



***For solidary and strong communities***

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Sana comes from the verb ***sanar*** in Spanish, which means healing. We firmly believe that serving our communities has healing powers on an individual and collective level.

Sana Team



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# ABOUT SANA

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# ABOUT SANA

A platform where users and organizations alike can create profiles and match with people based on what their needs are and what they can provide. Think of it as a need connector.

Meet Sophie





## HOW IT WORKS



1. Create a Profile

2. Write a Post or browse through the forum

### New Post

Title

Content

Categories

- ☐ Financial Literacy
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Productivity
- ☐ Mindfulness
- ☐ Healthy Habits
- ☐ Academics/Tutoring
- ☐ Language Learning
- ☐ Other

Post anonymously? ☐

Check to post anonymously, leave unchecked to use your name.

Requesting help? ☐

Check to request help, leave unchecked to offer.

Save

3. Request a Match to give or receive help

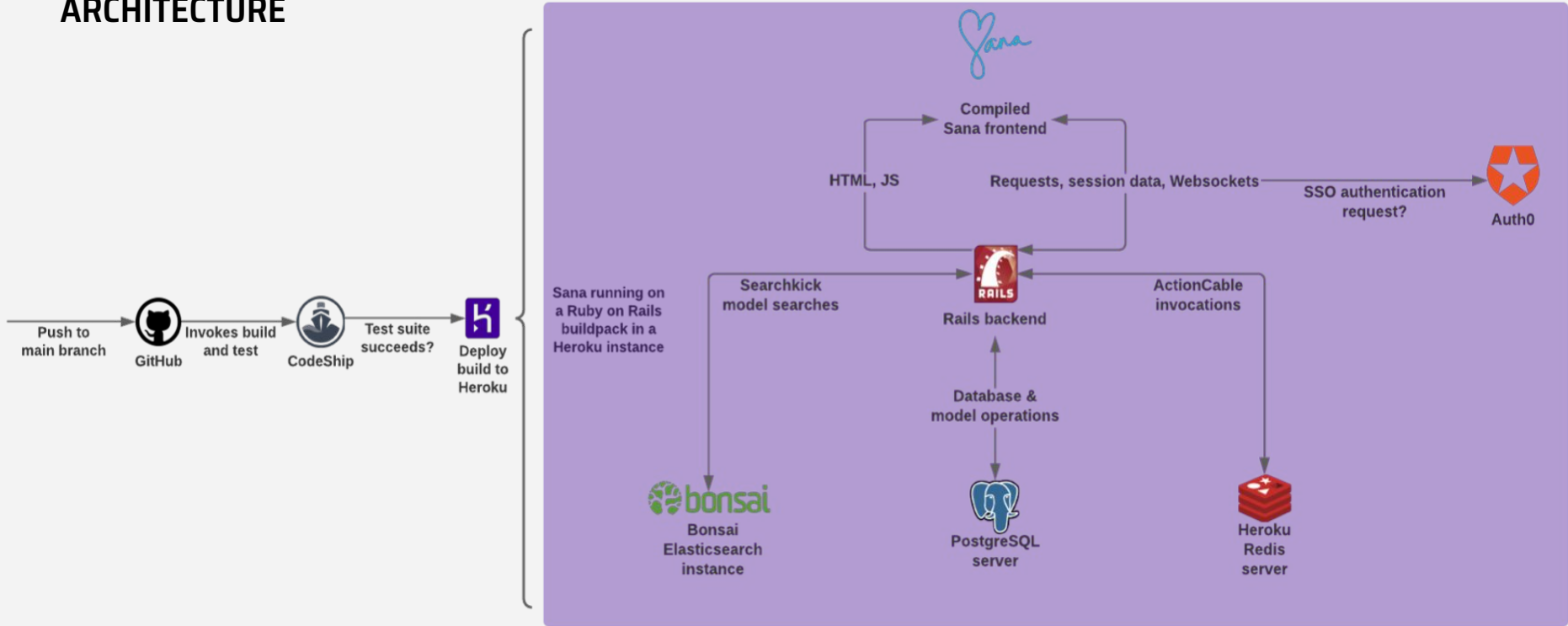


# 02 ARCHITECTURE

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## ARCHITECTURE







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# INTERESTING ENGINEERING

Technologies and gems  
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**INTERESTING  
ENGINEERING**



**TOASTS/ALERTS**

Bootstrap  
Popper.js  
jQuery



**SEARCH**

Kaminari  
Searchkick  
Elasticsearch



**AUTH + SSO**

Auth0  
Bcrypt  
Gravatar



**NOTIFICATIONS**

Stimulus  
CableReady  
ActionCable +  
Redis



**MATCHING**

StimulusReflex  
Hammer.js  
Animate.css

**PASSWORD**

ActionMailer

**ADMIN PANEL**

RailsAdmin

**DESIGN**

Font Awesome



# 04 CHALLENGES

Technical and  
non-technical challenges



### **SERVERS**

Ensure that Redis, Postgres and Elasticsearch were running simultaneously

### **INTEGRATION**

Integrate Elasticsearch and Searchkick with filtering

### **MESSAGING**

The Twilio chat API was deprecated, so we created a similar feature

## **CHALLENGES**

### **TESTING**

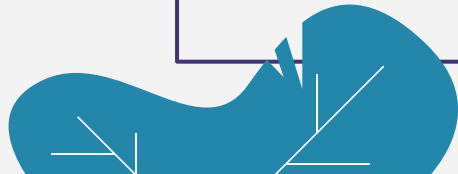
Ran into errors when simulating signing in with fixtures

### **MERGE CONFLICTS**

Created multiple branches, and had to resolve merge conflicts continuously

### **REAL-TIME REACTIONS**

Had difficulty showing real time reaction to posts without re-rendering page





Finding the correct gem, learning how it works and realizing how to integrate it with the app was another important challenge



# 05 REFLECTION

Features we are proud of  
and future steps



## WHAT WE ARE PROUD OF

When a user's post receives a reply, they receive an in-app notification

### REAL-TIME NOTIFICATIONS

We customized bootstrap using CSS to create a unique design

### USER INTERFACE

Users can request a password reset and be provided with an email to do so

### PASSWORD RESET

Rigorous testing is applied to controllers, models and features

### TESTING

The match confirm/deny page uses a swiping feature

### MATCHING UI

The search and filtering feature integration

### SEARCH FEATURE



Overall, we are very proud of the great application we developed and hope to see it benefit our community





With more time, we would have

## FUTURE STEPS

### Added new APIs

- Google Maps - organization and user location connecting
- Factory\_Girl - optimize our testing strategy
- Globalize - useful to expand impact to non-English speaking communities
- Use more StimulusReflex - further realtime refreshes, engagement without refreshes

**Implement a badges system** to reward user engagement and community involvement

**Machine learning** to find relevant posts for users. For example, if 90% of the time a user comments on specifically financial literacy posts, we could make those types the top posts for them to see and even recommend them



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# OUR TEAM

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**Aaron Portman**

CRUD operations for posting and replying  
Enabling mailing capability for password reset  
Creating functional seed data  
Implemented reactions



**Nicole Zamora**

CSS files, layouts and customized bootstrap - front-end  
Logo design and final UI  
Co-developed paper prototype  
Implemented Search and Filter functionality  
Incorporated category system  
Initial Seeding of data



**Adam Fleishaker**

Deployment and CI/CD with Heroku and Codeship  
CRUD operations  
Initial Figma wireframe  
External gems and libraries  
Real time notifications, alerts  
Matching and messaging  
Native and SSO authentication



**Sarah Baum**

Implemented the test suite  
Developed profile views and organization system  
Co-developed paper prototype  
Implemented critical sections of match backend logic



**THANKS!**

*Lana*