

Block Diagram

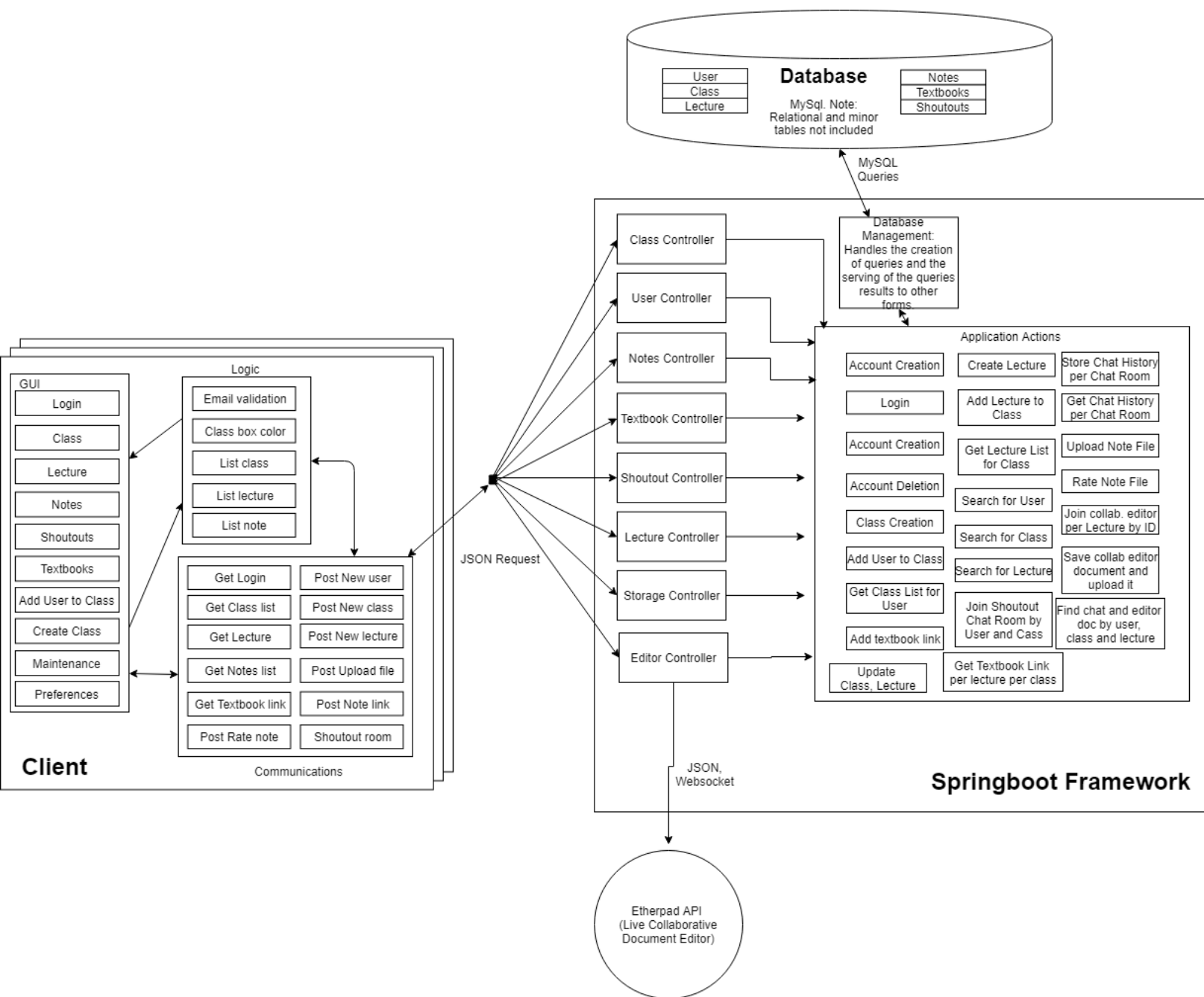
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Design Description:

We allow Professors to create classes, and both TA's and Professors to add students to said classes by their ID's. Each class has an ordered, numbered list of lectures similar to the structure on canvas. A professor or TA will create a new lecture for each class, or even each week of class. Within each lecture/class, there are the following functions and features:

- Shoutouts: A live websocket chat between all people in the class
 - Any student may post a question or message to a live chat and the professor or a TA will instantly be able to view and answer that question during the lecture. Students post these anonymously, to avoid stress of raising hands and nervous students.
 - There are separate live chats per lecture per class. Each of these live chats are only active during the given lecture. Upon completion, the log of the chat is served in the lecture for later viewing.
- Notes: Both non-live note sharing and live collaborative note taking capability
 - Note Sharing:
 - We allow students, TA's and the professor to upload their notes for a specific lecture in any document/text file format.
 - Students may upvote notes that they find useful, and TA's and Professors can star notes they deem as particularly important.
 - The uploaded notes will propagate a ranked list based on popularity, and starred notes will always be at the top of the list.
 - Live, Collaborative note taking:
 - We implemented etherpad API to allow live collaborative document editing.
 - During each lecture, a live document will be created at a specific url. All users in the corresponding class will be served this URL to open in their browser on their phone, tablet, or laptop.
 - Similarly to google docs, each user will have their own cursor with their own name and color. Students and TA's will be able to collaboratively take notes, record answers to questions, etc in this document during the lecture.
 - Upon the lecture's completion, the document will be saved and served in that lecture as a document for later viewing.
- Textbooks:
 - For each class as a whole, a student, TA or professor may upload a URL to the course textbook (if there is one). This is to allow students to easily find/see if the textbook is available online for free versus buying the textbook.
 - Once someone uploads a URL, it will be verified by the professor or TA for integrity. Once all resources are posted and verified, the upload will be locked and nothing more can be added to the list.

Tables and Fields:

- Class: id, name
- Lecture: id, class_id
- Shoutout History: lecture_id, shoutout message
- Notes: id, address, lecture_id, rating, title
- Preference: id, color preference, favorites, start page, user_id
- Textbook: id, book_link, rating, class_id
- User: id, creation time, email, password, username, type
- User's classes (relational): class_id, user_id

Relationships:

1:1 User - Preference

M:M User - Class

1:M Class - Lecture

1:M Lecture - Shoutout History

1:M Lecture - Notes

1:M Class - Textbook