

BeerToBeer

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Introduction:

BeerToBeer is an application that allows the user to discover the world of artisan beers made by Brewdog's, a young scottish brewery founded in 2007 by a couple of beer enthusiasts (<https://www.brewdog.com/uk>).

Inside it, every user can search for Brewdog's artisan beers, see the characteristics of them, read the user's reviews about them, write one on his own and reply to others, and discover Brewdog's pubs all over UK.

The goal of the application is spreading the knowledge about the world of artisan beers, still poorly known by most people, and, meanwhile, sharing user experience between each other.

The user is someone that knows already something about this world but also someone that is curious and wants to know something about it.

Technologies:

To build BeerToBeer the following technologies have been used:

- **React JS:** a JS library used to build the whole application;
- **JavaScript:** used to create functions, hooks and props and to communicate with the persistence layer;
- **MUI:** a simple, customizable, and accessible library of React components;
- **Bulma:** a CSS framework;
- **Redux Toolkit:** to store and maintain application global state;
- **HTML** and **CSS:** used inside JSX components;
- **Firebase:** a Google open source platform that has been used as a realtime cloud database for storing users and their informations (like login info and profile image), their reviews and replies, the number of times the page of each beer has been visited (used display the most popular ones in the homepage), the number of likes for each beer, the list of favourite beers for each registered user, Brewdog's pubs with all their characteristics (photo, description and location);
- **Firebase Hosting:** used to host the application on a public web server;

- **Punk API:** was used to retrieve the characteristics of each beer, its description and its image (<https://punkapi.com>);
- **React-leaflet:** an open-source JavaScript library for interactive maps.

Logical organization and directory structure:

The project directories are structured as follows:

- **Components:** all the React components: some of them are simple components, some others are instead containers, that is they have the responsibility to contain the simple components and providing them data via queries, props, Redux store etc;
- **Context:** contains context for users authentication available for all the app components;
- **Hooks:** some custom useful hooks;
- **Pages:** contains all the application pages;
- **Services:** contains several directories, each one of them for a different service (better explained later);
and a Javascript file (persistence-manager.js) to avoid direct coupling between files responsible to manage persistence and the other ones;
- **Slices:** contains the Redux store slices;
- **Store:** a file used for combining slices that contribute to the overall state;
- **Style:** contains a file with the selected color palette for the application.

Service directory contains the following files:

- **Firebase/conf-firebase.js:** maintains the Firebase API configuration;
- **Firebase/firestore-database/crud-op.js:** responsible for the interaction with Firestore (a no-sql database included in firebase stack);
- **Firebase/storage/manage_storage.js:** responsible for the interaction with Firestore (a cloud service useful to store images and video);
- **BeerApi/BeerApiHandler.js:** responsible for the interaction with Punk API;
- **Persistence_manager.js:** an interface between persistence layer (Firebase and API) and the others above;
- **Utility/Review_utility:** some utility functions.

Functionality:

- Search beer by full name/partial name;
- Display list of beers obtained from the search;
- Filtering and sorting the search results for some beers;
- View all the characteristics of a single beer: Name, image, ABV (i.e. alcohol percentage), IBU (i.e. International Bitterness Unit), SRM (i.e. Standard Reference Method), description and food pairing;
- Like a beer;
- Beers can be added to user's favorites list;
- Insertion of a beer review or reply to others' reviews and delete them;
- Reading all the reviews for a single beer;
- Search pub by full name/partial name;

- View pubs in the UK by scrolling through their list or on the map;
- View all the characteristics of a single pub: name and description;
- Insertion of a pub review or replay to others' reviews and delete them;
- Reading all the reviews for a single pub;
- View your favorites list;
- Change profile picture and username;
- Admin can change slider images and default profile image for users and delete user's reviews.

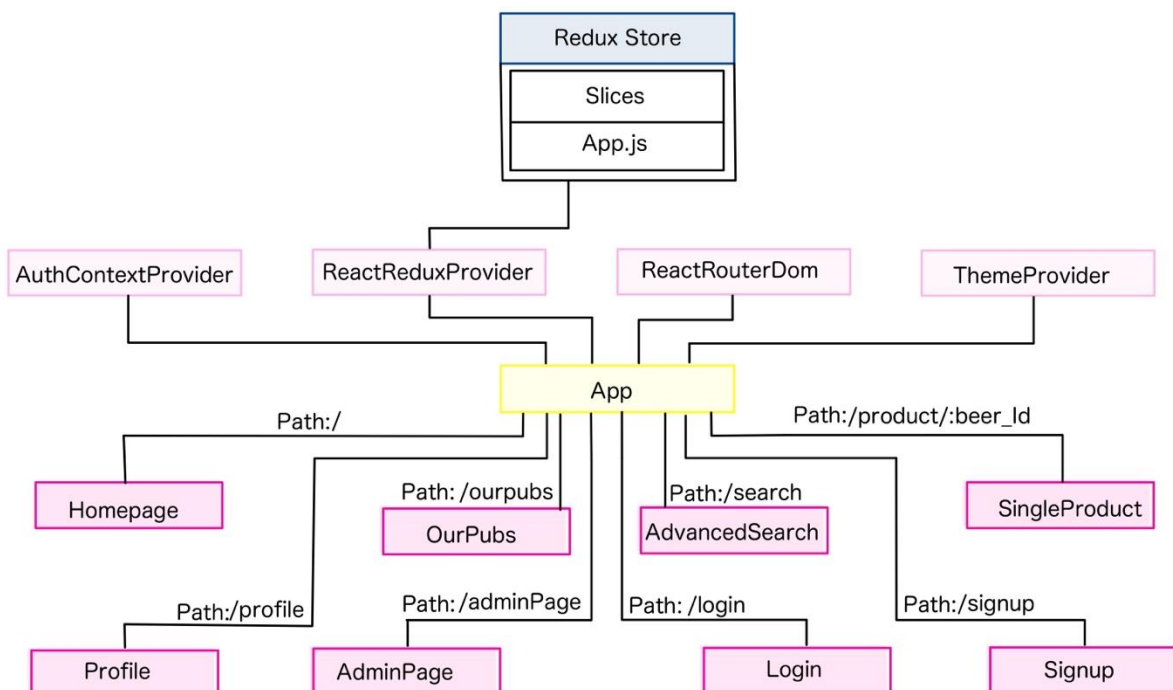
Use Case:

A user that experienced a Brewdog's beer, decides to visit the application to review that beer: he searches the name in the home search bar, and he lands on the product page in which he can write his own review. Meanwhile he can also read, in that page, other people's opinions about that beer and reply to them, or he can explore related products, by clicking on their image, and adding beers to his favorite list. Finally he can decide to explore "our pub" page where he can discover official Brewdog's pub position in UK.

App structure:

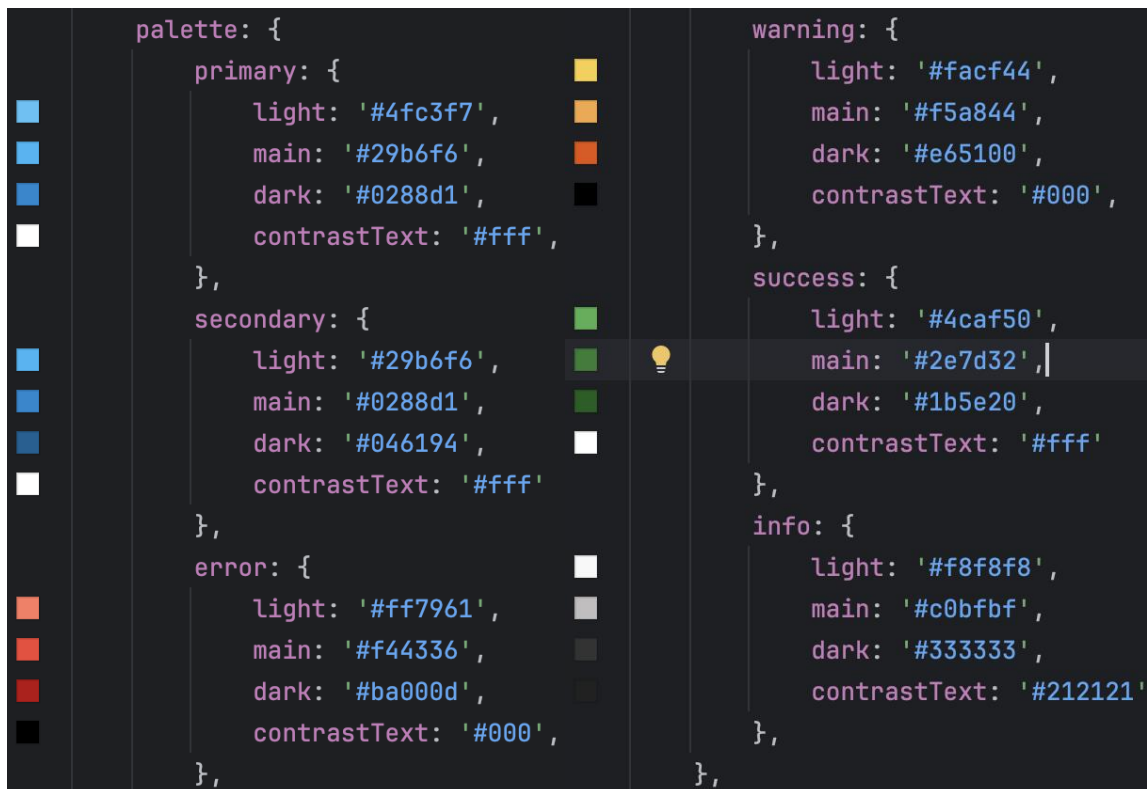
In this section is shown the structure of the whole application, starting from the general one, with the providers and the first level children of App, followed by the structure of every single page and its components, highlighting handlers functions and general and local states.

General structure:



App as the following four providers:

- **AuthContextProvider:** manages user's authorization inside the app. The app distinguishes between three different types of users:
 - *Unlogged user:* can visit the app, read other user's reviews about beers and pubs;
 - *Logged user:* can do everything the unlogged can, but also write reviews about beers and pubs and reply to others' ones or delete his own reviews and replies, can add beers to favorites list (that can be seen in the profile page) and leave likes to them. In profile page he can set and change username and profile photo;
 - *Admin:* can do everything the logged can do, but also delete everyone's reviews and replies, change homepage's slider photos and user's default profile photo.
- **React-ReduxProvider:** creates communication between App and Redux Store, composed by two parts:
 - Slices directory, containing only the store slices;
 - App.js: in which the store is created.
- **ReactDOM:** manages app navigation (better explained in the next paragraph);
- **ThemeProvider:** provides app palette's colors to all components, as shown in the following picture:



ReactDOM and User Authentication:

To handle user management we used User Authentication Firebase Service, that makes available high level API to register, log users to the web application with all the Front-End security precautions (jwt etc). Current User, and all the functions to manage his authentication, are stored in the AuthContext, so that all these informations can be shared to the application components (in most cases these are used to achieve a more customizable page, i.e. adding some features that only a logged user or admin user can benefit).

To navigate to the app pages, we decided to take the most famous library in the React community: React-router-dom (v6), as shown in the following picture:

```
function App() {
  return (
    <Provider store={store}>
      <ThemeProvider theme={theme}>
        <BrowserRouter>
          <Routes>
            <Route path="/" element={<Homepage />} />
            <Route element={<PrivateRoute />}>
              <Route path="/profile" element={<Profile />} />
            </Route>
            <Route path="/login" element={<Login />} />
            <Route path="/signup" element={<Signup />} />
            <Route path="/search/:searchTerm?" element={<Search />} />
            <Route path="/ourpubs" element={<OurPubs />} />
            <Route path="/product/:beer_Id?" element={<SingleProductPage />} />
            <Route element={<AdminPrivateRoute />}>
              <Route path="/adminPage" element={<AdminPage />} />
            </Route>
            <Route path="*" element={<NotFound code = "404 Not Found"
                                                                    message="The requested page could not be found." />} />
          </Routes>
        </BrowserRouter>
      </ThemeProvider>
    </Provider>
  );
}

1+ usages  ⬆ MatteoPast01
export default App;
```

To add a new route to the application, a Route component must be inserted into the App component with two props: the url and the element that must be rendered. At first glance, watching the previous image, it is not easy to grasp how to handle private Routes. Indeed, we did not find an already built-in solution in the library to make a route available only to a particular kind of user, so we built a Private Route component:

```
export const PrivateRoute = () => {
  const {currentUser} = useContext(AuthContext);

  return ( !!currentUser ? <Outlet /> : <Navigate to="/login" /> );
};
```

Its work is, simply, to show the right component to the user according to his privilege (provided by the Auth Context): if the user is logged (not null by a technical point of view) the specified page is available (wrapped by the Outlet component), otherwise he is rendered to the login page.

For example, Profile page can be exclusively seen by logged users, but how did we reach that goal?

```
<Route element={<PrivateRoute />}>
  <Route path="/profile" element={< Profile />}/>
</Route>
```

As shown in the picture above, we passed to Route component the private Route component and the component that must be private (retrieved calling the Outlet component of the library). This mechanism can be iterated to all the private pages of the application as shown in the previous image.

Page structure:

App has the following component hierarchy:

Home page:

- Header:
 - CustomAccountButton;
 - CustomButton x3;
 - SearchBar;
- SimpleSlider;
- BeerContainer:
 - DropDown;
 - CardList:
 - CustomCard:
 - BeerCardDescription:
 - CustomIconButton x2;
- Footer.

OurPubs:

- Header:
 - CustomAccountButton;
 - CustomButton x3;
 - SearchBar;
- PageSwitch:
 - PubContainer / SinglePub:
 - PubContainer:
 - CardList:
 - CustomCard x3;
 - SinglePub:
 - CustomIconButton;
 - CustomCard;
 - InputReview:
 - CustomButton;
 - Option:
 - CustomButton x2;
 - PubReviewContainer:
 - Review (as many as review written):
 - CustomButton;

- Maps;
- Footer.

Advanced Search:

- Header:
 - CustomAccountButton;
 - CustomButton x3;
 - SearchBar;
- AdvancedSearch;
- Sorting:
 - DropDown x2;
- ResultContainer:
 - CardList:
 - CustomCard:
 - BeerCardDescription:
 - CustomIconButton;
- Footer.

SingleProduct:

- Header:
 - CustomAccountButton;
 - CustomButton x3;
 - SearchBar.
- CustomCard:
 - ProductCardDescription:
 - CustomButton x2;
- InputReview:
 - CustomButton;
- Option:
 - CustomButton x2;
- ProductReviewContainer:
 - Review (as many as review written):
 - CustomButton;
- Footer.

Profile:

- Header:
 - CustomAccountButton;
 - CustomButton x3;
 - SearchBar;
- CustomCard:
 - Popup;
 - CustomIconButton;
 - CustomButton;
 - CustomButton;
 - CustomButton:
 - Option:
 - CustomButton x2;

- ImagesUploader:
 - FileUploadButton;
- FavoritesContainer:
 - CardList:
 - CustomCard:
 - BeerCardDescription:
 - CustomIconButton x2;
- Footer.

AdminPage:

- Header:
 - CustomAccountButton;
 - CustomButton x3;
- ImagesUploader x2:
 - FileUploadButton;
- Footer.

Login:

- Header:
 - CustomAccountButton;
 - CustomButton x3;
- CustomButton;
- Footer.

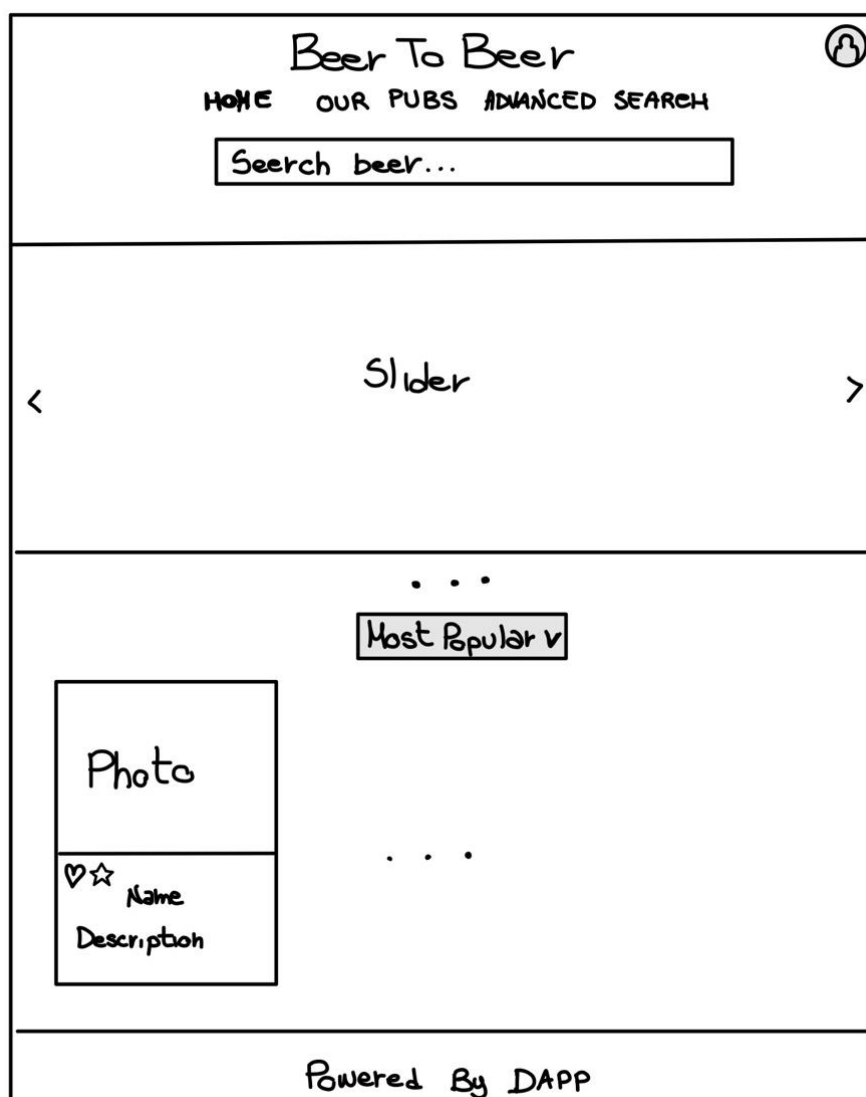
Signup:

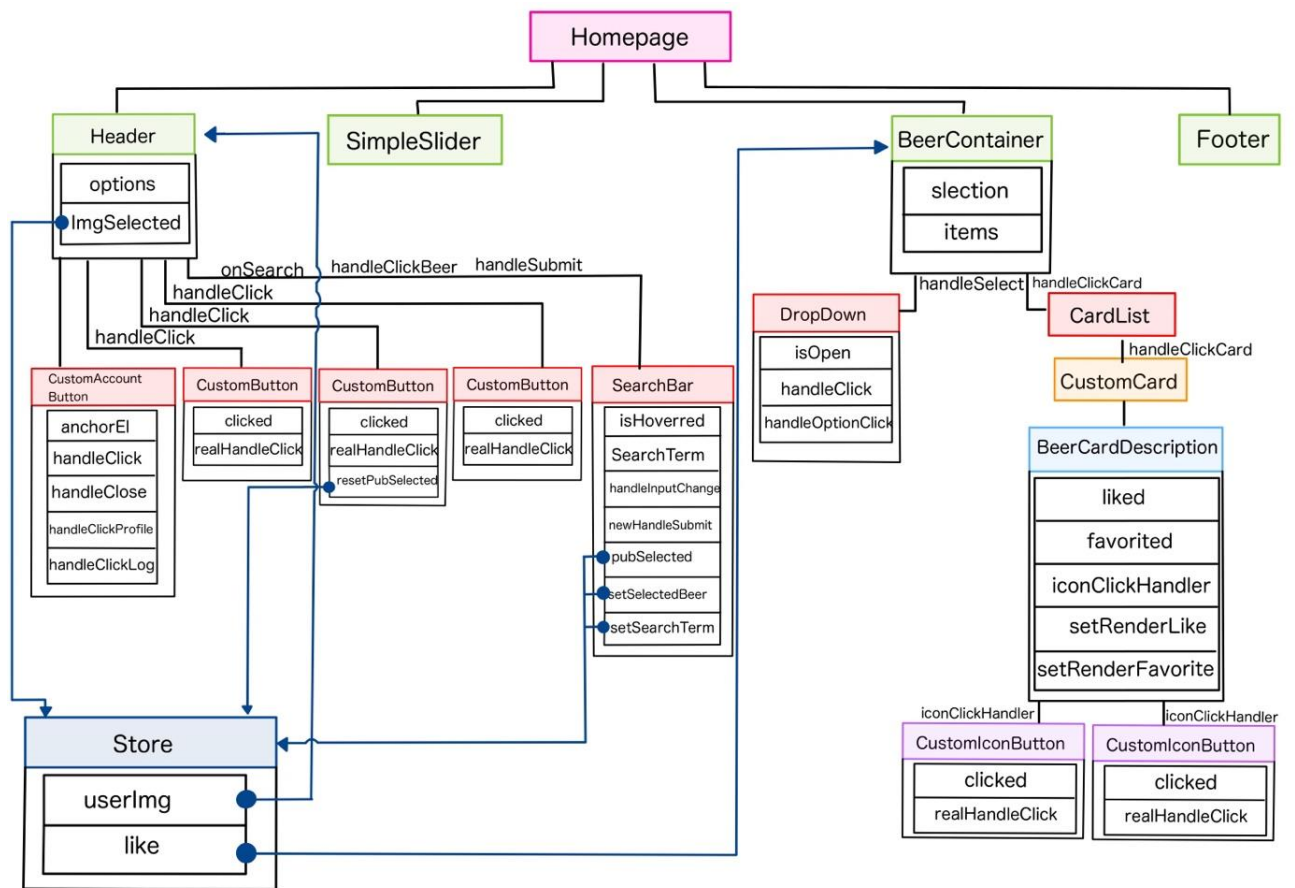
- Header:
 - CustomAccountButton;
 - CustomButton x3;
- CustomButton;
- Footer.

Homepage:

Homepage is the BeerToBeer initial page and its primary goal is to welcome the user in Brewdog's artisan beers world. The main focus is given to the big search bar in the upper part of the page, so that the user is invited to search for his favorite beers, or, otherwise, navigate the application through the navigation buttons.

The following pictures represent the mockup and the structure of the page respectively. The mockup provides a visual representation of the page layout, while the structure represents the underlying components: in this representation are displayed each children of a component with the same color; every component has inside it its local states and the handlers it's using; on the black lines there are the handlers it is passing to its children components and the blue ingoing ones represent the access of that component to the Redux Store.

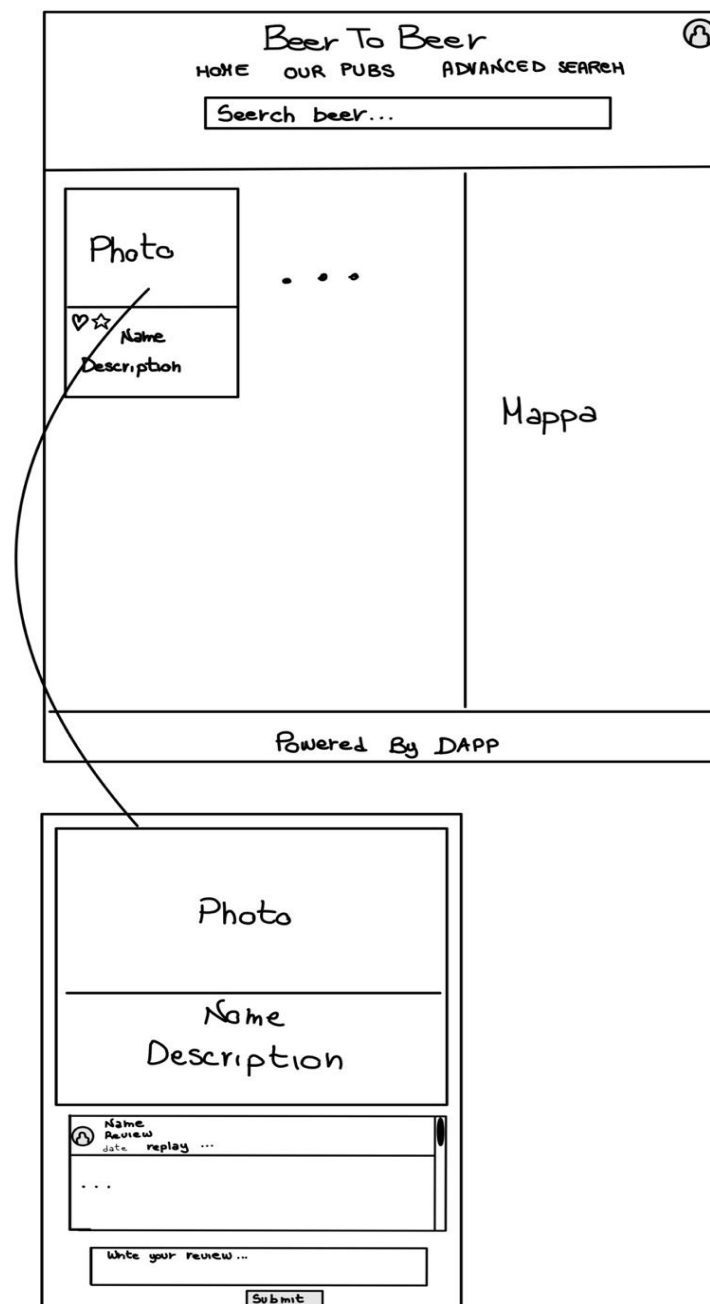


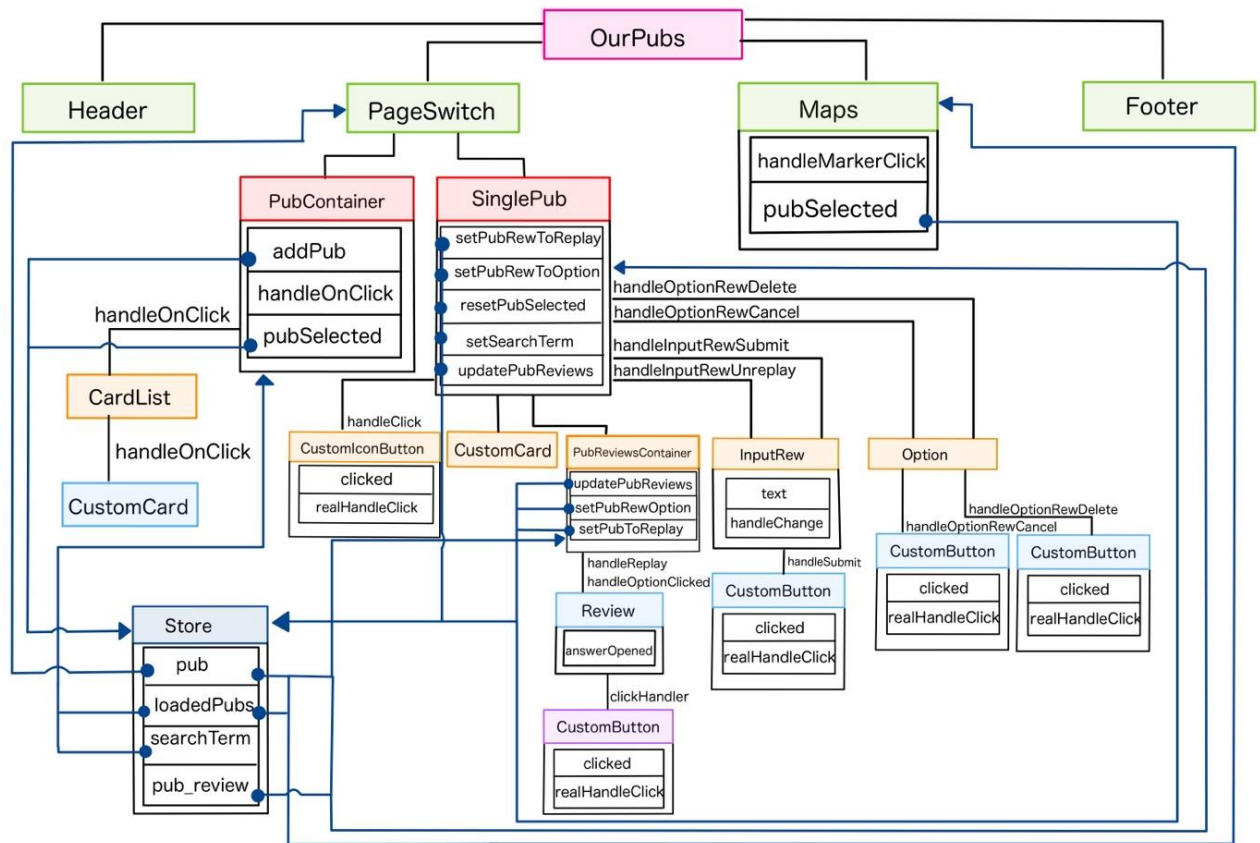


Our Pubs:

In this page the user can see and find the locations of all Brewdog's pubs all over UK and see the reviews about them and, if logged, leave one of their own and comment someone else's ones. On the left side of the page is displayed the list of all the pubs or a single pub, if selected with a click, and on the right side the map with a marker for each of them.

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Advanced Search:

This page can be used by the users to make a more accurate search for all Brewdog's beers and filter the resulting list by ABV, IBU, SRM, that is the main characteristics of a beer, and sorting them by IBU, alphabetical order or no order at all.

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The mockup is a hand-drawn sketch of a web page titled "Beer To Beer". At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: "HOME", "OUR PUBS", and "ADVANCED SEARCH". A search bar with the placeholder text "Search beer..." is located below the navigation bar. On the left side, there are two filter sections. The first section, titled "Filter by:", contains three sliders for "ABV", "IBU", and "SRM", each with a range indicator. The second section, titled "Sorting by:", contains two dropdown menus, each with "Select" and a checkmark. On the right side, there is a large area labeled "Photo" with three dots below it, and a table with columns "Name" and "Description". The footer of the page says "Powered By DAPP".

Beer To Beer

HOME OUR PUBS ADVANCED SEARCH

Search beer...

Filter by:

ABV

IBU

SRM

Sorting by:

Select v

Select v

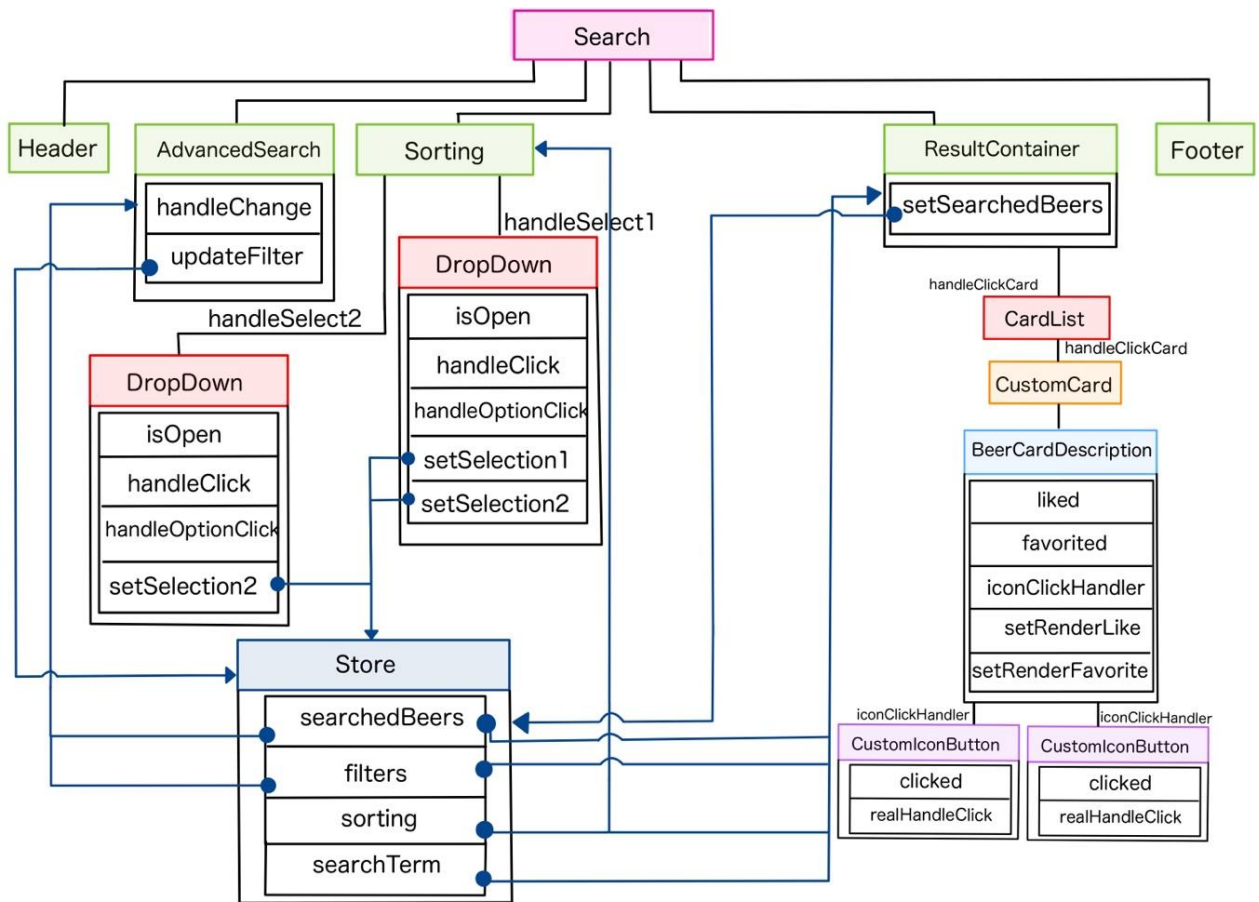
Photo

...

♥☆ Name

Description

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Single product:

In this page the user can find the product he clicked on, with all its characteristics, a photo, its full description and other user's reviews. Here he can also leave a review or reply to other user's ones.

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Beer To Beer

HOME OUR PUBS ADVANCED SEARCH

Search beer...

Photo

Name

ABV IBU SRM

Description:

Food pairing :

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Name Review

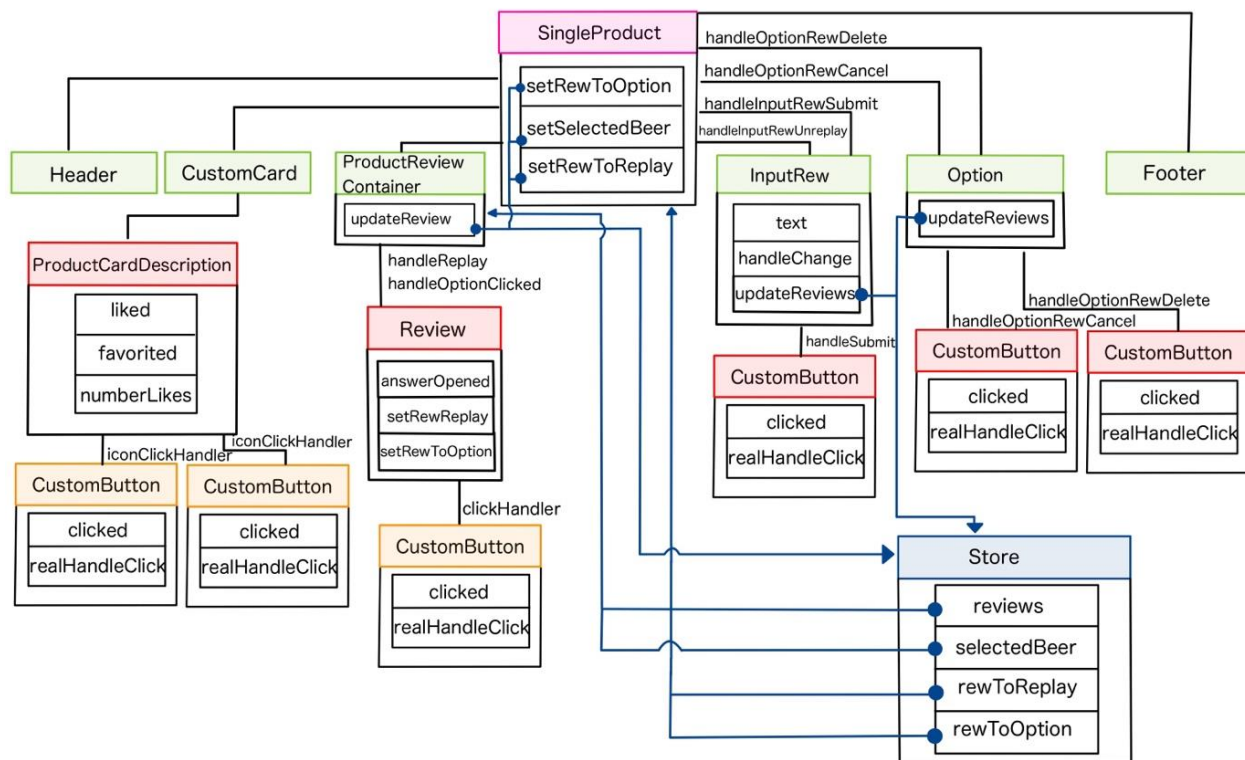
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Write your review ...

Submit

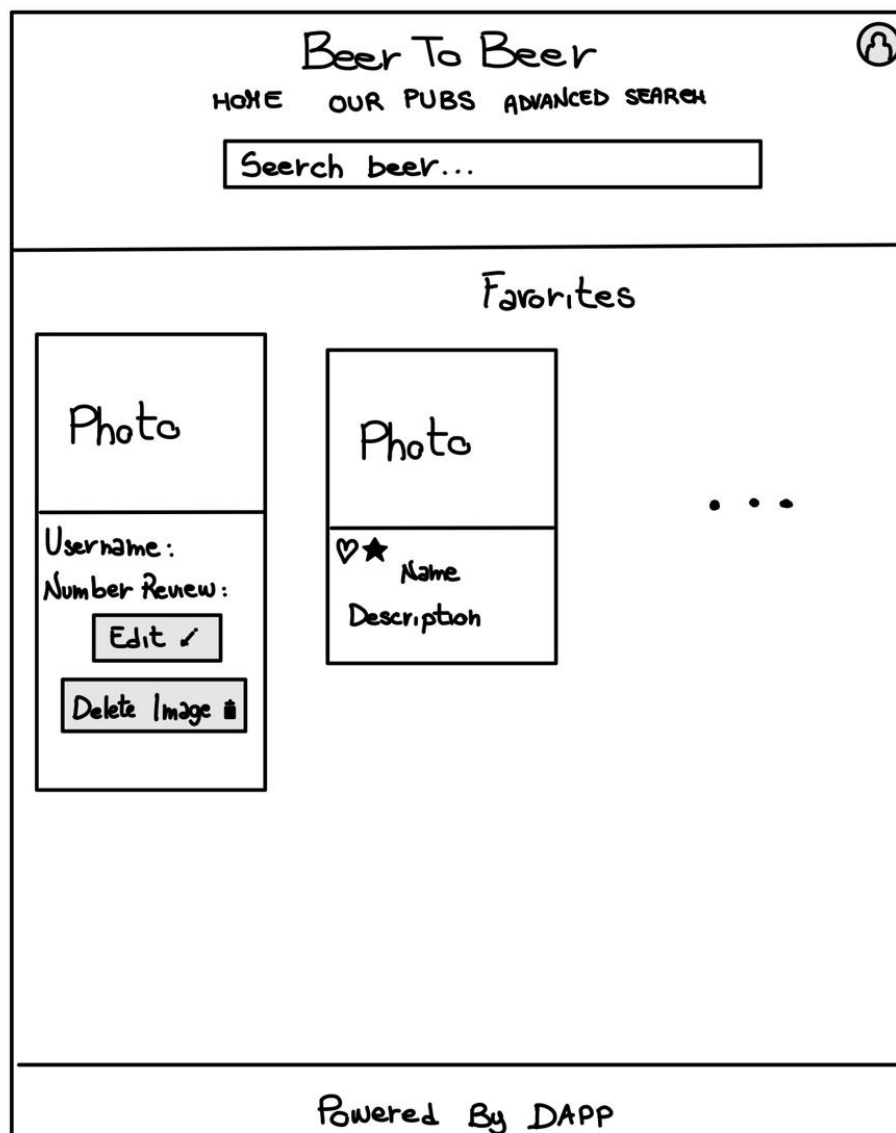
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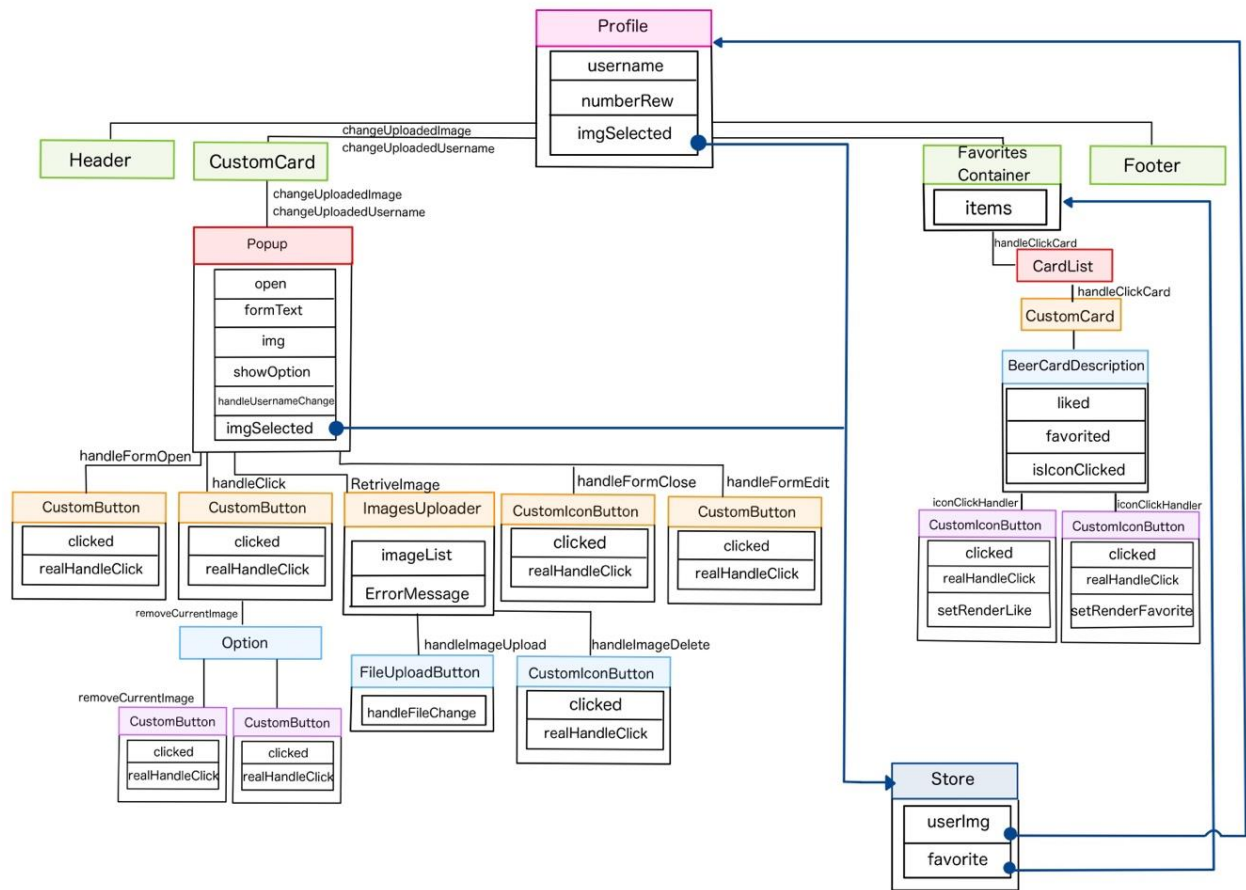


Profile:

This is the registered user's profile page, in which he can set and modify his avatar, see the number of reviews he wrote about beers on the application and a list of favorite beers he inserted here by clicking on the star icon in any beer card found on the application.

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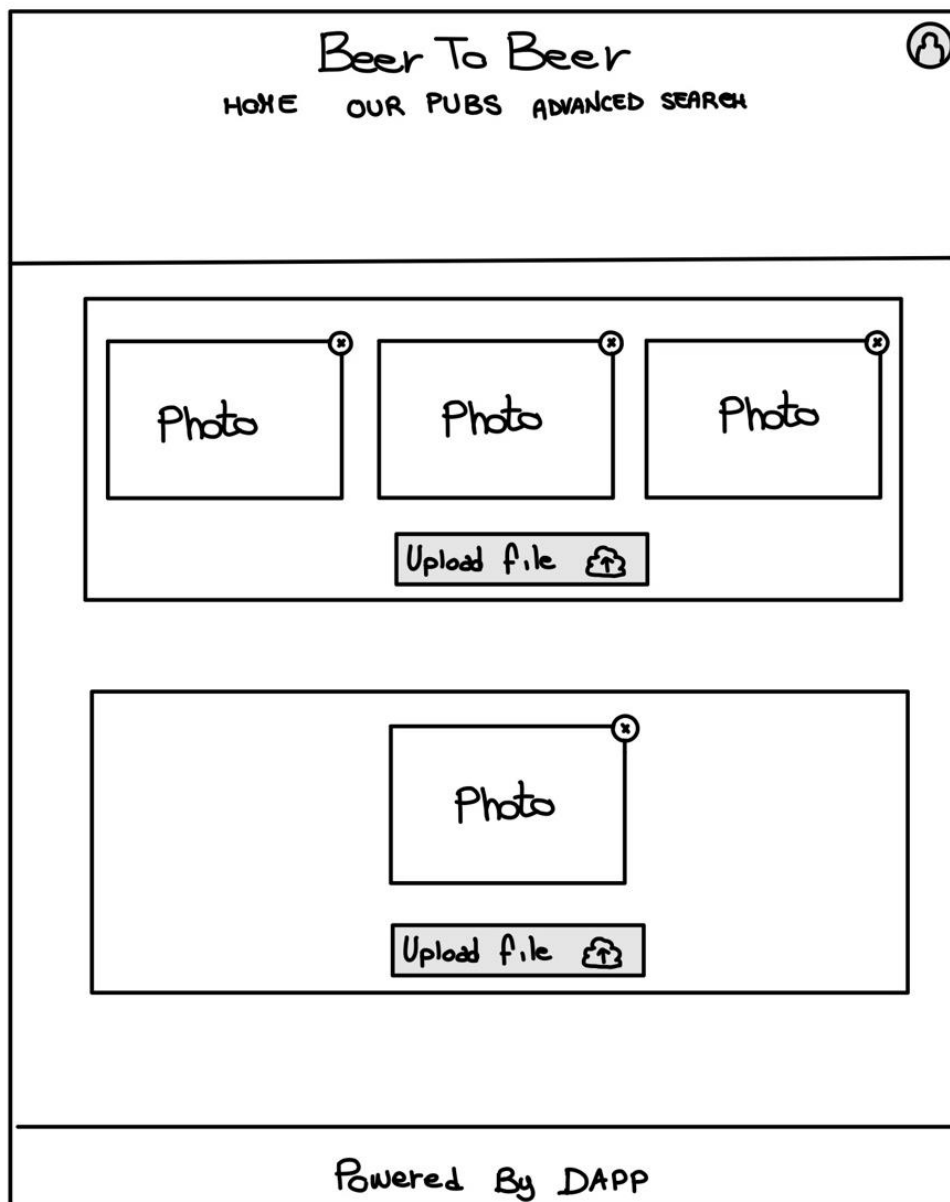


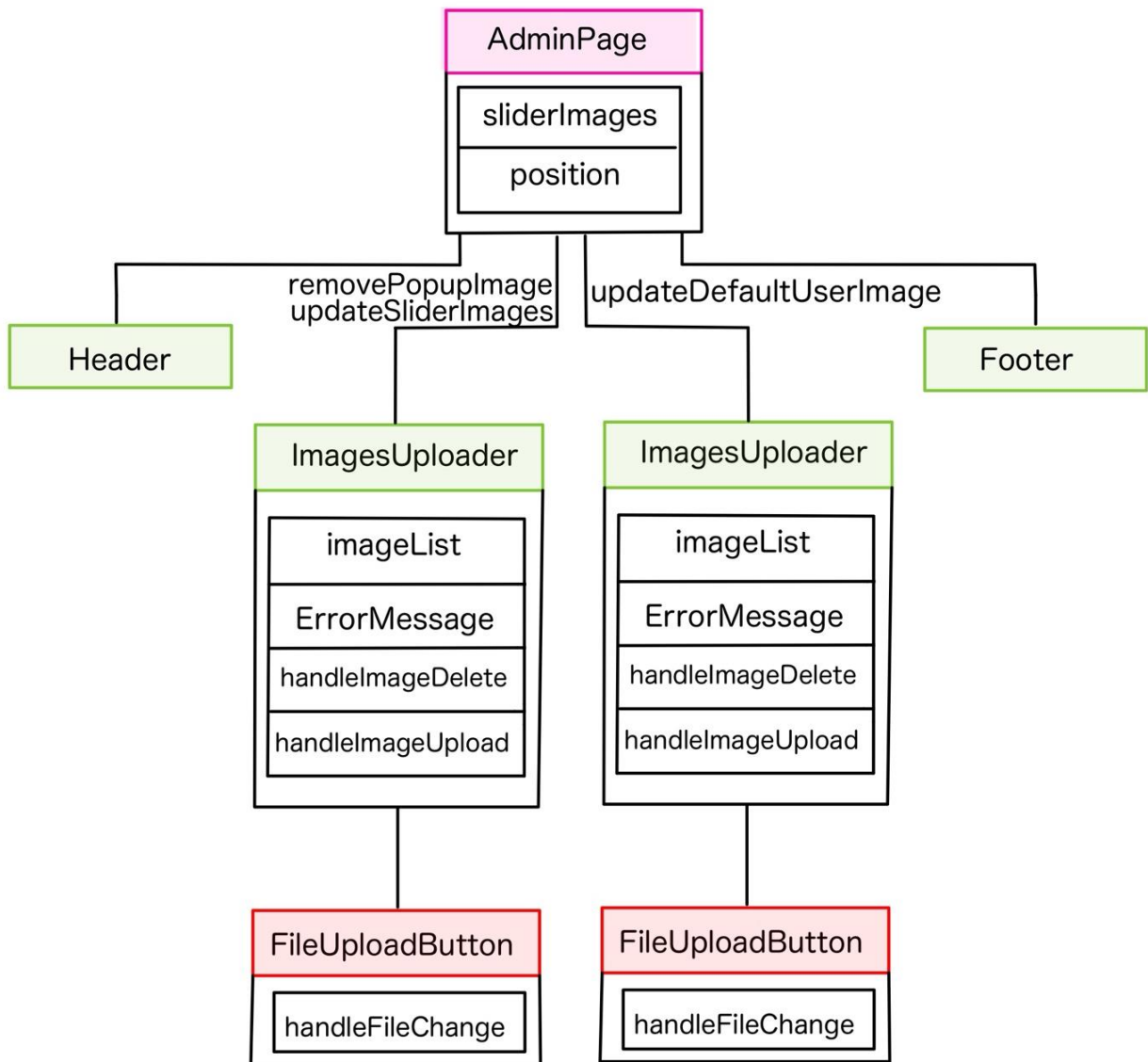


AdminPage:

A dashboard page in which the administrator can change the images of the home slider and the user default profile avatar.

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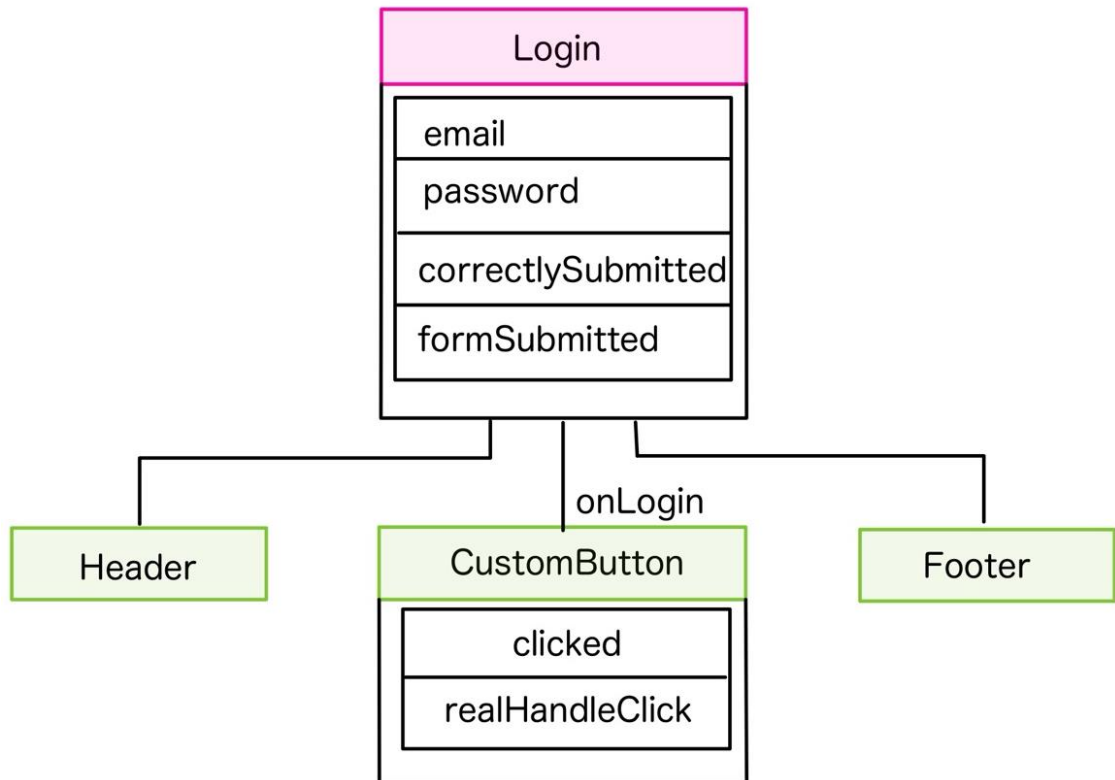


Login:

The page in which the user can log in with his credentials, if already registered.

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The mockup shows a web page layout. At the top is a header with the title "Beer To Beer" in a handwritten font, followed by navigation links: "HOME", "OUR PUBS", and "ADVANCED SEARCH". A user icon is in the top right corner. The main content area contains a "Login:" section with an "Email:" label and a text input field, a "Password:" label and another text input field, a "Log in" button, and a link that says "Don't have an account? Register here". The footer of the page reads "Powered By DAPP".



Signup:

The page in which the user can register himself in the application, so he can have the ability to leave a review of a beer or a pub and write replies to other's ones.

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The mockup is a hand-drawn wireframe of a web page. At the top, there is a header bar with the title "Beer To Beer" in the center, a user profile icon in the top right corner, and navigation links "HOME", "OUR PUBS", and "ADVANCED SEARCH" on the left. Below the header is a large central area containing a login/signup form. The form is titled "Login:" and includes three input fields labeled "Username:", "Email:", and "Password:". Below these fields is a "Submit" button. At the bottom of the form, there is a link that says "Already have an account? Login here.". The footer of the page contains the text "Powered By DAPP".

