

# RewardBot - Demo HokieTechies

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# Problem Statement

What?

- Not able to quantify good quality work
- Lack of motivation to do good quality work
- Missing actionable objectives
- Lack of recognition

Motivation?

- "Quiet Quitting" and "The Great Resignation"
- Growing discontent
- Identify top performers
- Foster a healthy work culture

# Proposed Solution - RewardBot

## Features:

- Slack Bot that provides reward points
- Leaderboard
- External Integration - GitHub

## Utility:

- Provides recognition for hard workers
- Provides tangible rewards for good quality work
- Promotes healthy competition which in turn drives up productivity
- Fosters a healthy work culture that keeps people content
- Helps the company identify and retain top performers

# Points Reward System

# Use Case

**Use Case:** Manually Awarding Points to Peers

**Preconditions:**

- The employee must have the necessary authorization to use the RewardBot.
- The employee should not have already used the RewardBot to award points more than two times.

**Main Flow:**

The employee will input the details of the award such as the recipient's name, the type of award, and the reason for giving the award using the appropriate slash command [S1]. The RewardBot will verify the response and save the points in the database [S2]. The RewardBot will send a private message to the awarder confirming the award details[S3].

**Subflows:**

[S1] The employee triggers the RewardBot using the appropriate slash command, and the bot will prompt them to input the recipient's name, the type of award, and the reason for the award.

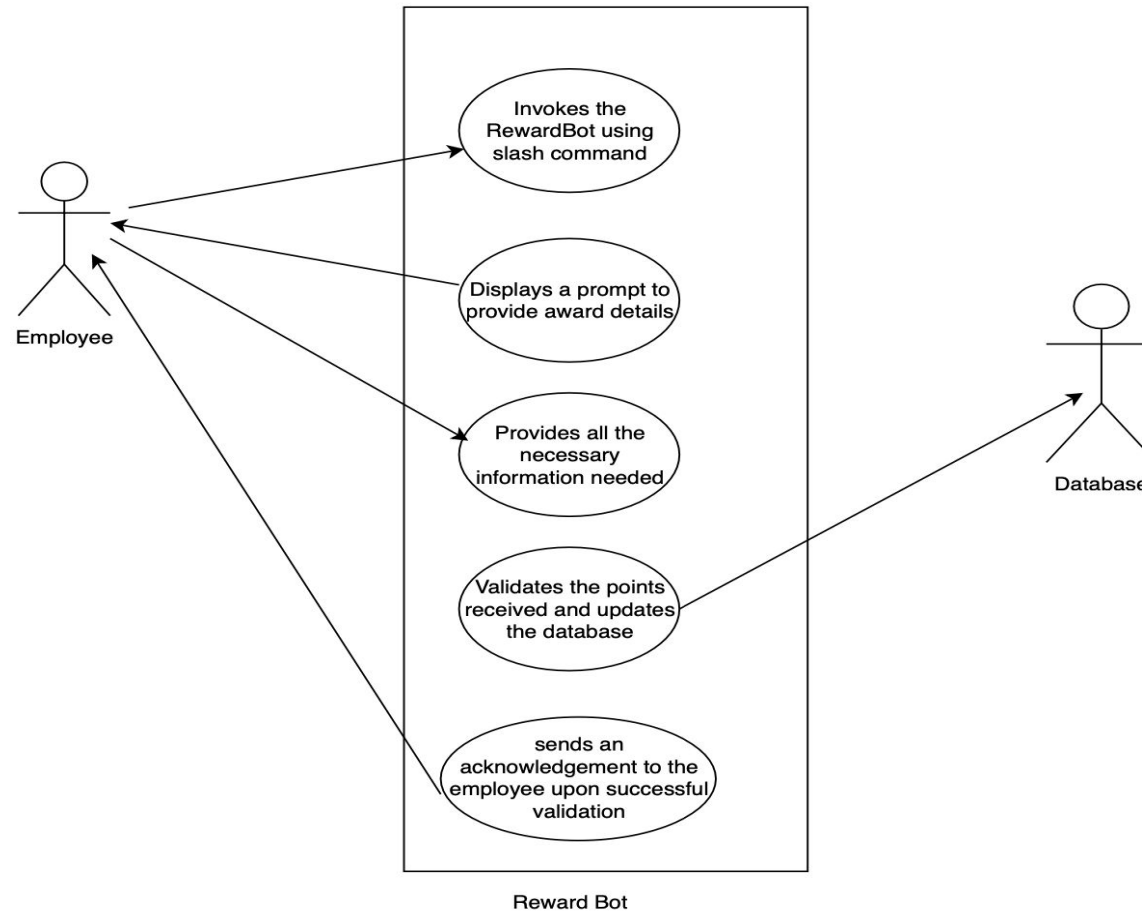
[S2] The RewardBot will validate the response and update the recipient's points if the validation is successful.

[S3] The RewardBot will send a confirmation of the award details to the awarder as a private message.

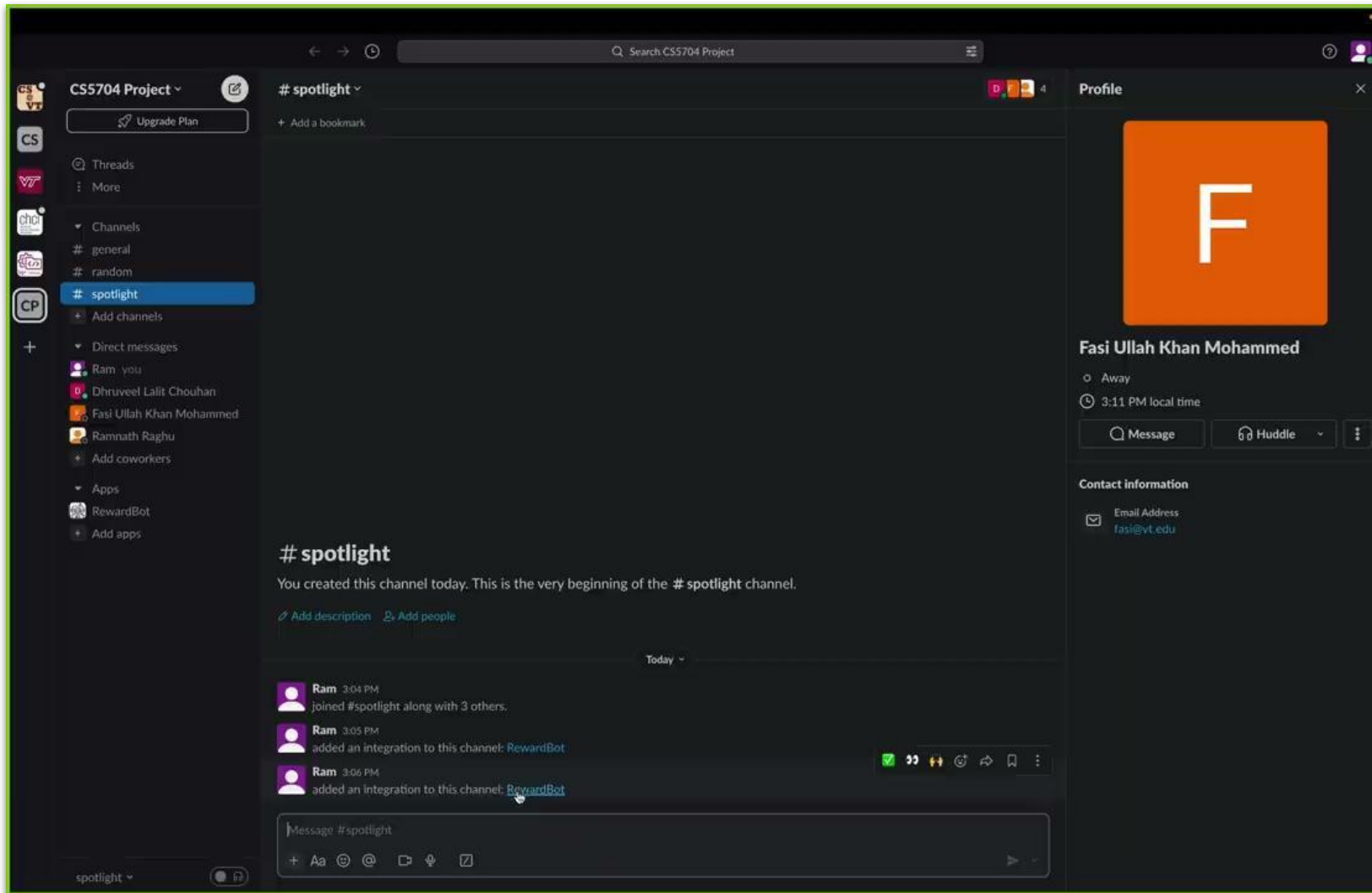
**Postconditions:**

- The recipient's record is updated with the awarded points.
- The award provider's attempt count increases by one.

# User Diagram



# Demo



# Leaderboard



# Use Case

**Use Case:** Display the leaderboard with the employee's name and their accumulated points.

**Preconditions:**

1. The employee should have the necessary permissions to interact with the bot.
2. There should be valid entries in the database of the respective employees and their details.

**Main Flow:**

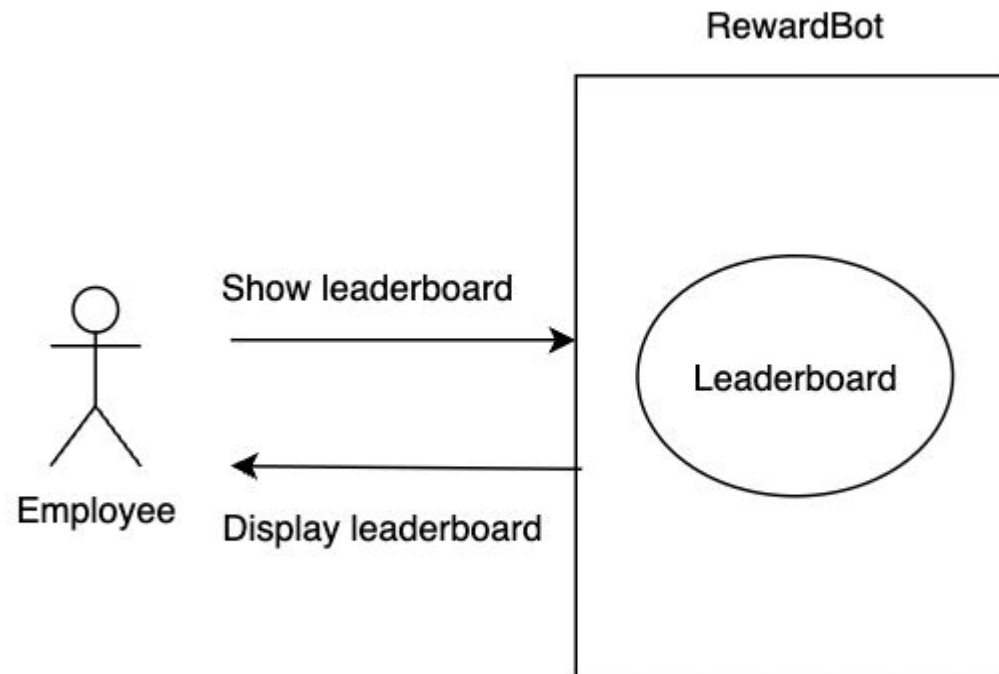
The employee will invoke a slash command which will then trigger the Reward Bot [S1]. The Reward Bot will then show the leaderboard to the employee on a private channel [S2].

**Sub Flow:**

[S1] Employee invokes the bot using the appropriate slash command.

[S2] The bot then sends a private message containing the leaderboard to the employee who invoked the command.

# User Diagram



# Demo

The screenshot displays a Slack workspace for 'CS5704 Project'. The left sidebar shows the channel list with 'CS5704 Project' selected. The main view shows a message from 'RewardBot' with the title 'Leaderboard'. The message content lists a leaderboard of users and their points. The right sidebar shows the profile of 'Fasi Ullah Khan Mohammed'.

**Channel:** CS5704 Project

**Message from RewardBot:**

**Leaderboard**

- 1. Ramaraja Ramanujan - 150 points
- 2. Dhruveel Lalit Chouhan - 100 points
- 3. Shaunak Juvekar - 75 points
- 4. Ramnath Raghu - 50 points
- 5. Fasi Ullah Khan Mohammed - 25 points
- 6. Dummy User - 0 points

**Profile:** Fasi Ullah Khan Mohammed

**Contact information:**

- Email Address: fasi@vt.edu

# External Integration - GitHub

# Use Case

## Use Case: Integrating our RewardBot with GitHub

### Preconditions:

1. The employee should be present in the database.
2. The employee should have raised a PR.

### Main Flow:

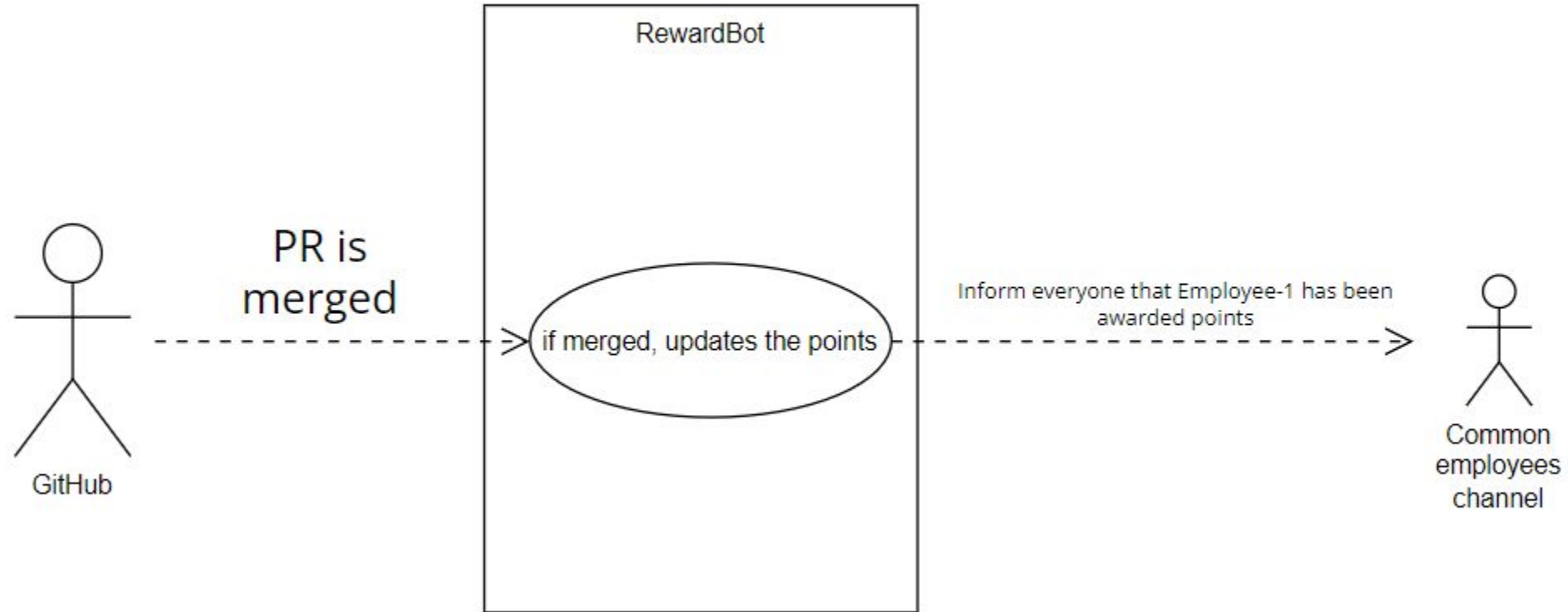
The bot will award the points to the employee who raised the PR once it is merged[S1]. The bot will also post a message on the common channel and will inform everyone about awarding the points[S2].

### Subflows::

[S1] Once the PR is merged, it automatically award points to the employee and will update the database

[S2] It will post a message on the slack channel saying, Employee ABC has been awarded xyz points for their so and so contribution.

# User Diagram



# Demo

The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays `github.com/r-ramaraja/bookish-meme/pull/12`. The repository name `r-ramaraja / bookish-meme` is visible, along with buttons for `Unwatch`, `Fork`, and `Starred`. The navigation bar includes links for `Code`, `Issues`, `Pull requests` (which is active), `Actions`, `Projects`, `Wiki`, `Security`, `Insights`, and `Settings`.

The main heading of the pull request is `Revert "Revert "Create bar.txt"" #12`. Below it, a green button labeled `Open` indicates that `r-ramaraja` wants to merge 1 commit into `master` from `add-bar`. A summary bar shows `Conversation` (0), `Commits` (1), `Checks` (0), and `Files changed` (1), with a net change of `+0 -0`.

A comment from `r-ramaraja` states: "This reverts commit #157629." Below the comment, the commit hash `278bd86` is shown. A message instructs the user to "Add more commits by pushing to the `add-bar` branch on `r-ramaraja/bookish-meme`".

On the right side, there are sections for `Reviewers` (No reviews), `Assignees` (No one—assign yourself), `Labels` (None yet), `Projects` (None yet), `Milestone` (No milestone), and `Development` (Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues).

At the bottom, a green box contains the following information:

- Require approval from specific reviewers before merging**: Branch protection rules ensure specific people approve pull requests before they're merged. (Add rule)
- Continuous integration has not been set up**: GitHub Actions and several other apps can be used to automatically catch bugs and enforce style.
- This branch has no conflicts with the base branch**: Merging can be performed automatically.

A green button labeled `Merge pull request` is present, along with a note: "You can also open this in GitHub Desktop or view command line instructions."

The bottom of the page shows a `Write` section with a `Preview` button and a `Leave a comment` field.

## └ Limitations

- Available only on Slack
- Only one external integration i.e. Github
- As effective as the frequency of the user interactions
- Lack of user study



## Future Work

- Further external integrations such as JIRA, Salesforce, StackOverflow, etc.
- Improve gamification - adding levels and badges
- Rules - manager approves the peer-to-peer rewards
- Leaderboard 2.0 - metrics and visualizations
- Customizability - to tailor according to the organization's culture
- Points Redemption - exchange points for rewards

# Lesson Learnt

What went well?

- Develop an app end-to-end from scratch
- Collaboration as a team
- Usage of tools for Software Engineering

What did not go well?

- Time management
- Learning curve
- Cloud deployment

Thank You!  
Questions?