
Student Performance Tracker

— Technical Work Summary —

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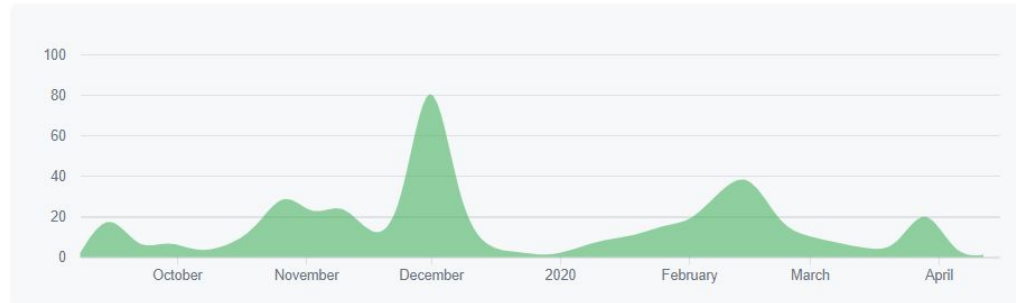
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High-Level Design

The Student Performance Tracker is an

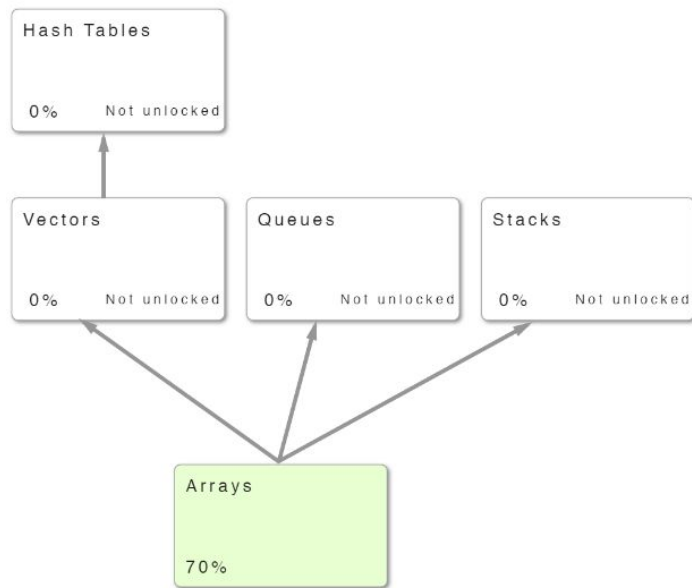
- Online Course Environment
 - Taking (and retaking) Quizzes
 - Reviewing and Administering Grades



High-Level Design

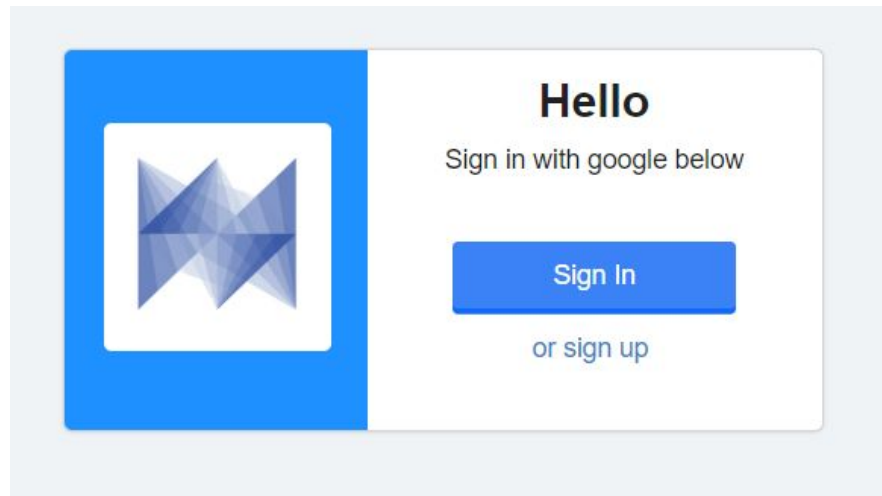
The Student Performance Tracker is a

- Specialized Pedagogical Tool
 - Graph-Based Structure
 - Competency-Bucket Grading
 - Adjustable Grading Metrics



Fall '19 and Spring '20 Goals

- Security
 - Improving Google OAuth efficiency
 - Protecting exposed API Endpoints
- Course Alignment
 - Changing grading policies
 - Locking course topics



Fall '19 and Spring '20 Goals

- Scaling
 - Smarter Queries
 - Batching
 - Less Frontend Computing
- Quizzes
 - Stream Question System
 - Live Feedback
 - Novel Grading Metric

Arrays - 70% Complete

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Questions

Resources

Cancel

Save

- 1) Nam dapibus nisi vitae elit fringilla rutrum. Aenean sollicitudin, erat a elementum rutrum, neque sem pretium metus, quis mollis nisi nunc et massa. Vestibulum sed metus in lorem
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What We're Working With

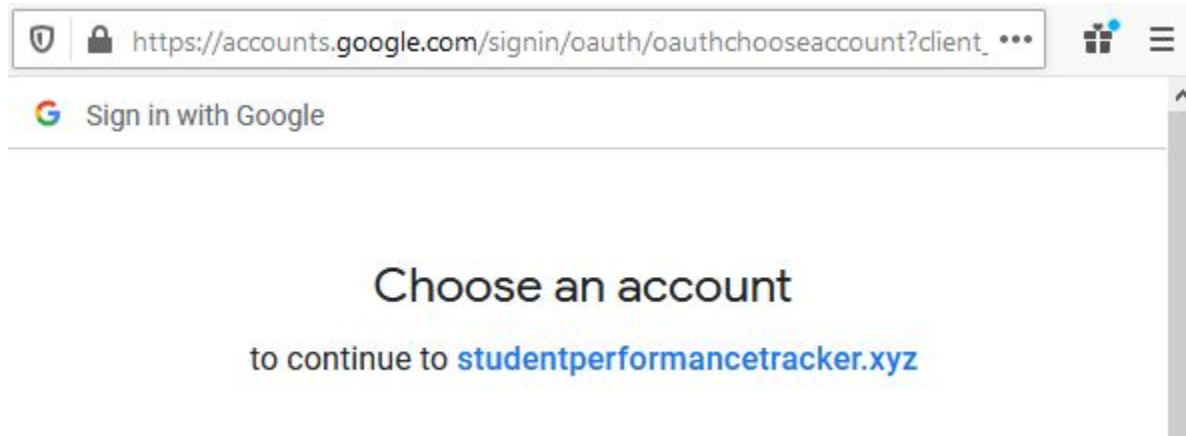
Tech & Tools Used

- Django, Django REST Framework
- Vue, Vuex
- PostgreSQL
- HTML, Javascript, CSS, Webpack
- Docker, Docker Compose
- Nginx
- Gunicorn
- Letsencrypt, Certbot
- Bash helper scripts
- Travis-CI



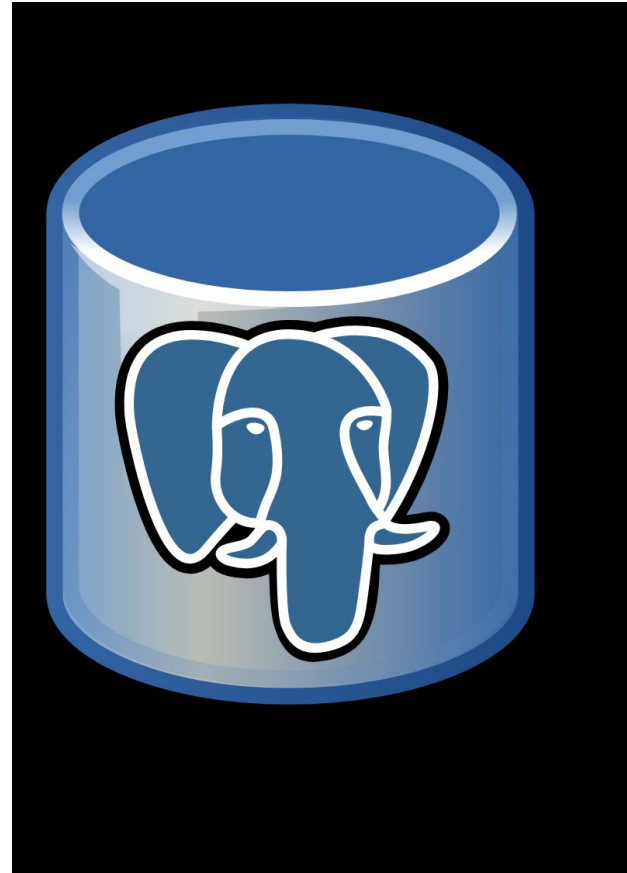
Backend

- Authentication Classes with OAuth
- REST framework and tests all needed to authenticate properly



Backend

- Models were re-written
- Views were re-written to work with new models
- Rewrite backend tests



Frontend Tools

- Vue/Vuex
- Javascript & HTML



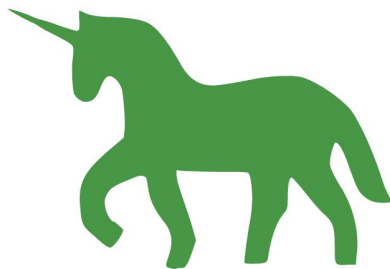
Frontend Challenges

- Vuex was unfamiliar to the team at first
- Testing frontend properly was difficult
- Previous team left us with hardly any functional tests



Getting the codebase ready for production

- Nginx and Gunicorn replace the django dev server
- Nginx replaces npm serve
- One bash script to enable HTTPS



gunicorn

4 Goals for the Student Performance Tracker

1. Security and Authentication
2. Performance at Scale
3. Course Alignment
4. Quizzes and Grading

1. Security and Authentication

- Student grades were viewable by anyone
- Google Oauth tokens were exposed
- No HTTPS

ⓘ Not secure | web.mit.edu

```
1 [
2   {
3     "grade": 90,
4     "student": 2,
5     "assignment": 1
6   },
7   {
8     "grade": 98,
9     "student": 4,
10    "assignment": 1
11  },
12  {
13    "grade": 78,
14    "student": 4,
15    "assignment": 2
16  },
17  {
18    "grade": 89,
19    "student": 4,
20    "assignment": 4
21  },
22 ]
```

Django REST Framework Auth and Permissions

- Grades only viewable by that student, or by professors
- Removed hundreds of lines of code
- Secured passwords, tokens, quiz answers
- Added HTTPS

```
4  # Check if the user is a professor
5  class IsProfessor(permissions.BasePermission):
6      def has_permission(self,request,view):
7          is_prof = hasattr(request.user,'is_professor') and request.user.is_professor == True
8          #print("Is prof:", is_prof)
9          return is_prof
```


2. Performance at Scale

- Added pagination at DB level
- Minimized data sent to frontend
- Calculate and cascade grades only when necessary
- Moved work from frontend to backend

```
6 # Execute update_topic_grade when StudentToAssignment grades are changed
7 @receiver(post_save, sender=StudentToAssignment)
8 def grade_save(sender, **kwargs):
9     instance = kwargs.get('instance')
10    created = kwargs.get('created')
11    if instance.previous_grade != instance.grade or created:
12        update_topic_grade(instance.student.pk, instance.assignment.topic.pk)
```

Connor Smith

Assignment	Grade
Arrays Quiz	98

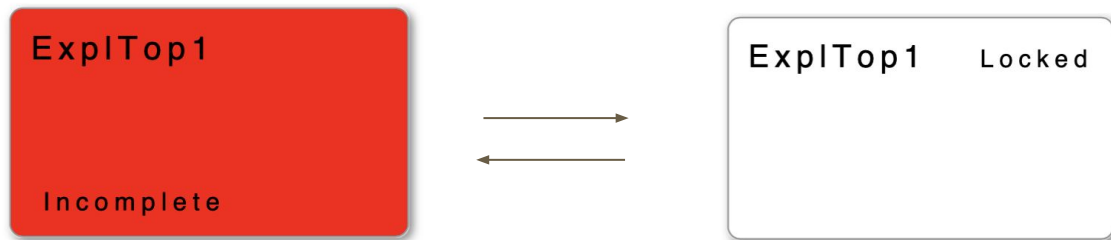
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3. Course Alignment

Goal: Bring the features of the app into alignment with the professor's desired course structure.

3. Course Alignment

A) Topic Locking



Topic Lock

You may lock this topic to make it unavailable to students or unlock it to make it available again.

Lock Topic

3. Course Alignment

B) Grade Display and Grade Cascading



ExplTop1 - 55% Complete



ExplTop1 - 77.5% Complete



ExplTop1 - 90% Complete

3. Course Alignment

C) Tools and Individual Grading

Corey Lando

Assignment	Grade
easyassignment1	80
easyassignment2	100



Student

Corey Lando

Assignment

easyassignment3

Grade

85



Add/Update Grade

Corey Lando

Assignment	Grade
easyassignment1	80
easyassignment3	85



Student

Corey Lando

Assignment

easyassignment2

Remove Grade

3. Course Alignment

D) CSV Functionality - DEMO

4. Quizzes and Grading - Overview

- Specialized assignment
- Pool of various types of questions
- Selects predetermined subset

<input type="checkbox"/>	QUIZ QUESTION
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pointers - Quiz - parsons: Put in the correct order.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pointers - Quiz - all that apply: Which are correct?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pointers - Quiz - multiple choice: Which is correct?

Pointers - 85% Complete

Resources Quiz View Grades Settings Edit Grades

Start Quiz

<input type="checkbox"/>	ASSIGNMENT	POOL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pointers - Quiz	{"parsons": 1, "multiple_choice": 1, "select_all": 1, "free_response": 0}	
PRACTICE MODE	ALLOW SUBMISSIONS	NEXT OPEN DATE	NEXT CLOSE DATE
✖	✔	April 12, 2020, 11:03 p.m.	April 12, 2020, 11:03 p.m.

4. Quizzes and Grading - Multiple Choice

- Select 1 radio button and submit

JSON produced by CSV

```
{  
  "question": "Which is correct?", # Text to display for question  
  "choices": ["a", "b", "c", "d"], # Any number of choices you want  
  "answer": 2 # The index of the correct answer  
}
```

Pointers - 85% Complete ✕

Resources **Quiz** View Grades Settings Edit Grades

Which is correct?

☐ a
☒ b
☐ c
☐ d

Question 3 of 3

[Exit Quiz](#) [Next](#)

Incorrect

Current grade: 94

4. Quizzes and Grading - Select All That Apply

- Select any checkboxes and submit
- All or nothing (no partial credit)

JSON produced by CSV

```
{  
  "question": "Which are correct?", # Text to display for question  
  "choices": ["a", "b", "c", "d"], # Any number of choices you want  
  "answer": [0, 1, 2] # The indices of the correct answers  
}
```

Pointers - 85% Complete ✕

Resources **Quiz** View Grades Settings Edit Grades

Which are correct?

☒ a
☒ b
☒ c
☒ d

Question 2 of 3

Exit Quiz

Correct

Current grade: 97

Next

4. Quizzes and Grading - Parsons

- Click and drag code snippets
- Graded based on list of predecessors
- No “red herring” boxes

```
{
  "question": "Put in the correct order.",
  "code_lines": [
    "if (true){",
    "    \"print('Hello');\",",
    "    \"print('World.');\",",
    "  }",
  ],
  "code_fixed": [false, false, false, false],
  "code_dependencies": [[], [0], [0,1], [0,1,2]]
}
```

Pointers - 76% Complete ✕

Resources **Quiz** View Grades Settings Edit Grades

Put in the correct order.

Pool	Code
}	if (true){
print("World.")	
print("Hello");	

Question 2 of 3

Exit Quiz

Submit

4. Quizzes and Grading - Grading Scheme

Dynamic grading based on correctness percentage over period of time.

Pointers - 85% Complete ✕

Resources Quiz **View Grades** Settings Edit Grades

Ryan Kann

Assignment	Grade
Quiz	94

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```
#####  
# Carrington's evaluation function for quizzes.  
# Takes in an old probability (@currentScore), and a  
# correctness bool (@response), and returns a new probability.  
#####  
def getScore(response, currentScore = 0.3):  
    p_L0 = currentScore  
    p_G = 0.4  
    p_S = 0.2  
    p_T = 0.2  
    if (response):  
        numerator = ((1 - p_T)*(1 - p_L0)*(p_G))  
        denominator = (p_G + (1 - p_S - p_G)*(p_L0))  
    else:  
        numerator = ((1 - p_T)*(1 - p_L0)*(1 - p_G))  
        denominator = (1 - p_G - (1 - p_S - p_G)*(p_L0))  
    retVal = 1 - (numerator/denominator)  
    return retVal
```

4. Quizzes and

Pointers - 85% Complete

Resources Quiz View Grades Settings Edit Grades

Which is correct?

☐ a

☒ b

☐ c

☐ d

Question 3 of 3

Exit Quiz

Pointers - 85% Complete

Resources Quiz View Grades Settings Edit Grades

Put in the correct order.

Pool

```
print('Hello');  
print('All around the world statues  
crumble for me. Who knows how long I've  
loved you. Everywhere I go, people stop  
and they see: 25 years old, my mother  
god rest her soul.')  
}
```

Question 1 of 3

Exit Quiz

Submit

Pointers - 85% Complete

Resources Quiz View Grades Settings Edit Grades

Ryan Kann

Assignment	Grade
Quiz	94

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