

MovieMate

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What is MovieMate? (Project Description)

MovieMate is a social media platform designed exclusively for movie enthusiasts who are passionate about tracking, rating, and discussing films. Unlike broader review sites like Rotten Tomatoes, MovieMate emphasizes community engagement, allowing users to connect with fellow movie-lovers through posts, recommendations, discussions, and exploration. The platform focuses solely on movies—TV shows are intentionally excluded for a streamlined, film-focused experience.

Upon signing up, users create personalized profiles featuring bios, profile pictures, friends lists, and post histories. They can manage a watchlist of movies they want to see, share their thoughts through posts, and interact with a vibrant film-loving community. The explore tab highlights top-rated movies curated via a movie API, with options to search for specific titles or filter by genre, helping users easily discover new films. The following page displays posts only from users they follow, ensuring a more personal feed.

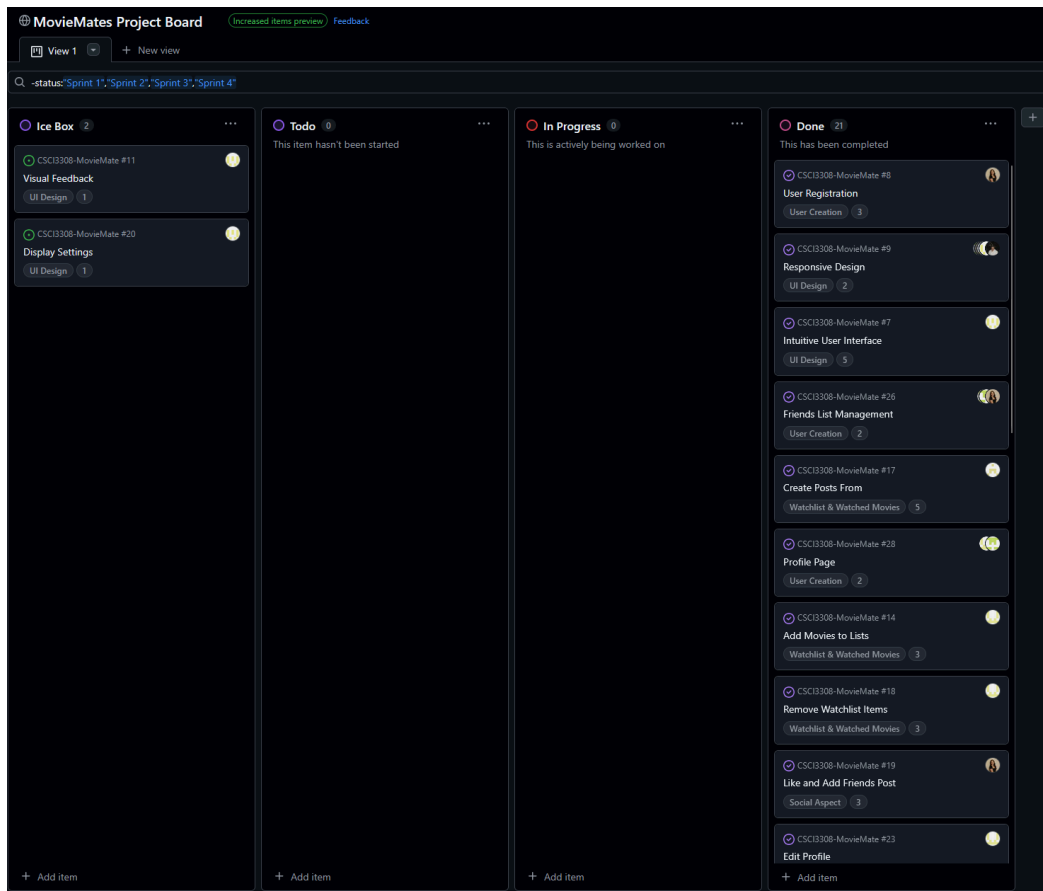
Additional features include direct messaging for private movie discussions, a notifications system for updates on friend requests and activity, and a find friends page for building connections. MovieMate provides an engaging, intuitive space for moviegoers to connect, discover, and share their passion for cinema within a dedicated digital community.

VCS:

<https://github.com/Joe-Z-School/CSCI3308-MovieMate>

Project Tracker - GitHub project board:

<https://github.com/users/Joe-Z-School/projects/2>



Video:

[Recording-20250422_204502.webm](#)

Contributions:

Neha: I contributed to both front-end and back-end development. I designed the initial database schema using Postgres to manage users, hashed passwords, movie data, and posts. I implemented profile features for viewing and editing account details with error handling. I enabled follow/unfollow functionality and collaborated with Maeve on the followers, following, and watchlist pages. I also helped display user posts by integrating database calls. Additionally, I refined the UI for consistency and responsiveness, aligning with Handlebars' layout requirements.

Ella: I primarily focused on front-end development but also contributed to the back-end. I implemented the login page so users could return to their accounts any time after logging out. I also created reusable components like the footer and navigation bar partials. I implemented the dark color scheme across the whole website to ensure everything looked clean and consistent. I created the post modal partial so that users can create their own post by inputting the movie name, an optional picture, their rating, where they watched the movie, and a comment on what they thought. I also implemented the comment functionality on the friends page so that you can go to a friends post and add a comment as well as view all the comments made from both yourself and other users.

Lizzie: I contributed primarily to the back-end of *Movie Mates* using SQL, and Nodes Js, implementing the entire notifications system, including general, follow request, and message notifications. I built the full follow flow—from sending requests and approving/declining them to unfollowing. With the corresponding pop up modals for this as well. On the front-end, I developed the social posts page, integrating infinite scroll, like functionality, and dynamic comment submission. I ensured real-time UI updates and accurate database syncing. At the end I developed a lot of the unit testing for the program using Chai and.

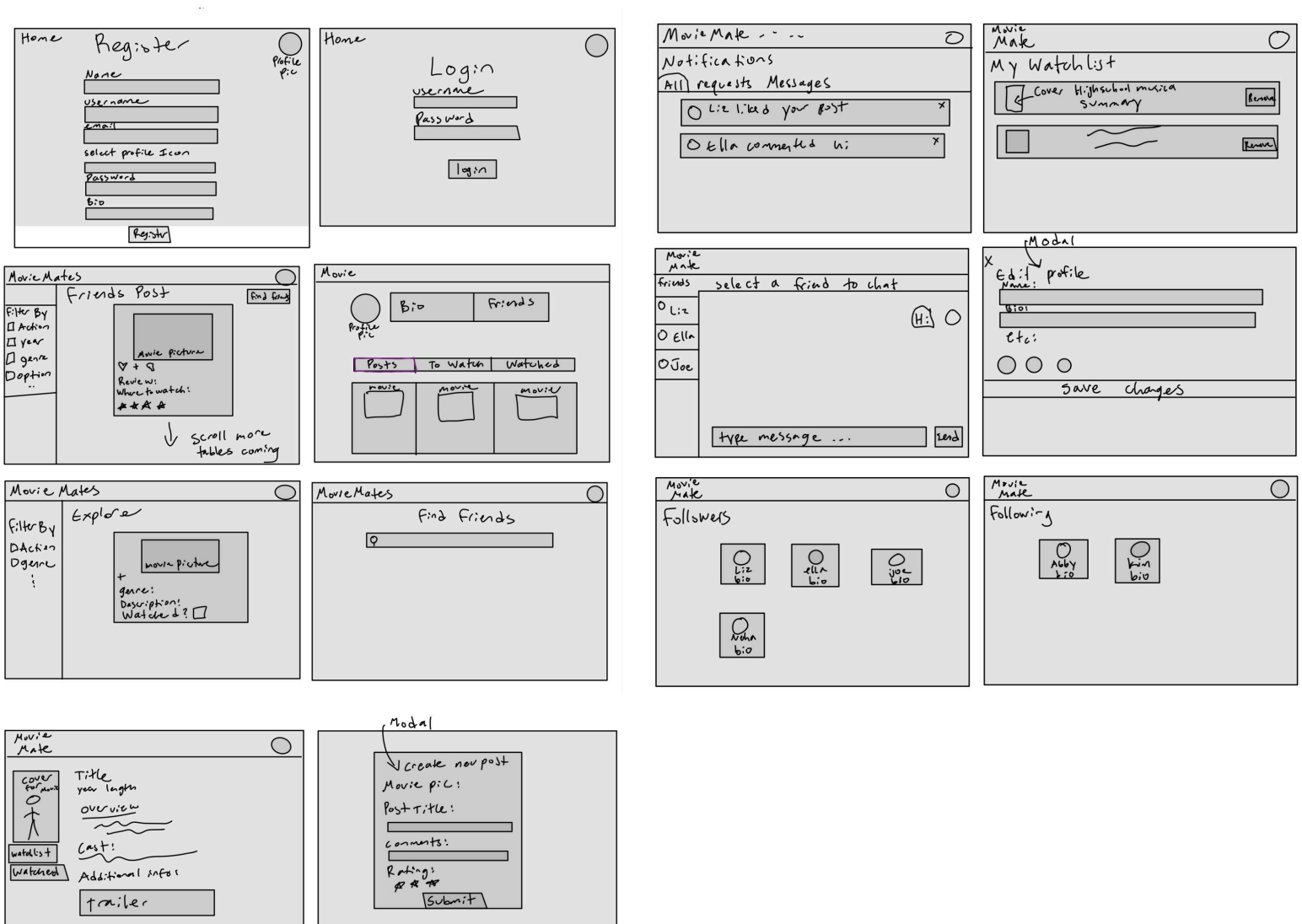
Joe: My contributions to *Movie Mate* consisted of writing server side Nodejs, client side Javascript, visual and functional design of messaging page, user posting modal, and pagination optimization logic. The Nodejs that I implemented was the collection and storage into our database of movie posters and user uploaded images from both their private messages and their uploaded social posts. The visual and functionality of the messaging page and post modal consisted of writing CSS, Bootstraps modules for a clean HTML presentation, and WebSockets on both the client and server side for proper private chat rooms with saved logs for history displaying.

Maeve: During my work on *Movie Mate*, I focused primarily on front-end development. I built the initial registration form and developed the HTML layouts for the watchlist, followers/following, and post details pages, integrating Neha's backend. I addressed numerous HTML and styling issues across the site to ensure visual consistency. Additionally, I created and implemented profile pictures, ensuring proper display on pages like "find friends." I updated the profile page to feature tiled posts with a modal for detailed views upon clicking. I also made sure the navbar

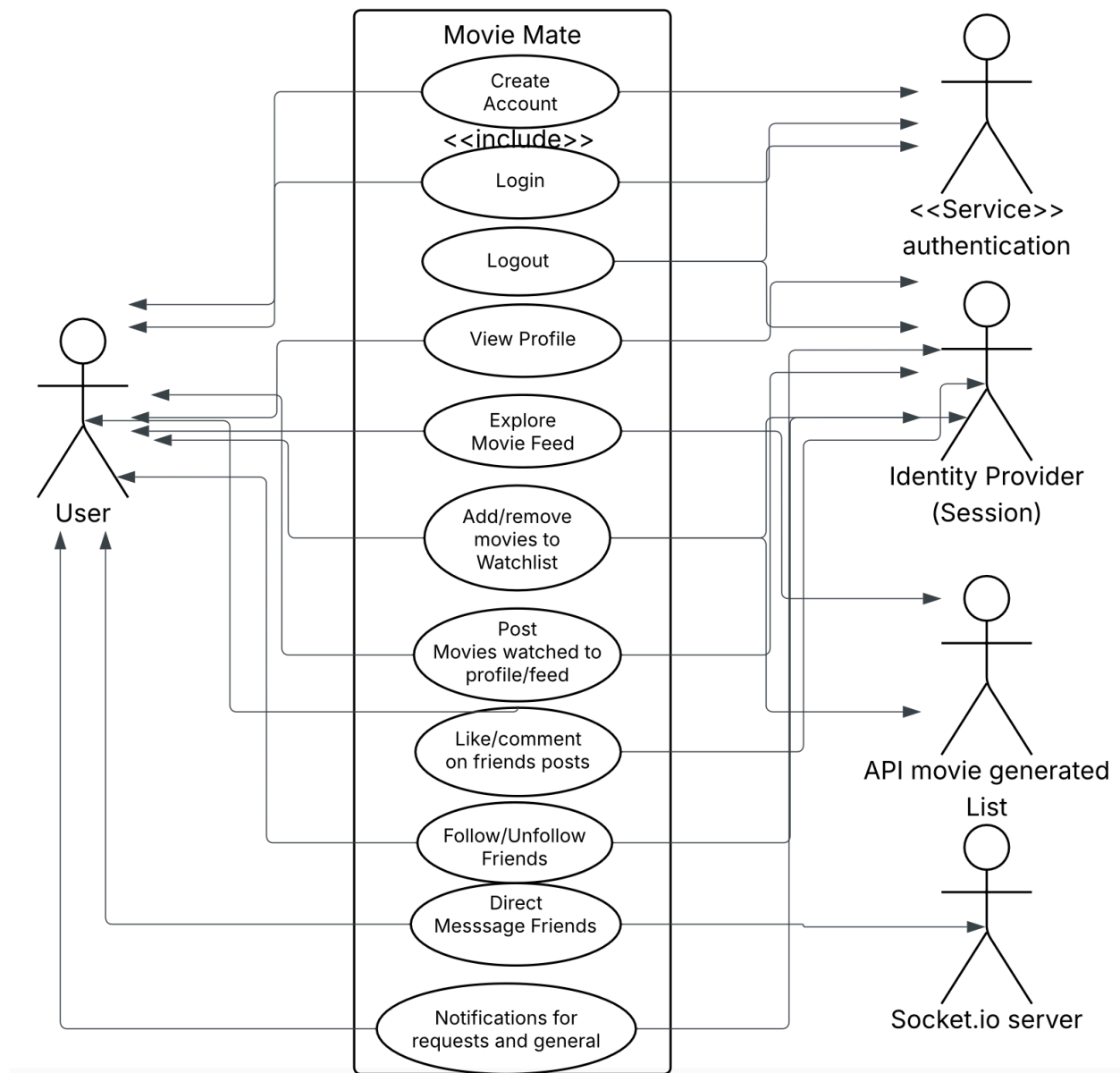
was consistent and the footer didn't interfere with page layouts. Finally, I optimized the display of the logo and profile picture images.

Conner: My main contributions to *Movie Mate* were the Explore and Movie Details pages, writing both the frontend Handlebars, CSS, and client-side JavaScript code, as well as the backend Node.js code with routes to both the OMDB and YouTube APIs. I populated the Explore page with movies via calls to the OMDB API and enabling filtered search functionality. I also implemented effective data caching to avoid redundant calls to the API. For the Movie Details page, I populated the page with movie-specific data from the OMDB API and also implemented trailer embedding via the YouTube API.

Wireframes:



Use Case Diagram:



Test Results:

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User Acceptance Testing (UAT) Results Report
Project Name: MovieMate
Team Name: 011-8
Date Conducted: 04/24/2025
Testers: Neha Ramachandra

1. Executive Summary
Total Test Cases      Passed  Failed
16                    16      0
Overall Status:  Passed /  Failed (with Critical Issues) /  Passed
with Minor Issues

Key Findings:

User could be notified of more restrictions on their inputs.

2. Detailed Test Results
Feature 1: Account Registration

Test Case ID      Description      Expected Result      Pass/Fail      Remarks
UAT-REG-01      User enters valid info (First Name, Last Name, Username,
Password, Email, Profile Icon, Bio)      Account created; redirected to
profile page  Passed      -
UAT-REG-02      User tries to register with an existing username      Error
message: "Username already taken"  Passed with Minor Issues      Bug #1
UAT-REG-03      User leaves required fields blank (Username, Password,
Email, First Name, Last Name)      Error message listing missing fields
 Passed      -
UAT-REG-04      User inputs invalid email (e.g., "user@invalid")      Error:
"Valid email required"  Passed      -
UAT-REG-05      User enters a username >50 characters      Error: "Max 50
characters allowed"  Passed with Minor Issues      Bug #1
UAT-REG-06      All correct data entered      Verify database entry (users
table)  Passed

Bugs/Issues:
Bug #1: Error mesage displayed on console but not on page

Feature 2: Managing User Watch List
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Test Case ID	Description	Expected Result	Pass/Fail	Remarks
UAT-WL-01	User adds a movie to Watch List	Confirmation message; movie appears in list	✓ Passed	-
UAT-WL-02	User removes a movie from Watch List	Confirmation message; movie removed	✓ Passed	-
UAT-WL-03	User tries to add a duplicate movie	Error: "Movie already in Watch List"	✓ Passed	-
UAT-WL-04	User adds multiple movies consecutively	All movies appear in Watch List	✓ Passed	-
UAT-WL-05	Verify database consistency after adding table	Check watch_list	✓ Passed	-

Bugs/Issues:

Feature 3: Creating a Post

Test Case ID	Description	Expected Result	Pass/Fail	Remarks
UAT-POST-01	User enters valid title & body	Post appears on profile	✓ Passed	✓
UAT-POST-02	User leaves title/body empty	Error: "Required fields missing"	✓ Passed	-
UAT-POST-03	Title >100 characters	Error: "Title too long"	✓ Passed	-
UAT-POST-04	User inputs SQL injection	Post rejected, no DB entry	✓ Passed	✓
UAT-POST-05	Session expires before submission	Prompt: "Please sign in again"	✓ Passed	-

Bugs/Issues:

3. Defect Log

Bug ID	Description	Severity (High/Medium/Low)	Steps to Reproduce	Status (Open/Fixed)
#1	Low	Input incorrect information or long strings		Open

4. Environment Details

OS: [Windows]

Browser: [Chrome]

Device: [Desktop/Mobile]

Database: [PostgreSQL]

5. Tester Feedback

Positive Feedback:


"Registration flow and post creation are intuitive."

Improvement Suggestions:

"Login time occasionally takes longer."

6. Sign-Off

Approval Status:

 Approved (All critical tests passed).

Approved By:

Neha Ramachandra - 4/24/2025

Deployment:

<https://csci3308-moviemate.onrender.com/login>

- Application was deployed using Render and followed the procedures provided in Lab 13.