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abstract definition source: https://users.ece.cmu.edu/~koopman/essays/abstract.html Problem statement: What problem are you trying to solve?

• Answering the same question multiple times

Motivation: Why do we care about the problem and the results?

Save people time and energy answering the same question

Approach: How did you go about solving or making progress on the problem?

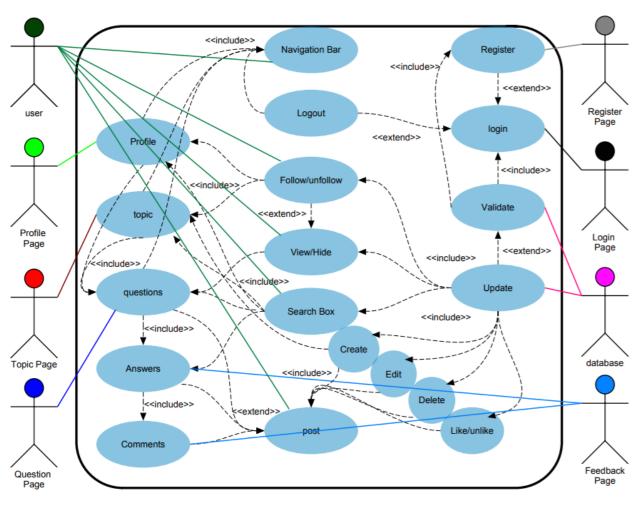
• I made a website called FAQexchange where people post frequently ask questions and answers.

Results: What's the answer?

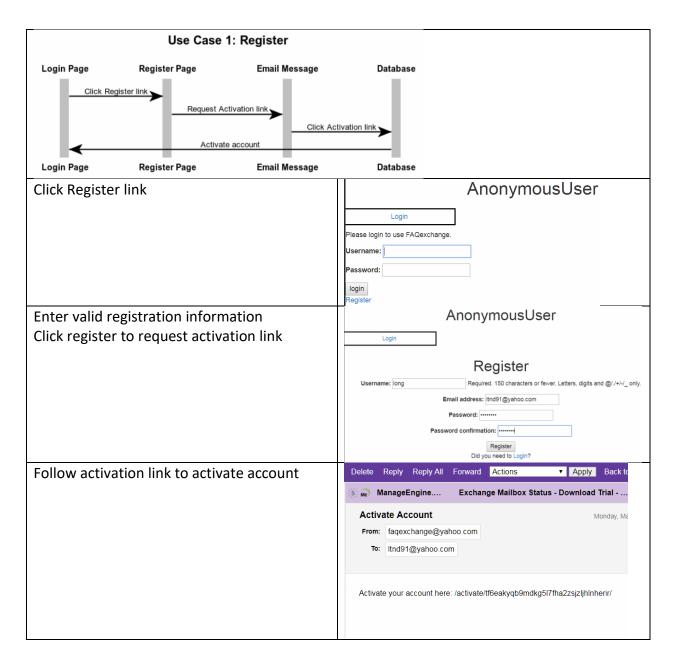
- I can answer question on FAQexchange,
- if someone ask me a question I already answered, I tell them to look at my FAQexchange.

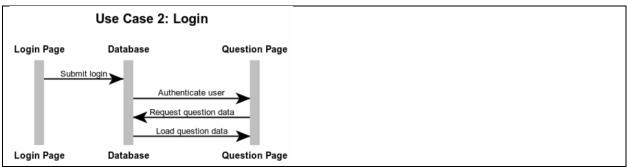
Conclusions: What are the implications of your answer?

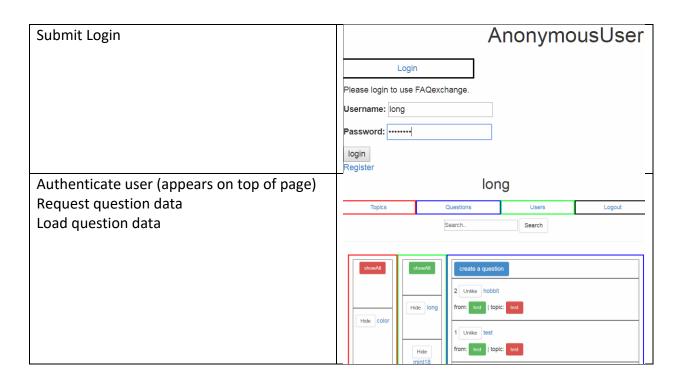
People will look at a person FAQexchange before asking questions

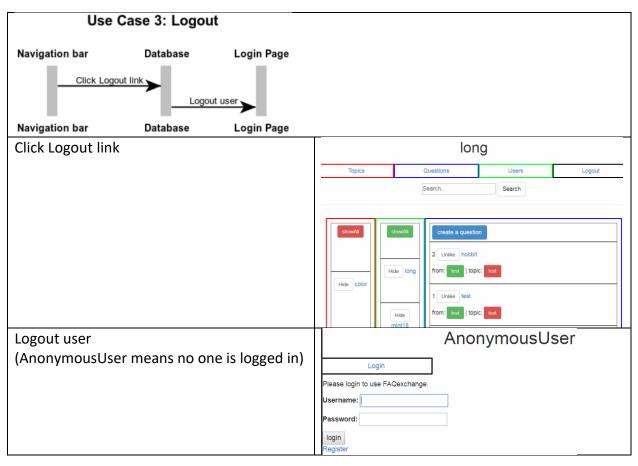


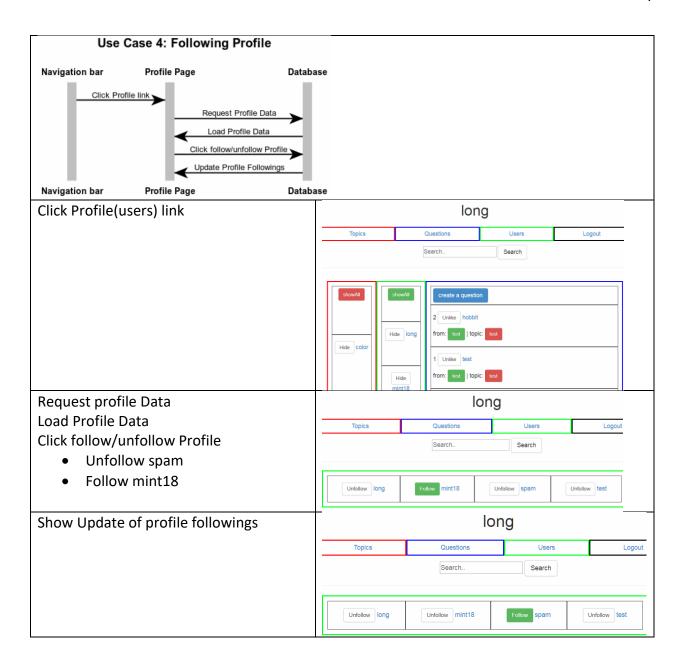
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• User	New User Registration
Profile Page	User Login
Topic Page	 User Logout
Question Page	 Follow/unfollow Profile
Feedback Page	 Follow/unfollow Topic
 Database 	 View/Hide Profile
Login Page	 View/Hide Topic
Register Page	Search Box Filter
	3 types of post: question, answer, comment
	Create a post
	Edit a post
	Like a post
	Delete a post

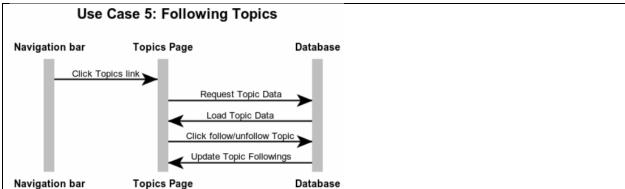


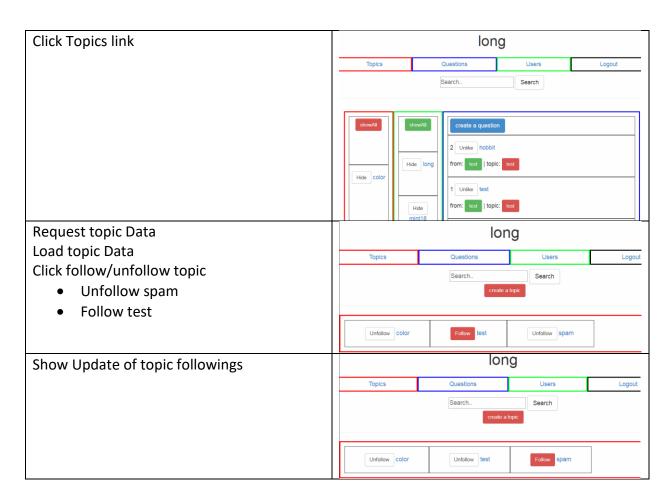


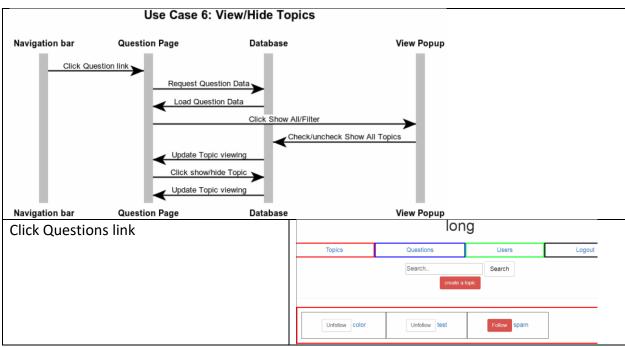


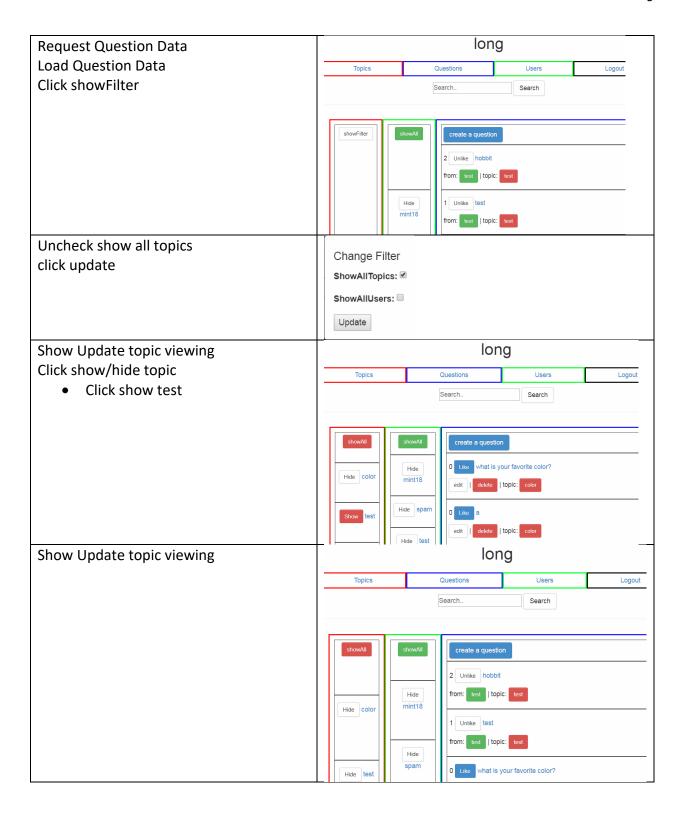


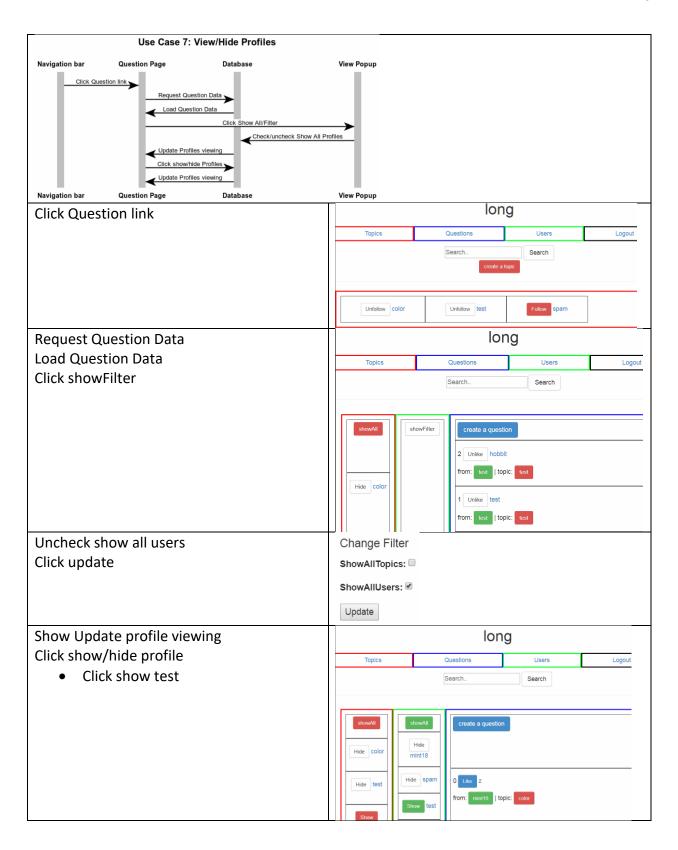


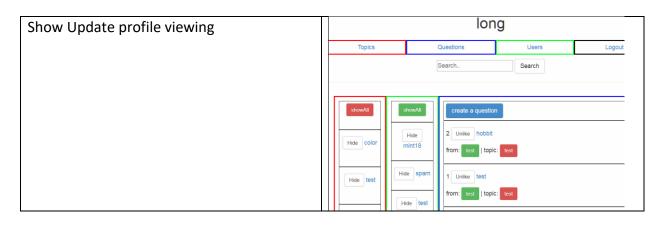


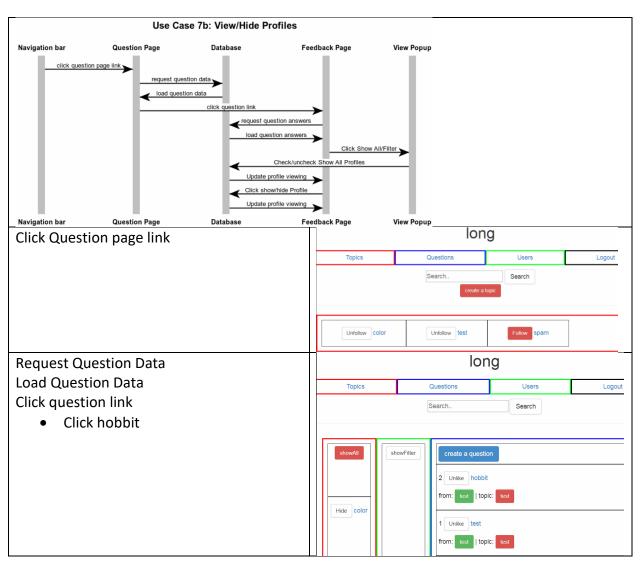


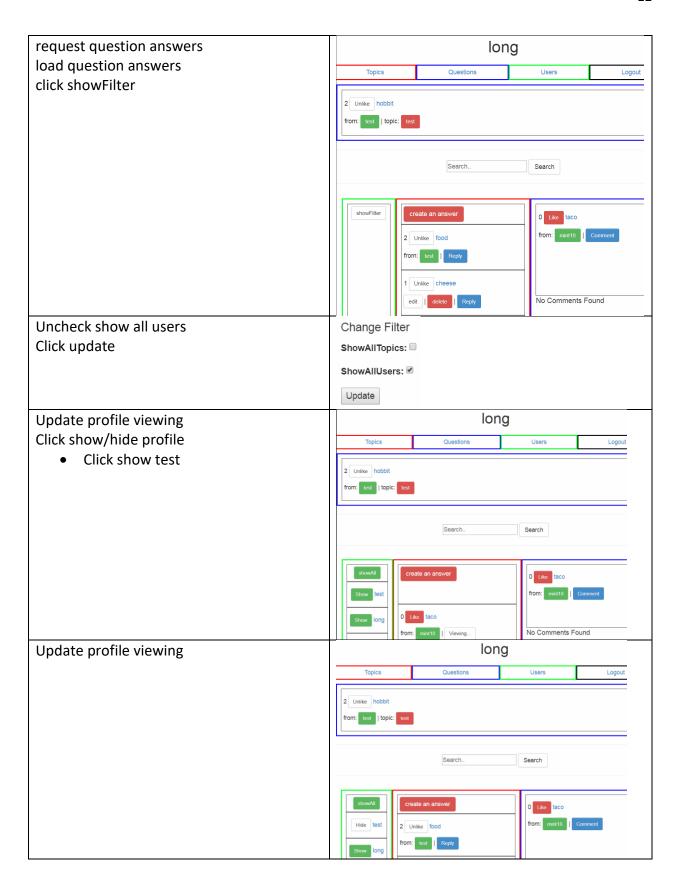


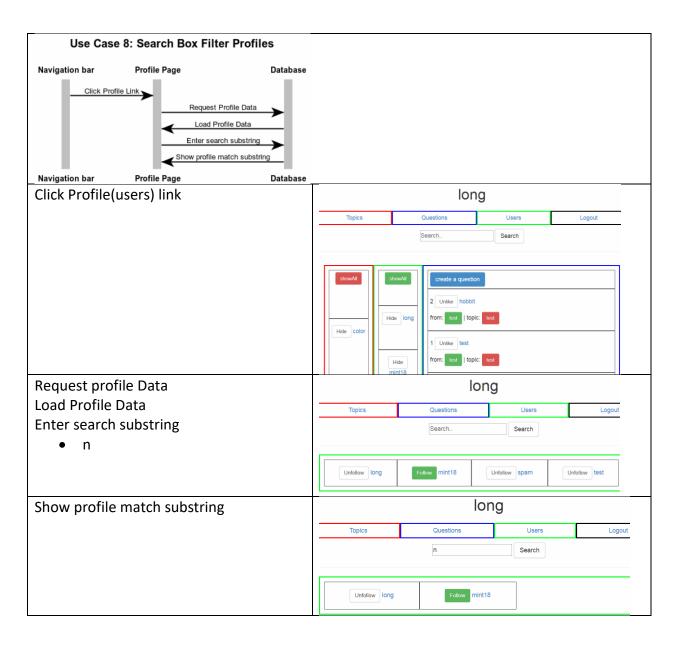


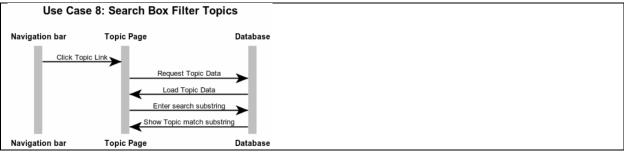


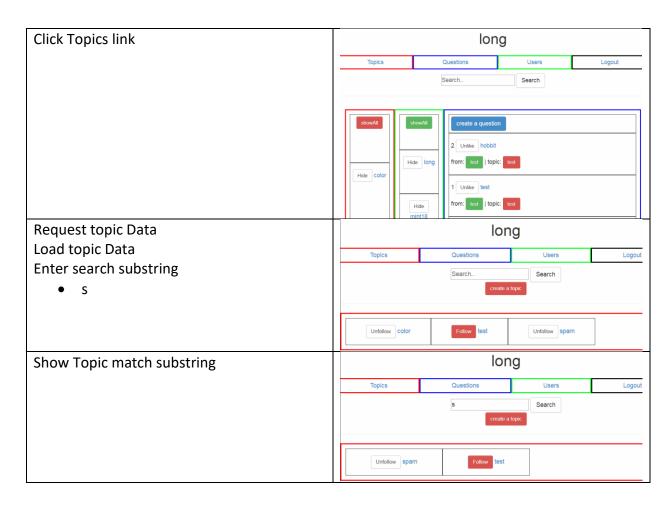


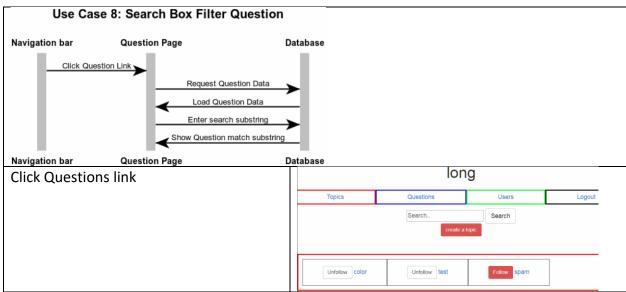


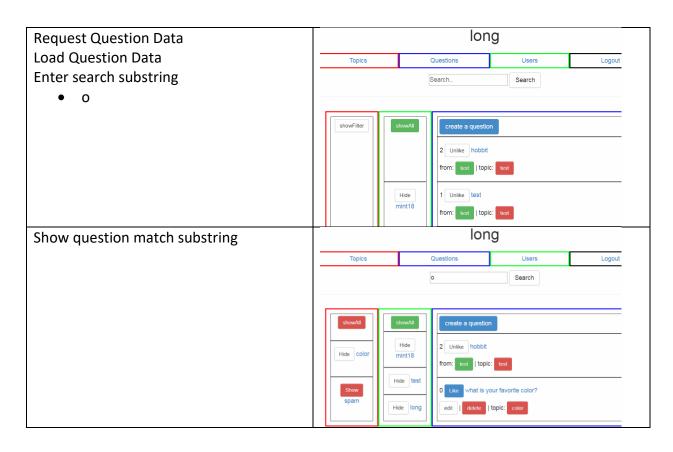


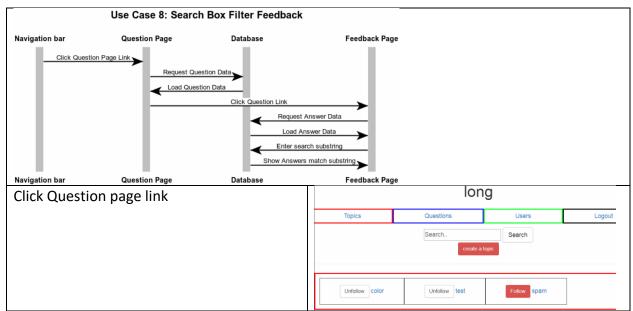


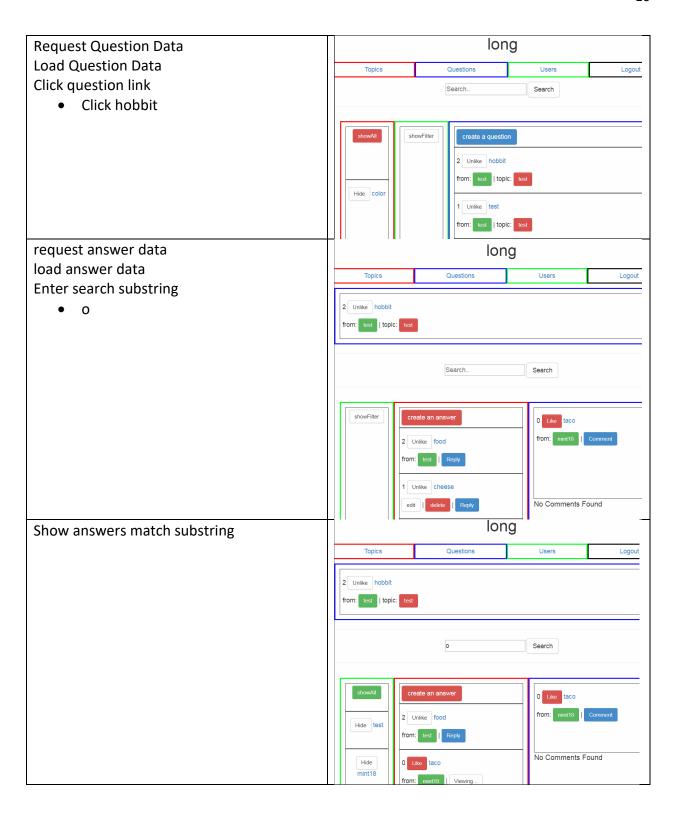


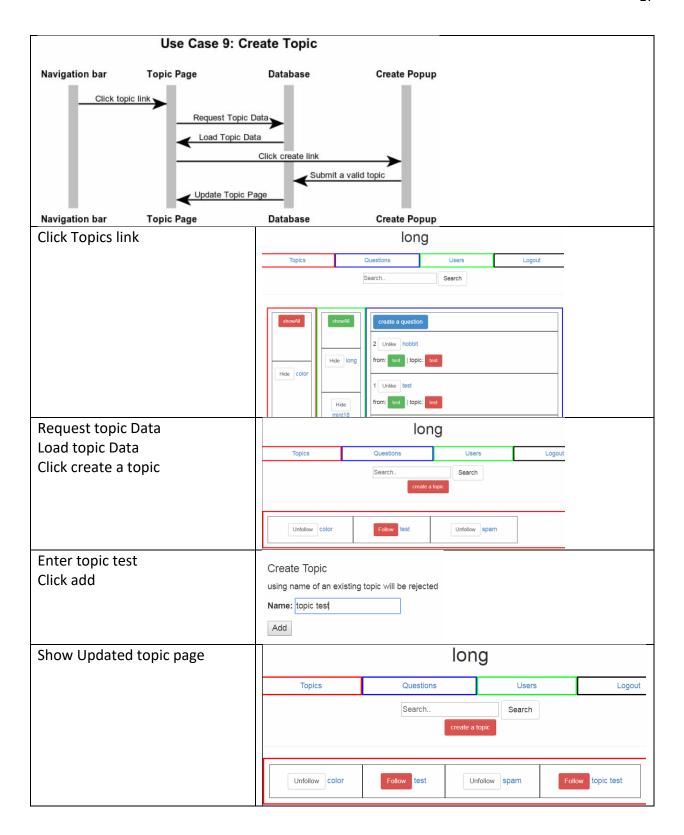


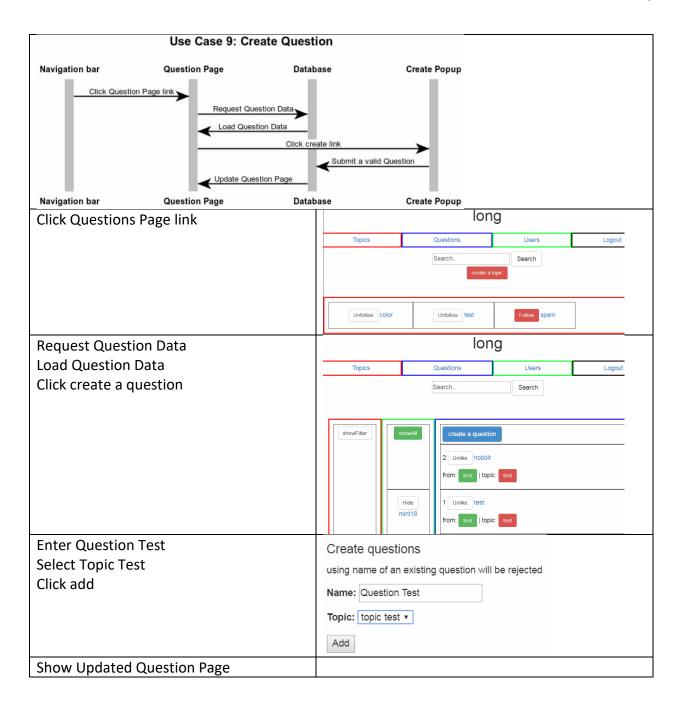


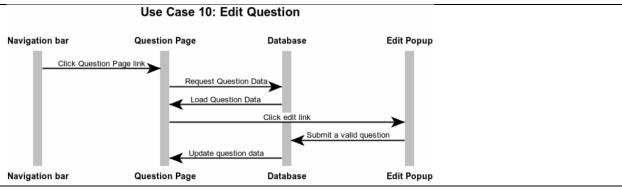


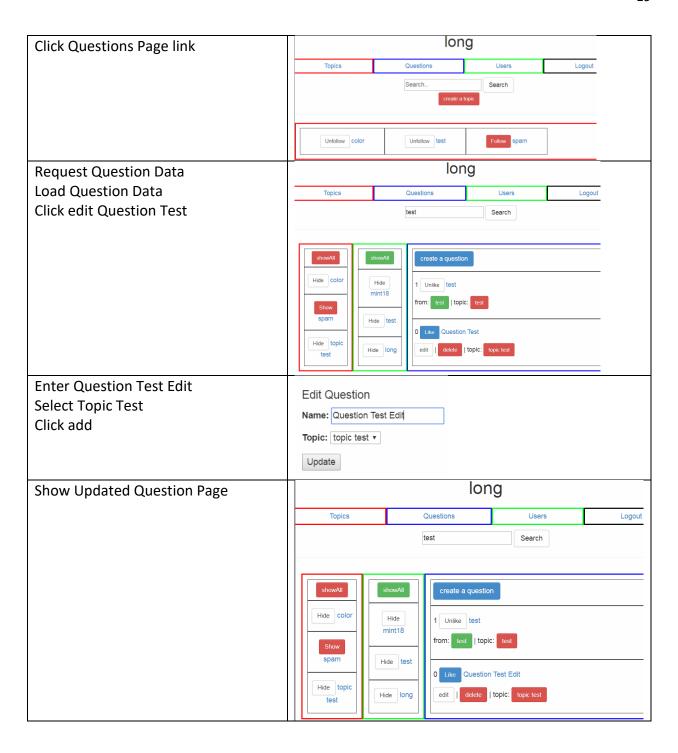


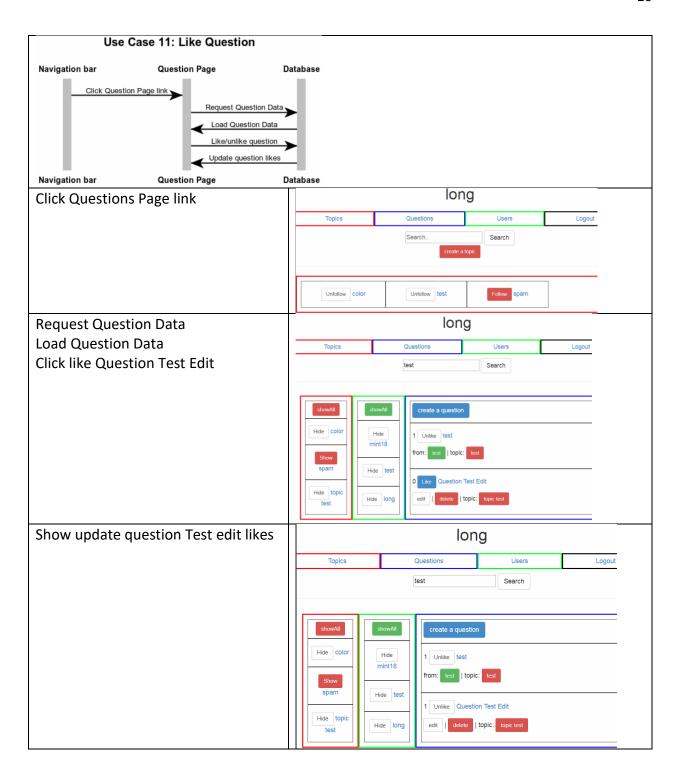


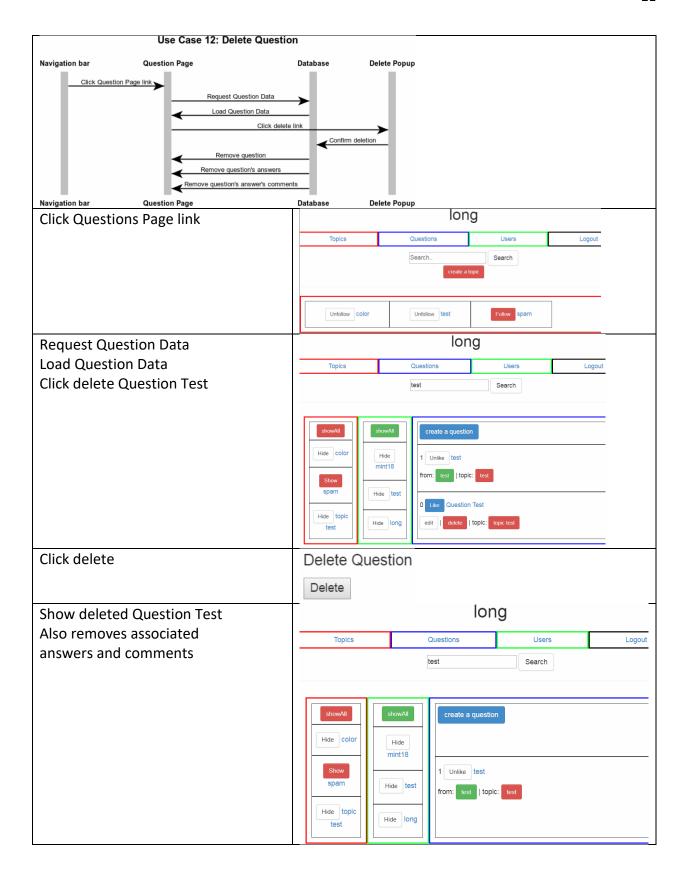


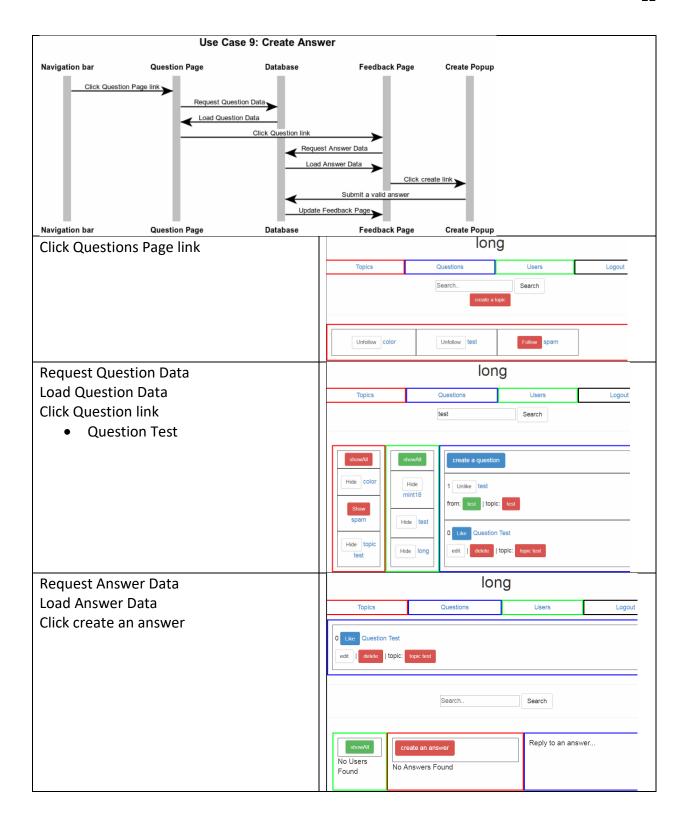


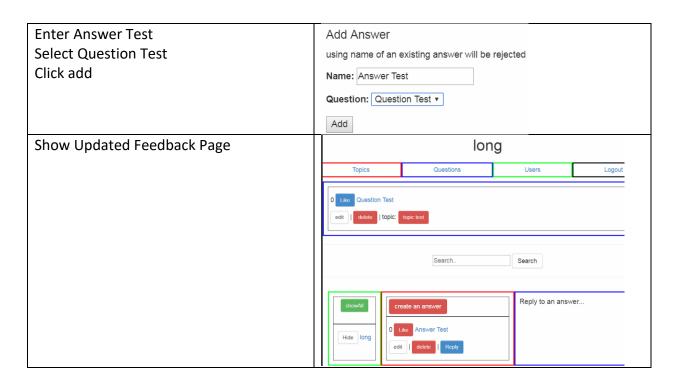


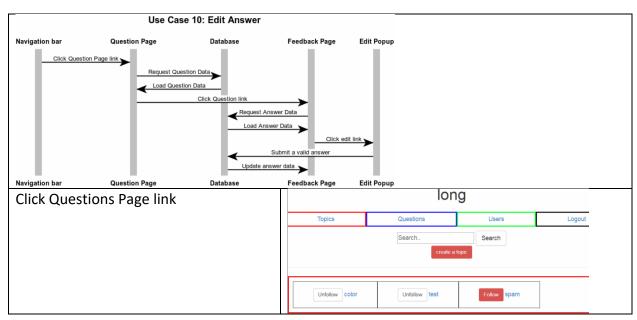


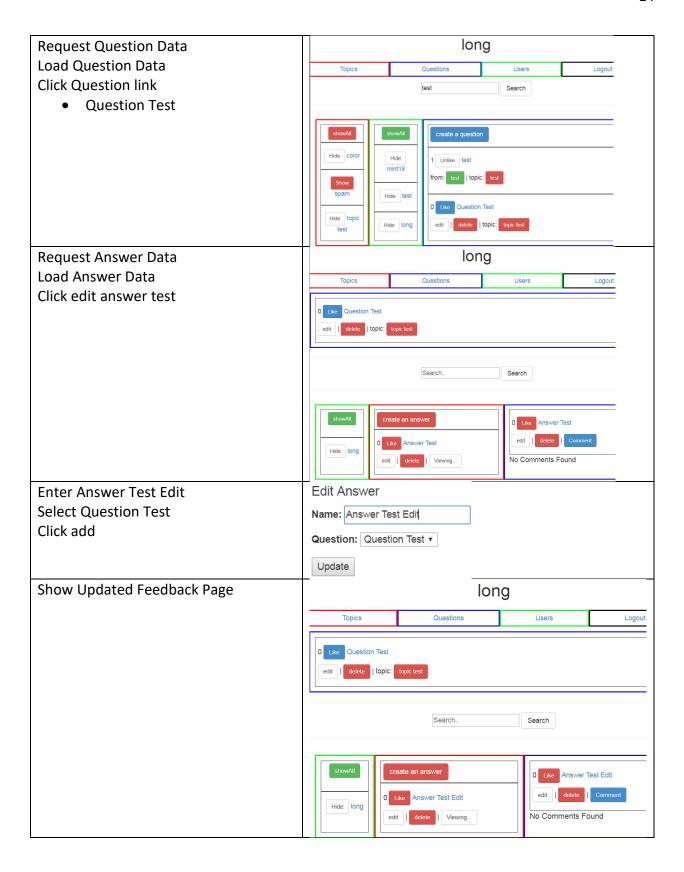


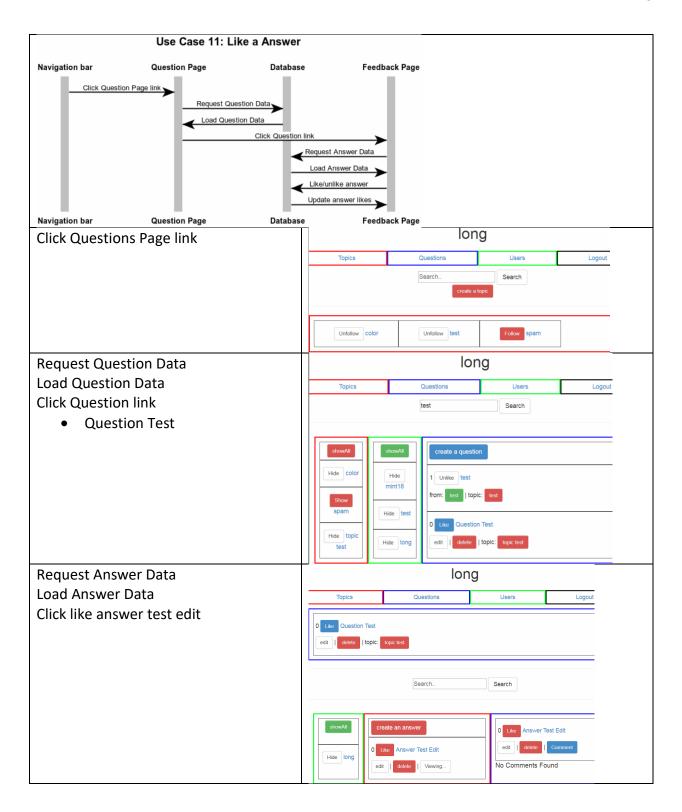


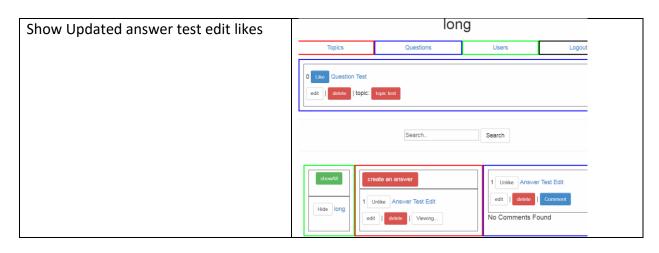


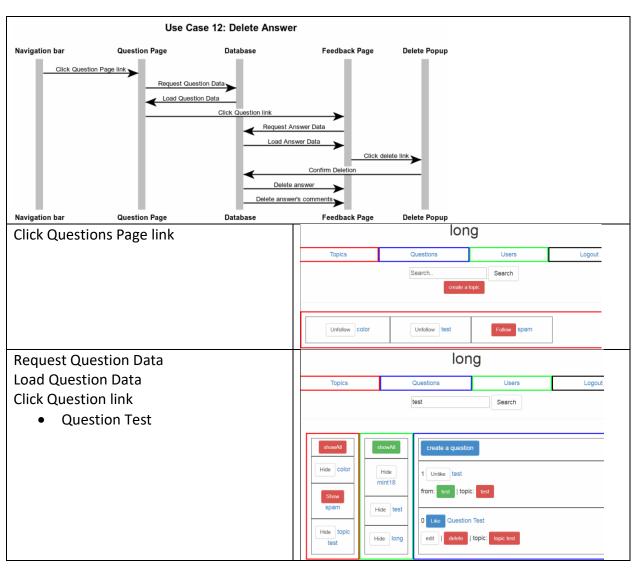


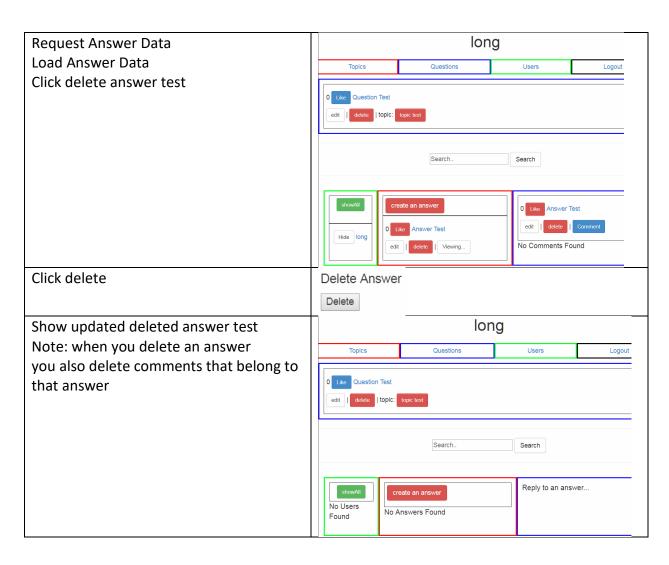


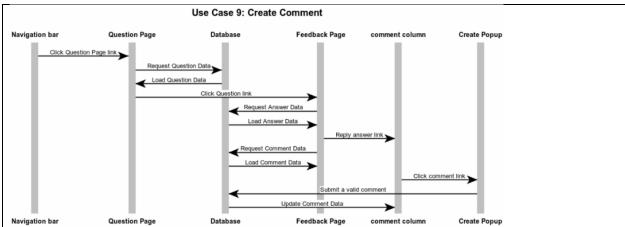


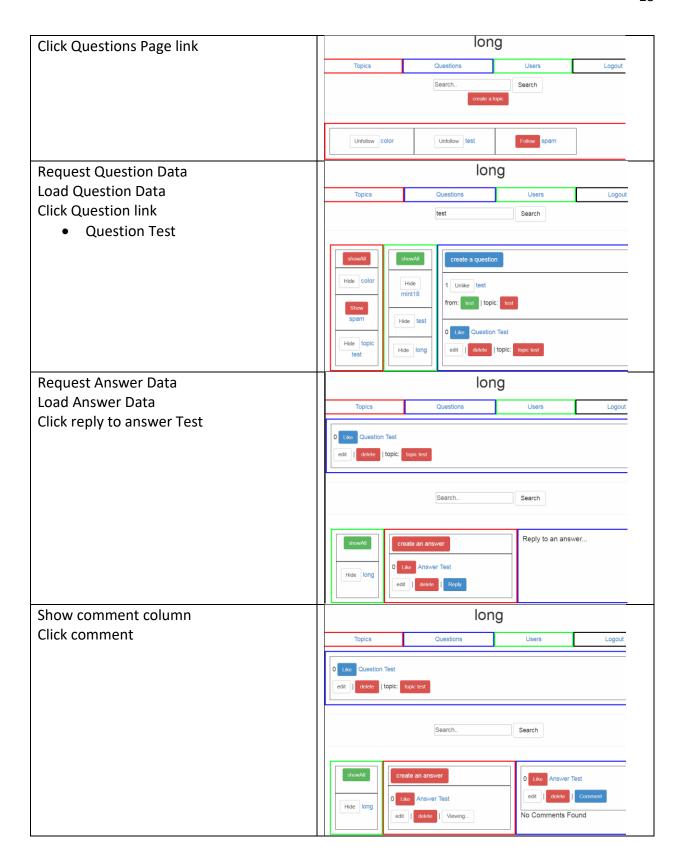


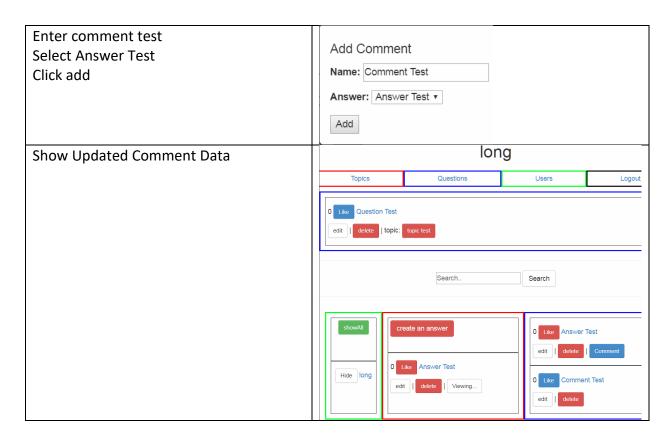


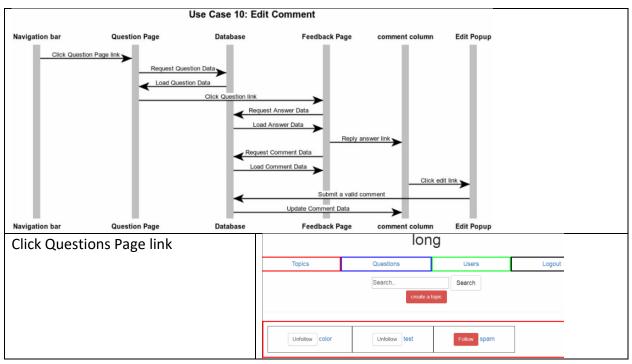


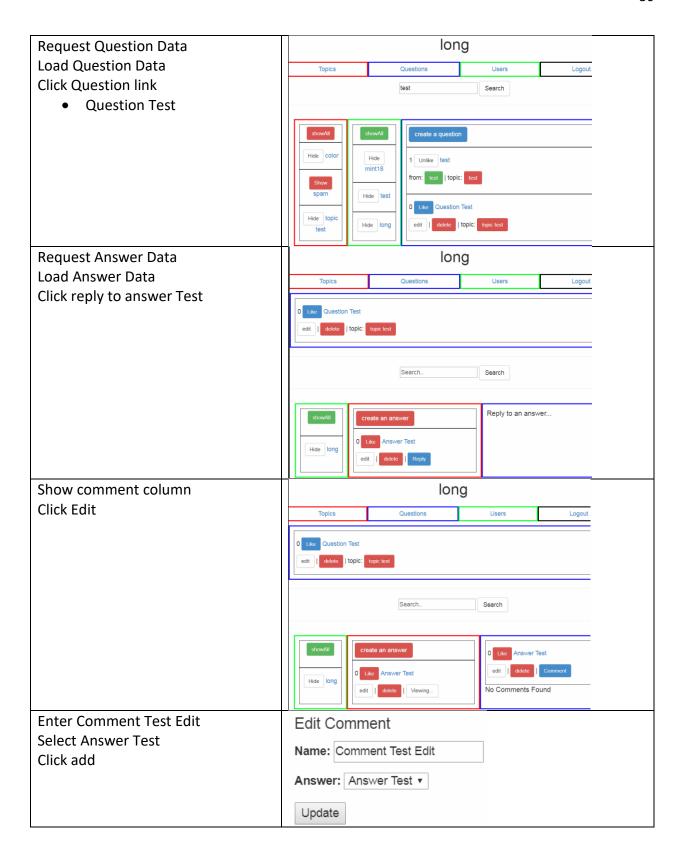


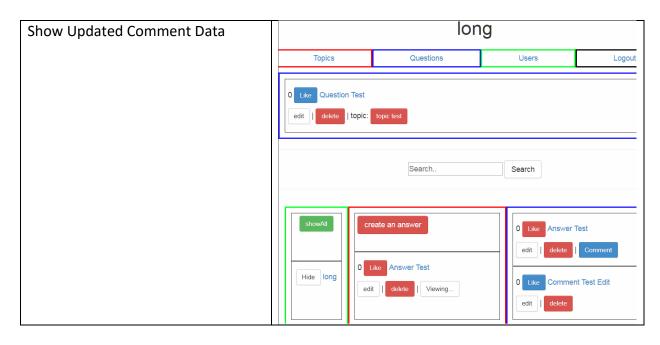


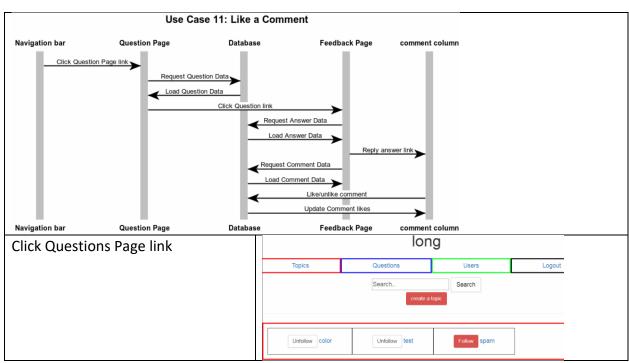


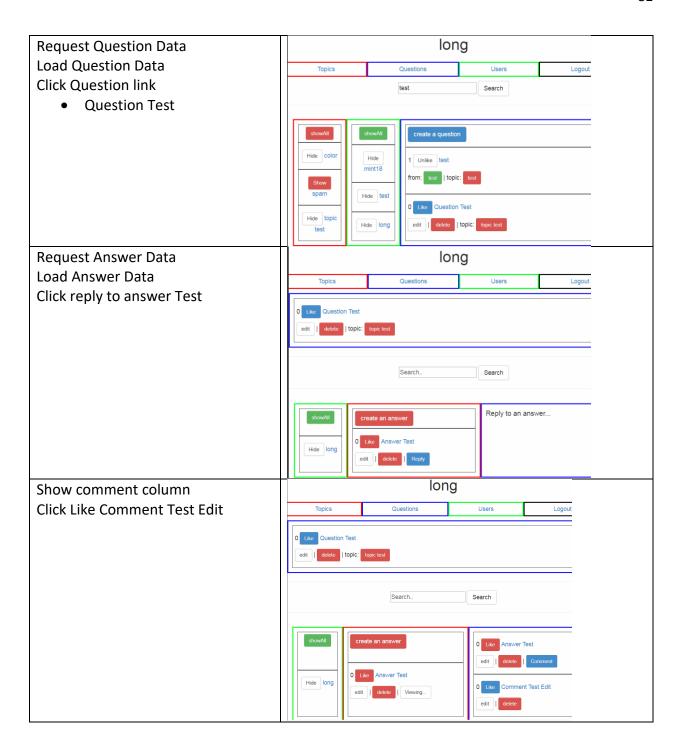


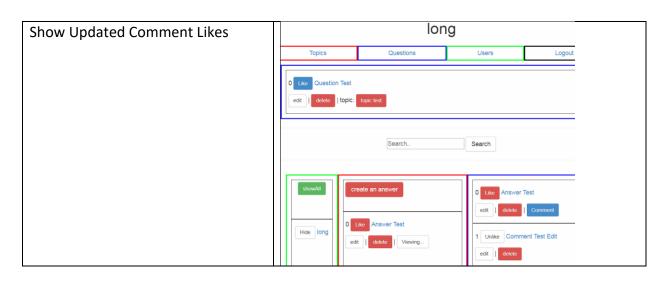


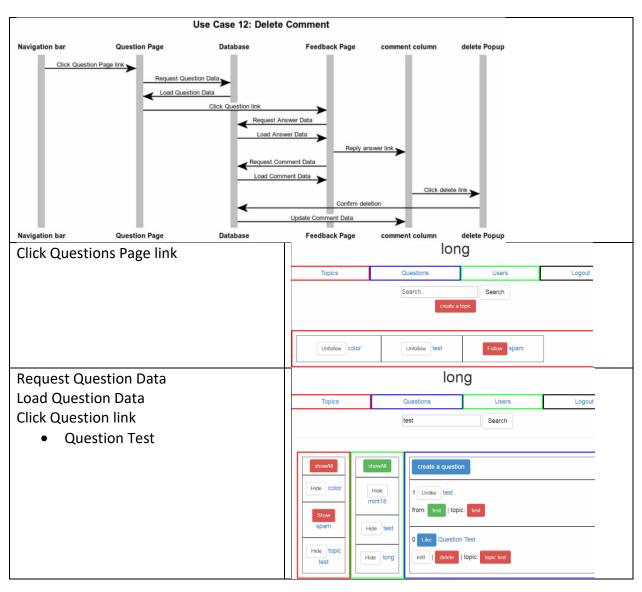


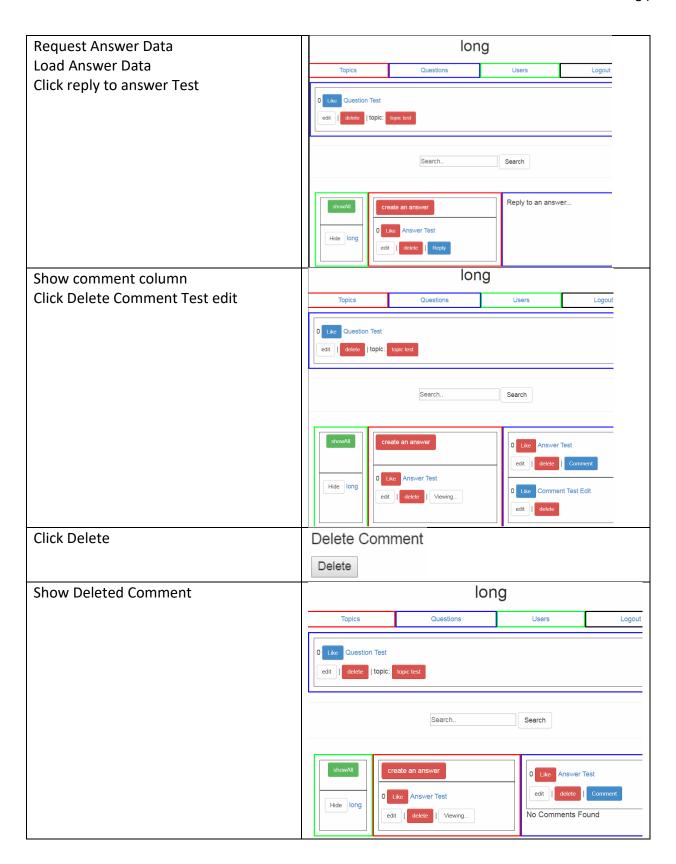


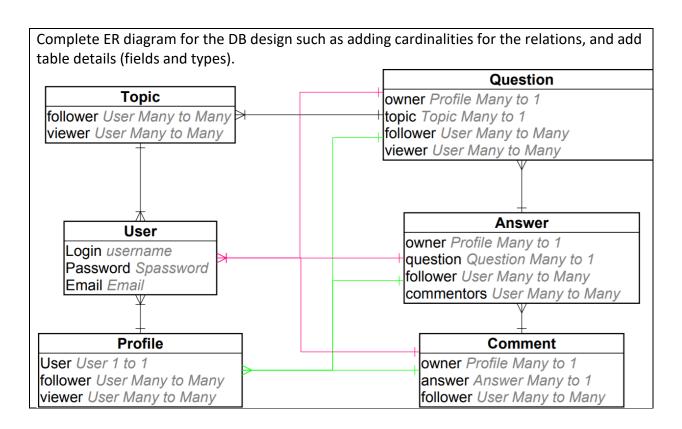


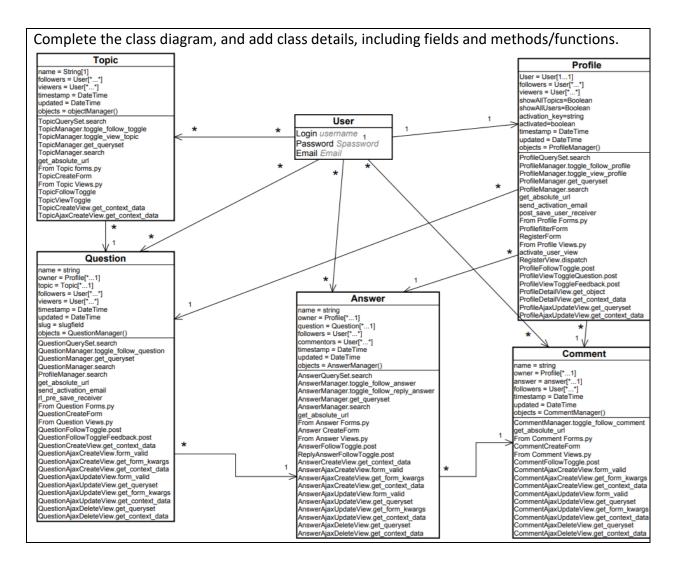












Conclusion

Project works, but is not good enough for public use...

Future work

- Refactor project using react.js to improve ajax performance
- Be able to add pictures to questions and answers
- Be able to add, edit, delete post within the field instead of a popup

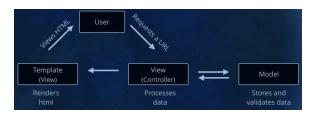
Appendix of source codes

- Web development has too many modules
- listing them out sequential will make it difficult to trace modules and logic
- I will instead include my readme that explains the source code as a substitute.

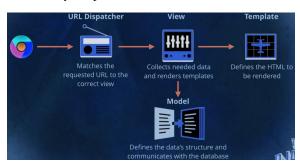
This readme explains how Django web frameworks and an example implementation.

MVC, model view controller is a software design pattern. The model is a database and defines the class objects. The view is the page layout and items, what the user sees. The controller has functions that take in input from users and manipulates the model and view.

I had to learn Django web framework. Django name their controller "view", which mislead people thinking the view is suppose to be a view, but it's actually the controller. The view is named template, and the model is named model.

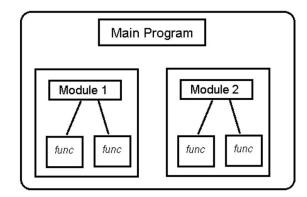


When a user inserts inputs or makes a request a URL, it goes to the url dispatcher to find the view that matches the url, then the view manipulates the model, add, delete, edit data and then sends a response URL to the dispatcher which is sent to the view then is rendered by template.



A Website can have different types of pages and features. It is easier to separate the different features than to have all the different features is one file. Django project supports different apps. We make an app for every different feature of the project.

This is called modularity. Which allows us to call the module in the main program, instead of writing the same code multiple times.



When I make a new app.

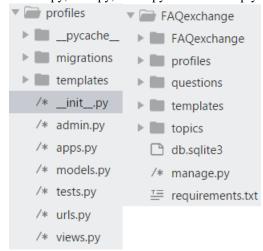
I got to the command line.

I go to the root directory of my Django project I run command: python manage.py startapp appname This creates the app folder in the root directory. For example, in my root, I have 3 apps, profiles, questions, topics.

The profile is the app I just created.

by default it comes with __init__.py (we need this here so python compiler can ignore resolving names that may cause compilation errors)

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/448271/what-is-init-py-for it also comes with admin.py, apps.py, models.py, tests.py, views.py which are empty.



1. I add the app to my FAQexchange/settings/base.py note: __pycache__ is auto-generated by Django to

that have files to compile Django code.



2.I register the app in app/admin.py



3.Next I add the urls to the root url



4. Then I add the url to the app url



5. Then I make the models.py file



6.Then I make the views.py file



7. Then I make the template file



8. Then I go back to Django project directory update the database with new model via: python manage.py makemigrations python manage.py migrate

My project has a total of 5 apps

- Profiles
- Topics
- Questions
- Feedback
- Modal (API for djangoAJAX)

All 5 apps have the same django MVC data flow as the profile app example.



This is the full directory tree of my project and web apps.