Survivable Social Network on a Chip

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An application based on an on-board chip has been developed for people to communicate with other user when normal communication mode is invalid through their PCs or mobile phones.

Technical Constraints

- Hardware: Sever and database run on a Beaglebone Black. Wireless coverage of WiFi network is limited. Security is not guaranteed. Memory and performance limited by hardware.
- Client Side Software: no native app, only web stack (HTML5, CSS, JS) on mobile browser
- Database Side Software: should work well with multithreads.

High-Level Functional Requirements

- A user can register for SSNoC network to join the community.
- Users can chat with other user privately and publicly and send an announcement.

Top 3 Non-Functional Requirements

- 1. **Reliability**: The system should first work stably
- 2. **Robustness**: The system should have ability to deal with noises, because the application is based on a on-board chip and environment changes from time to time.
- 3. **Maintainability**: The system should easy to manger and maintain for testing and further improvement.

Code Organization View (a UML package diagram) ssnoc controllers views app.js circle.yml fse.db package.ison cruntfile.js

Architectural Decisions with Rationale

- Client-Server as main architectural style
- Node.js on the server side for its characteristics (event-based, non-blocking asynchronous I/O, easily configurable pipe-and-filter for processing incoming requests via middleware)
- SQLite database for embedded system.
- Express framework to deploy a lightweight MVC structure.
- RESTful API to reduce coupling between subsystems and increase cohesion within subsystems.
- Event-based web update via jQuery.
- Socket.io for dynamic event-based update.

Design Decisions with Rationale

- Development Strategy pattern to encapsulate data and behavior in models
- Encapsulate the subsystem with applying a simply User Interface.
- **Singleton** pattern has been applied in the system design as only one instances for per model in the system.
- Remove the coupling between different subsystems by apply **Bridge** patterns
- Composite pattern has been used when designed User Interface.

Responsibilities of Main Components

- **socket.io:** dynamic updates from server to client, clients communicates with server with methods of socket.io.
- **Bootstrap**: responsive design, clean, scalable UI layout
- **jQuery**: light-weight JavaScript library, free and open source, easy to deal with HTML event.
- SQLite: light-weight DB, ACID database manage system, designed for embedded system, saves the information and message of users.
- Express: simple and flexible framework based on Node.js, provides powerful API for web application.

