

Computer Science

FAIR SPOTHEY JAM



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PROBLEM

When listening to songs with a group in a Spotify Jam, the queued songs are played in a "first queued first played" fashion. This makes the queue unfair and makes it possible for users to be over/underrepresented in the Jam session.

SOLUTION

A webapp that improves Spotify's group listening functionality by implementing fair queue management. Using the Spotify API, our solution aims to ensure all users in a shared session are equally represented in the song rotation. This approach will enhance user satisfaction and encourage a more enjoyable, balanced experience for group listening.

CHALLENGES

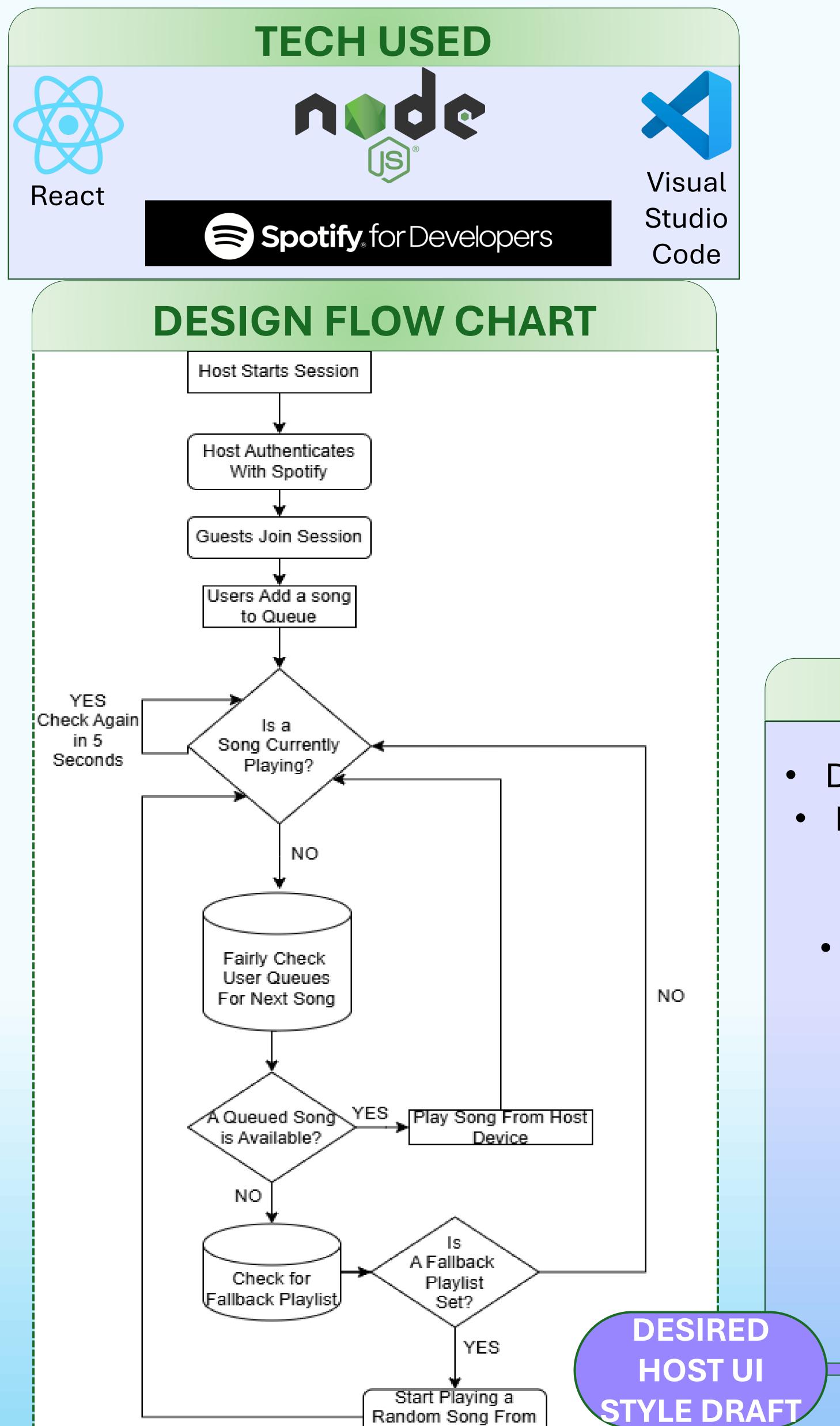
- Using Spotify API
- Finding work-arounds for when Spotify's API wasn't enough (ex. native Jam has no API support)
- Managing time on the project with the busyness of being a senior

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hosts can start a session and authenticate with Spotify
- Guests can join a session via session ID and add songs to queue
- The currently playing song and queues can be seen on host and guest dashboards
- The queue algorithm gives every user a fair chance to have a song played every rotation through users
- Hosts can save the songs that were played in a session as a playlist

USER STORIES

- 1. When in a Spotify Jam, I feel like other people queue many songs before I can even queue one.
- 2. After an enjoying night hanging out and listening to music with friends, I wish I could easily save a playlist of all the songs we listened to.



Host Dashboard Ul

Session ID: 1b4c503e-77f8-47a3-a978-d3ef8f1d4004

End Jam

Guests in Session

Host Dashboard

- super_chicken355
- bob1

Now Playing

Spanish Castle Magic (Olympic Studios, London, UK, February 17, 1969) - Jimi Hendrix

Queue

super_chicken355

- Hey Joe Jimi Hendrix
- Spanish Castle Magic (Olympic Studios, London, UK, February 17, 1969) Jimi Hendrix

bob1

Never Gonna Give You Up - Rick Astley

Add a Song to Queue

Enter Spotify Track URI Add to Queue

Set Fallback Playlist

Current Fallback: Off the Wall by Michael Jackson

Enter Playlist URI Set Fallback

Host Controls

▶ Play ☐ Pause ► Skip

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS

- Develop a smoother UI to increase QoE and QoS for users
- If Spotify ever allows for native Jams to be integrated with their API, session functionalities will become easier to manage, but the logic will need updated.
- More potential party/fun features (e.x. category game)

