

Database Schema & System Architecture

Community Skills Platform - Technical Reference

COMPLETE DATABASE SCHEMA

Sprint 3 Tables (Core/Essential)

1. USERS TABLE

```
sql  
  
CREATE TABLE users (  
    user_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,  
    email VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE NOT NULL,  
    password_hash VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
    first_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,  
    last_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,  
    bio TEXT,  
    location VARCHAR(255),  
    latitude DECIMAL(10, 8),  
    longitude DECIMAL(11, 8),  
    profile_pic VARCHAR(255) DEFAULT 'default-avatar.png',  
    points INT DEFAULT 0,  
    average_rating DECIMAL(3, 2) DEFAULT 0.00,  
    is_active BOOLEAN DEFAULT 1,  
    created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,  
    updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,  
  
    INDEX idx_location (latitude, longitude),  
    INDEX idx_email (email)  
);
```

Example Data:

```
sql
```

```

INSERT INTO users (email, password_hash, first_name, last_name, bio, location, latitude, longitude) VALUES
('sarah.student@university.ac.uk', '$2b$10$...', 'Sarah', 'Johnson',
'Second year CS student. Love helping with math and borrowing books!', 
'Roehampton, London', 51.4567, -0.2634), 

('david.handy@email.com', '$2b$10$...', 'David', 'Wilson',
'Retired carpenter with 40 years experience. Happy to help with repairs!', 
'Richmond, London', 51.4613, -0.3037), 

('maya.parent@email.com', '$2b$10$...', 'Maya', 'Patel',
'Working mum of two. Have lots of kids items to share!', 
'Kingston, London', 51.4123, -0.3007);

```

2. LISTINGS TABLE

```

sql

CREATE TABLE listings (
    listing_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    user_id INT NOT NULL,
    title VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    description TEXT NOT NULL,
    type ENUM('skill', 'item') NOT NULL,
    category VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
    condition_note VARCHAR(255), -- For items: 'Like new', 'Good', 'Fair'
    photo_url VARCHAR(255) DEFAULT 'default-listing.png',
    is_available BOOLEAN DEFAULT 1,
    view_count INT DEFAULT 0,
    created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(user_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    INDEX idx_type (type),
    INDEX idx_category (category),
    INDEX idx_user (user_id),
    INDEX idx_available (is_available)
);

```

Categories:

- Tools & Equipment
- Books & Media
- Skills & Teaching
- Household Items

- Sports & Hobbies
- Technology
- Childcare & Baby Items
- Other

Example Data:

sql

```
INSERT INTO listings (user_id, title, description, type, category, photo_url) VALUES
(1, 'Math Tutoring - GCSE & A-Level',
'I can help with math homework and exam prep. Got an A* in my A-levels!',
'skill', 'Skills & Teaching', 'math-tutor.jpg'),

(2, 'Power Drill Set',
'Professional cordless drill with bits. Perfect for DIY projects.',
'item', 'Tools & Equipment', 'drill.jpg'),

(3, 'Baby Clothes Bundle 6-12 months',
'Barely worn baby clothes, outgrown quickly! Includes 10 outfits.',
'item', 'Childcare & Baby Items', 'baby-clothes.jpg'),

(2, 'Basic Carpentry Skills',
'Can teach basic woodworking, furniture repair, or help with projects.',
'skill', 'Skills & Teaching', 'carpentry.jpg');
```

3. TAGS TABLE

sql

```
CREATE TABLE tags (
tag_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
tag_name VARCHAR(50) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
category VARCHAR(100),
usage_count INT DEFAULT 0,

INDEX idx_tag_name (tag_name)
);
```

Example Data:

sql

```
INSERT INTO tags (tag_name, category) VALUES
('mathematics', 'Skills & Teaching'),
('tutoring', 'Skills & Teaching'),
('GCSE', 'Skills & Teaching'),
('tools', 'Tools & Equipment'),
('DIY', 'Tools & Equipment'),
('baby', 'Childcare & Baby Items'),
('clothes', 'Childcare & Baby Items'),
('woodworking', 'Skills & Teaching'),
('repairs', 'Skills & Teaching'),
('power-tools', 'Tools & Equipment');
```

4. LISTING_TAGS TABLE (Junction Table)

sql

```
CREATE TABLE listing_tags (
    listing_id INT NOT NULL,
    tag_id INT NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (listing_id, tag_id),
    FOREIGN KEY (listing_id) REFERENCES listings(listing_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    FOREIGN KEY (tag_id) REFERENCES tags(tag_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    INDEX idx_listing (listing_id),
    INDEX idx_tag (tag_id)
);
```

Example Data:

sql

```
INSERT INTO listing_tags (listing_id, tag_id) VALUES
(1, 1), -- Math tutoring -> mathematics
(1, 2), -- Math tutoring -> tutoring
(1, 3), -- Math tutoring -> GCSE
(2, 4), -- Drill -> tools
(2, 5), -- Drill -> DIY
(2, 10), -- Drill -> power-tools
(3, 6), -- Baby clothes -> baby
(3, 7); -- Baby clothes -> clothes
```

5. REQUESTS TABLE

sql

```
CREATE TABLE requests (
    request_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    listing_id INT NOT NULL,
    requester_id INT NOT NULL,
    status ENUM('pending', 'accepted', 'declined', 'completed', 'cancelled') DEFAULT 'pending',
    message TEXT,
    requested_date TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    responded_date TIMESTAMP NULL,
    completed_date TIMESTAMP NULL,
    FOREIGN KEY (listing_id) REFERENCES listings(listing_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    FOREIGN KEY (requester_id) REFERENCES users(user_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    INDEX idx_listing (listing_id),
    INDEX idx_requester (requester_id),
    INDEX idx_status (status),
    -- Prevent duplicate pending requests
    UNIQUE KEY unique_pending_request (listing_id, requester_id, status)
);
```

Example Data:

sql

```
INSERT INTO requests (listing_id, requester_id, status, message) VALUES
(2, 1, 'accepted', 'Hi! I need to drill some holes for shelves. Can I borrow for the weekend?'),
(1, 3, 'pending', 'Hi Sarah! My daughter is struggling with GCSE math. Could you help?'),
(3, 2, 'completed', 'Perfect for my granddaughter! Thank you!');
```

Sprint 4 Tables (Advanced Features)

6. RATINGS TABLE

sql

```

CREATE TABLE ratings (
    rating_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    request_id INT NOT NULL,
    rater_id INT NOT NULL,    -- Person giving the rating
    rated_id INT NOT NULL,   -- Person being rated
    score INT NOT NULL CHECK (score BETWEEN 1 AND 5),
    comment TEXT,
    created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,

    FOREIGN KEY (request_id) REFERENCES requests(request_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    FOREIGN KEY (rater_id) REFERENCES users(user_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    FOREIGN KEY (rated_id) REFERENCES users(user_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,

    -- Each user can only rate once per request
    UNIQUE KEY unique_rating (request_id, rater_id),

    INDEX idx_rated_user (rated_id),
    INDEX idx_score (score)
);

```

Example Data:

```

sql

INSERT INTO ratings (request_id, rater_id, rated_id, score, comment) VALUES
(1, 1, 2, 5, 'David was super helpful and the drill was in perfect condition!'),
(1, 2, 1, 5, 'Sarah was respectful and returned everything on time. Great!'),
(3, 2, 3, 4, 'Nice clothes, exactly as described. Quick pickup too.');

```

7. MESSAGES TABLE (If implementing)

sql

```

CREATE TABLE messages (
    message_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    sender_id INT NOT NULL,
    receiver_id INT NOT NULL,
    request_id INT, -- Optional: link to specific request
    content TEXT NOT NULL,
    is_read BOOLEAN DEFAULT 0,
    sent_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,

    FOREIGN KEY (sender_id) REFERENCES users(user_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    FOREIGN KEY (receiver_id) REFERENCES users(user_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    FOREIGN KEY (request_id) REFERENCES requests(request_id) ON DELETE SET NULL,

    INDEX idx_sender (sender_id),
    INDEX idx_receiver (receiver_id),
    INDEX idx_conversation (sender_id, receiver_id),
    INDEX idx_unread (receiver_id, is_read)
);

```

8. USER_PREFERENCES TABLE (Optional - for matching algorithm)

sql

```

CREATE TABLE user_preferences (
    preference_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    user_id INT NOT NULL UNIQUE,
    preferred_categories JSON, -- Store array of preferred categories
    max_distance_km INT DEFAULT 10,
    notification_enabled BOOLEAN DEFAULT 1,

    FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(user_id) ON DELETE CASCADE
);

```

Example Data:

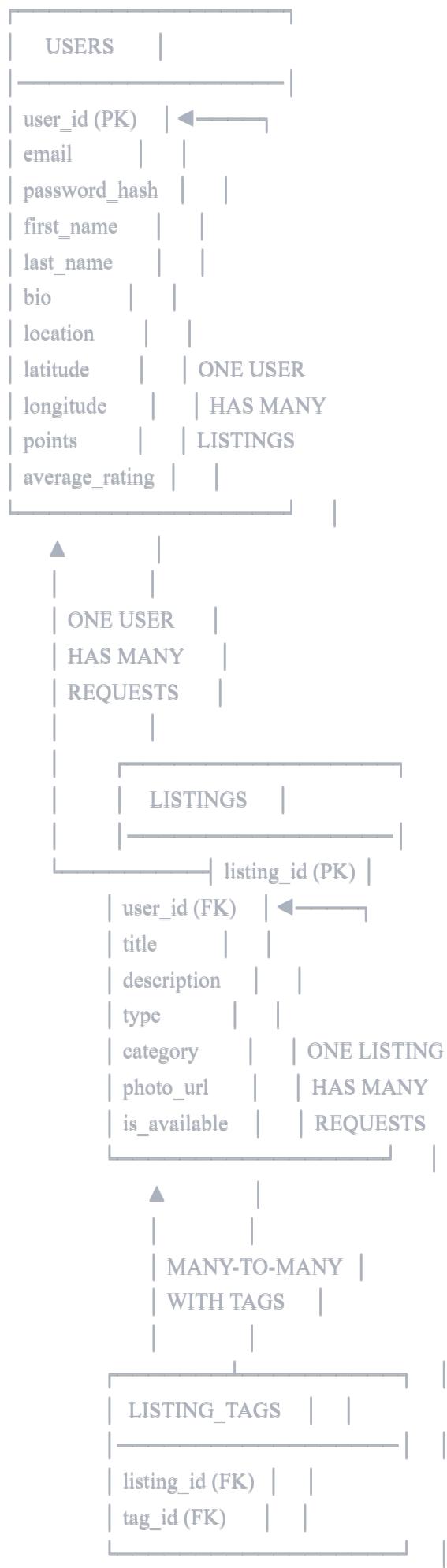
sql

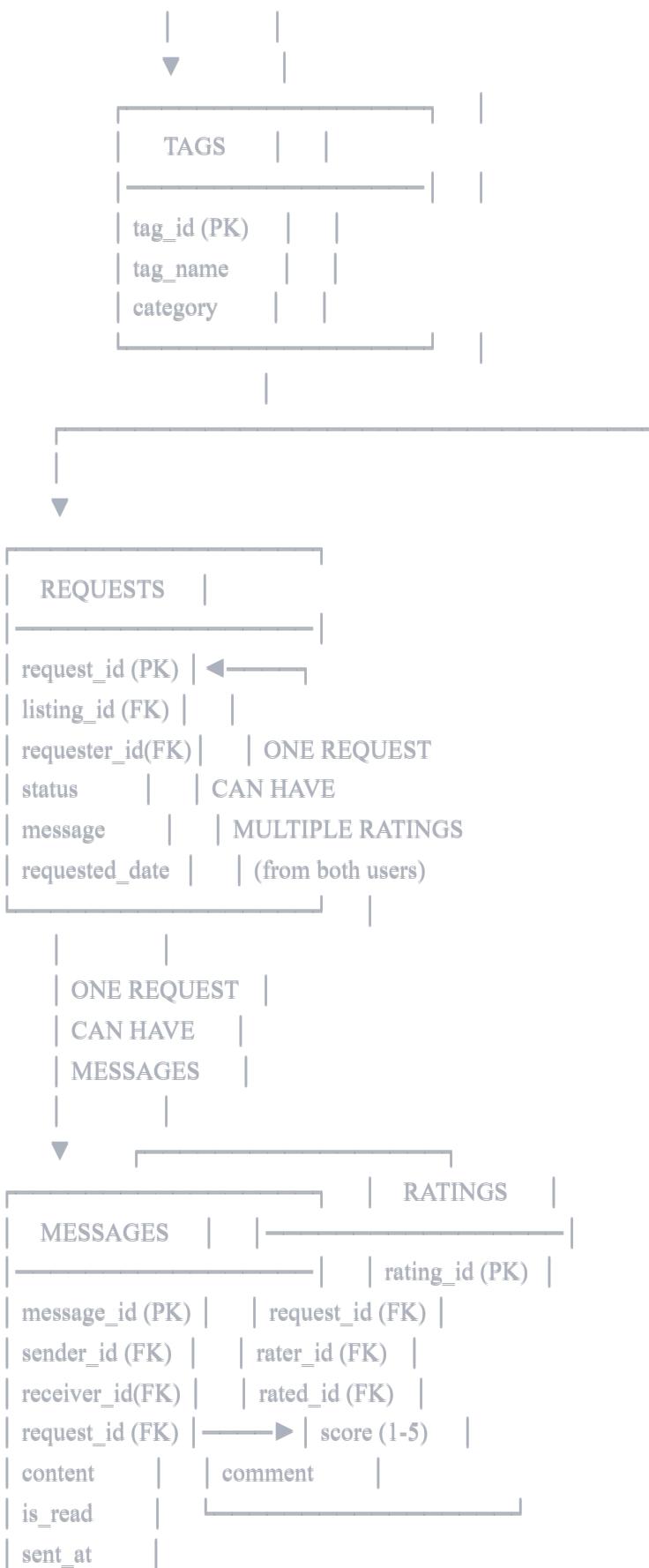
```

INSERT INTO user_preferences (user_id, preferred_categories, max_distance_km) VALUES
(1, ["Books & Media", "Skills & Teaching", "Technology"], 5),
(2, ["Tools & Equipment", "DIY"], 15),
(3, ["Childcare & Baby Items", "Household Items"], 8);

```

🔗 DATABASE RELATIONSHIPS (ERD)

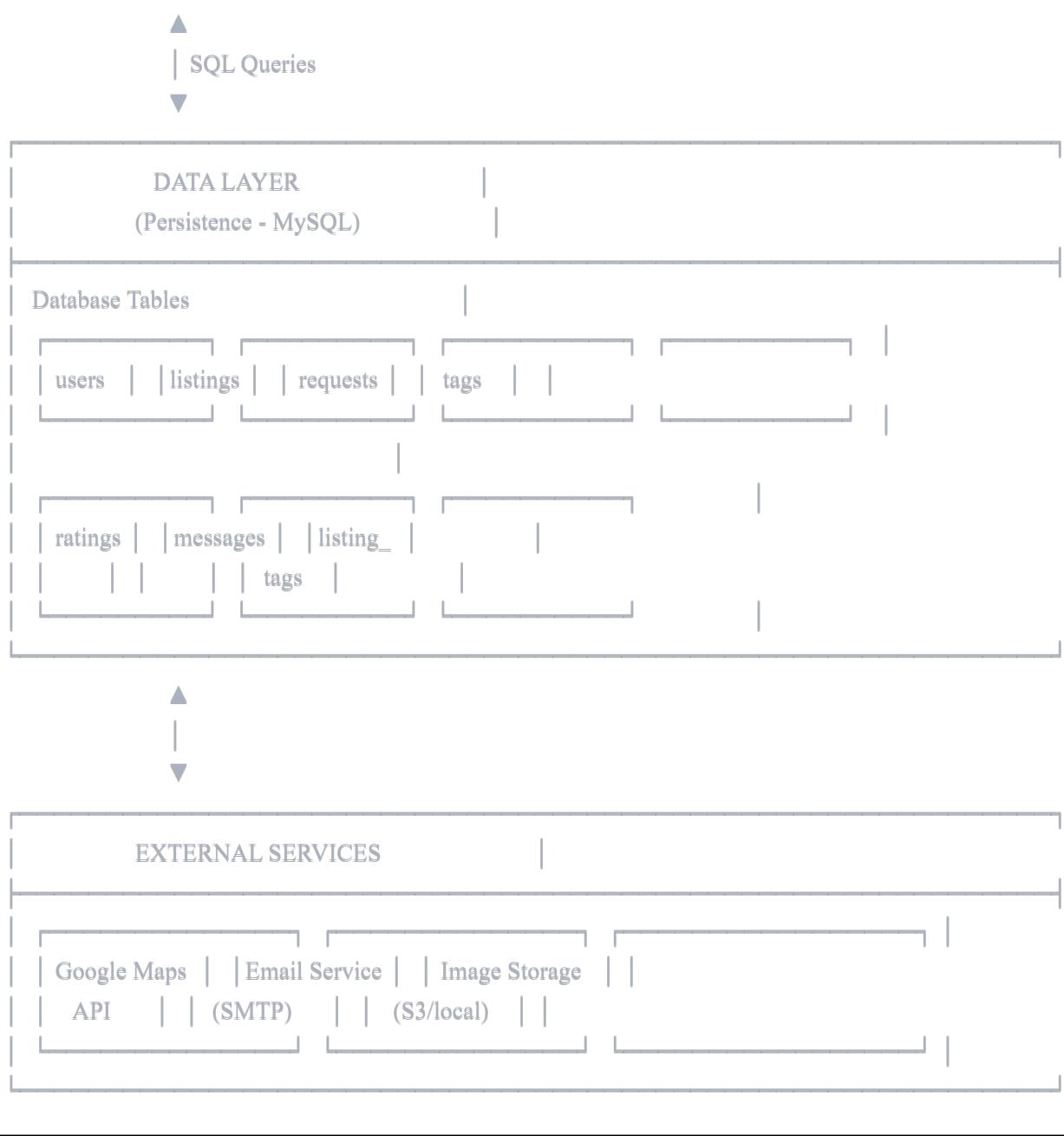




SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

Layer Architecture





📁 FILE STRUCTURE (Detailed)

```

community-skills-platform/
  .github/
    workflows/
      lint.yml      # ESLint check on push
      test.yml      # Run tests automatically
      docker-build.yml # Build Docker image

  config/
    database.js      # MySQL connection pool
    session.js       # Session configuration

  db/

```

```
schema.sql      # CREATE TABLE statements
seed.sql        # Test data INSERT statements
migrations/     # Version-controlled DB changes
  001_initial_tables.sql
  002_add_ratings.sql
  003_add_messages.sql

middleware/
  auth.js        # isAuthenticated, isOwner checks
  validation.js  # Input validation middleware
  errorHandler.js # Centralized error handling
  upload.js       # File upload (multer) config

routes/
  index.js       # Homepage routes
  auth.js        # Register, login, logout
  users.js       # User profile, list, update
  listings.js    # Browse, detail, create, edit
  requests.js   # Make, accept, decline requests
  ratings.js    # Submit, view ratings (Sprint 4)
  matching.js   # Recommendations (Sprint 4)
  messages.js   # Send, view messages (Sprint 4)

views/
  layout.pug     # Master template (header, footer)
  index.pug      # Homepage
  error.pug      # Error page (404, 500)

  auth/
    register.pug # Registration form
    login.pug    # Login form
    forgot-password.pug # Password reset (optional)

  users/
    list.pug      # All users (Sprint 3 required)
    profile.pug   # User profile (Sprint 3 required)
    edit.pug      # Edit own profile

  listings/
    list.pug      # Browse listings (Sprint 3 required)
    detail.pug    # Listing detail (Sprint 3 required)
    create.pug    # Create listing form
    edit.pug      # Edit listing form
    map.pug       # Map view (Sprint 4)

  requests/
    make.pug      # Request form
```

```
|- list.pug      # User's requests
|- detail.pug    # Request detail

|- dashboard/
|   |- index.pug      # User dashboard
|   |- my-listings.pug # Manage listings
|   |- my-requests.pug # Manage requests

|- components/
|   |- listing-card.pug # Listing preview card
|   |- user-card.pug    # User preview card
|   |- navigation.pug   # Nav bar
|   |- footer.pug       # Footer

|- public/
|   |- css/
|   |   |- style.css      # Main stylesheet
|   |   |- components.css # Component styles
|   |   |- responsive.css # Mobile responsive

|   |- js/
|   |   |- main.js        # Main JavaScript
|   |   |- validation.js  # Client-side validation
|   |   |- map.js         # Google Maps integration
|   |   |- messaging.js   # Real-time messaging (Sprint 4)

|   |- images/
|   |   |- logo.png
|   |   |- default-avatar.png
|   |   |- default-listing.png
|   |   |- uploads/        # User uploaded images

|- utils/
|   |- geocode.js     # Address to lat/lng conversion
|   |- distance.js    # Calculate distances
|   |- points.js      # Points calculation logic
|   |- email.js       # Email sending functions

|- tests/           # Automated tests (optional)
|   |- routes.test.js
|   |- database.test.js
|   |- matching.test.js

|- app.js          # Main Express application
|- server.js        # Server startup
|- package.json     # Dependencies
|- package-lock.json
```

```
├── .env           # Environment variables (git ignored)
├── .env.example   # Template for environment vars
├── .gitignore
├── .eslintrc.json # Linting configuration
├── docker-compose.yml # Docker services
├── Dockerfile      # Node.js container
└── README.md       # Project documentation
```

💡 KEY ROUTES & ENDPOINTS

Public Routes (No login required)

GET /	Homepage
GET /about	About page
GET /how-it-works	How it works page
GET /auth/register	Registration form
POST /auth/register	Create new account
GET /auth/login	Login form
POST /auth/login	Authenticate user
GET /auth/logout	Log out user
GET /users	List all users (Sprint 3 required)
GET /users/:id	View user profile (Sprint 3 required)
GET /listings	Browse all listings (Sprint 3 required)
GET /listings/:id	View listing detail (Sprint 3 required)
GET /listings/category/:cat	Filter by category (Sprint 3 required)
GET /listings/search	Search listings

Protected Routes (Login required)

GET /dashboard	User dashboard
GET /profile/edit	Edit own profile
POST /profile/update	Update profile
GET /listings/create	Create listing form
POST /listings/create	Save new listing
GET /listings/:id/edit	Edit listing form
POST /listings/:id/update	Update listing
POST /listings/:id/delete	Delete listing
POST /requests/create	Make a request

GET /requests/received	Requests on my listings
GET /requests/sent	Requests I've made
POST /requests/:id/accept	Accept a request
POST /requests/:id/decline	Decline a request
POST /requests/:id/complete	Mark as completed
POST /requests/:id/cancel	Cancel my request

Sprint 4 Routes (Advanced)

GET /recommendations	Personalized recommendations
GET /listings/map	Map view of listings
GET /listings/nearby	Nearby listings (with distance)
POST /ratings/submit	Submit a rating
GET /ratings/user/:id	View user's ratings
GET /messages	Inbox/message list
GET /messages/:userId	Conversation with specific user
POST /messages/send	Send a message

SAMPLE SQL QUERIES

For Sprint 3 Pages

1. Users List Page

```

sql

-- Get all users with their listing count and average rating
SELECT
    u.user_id,
    u.first_name,
    u.last_name,
    u.location,
    u.profile_pic,
    u.points,
    u.average_rating,
    u.created_at,
    COUNT(DISTINCT l.listing_id) as listing_count
FROM users u
LEFT JOIN listings l ON u.user_id = l.user_id AND l.is_available = 1
GROUP BY u.user_id
ORDER BY u.points DESC, u.created_at DESC;

```

2. User Profile Page

sql

```
-- Get specific user's details with all their listings
SELECT
    u.*,
    COUNT(DISTINCT l.listing_id) AS total_listings,
    COUNT(DISTINCT r.request_id) AS completed_exchanges
FROM users u
LEFT JOIN listings l ON u.user_id = l.user_id
LEFT JOIN requests r ON u.user_id = r.requester_id AND r.status = 'completed'
WHERE u.user_id = ?
GROUP BY u.user_id;

-- Get user's active listings
SELECT * FROM listings
WHERE user_id = ? AND is_available = 1
ORDER BY created_at DESC;

-- Get user's ratings (Sprint 4)
SELECT r.*, u.first_name, u.last_name
FROM ratings r
JOIN users u ON r.rater_id = u.user_id
WHERE r.rated_id = ?
ORDER BY r.created_at DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

3. Listings Page

sql

```
-- Get all listings with owner info and tags
SELECT
    l.*,
    u.first_name,
    u.last_name,
    u.average_rating,
    GROUP_CONCAT(DISTINCT t.tag_name) AS tags,
    COUNT(DISTINCT r.request_id) AS request_count
FROM listings l
JOIN users u ON l.user_id = u.user_id
LEFT JOIN listing_tags lt ON l.listing_id = lt.listing_id
LEFT JOIN tags t ON lt.tag_id = t.tag_id
LEFT JOIN requests r ON l.listing_id = r.listing_id
WHERE l.is_available = 1
GROUP BY l.listing_id
ORDER BY l.created_at DESC;
```

4. Listing Detail Page

```
sql

-- Get specific listing with all details
SELECT
    l.*,
    u.user_id,
    u.first_name,
    u.last_name,
    u.location,
    u.profile_pic,
    u.average_rating,
    u.points
FROM listings l
JOIN users u ON l.user_id = u.user_id
WHERE l.listing_id = ?;

-- Get listing's tags
SELECT t.* FROM tags t
JOIN listing_tags lt ON t.tag_id = lt.tag_id
WHERE lt.listing_id = ?;

-- Get request count
SELECT COUNT(*) AS request_count
FROM requests
WHERE listing_id = ?;
```

5. Search Query

```
sql

-- Search listings by keyword
SELECT DISTINCT
    l.*,
    u.first_name,
    u.last_name
FROM listings l
JOIN users u ON l.user_id = u.user_id
LEFT JOIN listing_tags lt ON l.listing_id = lt.listing_id
LEFT JOIN tags t ON lt.tag_id = t.tag_id
WHERE l.is_available = 1
AND (
    l.title LIKE CONCAT('%', ?, '%')
    OR l.description LIKE CONCAT('%', ?, '%')
    OR l.category LIKE CONCAT('%', ?, '%')
    OR t.tag_name LIKE CONCAT('%', ?, '%')
)
ORDER BY l.created_at DESC;
```

For Sprint 4 Features

6. Matching Algorithm Query

```
sql
```

-- Get recommendations based on user's request history

SELECT

```
l.*,
u.first_name,
u.last_name,
( 6371 * acos( cos( radians(?) )
* cos( radians( u.latitude ) )
* cos( radians( u.longitude ) - radians(?) )
+ sin( radians(?) )
* sin( radians( u.latitude ) ) ) ) AS distance,
COUNT(DISTINCT r.request_id) as popularity
FROM listings l
JOIN users u ON l.user_id = u.user_id
LEFT JOIN requests r ON l.listing_id = r.listing_id
WHERE l.is_available = 1
AND l.user_id != ?
AND l.category IN (
    SELECT DISTINCT l2.category
    FROM requests r2
    JOIN listings l2 ON r2.listing_id = l2.listing_id
    WHERE r2.requester_id = ?
)
GROUP BY l.listing_id
HAVING distance < 10
ORDER BY popularity DESC, distance ASC
LIMIT 10;
```

7. Nearby Listings with Distance

sql

```
-- Find listings within X km of user
SELECT
    l.*,
    u.first_name,
    u.last_name,
    u.latitude,
    u.longitude,
    (
        6371 * acos( cos( radians(?) ) * cos( radians( u.latitude ) ) * cos( radians( u.longitude ) - radians(?) ) + sin( radians(?) ) * sin( radians( u.latitude ) ) )
    ) AS distance
FROM listings l
JOIN users u ON l.user_id = u.user_id
WHERE l.is_available = 1
AND u.latitude IS NOT NULL
AND u.longitude IS NOT NULL
HAVING distance < ?
ORDER BY distance ASC;
```

8. Calculate User's Average Rating

```
sql
-- Recalculate after new rating submitted
SELECT AVG(score) as avg_rating, COUNT(*) as rating_count
FROM ratings
WHERE rated_id = ?;

-- Update user's average rating
UPDATE users
SET average_rating = ?
WHERE user_id = ?;
```

9. Award Points

```
sql
```

-- When request is accepted, award points to listing owner

UPDATE users

SET points = points + 10

WHERE user_id = ?;

-- When request is completed, award bonus points

UPDATE users

SET points = points + 5

WHERE user_id IN (?, ?); -- Both users get bonus

CSS FRAMEWORK & STYLING

Color Scheme (Suggested)

css

```
:root {  
  /* Primary Colors */  
  --primary-green: #2E7D32;      /* Trust, community, nature */  
  --primary-light: #66BB6A;  
  --primary-dark: #1B5E20;  
  
  /* Secondary Colors */  
  --secondary-orange: #FFA726;    /* Warmth, sharing */  
  --secondary-light: #FFD54F;  
  --secondary-dark: #F57C00;  
  
  /* Accent */  
  --accent-blue: #1976D2;        /* Action, links */  
  --accent-light: #42A5F5;  
  
  /* Neutral */  
  --gray-100: #F5F5F5;  
  --gray-300: #E0E0E0;  
  --gray-500: #9E9E9E;  
  --gray-700: #616161;  
  --gray-900: #212121;  
  
  /* Semantic Colors */  
  --success: #4CAF50;  
  --warning: #FF9800;  
  --error: #F44336;  
  --info: #2196F3;  
  
  /* Typography */  
  --font-heading: 'Poppins', sans-serif;  
  --font-body: 'Open Sans', sans-serif;  
}
```

Key Component Styles

css

```
/* Listing Card */
.listing-card {
  background: white;
  border-radius: 12px;
  box-shadow: 0 2px 8px rgba(0,0,0,0.1);
  transition: transform 0.2s, box-shadow 0.2s;
}
```

```
.listing-card:hover {
  transform: translateY(-4px);
  box-shadow: 0 4px 16px rgba(0,0,0,0.15);
}
```

```
/* User Badge */
```

```
.user-rating {
  display: inline-flex;
  align-items: center;
  padding: 4px 12px;
  background: var(--gray-100);
  border-radius: 20px;
}
```

```
/* Category Tag */
```

```
.tag {
  display: inline-block;
  padding: 4px 12px;
  background: var(--primary-light);
  color: white;
  border-radius: 16px;
  font-size: 0.875rem;
}
```

```
/* Request Button */
```

```
.btn-request {
  background: var(--secondary-orange);
  color: white;
  padding: 12px 24px;
  border: none;
  border-radius: 8px;
  font-weight: 600;
  cursor: pointer;
  transition: background 0.2s;
}
```

```
.btn-request:hover {
```

```
background: var(--secondary-dark);
```

```
}
```

🐳 DOCKER CONFIGURATION

docker-compose.yml

```
yaml
```

```
version: '3.8'
```

```
services:
```

```
app:
```

```
  build: .
```

```
  ports:
```

```
    - "3000:3000"
```

```
  volumes:
```

```
    - ./app
```

```
    - /app/node_modules
```

```
  environment:
```

```
    - NODE_ENV=development
```

```
    - DB_HOST=db
```

```
    - DB_USER=root
```

```
    - DB_PASSWORD=password
```

```
    - DB_NAME=community_skills
```

```
    - SESSION_SECRET=your_secret_key_here
```

```
depends_on:
```

```
  - db
```

```
command: npm run dev
```

```
db:
```

```
  image: mysql:8.0
```

```
  ports:
```

```
    - "3306:3306"
```

```
  environment:
```

```
    - MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=password
```

```
    - MYSQL_DATABASE=community_skills
```

```
  volumes:
```

```
    - mysql_data:/var/lib/mysql
```

```
    - ./db/schema.sql:/docker-entrypoint-initdb.d/1-schema.sql
```

```
    - ./db/seed.sql:/docker-entrypoint-initdb.d/2-seed.sql
```

```
volumes:
```

```
mysql_data:
```

Dockerfile

```
dockerfile
FROM node:18-alpine

WORKDIR /app

COPY package*.json .

RUN npm install

COPY ..

EXPOSE 3000

CMD ["npm", "start"]
```

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES (.env)

```
env
```

```
# Server
NODE_ENV=development
PORT=3000

# Database
DB_HOST=db
DB_USER=root
DB_PASSWORD=password
DB_NAME=community_skills
DB_PORT=3306

# Session
SESSION_SECRET=your_very_secure_random_string_here

# Sprint 4 - External APIs
GOOGLE_MAPS_API_KEY=your_google_maps_api_key

# Sprint 4 - Email (optional)
EMAIL_HOST=smtp.gmail.com
EMAIL_PORT=587
EMAIL_USER=your_email@gmail.com
EMAIL_PASSWORD=your_app_password

# Sprint 4 - File Upload
UPLOAD_PATH=./public/images/uploads
MAX_FILE_SIZE=5242880 # 5MB in bytes
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This document is your technical reference for the entire project. Keep it alongside your main roadmap!