

Summary of chat-react project:

1. on command line, navigate to desired directory for new app
2. invoke `create-app-react bloc-chat-react`
3. go to Firebase website, create new project and create new Realtime NoSQL Database
4. within Data section of the database, create a rooms key, with nested incremental numbers keys (1-3), and then nested key:value pairs corresponding to 3 rooms (`room1` , `room2` , and `room3`)
5. within the Rules section of the database, set the rules using an object that contains a single parent key `rules` . Nested within `rules` , place 2 key-value pairs using `.read` and `.write` as the keys, setting values for both keys to `true` . Each key-value pair is separated by a comma, NOT a semicolon
6. go back to command line and `cd` to to the project directory. Use `npm install -S firebase` to add firebase to the project
7. import firebase to `App.js` file with `import * as firebase from 'firebase'`
8. go back to Firebase website and register the bloc-chat-react

project with Firebase, and choose option to add Firebase to the web application. Paste the provided boilerplate code to `App.js`. The boilerplate code assigns to a variable `config` an object containing the API key and other identification codes Firebase creates for the application

9. Create a `components` folder within the `src` folder for the project. Within `components`, create a new file `RoomList.js` which will contain a new React component called `RoomList`.
10. Go back to `App.js`, and within the App component's `render()` function add `RoomList` to the `return` statement and pass `firebase` to the `RoomList` component as a prop:

```
class App extends Component {  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <RoomList firebase={firebase}/>  
    );  
  }  
}
```

11. import the `RoomList` component to `App.js`:

```
import RoomList from './components/RoomList';
```

12. go to `RoomList.js` and:

- import React:

```
import React, {Component} from 'react';
```

- create the basic RoomList class Component with the constructor() and render() methods required by React class components:

```
class RoomList extends Component {  
  constructor(props){  
    super(props);  
  }  
}  
  
render(){  
  return();  
}
```

- export the RoomList component to App.js by adding an export statement to the bottom of RoomList.js:

```
export default RoomList;
```

13. The RoomList component will hold state for the list of rooms (currently `rooms1`, `rooms2`, `rooms3` as created on Firebase site), so create empty `rooms` array to define this state within the `constructor()` method of `RoomList` component:

```
this.state={rooms: []};
```

14. Create a firebase reference using the `.firebase.database().ref()` method within RoomList's `constructor()` method in order for the application to be able to access the rooms key in the firebase database. `App.js` passes firebase to `RoomList` as a prop. Assign the reference to `roomsRef`:

```
this.roomsRef = this.props.firebase.database().ref('rooms');
```

15. While `RoomList` is mounted, we want to access the Firebase database and update its information within the application. Use the `componentDidMount()` method to access the firebase reference `roomsRef`. Apply the `.on()` method and the `child-added` event type to access the returned snapshot object's `key` and `val` values and assign them to variables and update the `rooms` state for `RoomList`. When updating state, use the `.concat()` method rather than `.push()` so that we are not mutating the `rooms` array:

```
componentDidMount(){  
  this.roomsRef.on('child_added', snapshot => {  
    const room = snapshot.val();  
    room.key = snapshot.key;  
    this.setState({rooms: this.state.rooms.concat(room) })  
  })  
}
```

```
);  
});  
}
```

17. Add to the `render()` method for `RoomList` the JSX so that the current list of rooms in the database is displayed. Remember with JSX syntax the javascript code must be enclosed by curly braces:

```
render(){  
  return(  
    <nav className='chatRooms'>  
      <ul>  
        {  
          this.state.rooms.map((room,index) =>  
            <li key={index}>{room.name}</li>  
          )  
        }  
      </ul>  
    </nav>  
  );  
}
```

18. Add a form in the `RoomList` component for creating a new room. Form should include a text field and a submit button. On submit, a `createRoom` method is executed that pushes a new room to Firebase with the name given in the text field:

```
import React, { Component } from 'react';

class RoomList extends Component{
//constructor method
  constructor(props){
    super(props);
    this.state={
      rooms:[],
      newRoomName: ''
    };
    this.roomsRef = this.props.firebase.database().ref('rooms');
  }
//end constructor method

  componentDidMount(){
    this.roomsRef.on('child_added', snapshot => {
      const room = snapshot.val();
      room.key = snapshot.key;
      this.setState({rooms: this.state.rooms.concat(room) }
    );
  });
}

  handleChange(e){
    this.setState({newRoomName: e.target.value});
  }
}
```

```
createRoom(e){
  e.preventDefault();
  if(!this.state.newRoomName){return}
  const newRoom = {name: this.state.newRoomName};
  this.roomsRef.push(newRoom);
  this.setState({newRoomName: ''});
}
```

//required render method within React component

```
render(){
  return(
    <section>
      <h1>Bloc Chat Rooms</h1>
      <nav className='chatRooms'>
        <ul>
          {
            this.state.rooms.map((room,index) =>
              <li key={index}>{room.name}</li>
            )
          }
        </ul>
      </nav>
      <form onSubmit={(e)=> this.createRoom(e)}>
        <label for id='newRoomText'>Create a new room</label>
        <input
          id ='newRoomText'
```

```

        type = 'text'
        placeholder = 'enter name here...'
        value = {this.state.newRoomName}
        onChange={(e)=> this.handleChange(e)}
      />
    <input
      type = 'submit'
    />
  </form>
</section>
);
}
//end render method

}
//end RoomList component

export default RoomList;

```

19. Create a `MessageList` component that receives `firebase` as a prop and uses the `child_added` event handler function to add messages to the state:

```

import React, {Component} from 'react';

class MessageList extends Component {
  constructor(props){

```



```

    super(props);

    this.state = { messages: [] };

    this.messagesRef = this.props.firebase.database().ref(
'messages' );
  }

  componentDidMount() {
    this.messagesRef.on('child_added', snapshot => {
      const message = snapshot.val();
      message.key = snapshot.key;
      this.setState({ messages: this.state.messages.
concat( message ) })
    });
  }
  ...

```

20. Set an active room, which is stored as state in `App.js` component. When user clicks name of room in the `RoomList` component, this becomes the active room:

```

```javascript
import React, { Component } from 'react';
import './App.css';
import * as firebase from 'firebase';
import RoomList from './components/RoomList';
import MessageList from './components/MessageList';

// Initialize Firebase
var config = {

```

```
 apiKey: "AIzaSyCdZA6va-NxMgpnM41vr0nIRfzKV8epg4g",
 authDomain: "bloc-chat-react-a6744.firebaseio.com",
 databaseURL: "https://bloc-chat-react-a6744.firebaseio.com",
 projectId: "bloc-chat-react-a6744",
 storageBucket: "bloc-chat-react-a6744.appspot.com",
 messagingSenderId: "503080022258"
 };
 firebase.initializeApp(config);
```

```
class App extends Component {
 constructor(props){
 super(props);
 this.state={ activeRoom: []};
 }
 //end of constructor method

 handleRoomClick(room){
 this.setState({activeRoom: room});
 }

 render() {
 return (
 <div className='App'>

 <section className='ChatRooms'>
```

```

 <RoomList
 firebase={firebase}
 currentRoom={this.state.activeRoom}
 handleRoomClick={(room)=> this.handleRoomClick(room)}
 />
 </section>

 <section>
 <MessageList
 firebase={firebase}
 currentRoom={this.state.activeRoom}
 />
 </section>

</div>

);
}
}

export default App;

```

```

import React, {Component} from 'react';

class MessageList extends Component {
 constructor(props){
 super(props);
 }
}

```

```
this.state = { messages: [] };

this.messagesRef = this.props.firebase.database().ref(
'messages');
}

componentDidMount() {
 this.messagesRef.on('child_added', snapshot => {
 const message = snapshot.val();
 message.key = snapshot.key;
 this.setState({ messages: this.state.messages.
concat(message) })
 });
}

currentMessages(){
 var messageCondition = this.state.messages.filter(me
ssage => message.roomId === this.props.currentRoom.key);
 console.log(messageCondition);
 return messageCondition;
}

render() {
 return (
 <div>
 <section className="messages">
 <h2>{(this.props.currentRoom.name)}</h2>
 <p>{console.log(this.props.currentRoom.key)}</
p>
```

```

 <p>{console.log(this.state.messages)}</p>
 <nav>
 {
 this.state.messages
 .filter(message => this.props.currentRoom.
key == ' - '+message.roomId)
 .map((message,index) =>
 <div
 key={index}
 >
 <div>{message.content}</div>
 <div>{message.username}</div>
 <div>{message.sentAt}</div>
 </div>
)
 }
 </nav>
 </section>
</div>
);
}
}

export default MessageList;

```

21. Create a few messages manually on the firebase site where each message has 4 properties: `username` , `content` , `sentAt` , and

`roomId`.

22. Enable authentication by clicking on “Authentication” tab on firebase site. Choose using Google as provider for sign-in.
23. Create `User` component that renders a sign-in button. On click, the button calls the firebase `signInWithPopup` method. Also add a sign-out button, that calls firebase’s `signOut` method. In order to respond to these methods, add a `componentDidMount` method that registers an `onAuthStateChanged` event handler. Finally, render `this.props.user.displayName` in this component:

```
import React, { Component } from 'react';

class User extends Component {
 constructor(props){
 super(props);
 this.state={user: ''};
 }

 componentDidMount(){
 this.props.firebase.auth().onAuthStateChanged(user =>
 {
 this.props.setUser(user);
 });
 }
}
```

```
handleSignIn(e){
 const provider = new this.props.firebase.auth.GoogleAuthProvider();
 this.props.firebase.auth().signInWithPopup(provider);
;
}

handleSignOut(e){
 this.props.firebase.auth().signOut();
}

render(){
 const currentUser = this.props.user === null ?
 "Guest" :
 this.props.user.displayName

 return(
 <div>
 Logged in as: {currentUser}
 <button onClick={(e)=> this.handleSignIn(e)}>
 Sign-in
 </button>
 <button onClick={(e)=> this.handleSignOut(e)}>
 Sign-out
 </button>

 </div>
)
}
```

```

);
 }
}

export default User;

```

24. Create a `setUser` method in `App` component, passing the method to `User` component as a prop:

```

import React, { Component } from 'react';
import './App.css';
import * as firebase from 'firebase';
import RoomList from './components/RoomList';
import MessageList from './components/MessageList';
import User from './components/User';

// Initialize Firebase
var config = {
 apiKey: "AIzaSyCdZA6va-NxMgpnM41vr0nIRfzKV8epg4g",
 authDomain: "bloc-chat-react-a6744.firebaseio.com",
 databaseURL: "https://bloc-chat-react-a6744.firebaseio.com",
 projectId: "bloc-chat-react-a6744",
 storageBucket: "bloc-chat-react-a6744.appspot.com",
 messagingSenderId: "503080022258"
};
firebase.initializeApp(config);

```



```
class App extends Component {
 constructor(props){
 super(props);
 this.state={
 activeRoom: [],
 activeUser: null
 };
 }
 //end of constructor method

 handleRoomClick(room){
 this.setState({activeRoom: room});
 }

 setUser(user){
 this.setState({activeUser: user});
 }

 render() {
 return (
 <div className='App'>

 <section className='authorization'>
 <User
 firebase={firebase}
 setUser={(user)=> this.setUser(user)}
 />
 </section>
 </div>
);
 }
}
```

```

 user={this.state.activeUser}
 />
 </section>

 <section className='chatrooms'>
 <RoomList
 firebase={firebase}
 currentRoom={this.state.activeRoom}
 handleRoomClick={(room)=> this.handleRoomClick(room)}
 />
 </section>

 <section className='messages'>
 <MessageList
 firebase={firebase}
 currentRoom={this.state.activeRoom}
 />
 </section>

 </div>
);
}
}

export default App;

```

25. Add a form for creating a new message to the `MessageList` component. Use the `.push()` method. Also, pass the active user from `App` to `MessageList` as a prop so it can be used to populate the `username` property of the message being constructed:

```
import React, {Component} from 'react';

class MessageList extends Component {
 constructor(props){
 super(props);
 this.state = { messages: [], newMessage:'' };
 this.messagesRef = this.props.firebase.database().ref(
'messages');
 }

 componentDidMount() {
 this.messagesRef.on('child_added', snapshot => {
 const message = snapshot.val();
 message.key = snapshot.key;
 this.setState({ messages: this.state.messages.
concat(message) })
 });
 }

 handleNewMessage(e){
 this.setState({newMessage: e.target.value});
 }
}
```

```
createMessage(e){
 e.preventDefault();
 if(!this.state.newMessage){return}
 const currentUser = this.props.user === null ? "Guest" : this.props.user.displayName;
 const newestMessage = {
 content: this.state.newMessage,
 roomId: this.props.currentRoom.key,
 sentAt: this.props.firebase.database.ServerValue.TIMESTAMP,
 username: currentUser
 };
 this.messagesRef.push(newestMessage);
 this.setState({newMessage: ''});
}
```

```
render() {
 return (
 <div>
 <section className="messages">
 <h2>{(this.props.currentRoom.name)}</h2>
 <h2>{(this.props.currentRoom.key)}</h2>
 <nav>
 {
 this.state.messages
 .filter(message => this.props.currentRoom.key === message.roomId)
 }
 </nav>
 </section>
 </div>
);
}
```

```
 .map((message,index) =>
 <div
 key={index}
 >
 <div>{message.content}</div>
 <div>{message.username}</div>
 <div>{message.sentAt}</div>
 </div>
)
 }
</nav>
</section>
<section>
 <form onSubmit={(e)=> this.createMessage(e)}>
 <label htmlFor='newMessageText'>Create a new m
message</label>
 <textarea
 id ='newMessageText'
 type ='text'
 placeholder ='enter new message here...'
 value = {this.state.newMessage}
 onChange={(e)=> this.handleNewMessage(e)}
 rows='5'
 cols='50'
 >
 </textarea>
 <input
 type = 'submit'
```

```
 />
 </form>
 </section>
 </div>
);
}
}
```

```
export default MessageList;
```

```
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import './App.css';
import * as firebase from 'firebase';
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import MessageList from './components/MessageList';
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 projectId: "bloc-chat-react-a6744",
 storageBucket: "bloc-chat-react-a6744.appspot.com",
 messagingSenderId: "503080022258"
};
```

```
firebase.initializeApp(config);
```

```
class App extends Component {
```

```
 constructor(props){
```

```
 super(props);
```

```
 this.state={
```

```
 activeRoom: [],
```

```
 activeUser: null
```

```
 };
```

```
 }
```

```
//end of constructor method
```

```
 handleRoomClick(room){
```

```
 this.setState({activeRoom: room});
```

```
 }
```

```
 setUser(user){
```

```
 this.setState({activeUser: user});
```

```
 }
```

```
 render() {
```

```
 return (
```

```
 <div className='App'>
```

```
 <section className='authorization'>
```

```
 <User
```

```
 firebase={firebase}
 setUser={({user})=> this.setUser(user)}
 user={this.state.activeUser}
 />
</section>
```

```
<section className='chatrooms'>
 <RoomList
 firebase={firebase}
 currentRoom={this.state.activeRoom}
 handleRoomClick={({room})=> this.handleRoomClick(room)}
 />
</section>
```

```
<section className='messages'>
 <MessageList
 firebase={firebase}
 currentRoom={this.state.activeRoom}
 user={this.state.activeUser}
 />
</section>
```

```
</div>
```

```
);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```



```
export default App;
```