For deploy, I followed this youtube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_UtxjDYb78>

Used Render for backend and Netlify for front end.

On Render, create new web service; pasted link to github respository. The respository is called ‘render’.

Root Directory: backend

Runtime: Node

Build Command: backend/ $ npm install

Start Command: backend/ $ node server.js

added environment variable:

PORT 3001

originally had problems b/c I included bcrypt. then I had problems b/c I had a database specified in the backend, but I wasn’t using it since I didn’t need it.

Once it works, must go into frontend files and replace all ‘http://localhost:3001’ with the new render backend url: <https://render-1-u92k.onrender.com>

next, in terminal go to frontend and type ‘npm run build’;

that should create a new file; mine was called ‘dist’. That folder will be dragged into Netlify.

Go to Netlify.com. Clicked Add New Site

instead of chosing import an existing project or start from a template at bottom I chose drag and drop. your site output folder.

url for Netlify deploy: https://66a963f58ec79c039d90fc47--gentle-starship-ccb186.netlify.app/