Pollstagram

Work Diary: Nelson Rigby (z3329019)

20 Sep: Initial Background Preparation

 Read up on Django web framework and other relevant web technologies (Amazon Beanstalk, Twitter Bootstrap, etc)

21 Sep: Initial Background Practise

 Implemented practise polling app using Django that allows creation and display of simple questions. Used online Django tutorials.

22 Sep: Practise with Twitter Bootstrap

• Read up on Twitter Bootstrap and integrated it into practise project

22 Sep - 30 Sep: Infrastructure Coordination with Team

 Coordinated with team at semi-regular intervals over use of JIRA issue tracker, Amazon Beanstalk to deploy application, and Git for version control (hosted on Github)

30 Sep: Established Workflow + Configured Environment

- Configured local environment (local settings file, required dependencies, etc) as needed
- Established workflow involved in adding changes to central, remote project (pull-push cycle).

1 Oct: Understanding HTML Templates + Static Content in Remote Deployment

 Read background material on setting up Django / HTML templates and static content serving in the context of Amazon Beanstalk

2 Oct: OAuth authentication

- Spent day reading up on how to integrate OAuth authentication (so users can log in to our system using credentials from popular social media websites)
- Partially implemented this (had to revoke implementation since we had other things to concentrate on)

3 Oct: Team Meeting

Met team in circular quay, spent several hours discussing project

10 Oct: Synchronised with Team

 Discussed project status with team and brought local repository up to date with some new changes (new schema migration tool, etc)

16 Oct: Set up Basic User Registration

- Investigated options for handling the registration process
- Integrated django-registration application for this purpose and provided set of basic templates (HTML pages rendered by Django).
- Allowed users to sign up for basic accounts and activate them via an email verification process (this only utilises the basic User model available through Django, so only a minimal set of user details are currently stored)

22 Oct: Implemented Pagination

- Implemented basic pagination of question list (so that the question set is broken into subsets, with each subset displayed on a separate page)
- Read up on Django techniques related to this process

23 Oct: Implemented User Display

- Implemented ability to view user account information
- Allowed viewing of questions asked and their popularity

24 Oct: Implemented Custom User Profile

- Read about various approaches to extending the default User model provided by Django with additional fields
- Implemented custom User model (this involved understanding some more complex
 Django techniques like hooking into the signalling system)
- Worked with team

25 Oct: Spruiked Up Miscellaneous Components

- Finished create account page style for custom user
- Added and polished a few minor UI features
- Worked with team

26 Oct: Coordinated with Team

- Discussed tasks with team
- Supported the integration of related questions and other group issues

27 Oct: Added Edit Profile

Added basic infrastructure needed to edit custom user models (this actually
involved understanding some fairly involved technical nuances of Django, since we
were interfacing with a third-party registration app that didn't directly support custom
user models)

28 Oct: Finished User Display and Sorting

- Finished edit profile functionality
- Implemented display of custom user information
- Implemented display of a list of custom users
- Implemented ability to upload a display picture
- Implemented sorting of questions by custom criteria. This involved understanding complex accessing schemes between different types of linked objects. For

example, questions are associated with a number of partly decoupled vote objects, so sorting by number of votes is not as straightforward as ordering the question set by a direct field.

29 Oct: Synchronised with Team and Began Advanced Statistics

- Began display of more advanced statistics (response by gender, etc), but it was decided that this functionality was out of scope and did not add sufficient value
- Coordinated with team in preparation of submission, including fixing minor bugs