

# Blabber: 331 Final Project



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# Our Application:

A twitter-like application where users can create accounts, post their thoughts, and like other users messages



**Blabber**

# Work Breakdown:

## Burgin

- Back End
- Database design
- Python model classes
- Jinja template creating

## Tiegan

- Implemented routes
- Managed cookies
- Managed DevOps
- Registered domain

## Morgan

- Front End
- HTML, HTMX, CSS
- Global styling
- Jinja template creating

## Josh

- Front End (HTML, HTMX, CSS)
- Back End (delete, edit, and update routes)

## Technologies Used:

- HTMX
- Redis
- Flask
- Peewee
- Jinja Templates

# HTMX

- Open-source front-end JavaScript Library
- Extends HTML with custom attributes
- Hypermedia-driven approach
- Allows for dynamic definition of a web page directly in HTML and CSS without writing additional JS

```
10 <div style="padding: 20px;"
11 >
12   <div hx-get="/tweets/1"
13       hx-trigger="revealed"
14       hx-swap="afterend"
15       hx-indicator="#spinner-0"
16   >
17   </div>
18   
22 </div>
```

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# Redis

- Remote Dictionary Server
- Open-source, in-memory data structure store
- Known for its high performance, low latency, and support for various data structures
- Makes data retrieval fast and efficient

```
23 def get_tweets(page):
24     tweet_data = []
25     for tweet in tweets:
26         likes = redis_client.hget(f"tweet:{tweet.id}", "likes") or 0
27
28         has_user_liked = redis_client.sismember(f"tweet:{tweet.id}:userLikes", userID)
29         heart_icon = "❤️" if has_user_liked else "💔"
30
31         tweet_data.append({
32             "tweet": tweet,
33             "likes": int(likes),
34             "heart_icon": heart_icon,
35         })
36
37     return render_template("tweet.html", tweets=tweet_data, nextPage=page + 1)
38
39 @bp.post("/tweets/<int:tweet_id>/like")
40 def like_tweet(tweet_id):
41     userID = request.cookies.get('userId')
42     if not userID:
43         return redirect('/')
44
45     has_user_liked_tweet = redis_client.sismember(f"tweet:{tweet_id}:userLikes", userID)
46
47     if has_user_liked_tweet:
48         redis_client.srem(f"tweet:{tweet_id}:userLikes", userID)
49         new_likes = redis_client.hincrby(f"tweet:{tweet_id}", "likes", -1)
50         liked = False
51     else:
52         redis_client.sadd(f"tweet:{tweet_id}:userLikes", userID)
53         new_likes = redis_client.hincrby(f"tweet:{tweet_id}", "likes", 1)
54         liked = True
55
56     heart_icon = "❤️" if liked else "💔"
```

# Flask

- App is run using Flask
- Micro web framework
- Keeps application core simple and extensible
- Easy to use

```
main.py > ...
1 from flask import Flask, redirect
2 from src.model.base import db
3 from src.model.user import User
4 from src.model.tweet import Tweet
5 from routes.user_routes import bp as users_bp
6 from routes.tweet_routes import bp as tweets_bp
7
8 app = Flask(__name__, static_url_path='', static_folder='static')
9 app.register_blueprint(users_bp, url_prefix='/users')
10 app.register_blueprint(tweets_bp, url_prefix='/')
11 app.debug = True
12
13 with db:
14     db.create_tables([User, Tweet], safe=True)
15
16
17 @app.before_request
18 def _db_connect():
19     db.connect()
20
21
22 @app.teardown_request
23 def _db_close(exc):
24     if not db.is_closed():
25         db.close()
26
27
28 @app.route('/')
29 def index():
30     return redirect("/users/signIn")
31
32
33 if __name__ == '__main__':
34     app.run(port=8000)
35
```

# Peewee

- Lightweight Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) library
- Intuitive to use
- Needed a ORM because Flask does not provide one
- Allows access to single database

```
1 import datetime
2
3 from peewee import *
4
5 from src.model.base import BaseModel
6
7
8 class User(BaseModel):
9     username = CharField()
10    email = CharField()
11    userID = CharField(primary_key=True)
12    profilePic = CharField()
13    joined_date = DateTimeField(default=lambda: datetime.datetime.now().strftime('%b %d, %Y'))
14
15    @classmethod
16    def all(cls, user_id, search=None):
17        select = User.select()
18
19        if search:
20            select = select.where(User.username.ilike('%' + search + '%'))
21
22        ## Remove the current user, no need to see themselves
23        filtered_out = []
24        for user in select:
25            if not (user_id == user.userID):
26                filtered_out.append(user)
27
28        return filtered_out
29
30    @classmethod
31    def find(cls, user_id):
32        return User.get_or_none(User.userID == user_id)
```



# Jinja

- Python templating engine
- Typically used in partnership with Flask
- Allows the creation of dynamic web pages by combining templates with data
- Straight forward syntax

```
templates > <> index.html
1  {% extends "base.html" %}
2
3  {% block content %}
4      {% include "main.html" %}
5  {% endblock %}
```

```
<div>
  <h3 style="font-size: 18px; color: ■ #f0f1f3; margin: 0; font-weight: bold;">{{tweet.tweet.user.username}}</h3>
  <span style="color: ■ #4f8a8b; font-size: 15px;">Member Since: {{tweet.tweet.user.joined_date}}</span>
</div>
```

Demo: <https://b4bble.com/>