

Outdoor's Club Online Rental System

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About the Team

- Who are we?
- All 4th year students in Computing Science with 4 members having internship experience
- Split into Teams
 - Backend
 - o Front-End

The Problem

- Paper-tracking system for rentals
- Using a credit card for deposits is expensive for members (\$150 if charged)
- Storing large cash deposits on-site
- Rentals tracked using a spreadsheet

Solution

Bring the Outdoors Club rental processes to the cloud

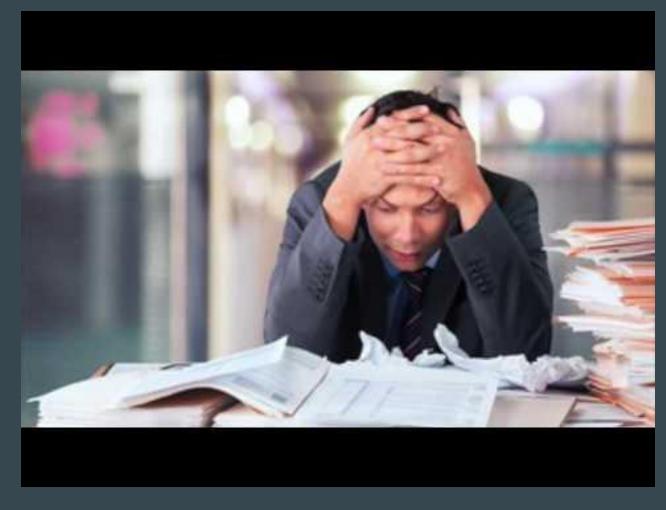
• Allow members to make reservations from anywhere

Allow online payments

Statistics provide insights about the inventory



Screencast



Features

- Statistic generation for gear, to show trends in the rental system
- Complete procedural transition from paper to online system
- Ability to upload new data (e.g. member list) into the system in seconds
- Restriction of the application based on authentication and user permissions
- Smooth, easy to use and intuitive

Value

- Our application will replace the current rental system for the University of Alberta Outdoors Club
- There will be less paper usage
- Increased convenience to reserve gear
- General members of the UAOC can rent gear
- Executives will be able to manage the reservations by the members
- Admins can modify and control the reservation process

Frameworks and Technologies













Python







Architecture Google Gmail SMTP Server Paypal API **PayPal** Client (Browser) Django Backend React Views Login Gear Django Views Management provides Business Logic Auth Browser Django Layer (prevent DB writer Axios PostgreSQL Storage HTML and JavaScript Rest API Reservation REST inconsistencies Javascript Services Management Client or errors in runner request data) Gear Checkout, Reserving Gear Checkout, Reserving

What Went Well?

- Productive Meetings
- Clients excited about the work done
- Project management



What Helped Us Achieve Our Goals?

- Sprint Retrospectives helped guide team and correct course
- Consistent use of GitHub Issues to track progress and work to do
- Enforcing code reviews, best practices, testing, and styling
- Effective team leadership



Challenges and Difficulties

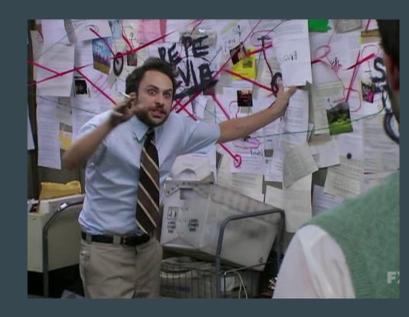
- Coordinating 8+ people to meet up
 - Harder to keep up to date with latest design changes
- Learning new technologies was extra overhead
- Django REST Framework was difficult to use
- Authorization and security was difficult to implement
- Designing a system without accounts for members

When you haven't been reading the group chat and you come back to 500 messages.



Lessons Learned

- Work closely as a team to create a design where everyone is on the same page
- Strong communication within the team and with the clients
- Pair Programming is highly recommended (but hard to make time for)



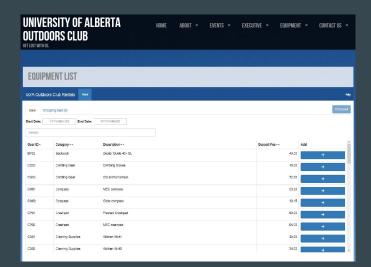
What We Would Do Differently?

- Clarify project requirements as soon as possible
- Strong communication, both amongst the development team and between the team and the clients
- Integrate the backend and frontend early on



If We Had More Time...

- Integration with their website
- More customization of workflow
- Additional statistical dashboards
- Better support for Internet Explorer



Questions?

Thank You

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