**YouTube Favorites**

Career Crusader is an online platform designed to connect job seekers with employers by providing an easy-to-use job listing and application management system. Users can sign up and create an account with their email and password, which allows them to search for job listings based on keywords, location, or categories. Employers can also sign up and create job listings, which job seekers can apply to directly on the platform. Users can also view and interact with user-submitted job listings, such as commenting or upvoting/downvoting. Additionally, users can manage their job applications, including receiving email notifications about their application status. The platform is designed to be responsive and user-friendly and protects personal information for both job seekers and employers.

Key differentiators from “traditional” job boards and are that as a p2p platform, this Job Board is committed to listing/telling others about real job openings and opportunities. In the volatile economic environment we’re currently enjoying, many employers are posting “fake” jobs they have no intention of hiring for (at least not at the moment). They are simply seeking to build their pipeline of talent and keep potential candidates warm while their business bounces back. The community aspect of Job Board, in a similar fashion to reddit, will be managed by the users themselves, ensuring the employment opportunities are real, immediate, and transparent.

**User Story:**

As a YouTube video user, I want to be able to search by topic and save videos to my user favorites dashboard/profile. I also want the ability to remove a video from my saved favorites list.

**Acceptance Criteria:**

As a user, I can register and sign-in to my account using my email and password.

As a user, I can add to and delete from my favorites listings if I am an authenticated user.

As a user, I can search for videos using the YouTube API based on user keyword input.

As a user, I can view the details of a keyword search, including its title, thumbnail preview, content creator and short description.

As a user, I can add friends and see their list of saved favorites – yet to implement

As a user, I can access the online platform from any device, and the platform should be responsive and user-friendly.

As a user, I expect the online platform to be secure and protect my personal information.

**Development:**

Frontend Development:

* Design a clean, responsive user interface using React.
* Implement CSS styling utilizing React Bootstrap
* Develop components and views for navigation, user registration and login authentication, search videos, results list, video details and favorites dashboard.
* Implement form validation and error handling for user input.
* Add interactivity to the video detail’s view, if a user is logged in and authorized, they can save or remove a favorite by clicking on a favorite’s icon.

Backend Development:

* Design and implement the database schema using NoSQL MongoDB database and Mongoose ORM, including tables for users, favorites
* Develop API routes and controllers for user creation, authentication validation, listing saved favorites, category management, and user-submitted job listing management.
* Implement secure user authentication and session management using JWT’s and cookies.
* Ensure the protection of sensitive information through the use of environment variables.
* Implement the logic for user interactions, such as adding and removing a video from the user’s favorites list.

Integration and Testing (APIs):

* Connect the frontend components and views to the backend server API routes and controllers, ensuring seamless data flow and functionality.
* Integrate any external APIs that may be required, such as video keyword search (i.e., YouTube API).
* Write React-Testing-Library/Jest unit and component functionality testing.

Deployment:

* Deploy the application to Render.com with the MongoDB Atlas cloud database and proper environment variable configurations. Setup proper routing/rewrites to allow frontend deployment and backend server deployment to communicate.

Project Setup:

* Initialize a git repository for version control.
* Set up your project structure, separating frontend and backend code and adhering to the MVC paradigm.
* Use NodeJS and ExpressJS for backend development.
* Use ReactJS for the frontend development
* Use MongoDB and Mongoose ORM for database, connection, and CRUD interactions.
* All team members set up the development environment, including tools Node.js

**RESTful Routes**

/users

/favorites

/api

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