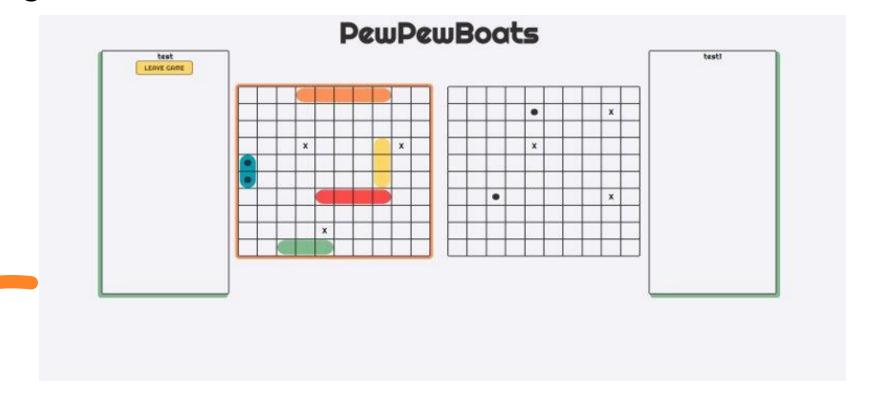


Overview

- My own rendition of the boardgame, BattleShip
- Web app built with JavaScript (React) on the front end.
- Using serverless services from Amazon Web Services for backend.



Objectives

- To familiarize myself with serverless technologies
- Gain experience building a 'full stack' application.
- Build a user interface with reasonable level of complexity

Requirements

- User Authentication/Authorization with user sign-in/out
- Persistent game state
- Responsive UI
- Working game logic

Technologies Used

- AWS Amplify
- Front End Language
 - React JavaScript (HTML, CSS)
- GraphQL
- DynamoDB
- AWS Cognito

How it works

- Amplify
 - Set of tools which provide front end code for schema definition.
 - Provides code to perform queries/mutations/subscriptions.
 - Works with AWS AppSync to configure a GraphQL serverless endpoint on AWS.
 - Provides front end libraries to connect with Cognito

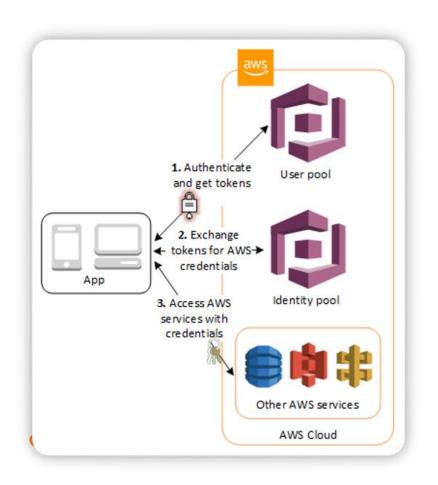
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type Game @model @auth(rules: [{ allow: owner, operations: [create] }])
{
   id: ID!
   gameOpen: Boolean!
   ownerID: String!
   guestUserName: String
   ownerGameState: String!
   guestGameState: String!
   ownerReady: Boolean!
   guestReady: Boolean!
   gameTurn: String!
   winner: String
}

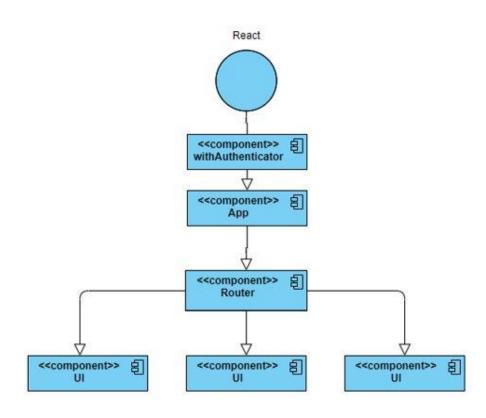
type Subscription {
   subToGame(id: ID!): Game @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["updateGame"])
   subToGameDelete(id: ID!): Game @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["deleteGame"])
}
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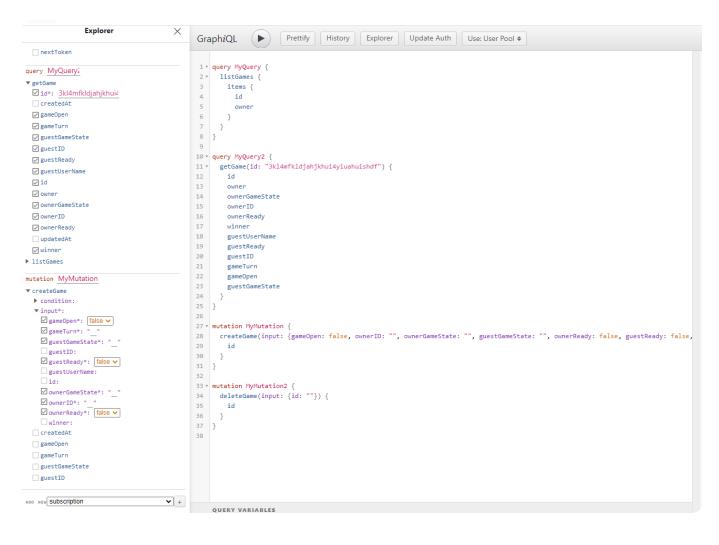
GraphQL

- Define the schema
- Amplify will create a DynamoDB table on every @model directive
- Subscriptions are used to create real time user interaction with JavaScript observables

Cognito

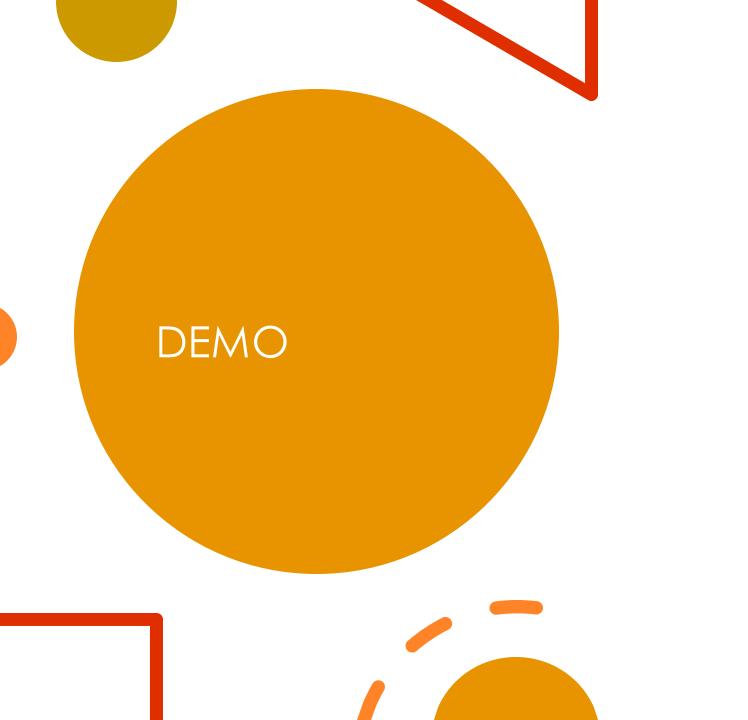






Testing

- Front End Testing
 - Hand testing myself and with friends
- API Testing
 - Amplify Mock API



What I learned

- Higher level JavaScript and React techniques
- Familiarity with some of AWS many services
- Experience with client/server relationship and real-time interaction on a single source of data

Original Plans and Difficulties

- Original/future Plans
 - More rich boat-themed web game, not just a 1:1 rendition of BattleShip
 - Mobile design included
- Difficulties
 - COVID
 - Figuring out all of the HTML drag and drop API features
 - Learning how to use GraphQL
 - Syncing clients without overwriting client states
 - Antivirus software denying web socket connection

Questions?