WatchTogether Take Home Project

Context

At Shuffle, we like to design and engineer delightful user experiences. Not everyone is up for such a mission and we want to make sure our team members have such passion and skillset.

At the same time, we do not want to waste your time with meaningless projects; you probably get those at school already.

With WatchTogether, we hope you can build something not just for us, but for yourself as well.

Project Description

As part of this internship, you'll likely be packing your bags and leaving your friends and family behind for a significant amount of time. What better time to build a tool that can help you hang out with friends as if you never left?

WatchTogether is a web app that lets you and your friends watch videos together as if you were in the same room. As a user, you might

- 1. Navigate to https://yourProject.someHost.com
- 2. Start playing the video
- 3. Wait for your friends to play, pause, or seek the video.

If your friend navigates to https://yourProject.someHost.com as well and starts playing the video, they can play / pause / seek on the video player and those actions will be reflected on your player as well. At any time, all users at https://yourProject.someHost.com should be playing the video at approximately the same video position.

It is as if everyone at https://yourProject.someHost.com is sharing the same video player.

Summary

- a web video player with play / pause / seek function
- if one user conducts a play / pause / seek action, then all other users will see the result of said action

• (optional) users can specify which videos they want to watch

Suggestions

You may use any tech stack for this project as long as it gets the job done. You may consider

- YouTube embedded iframe player
- HTML5 video player
- Firebase Javascript

Do not worry about crafting a beautiful UI. Feel free to do so on your own time, but for this project, we're more interested in the functional aspects.

Deliverables

- a screencast showing the working tool. You can open two browser windows each pointing to the web app and show that the video players are indeed syncing.
- code on GitHub