Rently Team 01

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What Is Rently?

A Rental Experience to Suit A Variety of Needs

Our App and Our Customer Base

- What is Rently?
 - Rently is an online rental marketplace
 - Users can rent items
 - Users can list their own items to rent
 - Terms of the rental set by lister
- Who will use Rently?
 - Rently can be used by a variety of customers:
 - Anyone interested in a new hobby
 - Anyone starting a project/repair



Benefits & Pain Points

- Benefits to Rently
 - No Commitment-great for projects!
 - Community Based
 - List and make money off unused items
 - No expensive upfront costs
- Pain Points
 - Buying an item only to use it once
 - Overly expensive items



Standing Out from our Competitors

- Ebay and Craigslist
 - While both are user oriented, these websites do not offer rentals
- Amazon
 - While Amazon offers rentals, they are limited to books and digital media
- Rent-A-Center
 - Rent-A-Center does not offer delivery
 - Charges premiums and takes credit info for service



Front End

- Use React.JS framework
 - Use Component, React from React library
 - Use Link, useHistory and withRouter from React-Dom Library

```
import { Component } from 'react';
import React from 'react';
import MultiLink from './MultiLink';
import { Link } from 'react-router-dom';
```

- For Design the Web Page Application
 - > Custom CSS Styling by setting classname = {styles.name}, and create a CSS file and use the classname to design the web page.

```
<div className={styles.username}>
  <label htmlFor="Username">Username:</label>
  <input
    type="text"
    id="username"
    required
    id="title"
    ref={(node) => (this.usernameInputRef = node)}
/>
```

```
input {
   justify-content: right;
   left: 13%;
}
.username {
   padding: 2px;
}
```

Front End Challenges

 CSS Styling, I make the Card component to store the information and while trying to spacing it out with another Card. I am unable to do that by changing the styles. My solution for this is create a div function outside the Card component and in the CSS file, display as grid and grid-gap to make the spacing between the Cards

```
<div className={styles.grid}>{this.generatePostCards()}</div>
.grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(5, auto);
  grid-gap: 1cm;
  margin-bottom: 1cm;
}
```

Creating a window alert when User login / enter the wrong credentials. I
can't just put the function into the button, I need to put it where the
function is checking the credentials.

```
storeUserInfo() {
   if (this.state.data.status == 'ok') {
      localStorage.setItem('user', this.state.data.user.userName);
      localStorage.setItem('email', this.state.data.user.email);
      localStorage.setItem('logged_in', true);
   }
   this.routeChange();
}

routeChange() {
   if (this.state.data.status == 'bad') {
      window.alert('You entered a wrong username or password, try it again');
   } else if (this.state.data.status == 'ok') {
      window.alert(this.usernameInputRef.value + ' is login in');
   }
}
```

Back End

- Use Express.Js
 - Connect to the express router
 - Connect to the express server
- The Router files
 - The router files uses router.get or router.post to handle the request
 - Server.Js
 - Keep track of the router files by using app.use

```
const express = require('express');
const router = express.Router();
```

```
router.use(express.json());

router.post('/login', (req, res) => {
  router.get('/all', (req, res) => {
```

```
//Routers
app.use('/api/account', account);
app.use('/api/about', about);
app.use('/api/categories', categories);
app.use('/api/posts', post);
```

Components Folder

- The files in the folder to connect with front-end and back-end.
- We are using fetch statement to keep track the data from back-end to front-end

```
fetch('/api/account/login', {
   method: 'POST',
   headers: {
       'Content-Type': 'application/json',
   },
```

```
∨ Components

 JS AboutMe.is
 JS AboutNav.js
 JS App.js
 JS CalendarSelect.js
 JS Card.js
 JS Categories.js
 JS Category.js
 JS DisplayPage.js
 JS Dropdown.js
 JS EditListing.js
 JS HomePage.js
 JS LoginPage.js
 JS MainNav.js
```

JS MultiLink.js

JS PostPage.js

JS ProfilePage.js

JS Registration.js

Back End Challenges

Changing Formatting and method

At first, we are planning to put everything in the server.js file. Then, after communication, we change our format. It separate with components folder, route folder and server.js file to be more organized. At that time, I saw it is pretty similar what I do in CSC 317. It messed me up that I using the method of what I do in CSC 317 to do in this project. Afterward, I figured out that we are using the fetch method to do this project and I am not familiar using the fetch method. In order to solve this problem, I am doing a lot of research and asking teammates to help me out with the fetch method.

```
submitHandler(event) {
  event.preventDefault();
  fetch('/api/account/login', {
   method: 'POST',
   headers: {
      'Content-Type': 'application/json',
   body: JSON.stringify({
      username: this.usernameInputRef.value,
      password: this.passwordInputRef.value,
   }),
    .then((response) => response.json())
    .then((res) \Rightarrow {
      console.log('Response Received: ', res);
      this.setState({ data: res }, this.storeUserInfo);
    .catch((error) => {
      console.error('Error:', error);
   });
```

Redirect the pages & Logout button

The page redirect and the logout button is working well but after we added some CSS and new stuff, the page redirect and logout button is not working. These two issues is hard to find out for me that I have no idea what file to check on at the beginning. Solving these two problems, I compare every files from previous version of the code to the recent files in Components. Finally, I found out that some files are overwritten. Then, I combined the previous version of the code and new version of the code together. Now, it is working as before.

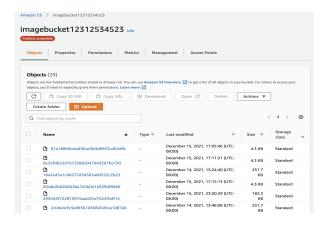
```
render() {
  return (
    <header>
       <nav className="nav">
         <
              <Link to="/">Home</Link>
            render() {
  return (
    <header>
      <nav className="nar bar">
       <h1 className={classes.logo}>
          <Link to="/">Rently</Link>
         </h1>
        li>
```

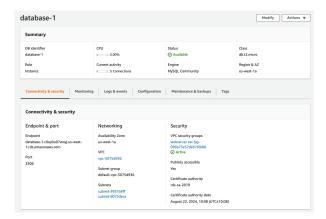
AWS (Cloud) - RDS



Relational Database Service

- We used RDS in the AWS Cloud to hold our database and be able to run SQL through.
- In our case our cloud was used for data recovery, and a way to store everything.
- We also use AWS for s3 buckets to store images.



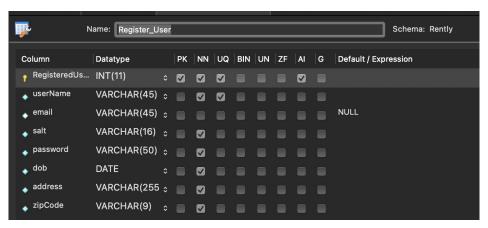


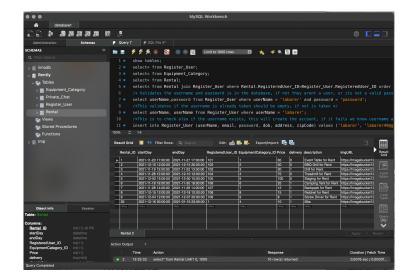
Database - SQL Workbench

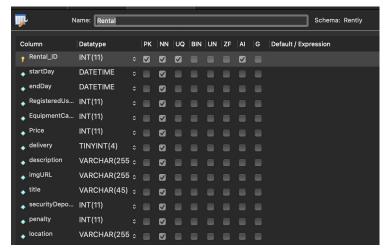
Database - How its set up

- Our database is held in a schema which is called Rently.
- Rently has four tables, Equipment Category, Private Chat, Registered User, and Rental.
- This is where a lot of our information is stored, including account information, passwords (which are encrypted), and the rental post itself.
- The columns hold all of the subcategories of the table.
- When you create an account it saves it in the database.
- Similarly if you create a post it also saves in the database.









Team Management & Collaboration

Challenges, Solutions, and Successes



Team Collaboration - Challenges

- Time Management & Scheduling
 - Had to change our meeting day to adapt to new schedules
 - Difficult to find times to work together:
 - Work
 - Extracurriculars
 - Family emergencies

Communication

- Rough at the start
- Improved as we progressed
- o Team and became more committ
- Discord proved to be very useful



Team Collaboration - Successes

- Teamwork
 - o All members did their fair share
 - Worked well together (minimal issues)
- Willingness to help and be helped
 - At some point every team member:
 - Reached out for help in our help channel
 - Provided help to another member in the help channel
 - Met outside of meetings to resolve issues
 - Used pair programming to work through challenges
- Constant team effort towards learning
 - No one had much web development experience
 - We picked it up quickly and learned continuously



Team Management - Challenges

- Load balancing
 - Week to week some areas need more work than others
 - Keeping it fair
 - If some members had a lighter load:
 - Helped out other "teams" (backend/frontend)
 - Worked ahead to get a jump on future work
- Keeping the project on schedule
 - Did this well but it was a challenge
 - Small teams make it more and less difficult
 - Need to put in more work as a team lead pulling your weight + planning
 - Less people makes it easier to manage the team as a whole
 - Helpful practices:
 - Breaking up all milestone work at the start
 - Setting deadlines for portions of work

Team Management - Successes

- Meeting Deadlines
 - Always had our milestones met on time even if it meant staying up all night to get it done
 - Breaking up the work at the start of milestones really helped
- Our team management tools proved very useful
 - Discord



- o Trello
 - Great for checking up on progress without needing to contact members everyday
- Weekly meeting schedules
 - Kept track of things to discuss from previous meeting
 - Helped us to remember things that came up throughout working days
- Staying Flexible
 - Meeting at various hours with multiple different members
 - Helping out wherever it was needed



