

## Statement of Purpose

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## **CRUD Components**

#### **Create**

- <u>Users</u> can create accounts, including setting account names and passwords.
- <u>Users</u> can create new interaction records based on their interactions with the website.
- <u>Users</u> can choose to publish their record of their interactions.

### **Update**

- <u>Users</u> can update their personal information.
- <u>Users</u> can update their own interaction history.

#### Read

- <u>Users</u> can read their own personal information.
- <u>Users</u> can read transcripts of interactions shared by others.
- <u>Users</u> can read public elements of the site.

#### Delete

- <u>Users</u> can delete their own accounts.
- <u>Users</u> can delete their own personal information.
- Users can delete their own interaction records.

### **Goals/Tasks**

- **✓** A main web page that guides users to log in, register, check personal information, and interact.
- A user profile page.
- A fortune telling page.
- An account management system.

### Feaures / Functionalities

- Feature telling through different methods from different culture.
- Support personalizations on theme of the page
- Store basic user information locally like age, culture.

- Generate response base on user profile. i.e. Different age groups will get different responses.
- Educational, provided information and fun fact about culture.

### <u>User Persona</u>

### First year CS Student

Person Name: Bernard

• Age: 18

- Goals: Gain more certainty about his future as a CS major - going to college for the first time can be a daunting experience!
- Environment: Very comfortable with using a laptop, chronically online (he is a CS major after all); he will be discerning with the apps he uses
- Needs: a fortune telling app that will give him meaningful answers to his questions and satisfy his various uncertainties.

### **Working Professional**

Person Name: Sarah

• Age: 30

- Goals: Struggling with work-life balance and feeling unsure about career path
- Environment: Busy with work and personal responsibilities, frequently on-the-go and uses mobile devices for convenience
- Needs: A quick and easy way to receive guidance and direction for both personal and professional matters

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### **High School Student**

Person Name: Jason

Age: 17

- Goals: Planning for college and seeking guidance on academic and social challenges
- Environment: Juggling school work, extracurricular activities, and social life; frequently uses social media to connect with peers
- Needs: A confidential way to seek guidance on college admissions, academic challenges, and social situations

### **Senior Citizen**

Person Name: Margaret

Age: 70

- Goals: Struggling with loneliness and seeking connection with others
- Environment: Limited mobility and social isolation due to health conditions; uses a desktop computer for online communication and entertainment
- Needs: A way to connect with others in a safe and supportive environment, and to receive guidance on personal and spiritual matters.

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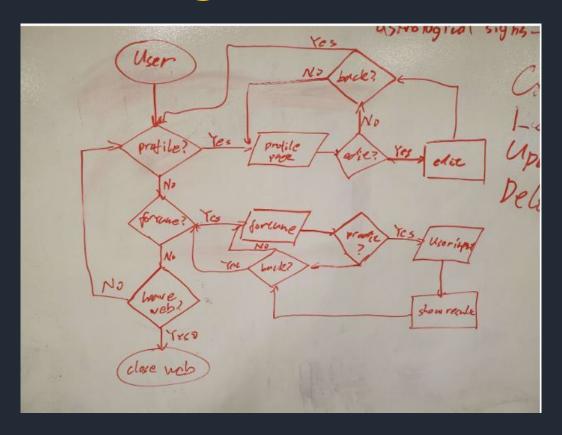
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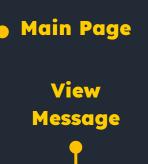
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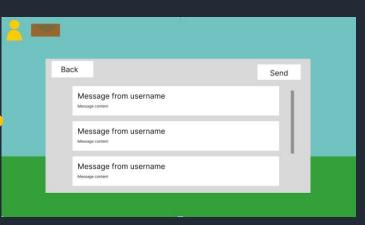
## <u>User Flow Diagram Draft</u>

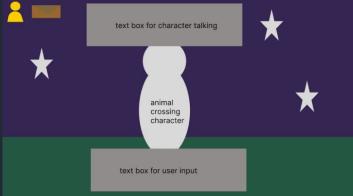


# **UI Design Draft**

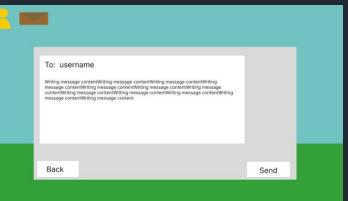












### **Risks and Rabit Holes**

### **Risks**

- Potentially some repetition of fortunes (especially if staying local); mitigated somewhat by having a limited rate of fortunes
- ✓ Fortune's replies may be too random to be smart
- Customizable page might be difficult to implement and hard to support multi-platform.
- User info is stored locally, need to be careful when using CRUD to prevent file corruption.
- Cultural sensitivity, certain responses may be offensive.

### Rabbit hole

- ✓ Might go overboard with the whole messaging system
- ✔ Best to keep it simple and focus more on the fortune telling aspect
- Customization options (might not have enough time to implement a large variety of customization)
- If we go too far for smart replies (without using connected AI), the feature will be too complex and we could be down a rabbit hole.
- ✓ Too much pursuit of intelligent reply, let us fall into this complex demand that cannot be fulfilled

## Similar Apps and Competition

### **Other Social Apps**

 The current mainstream Facebook and Twitter are both very heavy social media, that is, they are large in size, completely online, have many functions, but are also "bloated".

### **Compare to Our App**

 Compared with them, the advantage of our app is that it is small in size, fully localized, independent of the network.

### **Problems May Happen**

 Its security is still open to question (subject to our implementation). But the disadvantage is that there are few functions.

### **Applicable platform**

- Currently only desktop sites are considered.
- If time enough, consider adapting to mobile platforms (such as mobile phones, ipads)