

The Chef's Kitchen

Introduction

The Chef's Kitchen is a webapplication built using ReactJS and the Slim framework that acts as a contest arena for CodeChef.

It satisfies all the requirements stated in the software requirements specification, provides a pleasant UI and has maintainable code.

Decoupled frontend and Modular code backend and reusable components RESTful API The Chef's User friendly Kitchen

Running the App

- 1. Clone the repository and change directory into the source code.
- 2. Install dependencies

```
cd backend && php composer.phar install
cd ../frontend && npm i
```

3. Start the backend php server

```
cd ../backend
php composer.phar start
OR
cd ../backend
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php -S localhost:8080 -t public public/index.php

4. Start the frontend react development server

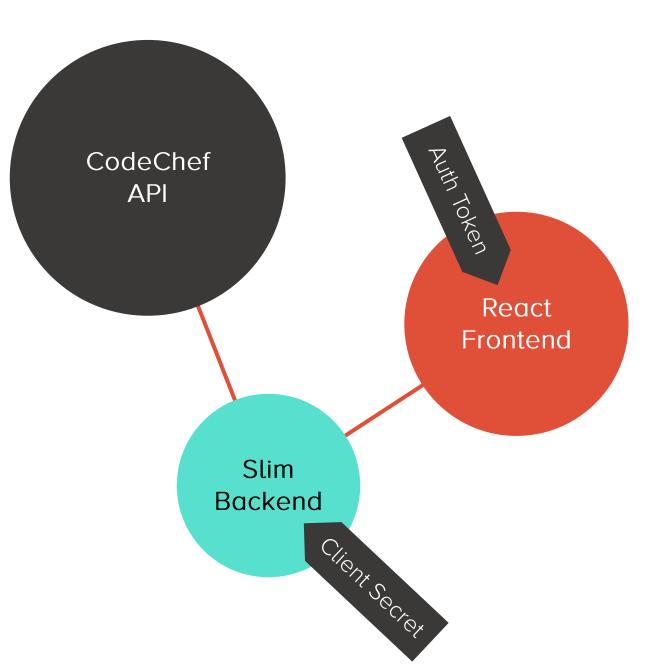
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cd ../frontend
npm start
```

5. Navigate to localhost:3000/ in your web browser

Things to note

- Ensure composer and npm are installed. They are used for package management.
- While authorising, select the scopes 'public', 'private' and 'submissions'. This is an arbitrary decision, and can be easily changed as per the actual requirements.
- The app only lists the currently running contests, as it provides a live contest arena. This is again a decision that can easily be modified if required without affecting the rest of the application.
- Access to the internet (apart from the CodeChef API) is required for loading fonts and some libraries from content delivery networks.

The Architecture

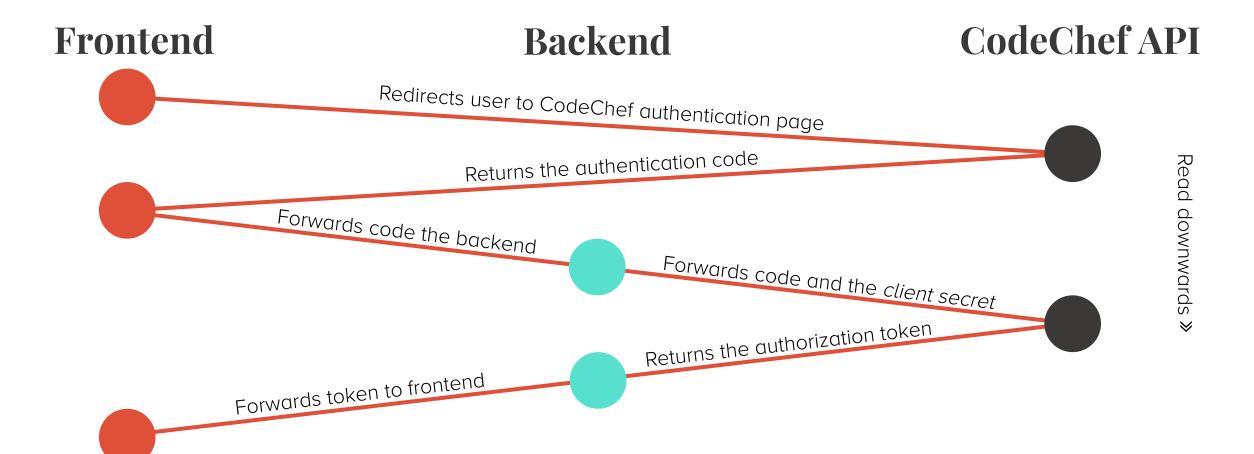


The React frontend only communicates to the backend server, which communicates to the CodeChef API.

This allows the backend to make requests to one or more endpoints as required, process the data into the right format and return it to the frontend for rendering.

The *client secret* safely stays with the backend, and is not exposed to the user.

The authorisation token however, is stored with the frontend, and is forwarded by the backend while making API calls. Thus the backend does not need to maintain a database of each logged in user's token.



Logging In Process

The backend may make calls to several CodeChef APIs for a single request from the frontend.

The backend processes the data and handles errors while forwarding requests and responses in either direction

The Usual API Call

In Action

Landing Page

The landing page provides a single button to get started, without any distractions.



Logging In

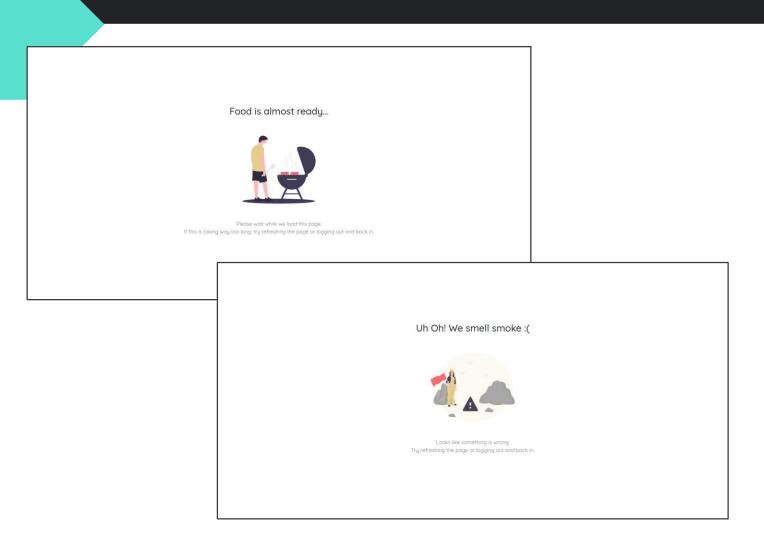
The user is then presented with a page to select the contest, again free of distractions.

The input box has autocomplete and makes sure the user has selected a contest before allowing them to proceed.



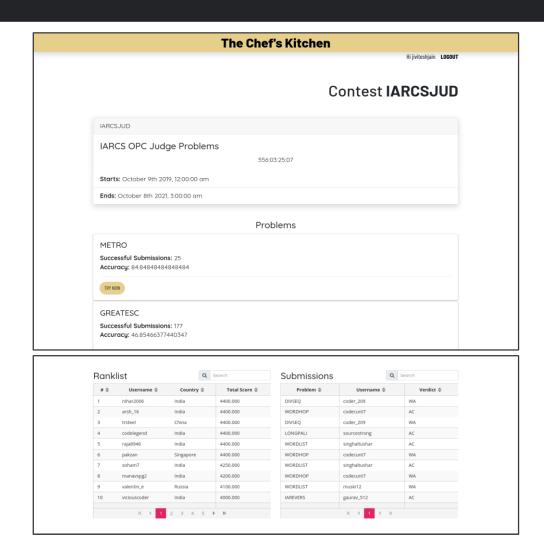
Loading and Error Pages

Illustrated loading and error pages keep the user involved while the components load and await responses from the backend.



The Contest Pages provide all the required information in wellorganised components

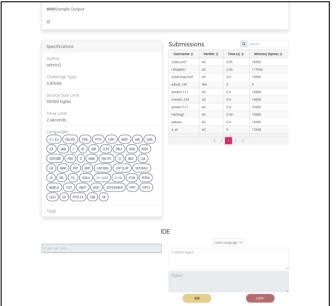
Contest Pages



Problem Pages

The Problem Pages provide the *HTML* formatted problem statements, extra information as well as options to run and submit code.





Problems Faced

 One of the problems I faced was the lack of familiarity with the Slim Framework and the CodeChef API. Thus building this application involved reading a lot of documentation. But since the concepts are the same, I was able to manage.



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