

College Chef by Team Remy

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1. What is the name of your website?

College Chef

2. What is the URL for your website?

<http://niwen.scripts.mit.edu/collegechef>

3. List the name, school (if not MIT), year, major, and number of years of web programming experience of everyone on your team.

Stephanie Chang: 2013; 6-3; 2013; 3 years experience

Stephanie Yu: 2014; 6-3; 1 year experience

Victor Hung: 2014; 6-3; 1.5 years experience

4. Describe the problem your website aims to solve.

We've noticed that many students come into college without knowing how to cook for themselves, and they have neither the motivation or opportunity to learn. As a result, they end up eating carrot sticks or ramen on loop, which is neither healthy nor particularly appetizing. College Chef aims to remedy this problem by providing a fun, engaging way for college students to learn and practice cooking skills.

5. Describe how your website solves this problem.

College Chef is an exciting social site on which users can discover recipes, develop techniques, share creations with friends, view achievements, and track progress over time. The various features on College Chef motivate students to learn and refine their cooking skills while filtering out the excess content of other recipe sites.

6. What backend technology did you use?

PHP with MySQL, AJAX

7. What frontend technology did you use?

HTML, CSS, jQuery/Javascript

8. List all of your site's features.

- Searchable, sortable, and filterable cookbook
- Tutorials that teach users different techniques, allowing them to develop and refine their cooking skills
- Individual recipe pages that display ingredients and directions, as well as a forum of creations shared by all users
- Dashboard and level-up system that allows users to track their progress
- Timeline of users' progress over time
- Ability to share a Timeline or individual recipe creations with Facebook friends
- Ability for more experienced users to enter College Chef at a more advanced level

9. Describe which feature(s) are most important and describe why/how that adds to the core value of your website.

- The Timeline feature allows users to track their progress as they cook and learn. As students continue to be active on the site, their achievements are recorded on the timeline, which they can

share with their friends, either through Facebook or a public URL. The Timeline caters to people's pleasure in showing off their accomplishments, as well as their satisfaction with seeing visible results.

- The searchable cookbook enables students to discover new recipes based on technique or ingredients, and allows them to level up by cooking recipes of their own choice.

10. Tell us what you think makes your site cool and/or unique.

Our site is unique because instead of overloading users with a deluge of recipes or videos, College Chef provides a simple interface that educates users and allow them to quickly learn techniques and apply them in practice. We make the learning experience a lot more exciting and interactive so that students are motivated to continue mastering dishes and sharing them with their friends.

11. List all 3rd party API's, 3rd party plugins, open-source code, etc that you used.

jQuery, Facebook Share/Post, Topsy

12. Does your site fit within the MIT Utility category?

Yes.

13. Does your site fit within the Philanthropy category?

Perhaps...

14. Will at least one of your team members be able to attend judging on Wednesday and awards on Thursday if you are chosen as a semifinalist?

Yes.