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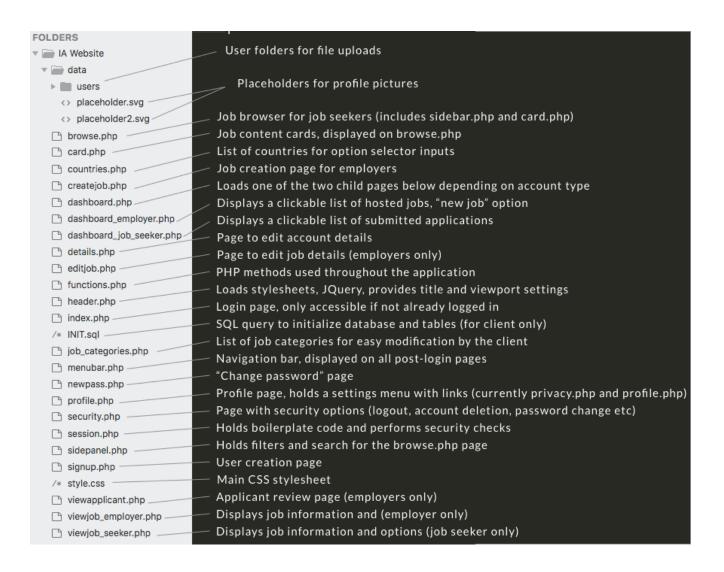
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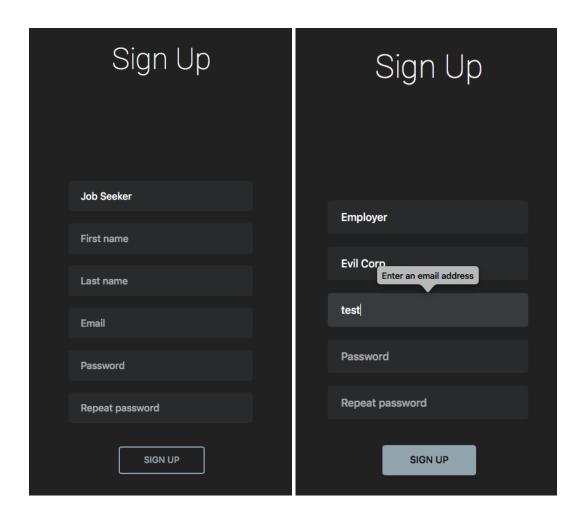
1.0 STRUCTURE



The web app is divided into multiple pages, some of which are directly accessible by the user, while others hold routines that are loaded on demand.

2.0 ACCOUNT FRAMEWORK

2.1 New user creation



HTML form data on signup.php page is sent to server using HTTP POST method (secure as long as the client uses SSL). A hook in the page will catch submitted form by using PHP *isset()* function¹ inside an *if* statement.

¹ php.net/manual/function.isset.php

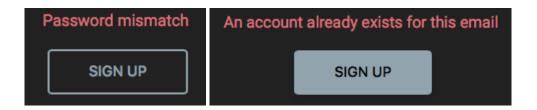
If true, *session_start()* is called to initialize a session² and enable the use of \$_SESSION variables, used for frequently accessed data to avoid expensive mysqli queries. The form data is passed as arguments to the *makeAcc()* function, shown below.

Array \$mysqli holds MySQL connection information, returned by the *mysqli()* class, and is needed to perform mysqli queries. Arguments of the *makeAcc()* function containing user input are sanitized using the *mysqli_real_escape_string()* function³, which escapes special characters that could be used to inject unauthorized SQL code.

```
function makeAcc($firstname, $lastname, $comname, $email, $password, $repass, $type) {
    $mysqli = new mysqli("127.0.0.1", "anon", "123", "SIT");

// SQL injection mitigation
    $email = mysqli_real_escape_string($mysqli,$email);
    $password = mysqli_real_escape_string($mysqli,$password);
    $repass = mysqli_real_escape_string($mysqli,$repass);
    $firstname = mysqli_real_escape_string($mysqli,$firstname);
    $lastname = mysqli_real_escape_string($mysqli,$lastname);
    $comname = mysqli_real_escape_string($mysqli,$comname);
```

The function then performs post-factum data validation (primary email validation is performed on the client side by using the <input type="email"> HTML tag) and outputs relevant error messages to the user:



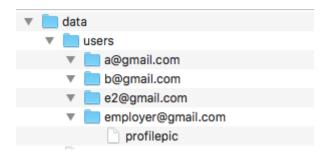
```
// Validate email
if (strpos($email, '@') == false OR strpos($email, '.') == false) {session_destroy();
   header("Location: signup.php?msg=badmail"); die();}
// Validate repeat password
if ($password != $repass) {session_destroy(); header("Location:
        signup.php?msg=mismatch"); die();}
```

```
// Return error if email already in use
$pass = mysqli_query($mysqli,"SELECT email FROM USERS WHERE email='{$email}' limit 1");
if ($pass->num_rows > 0) {session_destroy(); header("Location: signup.php?msg=mailinuse"); die();}
```

² php.net/manual/function.session-start.php

³ php.net/manual/mysqli.real-escape-string.php

If the data is valid, the user's password is securely hashed using *password_hash()* function⁴ (the actual password is never stored in plaintext, which is an essential security measure). Data is added to the database using a mysqli INSERT query based on the user's type, and a user specific directory is created for using the OS-agnostic *mkdir()* function⁵, to be used for file uploads (3.4).



```
$phash = password_hash($password, PASSWORD_DEFAULT); // Hash password

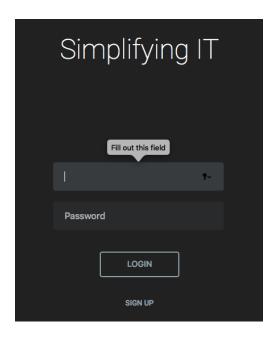
// Run database queries|
mysqli_query($mysqli,"INSERT INTO USERS (email, pword, type) VALUES ('{$email}', '{$phash}', '{$type}')");
if ($type == 0) {mysqli_query($mysqli,"INSERT INTO JOB_SEEKERS (email, firstname, lastname) VALUES ('{$email}', '{$firstname}', '{$lastname}')");}
if ($type == 1) {mysqli_query($mysqli,"INSERT INTO EMPLOYERS (email, comname) VALUES ('{$email}', '{$comname}')");}
mkdir('data/users/'.$email, 0777, true); // Create user dir
```

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⁴ php.net/manual/function.password-hash.php

⁵ php.net/manual/function.mkdir.php

2.2 Login



Similar to signup.php (**2.1**), index.php hook will catch a submitted form. The function *login()* verifies the user's submitted password against the hash found in the database using the *password_verify()* function⁶.

```
function login($email, $password) {
    $mysqli = new mysqli("127.0.0.1", "anon", "123", "SIT");

// SQL injection mitigation
    $email = mysqli_real_escape_string($mysqli,$email);

// Grab password hash from db
    $pass = mysqli_query($mysqli,"SELECT pword FROM USERS WHERE email='{$email}' limit 1");
    $result = mysqli_fetch_array($pass);
```

```
if ($pass->num_rows > 0) { // Check if account exists

$phash = $result['pword']; // Verify password

if(password_verify($password, $phash)) {
    initSession($email, $phash);
}

// Output error if password is wrong
    else {header("Location: index.php?msg=failed"); die();}

// Output error if email doesn't exist|
    else {header("Location: index.php?msg=nomail"); die();}
}
```

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⁶ php.net/manual/function.password-verify.php



Next, initSession() initializes the \$_SESSION variables. The session hash is loaded from the database using the SELECT query ("limit 1" parameter reduces server workload when a single result is expected). If it is not found, it will be generated using the *makeShash()* function (2.3). Appropriate tables are selected based on the user's account type.

```
if ($_SESSION["type"] == '0') {
    $work3 = mysqli_query($mysqli,"SELECT firstname FROM JOB_SEEKERS WHERE email='{$email}' limit 1");
    $result3 = mysqli_fetch_array($work3);
    $_SESSION["name"] = $result3['firstname'];
}

if ($_SESSION["type"] == '1') {
    $work4 = mysqli_query($mysqli,"SELECT comname FROM EMPLOYERS WHERE email='{$email}' limit 1");
    $result4 = mysqli_fetch_array($work4);
    $_SESSION["name"] = $result4['comname'];
}
```

2.3 makeShash()



 $random_bytes()$ function is called inside a bin2hex() function⁷, returning a hexadecimal string of length 10 and of 16^{10} or 1,099,511,627,776 possible combinations, enough for any amount of traffic. The function is executed recursively until a unique hash is found.

```
function makeShash() {
    $mysqli = new mysqli("127.0.0.1", "anon", "123", "SIT");

$shash = bin2hex(random_bytes(10));

// Check if hash is unique
$work = mysqli_query($mysqli,"SELECT shash FROM USERS WHERE shash='$shash' limit 1");

if ($work->num_rows > 0) {makeShash();} // If not unique, recalculate
else {return $shash;}
}
```

2.4 Security checks

Session.php (shown below) is included on all post-login pages and validates session integrity by comparing session tokens against their values in the database. If validation fails, user is logged out.

```
<?php
    session_start(); include 'functions.php';

// Perform session validity checks

$mysqli = new mysqli("127.0.0.1", "anon", "123", "SIT");

$pass = mysqli_query($mysqli,"SELECT pword, shash FROM USERS WHERE email='{$_SESSION["email"]}' limit 1");

$result = mysqli_fetch_array($pass);

// Logout if...

// ... password changed during session
    if ($_SESSION["password"] != $result['pword']) {logout();}

// ... session token changed
    if ($_SESSION["shash"] != $result['shash']) {logout();}

// ... no login found
    if (is_null($_SESSION["email"])) {logout();}

// ... no login found

if (is_null($_SESSION["email"])) {logout();}

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**Passion token changed found
    if
```

⁷ php.net/manual/function.random-bytes.php

Other checks are present on pages that are meant for a specific account type, such as viewjob_employer.php and viewjob_seeker.php...

```
if ($_SESSION["type"] != '1') {redir("viewjob_seeker.php?id=".$_GET["id"]);
if ($_SESSION["type"] == '1') {redir("viewjob_employer.php?id=".$_GET["id"]);}
```

... and explicitly using email session token in a query to make sure a job belongs to employer before letting them edit it.

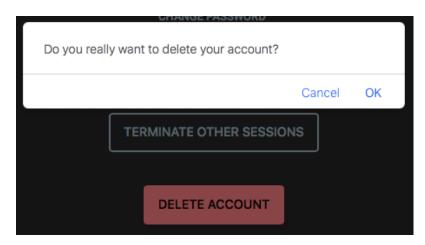
```
$pass = mysqli_query($mysqli,"SELECT * FROM JOBS WHERE id='{$_GET["id"]}'
AND company_email='{$_SESSION["email"]}' ORDER BY id DESC limit 1");
```

2.5 "Terminate other sessions" feature

TERMINATE OTHER SESSIONS

When called, the *logoutOthers()* function generates a new hash for the current session using the *makeShash()* function (**2.3**) and pushes it to the USERS table. Due to session.php security checks (**2.4**), all sessions using an older hash will automatically be logged out.

2.6 Account deletion



After the user proceeds with the JS *alert()* method message, *deleteAcc()* function is called, which runs a series of DELETE queries that erase any database entries related to the user's email.

```
function deleteAcc($email) {
    $mysqli = new mysqli("127.0.0.1", "anon", "123", "SIT");

removeDirectory("data/users/".$email);
mysqli_query($mysqli,"DELETE FROM USERS WHERE email = '{$email}'");

mysqli_query($mysqli,"DELETE FROM JOB_SEEKERS WHERE email = '{$email}'");
mysqli_query($mysqli,"DELETE FROM JOB_APPLICATIONS WHERE applicant_email = '{$email}'");
mysqli_query($mysqli,"DELETE FROM EMPLOYERS WHERE email = '{$email}'");
mysqli_query($mysqli,"DELETE FROM JOBS WHERE company_email = '{$email}'");
mysqli_query($mysqli,"DELETE FROM JOBS_APPLICATIONS WHERE company_email = '{$email}'");
}
```

User's directory on server (created in section **2.1**) is deleted using the removeDirectory() function, which is necessary because PHP does not allow deletion of non-empty directories, and was suggested by Christopher Smith on Stackoverflow⁸. The function takes the directory path as an argument and uses the glob() function⁹ to get an array of all entities under the directory. It uses the $foreach()^{10}$ construct to traverse the array and the $is_dir()$ function to determine if the traversed entity is a directory in itself. If true, it will execute recursively for that directory, and it false it will delete the traversed file using unlink(). After foreach() is finished executing, $rmdir()^{11}$ will remove the now empty directory.

```
function removeDirectory($path) {
    $files = glob($path . '/*');
    foreach ($files as $file) {
        is_dir($file) ? removeDirectory($file) : unlink($file);
    }
    rmdir($path);
}
```

3.0 FEATURES

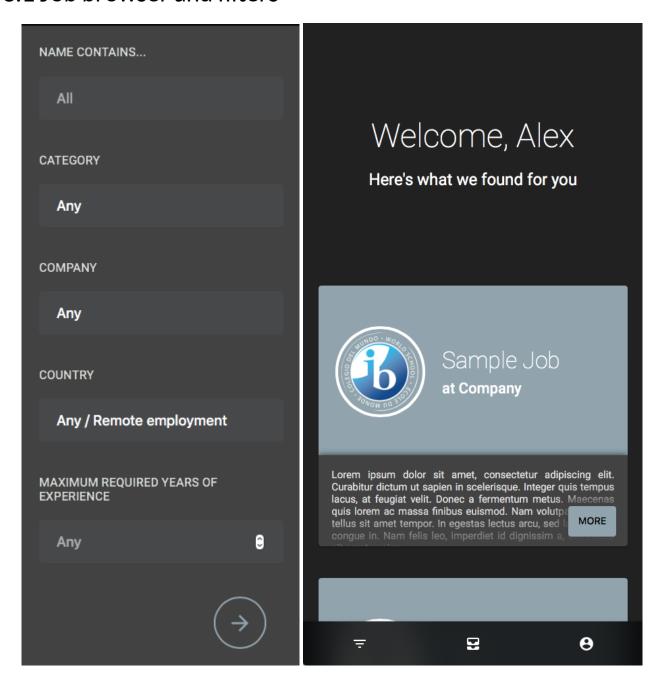
⁸ stackoverflow.com/a/49444840

⁹ php.net/manual/function.glob.php

¹⁰ php.net/manual/control-structures.foreach.php

¹¹ php.net/manual/function.rmdir.php

3.1 Job browser and filters



Filters form is submitted using HTTP GET method in order to let the user bookmark their search queries. Using the LIKE mysql comparator with wildcards around each filter string means that if a filter is null for a category, no filter is applied to it. This allows nested filters to behave exactly how the user would expect them to, using only one sql query. Jobs that are closed for applicants are always filtered out (using "WHERE is_open='1").

```
if ($min_exp == '') {$min_exp = 99;}  // User will filter exp by setting upper boundary so the default value
must be the maximum possible

// Main query
$pass = mysqli_query($mysqli,"SELECT id FROM JOBS WHERE is_open='1' AND name LIKE '%{$name}%' AND company_email
        LIKE '%{$company}%' AND country LIKE '%{$country}%' AND city LIKE '%{$city}%' AND min_exp <= '{$min_exp}' AND
        category LIKE '%{$category}%' ORDER BY id DESC");</pre>
```

Jobs that user has applied to are filtered out by querying them from "JOB_APPLICATIONS" table and outputting them into an array using a with mysqli_fetch_array() function¹² as an argument for a *while* loop. This works as we are only selecting the job_id cell and the mysqli_fetch_array() function will iterate over the next row whenever it's called, and saves a lot of code. The loop terminates when no rows are left to traverse.

Jobs are outputted using a similar *while* loop. Results from main query are excluded if their ID is present in the abovementioned array (in_array() function¹³).

```
while ($result = mysqli_fetch_array($pass)) {
    // Don't show jobs the user has already applied to
    if (in_array($result["id"], $result2) == 0) {
        callCard($result['id']);
    }
}
```

callCard() holds an include card.php statement. Job_id is used to fetch additional information to display on the card.

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¹² php.net/manual/mysqli-result.fetch-array.php

¹³ php.net/manual/function.in-array.php

3.2 Job seeker dashboard

DASHBOARD		
JOB TITLE	EMPLOYER	STATUS
TEST @	Empployer 2	Pending
TEST	Empployer 2	Rejected
JOBBBB	Empployer 2	Pending
JOB	Company	Accepted

Displays jobs the user applied to in a table with columns "job title", "employer" and "status". To fetch this information, a tri-table SQL join is used between JOB_APPLICATIONS, JOBS, and EMPLOYERS tables.

```
$pass1 = mysqli_query($mysqli,"SELECT * FROM JOB_APPLICATIONS JOIN JOBS ON JOB_APPLICATIONS.job_id=JOBS.id
    JOIN EMPLOYERS ON JOBS.company_email=EMPLOYERS.email WHERE applicant_email='{$_SESSION["email"]}' ORDER
BY JOBS.id DESC");
```

A while loop outputs the data as table rows. Status is color coded for easier evaluation.

```
while ($result1 = mysqli_fetch_array($pass1)) { // Output as table rows

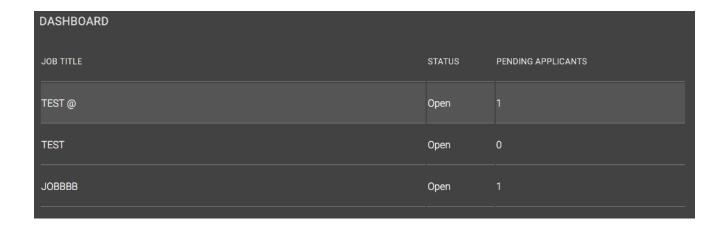
echo "";
echo "". $result1['name']. "";
echo "". $result1['comname']. "";
// Use appropriate color coding
if ($result1["app_status"] == "Accepted") {echo "<font color='#4CAF50'>Accepted</font>";}
else if ($result1["app_status"] == "Rejected") {echo "<font color='#E57373'>Rejected</font>";}
else {echo "". $result1['app_status']. "";}
```

JQuery ready() method¹⁴ was used with the window.location property to make rows redirect on click.

```
jQuery(document).ready(function($) {
    $(".clickable-row").click(function() {
        window.location = $(this).data("href");
    });
});
```

¹⁴ https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/event_ready.asp

3.3 Employer dashboard



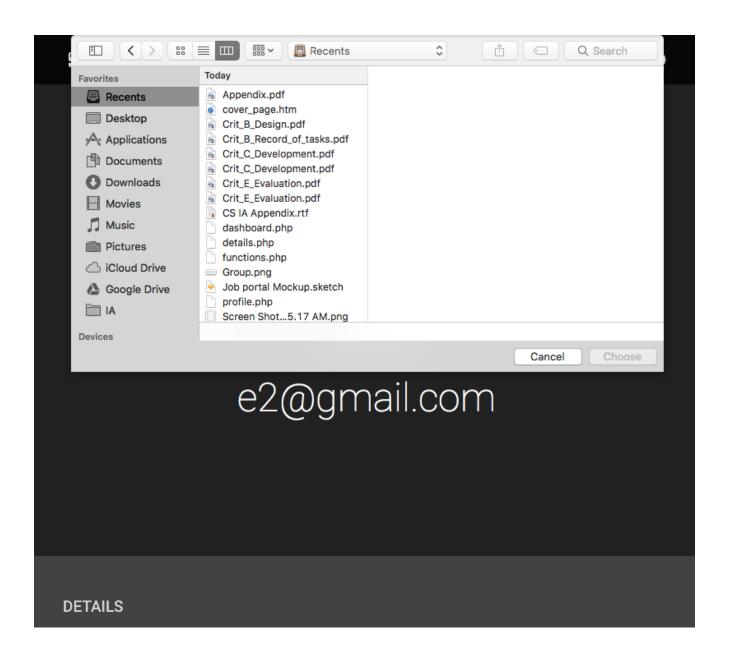
Works similarly to the job seeker dashboard, but runs a second query inside the while loop to find the number of pending applications for each job, so users don't have to open each job to check for new applications.

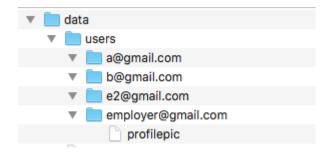
3.4 Upload handling

Currently, my *processUpload()* function handles profile picture uploads. It performs extension and size validation (allowed formats are stored in an easily modifiable array) and outputs errors to the user:

Wrong upload format File size must be below 5MB

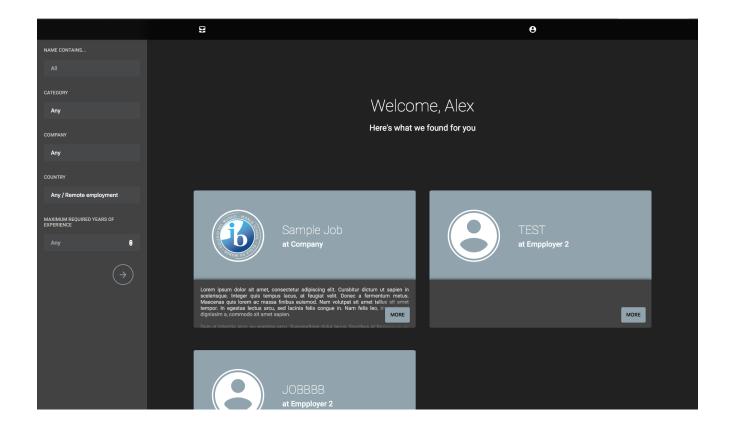
The file is renamed and moved to the users directory (based on session email token), created in section **2.1.**

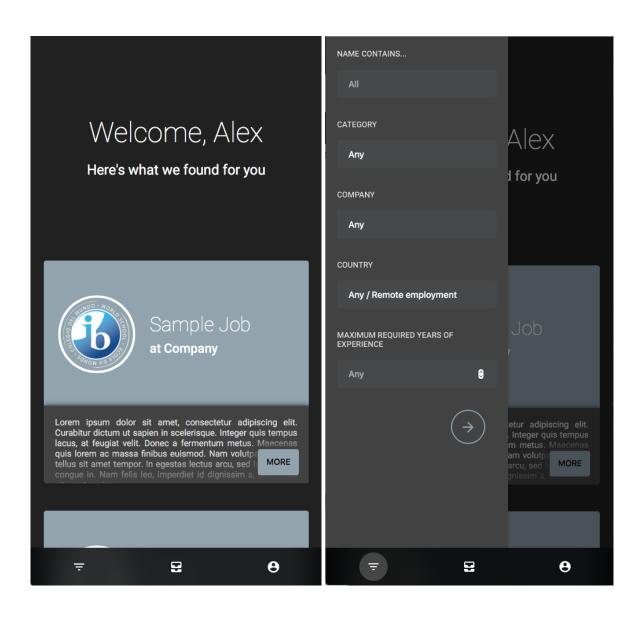




4.0 GUI

4.1 Adaptive layouts





@media rules are used to dynamically adjust CSS properties (such as grid columns) to fit various screen sizes.

```
#menubar {
    height: 65px;
    bottom: 0;
}

.inmenubar {
    font-size: 1em;
    height: 100%;
    width: 45px;
}

body{padding-bottom: 65px}

#sidepanel {display: none; height: calc(100% - 65px);}

div.list {width: 100%; left: 0; position: absolute; border-radius: 0px; padding-bottom: 100px;}
#dashgrid {display: block;}
.cardlogo {width: 12vh !important; height: 12vh !important;}
}
```

Interactive cards use nested CSS Grid layouts and a mix of relative and absolute positioning to achieve something that saves space, works well on touchscreens, and is intuitive for the user. Frequent use of overlapping elements demanded a careful use of z-index properties throughout the website.



```
height: 66%;
    width: 100%;
    background: #90A4AE;
    position: absolute;
    display: grid;
    grid-template-columns: 30% auto;
    grid-column-gap: 5%;
    padding-left: 5%;
    grid-template-rows: 100%;
    align-items: center;
    font-size: 2.1e
    font-weight: 100;
}
#cardcontent {
    bottom: 0;
    width: 100%;
    height: 35%;
background-color: #424242;
    position: absolute;
    box-shadow: 0 1px 10px rgba(0,0,0,0.9);
box-sizing: border-box;
    padding: 20
    transition: all 0.25s cubic-bezier(0.175, 0.885, 0.32, 1.1);;
    color: #E0E0E0;
    overflow: hidden;
#cardcontent:after {width: 100%; content: ""; position: absolute; box-shadow: 0px 0px 30px 25px #424242; bottom: 0;}
#cardcontent:hover {
    height: 95%;
    color: white;
    border-radius: 1%;
}
#card {
    box-shadow: 0 1px 3px rgba(0,0,0,0.2);
border-radius: 1%;
    width:100%; height: 40vh; max-height: 400px; min-height: 240px; position: relative;
    display: grid;
    grid-template-rows: auto auto;
    overflow: hidden;
    margin-bottom: 10%;
```

3.2 Dynamic forms



Form parameters can be shown or hidden dynamically based on a parent element. Example: "city" and "address" filters are only shown if "country" filter is set. When changed, parent element calls the yesnoCheck() function¹⁵. Child elements are assigned a "dynamic" ID.

Elements are toggled using JQuery hide() and show() methods.

```
function yesnoCheck(that) {

if (that.value == "1") {
    $('#dynamic1').hide();
    $('#dynamic2 :input').prop('required',null);
    $('#dynamic2 :input').prop('required',1);
}

else {
    $('#dynamic2').hide();
    $('#dynamic2 :input').prop('required',null);
    $('#dynamic1').show();
    $('#dynamic1').prop('required',1);
}
}
```

¹⁵ Adapted from https://stackoverflow.com/a/29321711

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