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Task 3

# B. Functionality Attributes

* Inheritance example:
  + The React framework, that this application uses heavily, is built on the concept of inheritance, as all React components that are created automatically inherit from the base ReactComponent class.
* Polymorphism example:
  + TODO
* Encapsulation example:
  + All modals are encapsulated in a modal provider that is applied to the root layout document.
* Search functionality with multiple row results and displays:

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* A database component with the functionality to securely add, modify, and delete the data:
  + Messages are stored in the database, and can be interacted with using the following methods:
    - **Add**: Typing a message into the chat box on the bottom of the screen and sending it adds it to the database.
    - **Modify**: Messages that you have previously sent can be modified by clicking the edit button in the top-right corner of the message display, which will update the database as well as send out a signal on a web socket to update the message on all other users’ screens.
    - **Delete**: All users can use the delete button in the top-right corner of the message that they have sent, and moderators/administrators can delete anyone’s messages. This does not technically delete the message from the database, as it will only remove the content of the message, and still show up to other members like so:
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    - For examples of actual deletion from the database, that happens when channels or servers are deleted.
* Ability to generate reports with multiple columns, multiple rows, date-time stamps, and title:
  + TODO
* Validation functionality:
  + A user is allowed to upload attachments to messages in the form of only image formats or pdfs, validation code is provided to prevent any other file format from being uploaded.
* Industry-appropriate security features:
  + The entire website is protected by an authorization middleware process. Accessing any page on the website will redirect to a sign-in/sign-up page so that unauthorized access is impossible. Further authorization on a server-by-server basis is provided through administrator and moderator roles that can be assigned by server owners and administrators.
* Design elements that make the application scalable:
  + The fact that we have chosen cloud solutions for both hosting the server and the database is inherently scalable. Design elements that the application itself utilizes to promote scalability include:
    - Any area on the user interface that has a variable amount of content is placed within a ScrollArea component.
    - Messages on servers and direct message conversations will obviously rack up a large amount of items as people chat. There is an inherent pagination to the way the client loads messages. It only loads the most recent page’s worth of messages, based on the viewport height of the device. As the user scrolls up, it will load more messages progressively. This allows for a smooth user experience that scales with the number of messages in a given location.
    - As servers grow, there will end up being a large number of users and channels. There is a search component for quickly locating particular elements, so that the scale of the server does not impact a user’s ability to quickly and easily locate a particular element.
* A user-friendly functional GUI:
  + Our GUI is user-friendly, as it is trying to replicate a GUI that is already user-friendly. However, it can also be argued that our GUI is user-friendly as no functionality is more than a couple of clicks away. Our GUI is also functional, as every interaction that is available to the user have all been tested thoroughly to ensure functionality.