Design Review 3

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Problem Statement

Alzheimer's Disease

Neurodegenerative disease, years to progress, cognitive decline finally results in organ failure

30 million deaths worldwide / year

\$259 billion American healthcare, \$1 trillion 2050

Mental/social stimulation may reduce risk of AD

Existing platforms don't offer social components



Problem Statement

WordScuffle...

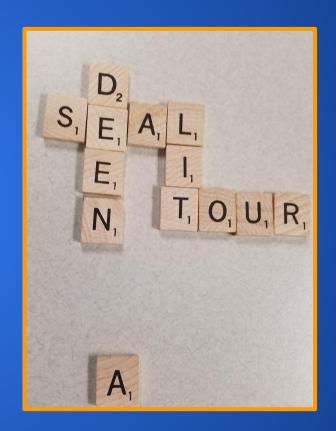
Multiplayer word game created by Barbara Jenkins

Supports cognitive and social brain flexing

13-Letter tile set generated for each round

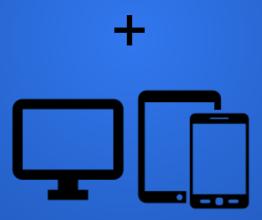
Players have three minutes to form word combos

Players roll dice to determine letters → cumbersome
Each player keeps their own score → time, errors
Players email their scores/results → time, energy

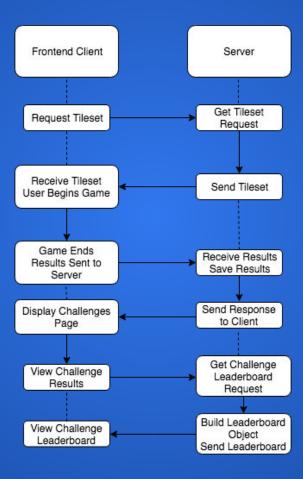


Solution Overview

WordScuffle...



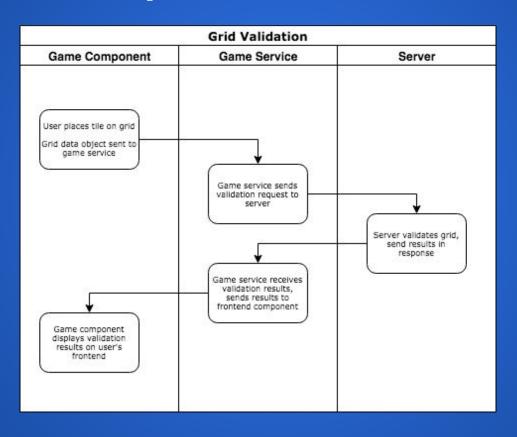
Solution Overview



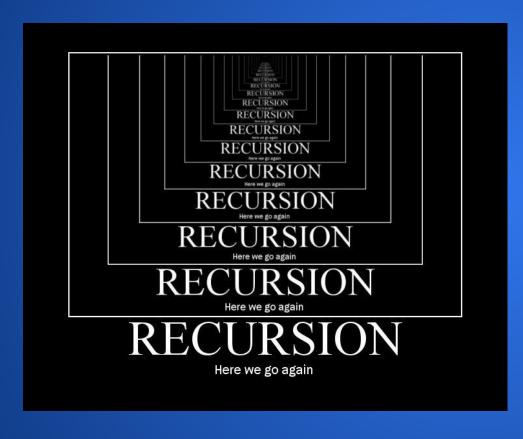
Requirements

- Implement WordScuffle Gameplay
- Instantaneous word grid validation
- Provide daily challenges for Users
- Allow users to add friends
- Provide challenge leaderboard based on Friend's list.

Implementation



Grid Validation?





Prototype Demo

WordScuffle

Testing Plan

Unit Testing

Send grid and tile tray to server

Score Calculation Function

Returned score matches our hand-calculated score

- Created these tests during development
- Function had to pass tests before added to the application
- Run tests again now that development is over

Testing Plan

Integration Testing

Admin page button only visible for users flagged as administrators



Server re-verifies user is administrator, then client webpage is redirected to admin page

- Created these tests during development
- Result achieved from multiple functions and application components
- Console debug output variables to follow what is happening.

Testing Plan

Usability Testing

User logs in



Webpage directed to challenges page



The most-used functions are easiest to access from this page

- Start next challenge
- View Scores

- Had usability in mind during development
- Designed to not need URL bar or back button in web browser
- Feedback from beta testers
- Information icons show instructions

Challenges & Resolutions

CHALLENGES

RESOLUTIONS



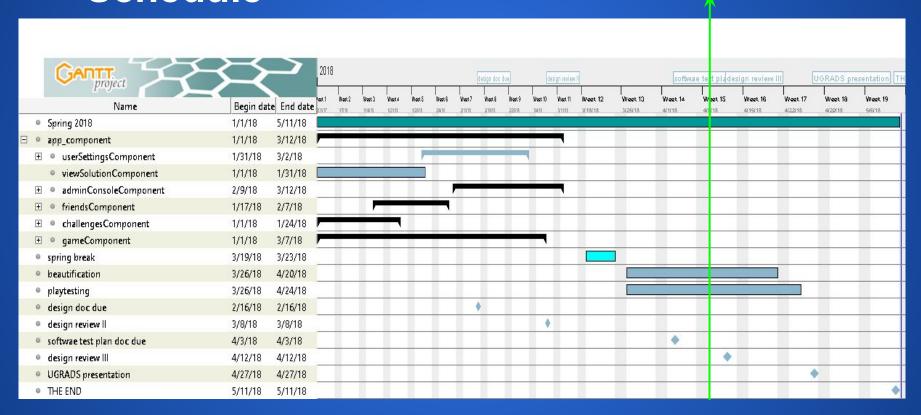
Loaded tournament word list into server side hash table.



Manually solved issue with Dragula and game grid.

Schedule





Conclusion

WordScuffle...

Provides cognitive and social brain-flexing

Addresses gaps in existing platforms

Realizing WordScuffle

As a dynamic web application

Resolving workflow problems

Furthering gameplay which may reduce AD risk







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Thank you!

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