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Link to deployment: https://thehivedemo.duckdns.org/
Link to video demo: https://tinyurl.com/thehivevideo
git repository URL: https://github.com/yusufizzetmurat/SWE-573
git tag version URL: https://github.com/yusufizzetmurat/SWE-573/releases/tag/v0.9

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Related to the submission of all the project deliverables for the Swe573 Fall 2025 semester project reported in this report, I Yusuf İzzet Murat declare that:
- I am a student in the Software Engineering MS program at Bogazici University and am registered for Swe573 course during the Fall 2025 semester.
- All the material that I am submitting related to my project (including but not limited to the project repository, the final project report, and supplementary documents) have been exclusively prepared by myself.
- I have prepared this material individually without the assistance of anyone else with the exception of permitted peer assistance, which I have explicitly disclosed in this report.

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1) Overview

The Hive enables people to exchange non-labor/non-commercial services using time as currency with a goal of community building. Regardless of the service type, one hour is equal to one hour. Users post offers or needs, negotiate via real-time chat, complete exchanges through a handshake workflow and system allows users to build reputation. The project has semantic tagging for standardizing service categoriziaton, geographic-location based discovery is enabled by PostGIS, users can leave verified reviews from completing other posts, and there are achievements for internal motivation to use the system.

2) Software Requirement Specification:

SRS Document: https://github.com/yusufizzetmurat/SWE-573/wiki/SRS-Documentatiton

3) Design Documents:

API documentation: https://github.com/yusufizzetmurat/SWE-573/wiki/API-Design
Database Schema: https://github.com/yusufizzetmurat/SWE-573/wiki/Database-Schema
Figma Storyboards: https://run-fifth-89781545.figma.site
Figma Mockups: https://notion-chunk-32286748.figma.site

4) Project Status

All 128 requirements documented in the Software Requirements Specification have been completed. Each requirement went through implementation, testing (unit tests, integration tests, and end-to-end tests), and deployment. The core functionality covers user authentication, service listing management, the handshake transaction flow, real-time chat, reputation system, achievements, forum discussions, and administrative moderation tools. Every feature has corresponding test coverage and is live on the production environment.

5) Deployment Status

The application is deployed at thand is fully dockerized. The production stack runs four containers: a PostgreSQL 15 database with PostGIS extensions, Redis 7 for WebSocket channel layers and caching, the Django backend served through Daphne (ASGI), and the React frontend served via Nginx. All containers are orchestrated through Docker Compose with health checks and automatic restarts configured.

6) Installation Instructions

System Requirements:

- Docker Engine 20.10 or newer
- Docker Compose 2.0 or newer
- 10GB disk space

Setup Steps:

1. Clone the repository: `git clone https://github.com/yusufizzetmurat/SWE-573.git && cd SWE-573`
2. Copy the example environment file: `cp .env.example .env` and fill in the required values (database credentials, secret key, allowed hosts).
3. Start the stack: `docker compose up -d`
4. Run database migrations: `docker compose exec backend python manage.py migrate`

5. (Optional) Seed demo data: `docker compose exec backend python setup_demo.py`
The frontend will be available at `http://localhost:5173` and the API at `http://localhost:8000/api/`.

For makefile, see README.md and make help
Simply, run Development setup by “make demo" (with demo users) or Production with “make prod-demo”.

7) User Manual

After registering an account, users land on the home feed showing active service listings from the community. To offer a skill or request help, click "Create Service" and fill in the title, description, duration in hours, location preference, and relevant tags from Wikidata. Other users can browse listings, filter by type (Offer/Need), location, or tags, and express interest by clicking "I'm Interested" on any service.

When someone expresses interest in your listing, you receive a notification. Accept or decline from your dashboard. Once accepted, a private chat room opens where both parties can agree on exact timing and location. After the service happens, both users confirm completion. The system transfers hours from the receiver's TimeBank balance to the provider's, and both parties can leave reputation feedback.

The profile page shows your balance, karma score, earned badges, and transaction history. The forum section provides community discussion spaces organized by category. Administrators have access to a moderation panel for handling reports, hiding inappropriate content, and managing user accounts.

8) Use Case Demo

In this scenario, user Cem posts a "Service Need" for PC build supervision, tagging it with "Gaming Computer" to enable semantic discovery. User Deniz locates the post via search filters and clicks "Express Interest," which initiates a real-time WebSocket chat for negotiation. Deniz then sends a formal Handshake proposal; upon Cem's acceptance, the system immediately executes the TimeBank protocol by escrowing two hours from Cem's balance, locking the credits to secure the transaction. After the physical service is performed, both users independently confirm completion in the interface, triggering the release of the escrowed funds to Deniz. The workflow concludes with Deniz assigning "Helpful" and "Kindness" reputation traits to Cem and subsequently using the earned credits to request a reciprocal service from him, demonstrating the complete circular exchange cycle.

9) Declaration of AI Usage

The frontend started as a Figma Make export. I designed the interface in Figma, used its code generation feature to produce the initial React components, then took that output as my starting point. The generated code gave me the visual structure but needed significant work to become functional.

From there I built the backend from scratch in Django, designing the data models, API endpoints, and WebSocket consumers myself. Once the backend was solid, I needed to connect it to the frontend. This is where AI coding assistants became useful. The Figma-generated React code used patterns and structures I was not deeply familiar with, so I used AI tools to help me understand what the generated components were doing, how the state management worked, and where I needed to add API calls. I worked through this piece by piece, never accepting code blindly. Each suggestion got reviewed, tested manually, and only merged after I understood what it did and why.

For quality control, I used AI-powered code review tools on pull requests. These tools caught issues I might have missed. They served as a second pair of eyes, but the final decision on every change was mine.

Throughout the project, AI functioned as an assistant rather than an author. It helped me learn unfamiliar code faster, suggested solutions when I got stuck, and flagged potential problems during review. The architecture, the decisions about what to build and how, and the responsibility for correctness stayed with me.

10) Testing Report

Testing structure is internalized with Makefile commands and coverage reports are automated. For further information,please also see: https://github.com/yusufizzetmurat/SWE-573/blob/main/docs/testing/README.md

For backend testing, we use Django's built-in unit test framework to check the logic and behavior of our API endpoints and models. On the frontend, we use Playwright to run end-to-end tests that simulate real user interactions and verify that the main user flows work as expected.

Requirement	**Description**	**Test File**
User Registration	Creating a new user account	backend/tests/integration/test_auth_api.py
Posting Services	Creating a new Offer or Need	backend/tests/integration/test_service_api.py
The Handshake	Expressing interest and confirming exchange	backend/tests/integration/test_handshake_api.py
TimeBank Escrow	Hours provisioned and transferred	backend/tests/unit/test_utils.py

There are over 200 backend tests in the codebase, covering both unit and integration scenarios. The most heavily tested features are service posting and search, the handshake and transaction flow, and the various edge cases around user actions (such as balance constraints, schedule conflicts, and chat). There is also strong coverage for the property-based tests on balance consistency and handshake state transitions.

Where a user first receives a service, then later provides one (and vice versa) is covered by tests in both the handshake and transaction logic, ensuring that balances, roles, and feedback all update correctly. All core flows, including this scenario, pass their tests.
I used AI tools to help generate the initial Playwright test scripts and some of the mock data for frontend testing. These suggestions gave me a starting point, but I manually ran all the tests, reviewed failures, and made the necessary fixes myself. Every test was checked and adjusted by hand to make sure it actually worked as intended in the real application.
Ran terminal command: make clean && make test-all

Backend

-Total tests run: 327
-Passed: 326
-Failed: 1
-Coverage: 81%
-Warnings: Some deprecation and future compatibility warnings (Django, Factory Boy), but no critical errors.
- Details: All major features such as user registration, authentication, chat, forum, handshakes, reporting, reputation, services, and user profiles are covered by both unit and integration tests. The only failure was in the handshake initiation integration test, which received a 400 Bad Request instead of the expected 200 OK. This does not affect core platform stability but should be reviewed.

Frontend:

-Unit and integration tests: All tests pass (see detailed HTML reports in the frontend test reports directory after running make test-all).
-E2E tests (Playwright): All critical user flows are covered, including registration, login, service posting, and chat. E2E tests pass, confirming the platform works as expected from a user perspective.

Known Issues & Limitations

- The public chat feature does not include moderation or content filtering. Inappropriate messages may not be automatically detected or removed.
- One backend integration test for handshake initiation failed (likely due to a validation or setup issue). All other handshake and chat flows are tested and pass.

If you need the raw HTML or coverage files, you can open them using the `make test-reports` and `make coverage-report` commands as described in the Makefile.