Rate My Courses

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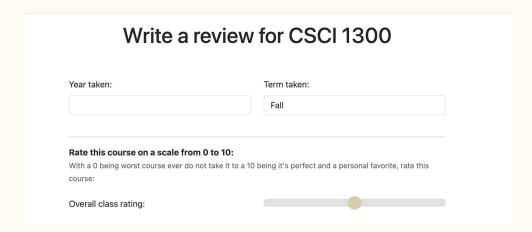
Rate My Courses is a platform where students can review classes on various metrics such as difficulty, how well they're taught, and workload.

Along with viewing these metrics, the platform will also allow users to write reviews of the class, allowing for a more detailed and unrestricted assessment.

Students will then be able to view all reviews that have been inputted into the platform to better understand what to expect from various courses.

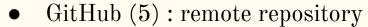
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Rate My Courses will fill the void left by FCQ's as it allows students to share their opinions and view those of others without being confined to the questions on the FCQ.



Tools Used







PostgreSQL (5): database storage



VSCode (5): remote branch editing



Handlebars, HTML, CSS (3): templating, styling and organization



NodeJS (4): server-side code



Localhost (4): server for testing



CU Boulder Course List API (5): used for class information



Chai (1): used for testing, annoying given project time frame



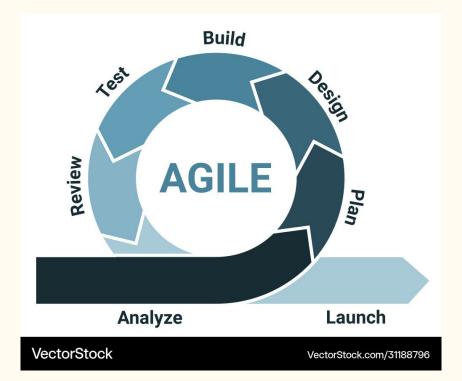
Docker (3): containerization and deployment were easy



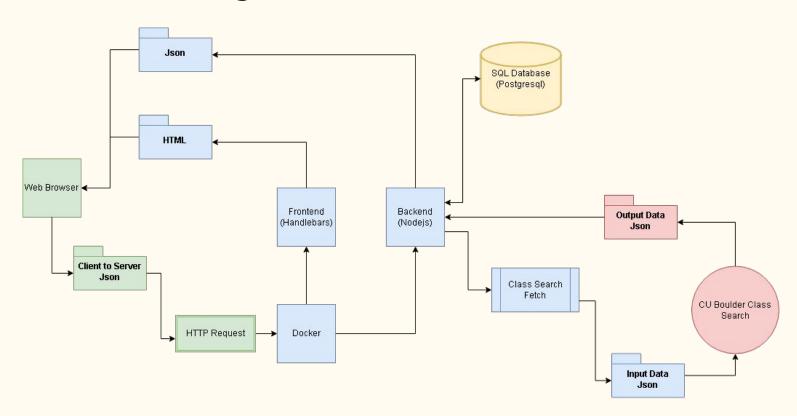
Discord (4): team communication

Methodologies

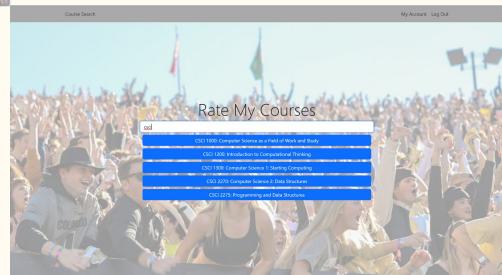
- Peer Code Reviews
- Agile
- Github Project Board

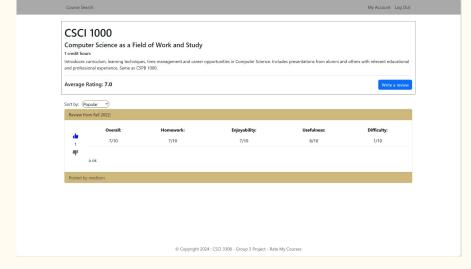


Architecture Diagram









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Challenges Faced

- Finding an appropriate scope
 - We started with just writing reviews for CSCI classes at CU, and then we realized that we could use an API to get all of the courses offered at CU in our page
 - Implementing the API seamlessly into our database was a challenge since there is so much data; how do we scrape it all?
 - We worked around this issue by only adding a course to our database on demand (when a user searches for it)

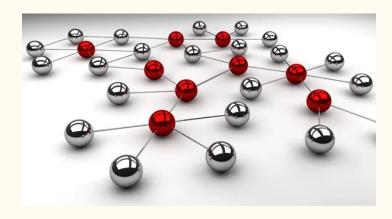


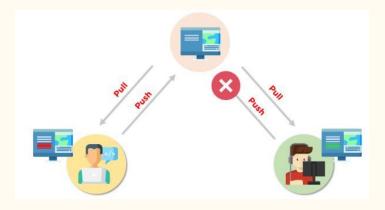


Challenges Faced

• Communication

- Working through blocking issues, a lot of our issues depended on others completing their part
- Integrating our local code with others was a challenge at first, especially when we were all working on similar features and making pull requests at the same time.
- We fixed the first issue by informing each other of what needed to be done. We fixed the other issue by trying to avoid working on similar files at the same time.





Challenges Faced

• Debugging our issues

We had issues with Docker, where some of our containers were failing. We were able to screenshot the errors and help each other out on Discord.

GitHub was not properly updating our package.json

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2024-04-09 12:20:31 web-1 | Error: Cannot find module 'bcrypt'
2024-04-09 12:20:31 web-1
                            Require stack:
2024-04-09 12:20:31 web-1
                          | - /home/node/app/src/index.js
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s/cis/loader:1144:15)
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node:internal/modules/run main:135:12) {
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2024-04-09 12:20:31 web-1 | }
2024-04-09 12:20:31 web-1
2024-04-09 12:20:31 web-1 | Node.js v20.11.0
2024-04-09 12:20:31 web-1 | [nodemon] app crashed - waiting for file changes bef
ore starting...
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Future Scope/Enhancements

- Expand to more schools than just CU
- Add rate my professors functionality in addition to course ratings
 - User can rate professors and courses at the same time
- Allow users to reply to reviews to address misconceptions in the original review or to help inform users if the complaints in the review have been addressed.
- Add admin level users to help with managing
- Optimize SQL to mitigate latency as database grows

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Q&A