



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 Backlogerry, Backloggd, Goodreads, and MyAnimeList - notable tracking websites for logging games, books, and anime.

Strives

While *Backlogerry* 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 Backlogerry'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.

The screenshot displays the MyAnimeList profile for user 'iskakunn'. The profile is organized into several sections:

- Header:** Username 'iskakunn's Profile' and a 'Report' link.
- Profile Picture:** A pixel-art style illustration of a character with long, light-colored hair and a headband.
- Personal Info:** Last Online (2 hours ago), Gender (Male), Location (Japan), and Joined (Mar 6, 2025).
- Statistics:** A summary of anime and manga stats, including days, mean scores, and counts for various statuses (Watching, Completed, On-Hold, Dropped, Plan to Watch/Read).
- Recent Updates:** Sections for 'Last Anime Updates' and 'Last Manga Updates', showing the user's progress on various titles.
- Badges:** A section for achievement badges, including a '2025' badge.
- Friends:** A grid of small profile pictures of the user's friends.
- Comments:** A section for user comments, showing a comment from 'iskakunn' dated Sep 8, 12:35 AM.

The layout is clean and modern, with a dark theme and clear typography. The use of pixel art for the profile picture adds a nostalgic touch to the modern interface.

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.