Gettr

User Manual

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https://github.com/Peggys-jpg/GettrProject

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1. Introduction

1.1 What is Gettr?

Gettr is a forum web application where users can interact and communicate with one another on projects and ideas they may have. What makes Gettr different from other web application forums is that it is specifically tailored towards California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) students and faculty. This can be seen with the color palette of the site, which uses the official school colors as well as with login, which requires users to use their csusm.edu email in order to join. On the site, users can create and delete forum posts as well as message other users if they wish to discuss a project more privately. The app is also responsive meaning it will work on both a personal computer and/or mobile device.

1.2 About the Team

Gettr was created by Eric Paulin, Christian Manibusan, Angel Samora, and Ethan E or better known as out group name, "The Elite Four". We are four computer science students at CSUSM who strive to make quality software and felt Gettr was important as it tries to bridge the communication gap many students on campus face of not knowing where they can find others, especially when trying to get projects done. Our team has seen this firsthand with many engineering students who have tons of wonderful ideas, but do not know where to start. We hope Gettr can be that first step in helping students connect and create together.

2. Installation and Setup

2.1 Installing Gettr

To begin, Getter is not a program that needs to be installed but it is a website that can be navigated. Currently we have no domain name for our website as it stands now we have not deployed it. But users and those interested in Gettr are able to navigate to our github repository where we have the associated files and if users download the repository and install the dependencies they'll be able to run the local version of our website. To do so, go to the Gettr GitHub page, https://github.com/Peggys-jpg/GettrProject and download the files. To run locally, one needs to also install mySQL community. From there one needs to load the Gettr files on a Java IDE such as IntelliJ and click the run button to start the server side, then in terminal run "cd GettrProject", then "cd Gettr", then "npm install" and finally "npm run". This will then open up a localhost version of Gettr.

2.2 Creating an Account

Once users have navigated to our website they'll be greeted with our login page that requires users to log in using their account username and password, but for new users they first need to register a user into our database by filling out the account registration form. They will be required to input their first name, last name, email address, a username, and a unique password strong enough to be used in our system. Once users have signed up they'll then be redirected back to our homepage where they can log in using the username and password associated with their account.

Join the Community
Create an Account to get Started

First Name *   Last Name *

Email Address *

Username *

Password *

By clicking Sign Up, you are agreeing to the Terms and Conditions and
you are acknowledging the Privacy Policy
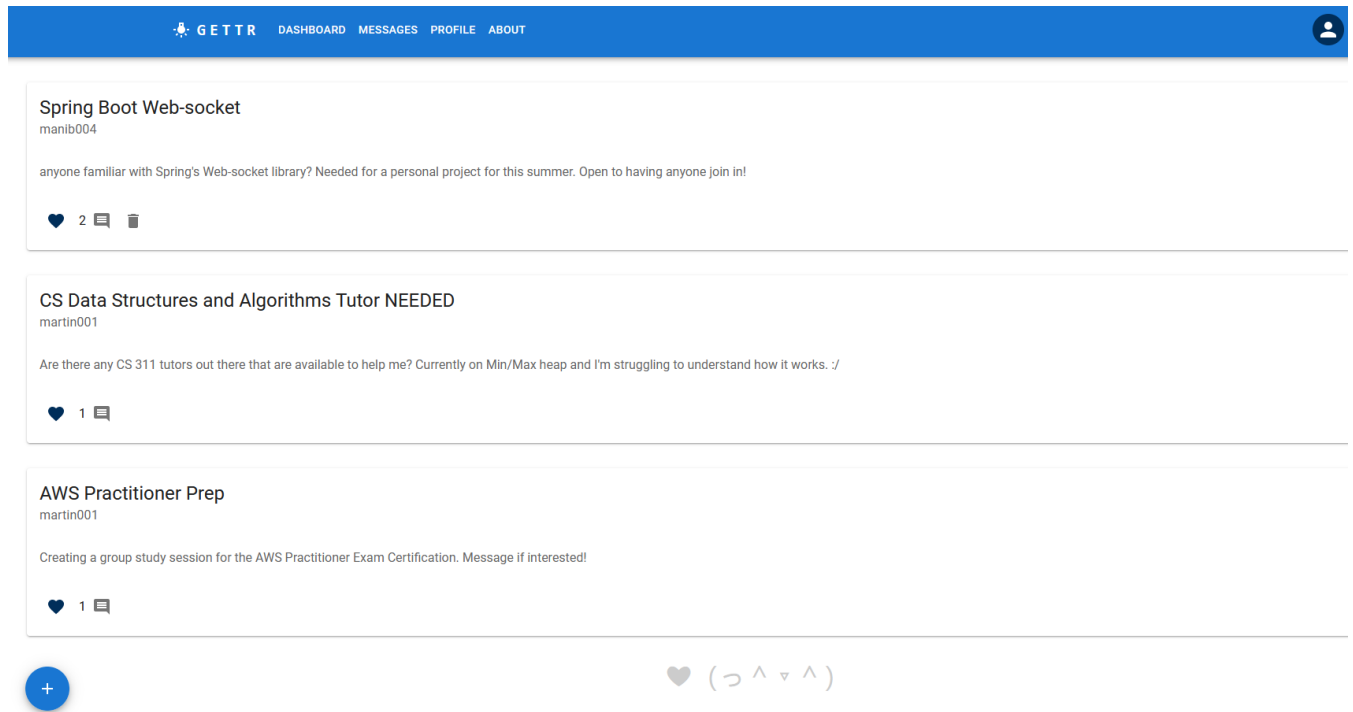
SIGN UP

Already have an account? Sign in

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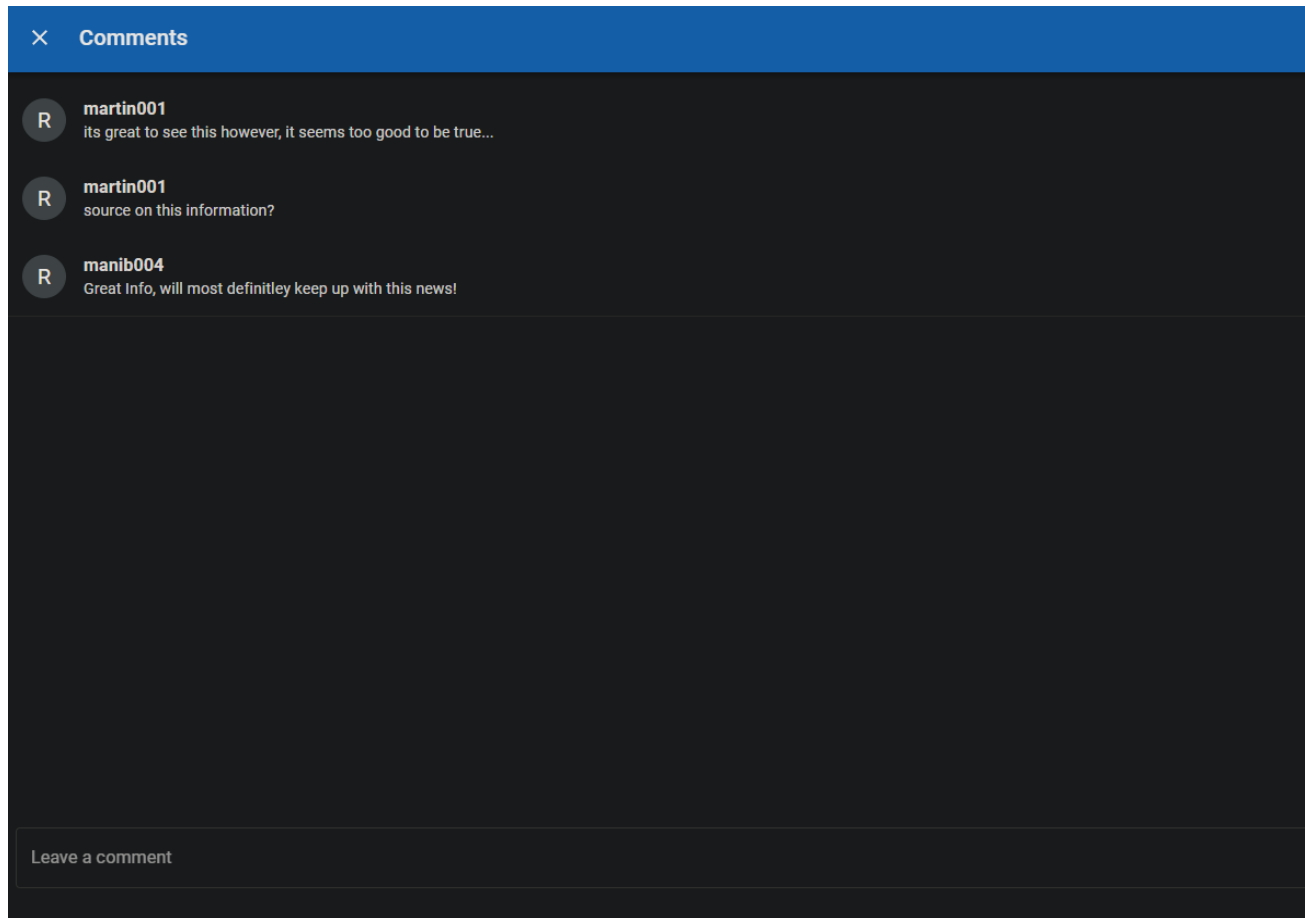# 3. Fundamental Operations

3.1 Post Funtionality

After signing in, the user will be greeted by the dashboard page, which serves as the main home page of Gettr. Here users can see other users' posts as well as add their own if they so wish. Creating a post adds it to the dashboard and if the user is dissatisfied, they can delete the post. A user can add a post simply by clicking the little blue + button on the bottom left of the screen, or

center if they are on mobile. This opens up a form which allows users to input a post title and description of their post. When they finish they simply click the submit button to add it to the dashboard for other users to see. Users can also like posts they like to show their appreciation. Other functionalities include the comment section for user interaction on a specific Post, and a delete option for user's to delete their own posts.
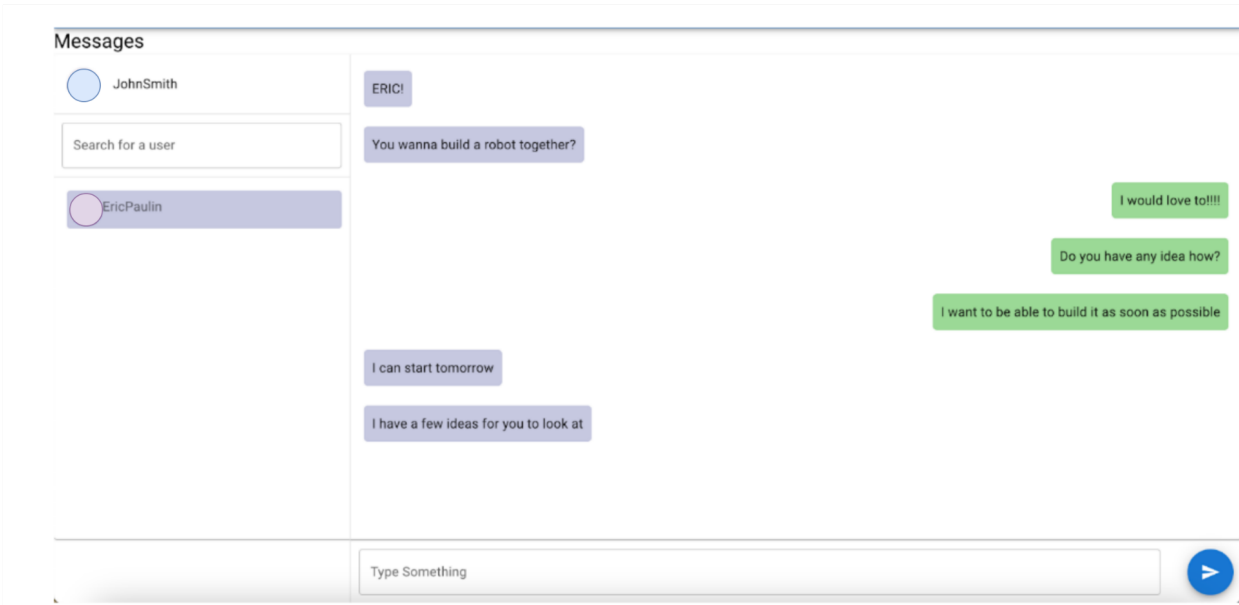
3.2 Comment section

After clicking on the comment icon, users are presented with a pop up style comment section that allows both the creation and deletion of comments to a specific post.
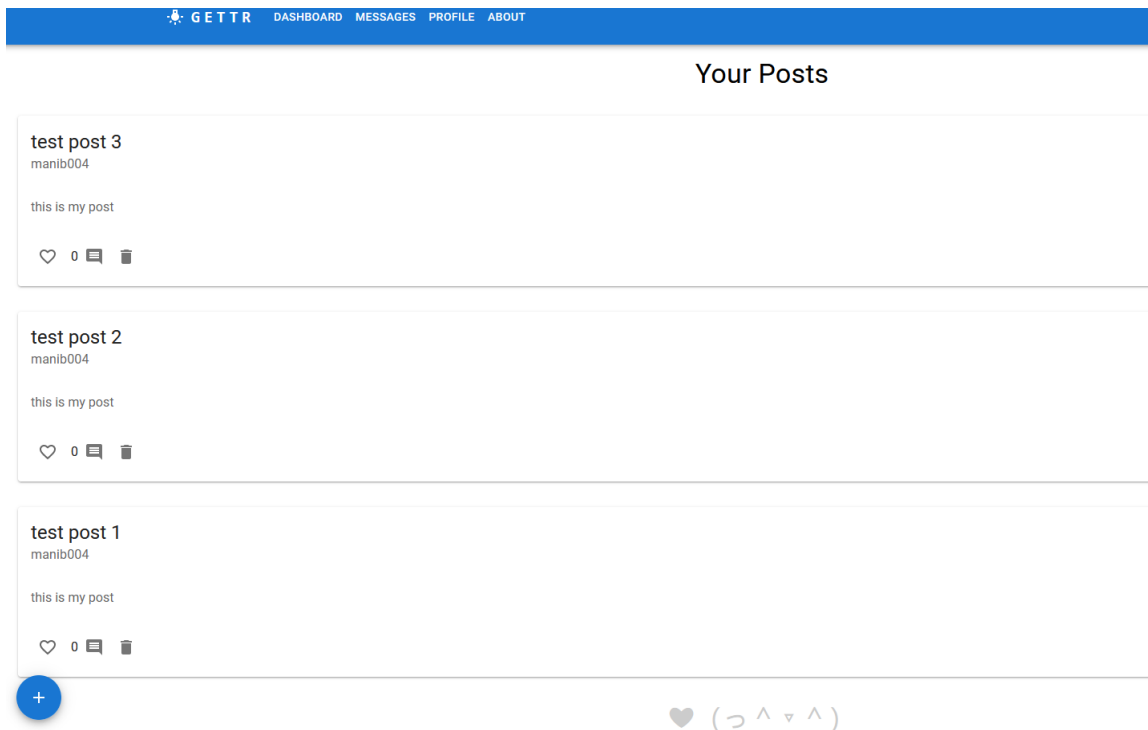

3.3 Messages

On the navigation bar on the top of the page, if the user clicks "Messages" they will be able to directly message other users who have made an account. When entering the message tab the user will be greeted by the message page. Users will be able to search for other users on the Gettr that they wish to message. Users will also be able to see their chat log of messages made with other users over time. To begin, simply type in a user and click their name. Doing so will pull up your chat log with that specific user. To send them a message type a message in the bottom bar, then click the arrow on the right to send the message.

3.4 Profile

Currently the profile tab only serves to show the posts made by the current user logged in. This allows for easy management of a users posts.

4. Closing Remarks

4.1 Close Software

If the user is finished using Gettr, exiting is very simple. All the user needs to do is click on the little user icon on the top right corner which will bring down a top down menu which will give the user the option to logout with "Logout". Doing so will bring the user back to the Login page of Gettr and the user may exit the site.