High Level Design for Online Judge (OJ)

1. What is an OJ?

An online judge is a platform wherein users/participants can submit code for a given problem/question and the OJ then sends a verdict (Accepted or Rejected) to the user based on correctness against a hidden set of test-cases and the time-complexity of code.

Examples: Codeforces, Atcoder, Codechef etc.

Problem:

Task is to design an Online Judge to simulate an OJ as closely as possible.

Approach to solve problem:

Frontend

Mainly using React along with HTML, CSS and JavaScript (JS)

- Register Page: The page should ask for user details and help the user create the account.
- Login Page: The page should accept the Email-ID and password and redirect the user to home page if details correspond to a valid registered user.
- An option to reset password in case user forgets his password by sending reset link to registered Email-ID

Home page:

- Submission History: Display list of all submissions and option to see them by accepted, rejected or other WA (wrong answer) verdict.
- Problem set:
 - Option to sort problems based on difficulty level (Rating)
 - Option to either open the problem for immediate solving or mark for solving later.

Problem Page for a given problem:

- Display the problem statement on the left/right side of screen as might be deemed fit.
- Constraints and output for given test-case (test-case
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- Code Editor to write the code for that problem
- Run button to test the code locally
- Submit button to send the final code for test against hidden test-cases.
- Accordingly give the verdict

Profile

- Display the user details
- Number of problems solved
- Option to change password by providing current password

Backend (Using NodeJS, ExpressJS and JWT(JsonWebToken) authentication)

Purpose	API Endpoint	Request type
Register	/register	POST
Login	/login	POST
Forgot password	/forgotpassword?	POST
Profile	/api1/profile	GET
Change Password	/api1/changep	POST
View problem set	/api1/viewps	GET
View given problem	/api1/viewp/problem- id	GET
Code submission	/api1/code- sub/problem-id	POST

Database:

Mainly MongoDB (NoSQL database)

- About the user:
 - FirstName
 - MiddleName
 - LastName
 - o Email-ID
 - Password
- Testcase collection
 - o Problem-id
 - Test-case
 - Output of Test-case
- Problem
 - o Problem-id
 - o Problem-title
 - Problem-statement
 - Status of problem (solved/unsolved/marked for solving later)
 - Tags
- Submission
 - User-id (can be denoted via email-id or the one given by MongoDB)
 - Problem-id
 - Verdict (Accepted/WA/TLE/MLE etc)
 - Runtime (milliseconds)
 - Space taken (KB)
 - Test-case number where the code wasn't accepted (if not accepted)

Code evaluation:

- Docker Setting up docker container for necessary compiler
- 2. Sandbox isolation Addressing issues like
 - DDOS (Distributed denial-of-service) attack,
 - Malicious scripts running beyond Time Limits
- Network isolation (not able to use external websites)
- Not able to access hidden tests
- Performing custom isolation

User roles

- 1. Admin Has all functionalities of website
- **2.** User Can only solve problems
- **3. Problem setter** Can add new problems on behalf of admin

OJ Deployment

- 1. Using Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- 2. More planning to be done as project nears completion