

# **NEU HACKERS**

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## 1. BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION



We are all curious and eager to learn more about computer science. Students as beginners often struggle with finding reliable and relevant information, resources, and guidance for their classes, assignments, and projects

Questions of	Ask whom	Tools
Class	Ask Professor and TA	
Assignments	Ask TA and classmates	
Projects	Ask the Internet	
Job-hunting	Ask senior students, alumni	in AAA

## 2. PROBLEM STATEMENT



There are many challenges Students are facing in advancing their technical skills and pursuing career success. They need a **converged platform** to seek help and support.

Low Efficiency in finding resources

• Students struggle with finding reliable and relevant information, resources

**Communication Barriers** 

 Feel pressure when asking questions to professors and Tas, but comfortable discussing with peers

**Limitation on Information Sharing** 

 Information and resources are kept personal or separated in different tools, seldom be shared with others.

**Community Building** 

Not yet built a community for learning and sharing

## 3.1 PRODUCT INTRODUCTION -BUSINESS GOAL & LOGO



A social learning platform "NEU Hackers", is a converged platform that solve all the bottlenecks for students during their journey in being success in Tech.



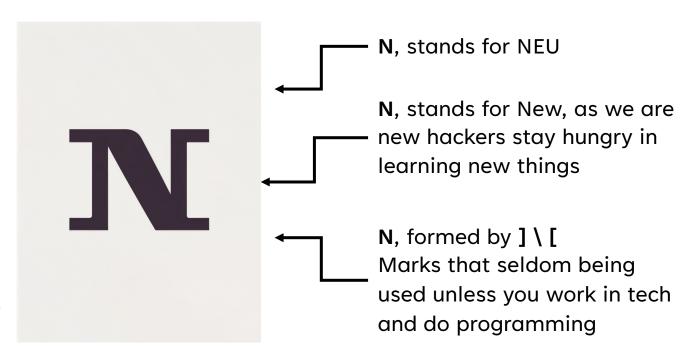
ask any question related to computer science, academic issues and job-hunting



get answers from their peers and experts



submit links of useful resources (articles, videos, podcasts, etc.) that can help peers learn more



## 3.2 PRODUCT INTRODUCTION - TARGET USER



At Phase 1, our product is targeting to MSIS student in San Jose Campus.

#### A Persona of NEU Hackers User



**Current Status** 

23 Spring MSIS Student at San Jose Campus

**Previous Education** 

Working Experience

**Technical Skills** 

MS in Finance

Worked in finance industry as a business analyst for 1 – 2 years

Java, Python in fundamental level

From Unsplash

Career Goal

Software Engineer

**Interested Areas** 

Software engineering, FinTech

Issues

Do not know how to develop her python skill Struggling with Cloud Computing Assignments Have difficulty in connecting alumni students working in FinTech

## 3.3 PRODUCT INTRODUCTION - FEATURES



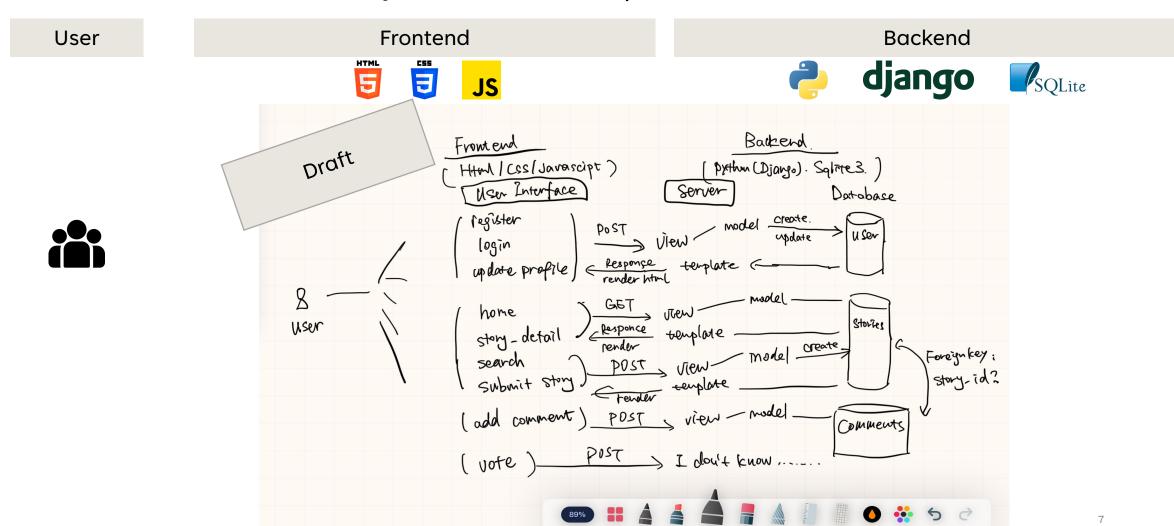
NEU Hackers provide functions that enable students to connect and communicate on the platform anytime anywhere.

Functions	
User Register/Login/Logout	With public user profiles for connection
Show Stories	Supports Sorting, Time range, Searching
CRUD New Story	Create/Read/Update/Delete story posts and comments Also supports editing in Markdown syntax
Comment	
Vote	Vote to make a story/comment show on top

## 4. SYSTEM DESIGN AND TECH STACKS



NEU Hacker is built by python using Django Framework as backend and sqlite3 as database. Frontend is built by html/css/JavaScript.

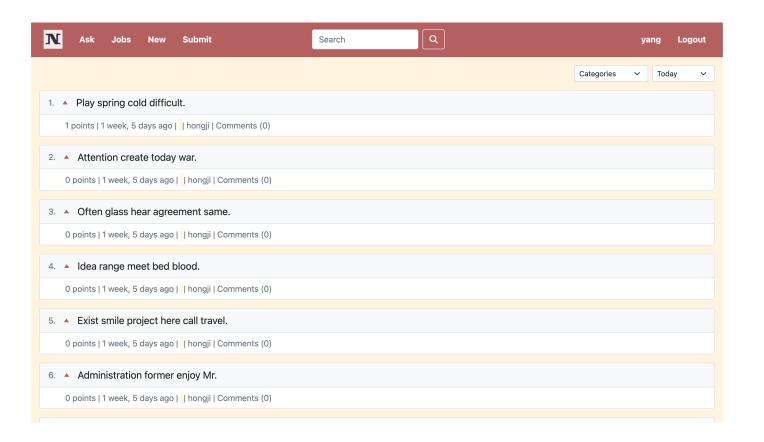


5. DEMO



Let's show you the Demo of NEU Hackers!

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## 6. OPERATIONS - BUILD A COMMUNITY



Besides the product itself, it is also essential to create strategies on how to form an inclusive community and to sustain the dynamic of the platform.

Develop and Introduction

Growth

Maturity

Declin e









- Open Source for everyone to contribute
- Invite student leaders to be initial users/pioneers of the platform
- Active User Award Program (e.g., Top 10 voted users per semester win NEU t-shirts, amazon gift cards)
- Consolidate resources that as initial stories to attract new users
  - e.g.
  - NEU student discount that few students know
  - how to use Chat GPT API, etc.)

- Invite newly enrolled students to the platform to be engaged in the community in an early stage
- Integrate with other school services (canvas, slack, teams, etc.) for a seamless user experience

We haven't conside red it this far

## 7. TECHNICAL CONCERNS AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT



There are some technical concerns, especially the scalability at preset. but we are planning to resolve them and improve more functions and features in the future.

**Business Scope** 

Phase 1

MSIS Student
at San Jose Campus

Phase 2
All Students
at San Jose Campus?

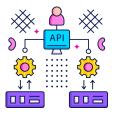
Phase X
Other Campuses?

Scalability



- go-live and deploy to cloud? (cloud storage and fees concerns)
- detach server/client side, Monolithic System => Microservices

**Functional Update** 



- Security and privacy Issues: User Database => NEU ID SSO
- Better user experience (including fancier UI, enhanced reliability)

And More...



- Integrate with other school services? (API to connect with slack, teams, canvas)
- Utilize Chat GPT to augment further requirements and functions

## 8. TEAM INTRODUCTION





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## THANK YOU

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