StuView

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Online Student Practice Interview System

- Allow students to practice technical and non-technical interviews
- More convenient for all parties involved
- Audio, video, and computer screen are recorded during the interview
- Interview can be reviewed by professor or industry professional
- Feedback from reviewer will be available to student

Two Types of Interviews

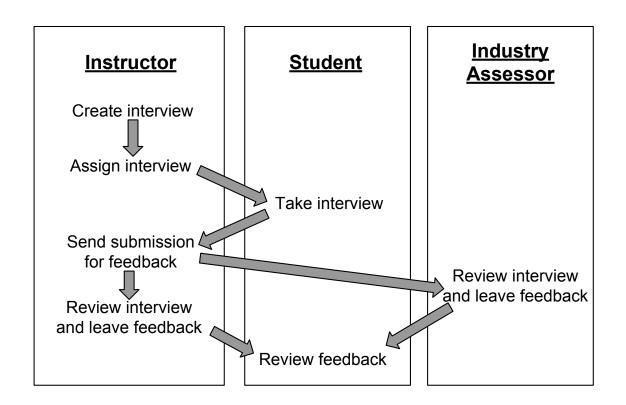
Practice Interview

- Students can take these as many times as they would like to get practice without review
- Only viewable to the student
- Available for download after interview is finished

Reviewed Interview

- Can only be taken once
- After finishing, the interview is uploaded to vimeo and can be sent for review
- Available for download by student after interview is finished

StuView Flow



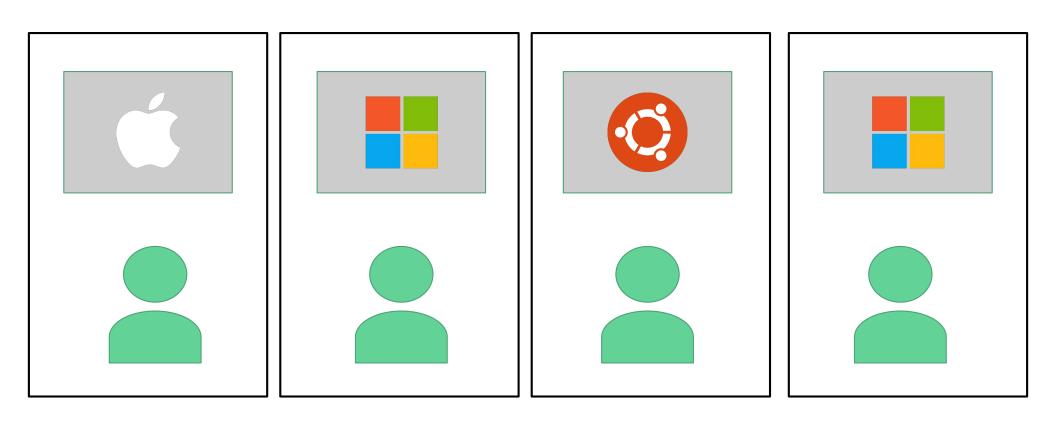
Where We Started

- Basic login functionality
 - User data stored in the Web page
 - No user validation or authentication
- No interview functionality
 - Canvas and audio recording libraries incorrectly implemented

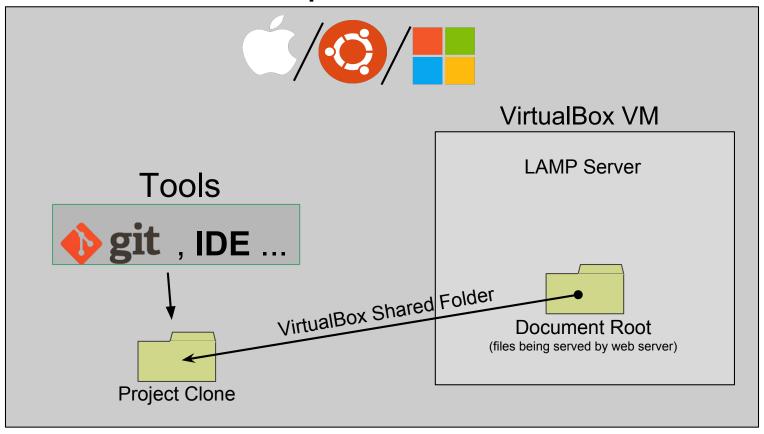
Our Goals

- Get the project running on all of our machines.
- Identify what was broken and fix it.
- Add Session management.
- Get the interview recording/uploading working.
- Make pages more intuitive.

Development Environment



Development Machine



Session Management

- User data stored in PHP sessions
 - Removed from client's browser and visibility
- All database endpoints authenticate user's session
- Randomly generated unique ID used to verify session
- Manual testing

Record Interview

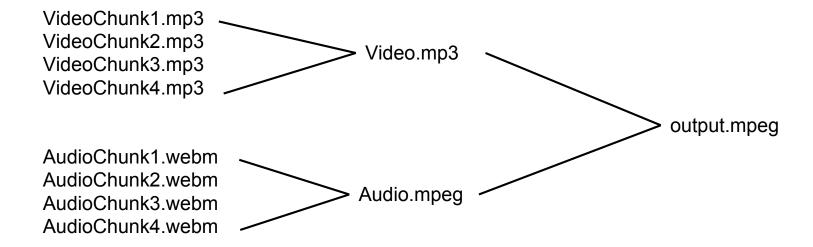
- Interviews are recorded as students take them
 - This includes recording input from the microphone as well as recording what's happening on the screen.
- In order to support full length interviews (over five minutes), the recording has to be split up into chunks. We used Web Workers (threads* in the browser) for taking care of the separate chunks.

*A thread is a way of running different pieces of code at the same time

Audio Encoder Web Workers Video Encoder Web Workers Finished Collecting Collecting **Finished Current Chunk Encoding Frames Terminated Encoding** Samples **Terminated Encoding Encoding** Chunk 2 Chunk 3 Chunk 1 Chunk 4 Chunk 4 Chunk 3 Chunk 2 Chunk 1 Save Frame Save Samples **Audio Chunk Main Browser Thread** Video Chunk Screen Recorder Mic Recorder **Get Samples Get Frame** "front end" "back end" Video Chunk **Audio Chunk** Store Chunk **Web Server**

Putting the pieces together

The server uses ffmpeg to combine all of the chunks into a final video file



Video uploads





Youtube

PROS

Free, and unlimited space.

CONS

Approximately 300 video uploads per day.

Vimeo

PROS

• Can request a much higher request limit.

CONS

 Paid service, and limited space (more space available for more money).

Vimeo

- Vimeo was the best choice to be able to handle 7k requests per day at a peak day.
- Even though Vimeo is a paid service it's the best choice for scalability.

Video Uploads

- We would still fall short in the number of requests we would need.
- So we decided to store the video's temporarily in the server until requests and space become available.
 - From there it depends on the space available in the server.

Testing

- Postman was used for quick Vimeo API endpoint testing.
- Programmatically created hundreds of videos to be able to test the code under high demand conditions.
- Terminal was used primarily for testing, since this part of the code is only executed on the server side.
- Tracking errors by logging them for future reference.

Video Uploads

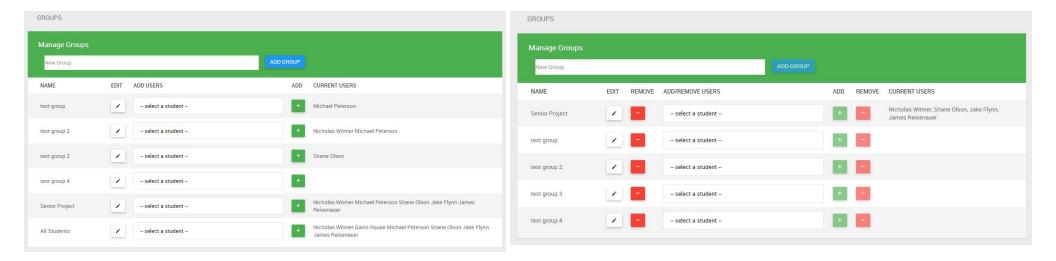
- The code is fired up when a user submits an interview.
 - The code looks in our media folder for any videos, not just the one that was just created.
 - A sublist of videos is created based on the available requests/space in Vimeo.
- The video uploading was written with nodejs, which is a way to write server side code using javascript.

Instructor side

- Four pages on the instructor side
 - Create Interview
 - Manage Interviews
 - Interview Feedback
 - Manage Groups
- Most of the work done on the instructor side was on the Interview Feedback page
- The Manage Groups and Manage Interviews pages also required some work

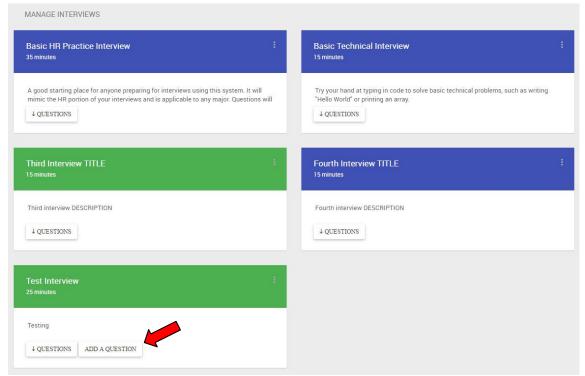
Manage Groups

- Added ability to remove students from groups
- Added ability to remove groups



Manage Interviews

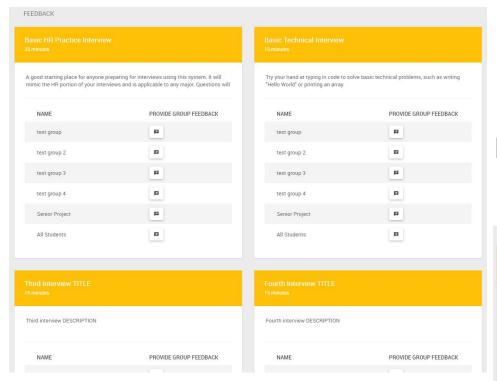
- Added ability to add questions after the initial interview creation
- Only adds questions to the end, they cannot be rearranged currently

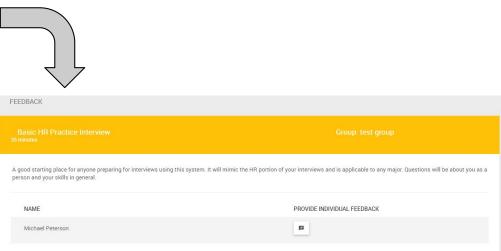


Interview Feedback

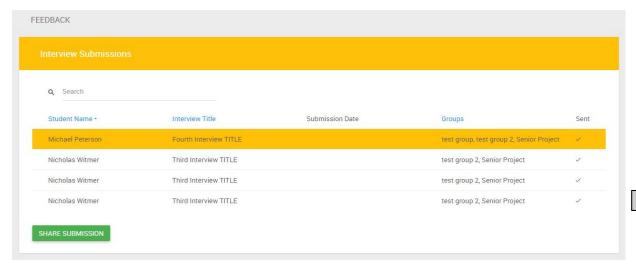
- The process for choosing and sending submissions needed to be reworked
- Added a table with all student interview submissions that is filterable and sortable
- Instructors can select an interview submission and continue to a second page
- The second page asks for an email to send a review request to

Interview Feedback - Before





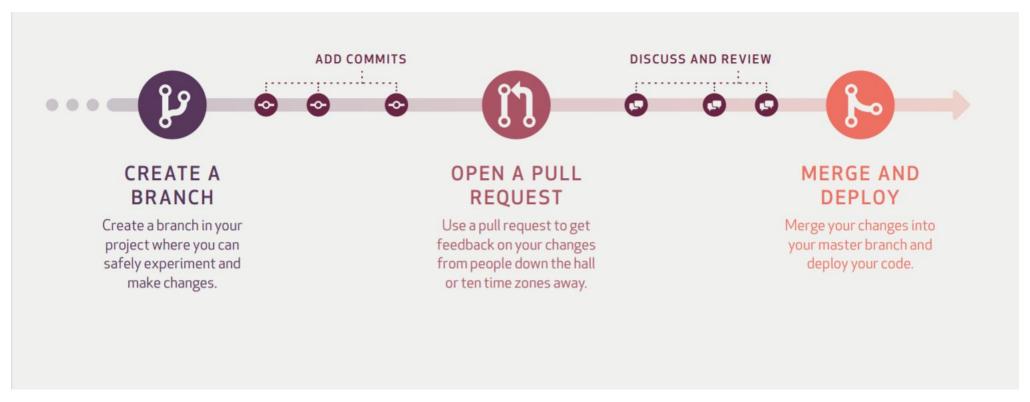
Interview Feedback - After





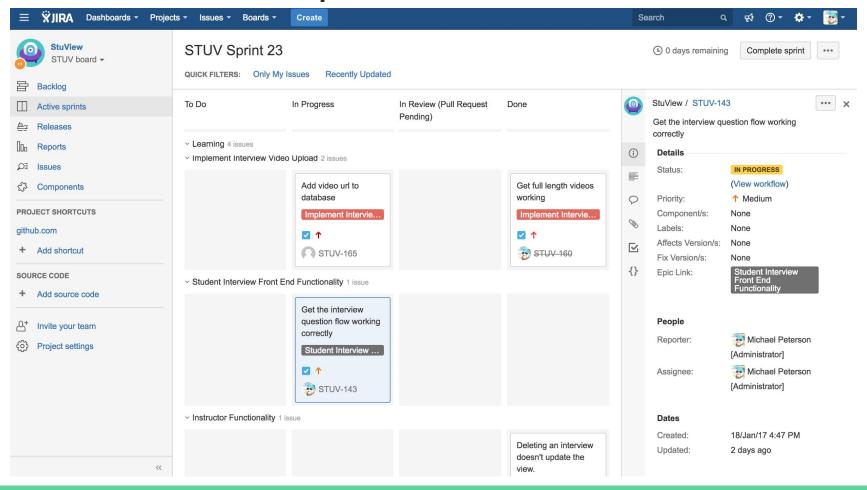


Workflow in GitHub



Source: https://guides.github.com/introduction/flow/

Sprints in JIRA



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STUV-160: 5 unique commits



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10	f18a5ba M	Merge pull request #33 from EWU-CSCD488-W16/STUV-160-Get-full-length-videos-wor	2 days ago	24 files
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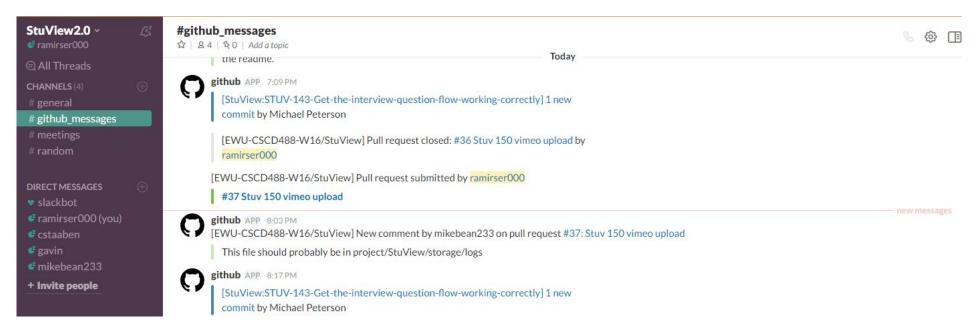
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Team Meetings & Communication

- We met on average once a week.
- We used slack to communicate.



Demo

