

Presentation for

FLASHCARD APP

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For: GUI Programming

PART 1: THE STACK

NODE JS

- Created a new Node folder with npm init
 - Installed necessary packages
- Setup file structure to follow MVC model

FLASH-CARD-... [📁] [📁]

> .vscode

✓ config

JS db.js

✓ controllers

JS cardController.js

✓ database

📄 tables.sql

✓ models

JS cardModel.js

> node_modules

✓ public

JS ajax.js

JS script.js

styles.css

✓ routes

JS cardRoutes.js

✓ views

<> cards.ejs

<> decks.ejs

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<> cards.ejs

<> decks.ejs

<> footer.ejs

<> header.ejs

<> quiz.ejs

⚙ .env

📄 .gitignore

📄 idea.txt

JS index.js

{ } package-lock.json

{ } package.json

📖 README.md

EXPRESS

- Created a new express server
- Served static files from public
- Set the view engine to EJS Templating
- Linked my routes file
- Logged requests and handled 404's

```
JS index.js > ...
1  //app.js
2
3  import express from "express";
4  import path from "path";
5  import taskRoutes from './routes/cardRoutes.js';
6
7  const app = express();
8  app.use(express.json());
9
10 // Middleware to parse URL-encoded data (for form submissions)
11 app.use(express.urlencoded({ extended: true }));
12
13 // Serve static files (CSS, JS, images) from the "public" directory
14 app.use(express.static(path.join(process.cwd(), "public")));
15
16 // Set up EJS as the templating engine
17 app.set("view engine", "ejs");
18 app.set("views", path.join(process.cwd(), "views"));
19
20 // Logging middleware to print requests with timestamps
21 const loggingMiddleware = (req, res, next) => {
22   const timestamp = new Date().toISOString();
23   console.log(`[${timestamp}] ${req.method} ${req.url}`);
24   next();
25 };
26
27 app.use(loggingMiddleware);
28
29 // Use task-related routes defined in "taskRoutes.js"
30 app.use("/", taskRoutes);
31
32 // Handle 404 errors for undefined routes
33 app.use((req, res) => {
34   res.status(404).send("404 Not Found.\n");
35 });
36
37 // Start the server on port 3000
38 const PORT = 4004;
39 app.listen(PORT, () => {
40   console.log(`Server running at http://localhost:${PORT}/`);
41 });
42
```

POSTGRESQL

- Created a Postgres database and user from the terminal
- Ran an SQL file to create and seed the tables
- Stored database info in .env file
- Setup the connection pool in db.js file

```
database > tables.sql
1  -- tables.sql
2
3  drop table if exists cards;
4  drop table if exists decks;
5
6  create table decks (
7      id serial primary key,
8      name varchar(100) not null,
9      created_at timestamp with time zone
10 );
11
12 create table cards (
13     id serial primary key,
14     question varchar(100) not null,
15     answer varchar(100) not null,
16     deck_id int not null references decks,
17     created_at timestamp with time zone
18 );
19
20 insert into decks (name)
21 values
22     ('Animals'),
23     ('Cities'),
24     ('Population');
25
26 insert into cards (question, answer, deck_id)
27 values
28     -- Animals
29     ('Sheep', 'Mammal', 1),
30     ('Eagle', 'Bird', 1),
31     ('Shark', 'Fish', 1),
32     ('Frog', 'Amphibian', 1),
33     ('Cobra', 'Reptile', 1),
34     ('Octopus', 'Cephalopod', 1),
35     ('Kangaroo', 'Marsupial', 1),
36     ('Ant', 'Insect', 1),
37     ('Bat', 'Mammal', 1),
38     ('Penguin', 'Bird', 1),
39
40     -- Cities
41     ('New Delhi', 'India', 2),
42     ('Cairo', 'Egypt', 2),
43     ('Buenos Aires', 'Argentina', 2),
44     ('Toronto', 'Canada', 2),
45     ('Oslo', 'Norway', 2),
46     ('Bangkok', 'Thailand', 2),
47     ('Lagos', 'Nigeria', 2),
48     ('Karachi', 'Pakistan', 2);
```

```
config > JS db.js > default
1  //db.js
2
3  import pg from 'pg';
4  import dotenv from 'dotenv';
5  dotenv.config();
6  const { Pool } = pg;
7
8  const pool = new Pool({
9      host: process.env.DB_HOST,
10     user: process.env.DB_USER,
11     password: process.env.DB_PASSWORD,
12     database: process.env.DB_NAME,
13     port: process.env.DB_PORT,
14 });
15
16 pool.connect((err, client, release) => {
17     if (err) {
18         return console.error('Error acquiring client');
19     }
20     console.log('Connected to PostgreSQL database');
21     release();
22 });
23
24 pool.on('error', (err) => {
25     console.error('Unexpected error on idle client');
26     process.exit(-1);
27 });
28
29 export const query = (text, params) => pool.query(text, params);
30 export default pool;
```

EJS TEMPLATING

- Used header and footer files that stored the CSS and JS links
- Served the views from the corresponding controller function
- Passed in the related data as props

```
views > <> header.ejs > html > body
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html lang="en">
3  <head>
4      <meta charset="UTF-8">
5      <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
6      <title>Flash Card App</title>
7
8      <link href="/styles.css" rel="stylesheet">
9
10 </head>
11 <body>
12
13 <!-- content -->
14
```

```
views > <> footer.ejs > ...
1  <!-- content -->
2
3  <script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.7.1/jquery.min.js">
4  <script src="https://unpkg.com/lucide@latest/dist/umd/lucide.js"></script>
5  <script type="module" src="/script.js"></script>
6  <script type="module" src="/ajax.js"></script>
7
8  </body>
9  </html>
```

PART 2: THE FRONT END

Add Deck

My Decks

Delete Deck

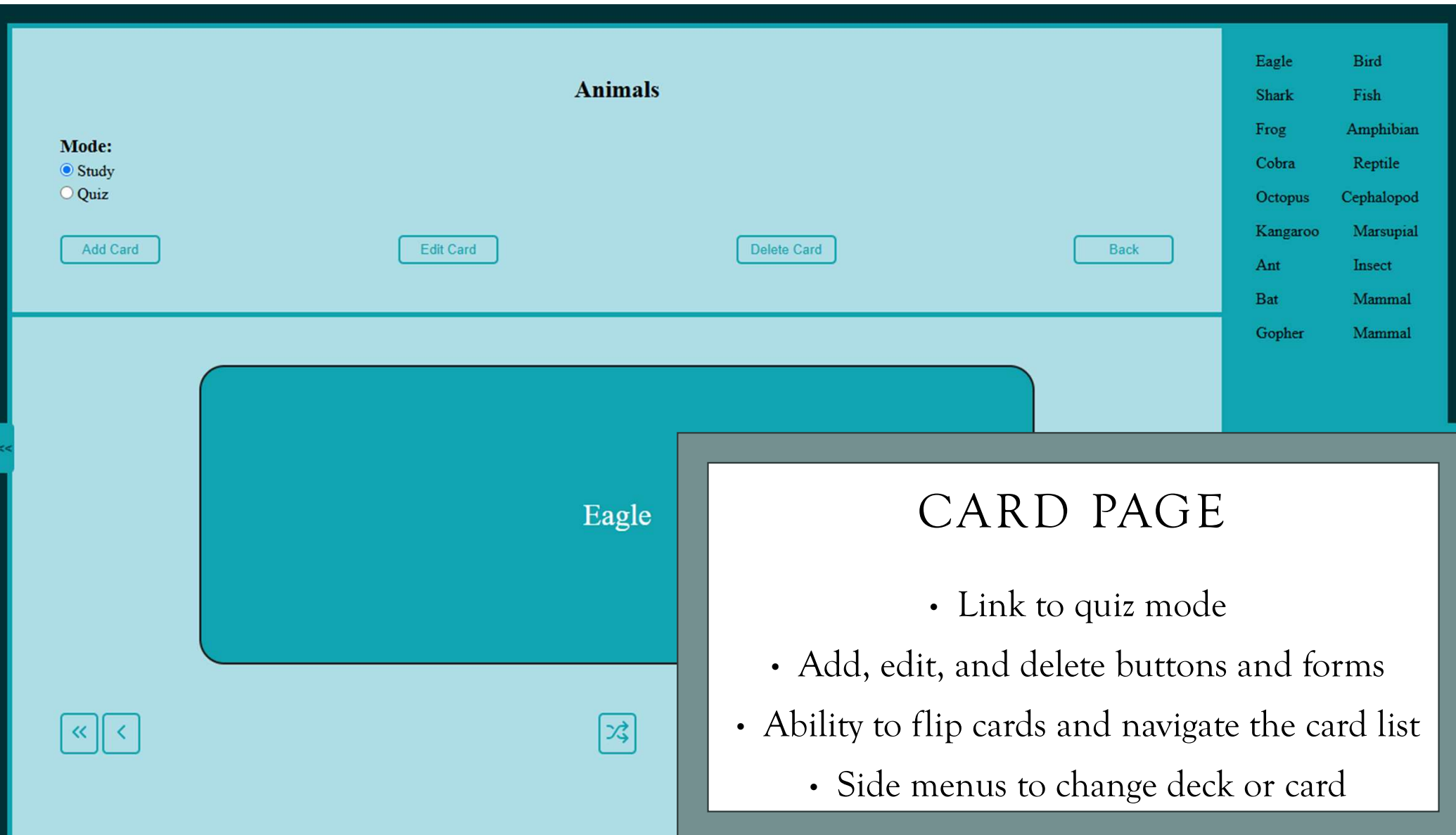
Animals

Cities

Population

DECK PAGE

- Landing page
 - Add and delete buttons and forms
- List of decks as button links that route to each deck's page



Animals

Mode:

- ☐ Study
☒ Quiz

Back

Score: 0 / 0

QUIZ PAGE

- Input box to guess the answer
 - Tracks your score
- Navigation and card flips handled automatically

CSS + JAVASCRIPT



Used Vanilla CSS:

Created classes to style the pages

Found a free icon library to use

Took a color scheme from online



Used Vanilla JavaScript:

Created the hide/show functionality of forms, menus, and messages.

Built the navigation system

Built the quiz score-tracking system

PART 3: THE BACK END

FORMS

- Started backend logic with forms
- Included necessary fields
- Included section for error messages
- Included handle buttons


```
<div class="p3 dn" id="edit-card-form">
  <div class="main-card df0">
    <input type="hidden" value=0 id="edit-card-id">

    <label for="card-question">Question</label>
    <input type="text" name="card-question" id="edit-card-question">

    <label for="card-answer">Answer</label>
    <input type="text" name="card-answer" id="edit-card-answer">

    <div class="form-message p_5 m1 error-message error-border dn"></div>

    <div class="df">
      <button type="button" id="" class="button cancel-btn">Cancel</button>
      <button type="button" id="edit-card-btn" class="action-btn">Update</button>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
```



AJAX

- Got data from forms and passed it to the route
- Handled controlled controller errors by updating the error field in the form
- Updated the DOM if successful
- Displayed uncontrolled errors or success messages at top of page

```
$('#edit-card-btn').on('click', async function(){
  const question = $('#edit-card-question').val();
  const answer = $('#edit-card-answer').val();
  const id = $('#edit-card-id').val();

  try{
    const method = "PUT";
    const res = await fetch('/decks/edit', {
      method: method,
      headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json', },
      body: JSON.stringify({ question, answer, id }),
    });

    const data = await res.json();

    if(data.err){
      $('#success-message').text('').addClass('dn');
      $('#edit-card-form .form-message').text(data.err).removeClass('dn');
      return;
    }

    if(!data.card){
      throw new Error(data.err) || 'An unexpected error occured.';
    }

    hideForms();

    $('#success-message').text(data.res).removeClass('dn');
    $('#edit-card-form .form-message').text('').addClass('dn');
    $('#error-message').text('').addClass('dn');
    $('#card-question').val('');
    $('#card-answer').val('');

    let editIndex = cards.findIndex(card => card.id == data.card.id);
    cards[editIndex].question = data.card.question;
    cards[editIndex].answer = data.card.answer;
    cards[editIndex].id = data.card.id;

    $('#card-option-' + data.card.id).replaceWith(`<li id="card-option-${data.card.id}
    reset();
  }catch(err){
    $('#success-message').text('').addClass('dn');
    $('#error-message').text(err.message || 'An error occured.').removeClass('dn');
  }
});
```

ROUTES

- Created routes for all views
- Created routes for all add/edit/delete functions
- Called function in controller that stores the logic

```
routes > JS cardRoutes.js > ...
1  //taskRoutes.js
2
3  import express, { Router } from 'express';
4  import { viewDecks, addDeck, deleteDeck, viewCard } from './controllers';
5  import path from 'path';
6  import fs from 'fs';
7
8  const router = express.Router();
9
10 router.get('/', viewDecks);
11 router.post('/add', addDeck);
12 router.delete('/delete', deleteDeck);
13
14 router.get('/decks/:id', viewCards);
15 router.post('/decks/add', addCard);
16 router.put('/decks/edit', editCard);
17 router.delete('/decks/delete', deleteCard);
18
19 router.get('/decks/:id/quiz', quiz);
20
21 export default router;
```

CONTROLLER

Got all the fields from the request and validated them

Returned error message for validation rule breaks

Passed back updated card and response or error

Called a function in the model to carry out the database operation

```
83 export const editCard = async (req, res) => {  
84   const { id, question, answer } = req.body;  
85   if(!id || isNaN(id)){  
86     return res.status(400).json({ err: "Card not found." });  
87   }  
88  
89   if(!question || question.length > 100){  
90     return res.status(400).json({ err: "Question must be between 1 and 100 characters long." });  
91   }  
92  
93   if(!answer || answer.length > 100){  
94     return res.status(400).json({ err: "Answer must be between 1 and 100 characters long." });  
95   }  
96  
97   try{  
98     const result = await editCardDB(id, question, answer);  
99  
100    res.status(200).json({ card: result, res: "Card updated successfully." });  
101  }catch(error){  
102    console.error(error);  
103    res.status(500).json({ err: "An error occurred while updating card." });  
104  }  
105 }  
106
```


MODEL

Received fields
as parameters

Queried the
Postgres
database to
update
matching
record

Allowed errors
to bubble up
and be handled
in the
controller

Returned the
updated row

```
export const editCardDB = async (id, question, answer) => {
  const result = await query("UPDATE cards SET question = $1, answer = $2 WHERE id = $3 RETURNING *", [question, answer, id]);
  return result.rows[0];
};

export const deleteCardDB = async (id) => {
  const result = await query("DELETE FROM cards WHERE id = $1 RETURNING *", [id]);
  return result.rows[0];
};

export const selectDeckDB = async (id) => {
  const result = await query("SELECT * FROM decks WHERE id = $1", [id]);
  return result.rows[0];
};

export const viewCardsDB = async (id) => {
  const result = await query("SELECT * FROM cards WHERE deck_id = $1", [id]);
  return result.rows;
};
```

PART 4: TESTING

TESTING + DEBUGGING



Fixed 2 bugs that cost me a log of time:

Array looping issue where quiz mode either didn't display last card or would go past last card

Class animation issue where moving between cards would disable text flip



Tested every view and every function

Tested edge cases like adding to an empty deck or deleting last card of deck

Tested responsiveness of the design layout

THE END