We have decided to go with the MEAN stack. This consists of MongoDB, Express.js, Angular.js, and Node.js. A big pro of using this solution stack is that we can use Javascript for both the server side and client side execution environments. The MEAN stack also allows us to incorporate JSON easily. Since we only have primarily one language, it also reduces the learning curve for the team members who have little to no experience with web development. The MEAN stack is great for working with APIs as well.

We knew we wanted to work with Node.js so the next step was to find a full stack solution that integrated smoothly. We considered the MERN stack, replacing Angular with React. Ultimately, we chose MEAN because it provides a better framework to support the MVC architecture.