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ABSTRACT

React combined with industry-tested, server-side technologies, such as Node, Express, and MongoDB, enables you to develop robust real-world full-stack web applications. In this project, we build a simple social network application with MVP features implemented: user authentication, profile viewing, posting, commenting developed using React, Node, Express and MongoDB.

As a user, one can create an account, log into it, view and create posts, delete and edit posts, like/unlike a post, comment on a post, view other users profiles, edit his own profile, add education and experience to the profile. The idea was to make a platform where people can share their posts, comment on each others posts and can discover what the fellow user are learning and creating by viewing their profiles.

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INTRODUCTION

It was very difficult years ago to communicate with friends or family living in distant and far off places, thanks to technology that is not a problem anymore. Social networking is growing big in India and rest of the world with more and more users joining it every minute.

On these types of networks we meet up familiar persons or complete strangers whom we share similar interest with. If the earlier trend was making associations and groups physically, the present generation believes in making online communities and forms to discuss issues related to various and diverse topics.

The present system is developed such that a registered user maintains his/her own profile and could also search other similar peer profiles over the application.

The key purpose of developing a Social Networking Site for developers is to reach out to others around the world and share knowledge, educational material, etc. This includes regular social networking material, such as accounts, images, emails, and forums, and video sharing, posts, etc. developers can create accounts, exchange and gain information, teach related lessons, etc. also by using this network, users can share information, educational books, questions/answers, and everything else.

1.1 Motivation And Overview

Geek Seek is a full stack social network application for developers to be developed using Node.js, React, Redux, MongoDB, along with Express.

The platform will be developed in two parts – Front-end development and Back- end development. We will be building an extensive backend API using Node, js & Express and JWT will protect the endpoints. We will use Postman for testing our backend API and to handle requests. The front-end will be integrated with the backend in an elegant way to create a great workflow. For application state management, we will use Redux and create reducers and actions for our resources. Also, we will test our application using Redux Chrome extension. The application will be deployed to Heroku using Git.

Technologies Used:

- MongoDB
- Express
- React
- Node.js
- Redux
- VS Code Editor
- JWT (JSON Web Tokens)
- Git
- Postman

1.2 Objective

The project aims to build a full stack social network application for geeks which includes user authentication, user profiles and forum posts. The platform will be developed using MongoDB, Express, Node.js, Redux and React technologies.

The platform allows geeks to create their profile, update it or add additional details about them. They can also link their GitHub profiles by providing their GitHub username. The geeks can view profiles of other users and get connected with each other. They can post their views in the forum section, like other's posts and put comments too.

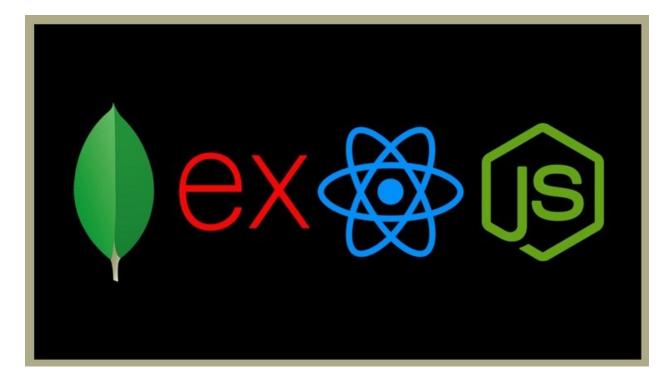
1.3 Features

- New users can create a profile and register themselves
- Authentication for existing users
- Viewing profiles of geeks without logging in to the account and connect
- Add additional details to the profiles and edit them
- Link GitHub accounts by providing the GitHub username
- View five latest git repositories in the user profiles
- Add posts in the forum
- View and Like posts of other geeks
- Comment on the posts of other geeks

Implementation and User Interface

We have used MERN Stack technology for our project:

MERN Stack is a Javascript Stack that is used for easier and faster deployment of full-stack web applications. MERN Stack comprises of 4 technologies namely: MongoDB, Express, React and Node.js. It is designed to make the development process smoother and easier. Each of these 4 powerful technologies provides an end-to-end framework for the developers to work in and each of these technologies play a big part in the development of web applications.



MongoDB:

MongoDB is an open-source NoSQL database under the document database category, created in 2007 in the U.S by Dwight Merriman, Eliot Horowitz and Kevin Ryan. In MongoDB data is stored in a binary JSON format, commonly referred to as BSON. One entry in the database is consists of a single JSON object called a document. The database contains multiple groupings of documents called collections. JSON, or JavaScript Object Notation is a format commonly used with browsers, which makes MongoDB an excellent fit for storing data for web applications, since the same JSON data can be transported between the browser and the database without having to be converted into another format between them, as is the case with SQL. Although these conversions are made easier by ORM tools, some extra operations are nonetheless required from the software.



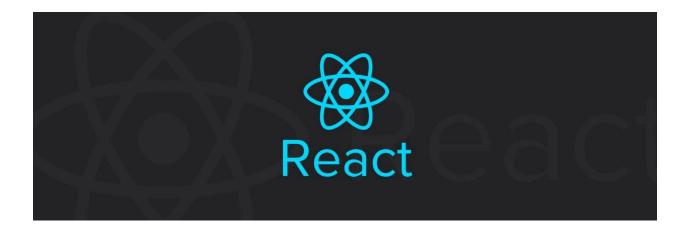
Express:

Express.js was originally created and initially released in 2010 by TJ Holowaychuk, an open source mass-contributor and guru. In June 2014, the ownership of the GitHub repository for Express.js was sold by Holowaychuk to StrongLoop. Express.js is an unopinionated open source web server framework written purely in JavaScript, designed specifically to be used with Node.js. Due to its reliability and widespread use Express has become the de facto standard server software for Node.js Express in relation to Node.js can be considered analogous to what Ruby on Rails is to Ruby. Express is optimized for performance and is minimal by nature, placing only a thin layer on top of Node.js base level web features. Due to its lightweight design and standardized status, Express acts as the foundation for several other server-side JavaScript frameworks that incorporate it such as Feathers, KeystoneJS, Kraken and Sails, which are more tailored to specific types of applications as opposed to Express, which only provides a robust implementation of more general server-side functionalities such as routing, HTTP caching and view templating.



React:

React.js is a JavaScript library maintained by Facebook designed for building user interfaces for web services. React was originally created by a Facebook employee called Jordan Walke [53] and was first used inside Facebook in 2011 when it was used in the design of the Facebook app's newsfeed [54]. According to Walke, the framework was inspired by and started out as a JavaScript port of XHP, an augmentation of PHP also developed at Facebook aimed at creating reusable HTML components for browser applications. XHP, however, still suffered from being forced into many roundtrips to the server during application use in regular PHP fashion [53]. React.js emerged as a solution to the problem, delivering the application components in an initial JavaScript bundle and then efficiently managing renders to the DOM, allowing for easily reusable and customizable HTML views.



Node js:

Node.js is an open source platform that utilizes Google Chrome's JavaScript runtime V8 Engine [23]. Node.js can be characterized as being to JavaScript what the JRE is

to java. Node.js compiles and executes JavaScript code inside of a VM (Virtual Machine) and thereby enables JavaScript code to be run on the server side [23]. This makes JavaScript a viable alternative to other server-side languages like PHP, ASP or Java, and most importantly enables the use of JavaScript every layer of the web stack – server, transportation format (JSON), and the client. Node.js comes with an NGINX-like base library of modules related to the most common requirements such as file management, HTTP, SSL, DNS, compression and cryptography [24]. The basic modules are aimed at making the Node.js process into a functional web server [23] in only a few lines of code, but Node.js is also highly customizable through the Node Package Manager, also known as "npm", which enables Node.js users to install packages from among over 600 000 (and growing) [25] open-source blocks of code to suit their purposes.



Software Requirement Analysis

2.2.1 Visual Studio Code:

Visual Studio Code is a free source-code editor made by Microsoft for Windows, Linux and macOS. Features include support for debugging, syntax highlighting, intelligent code completion, snippets, code refactoring, and embedded Git. Users can change the theme, keyboard shortcuts, preferences, and install extensions that add additional functionality. Microsoft has released Visual Studio Code's source code on the VSCode repository of GitHub.com, under the permissive MIT License, while the compiled binaries are freeware. In the Stack Overflow 2019 Developer Survey, Visual Studio Code was ranked the most popular developer environment tool, with 50.7% of 87,317 respondents reporting that they use it.

2.2.2 Git and Github:

Git is an open-source, version control tool created in 2005 by developers working on the Linux operating system; GitHub is a company founded in 2008 that makes tools which integrate with git. You do not need GitHub to use git, but you cannot use GitHub without using git. There are many other alternatives to GitHub, such as GitLab, BitBucket, and "host-your-own" solutions such as gogs and gittea. All of these are referred to in git-speak as "remotes", and all are completely optional. You

do not need to use a remote to use git, but it will make sharing your code with others

easier.

2.2.3 Web Browser:

A web browser (commonly referred to as a browser) is a software application for

retrieving, presenting, and traversing information resources on the World Wide

Web. An information resource is identified by a Uniform Resource Identifier

(URI/URL) and may be a web page, image, video or other piece of content.

Hyperlinks present in resources enable users easily to navigate their browsers to

related resources. Although browsers are primarily intended to use the World Wide

Web, they can also be used to access information provided by web servers in private

networks or files in file systems.

2.3 Hardware Requirement Analysis:

♠ Processor: Intel CORE i3 (8th Gen)

♠ RAM: 4GB

▲ Cache Memory: 512 KB

▲ Monitor: 14-inch Color Monitor

♠ Keyboard: 108 Keys

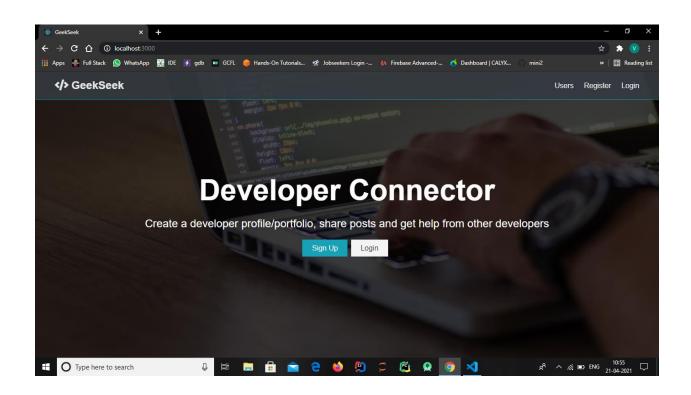
♠ Mouse: Optical Mouse

♠ Hard Disk: 160 GB

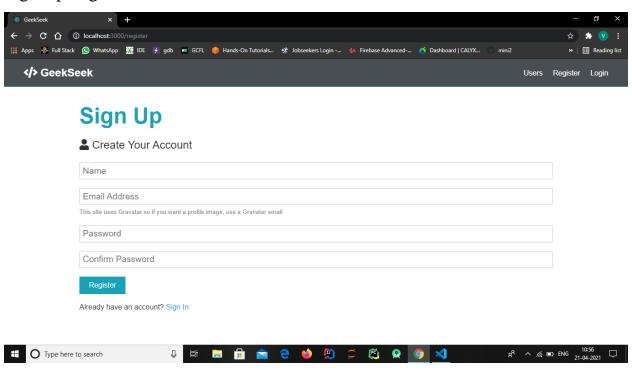
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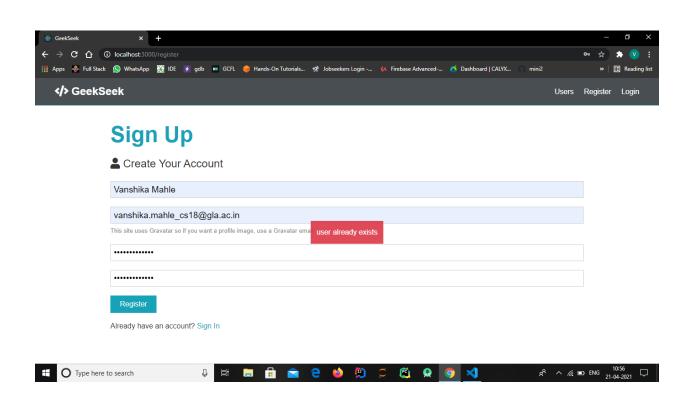
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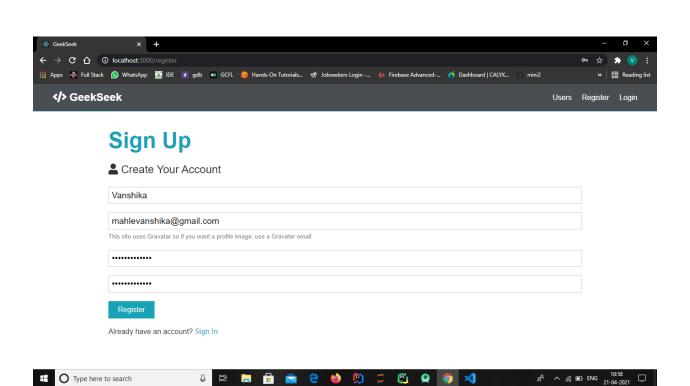
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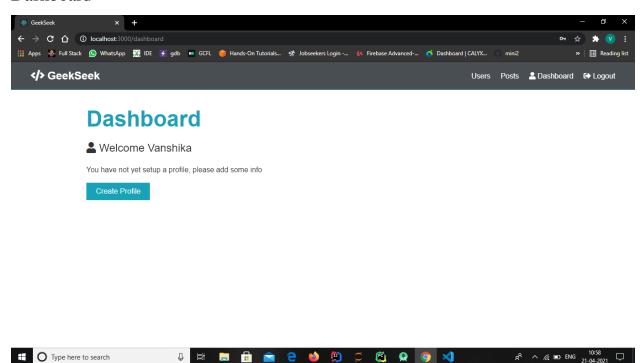
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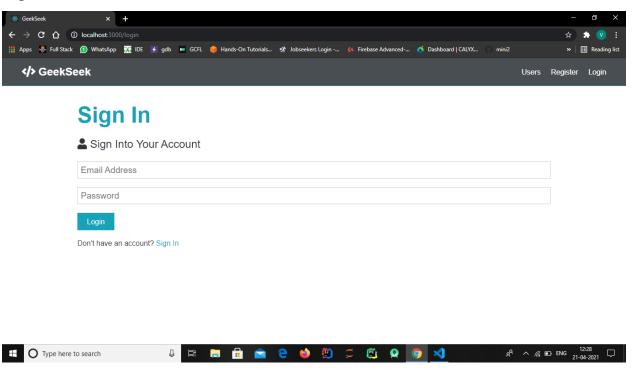




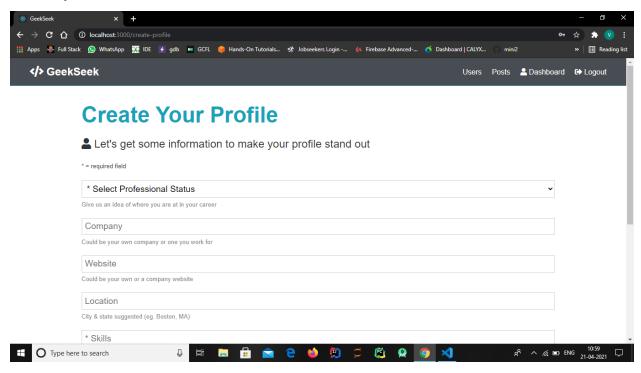
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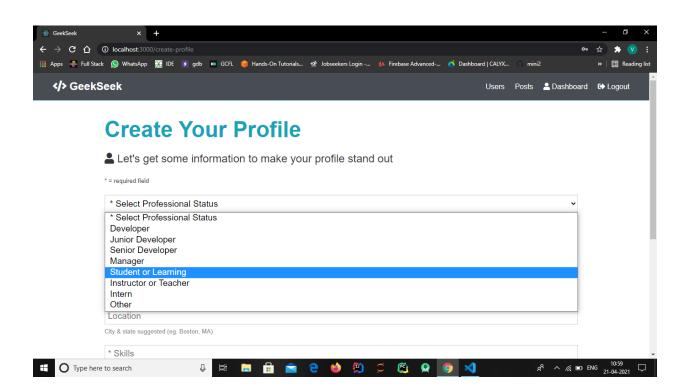


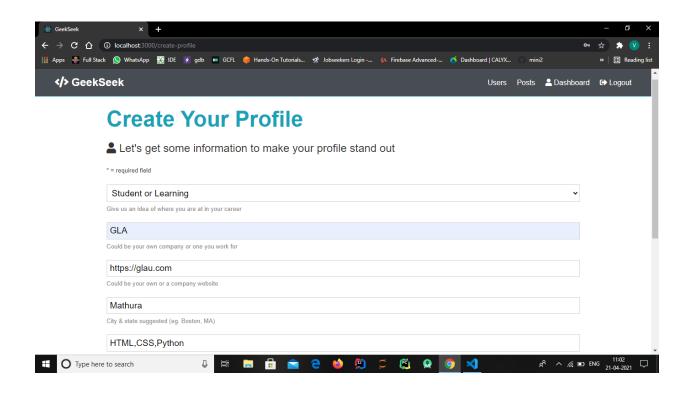
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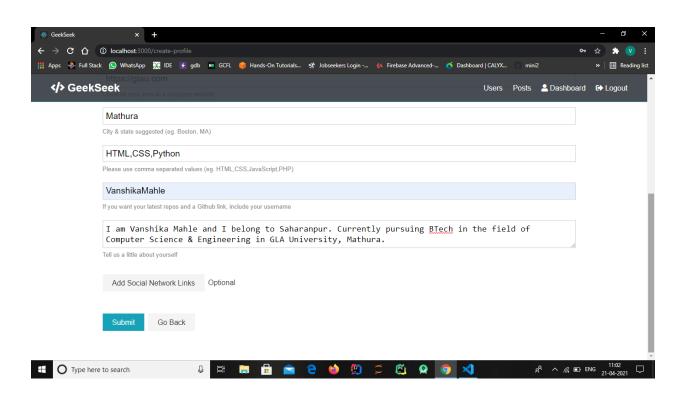


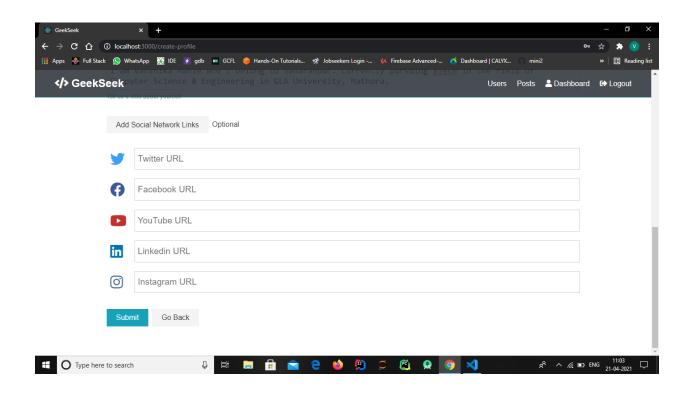
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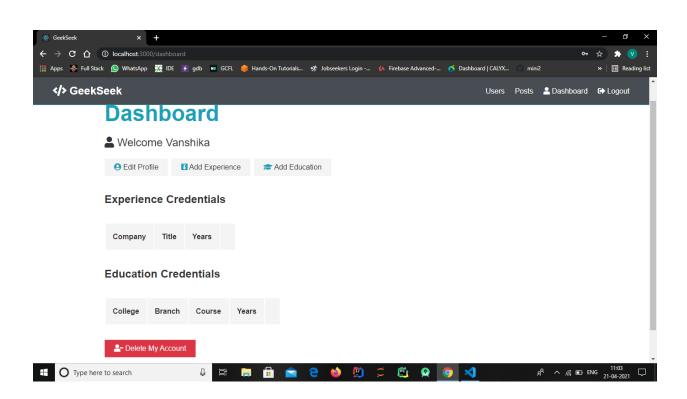




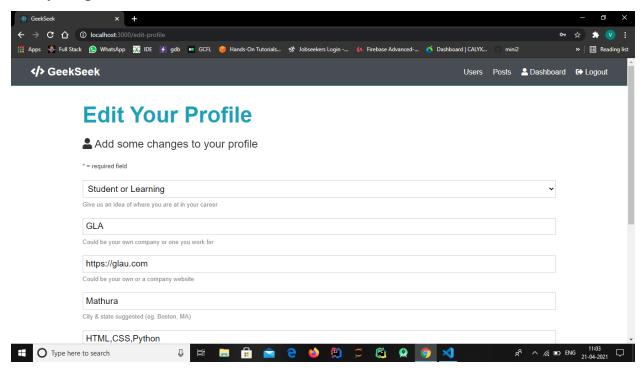




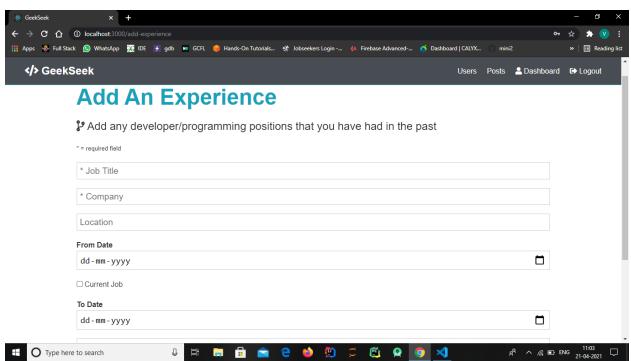


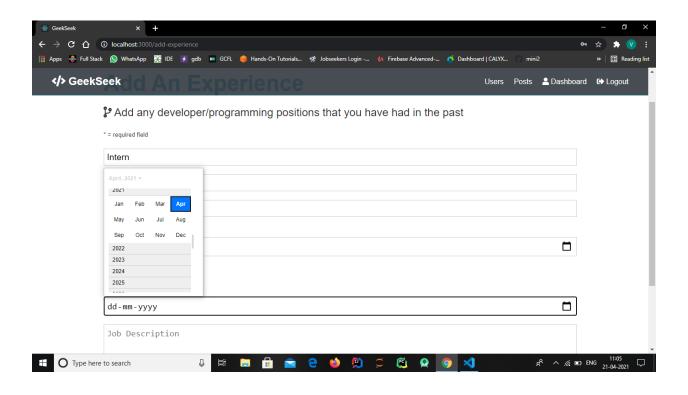


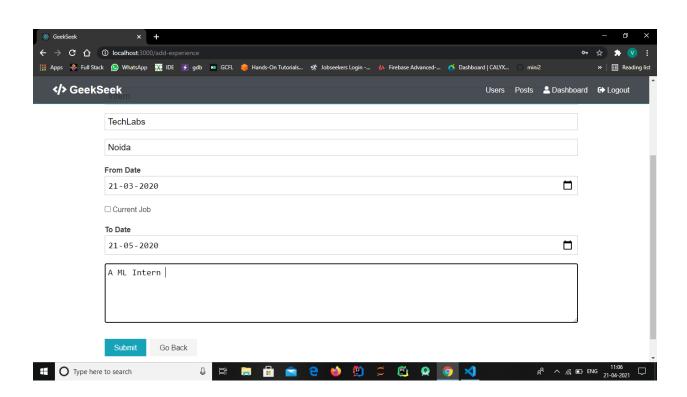
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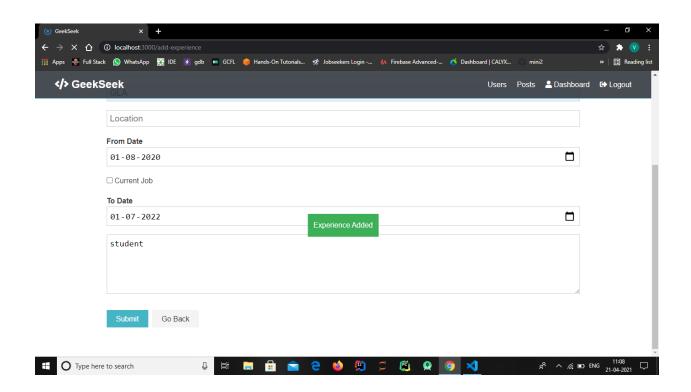


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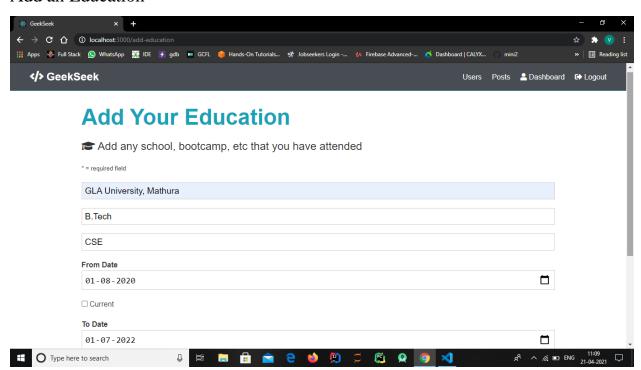


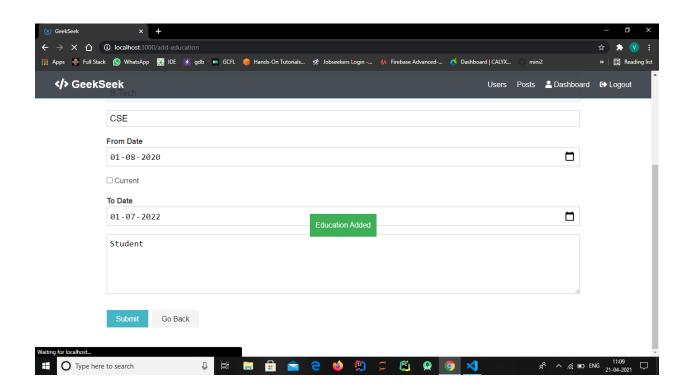




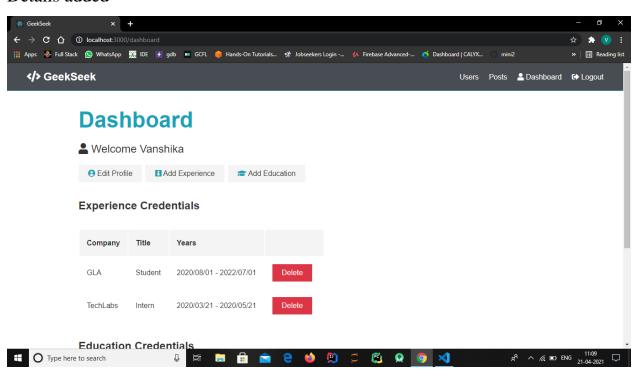


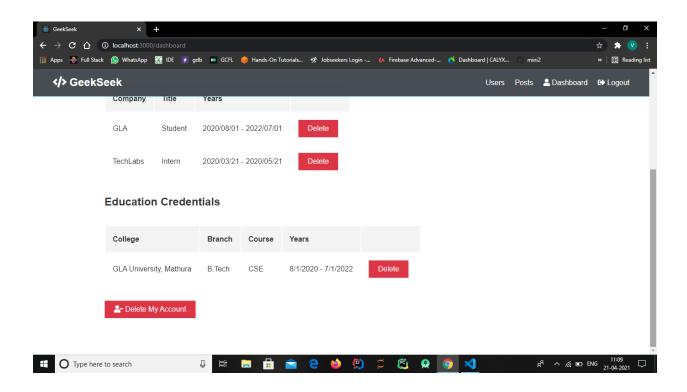
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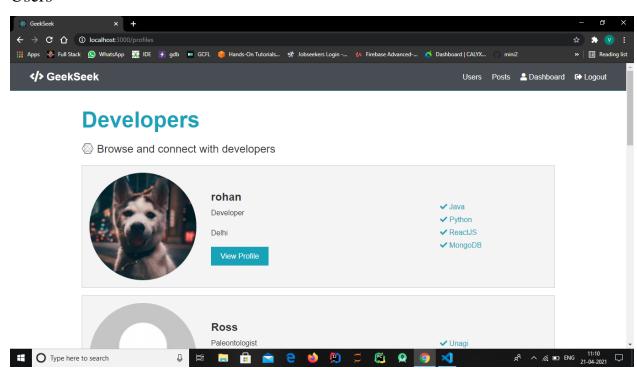


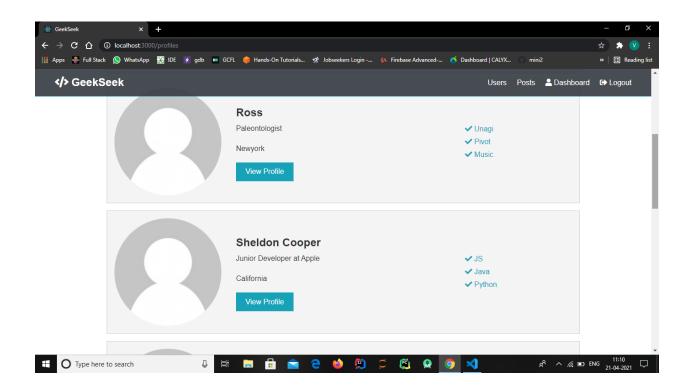
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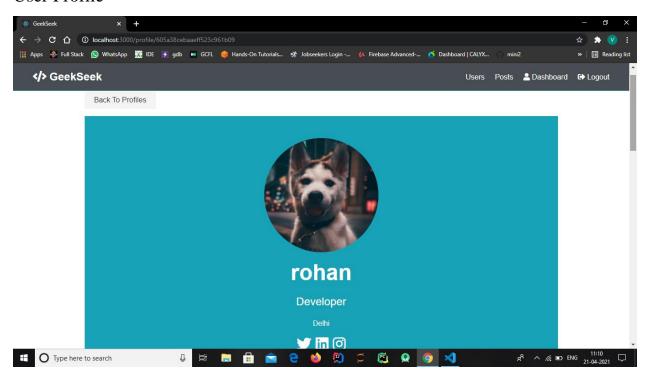


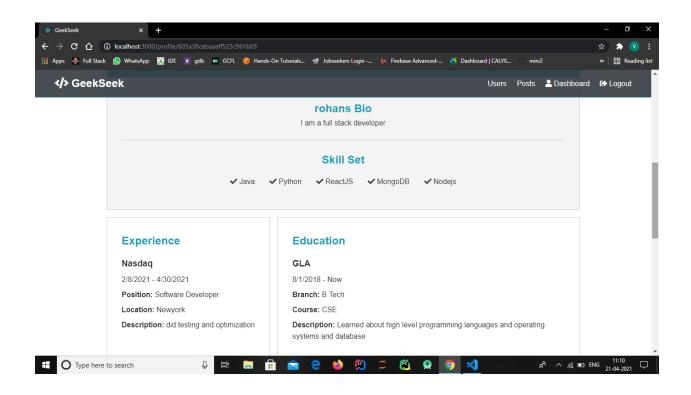
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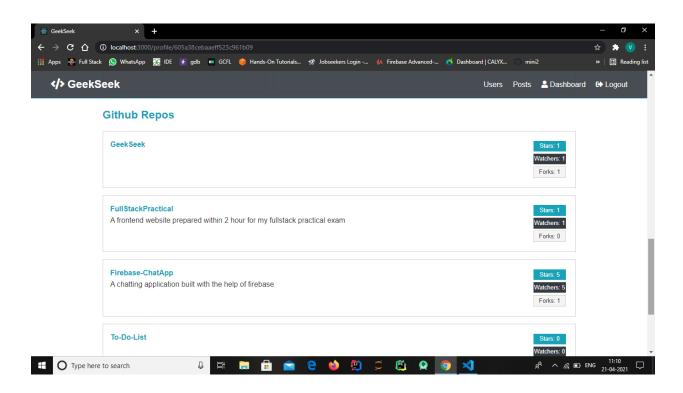


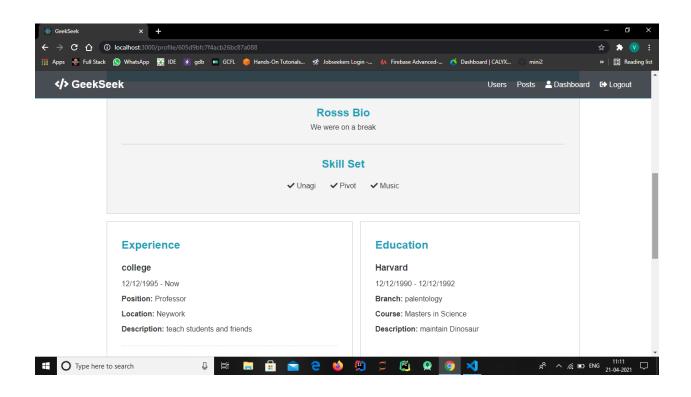


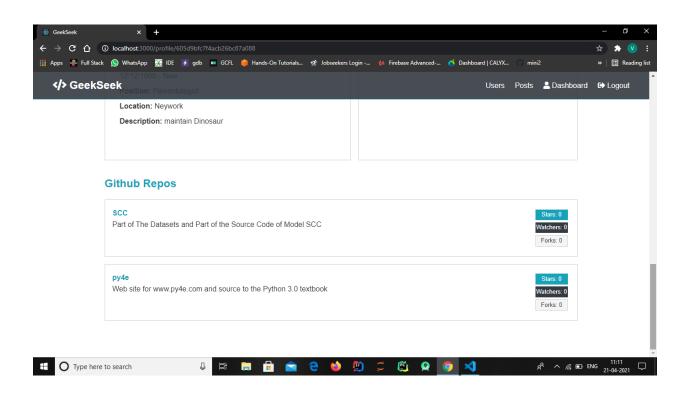
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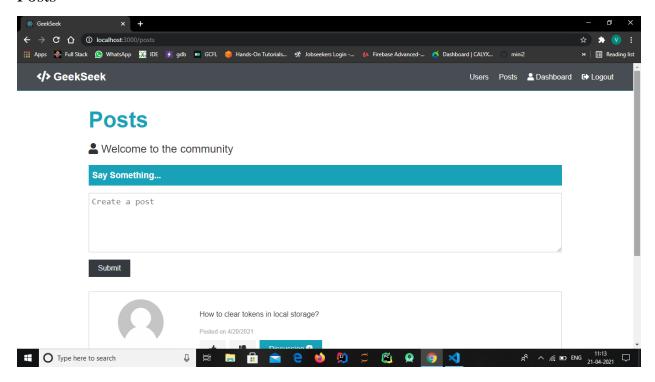


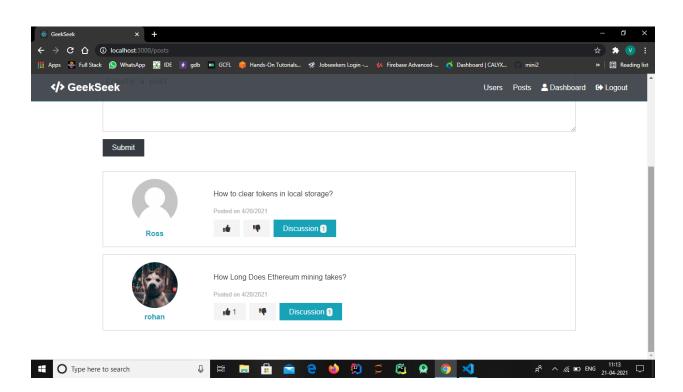


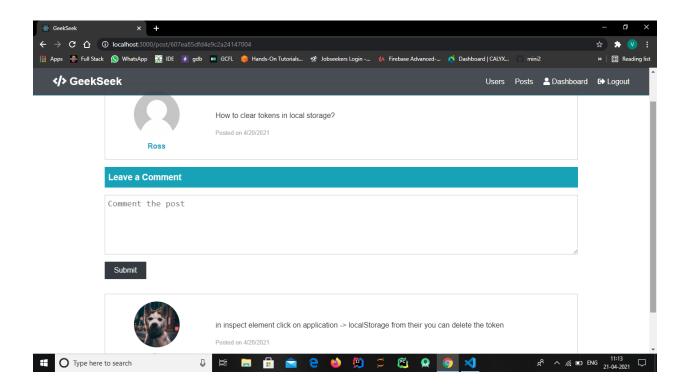




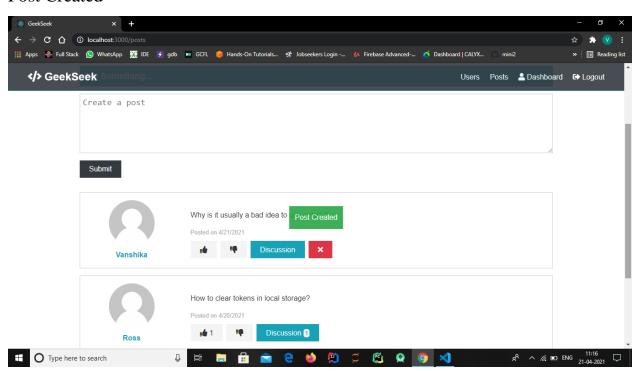
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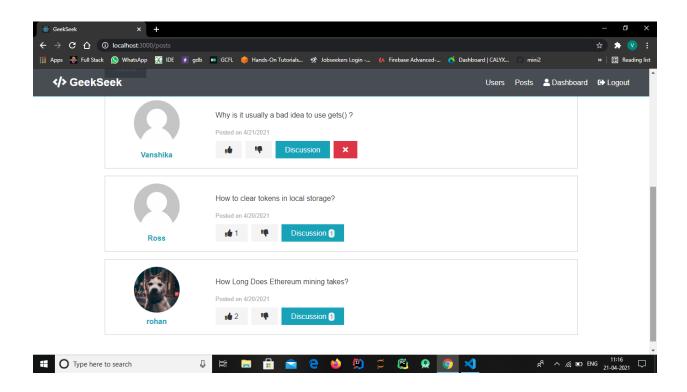




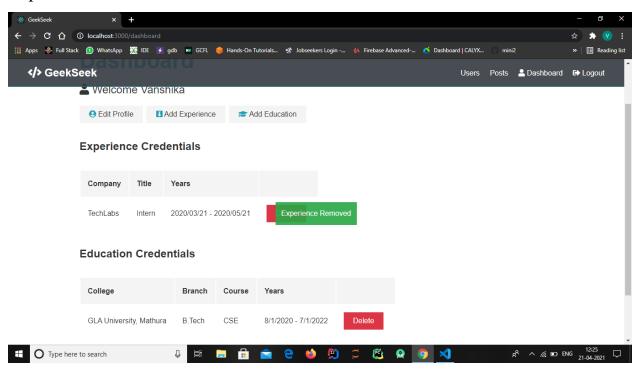


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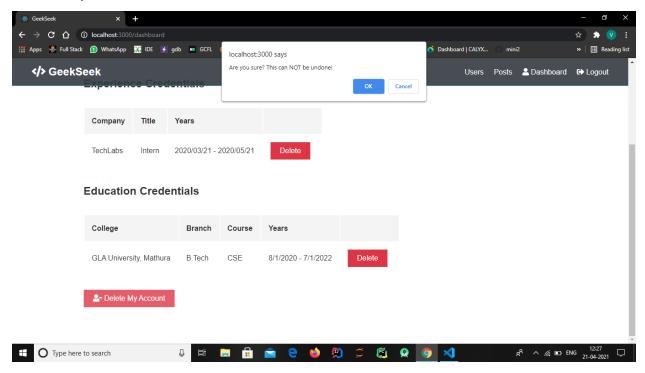




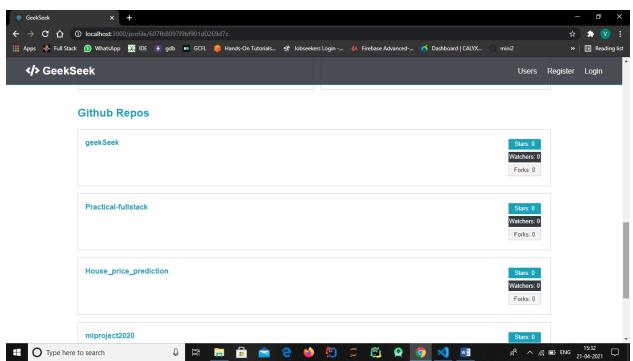
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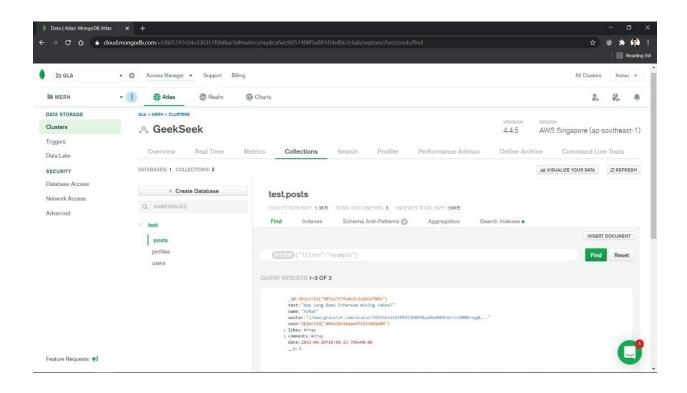
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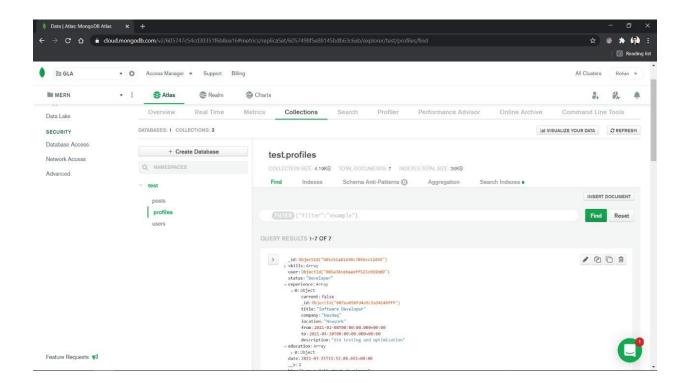


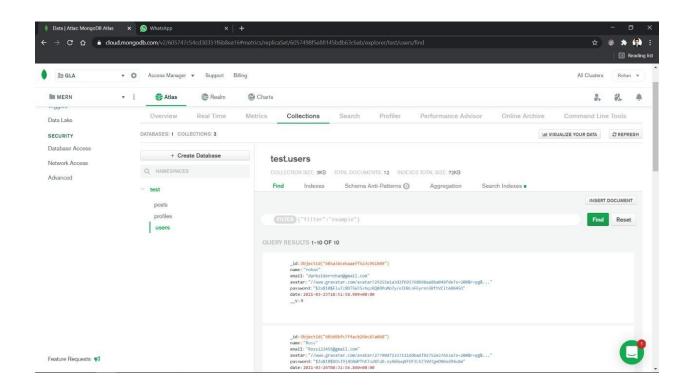
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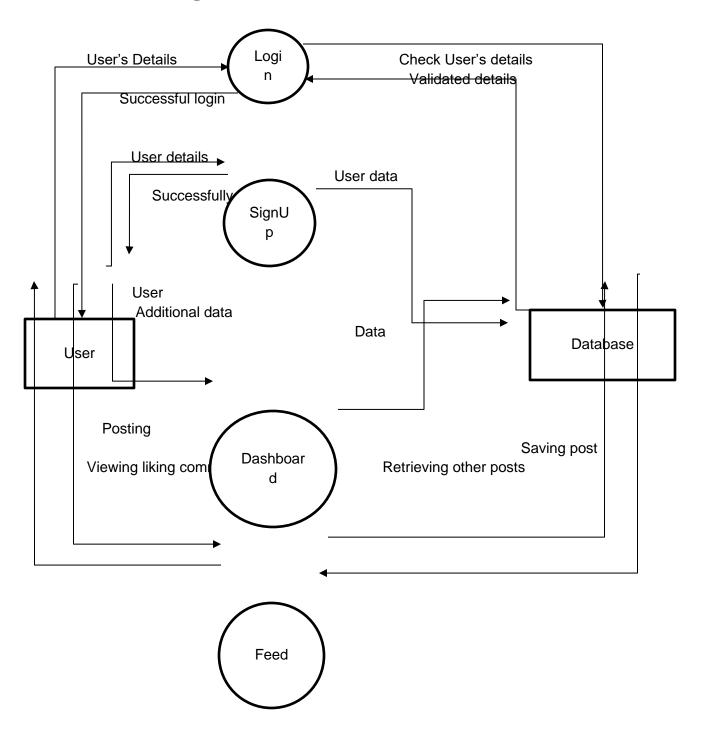


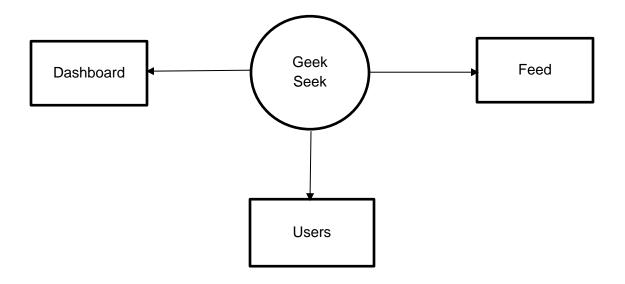




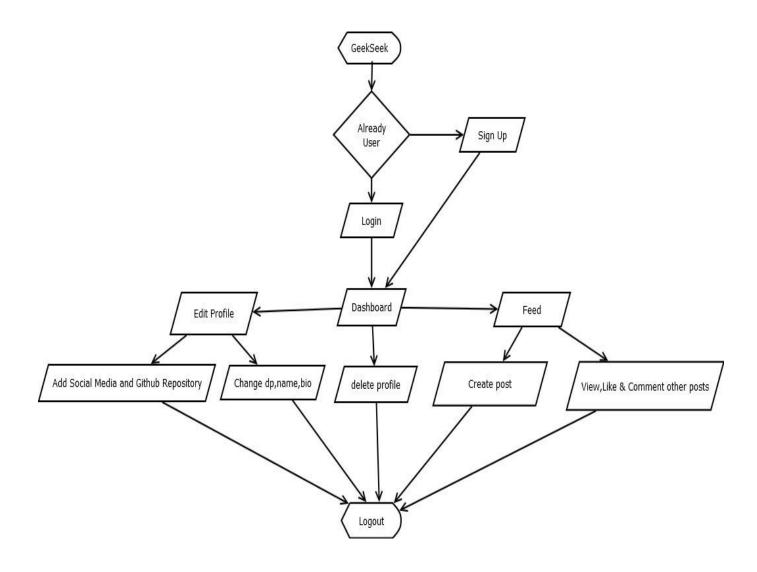
System Design

Data flow diagram:





Flow Chart:



Unit Testing

Table 1 - Frontend

Test Case	Expected Result	Pass/ Fail
Register user Page	Should register the new user	Pass
Login / Signup page	If user is already register then user should able to login with all valid credentials else user should signup	Pass
Profile creation	User should be able to create profile with all the required information	Pass
User view	User should be able to view all the users on that platform	Pass
Post	User should be able to participate in the on going discussion of the platform and should be able to comment or reply and start new discussion	Pass 36

Profile view		Pass
	User should be able to view anyone's profile and should be able to update their profile	
Add skills	User should be able to add their skills in profile	Pass
Add social media info	User should be able to add social media info in their profile	Pass
Log out	User should be able to logout of his account	Pass

Table 2 - Backend App

Server connection	Server should start	Pass
Database connection	Database should connect	Pass

Register user	Should verify valid email and password and give user access to register	Pass
Login /signup page	Should verify all the credentials when user is trying to login(If user is already registered) or sign up and save the data	Pass
Create profile	Save all the data when user is creating the profile	Pass
View profile	Should fetch all the user's data from database and display it on the screen	Pass
Post	Should store all the data to database and display it when the user view post or start the new discussion	Pass
Add skills	Should store all the data to database when user updates the profile	Pass

Add social media info	Should store all the data to database and display it as per user requirements.	Pass
Logout	Should log out the user	Pass

6.2 Compatibility Testing

This application was tested and used on different devices like LG G3, Google Nexus 4. The application worked fine and is stable. The application worked fine both in landscape and portrait modes and there isn't any problem with the resolution or compatibilty.

6.3 User Testing

The present application was tested by my friends who are using different mobile and laptop devices and that seemed to be working fine and they were satisfied with the performance and responsiveness of the application and how the website worked.

Conclusion

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APPENDIX

Source Code:

https://github.com/RohanBhardwaj/GeekSeek