Discord Assistant Bot

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Introduction

Computer Science students often face challenges in centralizing their academic tools and navigating the multitude of available options, particularly those who may be less familiar with them. Given Discord's popularity among most computer science students, our goal is to implement a solution on this platform to address these issues effectively.

Solution

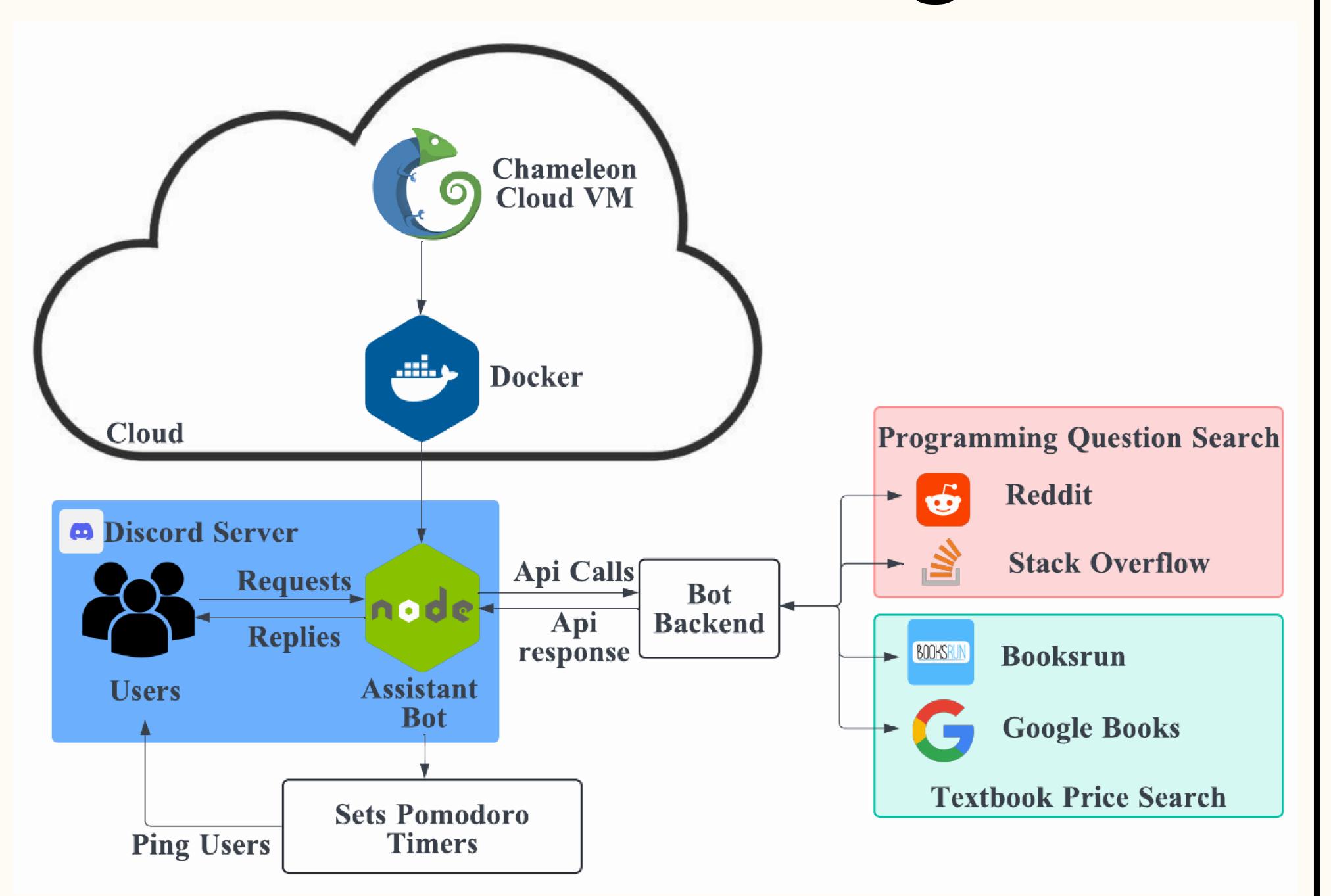
This project aims to support Computer Science students by centralizing the best search results and providing various tools to assist them in their studies. The Discord bot can be seamlessly added to any server, aiding individuals or groups of students in their academic endeavors. Its strength lies in its versatility and accessibility.

Our Discord bot leverages Reddit and Stack Overflow APIs to aggregate programming-related search results and fetches textbook prices from Booksrun and Google Books to offer the best options for textbook price and rental. Additionally, students can use Pomodoro study timers to enhance their study sessions, with the bot providing timely notifications when necessary.

Application

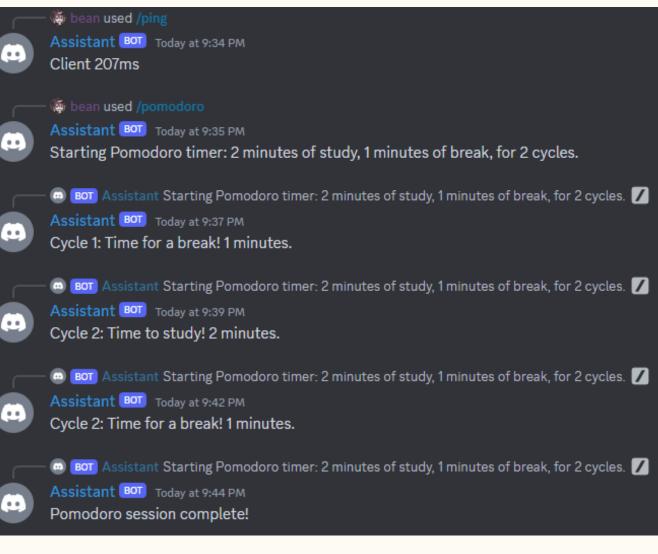
Our Discord bot is primarily designed to cater to the needs of computer science students; however, its versatile features make it suitable for users across various domains. As Discord becomes increasingly popular for academic and professional purposes, akin to platforms like Slack, our bot serves as a valuable assistant that can benefit any server. The bot provides users with a comprehensive toolkit to enhances productivity.

Architectural Diagram

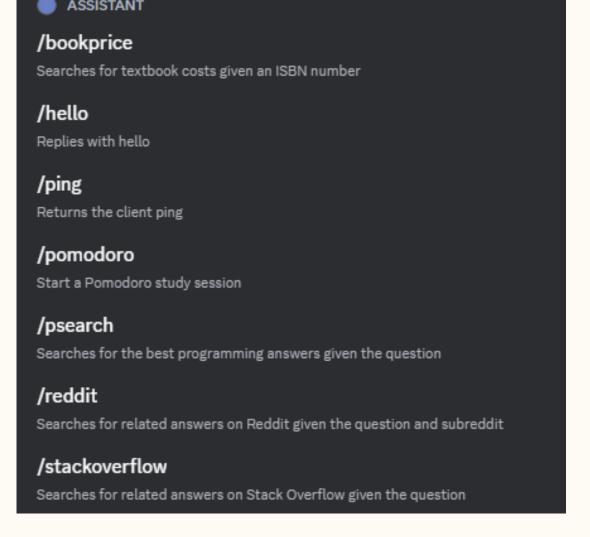


Product

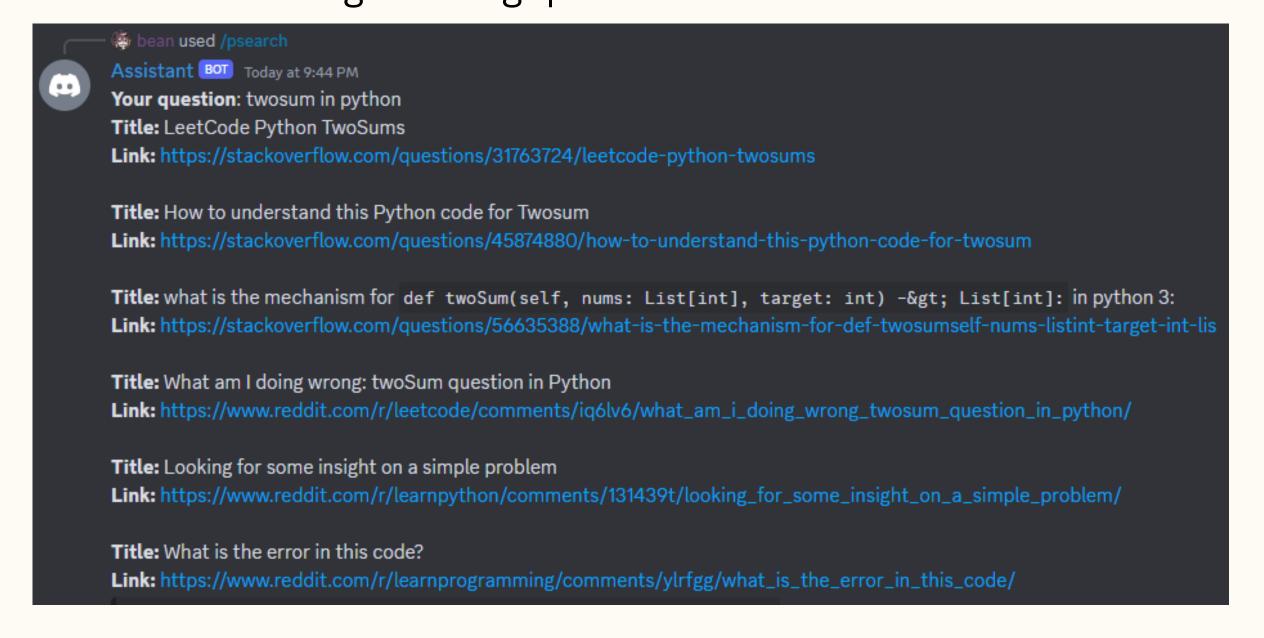
Ping and Pomodoro functions



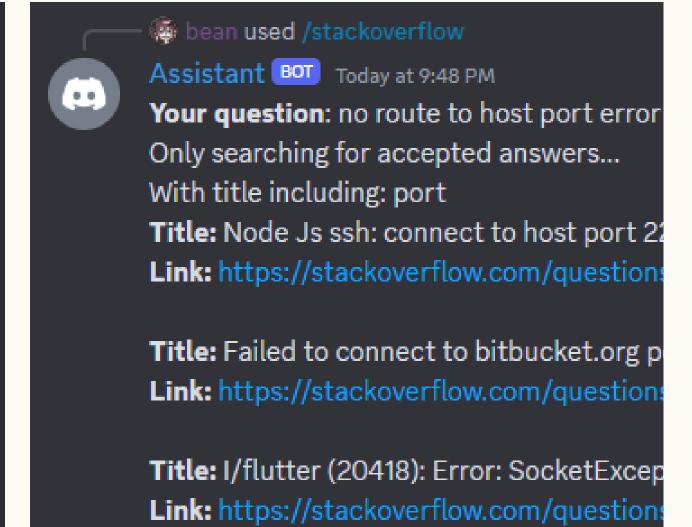
List of commands



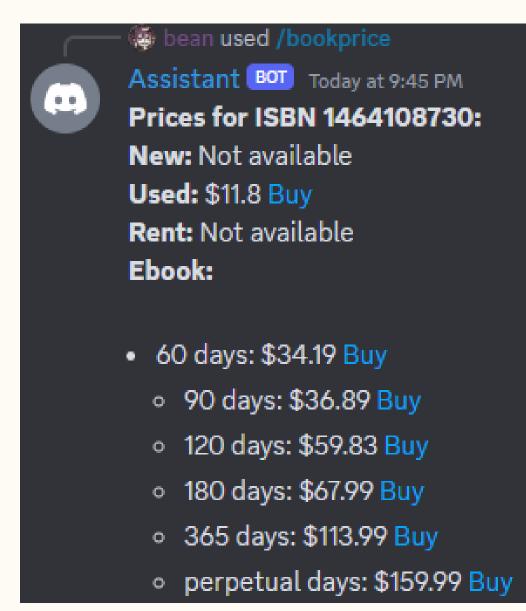
Programming question search function



Stackoverflow search with filters



Textbook search with ISBN



Cloud Technologies

Virtual Machines

• The Discord bot server runs on Chameleon Virtual Machine with the Ubuntu 20.04 image.

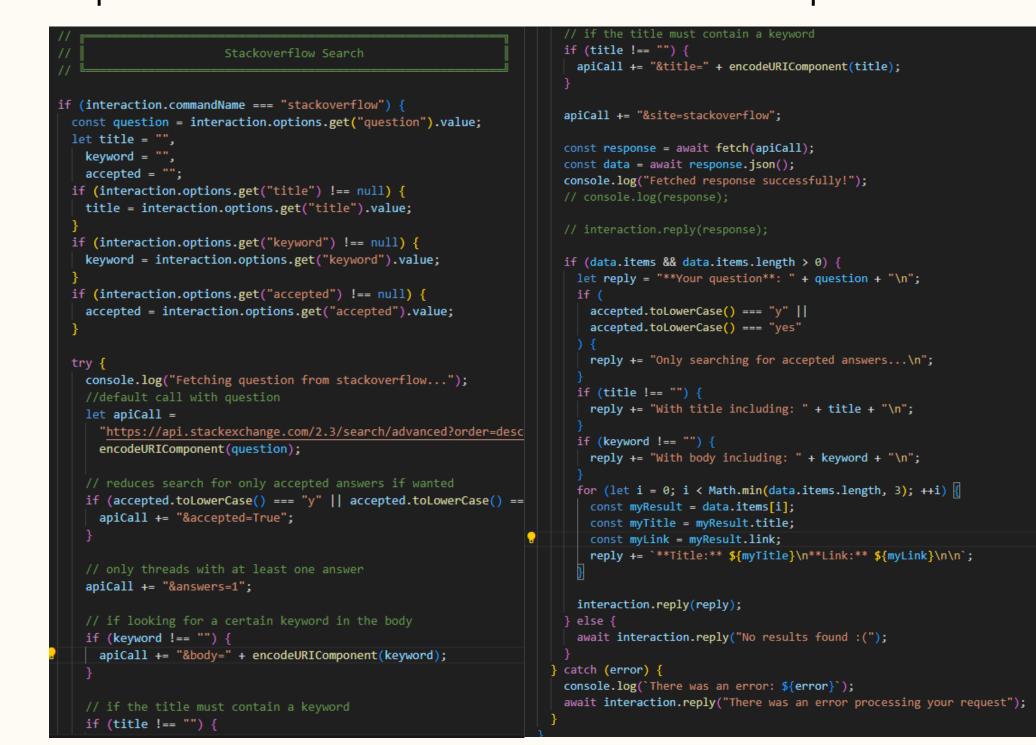
Docker

• Docker is used to set up configurations, install necessary packages and dependencies, and compartmentalize the application. Docker ensures that the server is always running, even if the virtual machine is not currently active. This is critical as the Discord bot needs to be available to users 24/7.

Rest API

• Utilizes Stack exchange, Reddit, Bookrun, and Google Books APIs to retrieve data in json format, which is then used to aggregate best results to return to the user.

Example of Stackoverflow search backend implementation



Future Work

In the future, our goal for the Discord bot is to be an all-in-one resource for students to rely on.

We want to further add functionality to:

- create study groups
- act as a scheduler
- maintain a daily and weekly task list
- save class notes

There are endless possibilities to continue building on this project. We're excited about the potential for our Discord bot to evolve into an indispensable tool that streamlines students' academic journeys and fosters collaborative learning.