Project Proposal: Star Logger

Background

Gaming is a popular hobby, but players who own many titles across different platforms often struggle to keep track of what they have played or completed. Unlike movies or books, there are VERY limited tools and services dedicated to organizing video game collections. A game backlog manager would provide a focused solution for tracking progress, managing collections, and engaging with other players.

Benefits

The game backlog manager helps players stay organized, track progress, and stay motivated while offering social features like friends and comments. It also gives admins tools to manage users and keep the platform secure.

Key Features (CRUD):

- Create – Add games, profiles, achievements, and friend connections.
- Read – View game lists, progress stats, user profiles, and community comments.
- Update – Edit game statuses (e.g., backlog, in-progress, completed) and update achievements.

- Delete – Remove games from lists, delete comments, or manage accounts as an admin.

Comparisons with Similar Apps

My biggest inspirations for this project are Backloggery, Backloggd, Goodreads, and MyAnimeList - notable tracking websites for logging games, books, and anime.
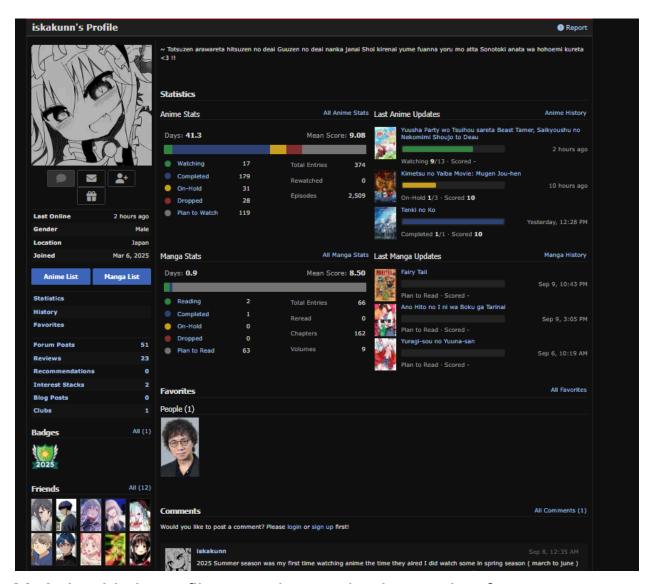
Strives

While *Backloggery* and *Backloggd* let users track games, they offer limited community interaction and personalization. This project focuses on customizable profiles, personalized game lists, and social features like friends and comments to create a more engaging, community-centered experience.

Design Ideas

Before Backloggery's modern revamp, the UI had a more classic / retro looking feel. I would like Star Logger to have a similar vibe

with pixel-esque fonts and art, but also feature the goodness of modern layouts. In other words, smooth, but stylized.

MyAnimeList's profile setup has a nice layout that features statistics, recent updates to shows, favorites, friendlist, a comment section, and achievement badges. I would like to incorporate something similar, albeit with some changes like a "User Recommended Game List" that they can set, as well as their personalized gaming statistics.