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## Requirements Analysis

### 1. Objectives and Description of the System

This Web Application concerns the creation of a platform aimed to allow users to exchange information about job interviews. This is performed according to the usual format involving question submission by users and subsequent replies to these. In addition, users can also rate answers and questions; answers can also be commented.

### 2. Functional Requirements

The Web Application features should follow the subsequent points:

- Users can subscribe to the service by providing an email, a username and a password. Users can also provide additional information about themselves, including: name, surname, academic title and a picture.
- An email can be used to register a user just once.
- Users can just view contents if not logged in.
- Upon log in, users can post any number of different questions, answer to any number of question (at most one answer per question) and comment any number of times every answer.
- Logged users can also provide rating to questions and answer (from one up to five “stars”) and also rate the complexity of questions only (Easy, Medium or Hard).
- Users also own an “user rating” computed as the average rating to all their questions and answers. System administrators can promote a user to a “certified” status after a certain number of highly rated answers (see answer rating in subsequent points)
- The number of views reached by every single questions or answer should be registered.

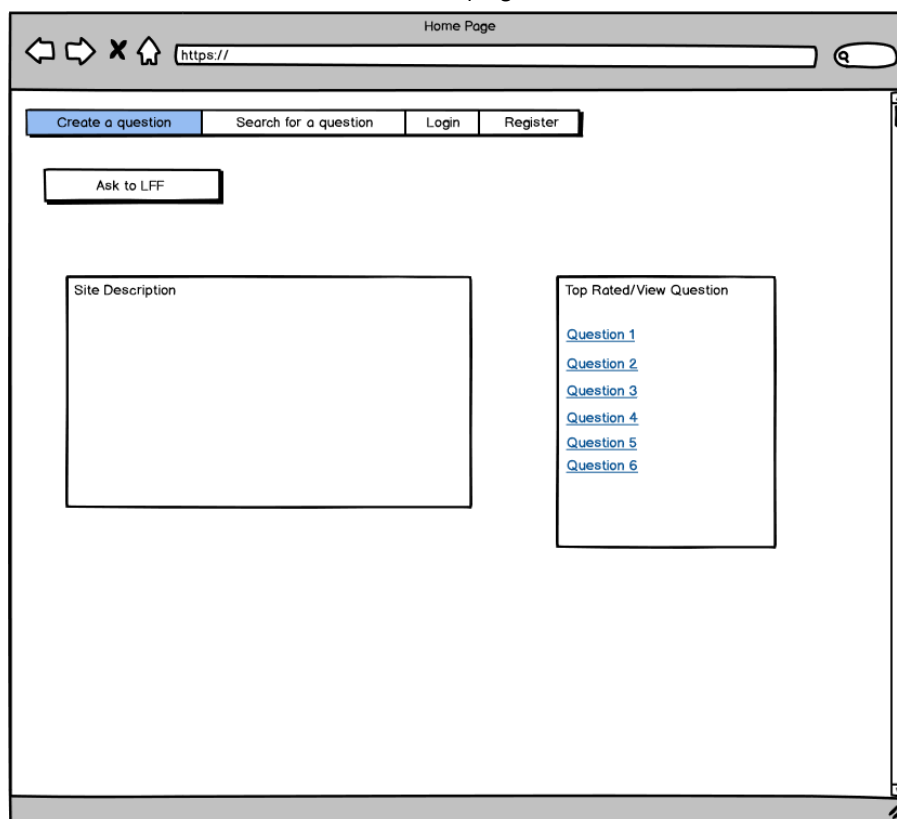
- Each question, each one having its title, has to belong to at least one topic. Topics concern the working ambit from which the question belongs and can be divided into sub-categories. For example, the Topic of ICT (General working framework) can have the subcategories of Web Applications, Databases, Computer Vision, Source Coding, etc.
- A question can also be about a specific company.
- In order to see the list of question created by himself/herself, the user need to go to his/her profile page.
- Users can search a question by title or content.
- Users can search for a topic and see how many questions that topic has, moreover it can select from a list a specific question that belong to a selected topic.
- Users can search for a company and see how many questions that company has, moreover it can select from a list a specific question that belong to a selected company.

## Presentation Logic

### 1. Mockup

The following series of images, each one preceded by a brief comment indicating the meaning of the content, represents the mockup design for the web application.

Home page.



Home page after login.

A browser window titled "Home Page (Logged in)" with a URL bar showing "https://". The page features a navigation bar with four buttons: "Create a question" (highlighted in blue), "Search for a question", "Profile", and "Logout". Below the navigation bar is a button labeled "Ask to LFF". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a box labeled "Site Description". The right column contains a box labeled "Top Rated/View Question" with a list of six links: "Question 1", "Question 2", "Question 3", "Question 4", "Question 5", and "Question 6".

Question creation page.

A browser window titled "A Web Page" with a URL bar showing "https://". The page features a navigation bar with a button labeled "Home Page" and a link labeled "User 2". Below the navigation bar are two input fields: "Question Title" and "Problem Description". Below these fields is a button labeled "Submit". To the right of the "Submit" button is a list of nine topics, each with a checkbox: "Topic 1", "Topic 2" (checked), "Topic 3", "Topic 4" (checked), "Topic 5", "Topic 6" (checked), "Topic 7", "Topic 8", and "Topic 9".

List of all the questions as seen by a non-authenticated user.

Question Page

Home Page [Sign Up](#) [Login](#)

search question

Question : <a href="#">user</a> Topic	Complexity	Rating
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List of all the questions as seen by an authenticated user.

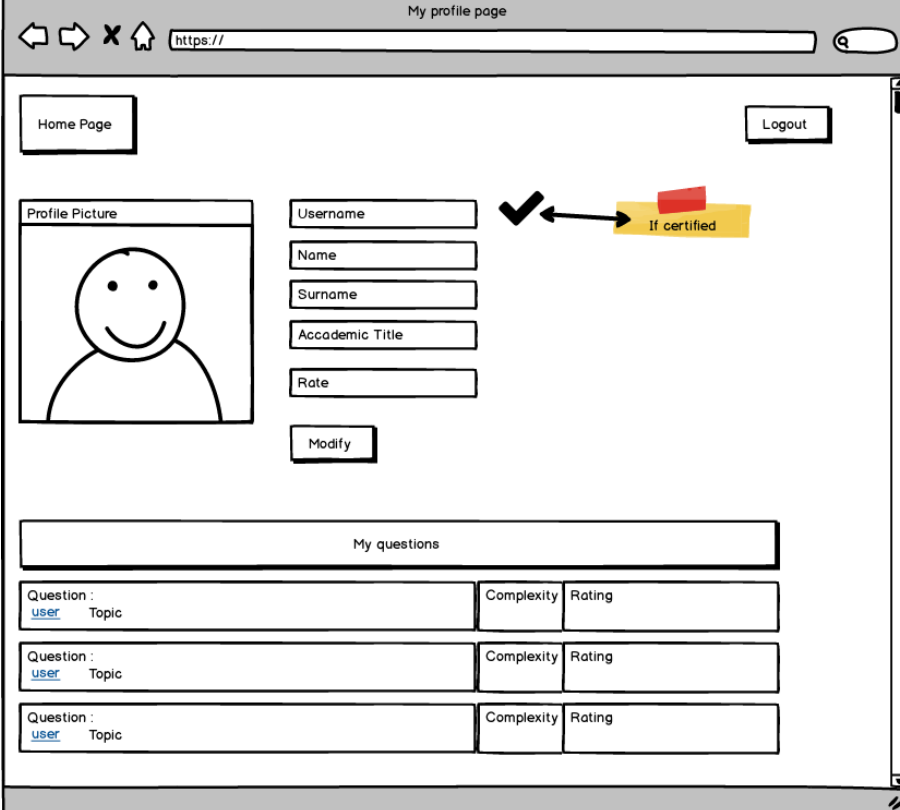
Question Page

Home Page [User 2](#)

search question

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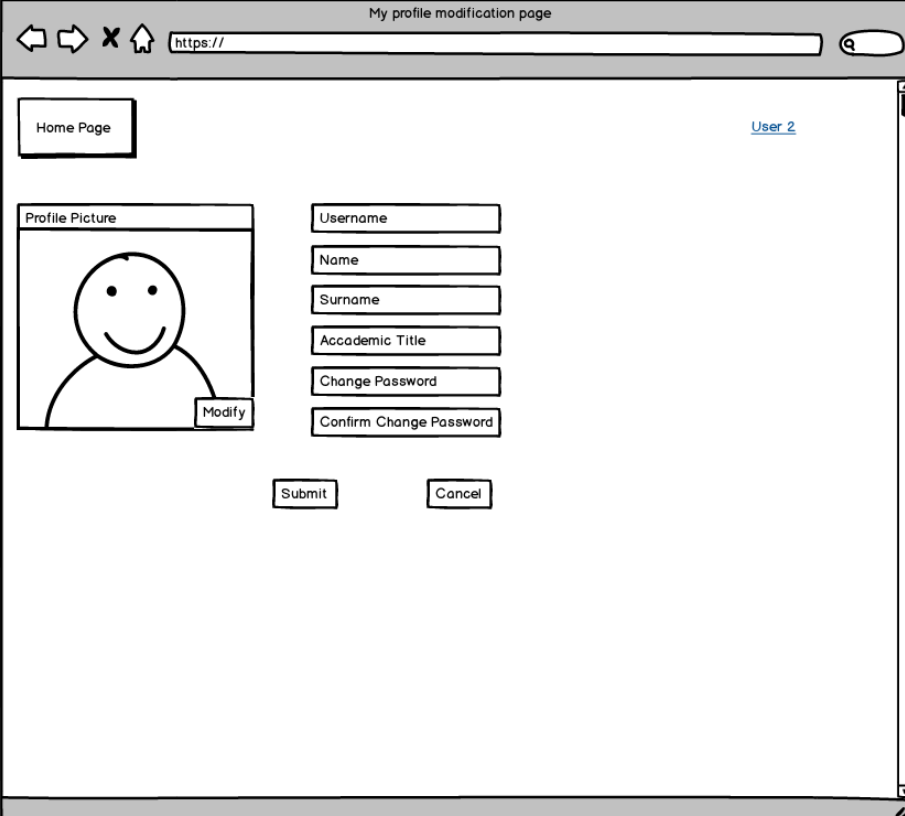
Profile of an user as seen upon authentication.



A screenshot of a web browser window titled "My profile page". The address bar shows "https://". The page has a navigation bar with "Home Page" and "Logout" buttons. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a "Profile Picture" section with a placeholder image of a person. The right column contains a form with fields for "Username", "Name", "Surname", "Accademic Title", and "Rate". A "Modify" button is located below these fields. To the right of the "Username" field, there is a checkmark icon and a yellow box with the text "If certified". Below the profile section, there is a section titled "My questions" which contains a table with three rows. Each row has a "Question" column (with a link to "user" and a "Topic" field), a "Complexity" column, and a "Rating" column.

Question :	Complexity	Rating
<a href="#">user</a> Topic		
<a href="#">user</a> Topic		
<a href="#">user</a> Topic		

Modification page for an user profile.



A screenshot of a web browser window titled "My profile modification page". The address bar shows "https://". The page has a navigation bar with "Home Page" and a link to "User 2". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a "Profile Picture" section with a placeholder image of a person and a "Modify" button. The right column contains a form with fields for "Username", "Name", "Surname", "Accademic Title", "Change Password", and "Confirm Change Password". Below these fields, there are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons.

Question page as seen by a non-authenticated visitor.

Question Page

Home Page [Sign Up](#) [Login](#)

Question :  Topic  Complexity  Rating

Problem description

Answer:

Comment

Login to add answer

Question page as seen upon authentication.

Question Page(Logged in)

Home Page [User 2](#)

Question :  Topic  Complexity  Rating

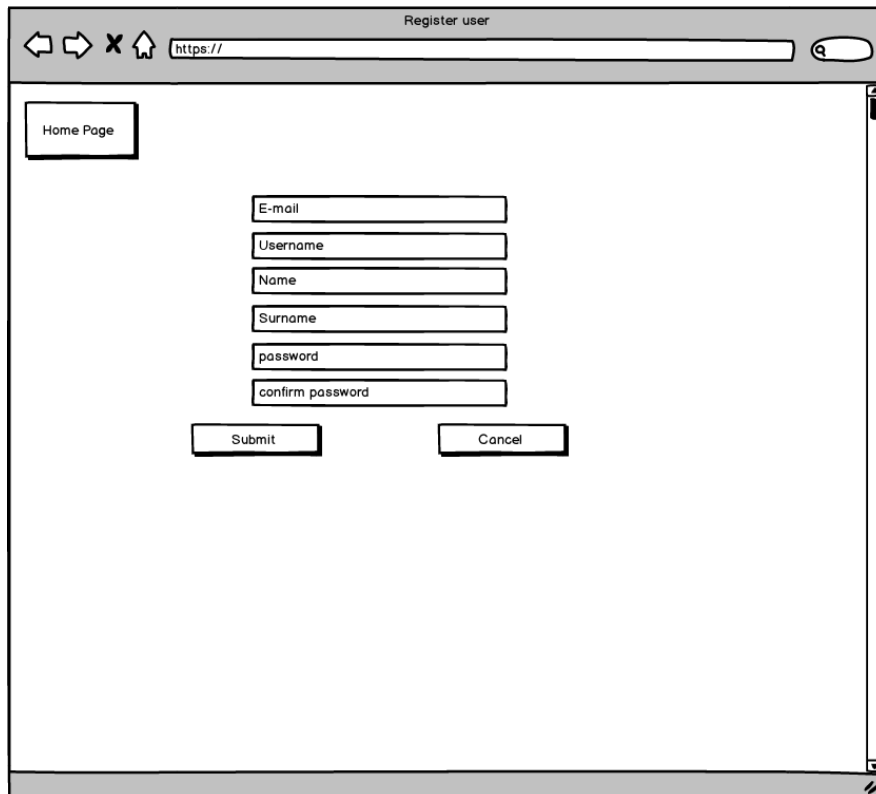
Problem description

Answer:

Comment:

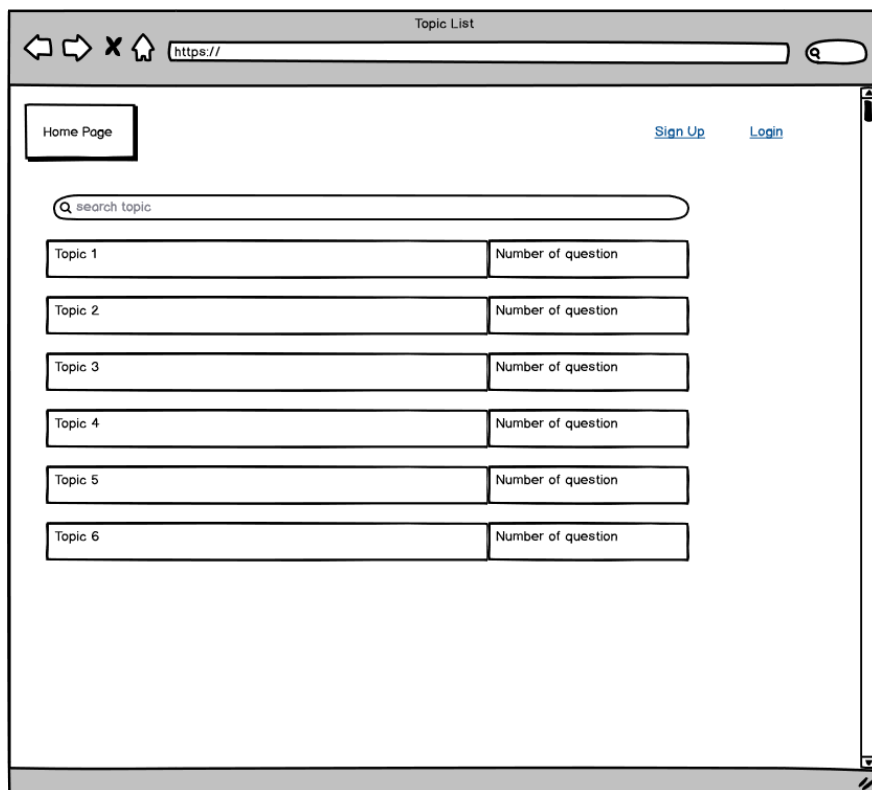
Add answer:

Registration page.



A browser window titled "Register user" with a URL bar showing "https://". The page has a "Home Page" link in the top left. The registration form is centered and consists of the following fields: "E-mail", "Username", "Name", "Surname", "password", and "confirm password". Below the fields are two buttons: "Submit" and "Cancel".

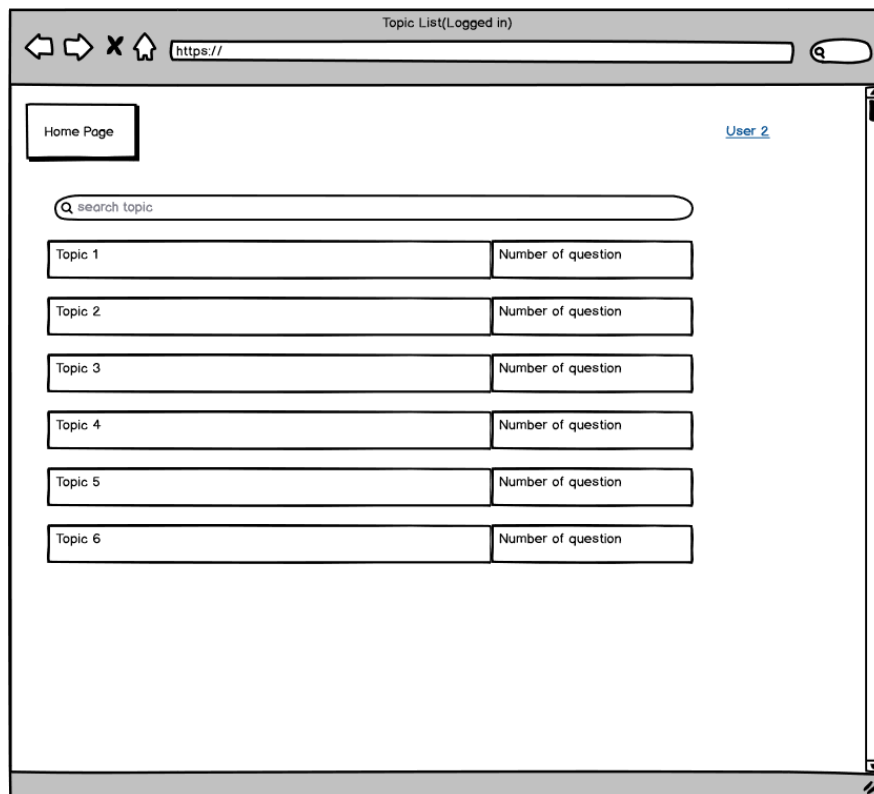
List of topics as seen by a non-authenticated visitor.



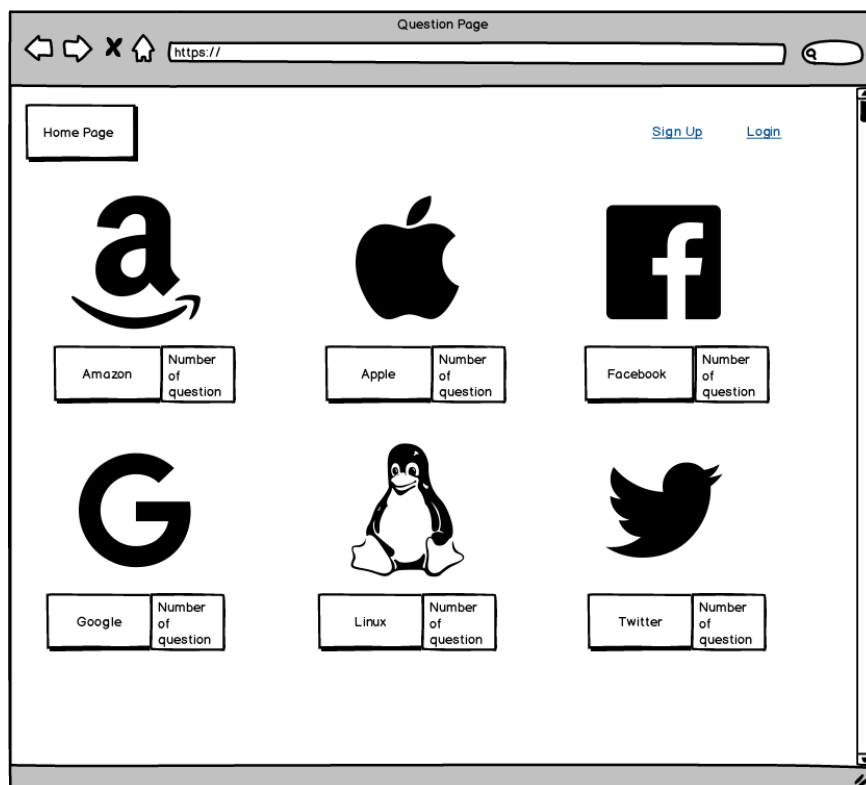
A browser window titled "Topic List" with a URL bar showing "https://". The page has a "Home Page" link in the top left and "Sign Up" and "Login" links in the top right. Below the links is a search bar with the placeholder text "search topic". The main content is a table with 6 rows, each representing a topic and its number of questions.

Topic	Number of question
Topic 1	Number of question
Topic 2	Number of question
Topic 3	Number of question
Topic 4	Number of question
Topic 5	Number of question
Topic 6	Number of question

List of questions as seen upon authentication.

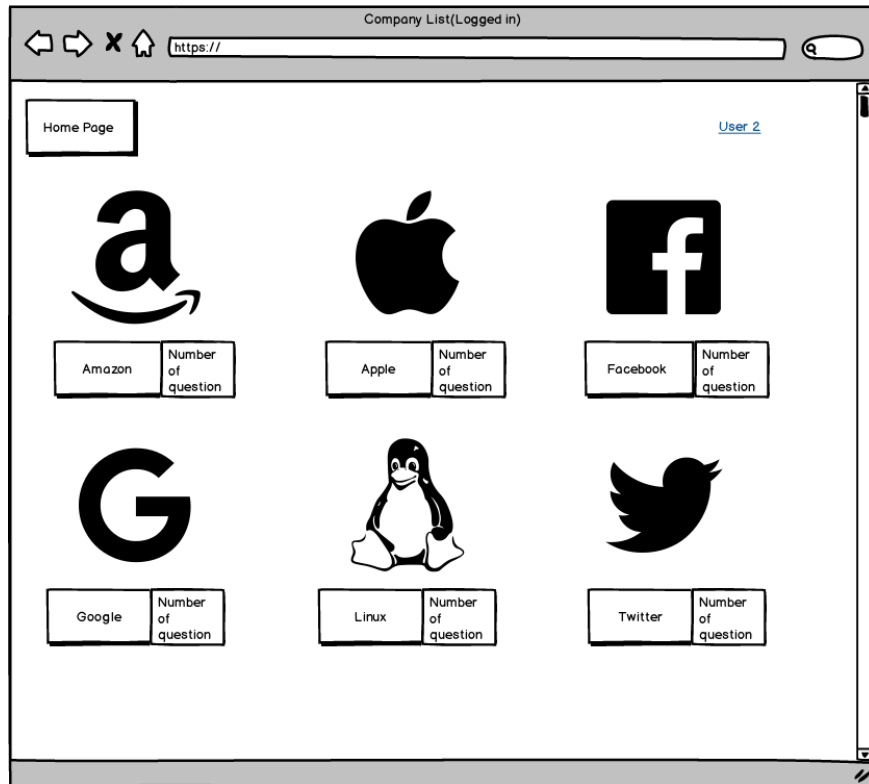


Page listing all the companies with alongside with their logos.



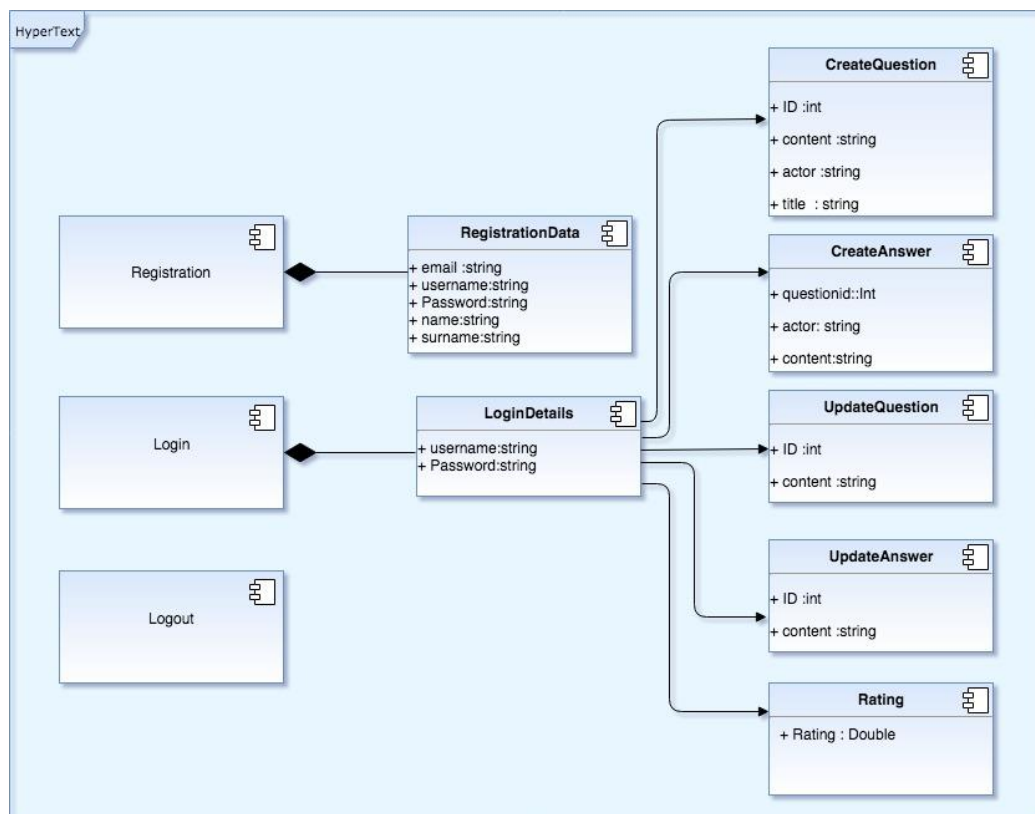


Page listing all the companies with alongside with their logos as seen upon login.



## 2. Hypertext Model

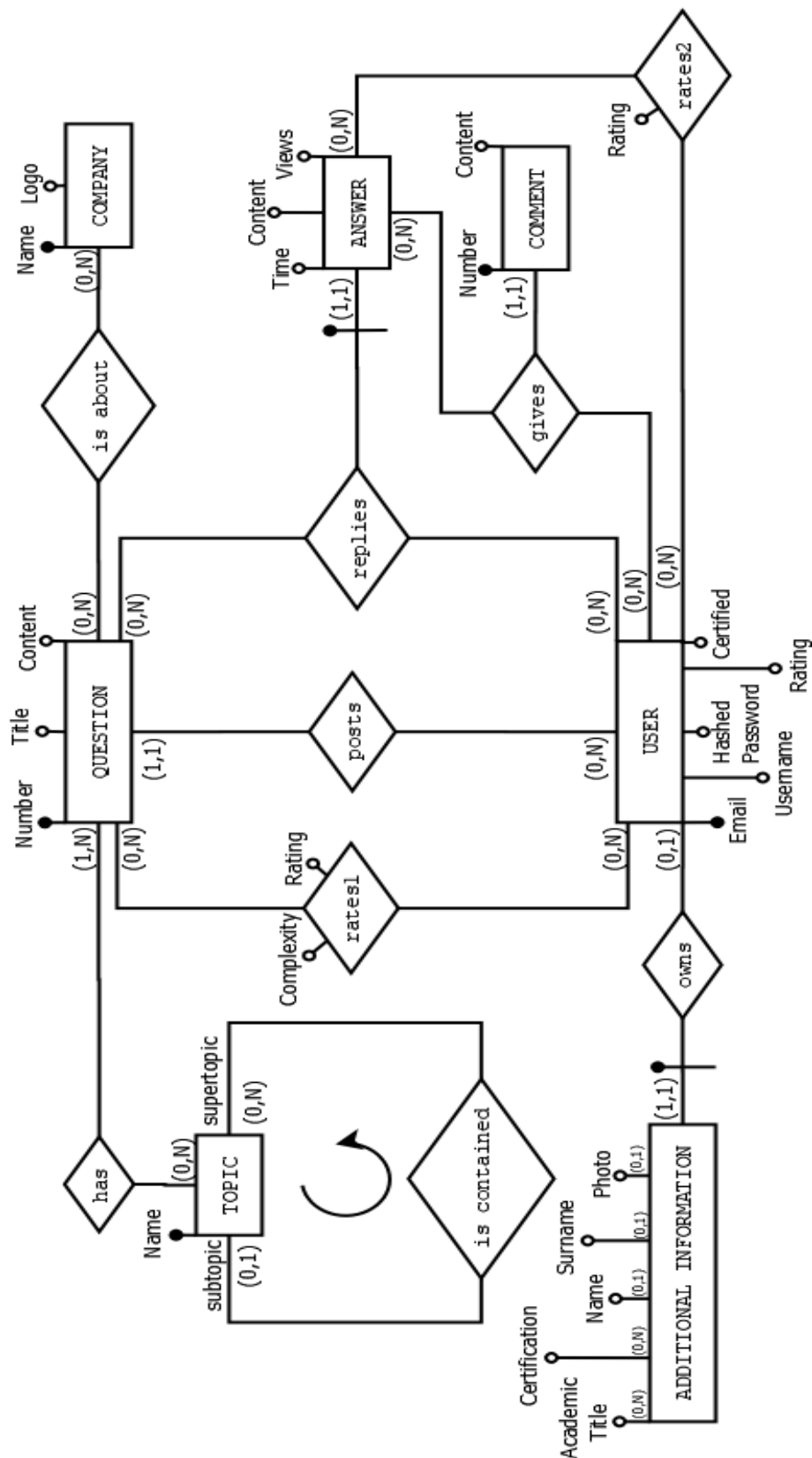
The following image provides a sample representation of the hypertext model for the web application. It illustrates the data to be inserted at the moment of registration and that, upon login, a user can create and update his questions and answers and provide ratings.



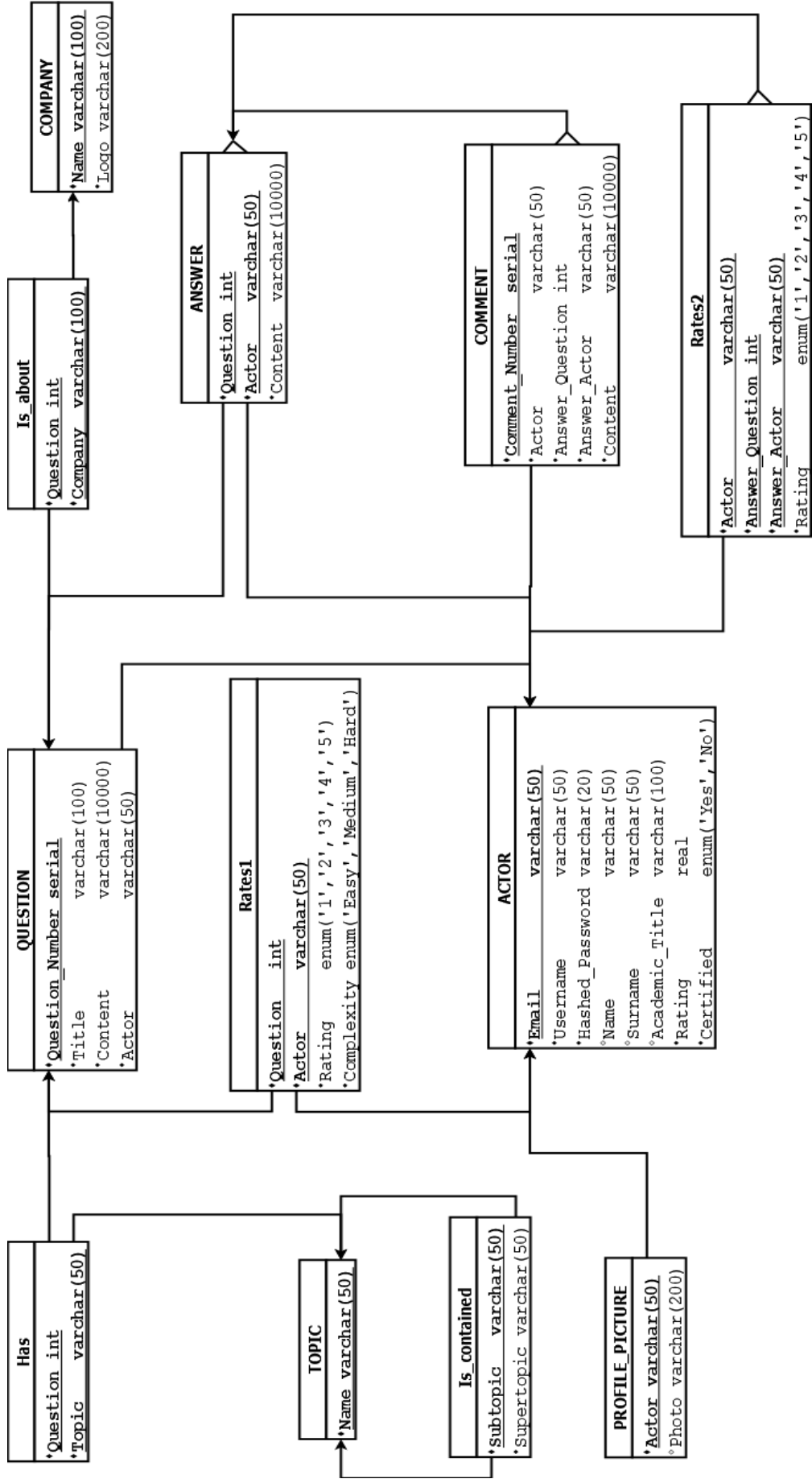
## Data Logic

The two following sections contain the full ER schema for the Web Applications database and the corresponding mapping to Relational Schema.

### 1. Entity-Relationship Schema



2. Relational Schema



## Business Logic

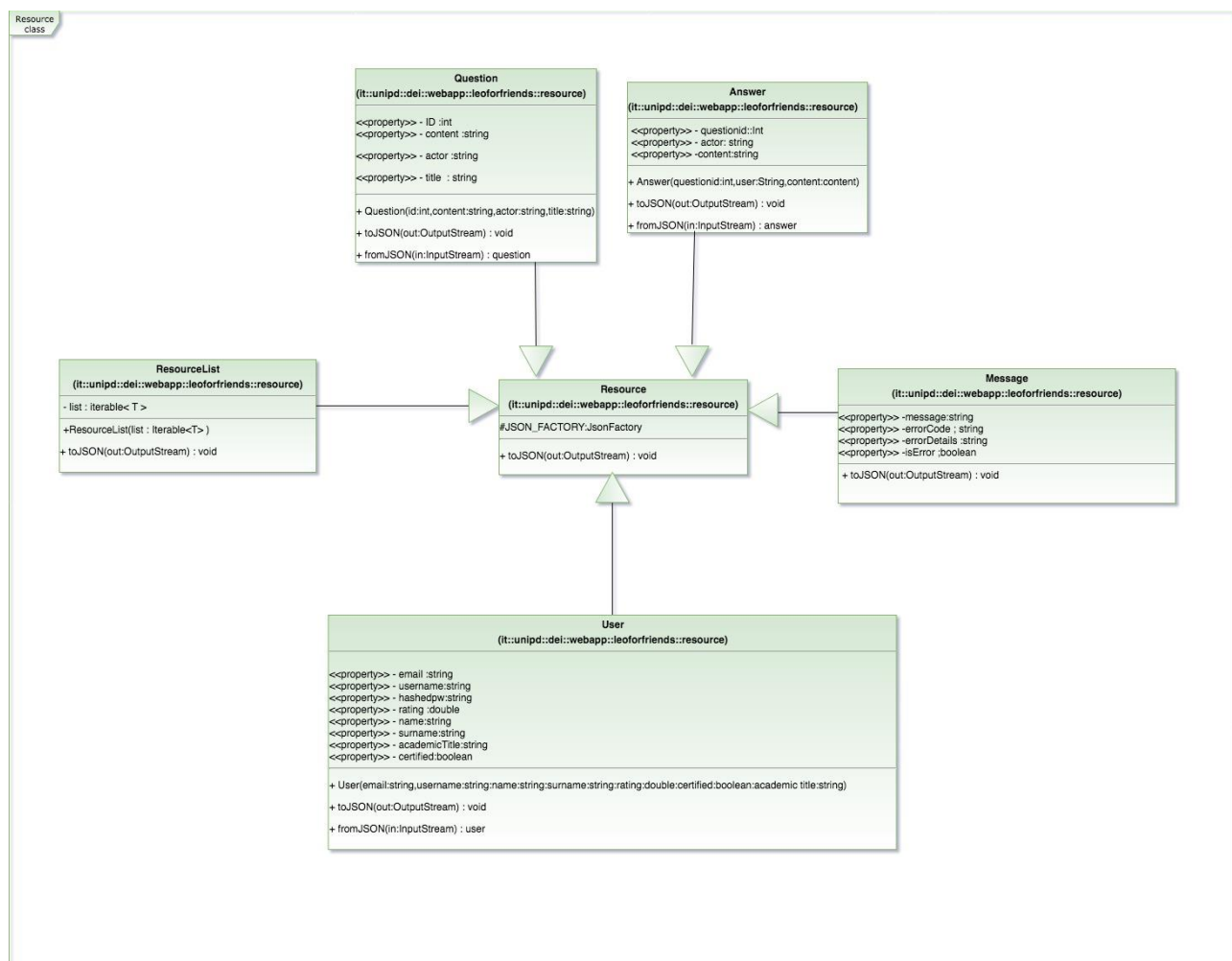
### 1. UML Class Schema

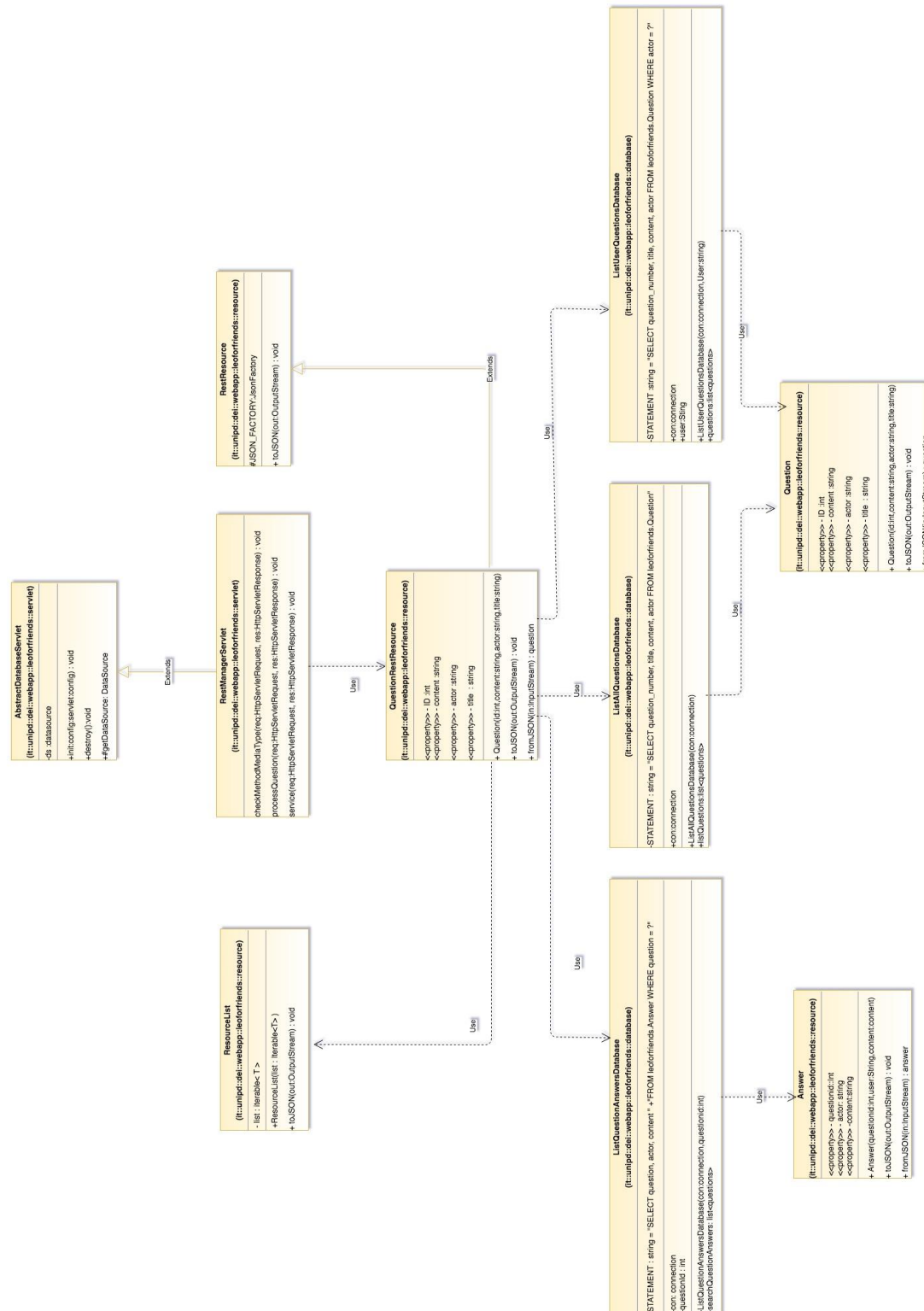
This section contains a list of images explaining the dependencies between the classes composing the web application.

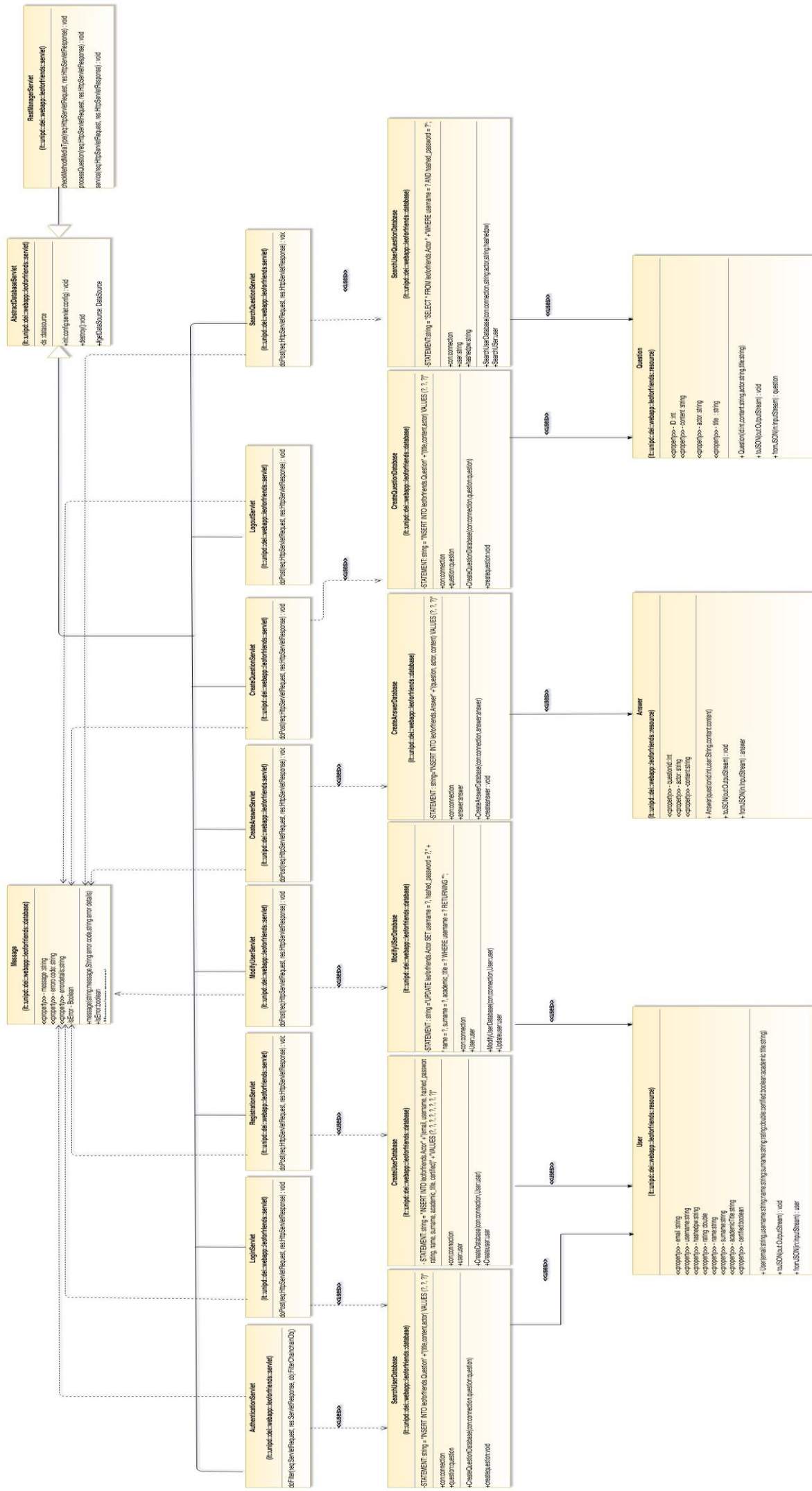
The first one illustrates the dependencies of the resource (JavaBeans) part of the application: all the classes extend the Resource one in order to inherit JSON-related methods.

The second image represents the class dependencies of the classes used to expose REST services (better explained in the dedicated section at the end of this document).

Eventually, the last image illustrates how the class composing the servlet part (interfaced via JSPs): all the Servlet extend AbstractDatabaseServlet to manage the pool of connections to the DB and use a similarly-named DAO class to retrieve information from the Data Layer. These last classes make use of the Resources illustrated by the first image.

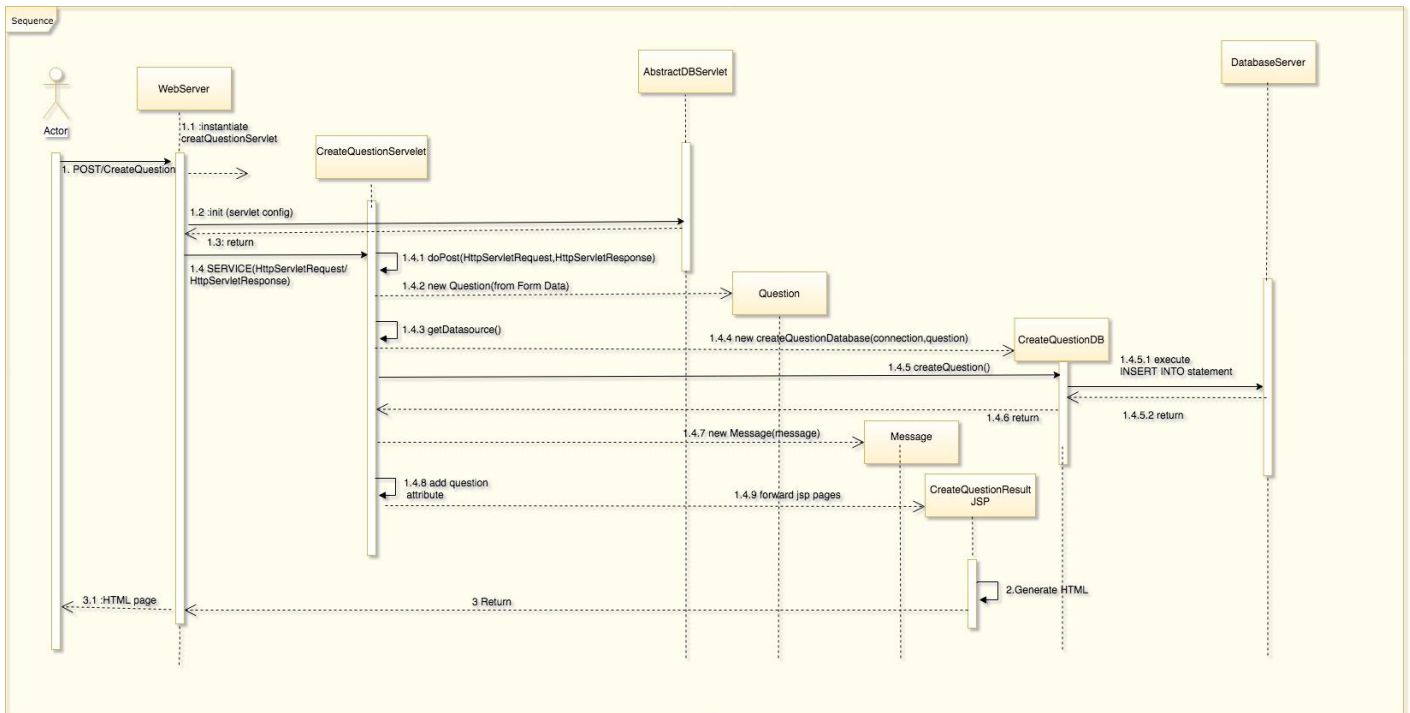






## 2. UML Sequence Diagram

The below figure illustrates a representative instance of the UML sequence diagrams for the web applications. More specifically, it explains the processes instantiated in the server upon the posting of a new question: when an instance of CreateQuestionServlet is called via POST method, the Web Server configures it and invokes the doPost method (requiring the connection to the DB provided by AbstractDatabaseServlet methods) which passes the posted content to the CreateQuestionDatabase class for insertion into the DB Server. The result is returned to the servlet, which forwards the result to a JSP page called create-question-result.



### 3. REST API Documentation

This web application exposes, via REST API, the functionalities listed in the following table.

URI	METHOD	DESCRIPTION
REST/questions	GET	List all the questions.
REST/questions/users/{user id}	GET	List all the question of the user.
REST/questions/question/{id}	GET	List all the answer of a question.

Here follows a list of three examples of JSON resources to be passed to each URI for the proper functioning of the web application.

#### GET REST/questions HTTP/1.1

Accept = application/JSON

```
{
  "resource-list": [
    {
      "question": {
        "id": 1,
        "user": "zhangguang"
        "title": "job interview in Wtd company"
        "content": "In my CV do I need to put all the previous work experience?"
        "link": "http://leoforfriends-1.00/REST/question/1"
      }
    },
    {
      "question": {
        "id": 2
        "user": "gian"
        "title": "job interview in Google company"
        "content": "Tomorrow I have a job interview in the Google company. What I need to bring with me?"
        "link": "http://leoforfriends-1.00/REST/question/2"
      }
    },
    {
      "question": {
        "id": 3,
        "user": "zhangguang"
        "title": "job interview in Amazon company"
        "content": "Yesterday I had a job interview in the Amazon company and they said that they will call me when they have the result. I want to ask more or less how many days do I need to wait"
        "link": "http://leoforfriends-1.00/REST/question/3"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```



## GET REST/questions/users/zhangguang HTTP/1.1

Accept = application/JSON

```
{
  "resource-list":[
    {
      "question":{
        "id":1,
        "title":"job interview in Wtd company"
        "content":"In my CV do I need to put all the previous work experience?"
        "link":"http://leoforfriends-1.00/REST/question/1"
      }
    },
    {
      "question":{
        "id":3,
        "title":"job interview in Amazon company"
        "content":"Yesterday I had a job interview in the Amazon company and
        they said that they will call me when they have the result. I want to ask
        more or less how many days do I need to wait"
        "link":"http://leoforfriends-1.00/REST/question/3"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

## GET REST/questions/question/3 HTTP/1.1

Accept = application/JSON

```
{
  "resource-list":[
    {
      "answer"{
        "id":3,
        "username"="giova"
        "content"="At least 5-6 days"
      }
    },
    {
      "answer"{
        "id":3,
        "username"="gian"
        "content"="A friend of mine received it after 5 days"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```