Fig. 1: The people page displaying the profile links for the people that have been imported into the application.

B. Tweet at a person listed in the database

1. Completed Implementation: Each person who is imported into the application is generated their own profile page based off of their Meetups ID. Information from Meetups about the persons profile is also parsed in the community development tool. Those profiles include displaying the twitter handle of the person. This was done by changing the Meetup API request so that we could get the correct information and then store that information in our database. This can be seen in code snippet 1 located below with the URL shown along with the 'if' statements to locate the twitter handle. This allows the user to get in contact with the person in a profile. Above the twitter handle is a button that has the Twitter symbol which allows the user to click and send a tweet at the person via Hoot-suite. The hoot-suite app is given the twitter handle of the person the user wants to tweet at and the URL of the persons page on our application for reference. The user signs in to compose the tweet and sends it under their Twitter account. The code snippet 2 located below shows the HTML encoding of the button used to create the Hootsuite connection and shows the retrieval of the twitter handle from the database with 'person.service'. Not all users have a Twitter handle registered with Meetups thus the tweet button does not have any use. To handle this case the tweet at button only appears on profiles of imported people that have a registered Twitter handle.

```

url = "https://api.meetup.com/2/members?offset=0&format=json&
group_id=" +
    str(group.meetupID) + "&photo-host=public&page=500&sig_id=148657742&
key=" +
    MEETUP_API_KEY

for member in members:
    try:
        person = Person.objects.get(meetupID = member['id'])
    except Person.DoesNotExist:
        person = Person()

    try:
        if 'other_services' in member.keys():
            if 'twitter' in member['other_services'].keys():
                if 'identifier' in member['other_services']['twitter
'].keys():
                    person.service = member['other_services']
                        ['twitter']['identifier']

```

Code Snippet: 1: Views.py file where twitter handle is identified and stored

```

<a href="{{ person.service }}" title="{{ person.service }}"
    class="_hs_socialshare" > Tweet at this Person </a>

<script>

(function() {
    var h = document.createElement('script'); h.type =
        'text/javascript'; h.async = true;
    h.src = ('https:' == document.location.protocol ? '
https://' :
        'http://') + 'dtirydke3kdq7.cloudfront.net/hootlet.js?v
=1';
    var s = document.getElementsByTagName('script')[0]; s.
parentNode.insertBefore(h, s);
    })();
</script>

```

Code Snippet: 2: View.py where the button for tweeting at a person is created and twitter handle is displayed.



Fig. 2: The button that is displayed when a user has a twitter handle that is publicly available on Meetups that allows a user to tweet at the person.

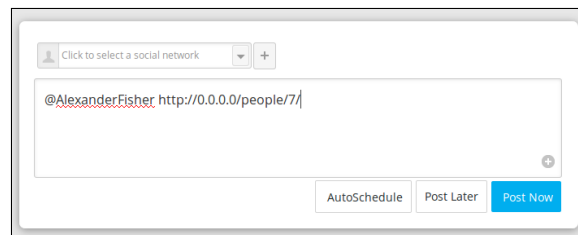


Fig. 3: The HootSuite service is used to send the tweet at the person as we supply the twitter handle and it is up to the user to use their Twitter account to tweet.

C. Add user accounts to application and track when a user has tweeted an event

1. Completed Implementation: The purpose of adding user accounts to the applications is to be able to track when users tweeting about events or people. With the completion of this requirement, the account creation is working along with being able to sign in successfully with a confirmation of signing in by displaying a welcome message along with the user's username. There is also a login and logout button located in the top right section of the website on all pages allowing the user to login or logout at anytime. Everything is also backended with features of the website only existing if the user has an authorized account. This means that action functions within the application which include importing meetups, importing members, marking events as not applicable, and marking groups as not applicable to be behind being signed in. This means if you are not logged in with the authorized account, you can't perform these actions. Note that the accounts created are allowed access to these features, but do not have access to the administrative page that deals with the Django database.

```

def login(request):
    state = "Please log in below..."
    username = password = ''
    if request.POST:
        username = request.POST.get('username')
        password = request.POST.get('password')

        user = authenticate(username=username, password=password)
        if user is not None:
            if user.is_active:
                auth_login(request, user)
                state = "Welcome " + username + "!"
            else:
                state = "Your account is not active, please contact the site
admin."
        else:
            state = "Your username and/or password were incorrect."
    template = loader.get_template('login/login.html')
    context = RequestContext(request, {
        'state': state,
        'username': username
    })
    return HttpResponse(template.render(context))

def logout_view(request):
    logout(request)
    return render(request, 'login/login.html')

def createAccount(request):
    if request.POST:
        username = request.POST.get('username')
        password = request.POST.get('password')
        email = request.POST.get('email')
        first_name = request.POST.get('first_name')
        last_name = request.POST.get('last_name')

        user = User.objects.create_user(username, email, password)
    return render(request, 'login/createAccount.html')

```

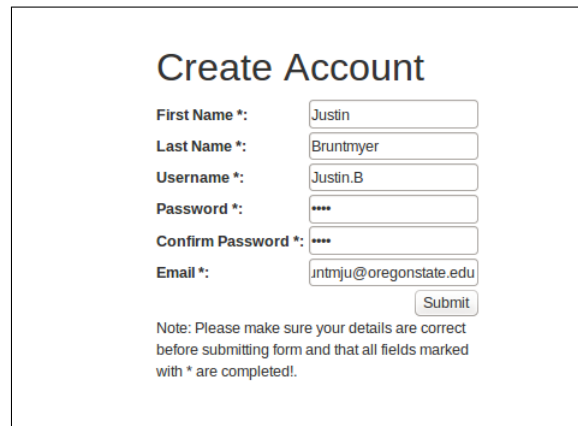
Code Snippet: 3: Views.py file that handles the creation of accounts and the login page view

```

url(r'^accounts/login/$', views.login, name='login'),
url(r'^logout', views.logout_view, name='logout'),
url(r'^login/$', views.login, name='login'),
url(r'^createAccount/$', views.createAccount, name='createAccount'),
url(r'^index/$', views.index, name='eventIndex'),

```

Code Snippet: 4: urls.py file where the destinations are stored for login and logout



Create Account

First Name *:

Last Name *:

Username *:

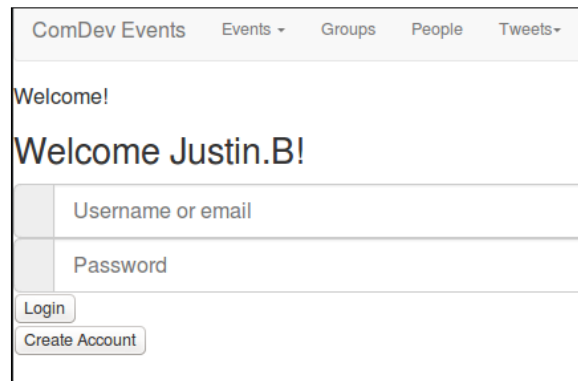
Password *:

Confirm Password *:

Email *:

Note: Please make sure your details are correct before submitting form and that all fields marked with * are completed.

Fig. 4: Example usage of the create account form.



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Welcome!

Welcome Justin.B!

Fig. 5: Showing created user actually signing into the website.

D. List tweets about events and/or people via the application

1. Completed Implementation: We were unable to track the precise tweets made from our application, but we have found an alternative that mostly works. As shown in the code snippet, the website makes a call to Twitter's search API, requesting all tweets that contain a certain hashtag as well as the hashtag #Meetup. The hashtags are the same as the ones used to get events from meetup.com. Once it has the tweets, it uses the id from each one to make another call to Twitter's OEmbed API, which sends back HTML that is used in the page's template to present embedded tweets to users. This still pulls a few tweets that are unrelated, but bit of filtering would work. Unfortunately this would be difficult, and is outside the scope of our project.

```

def _twitterAuth():
    # Encode the keys
    key = base64.b64encode(TWITTER_API_KEY)

    # Set needed values
    authURL = "https://api.twitter.com/oauth2/token"
    content_type = "application/x-www-form-urlencoded;charset=UTF-8"
    body = "grant_type=client_credentials"

    # Create the header
    authHeaders = {'Content-Type': content_type, 'Authorization': "Basic " + key}

    # Get auth
    auth = requests.post(authURL, headers=authHeaders, data=body)
    # Get the response in a useable format
    authJSON = auth.json()

    return authJSON['access_token']

def _oembedTweets(tweets):
    hashtags = Hashtag.objects.all().exclude(name = "Meetup")
    oembed = dict()
    for hashtag in hashtags:
        oembed[hashtag.name] = []
        for i in range(0, len(tweets[hashtag.name]) - 1):
            url = "https://api.twitter.com/1/statuses/oembed.json?id=" + str(
tweets[hashtag.name][i])
            embededResponse = requests.get(url)
            embeded = embededResponse.json()
            oembed[hashtag.name].append(embeded['html'])

    return oembed

def tweetsApp(request):
    accessToken = _twitterAuth() # Auth with Twitter

    hashtags = Hashtag.objects.all().exclude(name = "Meetup") # Get hashtags

    oembed = []
    allTweets = dict()
    for hashtag in hashtags:
        allTweets[hashtag.name] = []
        url = "https://api.twitter.com/1.1/search/tweets.json?q=%23" + hashtag.
name + "+%23Meetup&src=typd"
        headers = {'Authorization': "Bearer " + accessToken}
        response = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
        tweetsJSON = response.json()
        for tweet in tweetsJSON['statuses']:
            allTweets[hashtag.name].append(tweet['id'])

    oembed = _oembedTweets(allTweets)

    return render(request, 'tweets/app.html', {'tweets': oembed})

```

Code Snippet: 5: Views.py showing the Twitter authorization and search for tweets from the application.

E. List tweets about events and/or people not via the application

1. Completed Implementation: The website now has a tweet parser. As shown in the code snippet, it sends a call to Twitter's search API, requesting all tweets with a certain hashtag. The hashtags are the same as the ones used to get events from meetup.com. Once it has the tweets, it uses the id from each one to make another call to Twitter's OEmbed API, which sends back HTML that is used in the page's template to present embedded tweets to users. The search results currently contain all instances of the hashtag requested, even when they are not relevant to any event, or even open source. The search needs refinement, however, this will be difficult, and is not within the scope of the project

```
def _oembedTweets(tweets):
    hashtags = Hashtag.objects.all().exclude(name = "Meetup")
    oembed = dict()
    for hashtag in hashtags:
        oembed[hashtag.name] = []
        for i in range(0, len(tweets[hashtag.name]) - 1):
            url = "https://api.twitter.com/1/statuses/oembed.json?id=" + str(
tweets[hashtag.name][i])
            embeddedResponse = requests.get(url)
            embedded = embeddedResponse.json()
            oembed[hashtag.name].append(embedded['html'])

    return oembed

def tweetsNotApp(request):
    # Auth with twitter
    accessToken = _twitterAuth()

    # Get the hashtags
    hashtags = Hashtag.objects.all().exclude(name = "Meetup")

    allTweets = dict()
    for hashtag in hashtags:
        allTweets[hashtag.name] = []
        url = "https://api.twitter.com/1.1/search/tweets.json?q=%23" + hashtag.
name + "&src=typd"
        headers = {'Authorization': "Bearer " + accessToken}
        response = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
        tweetsJSON = response.json()
        for tweet in tweetsJSON['statuses']:
            allTweets[hashtag.name].append(tweet['id'])

    oembed = _oembedTweets(allTweets)

    return render(request, 'tweets/notApp.html', {'tweets': oembed})
```

Code Snippet: 6: Views.py showing the Twitter authorization
and searching for tweets for the tweets not from the
application

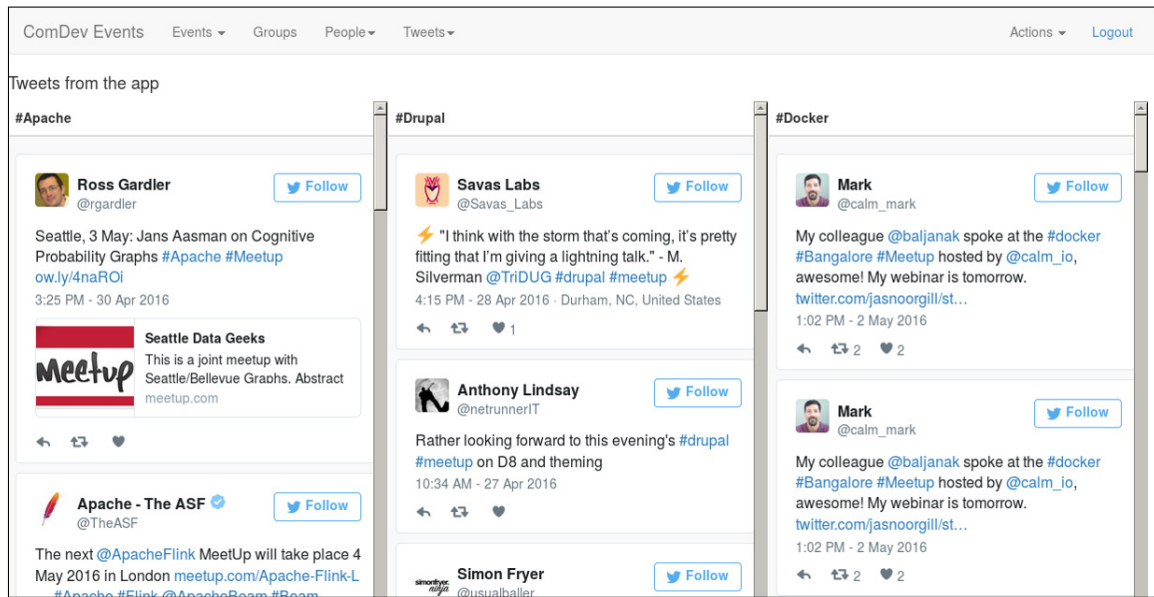


Fig. 6: Showing our application listing the tweets that are located on twitter.

F. Export a list of people with Information

1. **Completed Implementation:** When taking on this requirement we quickly realized that the Meetup API would not provide email address for its users which was understandable. We then looked at what other information would be useful to extract about the people that were loaded into the database. This lead us to export information such as name, twitter handle, bio, Meetup ID, URL, country, state, and city. The export can be executed by clicking on the 'Export Info' button located in the top left of the people page and creates a file in a XLSX format which can be directly opened or saved.

```

def WriteToExcel(person_list):
    output = StringIO.StringIO()
    workbook = xlswriter.Workbook(output)
    worksheet_s = workbook.add_worksheet("People")

    #write title
    person_text = ugettext("everyone")
    title_text = u"{0} {1}".format(ugettext("Information for"),
person_text)
    #merge cells
    worksheet_s.merge_range('B2:I2', title_text, title)

    #write header
    worksheet_s.write(4, 0, ugettext("No"), header)
    worksheet_s.write(4, 1, ugettext("Name"), header)
    worksheet_s.write(4, 2, ugettext("Service"), header)
    worksheet_s.write(4, 3, ugettext("Bio"), header)
    worksheet_s.write(4, 4, ugettext("Country"), header)
    worksheet_s.write(4, 5, ugettext("State"), header)
    worksheet_s.write(4, 6, ugettext("City"), header)
    worksheet_s.write(4, 7, ugettext("MeetupID"), header)
    worksheet_s.write(4, 8, ugettext("URL"), header)

    #column widths
    bio_col_width = 25

    #add data to the table
    for idx, data in enumerate(person_list):
        row = 5 + idx
        worksheet_s.write_number(row, 0, idx + 1, cell_center)
        worksheet_s.write_string(row, 1, data.name, cell)
        worksheet_s.write_string(row, 2, data.service, cell)
        worksheet_s.write_string(row, 3, data.bio, cell)
        worksheet_s.write_string(row, 4, data.country, cell)
        worksheet_s.write_string(row, 5, data.state, cell)
        worksheet_s.write_string(row, 6, data.city, cell)
        worksheet_s.write_number(row, 7, data.meetupID, cell)
        worksheet_s.write_string(row, 8, data.url, cell)

    workbook.close()
    xlsx_data = output.getvalue() #xlsx_data contains the
Excel file
    return xlsx_data

```

Code Snippet: 7: excelutils.py file where the worksheet is generated and exported as an xlsx file

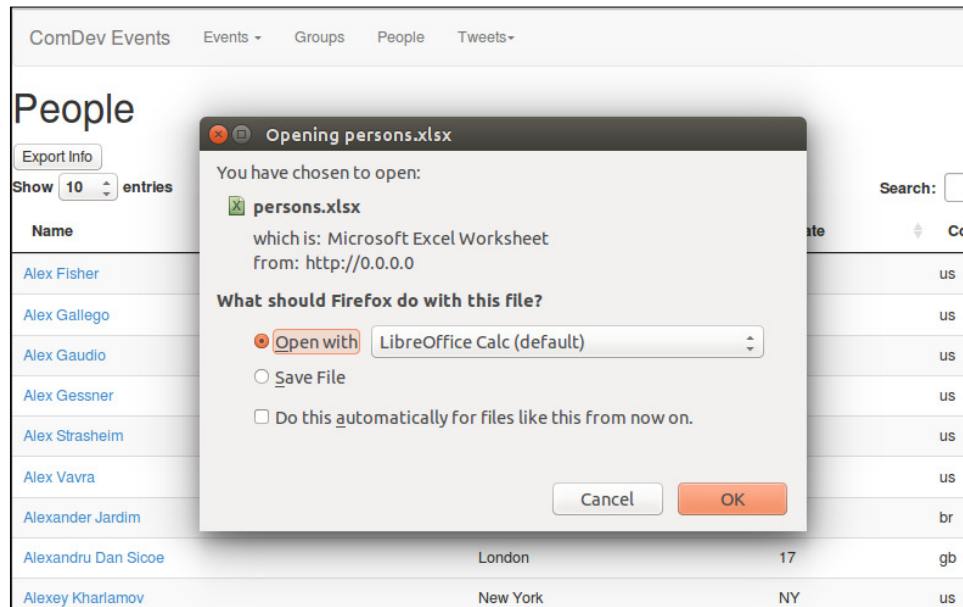


Fig. 7: Showing export button executing.

Information for everyone									
No	Name	Service	Bio	Country	State	City	MeetupID	URL	
1	Aaron Coffield			us	MI	Ypsilanti	196722134	http://www	
2	Adam		web developer,	us	MI	Detroit	39920142	http://www	
3	Adam			us	MI	Ann Arbor	156472242	http://www	
4	Adrian Walker		Hey	us	CA	San Francisco	28579812	http://www	
5	Alex Fisher	@AlexanderFisher	I do Drupal!	us	MI	South Lyon	3091197	http://www	
6	Allan Björklund		Experienced	us	MI	Ann Arbor	9315553	http://www	
7	Allan Feldt		Retired UM Prof of	us	MI	Ann Arbor	199422288	http://www	
8	Allan Vest	@allan_vest		us	MI	Ortonville	14477405	http://www	
9	Amber Conville	@crebma	Hi, I'm Amber!	us	MI	Detroit	28618342	http://www	
10	Amos Ajani			us	OH	Columbus	107968992	http://www	
11	Andrea		I am a Technical	us	MI	Ann Arbor	129665332	http://www	
12	Andrea Velosa			us	MI	Ann Arbor	198118849	http://www	
13	Andrea Zastrow		geek	us	MI	Ann Arbor	101483362	http://www	
14	Andrew Chen			us	MI	Ann Arbor	183893306	http://www	
15	Andrew Kerr		I run a web	us	MI	Ann Arbor	8006439	http://www	
16	Andrew Koper		Cyber	us	MI	Detroit	13699102	http://www	
17	Andrew Sardone			us	MI	Ann Arbor	7702712	http://www	
18	Andrew Versalle			us	MI	Ypsilanti	191847011	http://www	

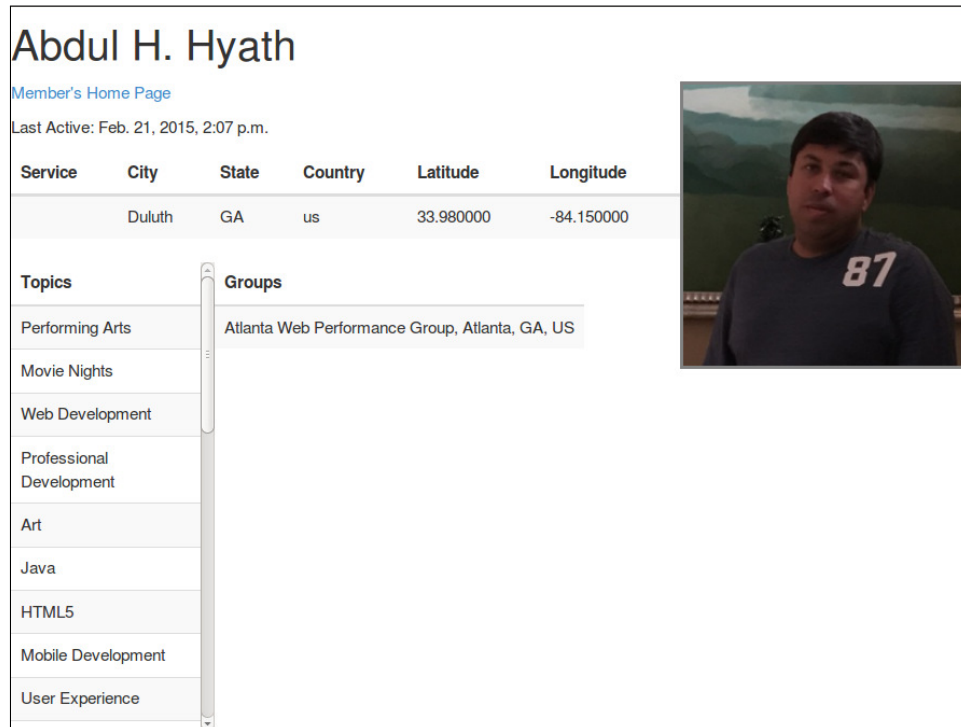
Fig. 8: Showing the list of exported information about people that were imported.

G. Improve hashtag searching of application to improve finding more relevant events

1. Completed Implementation: The solution to this issue was to change one word in the call to the meetup.com API. In the API there are many different restrictions you can use to request events. Two of them come into play here: "text" and "topic." The text query searches through the content of the events, while the topic query looks at the topics related to the group. The original query was looking at text, which resulted in a lot of unrelated events. The query was fixed to use "topic," which has reduced unwanted events significantly. A thorough examination of events imported resulted in no unrelated events pulled in.

H. Improve the visuals of the tool's look as a whole

1. Completed Implementation: The application itself began as a fairly organized piece. The navigation bar implementation really helps the user keep track navigating between each page. When viewing the list of events, the events are listed in chronological order starting with the most recent. There is a search bar available for the user to type in for a certain event that they wish to view. There are other sorting mechanisms to view those events in another sorting order. Our focus in this requirement were to mainly to improve how data is displayed. This specifically applies to to the event page and people profiles. Along with the addition of the Host objects, the generated host profiles would have a visual update as well. As displayed in Figure 9, the improvement of the profile page is shown with categories specifically labeled and displayed in concrete areas of the page. If the certain variable does not exist, then the user can clearly see where that detail would go on the page. Topics are more clearly organized have are configured under a scrollable table as well. Overall, this addition makes the people profile page much more organized and legible. In addition to the updated people profile page, the event page is also upgraded in Figure 10. Similar to the profile upgrade, the event page now has categories that specifically detail where objects belong. This is much more particularly important where the description is displayed for the event. Previously, it was much more difficult for the user's eye to view where the venue of event would be. Now in this update, that portion is clearly labeled which allows the user to spend less time reading and to quickly see the information that they want to.



Abdul H. Hyath

[Member's Home Page](#)

Last Active: Feb. 21, 2015, 2:07 p.m.

Service	City	State	Country	Latitude	Longitude
	Duluth	GA	us	33.980000	-84.150000

Topics

- Performing Arts
- Movie Nights
- Web Development
- Professional Development
- Art
- Java
- HTML5
- Mobile Development
- User Experience

Groups

- Atlanta Web Performance Group, Atlanta, GA, US

Fig. 9: Showing updated generated profile for person with organized attributes and scrollable text

A Helmsman meets a Daughter of Troy: The introduction of Kubernetes & Cassandra

Hashtags: Apache,
Organized by: Colorado Cassandra Meetup
[Source](#)

Location	Description	Start Time
Boulder, CO US	<p>For this meetup we are excited to be doing a joint meetup with the Kubernetes Colorado group! Our presenter Chris Love will present on using Cassandra on Kubernetes.</p> <p>What You'll Learn At This Meetup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cassandra overview • Running Cassandra in production challenges • Running Cassandra in cluster challenges • What Cassandra on Kubernetes allows • Setup of Cassandra on Kubernetes • Where the project is at • Where it is heading <p>*A big thank you to Dels for hosting us and sponsoring food and drinks!</p> <p>About Chris Love:</p> <p>Chris has 15 years of experience in enterprise software and user experience with great success in Big Data, Ad Serving, Enterprise Integration and Opensouce. His work with Internet Broadcasting was cited as; "continuing to keep the edge in the Internet broadcast industry through its unique broadcast and technical infrastructure", by the DENVER BUSINESS WIRE. He has architected key projects with such companies as Accenture, Motorola, Johnson & Johnson, Micron, Sun Microsystems, ADP, Exactis, Intuit, Warner Bros, First Data, BEA, AT&T and Oracle. Chris is passionate about scalable open source technologies and the Apollolbit platform is built on open source software, from the back-end to the front-end.</p>	May 5, 2016, 6 p.m. (UTC start: May 5, 2016, noon)

Applicable: True [Toggle N/A](#)

Fig. 10: Updated event page with description labels and reorganized arrangements with details

I. Implement system of improved sorting of finding events by nearby location within radius of the user

1. Completed Information: This tool creates a list of all events parsed through the application and displays a marker for each even onto the Google Map displayed to the right of the lists of events. A user can search for a specific event by looking through the list and then seeing where this is on the map. This feature also asks the web browser of the user for the geo-location of the user in order to place a special marker on the map showing where the user is in reference to the rest of the markers. The user can decide weather or not to accept giving the their location to the application. The map is generated through Google Maps by using the Google Map API calls. This map was implemented with a search bar allowing the user to search for a location and see what events are in that location. With each search the map jumps to the searched location and is given a 200 mile radius circle to show what events are within 200 miles of the user. In order to get the markers of each event to show up on the map the latitude and longitude of each event needed to be stored and accessed by the map. This was done by a Meetups API call as shown in code snippet 3. Once the API call is made the json object is returned and parsed to obtain information on the event including name, longitude, and latitude. Once the information is stored it is accessed in the JavaScript for the Google Map which can be seen in code snippet 4 below. This is done by looping though a list of events and gather the name, longitude, and latitudes in order for the markers to display. When a user hovers over a marker on the map the name of the event is shown. When there are no events imported a message stating "No Events Available" is displayed.

```
url = "https://api.meetup.com/2/open_events?&sign=true&photo-host=public&
state=ky&city=lexington&country=usa&topic=" + hashtag.name + "&radius=10000&sign
=true&key=" + MEETUP_API_KEY
```

```
try:
    #getting location of the events instead of groups show below
    if 'venue' in meetup.keys():
        if 'lat' in meetup['venue'].keys():
            event.latitude = meetup['venue']['lat']
        if 'lon' in meetup['venue'].keys():
            event.longitude = meetup['venue']['lon']
```

Code Snippet: 8: Views.py shows the eventSearch function that allows the view in the template for the events page to pull information from the database. This also shows the URL used to get the info about events along with how it is stored.

```
// Create the search box and link it to the UI element.
// Along with creating markers.

{% for even in upcoming_events_list %}
    var myLatLng = {lat: {{even.latitude}}, lng: {{even.longitude}}};
    var marker = new google.maps.Marker({
        position: myLatLng,
        map: map,
        title: '{{ even.name }}'
    });
{% endfor %}
// For each place, get the icon, name and location.
var bounds = new google.maps.LatLngBounds();
places.forEach(function(place) {
    var icon = {
        url: place.icon,
        size: new google.maps.Size(71, 71),
        origin: new google.maps.Point(0, 0),
        anchor: new google.maps.Point(17, 34),
        scaledSize: new google.maps.Size(25, 25)
    };

    // Create a marker for each place.
    markers.push(new google.maps.Marker({
        map: map,
        icon: icon,
        title: place.name,
        position: place.geometry.location
```

Code Snippet: 9: The eventSearch.html has a mixture of JavaScript and HTML that create the Google Map and search bar along with creating markers for events.

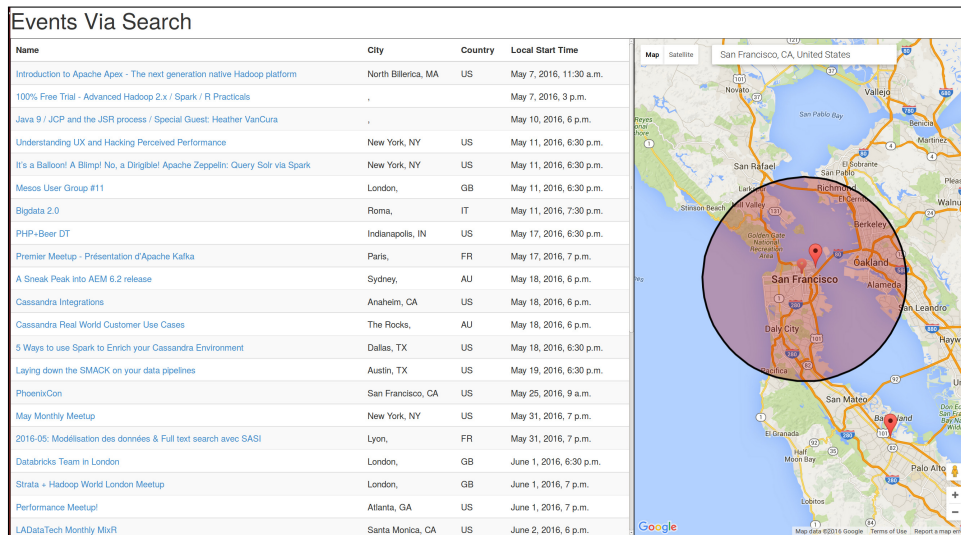


Fig. 11: Showing the map of where you can search a location to see nearby events, also listing events locations.

J. Add feature to generate a profile for people and have it display a way to contact the person if a method is available

1. Completed Information: The main goal of the tool is to promote community development in the open source scene. What this feature tackles is a way to display important information about people that are already involved with projects to those who would like to get involved. This feature generates profiles for event hosts along with members of groups that have been imported by the user. These profiles consist of the of selected person, Twitter handle, location, link to Meetups profile, last activity date, group associated with, topics they are interested in, a biography, and a picture of themselves. In order to gather the information for these we had to make another API call to Meetups. First, we had to adjust the current API call for importing events to also gather the ID of the event hosts. Once this ID was obtained the next step is another API call gathering information on each event hosts while searching with the ID's gathered. Once this information was obtained the profiles for event hosts and imported group members could be displayed in their own sections of the application. With users having the options to see group members and event hosts there are more opportunities for these users to get involved.

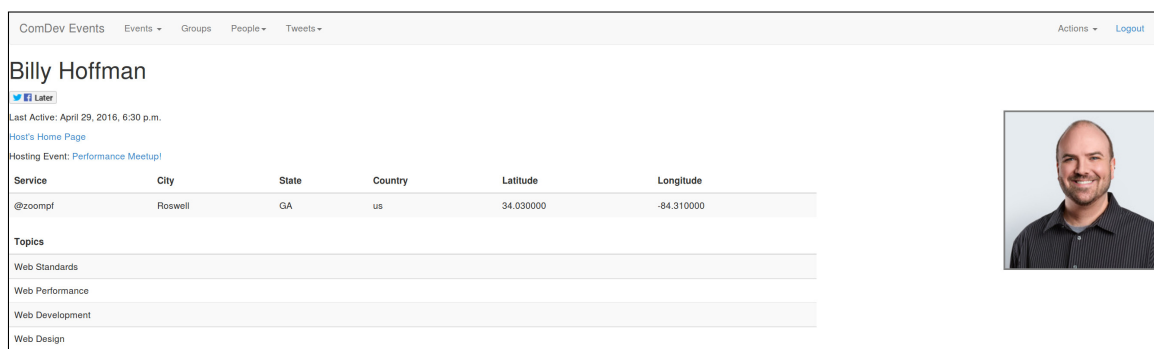


Fig. 12: Showing profile generated for person along with a twitter handle for a method of contacting.

IV. FEATURE REQUESTS

Throughout the presentation of our tools to our client Ross Gardler we were happy to hear that he was really excited about the progress we have made thus far. In his excitement in seeing how far we have come with the tools and the progress he has seen Ross began asking for feature requests to be added to the tools we have developed thus far. We decided to add this section to our report so that we could reference Ross's confidence in our team to make these requests possible if we have time. These requests are for future ideas for the tools as our client also would like us to submit patches for the tools that we have made thus far as he approves of the work we have done. We will be completing these patches and getting them to Ross. The requirements that have had feature requests proposed are shown below.

A. Add user accounts to the application

- 1) Have a field for the user to enter their Twitter ID if they have one

B. List tweets about events via the app and not via the app

- 1) Improve quality of what you see currently by caching.
- 2) Possibly improve the quality of tweets returned by using Hootsuite.
- 3) Search tweets with multiple tags to be displayed.
- 4) List all of the users tweets and the ones containing hashtags, separate pages.
- 5) Mark users who are in groups that are not relevant just like you can do with the events themselves.

C. Export a list of people with information

- 1) Add some more fields to the exported list such as what group they are associated with and a list of topics they are interested in.

D. Improve hashtag searching of application for better results on relevant events

- 1) Find any opportunity to improve the searching by hashtags method. This requirement can always use some tweaking but it is good that the searching has improved.

E. Add feature to generate a profile of people for community developers to have contacting information easily viewable

- 1) Create profiles for the people that are imported that are hosting the events as these people might be more interesting to contact for community developers.

F. Implement system of improve sorting of finding events by nearby location within radius of the user

- 1) Have map and list of events and start times be side by side on the page.
- 2) Calculate distance from where the user has searched to where the location is and display how far away each location is and sort by distance.

V. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

Throughout this term we have encountered many problems that have impeded our progress for this project. This was to be expected as with all projects. Events occur that can halt progress and bring forth challenges that, as a group, we needed to overcome. The problems that we have faced are listed below along with the methods we used to get through the situation. We also ran into the occasion coding block where we would have days where not much progress was obtained. However, we feel this did not impeded our progress as it is just part of being a computer scientist.

A. Problem 1

Deciding which platform we were going to be developing on using Docker. This was a major issue as we originally planed to work with the Windows operating system however we could not get the application to run locally on a Windows platform. We continually ran into errors with creating a local database along with having the right Docker tools to support the application. We had available resources such as a README file that gave insight on the problem but whatever we tried did not seem to work. We eventually shifted gears and decided to try Docker and the application on Linux, specifically Ubuntu 14.04. Thanks to the Linux knowledge of Megan Goossens and plenty of online documentation we were able to get Docker installed successfully along with running the application on a local host. From this point we decided to continue developing in the Linux environment.

B. Problem 2

At the end of the Fall 2015 term we set up a weekly meeting with our client throughout Winter 2016 to discuss implementation details for the week and planned to utilize this time to make sure everyone is on the same page. Due to some miss-communication we were unable to meet with our client for the first two weeks. This halted our progress with because we had a lot of issues with getting Docker to work with Windows and we were counting on a meeting with our client to resolves those issues as soon as possible. We eventually got in contact with our client and figured out what was happening as the first week our client was on an unexpected trip to the UK and in the second week our client did not realize that these meetings occurred every week throughout the term. These things happen and once we all had a chance to get on the same page every weekly meeting is going smoothly. This problem also happened at the beginning of the spring term. A new weekly meeting time was set up with our client however our client believed that our first meeting was in the middle of June. This was a problem as we tried to set up a new meeting time but our client was very busy with travel and vacation that we were not able to meet with him three weeks prior to expo. Email communication was very difficult as well.

C. Problem 3

During week three of Winter 2016 we ran into the issue of meetings being cancelled due to illness and injury. One of our team members experience an injury that caused a full group meeting with a TA to occur which halted our progress in having to get everyone caught up on the same page. This same week another group member became sick and could not make it to two meetings for the week which meant that two people could not make it so two meetings were cancelled out of the weekly three meetings we have as a group. However, we were able to work individually at home but it was still a noticeable disruption from the normal work we produce in a week. It did not seem like it was going to effect the group at first however when we began to get back on track it took some adjustments to makes sure everyone was on the same page and try to make up for the week we missed.

D. Problem 4

During the first week of the term we began developing based on the requirements we had listed in our requirements document. The problem we ran into here was that we had issues understanding what are requirements were trying to say thus we went through the document and changed the language used for the requirements. This did not change the requirement but it made it easier to understand if someone is reading through it. This took a days worth of progress which was frustrating due to the fact that we believed to have this done last term. We currently are happy with the updated requirements document as it has been approved by our client, professor, and TA. This halted our progress by being an unnecessary step in the implementation process as it should have been completed last term.

VI. TIMELINE UPDATE

When we began the development side of the project we realized that it was best to strive for achieving alpha level functionality with all of our features that we would like to have. This required us to take a different approach then what our timeline originally suggested. With that change we were able to have the structure ready for us when we began beta level implementation.

The timeline below show all of our requirements with their completed status. All version 1.0 additions and changes have been made and all requirements are in completion status. Over the project we have seen this timeline change multiple times as the team learned quickly that things weren't falling into plan exactly the first time. With the changes for the alpha implementation and the requirements document problems encountered we changed the timeline three times. However, it all worked out in the end as each requirement has been completed and is ready for version 1.0 release.

REQ#	Requirement	Expected Completion (V 1.0)
1	Fix the "People" page where the list of people are shown from groups	Completed
2	Tweet at a person listed in database	Completed
3	Add user accounts to the application and track when a user has tweeted an event	Completed
4	List tweets about events and/or people via the app	Completed
5	List tweets about events and/or people from twitter, but not via the app	Completed
6	Export a list of people with information	Completed
7	Improve hashtag searching of application for better results on relevant events	Completed
8	Implement a system of finding events nearby a location entered or within radius of the user	Completed
9	Add feature to generate a profile for community developers to have contacting information easily visible	Completed
10	Improve the visuals of the tool and how it looks as a whole.	Completed