

Agenda 2/25/2021

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| 8:00 | Review of last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roles• Scope/environment• Features | Burak Adam |
| 8:10 | Profiles | Seth Bettwieser |
| 8:20 | User to user connections <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search• Messaging – individuals, groups• Forums/bulletin board –yes or no | John Nelson |
| 8:35 | Montana Tech to user connections <ul style="list-style-type: none">• blogs• forums• newsletters | Andrey Zuev |
| 8:50 | Next Meeting – models and sample UI – March 11 | Burak Adam |

Review- Users

Primary User Roles:

- Alumni

Users in the role of alumni must have a diploma from Montana Tech.

Users in the role of graduating students or alumni will interact with Tech Connect in the same way. The only difference is that users with an active Central Authentication System username, will utilize that for authentication, while others may use another method.

- Graduating students

Graduating students are users who expect to be graduating from Tech within the next 365 days.

Other Montana Tech students may be able to access the system as general public.

Review- Users

Primary User Roles:

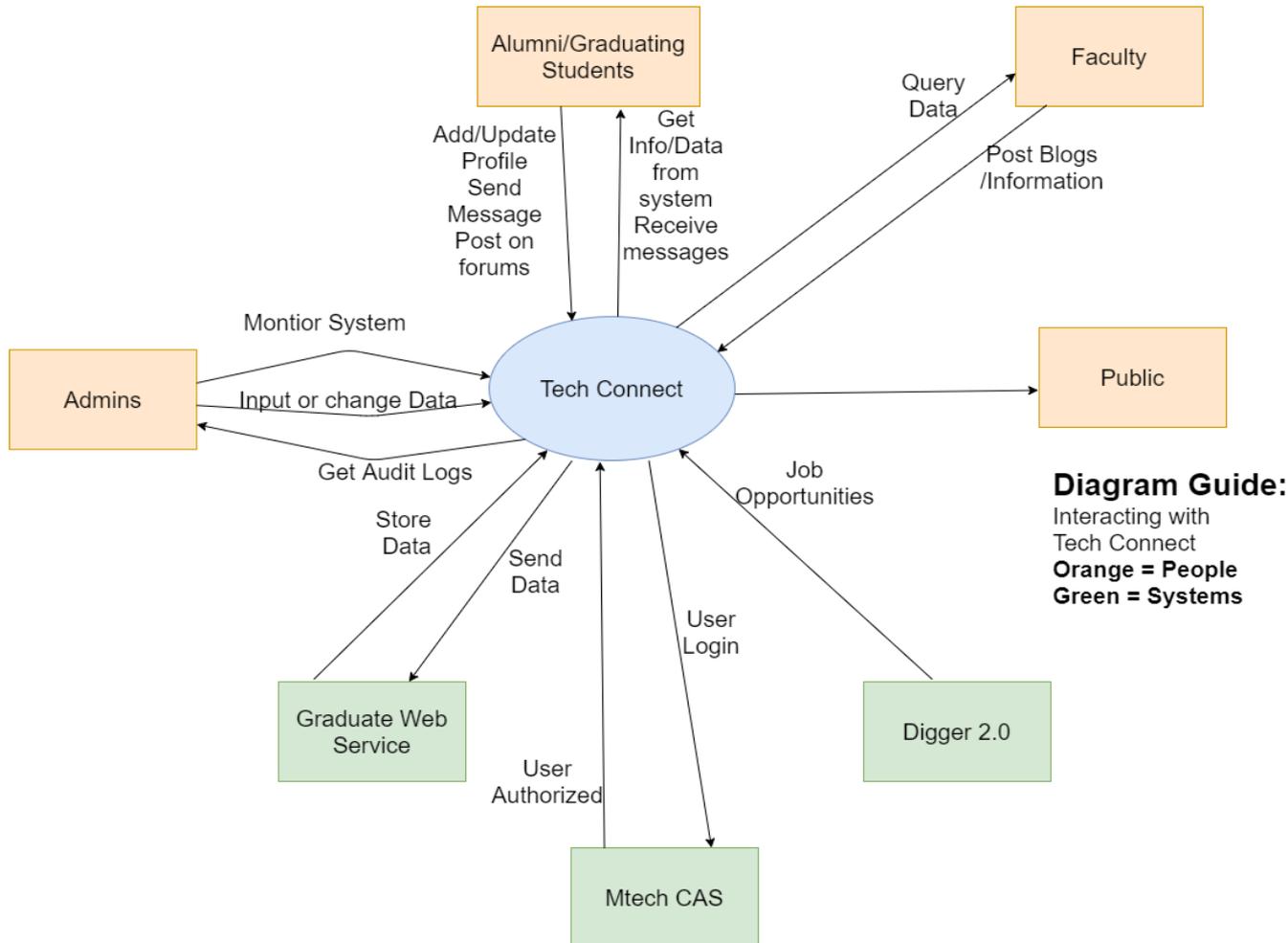
- Administrators

Administrative users of Tech Connect should be able to monitor all information included in Tech Connect, and be able to perform website management.

- Current faculty

Users who are Tech faculty and writing blogs, should be familiar with blogging and posting information on website. All Tech faculty should be familiar with interacting with Tech systems.

Review- Environment



Review- Features

Profiles: Tech Connect will allow alumni and graduating students to create and personalize a profile to share their personal and professional information with other users.

User to user connection: Tech Connect will provide a messaging system and forums to facilitate connections between users within the system.

Montana Tech to user connections: Tech Connect will provide space for newsletters and blogs, which users can view and/or subscribe to, allowing Montana Tech faculty to keep users up to date on Tech happenings. Tech Connect will enable directing users to existing Tech information or services.

Profiles

What do you imagine would be displayed on your profile?

- Profile picture?
- Social media accounts?
- Current place of employment?
- Digger recruiting page?

How do you picture filling out your profile?

Profiles

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User to user connections

Tools to accomplish:

Paid – Slack provides persistent chat rooms organized by topic, private groups, and direct messaging.

Open Source- Zulip provides message reactions, message search history, polls, private messaging, group messaging, free ability to set up a Zulip sever and many other features

User to user connections

How would you like to be able to connect to other users?

- Messaging how? Between individuals, groups etc.?
- Use of forums/bulletin board?
- Be able to search for other users?

These are only ideas we want your thoughts!!!

Montana tech to User connections(Blogs)

Blog – A blog is a discussion or informational website page consisting of discrete, often informal diary-style text entries.

Montana tech to User connections(Blogs)

WordPress.org

Pros:

- WordPress.org gives you control over every aspect of your website.
- You can grow your blog and add extra features like forums.
- WordPress.org is an open-source free blogging platform

Montana tech to User connections(Blogs)

WordPress.org

Cons:

- Managing comes with a bit of a learning curve
- You must manage your own backups and security.

Montana tech to User connections(Blogs)

DropInBlog

DropInBlog is a remotely hosted, cloud-based platform that is designed to embed a blog into your html site.

Montana tech to User connections(Blogs)

DropInBlog

Pros:

- Simple to use. Feature rich.
- Security.

Montana tech to User connections(Blogs)

DropInBlog

Cons:

- Pricing (\$49/month)

Montana tech to User connections(Forums)

vBulletin

vBulletin is one of the most popular forum tools because it's chock-full of features and functionality

Montana tech to User connections(Forums)

vBulletin

Pros:

- Add-ons available to extend functionality
- Easy-to-use Installer and Compatibility
- Security

Montana tech to User connections(Forums)

vBulletin

Cons:

- Pricing (\$20/month)
- Coding Knowledge

Montana tech to User connections(Forums)

phpBB

phpBB is one of the most popular forum tools around because it offers a wide variety of features and customization options and is completely free to use.

Montana tech to User connections(Forums)

phpBB

Pros:

- Free and open source.
- Lots of customization options.
- Forum users can send private messages.

Montana tech to User connections(Forums)

phpBB

Cons:

- Infrequent updates.
- Not a modern look.
- Not as user-friendly as competitors in many areas.

WHAT IS NEXT ?

- Next meeting - March 11, 2021 08:00 am Thursday.
- Next Topic – Models and Sample UI
- Suggestions , requests, ideas for next meeting ?

THANK YOU