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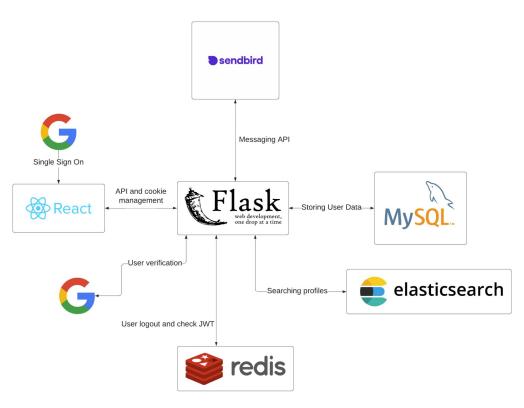
Problem

BU students lack personalized academic/professional/extra-curricular advising resources. It's difficult to meet other students to ask for advice. Support is often decentralized and up to the student to parse from distributed resources (clubs, faculty, events, etc).

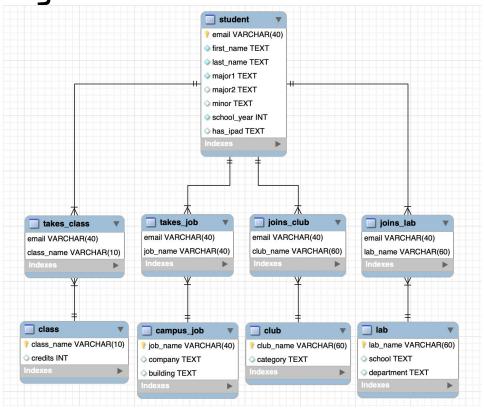
Solution

- Good News: Very close to our MVP!!
- MVP is our web app that provides a centralized advising experience (cloud based architecture)
 - search for students based on their interest, clubs, classes, majors/minors
 - instant messaging between students
 - securely store user information

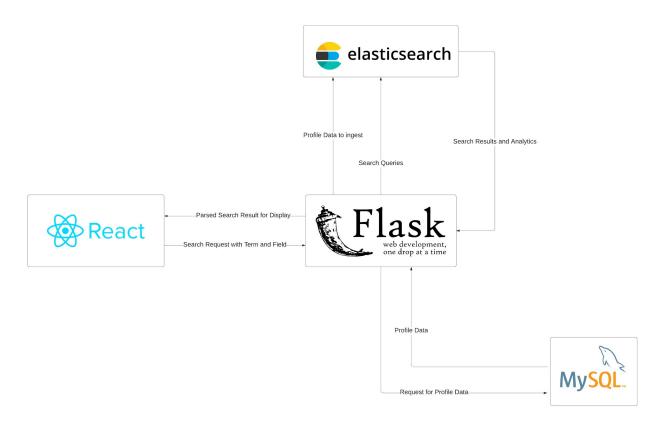
System Architecture



Technical Progress: Database Schema

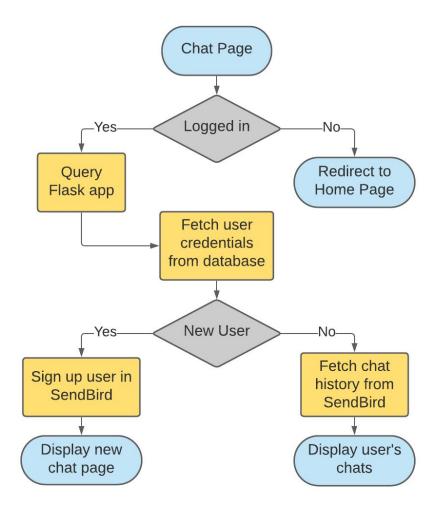


Technical Progress: Search API

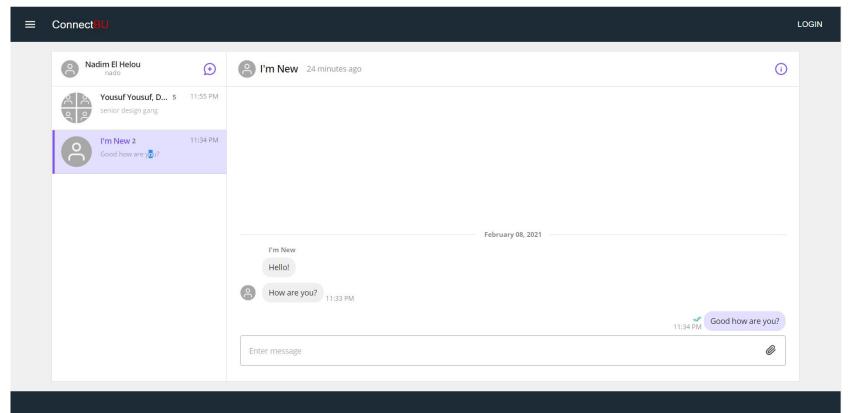


Technical Progress: Messaging API

- SendBird Microservice
- Security in transit: TLS encryption
- Secure storage: AES256 encryption on SendBird's private cloud

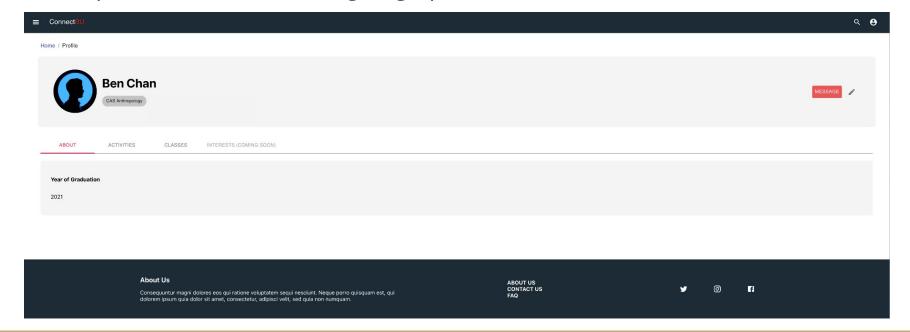


Technical Progress: Messaging Page

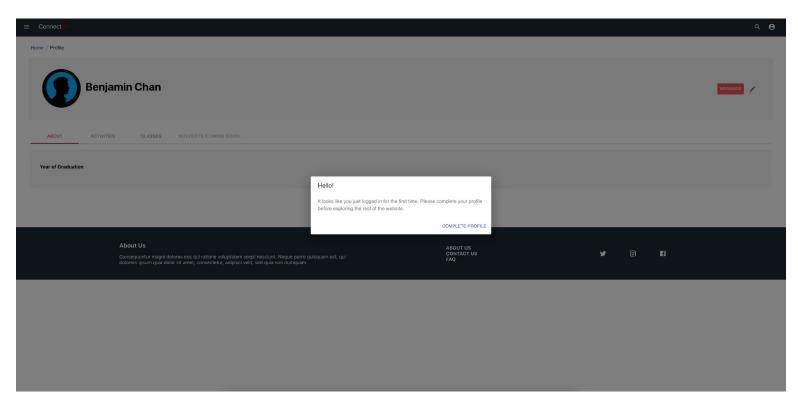


Technical Progress: Profile Page

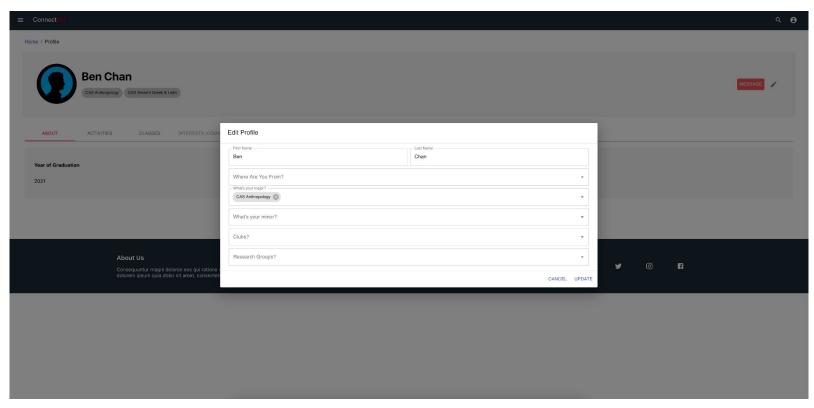
- Changed design of profile page
- Improved user flow for signing up based on user feedback



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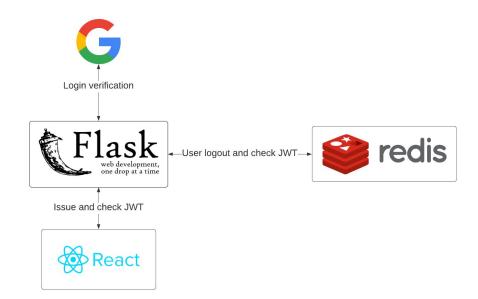


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Technical Progress: API Security and Tokens

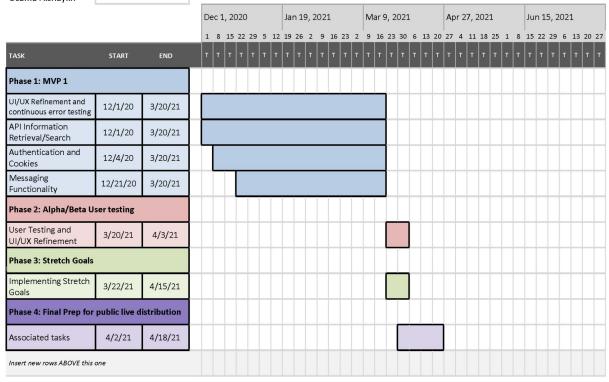
- Google Authentication verification
- Issuing JWTs (JSON Web Tokens) to handle authorization and session management
- Checking JWT on each use of our endpoints
- Logout implemented with Redis



Gantt Chart

Team 3 Client: Professor Osama Alshaykh

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Work Needed

- Connecting all elements together for live distribution
 - Last check to make sure each individual code module is functional, well documented
 - Merging all development branches one by one, error checking and testing webapp after each merge
 - Fully connecting new components and parts to the backend
- Design updates
- User, stress, and error testing
- Collecting usage analytics

