Clava

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Purpose

At this time, most college clubs and organizations do not have a centralized system in which general information, member data, and funds are managed. This directly impacts their ability to effectively operate by increasing the amount of time it takes to complete basic tasks, such as granting individual permissions or providing reimbursements.

The purpose of our project, Clava, is to provide college organizations with a suite of tools to manage their members, expenses, and documentation. Clava will utilize a user interface designed with functionality and ease-of-use for clubs in mind, with feedback directly pulled from Purdue organizations like the Boiler Book Club. Additionally, Clava will also provide users with access to a variety of managerial tools, such as a financial, documentation, and event hub that will help expedite all executive tasks within an organization. Due to all of these tools being centralized, tasks like managing member permissions for documentation and finances will be streamlined, and organizational information will be much easier to view.

Design Outline

High Level Overview

Clava is a web application that maintains a list of users, all of which are officers of college organizations, and a list of college organizations with related data. Users are able to interface with the organizations they are a part of and edit members, events, finances, and documents. To accomplish this, we will use a client-server model. We will offer a client, the frontend React webapp, and for the backend use an ExpressJS server. The server will maintain a database of all the information Clava keeps using MongoDB. These modules can operate independently without failure but functionality is tied to them working together.

Components

Because our server will be written as a REST API with ExpressJS, we will communicate with it using HTTPS requests. Every user will open their own instance of the client, which will communicate with the server. Data is sent back and forth using a JSON format which will enable efficient, easy parsing. The server will be hosted using Docker and AWS.



1. eb Client

- a. Users will do all of their interaction using the web client.
- b. Whenever data must be displayed, edited, or updated, requests will be sent to the server.
- c. Functionality will be abstracted into various hubs, each of which will have their own web page. This allows for cleaner user interfaces, which is one of the project goals.

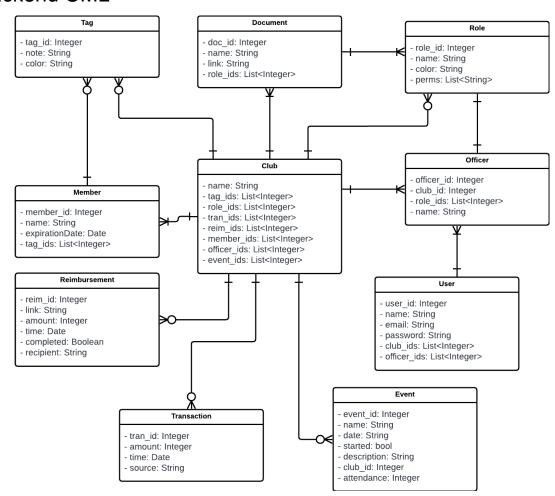
2. Server

- a. Whenever a request is received from the client, retrieve the correct resource and send it back with proper JSON formatting.
- b. In order to retrieve information, communicate with the Database.
- c. Follow REST conventions.

3. Database

- a. Whenever the server needs information, provide information.
- b. Follow MongoDB design patterns and make modifying the schema easy.
- c. Provide persistent storage to data regardless of Server status.

Backend UML



Design Issues

Functional Issues

- What information should be kept and displayed for each user?
 - Option 1: User ID, Name, Username, Password, Associated Club IDs, Associated Officer IDs, and Associated Member IDs (if they also happen to be members of other clubs).
 - Option 2: Only User ID, Name, Username, Password, Associated Club IDs, and Associated Officer IDs.

Decision: **Option 2**. While storing the associated member IDs of each user has its benefits, namely being able to use this information for future features, the extra information will only take up valuable space in our database as Clava grows and is used by more organizations. Additionally, it also presents a possible personal data security risk, as we do not want officers of a club to be associated with their identity as a general member in another club, and complicates our design, as we want officers and members to be treated as separate entities. Furthermore, by only storing what is needed, we can keep the User class light and our design clear.

- How should officers modify member information?
 - Option 1: Allow a spreadsheet styled editing system (editable cells)
 - Option 2: Create a dialog that must be opened to modify information Decision: **Option 2**. This determines the member data is represented client side. A spreadsheet styled editing system would allow officers to easily modify member information, similar to google sheets, without having to open dialogs for everything. However, this may result in accidental or unintentional modification of potentially important information. Additionally, we are attempting to distinguish ourselves from google sheets by offering something that specifically is designed as a database, not a spreadsheet. Creating dialogs that allow officers to modify information solves this issue. To prevent having to open too many, we can allow the selection of multiple members and modify them simultaneously.
- How should users login to Clava?
 - Option 1: Through a Clava username and password tied to their account
 - Option 2: Through their university portal/login system
 - Option 3: Through other third party authentication, such as Google

Decision: **Option 1**. We will use both custom user authentication in order to provide the user as much flexibility as possible while retaining our own control of the data. Using university login, while likely preferred by organizations due to security, is not a feasible option as it would require us to support individual universities, in addition to necessitating access to APIs that may not exist. Using third party authentication may happen in the future but for now we do not want to use services like Firebase that control the data. Doing so would allow for users to use existing accounts, and we would be able to wrap our data through Firebase's security. However, that would give up having complete control of the data, and would introduce additional complexity we don't want at the moment.

Non-Functional Issues

- Which programming language should we use?
 - Option 1: Typescript
 - Option 2: Javascript
 - Option 3: Java

Decision: **Option 1**. Javascript is a good choice as all modern web browsers have great support for the language. Furthermore, many optimizations have been made for language to be extremely fast. Finally, the language features all center around providing support for web applications. However, it lacks many object oriented support and its class keyword provides very little. Java is extremely object oriented and provides the team extensive ways to collaborate through that design. However, it lacks the web support provided by javascript. As a result, we are choosing to use Typescript for both our frontend and backend as it is the best of both worlds by directly compiling into Javascript and providing necessary object oriented features.

- How do we want to handle events?
 - Option 1: React hooks, one class which allows other classes to send and subscribe (listen for) events.
 - o Option 2: Hierarchy system for classes.

Decision: **Option 1**. A hierarchy system would involve traditional React state variables, passed down from top to bottom. If we were to use this system, it would allow for faster prototyping, as it is often more intuitive to keep track of data this way. However, the longer we spend time developing, the harder keeping track of dependencies will become. To solve this issue, we will use React hooks instead. This will allow for a central "event manager" class that all classes send events to and listen for events from. This allows for organization of dependencies, at the cost of additional time spent setting up such a class and having to "subscribe" for each additional class created.

- How do we want to do CSS and styling?
 - Option 1: Use Bootstrap
 - Option 2: Use Tailwind

Decision: **Option 2**. Both of these options allow inline CSS styling, which is desirable where possible in order to condense the amount of css we will have to write. When necessary, we will write reusable stylesheets to apply to components. This will have to be done in order to prioritize readability, as doing *all* of the styling solely inline is not feasible. Bootstrap is a competitive option because it is the more popular library, and has more complete documentation and digital resources. Despite this, we will choose Tailwind as we will be using the MUI collection of React components. Bootstrap is essentially composed of two parts, the component library and the styling, and we will be replacing those with two separate libraries that each do their specific job more effectively.

Design Details

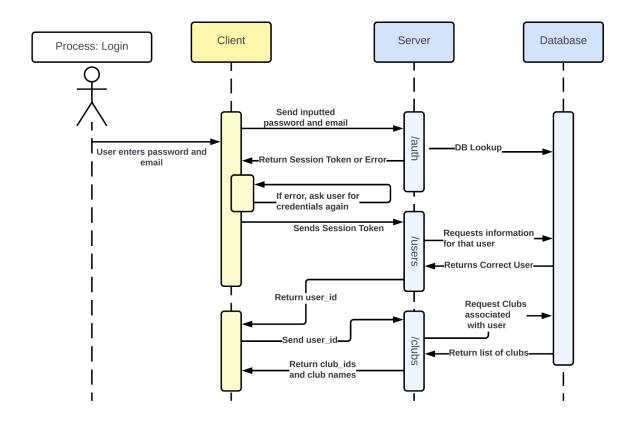
Terminology

| User | An account that is registered with Clava. A User can be an Officer in one or multiple different college organizations. |
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| Officer | An Officer of an organization has access to the organization's Clava Hubs while holding management permissions. Users can become Officers for organizations, but there is no interaction between two organizations even if you are an Officer for both. If you are an Officer for an organization, you are also a Member of that organization by default, but there is no interaction between your Officer id and your Member id. Officers have access to the various Hubs for an Organization , and can be assigned Roles to modify their permissions. |
| Member | A Member is a collection of data representing a Member of an organization. They do not have accounts and are not associated with accounts. If they are an officer, you cannot access their Officer or User id from their Member id. Members can be assigned Tags , but not Roles . |
| Organization | Every Organization (also referred to as 'club') has its own collection of Hubs , with organization-specific data. |
| Hub | A specific page on the site with a specific purpose. Each Hub contains organization-specific data. For example, every Organization will have an event hub for managing events, a member hub for managing members, and so on. |
| Role | A set of permissions you can assign to an officer. |
| | Ex: "Treasurer" - can access and edit finance related information. |
| Tag | A string/note you can assign to a member. |
| | Ex: "Paid Dues" |
| Document | A link to an external resource used by the club for the purposes of documentation. For example, both a youtube link and a google doc link would be considered documents. Each Document has a Clava-specific name attached to it with access managed by permissions. |

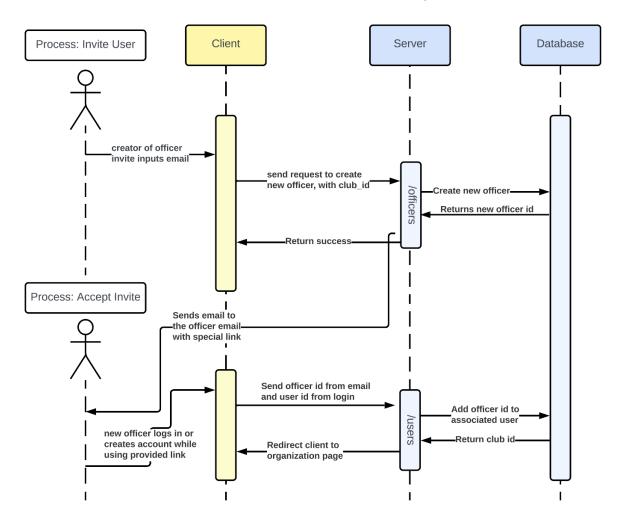
Sequence Diagrams for Common Processes

Below are sequence diagrams demonstrating the component interaction for common processes that might occur.

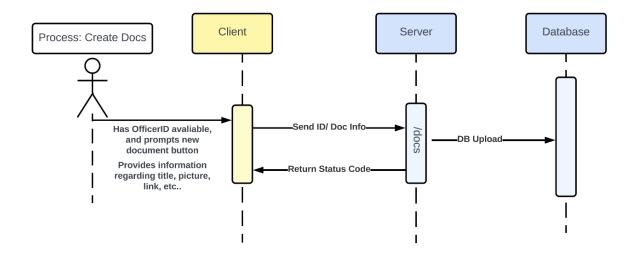
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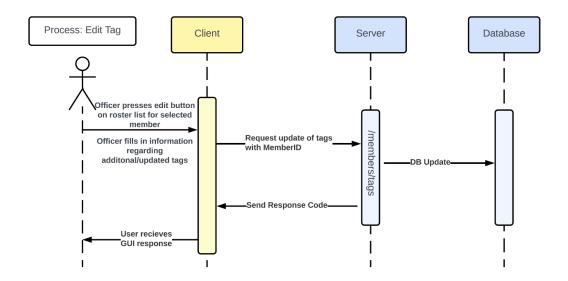
2. Sequence when a user is invited to be an officer for an organization



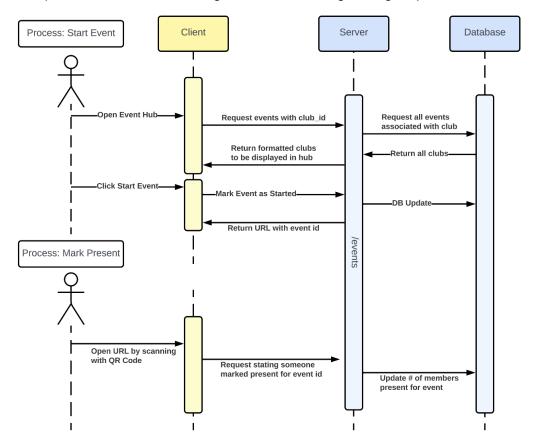
3. Sequence when an officer creates documentation



4. Sequence when an officer edits a members' tags

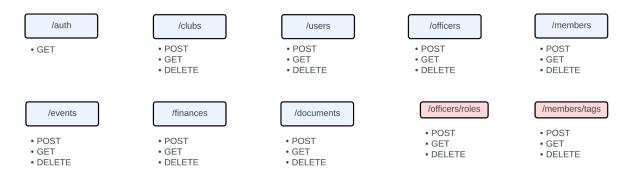


5. Sequence for an event starting and a member registering as present



Server (Backend) Design

API Design



Our API will be designed with the REST philosophy in mind. Every endpoint represents a resource, and the verbs will allow the client to communicate its desire to the server. The supported verbs with corresponding resource is as follows:

Notes:

- "Users" in this context refer to users of the API.
- Authentication is supported using the given api_token.
- Any verb not listed with no parameters can be assumed to return 404 (Not Found) or 403 (Restricted Access).
 - Ex: GET on /users without params will be 403 always.
 - Ex: GET on /auth without params will be 404 always.

| Route | Verb | Params | Description |
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| /auth | GET | ?email* ?password* | User is able to request the server for an API Session Token given correct params. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 with an API Session Token or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| | | | *Both parameters are in plaintext. We use HTTPS. |
| /clubs | POST | ?club_name ?club_image* ?club_desc* ?api_token | User is able to request the server to create a new club by providing a club_name. Users may also include club_image, club_desc but is not required. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 with the newly created club_id or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |

| | | | *Not necessary for creation. |
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| /clubs | POST | ?club_id ?club_name* ?club_image* ?club_desc* ?api_token | Users are able to request the server to update a club's information by providing a club_id. Users are expected to provide at least one of the editable fields, but is not required. In the event none of the fields are provided, no change will occur. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 with the club_id or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| | | | *Able to update. |
| /clubs | GET | ?user_id ?api_token | Users are able to request the server to give them a list of clubs that the corresponding user_id is associated with. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 with a subscriptable list of club_ids or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /clubs | DELETE | ?club_id ?api_token | Users are able to request the server to delete a club with a given club_id. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /users | POST | ?email ?name ?password | Users are able to request the server to create a new user account given the required params. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 with the newly created \$user_id or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. Error may include when an email is already taken by another user. |
| /users | POST | ?user_id ?new_password ?api_token | Users are able to request the server to change the password of the user account with a given new_password. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |

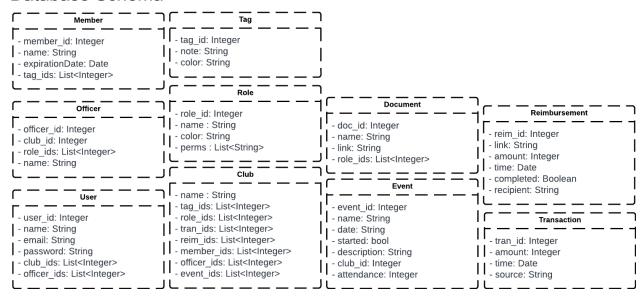
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| /users | POST | ?user_id ?new_name ?api_token | Users are able to request the server to change the name of the user account with a given new_name. Server will return either status code 200 or the |
| | | | correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /users | GET | ?user_id ?api_token | Users are able to get all necessary information about a particular user by requesting the server. Token must be associated with the user_id. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 with name, email, clubs_ids, and officer_ids or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /users | DELETE | ?user_id ?api_token | Users are able to request the server to delete a user account with a given user_id. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /officers | POST | ?user_id ?club_id ?role_ids ?name ?api_token | Users are able to request the server to create an officer account with a given user_id, club_id, roles_id, and name. If a member with that email does not already exist, a member is also created, identically to if a POST request was sent to /members. |
| | | | Server will return either the newly created officer_id or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /officers | POST | ?officer_id ?new_role_id ?api_token | Users are able to request the server to add the provided role to the given officer_id. |
| | | : api_toketi | Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /officers | GET | ?club_id ?api_token | Users are able to request a list of officers for a club. |
| | | | Server will either respond with a subscriptable object with all officers or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |

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| | /events | GET | ?club_id | Users are able to get all the events associated |

| | | ?api_token | with a given club. |
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| | | | Server will return either status code 200 and a subscriptable list of all events or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /events | GET | ?event_id ?api_token | Users are able to get specific events from the server. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 and the specific event or the correct HTTP error responses depending on the context. |
| /events | DELETE | ?event_id | Users are able to delete a specific event. |
| | | ?api_token | Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error responses depending on the context. |
| /finances | POST | ?amount ?time ?source ?api_token | Users are able to create/update a transaction by providing the required parameters. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 and the associated tran_id or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /finances F | POST | ?amount ?time ?link ?recipient ?api_token | Users are able to create/update a reimbursement by providing the required parameters. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 and the associated reim_id or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /finances | POST | ?reim_id ?api_token | Users are able to mark a reimbursement as completed. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /finances | GET | ?club_id ?api_token | Users are able to get a list of all transactions and reimbursements associated with a club. |
| | | | Server will return either status code 200 and a subscriptable list of transactions/reimbursements or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
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| /finances | DELETE | ?reim_id ?api_token | Users are able to delete a reimbursement. Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
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| /finances | DELETE | ?tran_id ?api_token | Users are able to delete a transaction. Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /documents | POST | ?club_id ?name ?link ?role_ids ?api_token | Users are able to create a document by providing the required parameters. Server will return either status code 200 and the associated doc_Id or the correct HTTP error response depending on the context. |
| /documents | POST | ?doc_id ?role_ids ?api_token | Users are able to update document permissions. Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error responses depending on the context. |
| /documents | GET | ?club_id ?api_token | Users are able to get specific documents from the server. Server will return either status code 200 and the list of documents with information in the schema or the correct HTTP error responses depending on the context. |
| /documents | DELETE | ?doc_id ?api_token | Users are able to delete a specific document. Server will return either status code 200 or the correct HTTP error responses depending on the context. |

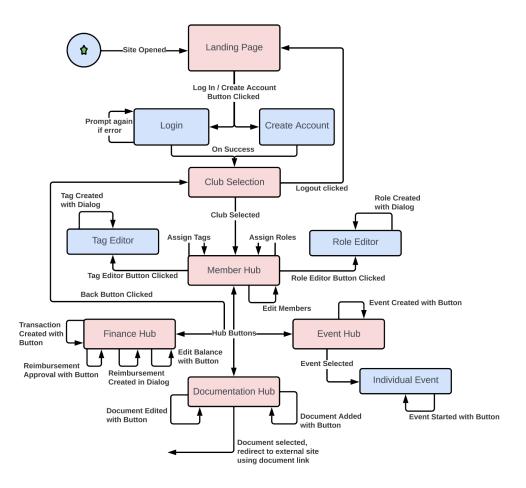
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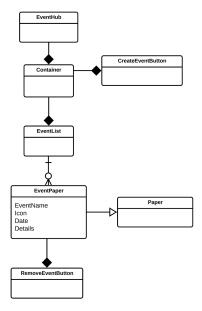
Web (Frontend) Design

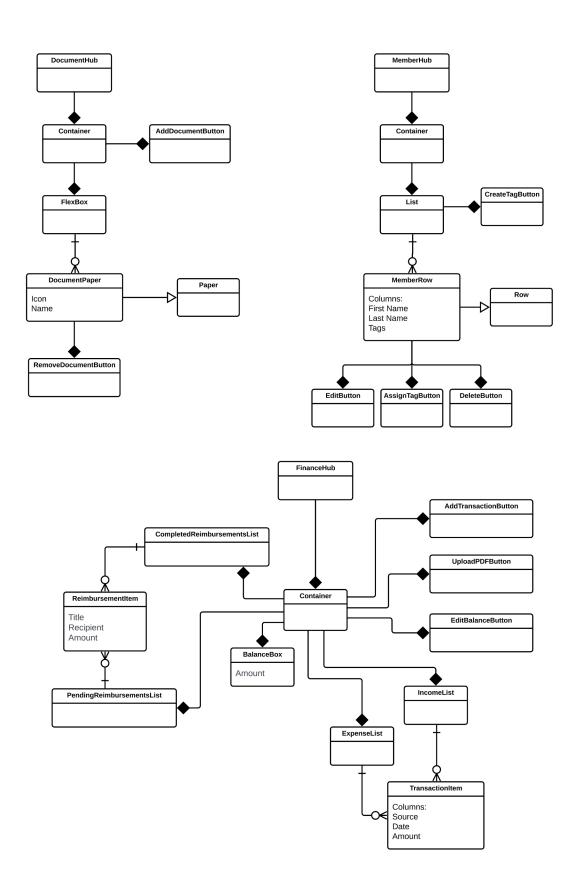
Overview and State Diagram

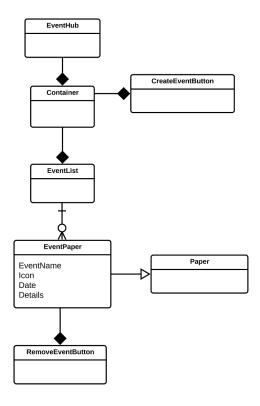
For our user interface, we will use the Material UI library for consistent, easy components. MUI also allows us to apply a theme to our entire project using a color palette and set of fonts. Styling will be applied through this customization, stylesheets, and Tailwind. Below is a high level overview of how the user will navigate between the pages. Below that are UML diagrams detailing the specific pages more in depth.



Frontend UML







Webpages and UI Mockups

Above is a state diagram that demonstrates the multiple pages Clava will have.

Below are mockups of the majority of those pages.

