The project I have in mind came from my experience of having bought a fixer-upper house and spending a lot of time over the last 4 years building, fixing and repairing things that I know very little about. We often didn't have the budget to pay an expert to just come and do whatever work was needed, so instead we did the usual thing of watching seemingly endless youtube videos of people explaining how to do diy projects. They were helpful to a point, but they often weren't specific enough to the particular issue I was dealing with. What would have been really helpful was a 5-10 minute skype session with an expert who I could have shown the project to, and then had him/her give me very specific instructions re: tools, techniques, warnings etc...

So I want to build at least the skeleton of a web app that connects people with experts who can help them with very specific projects/issues/problems. Once connected, the parties arrange a time to 'meet' and talk through the issue and solution either through video chat or exchanging pictures and texts etc... For instance, when we had a plumbing issue, I'm sure a qualified plumber could have looked at photos or videos of my sink and told me in less than 5 minutes what I needed to do in order to fix it. Instead I ended up watching hours of youtube videos until I finally worked out the solution through much trial and error. I also ended up making several trips to Lowe's repeatedly buying and then returning items because I didn’t know what I needded. It was very frustrating. I imagine a knowledgable expert could have given me a shopping list and saved me many trips.

On the app, a user will be able to log in either as an ‘expert’ or someone who needs ‘expert’ assistance. The app would then connect those whose needs and expertise intersect.

I am completely new to server technology, but have experience in front end technologies. I’d be happy to work with anyone who felt more comfortable with server technologies but who maybe did not feel so confident with front-end technologies.