Milestone 5 - Dashboard

COSC 310: InstaQuiz (The Best Group)

Overall Review

Over this milestone, we decided to migrate all our work to php as that seemed to be the best language to script all our web application processes in. We originally selected Java as it was what most of us were familiar with. We realized after the last milestone that Java was our golden hammer and that trying to bridge our web application with Java was going to introduce more dependencies and the learning curve was going to be much steeper so we concluded that migrating to php while still in the early stages was best. We also dockerized our application with Apache, mySQL, and phpMyAdmin containers and wrote a ddl script to standardize the set up process of our database. We begun implementation of phpUnit to unit test our application and set up a test case script to run our tests. We then steadily created most of the php pages required for our website including, but not limited to, the home dashboard, login, register, forgot password, dashboards for students and instructors, registered courses, and enrolling in a course. We found that using session variables was the most efficient means of sending user id and user type data across web pages. This made it so that a user would only need to log in again once they have logged out regardless of the page they are on. For our next cycle, we will need to figure out how to implement CI/CD using phpUnit and Docker and automating the import of our ddl script. We also need to figure out how to implement a real-time updating mechanism for live polls, how to hash our database entries with no collisions, and the final look of our interface, especially the dashboards.

Overall Retrospective

Similar to our last milestone, our progress and velocity has been heavily impacted by coursework and exams for this and other classes. Although we were still able to get quite a lot of work done, only some of us were able to make much progress. We all also ended up working on the same branch after the dockerization which meant many pull requests were necessary during the development process. Moving forward, we plan to branch into a CI/CD branch, front-end development branch, and back-end development branch. This will make the need to pull much less of a frequent occurrence. We will also be working on different files negating the potential merge conflicts. As the following weeks will not involve any exams for any of us, we hope to achieve a more steady velocity.

Overall Progress Over Cycle



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