

PocketSports: The Digital Coaching App

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Abstract:

Lots of apps only focus on one end of coaching. PocketSports aims to eliminate the need for multiple apps by delivering a cross-sport app with an increased app functionality

Coaches can...

- 1. Set and Track Goals
- 2. Design Practice Plans
- 3. Execute and Analyze Practice Plans

Players can...

- 1. Create Goals and Monitor Progress
- 2. View Practice Plans
- 3. Review Practice Results

System Architecture:

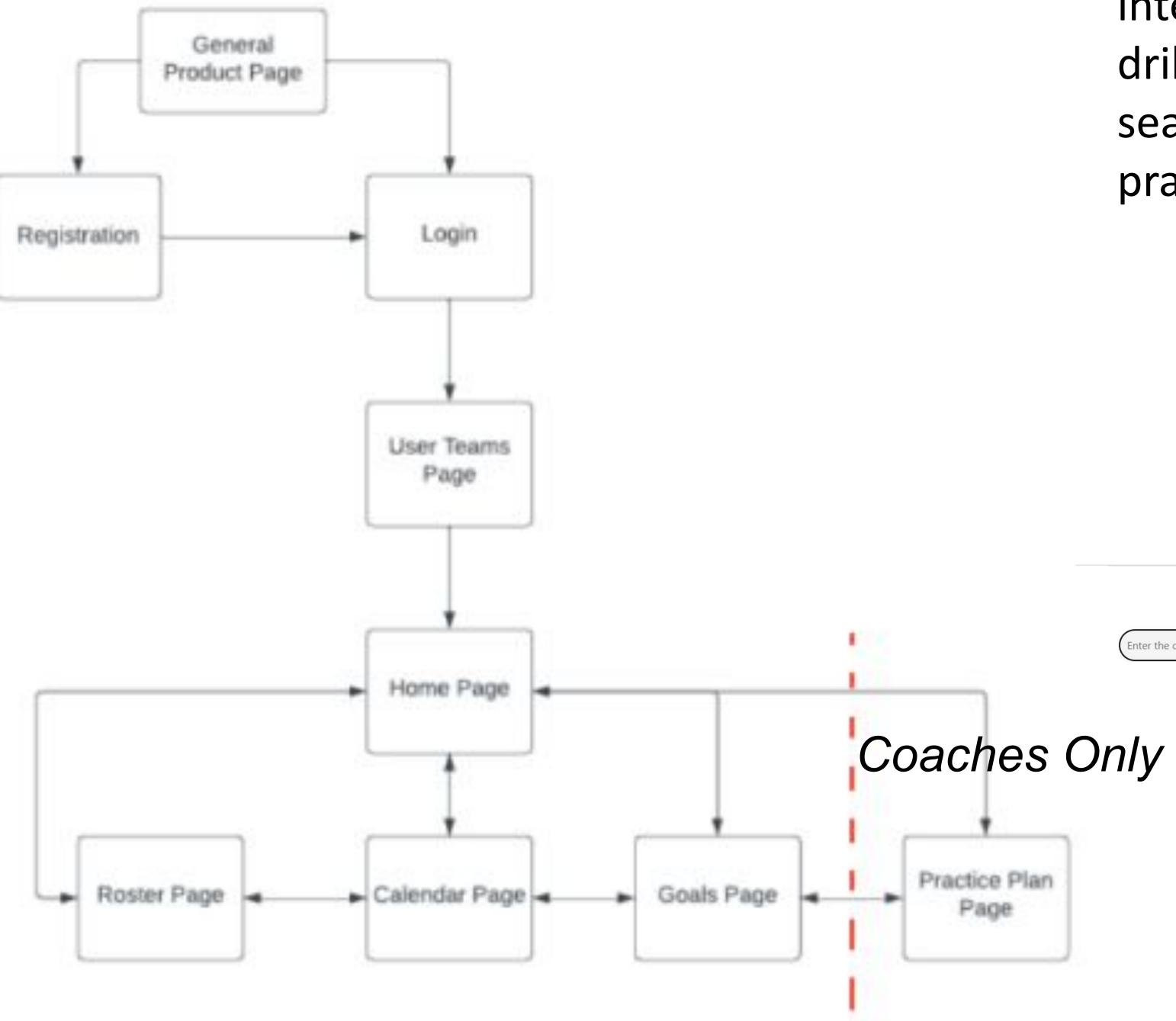
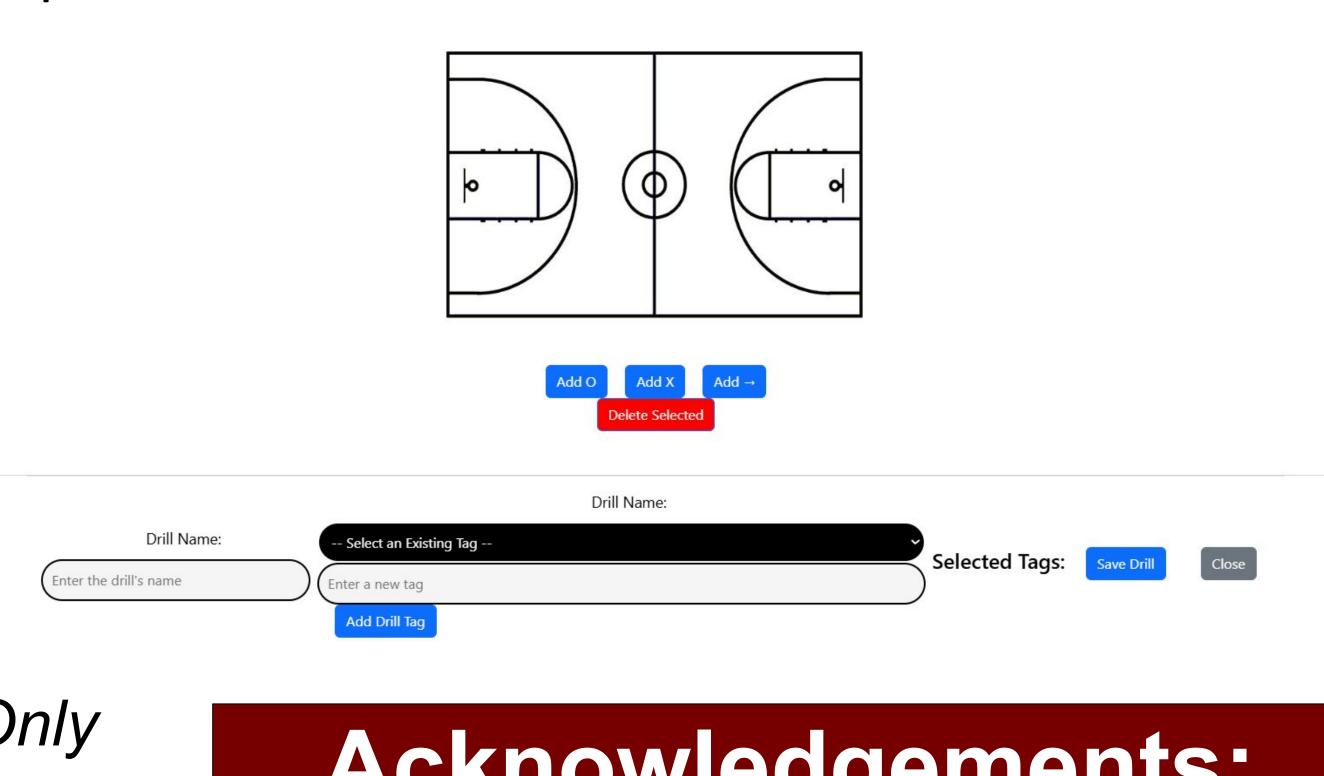


Figure 1: System Architecture

Methods:

- MERN Stack Implementation: Using MongoDB for data persistence, Express and Node.js for server-side logic, and React for the front end, ensuring a modular, scalable architecture.
- Real-Time Features: Employing websockets to allow coaches to collaboratively design and execute practice plans, track live drill times, and update player stats on the fly.
- Data Visualization: Integrating libraries such as Chart.js to display progress toward goals and performance metrics, enabling coaches and players to monitor improvements visually.
- Role-Based Access: Implementing secure login flows and role-specific dashboards for owners, coaches, players, and parents, ensuring that each user only sees data relevant to their role.
- Goal Setting & Practice Planning: Providing interactive design tools for creating animated drills, storing them in a library, and seamlessly integrating them into daily practice schedules.



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Tools Used:

- GitHub: We used GitHub as our code repository, to conduct code reviews, and host the website
- Git: We used Git as an intermediate with local and remote branches and to push our work to GitHub.
- Jira: We used Jira for project management
- Node: We used Node as the application's server environment
- MongoDB: We used MongoDB for the application's database
- Google Docs/Slides: We used Google Docs/Slides for document collaboration
- HTML: We used HTML for creating the webpage's structure
- JavaScript: We used JavaScript for creating the webpage's functionality
- CSS: We used CSS for creating the webpage's styling

Limitations and Improvements:

- Limitations
- Drill libraries and performance metrics are currently basic
- Partial offline functionality still relies on stable network access for optimal data sync
- Lack of advanced Al-driven analytics for personalized training recommendations
- Improvements
- Expand sports-specific drill libraries for broader coverage
- Enhance offline modes with robust caching and synchronization
- Integrate AI/ML capabilities to deliver more customized and data-driven coaching insights