Companion File Browser

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Introduction

About our client

- Buildertrend provides a cloud-based construction management software
- Service includes web and mobile applications for both Android and iOS
- #1 Software for home builders, contractors and remodelers

Problem Statement

Buildertrend wants a new sub-system extension for their current software product which is a web application

- Cloud file sharing system that allows users to sync and download files on the cloud
- Provide users easy collaborations, error recovery, and high accessibility

Project Benefits

- More Security
- Custom Maintenance
- Lower Cost

Market Survey

Similar Products:

- Dropbox
- Google Drive
- OneDrive
- Box

Requirements

Functional Requirements

- A web application that has following:
 - Create users and assign users' permission levels
 - Upload, download files and browse files' information
 - View files' history and download different version files
- Expand the capabilities of the btconnect application:
 - Real-time files and folders sharing with web application
 - Real-time notifications
- Web API Interface that btconnect app could connect with to send and receive data

Non-functional Requirements

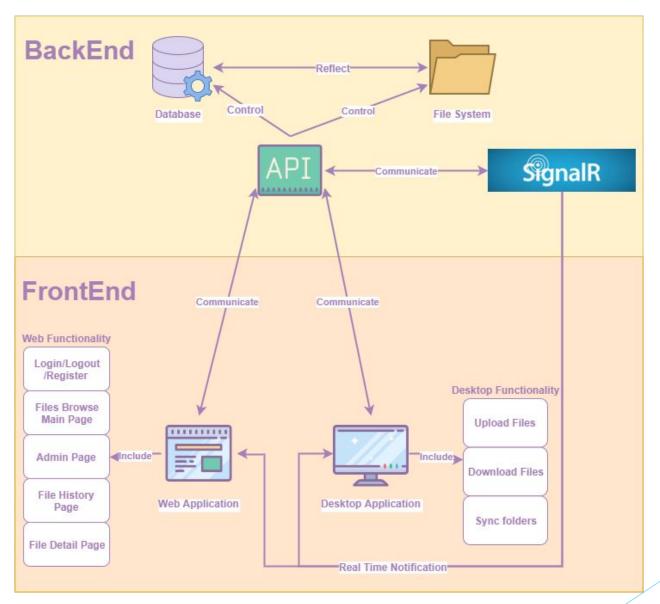
- Maintainability Code and documents should be easy for future developers to understand.
- Usability The application should be user-friendly and easy to use without a detailed explanation about how the application works.
- Security The documents and user information uploaded into the system should only be accessed by people who have permission.

System Design

System Constraints

- Labor Resource and Time
- Required use of technology:
 - React.js frontend library
 - SignalR to communicate between Restful API and applications
 - C# & .Net Framework for API
- Integration with Pre-existing Application

Overview of Design



System Analysis

- Backend
 - Database Microsoft SQL Server
 - Security- Json Web Tokens
 - Real Time Notifications SignalR
 - Web API .Net Framework
- Frontend
 - Library- React.js
 - Rendering Technique Client side rendering

Functional Decomposition

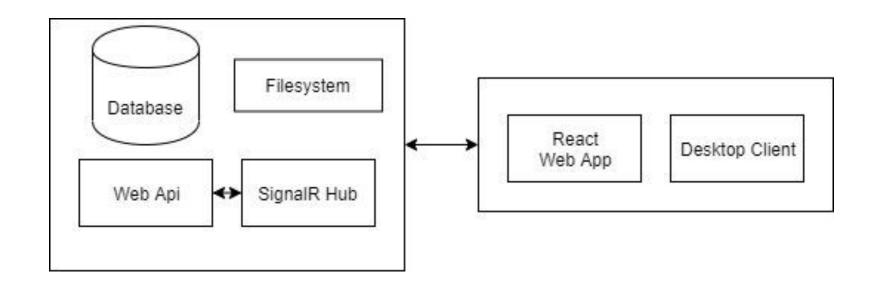
- User signs into web application
- User can view/download/upload files
- User can access the same information on the desktop application

Detailed Design Implementation

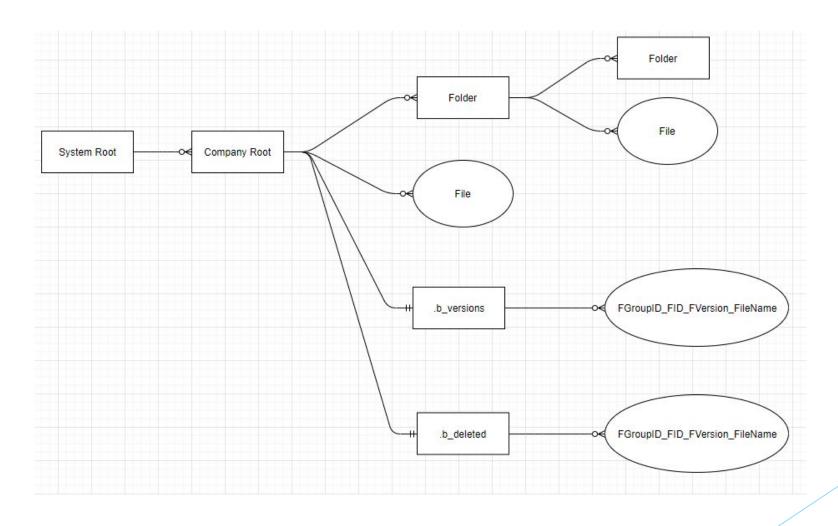
Software Platforms

- React for web UI
- C# for backend services and web API
- Microsoft SQL Server as database.
- No design tradeoffs as we were limited to what we could use

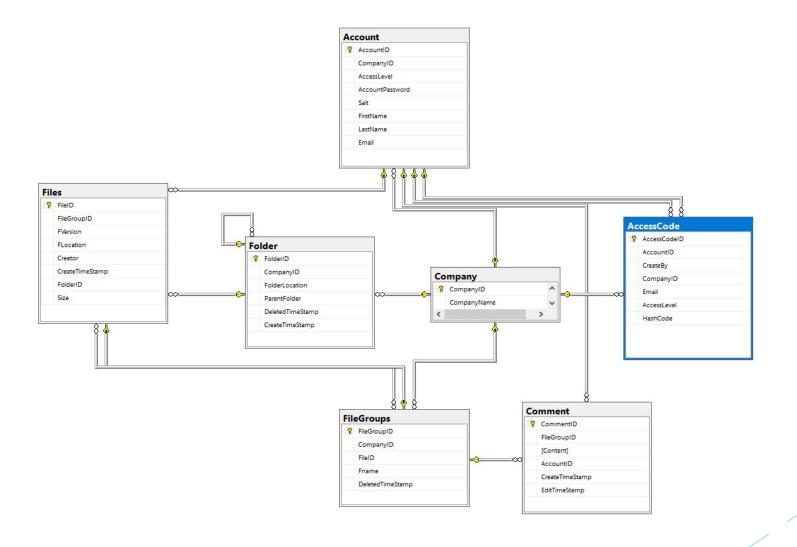
Detailed High Level Design - Functional Modules



File System Design - Final Iteration



Database Design - Final Iteration



Interface Design

- User Interface:
 - Web page that is built on React.js
- Communication Interface:
 - Http Post/Get Request through rest api
 - Sockets for real time notifications

User Interface Design

- Home Page
 - Main component to list folders, files, and respective actions
- Admin Panel
 - Able to create new code for new user
 - Disable user account
 - Set/Change permission

Desktop application

- Items/requirements completed
 - Login
 - Set up a sync folder
 - Sync down folders and empty placeholder files
 - Download/Upload files within Windows File Explorer
- Items/requirements unfinished
 - Delete/Recover/Revert files
 - Create/Delete/Recover/Revert folders
 - File edit warning notification

Testing

Testing Plan

- Integration Testing
 - Postman API endpoint, database, filesystem
 - Mock Data React component rendering
- System Testing
 - Manual test end to end testing web app, api, desktop client

Project & Risk Management

Project Milestones & Schedule

TASK NAME	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	DUE DATE	TASK NAME	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	DUE DATE	DURATION
Gather Requirement		2/12/2019	2/13/2019	Gather Requirement		2/12/2019	2/13/2019	1
System/Architecture Design		2/17/2019	2/24/2019	System/Architecture Design		2/17/2019	2/24/2019	7
Define Scope		2/25/2019	3/4/2019	Define Scope		2/25/2019	3/4/2019	7
Define Edge Case		3/5/2019	3/18/2019	Define Edge Case		3/5/2019	3/18/2019	13
Define Test Case		3/5/2019	3/18/2019	Define Test Case		3/5/2019	3/18/2019	13
Web Frontend UI Design		3/25/2019	5/5/2019	Web Frontend UI Design		3/25/2019	5/5/2019	41
Backend API Design		3/25/2019	5/5/2019	Backend API Design		3/25/2019	5/5/2019	41
Desktop Application UI Design	1	3/25/2019	5/5/2019	Desktop Application UI Design		3/25/2019	5/5/2019	41
Database/File System Design		3/25/2019	5/5/2019	Database/File System Design		3/25/2019	5/5/2019	41
Web Interface Setup		8/20/2019	9/9/2019	Web Interface Setup		8/20/2019	9/9/2019	20
Database Development		8/20/2019	9/9/2019	Database Development		8/20/2019	9/9/2019	20
Server Backend Development		8/20/2019	9/9/2019	Server Backend Development		8/20/2019	9/9/2019	20
Front and Backend Connectivity		9/10/2019	9/26/2019	Front and Backend Connectivity		9/10/2019	12/2/2019	83
Desktop Application Extension		9/27/2019	10/11/2019	Desktop Application Extension		11/25/2019	12/11/2019	16
Desktop Application Connectivity		10/13/2019	10/27/2019	Desktop Application Connectivity		11/27/2019	11/28/2019	1
Documentation		10/28/2019	11/11/2019	Documentation		12/2/2019	12/9/2019	7
Functional Testing		11/12/2019	11/26/2019	Functional Testing		11/12/2019	11/26/2019	14
Non-Functional Testing		11/26/2019	12/10/2019	Non-Functional Testing		11/26/2019	12/10/2019	14

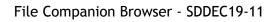
Risk Identification

- Compatibility
 - Server easily interface w/ existing desktop application
- Delivery Time
 - Features/Parts might not get delivered due to time constraint/technical issue/software bugs.
- Lack of knowledge on React, Redux, .Net
 - Both semesters spent learning and reading documentation

Risk Mitigation

- Both semesters spent learning and reading documentation
- Trello board for task management
- Continuous testing and communication
- Changing system design during development
 - Constant communication to discuss the changes, effects, and outcomes

Demo



Lessons Learned

- No matter how much planning is done, issues will still occur
 - Edge cases while developing we didn't account for
 - Bugs taking longer than expected
- Communication is key
 - Who is working on what task
 - Who needs help to break roadblocks

Conclusion

Project Status

- Web Application
 - Full functionality
- Desktop Application
 - Sync Folder
 - Upload/Download files
 - Notifications

Future work

- Final code and documentation hand-off to BuilderTrend
- BuilderTrend will need to implement file editing and call our API endpoints as documented

Questions?

Thank you