



PST: Product Common Features



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About PST



Personnel

Crew

- Scheduling
- Attendance
- Qualification
- Drug & Alcohol
- Payroll
- Timekeeping

Training

- LocoSim
- PTC
- RCO
- Conductor
- Safety Videos



Intelligent Operations

Safety

- Event Recorder Analyzer
- Precision Train Builder
- Monitoring
- iClear
- Accident/Incident Reporting

Automation

- Flat
- Hump
- NX

System

- Train
- Maintenance
- Wayside



Data Services

Processing

- EDI
- Network Processing

Transformation

- Invoice and PO conversion (ORISS)

PST saves railroads significant money across a wide range of areas.

- PST solutions used by all Class 1 Railroads in North America
- Scalable solutions for all railroads
- Training 1000s of T&E annually
- Manage operations over 122,000 miles of track
- Manage 35,000 non-ops personnel
- Process over 4 billion dollars in payroll annually
- Largest classification/shunting yard in the world
- Largest railroad VAN
- Growing quickly into the Short Line area



Our Project

Enhance client experience with PST Products.
We tackled a subset of these common features:

- the branding
- look and feel
- language settings
- error messaging

An app for customers to configure their own user experience



Why is this important?

We want to **create templating softwares** that can be reused for any number of clients. This **saves development costs** and allows all clients to use the softwares and personalize them as they wish. PST could use these templating techniques to make client app structures more efficient to develop and **easy to upkeep**.

PST **creates** and **commercializes software**. Using Common Features, PST can fulfill its products at customer locations with **minimal customizations**.



Process

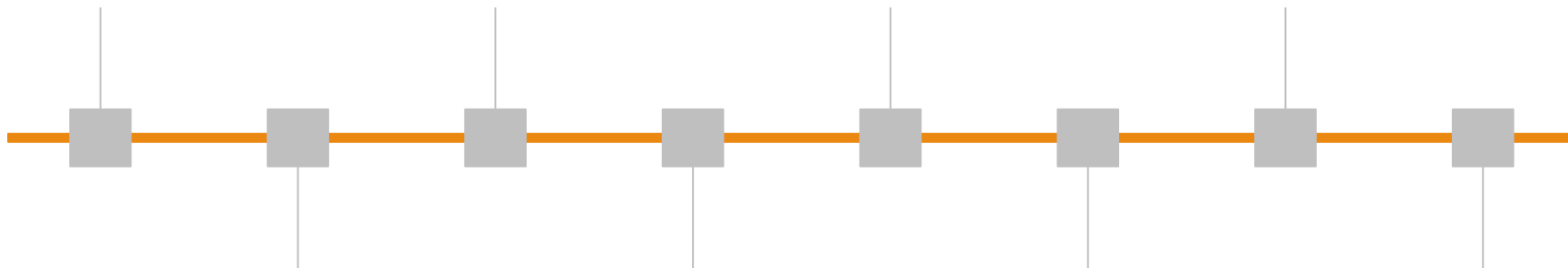


Data Model
and UI Mockups

Error
Messages

Enabling User
VS Admin Controls

Add/Edit/Save
Client Data



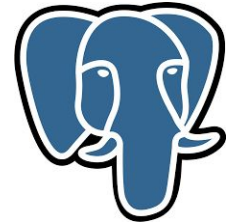
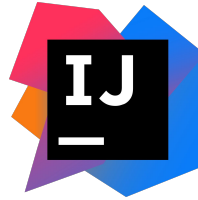
Website
Routing Logic

Pulling Client
and User Information

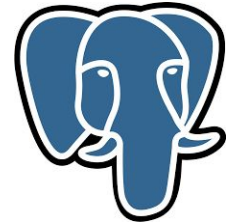
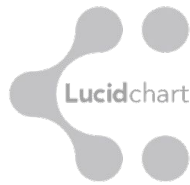
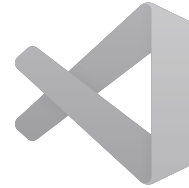
Language and
Locale Configuration

Edit/Save
Branding Images

PSTech Stack

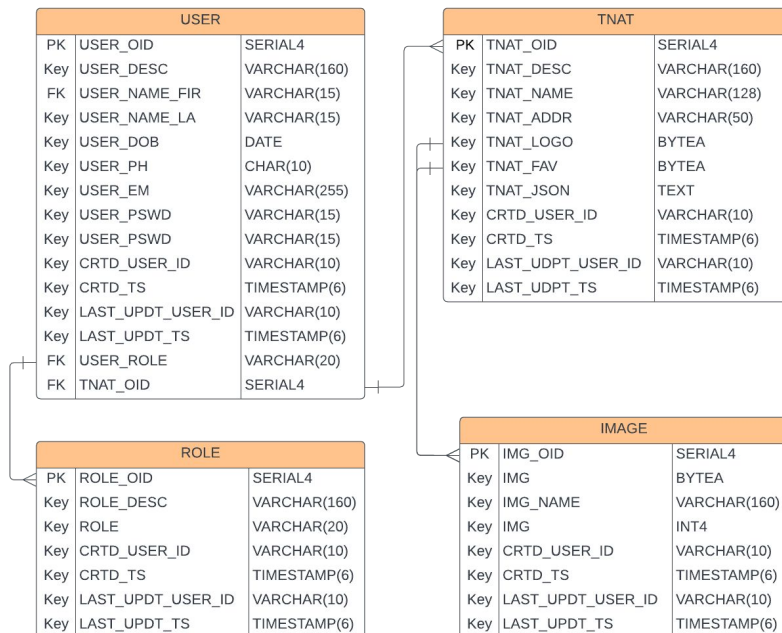


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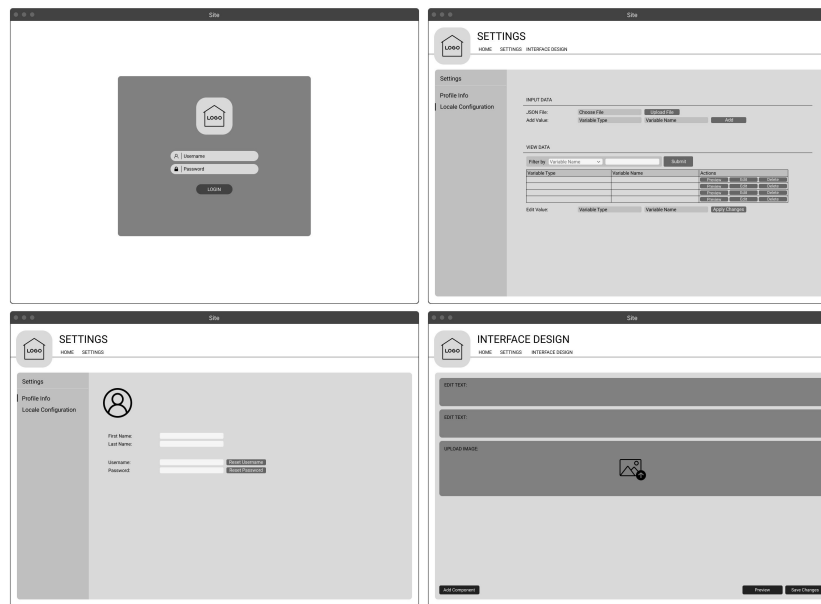


Initial Planning

■ Data Model



■ UI Mockups





UX Process



Goal: create an experience that meets a user's needs in the specific context where he or she uses the product

- **Why** it's being used, **What** it's being used for, **How** it will be used
- Created interactive prototypes
- Multiple iterations with dev team with provided feedback on
 - Design conventions
 - Easily understandable verbiage
 - Placement of components



Use Cases



A mockup of a login form for PST. The form has a gray background. At the top, the PST logo is displayed in orange, with the tagline "ENTERPRISE DETAILS DONE WELL" in gray below it. There are two input fields: the first contains the text "rahuljalali" and the second contains masked characters "*****". Below the input fields is a dark gray "LOGIN" button.

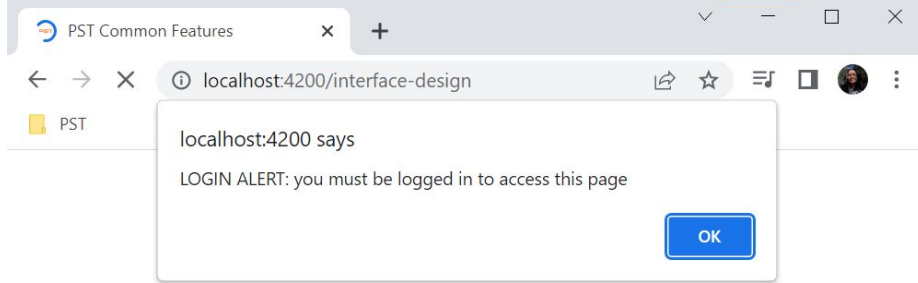
User Login

User Attempts Access to
an Unprivileged Page

User is Admin or Normal User

User Views Profile

Use Cases



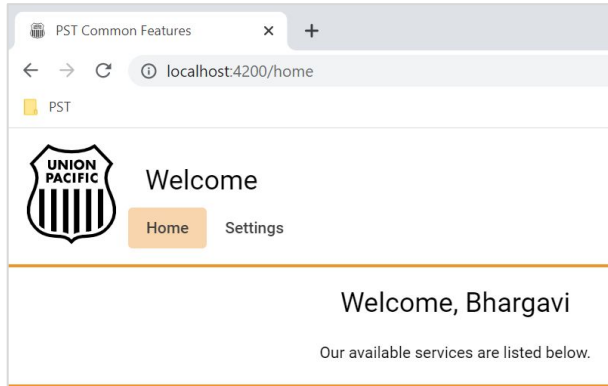
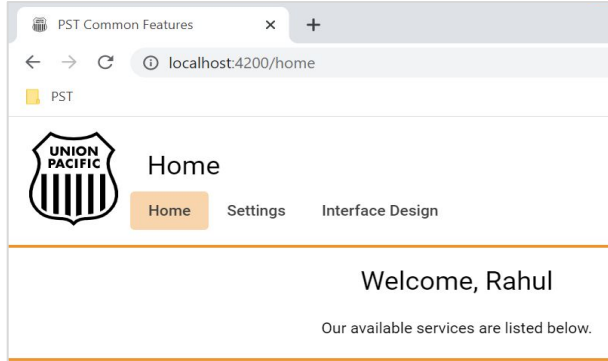
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- Tenant Profile
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- Language

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User Profile

[Home](#)[Settings](#)[Interface Design](#)

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Description: Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer
First Name: Rahul
Last Name: Jalali
Phone: 123-456-7890
Email: rahul.jalali@up.com

Roles:

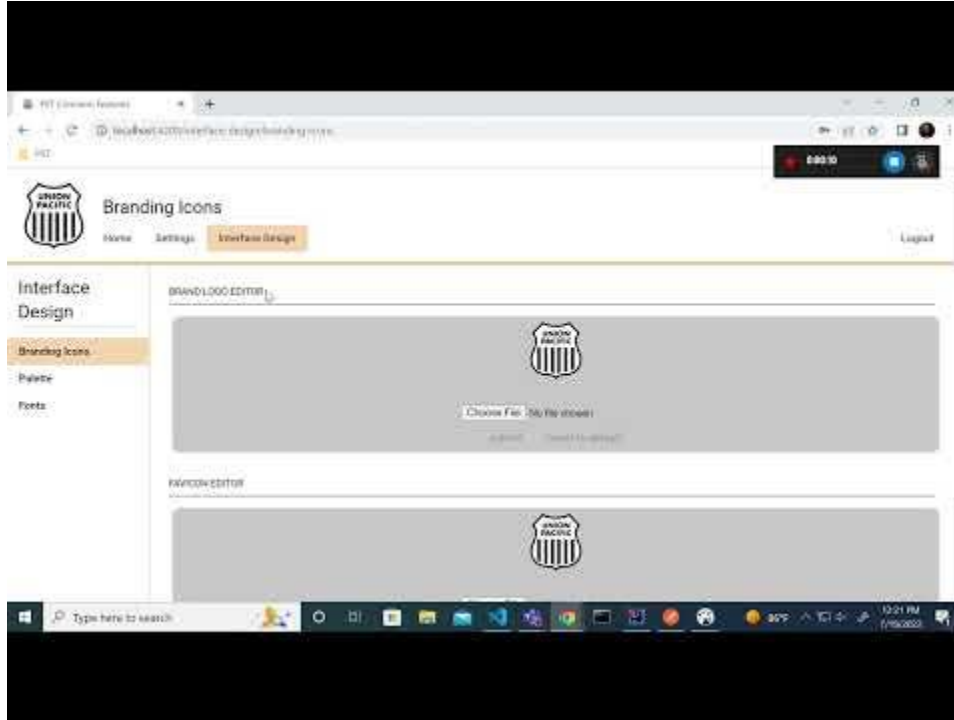
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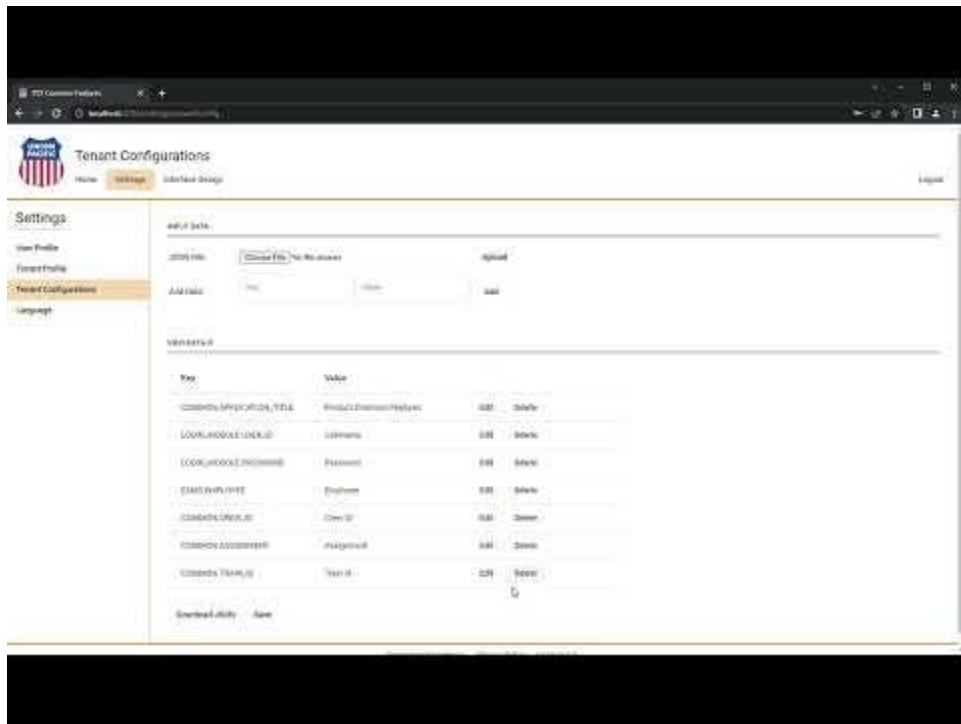
Interface Design Demo



Purpose

- Clients format the color scheme and fonts used across their sites
- Clients choose branding elements for display on their products
- Integrating visual settings across client apps

Client Configuration Demo



Purpose

- Increase customizable options by granting clients ability to alter data
- Simultaneously apply changes across the entire site
- Modify language and locale to match current location of user

Future Impact on PST



Reduce Development Costs
and **Time To Market**

Automate Client
Personalization Procedure

Expanding our Scope



Replace basic
authentication with a
standard Single Sign On
integration

Re-configure site to
pull information from
PST client databases

Improve project
framework to update
visuals of client site

Add local data storage
through cookies to
improve site performance

Lessons Learned



Technical Skills

Integrating Technologies
Documentation Practices
Agile Workflow
Dev Config Conventions
User Authentication
Full Stack Development
Data Management

Soft Skills

Teamwork & Communication
Presentation Skills
Technical Wording
Professionalism
Progress Documentation
Time Management
Networking

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