

The most entertaining way to learn the fundamentals of collaborative coding

Team Code Swap - 3/31/25

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Project Overview

Code Swap is a web application in which teams go head-to-head, competing to solve a simple coding problem the quickest. Players start in waiting room until there are enough people for two teams of two. Then, the game starts and they begin coding. Every 60 seconds, teams switch code editors such that each team builds on the other's work. The goal is to enhance players' understanding of CS 220 concepts and writing clear code.

Tagged Repository

Milestone 1

Team Members

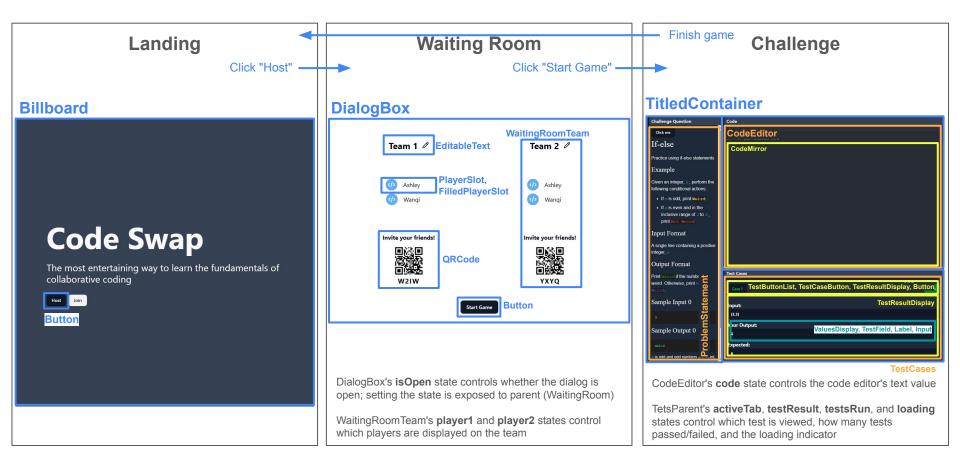
Viral Rathod: Created the test case component, which checks for an output equal to the expected value and returns feedback to the user.

Ashley Bhandari: Created the Waiting Room, wherein users can edit their team name and invite their friends via a QR code.

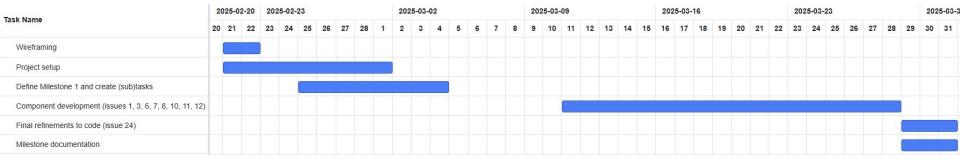
Wanqi Li: Created a markdown system that automatically applies custom styling when corresponding tags are being used.

Yona Voss-Andreae: Created the Landing page and Challenge page (which contains the challenge question and a code editor).

Software Architecture Overview



Historical Development Timeline



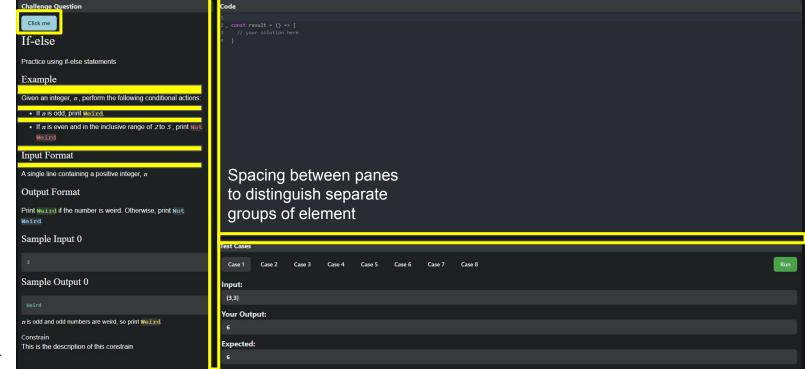
Design and Styling Guidelines Document

UI elements have padding to make its content clearer. Buttons are properly labeled.

Margins separate different UI elements.

Font styles are consistent throughout the application. rem is used for font sizing.

Colors are part of a cohesive overall color scheme. Text and background colors have accessible contrast.



Component Documentation

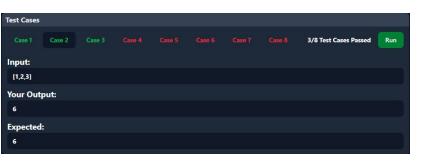


DialogBox is a dialog with an optional trigger, subtitle, and footer; as well as options to start up open, disable being closed by the user, and hide the title and subtitle. The parent may use a ref to forcefully close the dialog



Billboard that takes up the entire screen to aesthetically show information about the application

Team 1 0



TestCases
compare output to
an expected value
and returns
feedback to the
user



allows users in the Waiting Room to edit their team name and invite their friends to join

WaitingRoomTeam



Performance Considerations

- Using immutable data structures by treating state as read-only and only updating it through the state setting function
- Minimize unnecessary re-renders by splitting components up and only coupling necessary dependencies
- Using React Fragments over unnecessary HTML element wrappers
- Using arrow functions over inline functions for props
- Avoid using index as a list key

Performance Checklist

```
Local metrics
  Largest Contentful Paint (LCP)
  0.92 5
  Your local LCP value of 0.92 s is good.
  LCP element h1.text-8xl.font-bold
  Cumulative Layout Shift (CLS)
  Your local CLS value of 0 is good.
  Interaction to Next Paint (INP)
 40 ms
  Your local INP value of 40 ms is good.
  INP interaction pointer
```

Individual Team Member Contributions

Assigned Work Summary - Viral Rathod

- Issue #3: Create a test case component: <u>Commits</u>, <u>PR</u>
 - Created a test case component that checks equality between output and input from mock data
 - Added value display component to modularize the "input, output, and expected" values
 - Added case button component to allow for as many test case buttons without repetitive code
- Issue #5: Add Functionality to the test case component: <u>Issue</u>
 - Moved to milestone 2, commented on issue

Test Cases Component

Case buttons at top change to red or green based on whether test case passed or failed. Clicking them changes values of the input and expected fields to show different test cases.

Component shows how many cases were passed in total

Run button has a loading indicator when clicked, and case button test returns to white text while tests run.



Code & UI Explanation - Viral Rathod

```
import { Button } from '../ui/Button';
interface TestCaseButtonProps {
  id: number:
 isActive: boolean;
 isPassed: boolean;
 testsRun: boolean;
 onClick: () => void;
export const TestCaseButton = ({
  isActive,
  isPassed.
 testsRun,
 onClick,
}: TestCaseButtonProps) => {
  return (
    <Button
      className={\right default bg-surface-bright hover:bg-surface-bright
        active:bg-surface-bright/80 shadow-none ${
        isActive ? '' : 'bg-transparent'
      } ${testsRun ? (isPassed ? 'text-green-400' : 'text-red-400') : ''}`
      onClick={onClick}
      Case {id}
    </Button>
```

TestCaseButton.tsx - a button component that is rendered at the top of the test case component through TestButtonList.tsx. These are rendered at the top of the test case component, allowing for the user to swap between test cases quickly. The button background changes based on whether it is selected or not, which makes it easy to see which test case is currently being shown.

A challenge I faced was getting the button to reset to white text while the tests were running. They would already be white before any cases were run but they would stay set to a color even while running the tests. I fixed this by passing a prop called testsRun which would keep the state of the whether tests were run or not in the parent component, and this would be changed with the press of the run button. Passing this prop to the test case buttons would now change the text to white while the tests would run.

Component Hierarchy & Interaction - Viral Rathod

- The test case buttons adhere to the style guidelines since they follow the same font and colors as the rest of the challenge view. They also have appropriate spacing against each other as well as the edges of the test case component. The buttons also all have appropriate feedback by highlighting the background whenever one is selected.
- These buttons appear within the test case component, which is shown on the last page of the application (after the waiting room). The test case component sits below the code editor, and to the right of the problem statement component. The buttons themselves appear at the top of the test case component, above the input and output values, and to the left of the run button.
- These buttons and the test case component in general interact with the rest of the UI by sitting to the bottom right of the challenge view. This allows for the user to keep their focus on the code editor, and to use the test cases when they are finished with writing their code. It is a streamlined process from top to bottom.

Challenges & Insights - Viral Rathod

- An obstacle I faced was making my code much more readable. I had most of my early code within one tsx file, which meant that the test case component wasn't componentized.
 - a. I was able to fix this by making much smaller components to incorporate into my parent component, making the test cases modular and the code for it much more readable and easier to work with. From this I learned the importance of componentization and modularity.
- A key takeaway from this collaborative environment was working efficiently with issues and PR's in github. We had a good amount of documentation for our issues and our PR's were reviewed by at least one person, which was a great learning experience for using version control efficiently.

Future Improvements & Next Steps - Viral Rathod

- For the next milestone I think that we need to work on actually handling test cases by testing the user's code on the back-end and checking it's output against our own values. Right now our mock data can only do so much in terms of testing.
- The top of the test case component doesn't work well when the user makes the screen smaller. This could be optimized in the future to allow for better compatibility.

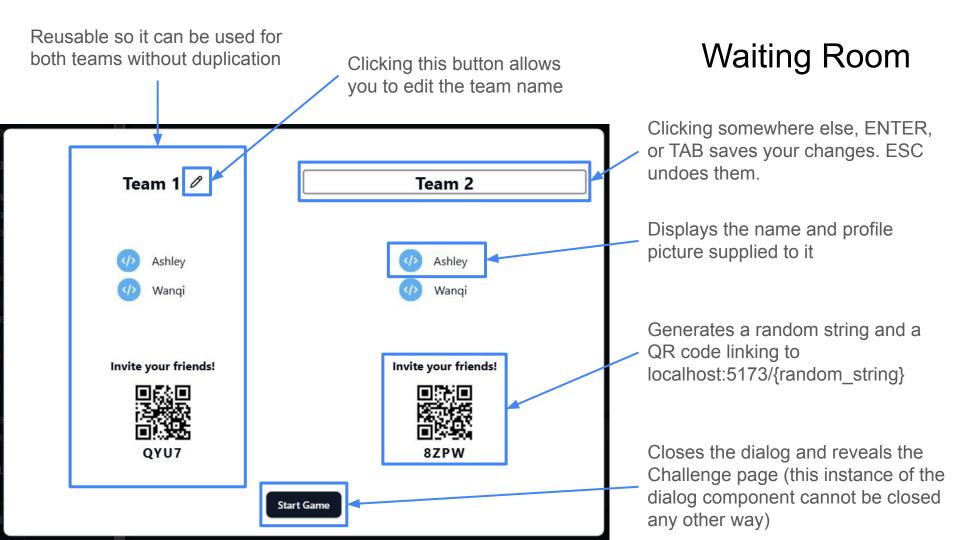
Assigned Work Summary - Ashley Bhandari

Issue #11: Create the Waiting Room dialog: Commits, PR

- Created a customizable, responsive dialog component
- Created a text component that turns into an input field when a button is clicked
- Created component that displays a user's name and profile picture

Issue #12: Create a QR component: Commits, PR

 Created component that displays a string and a QR code generated from that string that links to the application

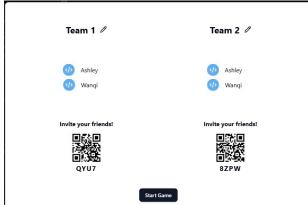


Code & UI Explanation - Ashley Bhandari

```
const [open, setOpen] = useState(isOpen);
const handleClose = (e) => {
 if (disableClose) {
   e.preventDefault();
const HeaderContent = (
 <DialogHeader>
   <DialogTitle>{title}</DialogTitle>
   <DialogDescription>{subtitle}</DialogDescription>
 </DialogHeader>
 closeDialoa() {
return (
 < Dialog
   open={open}
   onOpenChange={setOpen}
   {trigger && <DialogTrigger>{trigger}</DialogTrigger>}
    <DialogContent</p>
     onInteractOutside={handleClose}
     onEscapeKeyDown={handleClose}
     className={cn('!max-w-fit', { '[&>button]:hidden': disableClose })}
       <VisuallyHidden>{HeaderContent}</VisuallyHidden>
       HeaderContent
      <div {...props}>{children}</div>
     {footer && <DialogFooter>{footer}</DialogFooter>}
    </DialogContent>
 </Dialog>
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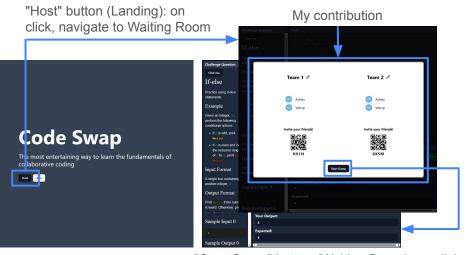
DialogBox: A highly customizable dialog component. WaitingRoom uses an instance of this component which starts open, cannot be closed by the user through typical means (clicking outside, ESC, etc.; instead closed by parent WaitingRoom with a ref), and has a hidden header. DialogBox is overlaid on a page (WaitingRoom on the Challenge page).

A challenge I faced was how to manage opening/closing the dialog. Initially, I managed state in DialogBox, but this made it difficult to programatically close when closing by the user is disabled (as in



WaitingRoom). So, I lifted the state up to DialogBox's parent, but this wasn't very intuitive for any use case other than WaitingRoom. I finally moved state back to DialogBox and exposed a closeDialog method to the parent with useImperativeHandle.

Adherence to style guidelines: Dialogs follows the color scheme to ensure accessible color combinations. Breakpoints have been set such that DialogBox and WaitingRoom look good at every screen size. Opening and closing the dialog trigger an animation so that the change in UI looks smooth.



"Start Game" button (Waiting Room): on click, close dialog to reveal Challenge page

User flow: DialogBox sits on top of other components. WaitingRoom, which uses DialogBox, sits on top of the Challenge page. Inside WaitingRoom are four additional components: editable text, profile picture & name, QR code, and button (clicking the "Start Game" button closes the dialog and reveals the Challenge page).

Challenges & Insights - Ashley Bhandari

Reflection on obstacles faced and lessons acquired:

- Not everything has to be general and reusable: the Waiting Room holds two teams of two people and that will never change, so simple yet slightly repetitive code is clearer than overly-general code.
- Sometimes escape hatches are okay. I avoided using one until I realized it
 was the simplest, most effective solution that existed exactly for my use case.

Key takeaways from working within a collaborative team environment.

- Working with better programmers than myself exposes me to better programming practices and encourages me to write clearer code.
- We can all rely on and learn from each other, especially since we all have different backgrounds and expertise.

Future Improvements & Next Steps - Ashley Bhandari

We need to improve routing. Adding route parameters (such as Room ID and Team Code) will give components more data to work with and better distinguish pages from one another.

We should also improve UI responsiveness; right now our Challenge page isn't great on smaller screen sizes.

Assigned Work Summary - Yona Voss-Andreae

- o I set up the repo, I built the routing in, I set up tons of ui component for common use in from shaden, I built a dialog to input room codes, I built the landing page billboards, I built the layout of the challenge screen, and wrote a set of challenge questions. I'll save you the screenshots and just direct you to the github page where you can see the commit history and issues for yourself.
- As for the two issues I haven't done yet, the test case one is partially done (see code challenge questions for example) and the other for mocks was added and assigned to me but I am not sure what It is supposed to mean.

Code & UI Explanation - Yona Voss-Andreae

- A slide showcasing a key piece of code you contributed to, alongside a screenshot of how it impacts the UI.
- Explanation of how the code integrates into the larger UI architecture.
- Discussion of challenges faced and solutions implemented.
- Illustrate and explain how the component design and style adheres to the application's style guidelines.
- A diagram or brief write-up explaining where your work fits within the larger structure of the application.
- User Flow Representation: A description of how your contribution interacts with other UI components in terms of user experience.

Challenges & Insights - Yona Voss-Andreae

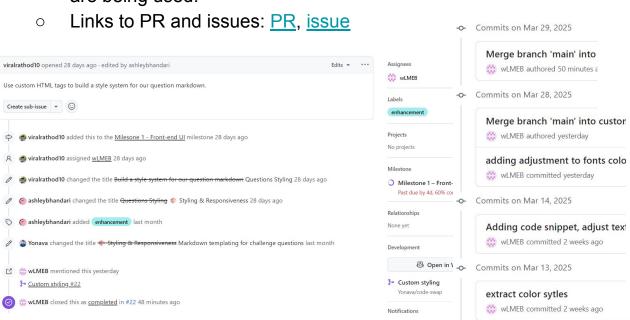
- The biggest challenge is dealing with this bloat that is added to the project by making us jump through these hoops.
- I dont have any key takeaways from this experience if im being honest

Future Improvements & Next Steps - Yona Voss-Andreae

- Add more components
- Make those components a bit better and more flexible
- Make the game work by adding the functionality that will actually make ti run

Assigned Work Summary - Wanqi Li

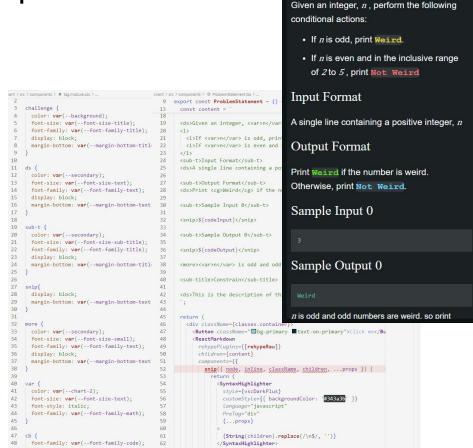
 Developed a markdown convention that will be used for displaying challenge questions. This markdown system applies custom styling automatically when corresponding tags are being used.



Custom styling #22 wLMEB merged 9 commits into main from custom-styling [53 minutes ago Conversation 0 -O- Commits 9 Checks 0 ± Files changed 8 wLMEB commented yesterday Created customs with associated styles · : challenge title . : sub-title for different sections such as examples, inputs, constraints, etc. · : description of the previous title or subtitle · : secondary description : math notations/variables : list container · : list item · : code variable in color yellow, blue, green, or red · : code snippet in block code format Resolves #1 Commits on Mar 12, 2025 Edited tag description to be more clear wLMEB committed 2 weeks ago Changed font style and made code more modular wLMEB committed 2 weeks ago Commits on Mar 3, 2025 Merge branch 'main' of https://github.com/Yonava/code-swap into wLMEB committed last month adding custom tags with styles wLMEB committed last month

Code & UI Explanation - Wanqi Li

- Integration: The piece of code I worked on was to create custom tags for components that will be part of the challenge questions. The intention behind this is to avoid constantly applying styling to HTML tags so that displaying different problem descriptions will be more consistent and more streamlined.
- Challenge: The initial challenge was how to link the styles with the custom tags created. At first, I tried to create another js file that exports each tag with their corresponding styles as a regular .css file doesn't automatically apply the custom styling. But this is very inefficient for making changes and test. My teammate has pointed out to me that I should read on how vite handle css imports. I tried to name the css file end with .module.css and it worked very well.



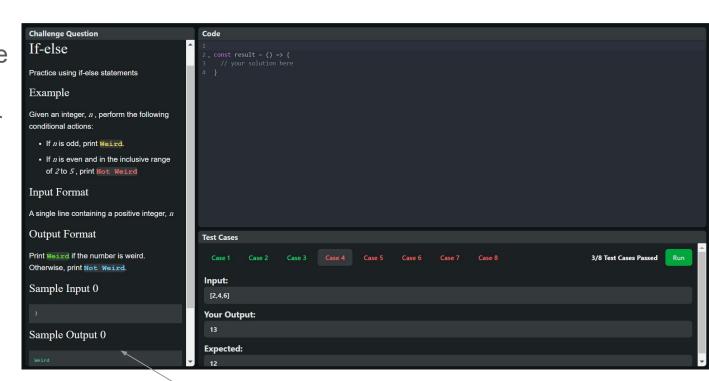
Challenge Question

Example

Practice using if-else statements

Code & UI Explanation - Wanqi Li

User Flow Representation: There is not a lot of user interaction intended for the portion I was contracting. The main thing is that the user will be able to scroll up and down to view the full description of the challenge problem.



Scrollable components

Challenges & Insights - Wanqi Li

- Doing front end work especially making components look nice and user friendly was never a thing for me, but through my experience in creating the components I have more experience in making a scalable front end, at least in the aspect of scalable styles. I now know what are the points to look out for a descent webpage.
- Look things up in documentations more than simple google searches as documentations are more relevant with our development environment.

Future Improvements & Next Steps - Wanqi Li

- For the later contributions to the application, I want to handle the rendering of different challenge questions from some form of storage.
- The divider between the challenge question and coding panel is currently not adjustable, I'd like to make it more robust for viewing.