# Making the Mentoring Center Great Again (Updates on the Backend for the MMCGA Project)

December 1, 2016 Schuyler Martin <sam8050@rit.edu> Computer Science, BS/MS Rochester Institute of Technology

#### Problem



Image: Pink Floyd's The Wall

#### Solution

- Make an app!
  - Make a Pervasive System
- One common backend to run everything
  - Dedicated service run on the CS network
- One common frontend for users
  - Webview available for on multiple platforms

#### Ideal Features

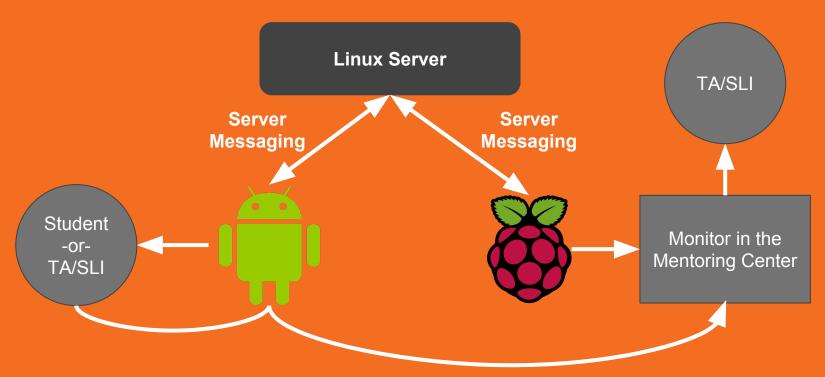
- Tutors should do minimal management of the system
  - Tutors should "log in" to show that they are on duty
  - When they confirm they have helped a student, they should be told who is next in line
- The CS Department gets usage statistics
  - o To prove the usefulness of the Mentoring Center and improve upon it

#### RabbitMQ

- Open Source messaging server
- Provides advanced features for scalable message queuing
- Made our lives much easier
  - Queued messages; prevented race conditions
  - Handled networking aspects

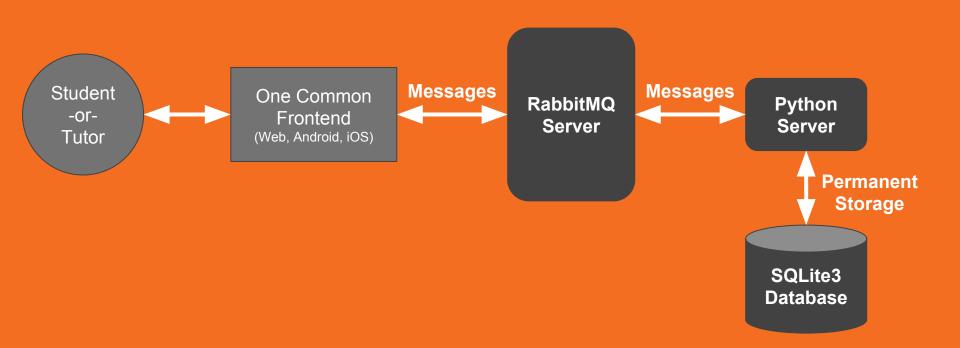


## Original System Diagram

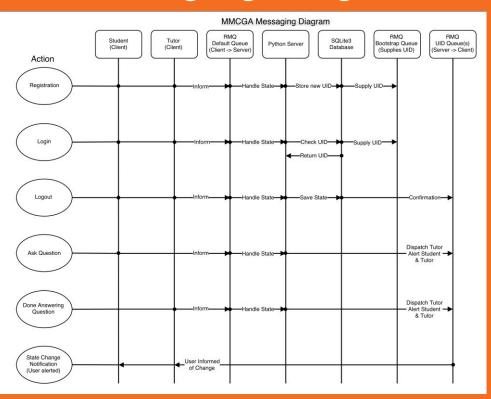


User reads monitor, registers with app

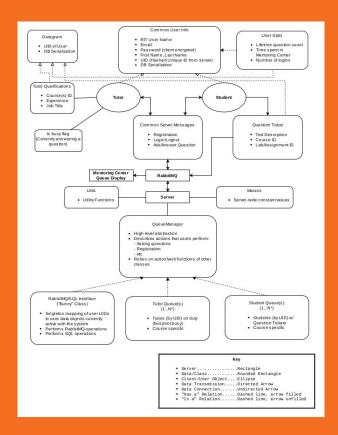
#### Current System Diagram



## Messaging Diagram



#### System Architecture Diagram



#### Future Development

- Available on GitHub:
  - https://github.com/RIT-CS-Mentoring-Center-Queueing/mmcga\_project
- Tutors have already shown interest in the project
  - Hopefully having a steady group of "moderators" will encourage maintenance of the project and growth of the project over time

# Questions?