

CodeAlpha_ Social Media Platform

Creating a social media platform is an extensive project, but here's a breakdown of how you can design it using the technologies you mentioned:

1. Frontend (HTML/CSS/JavaScript)

a. HTML

Structure your pages:

- Login/Register Page
- Home Feed
- User Profile
- Post Details Page

Example Code: Login Page

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-
width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Login - SocialMedia</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
</head>
<body>
```

```

<div class="login-container">
  <h1>Login</h1>
  <form id="loginForm">
    <label for="email">Email:</label>
    <input type="email" id="email" required>
    <label for="password">Password:</label>
    <input type="password" id="password"
required>
    <button type="submit">Login</button>
  </form>
  <p>Don't have an account? <a
href="/register.html">Register</a></p>
</div>
</body>
</html>

```

b. CSS

Basic styling:

```

body {
  font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
  background-color: #f9f9f9;
}

.login-container {
  max-width: 400px;
  margin: 50px auto;
}

```

```

padding: 20px;
background: #fff;
border-radius: 8px;
box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.1);
}

form {
  display: flex;
  flex-direction: column;
}

input {
  margin-bottom: 15px;
  padding: 10px;
  border: 1px solid #ccc;
  border-radius: 4px;
}

```

c. JavaScript

Handling form submissions:

```

document.getElementById('loginForm').addEventListener
('submit', async (e) => {
  e.preventDefault();
  const email =
document.getElementById('email').value;
  const password =
document.getElementById('password').value;

```

```
const response = await fetch('/api/login', {
  method: 'POST',
  headers: { 'Content-Type':
'application/json' },
  body: JSON.stringify({ email, password }),
});

if (response.ok) {
  window.location.href = '/home.html';
} else {
  alert('Login failed!');
}
});
```

2. Backend (Django)

a. Setup Django

1. Install Django: `pip install django`
2. Start a new project: `django-admin startproject socialmedia`
`cd socialmedia`
`python manage.py startapp users`

b. Models

Define user, post, and interaction models.

```

# users/models.py
from django.contrib.auth.models import AbstractUser
from django.db import models

class CustomUser(AbstractUser):
    bio = models.TextField(blank=True)

class Post(models.Model):
    user = models.ForeignKey(CustomUser,
on_delete=models.CASCADE, related_name="posts")
    content = models.TextField()
    created_at =
models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)

class Like(models.Model):
    user = models.ForeignKey(CustomUser,
on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    post = models.ForeignKey(Post,
on_delete=models.CASCADE, related_name="likes")
    created_at =
models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)

```

c. Views

Create APIs for frontend interaction:

```

from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404
from django.http import JsonResponse
from django.views.decorators.csrf import csrf_exempt
from .models import Post, CustomUser

```

```

@csrf_exempt
def create_post(request):
    if request.method == 'POST':
        user = get_object_or_404(CustomUser,
id=request.user.id)
        content = request.POST.get('content')
        post = Post.objects.create(user=user,
content=content)
        return JsonResponse({'id': post.id,
'content': post.content, 'user': user.username})

```

d. URLs

```

from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('api/create-post', views.create_post,
name='create-post'),
]

```

3. Database (SQLite for Development)

Database Configuration

Django uses SQLite by default, so no additional setup is needed for development. Run migrations:

```
python manage.py makemigrations
python manage.py migrate
```

4. Connecting Frontend to Backend

Ensure that the frontend JavaScript fetches data from Django APIs using fetch or Axios.

Example Fetch:

```
async function createPost(content) {
  const response = await fetch('/api/create-post',
  {
    method: 'POST',
    headers: { 'Content-Type':
'application/json' },
    body: JSON.stringify({ content }),
  });

  if (response.ok) {
    const data = await response.json();
    console.log('Post created:', data);
  } else {
    console.error('Error creating post');
  }
}
```

5. Source Code Repository

You can store the full project on GitHub or a similar platform. Use commands like:

```
git init
git add .
git commit -m "Initial commit"
git branch -M main
git remote add origin
https://github.com/yourusername/socialmedia-  
platform.git
git push -u origin main
```