

17-356/17-766: Software Engineering for Startups

Homework 2: Sprint 0

50 points

Due: February 16th, 11:59 pm on Gradescope

This homework is to be done with your group.

In this homework, you will work together with your team to begin initial design, and prepare for your first sprint as a group.

References:

- [Sprint 0](#)
- [startup sprint](#)
- [Github Learning Lab](#)
- [Github Guides](#)
- [Dronuts Starter Kit](#)

The learning goals of this assignment are that, once completing it, you will be able to:

- Identify the key user stories that will constitute the Minimum Viable Product (MVP).
- Justify which features to include based on priority, and time available
- Understand and practice the basic building blocks for how to create and deploy a modern web app (related, in some fashion, to the MVC model)

Your task this week is to prepare for the initial sprint:

- **Create your project backlog**
 - Reconcile all individual user stories into a backlog of team user stories. If you want to reconcile these within an online tool, e.g. Trello, Zenhub, Github Issues, that works too.
 - Estimate the amount of time your team will take to implement each user story, and justify your estimation.
 - Write a document listing the user stories your team will include in the MVP and which your team will not. Add a SHORT justification for each user story decision. NOTE: you cannot select more than 40 hours worth of work in a single week, per team.
- **Select a Backend Framework**
 - Create a set of business objectives and criteria for deciding what type of framework you should use.
 - Evaluate two frameworks, identifying their strengths and weaknesses.
 - LoopBack
 - Express
 - Choose (as a team) which framework is preferable for the development of [Dronut](#), and write a business-style email justifying your choice of framework to your investors.

- **Prepare to write the first line(s) of productive code. This will include:**
 - Agree upon and configure development communication tools, e.g. Slack, etc...
 - Agree upon and configure your Project Management infrastructure, including bug tracking, task management, etc...
 - Create a repo for your team using the Github classroom link: <https://classroom.github.com/g/zGVGO1kq> NOTE: only one student should make the assignment repo, then add the rest of the team. DM us on slack if you have issues.
 - Write a simple “hello-world” app with a test (even if it’s fake) and follow the application instructions in **README** that will be cloned into your classroom repo.
 - Setup your team's development infrastructure, including Development Environment, Continuous Integration (CI), code style (via linter), and deployment pipeline as per the README.
 - Deploy your “hello-world” application for the world to see!

Note: As mentioned, instructions for getting started can be found in the README.MD once you setup your classroom repo. This includes creating/joining a GitHub team, creating a repository, setting up Travis CI (or Github actions), Docker, and deploying on an Microsoft Azure instance.

Deliverables:

One document that includes:

- Your product backlog (or a pointer to your backlog in a location accessible to the staff, e.g. Trello, Github Issues, ZenHub)
- A short justification for which user stories you are including in your MVP
- A short document that describes which backend framework you are choosing, and why you decided on that framework
- A URL which is running your starter repository

Grading:

This homework is worth 50 points. To receive full credit, you must have a reasonable product backlog that includes estimates and a short (no more than a few sentences) justifications for the user stories you choose for your MVP. You should have a reasonable justification for which framework you choose, and you should be ready to write your first line of real, productive code in the next sprint.