

## User Accounts with Secure Authentication

- We used **Express** to handle http requests/responses formatting for our server. If we did not have this then we would have to parse the incoming request for the route and request type. We would also have to build our own http response but express handles the incoming route and request type by “app.get” for get request, “app.post” for post request. “app.get” takes in a string and a handler where the string will be the route we will accept and the handler will handle what we need. This handler takes in a (request, and response) where the request is the incoming request to the server and response is the response from the server. We can build a response to send back to the client by simply doing response.send(content) to build a response to send content back to the client. If we did not use Express, we would have to build a http response from scratch. In order to get the html pages, we used res.render(html file) which sends the html pages. Express overall helps us not worry about the small things such as building a response, parsing a response and etc so we can write things that will improve the logic and functionality of our app.
- Features we used Express to handle for User Account:
  - Sign up
    - Express will handle routing for the http request/response for “/signup” when a user first creates an account.
    - When the user first creates an account it will take in the request body:
      - Email
      - Password
      - Confirm password
      - First name, Last name
    - We will fetch that information with a POST request and confirm if the email exists already in the MongoDB database.
    - For secure authentication for the passwords first we compare the password and confirm password to see if they match. If the passwords match then we hash the password using **bcrypt** library which will hash passwords for us. After hashing, we compare the hashed password and if it's the same then the user is created.
  - Sign in
    - Express will handle routing for the http/request response for “/login” when a user attempts to sign in
    - When a user attempts to log in it will first find the email in the database and then compare the input password password from the user to the hashed password that we stored in our MongoDB database.
    - If the password is the same then we will remove the token that is already associated with the user and create a new token for that user. This token will be attached to every single request and will be only valid for 24 hrs.
    - Users won't be able to visit certain pages without a valid token.
- For this part pug does not render data or fill in templates for login so it will just send the login html file.

- Body-parser parsed the body which was sent in the initial post request. The request was made using ajax so the body was structured in json format. Body-parser let us access the body as a javascript object.
- Cookie-parse cookie parser easily reads and writes the cookies. Cookie parser turns the cookies into javascript objects so it can be easily read. It also sets cookies automatically by adding a new field to the object. We used this to check if there is a token and validate it when they come to the website. We also set the cookies when a user successfully created an account or logs in.

### Users to see all users who are currently logged in

- Pug implementation
  - Pug will get data on all current logged in users and will display each one on the left of the page. A for loop is used on the data to map all the years.

### Users can send direct messages (DM) to other users with notifications when a DM is received

- Socket io implementation
  - Socket io lets users talk in real time with one another.
  - Each user has a socket started when they log in (rooms). The socket will keep track of incoming and outgoing messages. So if someone messages the user, then the user will receive a frame with the message and javascript will display the message or notify them.
- Pug implementation
  - Pug is going to template the home page with user information. Pug will get user information, direct messages, online users, and current dm receiver.
  - With the data described above, Pug will conditionally template the data into an HTML file. For example, in the chat the user's message will be on the right whereas the recipient will be on the left.
  - Pug will also load the user's name, image, etc in the HTML file.

### Users can share some form of multimedia content which is stored and hosted on your server

- In progress

### Live interactions between users via WebSockets (Cannot be text)

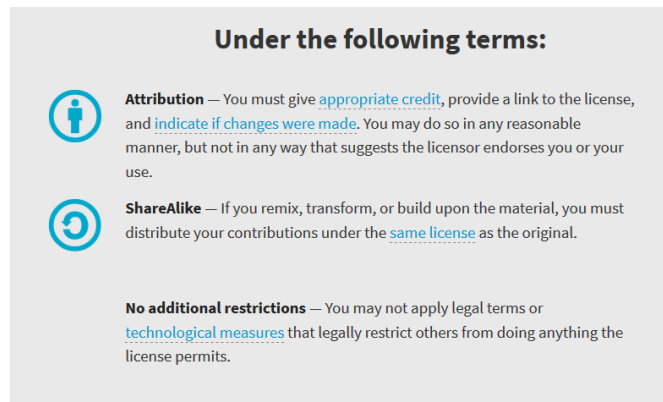
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## Libraries/Framework/Services used

### Express

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- What license(s) or terms of service apply to this technology?
  - As stated by the [Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 3.0 United States License](#). :
    - **Share** — copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format
    - **Adapt** — remix, transform, and build upon the material
    - for any purpose, even commercially.



## Socket io

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## Pug

- What does this technology (library/framework/service) accomplish for you?
  - We used Pug as a template for the data that we received from our database to customize specific user's information.
- How does this technology accomplish what it does?
  - We used pug to template our data that we received from requests from Express. We will display the data from the database on our home screen using pug as a template to replace html tags to display the following:
    - User profile
    - Online user list
    - DMs
  - Link : <https://github.com/pugjs/pug>

- What license(s) or terms of service apply to this technology?
  - License : MIT

## Multer

- **What does this technology (library/framework/service) accomplish for you?**
  - Multer is middleware for node.js that handles multipart/form data. We are using multer specifically for image upload and local storage. When a user wants to change their profile picture, the upload and local storage process is taken care of by multer. We chose to use multer so we would not have to code our own image processing code. We do not have to worry about reading the bytes until we get all of the image data (like we had to do for homework 3), multer takes care of that.
- **How does this technology accomplish what it does?**
  - **Image Storage**
    - Multer is used to create a local storage engine for the profile picture uploads. We create a variable called storage and set it equal to the **diskStorage** property of multer. We then pass in two objects, destination and filename. The destination object is the destination in which we want the images to be locally stored. In our case, we set the destination to ./public/profilepictureuploads. Filename is a function and it takes in three parameters; the request, the file itself, and a callback. The callback will be used to name the image when we store it locally (so we are not taking the original name of the file). The file naming convention we are using at the moment is "image-<current timestamp>.<file type>". We get the current timestamp by using Date.now() and we get the file type by calling .extname() on the file. When the image has been processed by the server, this storage variable will use the diskStorage property of multer to rename the file, and save it to the given destination.
  - **Image Uploads**
    - Multer is used for the image upload and processing. We initialize the upload variable called upload.
    - The **multer** function itself contains all of functionality for gathering all of the image data and storing. Thus, we set the upload variable equal to the multer function (multer()). The multer function requires a storage object so we pass it the storage engine mentioned above. Multer has the ability to upload single or multiple images at once. We are only allowing the user to upload
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- When the user uploads the image, it makes a post request on the route /profilepictureupload.
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  - MIT