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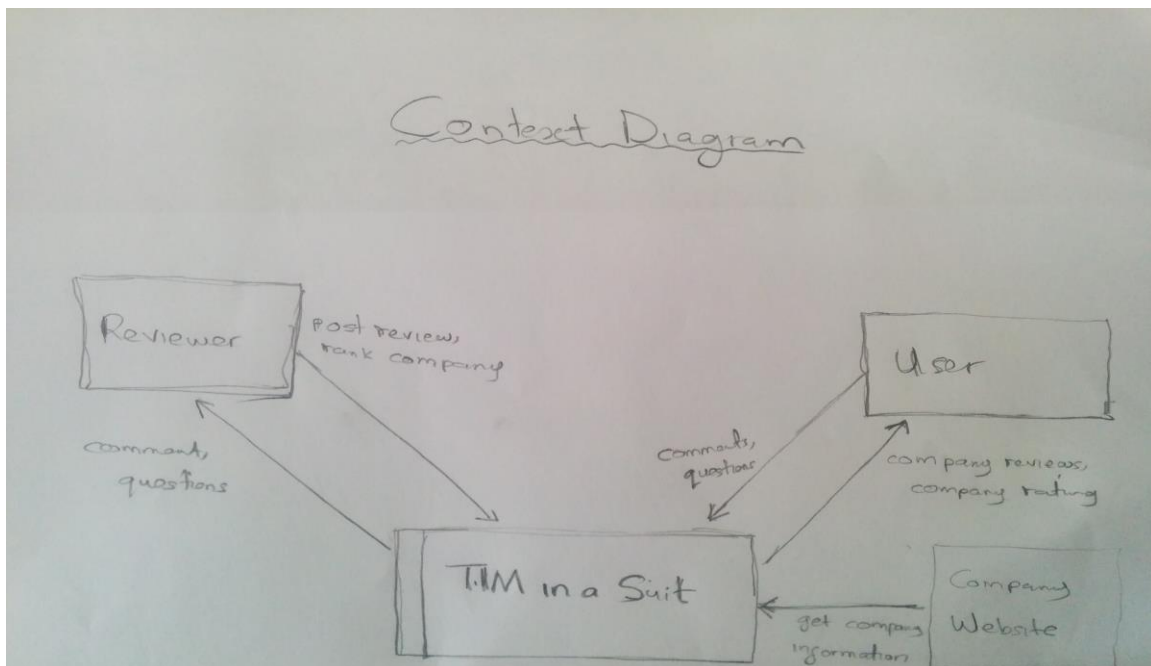
TIM in a Suit

Motivation

TIM in a Suit is an online application aimed at facilitating the sharing of interview and internship experiences among MIT students. For example, I had an interview with Microsoft this past week. I didn't really know what to expect and how to prepare and so I asked one of my friends who had interviewed with Microsoft before about how his interview went and how best I could prepare. Of course I could have I looked at the official Microsoft interview FAQ but that would not have provided me with the unique perspective that only a fellow MIT student could give. But what if you don't happen to know anyone that has interviewed with a company you're about to interview with? Fear not, Tim is in his suit and will be answering all your questions.

Purposes

1. Enable sharing of interview and internship experiences among MIT students.
2. (Potentially) provide feedback to companies about what students think of their interview / internship procedures and what they can do to improve.
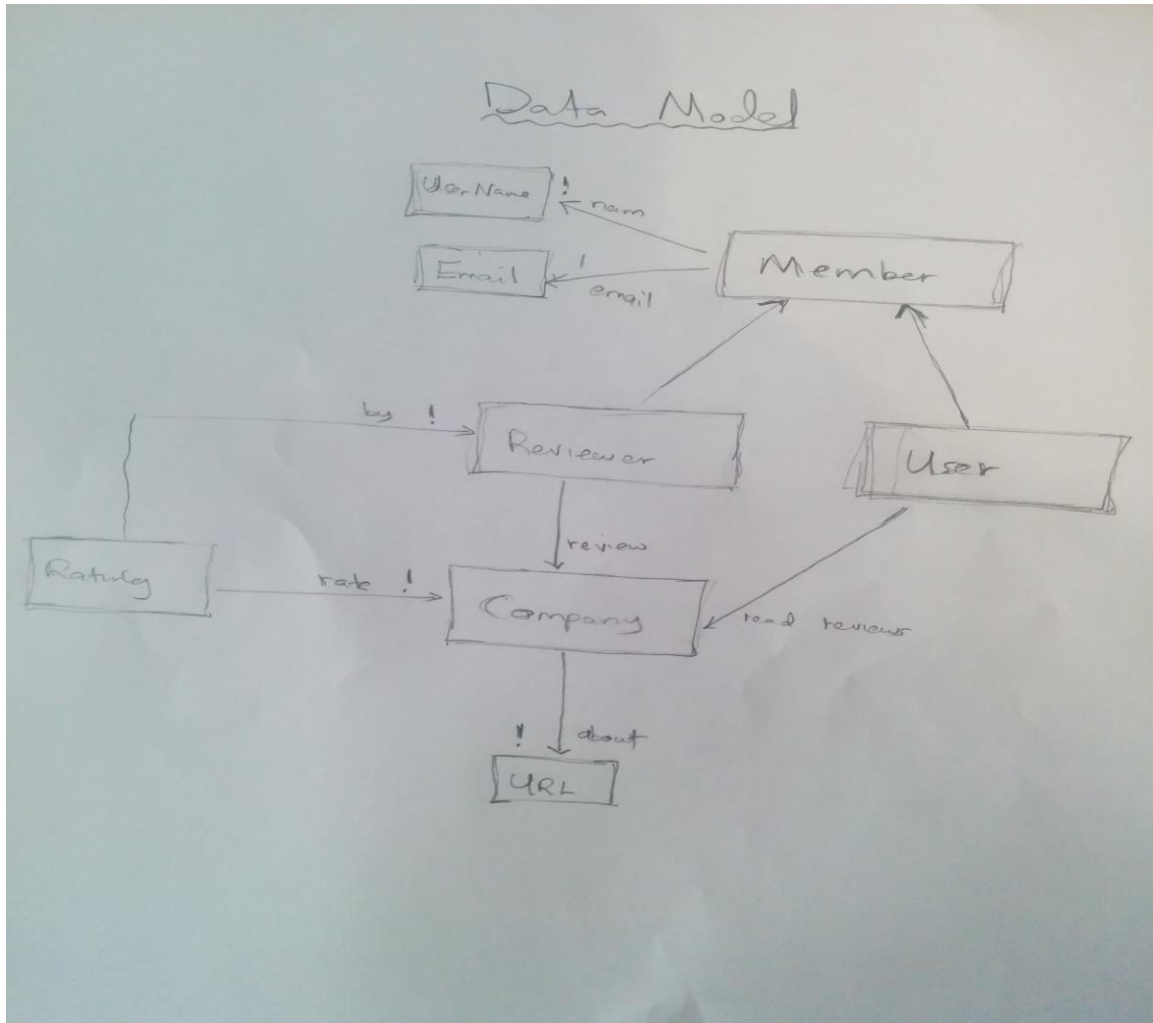
Concepts

Company: Organization / cooperation to which students are applying / have applied to for employment.

Reviewer: A student that writes a review about his experience interviewing / interning at a given company.

Rating: Rating of a company based student's experiences based on difficulty of questions, time when offer / rejection communicated etc

Beaver Call: Direct messaging feature to enable users to communicate with reviewers for further advice.

Data Model

Design Challenges

1. Allow people to create own user names or use kerberos name by default?

   There are many complications that arise from providing anonymity on online forums (read trolls) but not providing it may deter some users from truly expressing themselves. Maybe have both on display?

2. Creation of user accounts or just provision to email?

   In the case that a user wants to contact a review for more information, should there be a direct messaging service or should user simply send email using kerberos.