

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 multi-threads.

High-Level Functional Requirements

- A user can register for SSNoC network to join the community and measure the system performance.
- Users can chat with other user privately and publicly, send an announcement and search information.

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.

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.

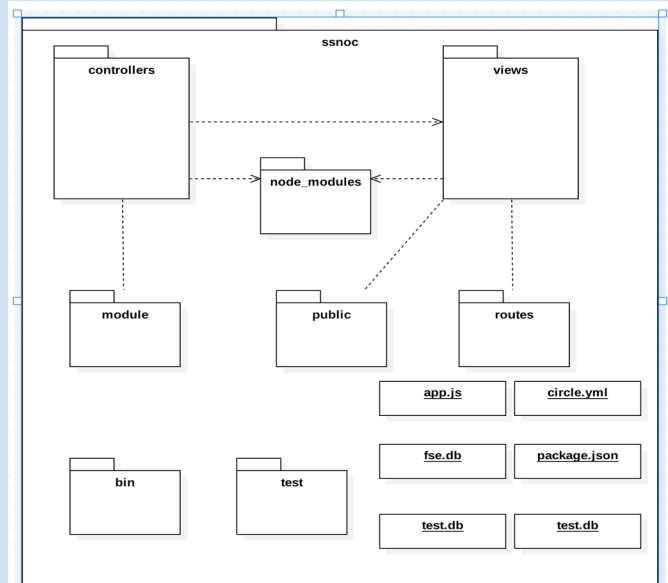
Design Decisions with Rationale

- 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.

Code Organization View (a UML package diagram)



Deployment View (a UML deployment diagram)

