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Project Plan

Open Source Intel

The Capstone Experience

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From Students…
…to Professionals

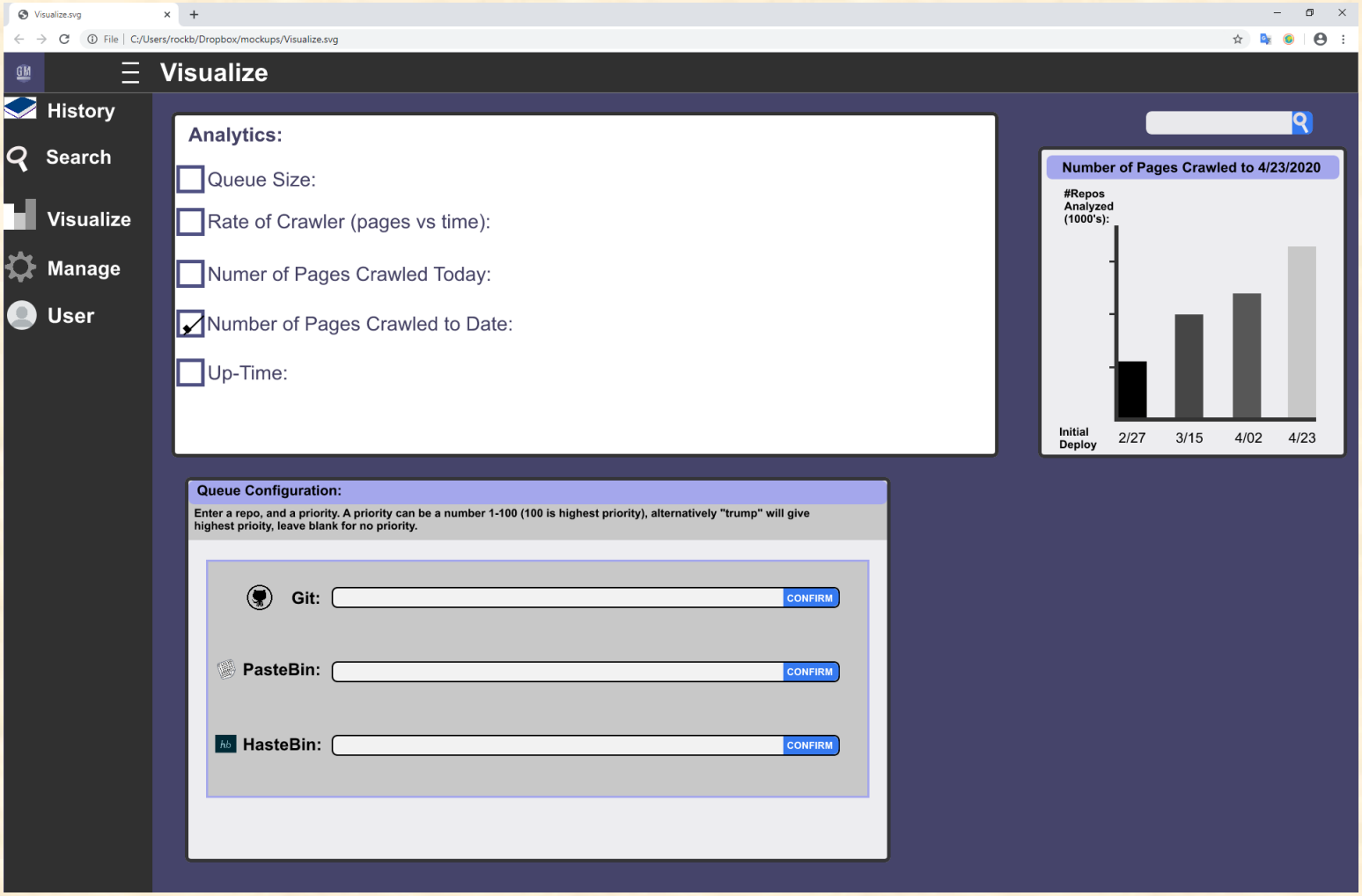
Functional Specifications

- GM is so large that it is at risk of having intellectual property leaked on public repositories.
- Open Source Intel will be able to find any GM owned IP on public repositories and then alert the GM team of findings
- A confidence rating will be given of the assurance that something is found on the site.

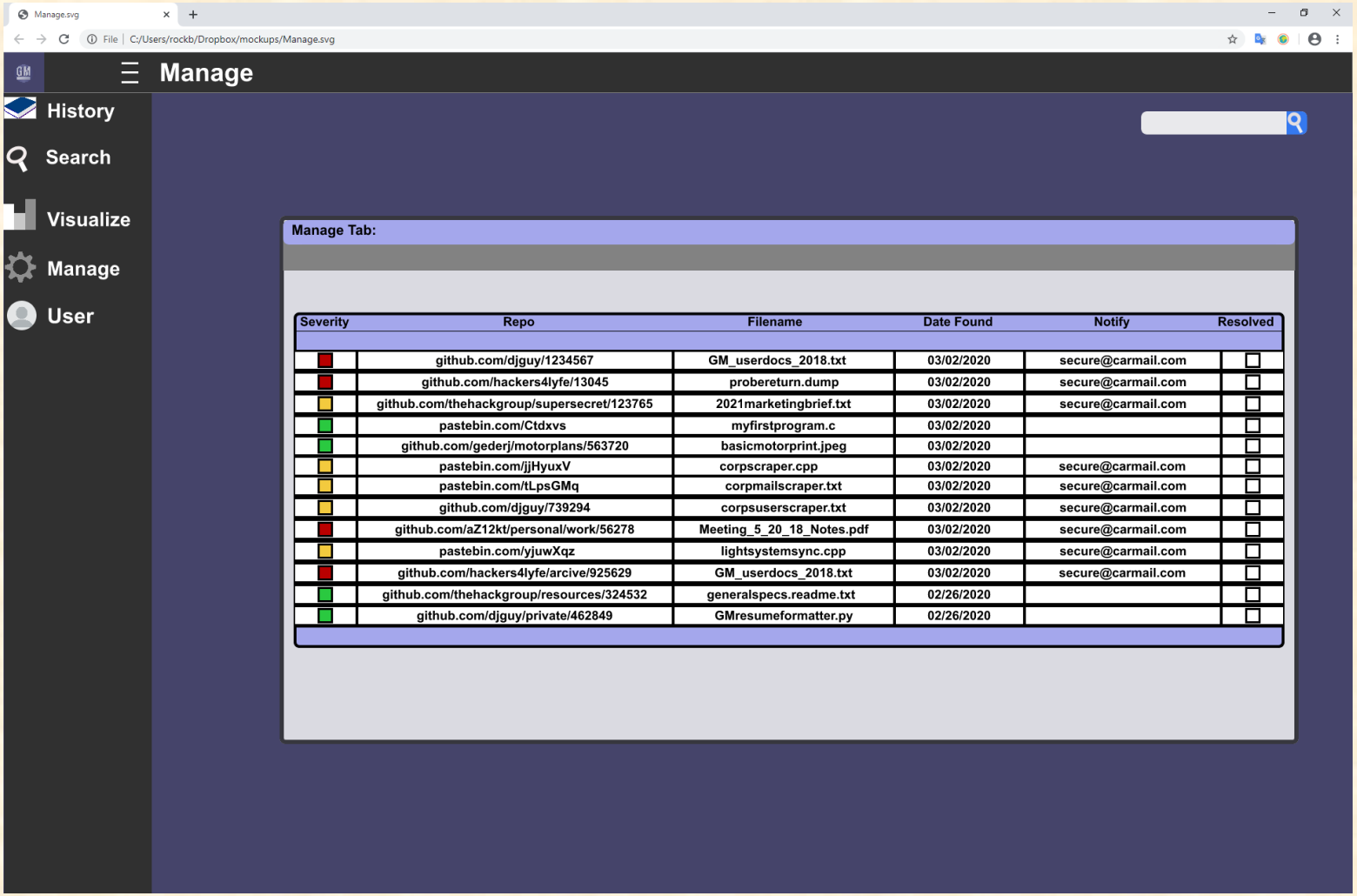
Design Specifications

- Scrape various public repositories to identify GM property and security threats such as: usernames, API keys, and code snippets.
- User friendly web frontend to display the data collected by the backend Python scrapers.
- Once the threat has been identified and verified, GM can proceed with legal action through the website.

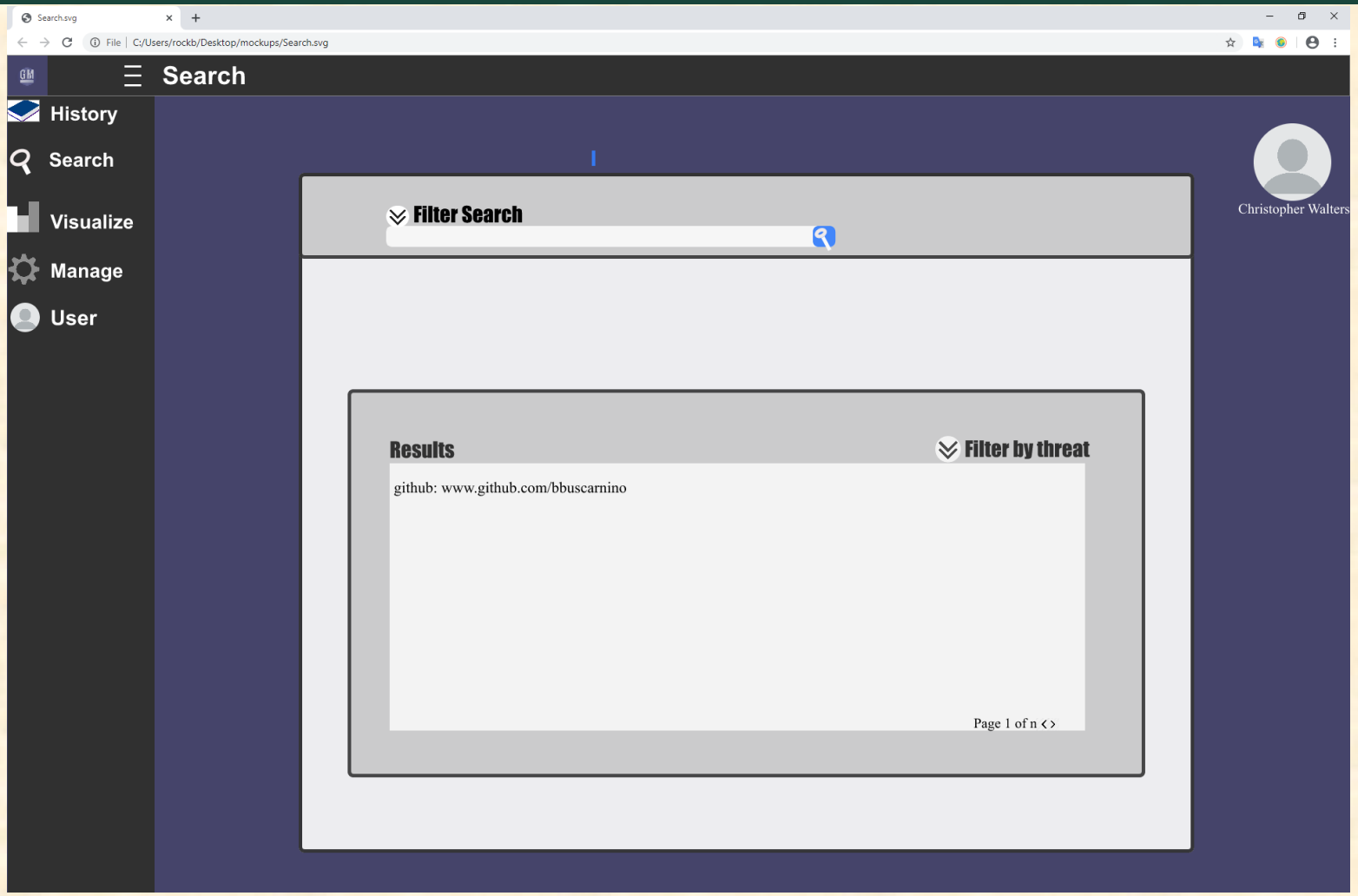
Screen Mockups:Visualize



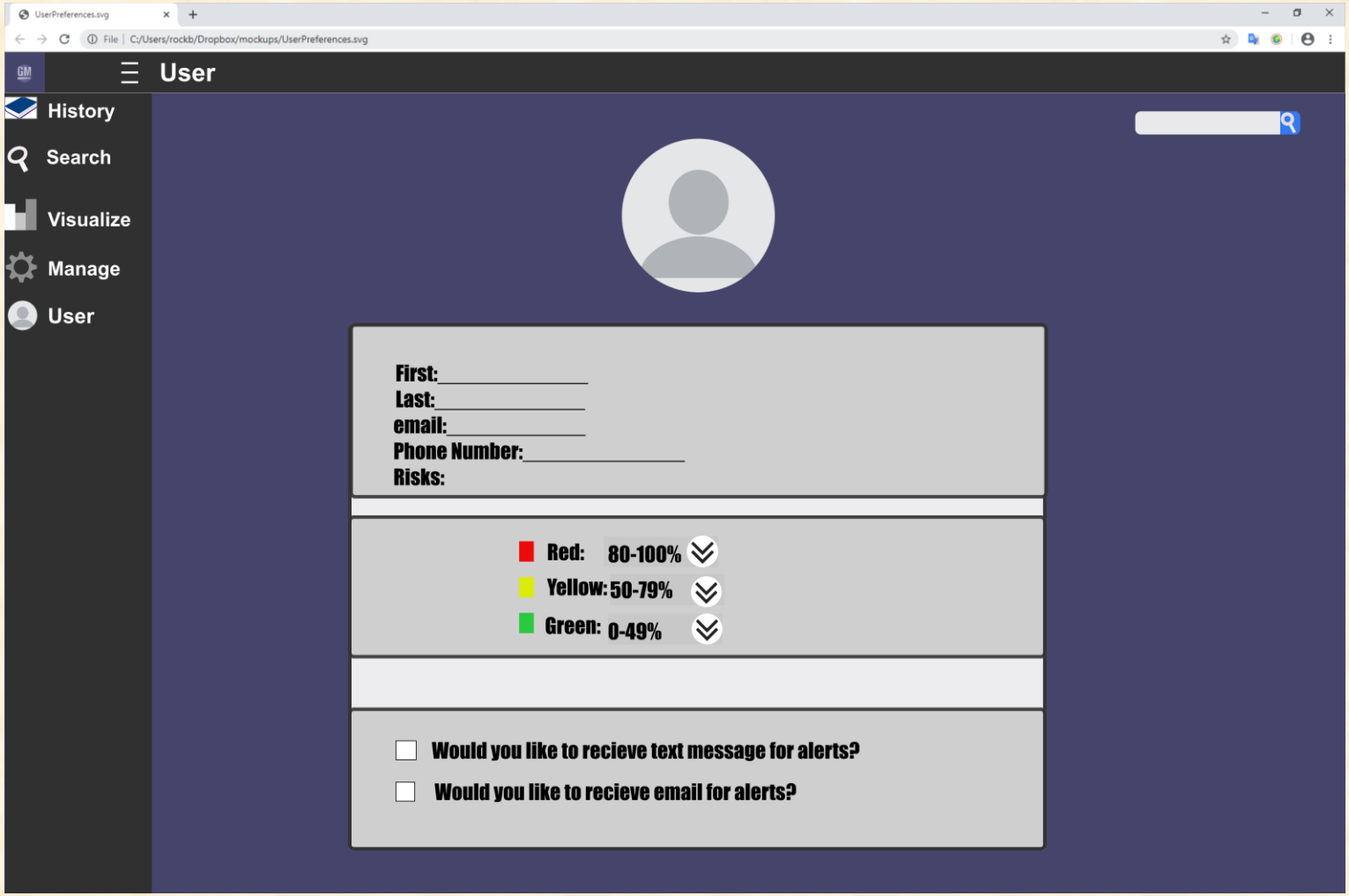
Screen Mockups: Manage



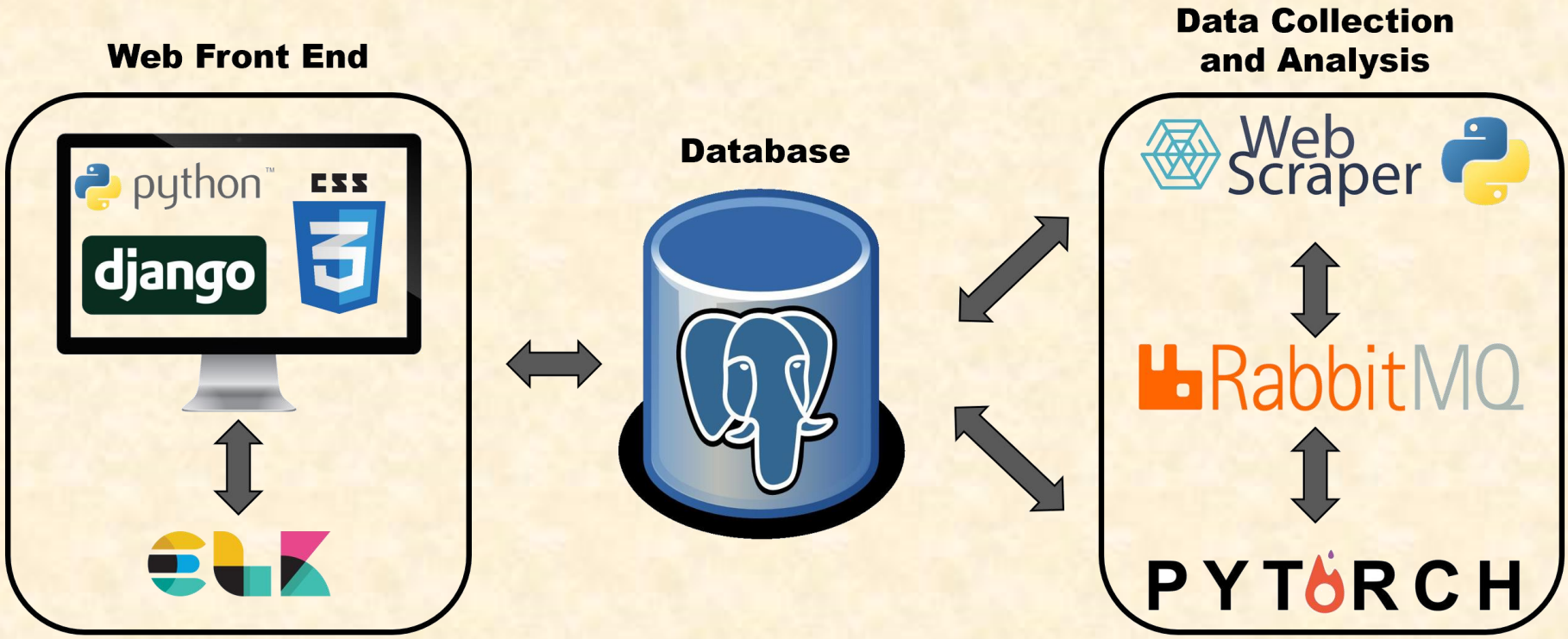
Screen Mockups: Search



Screen Mockups: User-Preferences



System Architecture



Technical Specifications

- GM employees interact with a Python web application.
- The front end uses Django, a high-level Python web framework, styled with the Semantic UI CSS Framework.
- RabbitMQ serving as a work-queue between a suite of web crawlers and PyTorch machine learning service.
- PostgreSQL used for data warehousing of confidence rating, crawled websites, and details of identified leaks.

System Components

- Hardware Platforms
  - Rack-mounted server running NixOS.
  - MacOS Catalina.
- Software Platforms / Technologies
  - Python, Django, Semantic UI.
  - PostgreSQL and RabbitMQ.
  - Web scraper and ML services using Beautiful Soup, Requests, and PyTorch.
  - Kubernetes and Azure Kubernetes Service.

Risks

- Risk 1: Computing constraints
  - Scanning the entirety of GitHub/GitLab/Bitbucket/Pastebin plus their revision histories.
  - Mitigation: Leveraging bounding and caching much as possible to reduce the amount of computationally expensive work done.
- Risk 2: Identifying problematic content
  - GM is such a large company that they don't know all types of IP the enterprise may have exposed.
  - Mitigation: The crawlers will need to have a large breadth for their search,. Treating findings as metaphorical "breadcrumbs" and showing them to the user in a meaningful way so that the user can finish the investigation is an encouraged solution offered by our client.
- Risk 3: Bringing machine learning to production
  - Nobody on the team has experience with machine learning.
  - Mitigation: Leverage outside resources such as MSU CSE faculty and industry contacts.

Questions?