

Web technologies: Report

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1 Introduction

You may know the game ?Geoguessr?, where you get to see a random image of Google Street View and you have to guess where you are. The closer your guess is to the real location, the more points you get. Our game has the same idea of guessing a location on a map. Only in our game everyone can upload a picture of a location and a hint. Other people can then guess where the picture is made. They can guess 3 times, every time they lose 20 points and when they ask for an hint they lose half the points.

1.1 Installation of the project

1. Install MongoDB <https://www.mongodb.com/download-center?jmp=nav#community>
2. Install node.js <https://nodejs.org/en/>
3. Install Sails.js <http://sailsjs.com/get-started>
npm -g install sails
4. Start MongoDB service (make sure you point to the database path in the project folder: /data/db)
mongod --dbpath [Path-to-Project]/data/db
5. Navigate to the project folder and start the Sails.js service
6. The project should be running, visit <http://localhost:1337/>

2 The web application architecture

Photoquiz uses a number of open source projects to work properly:

- Node.js, an execution environment for event-driven server-side and networking application
- Sails.js: popular MVC Framework for Node.js We chose Sails.js framework because it lets us write everything in the same language and takes over some tasks, for example it automatically sets up an API.
- AngularJS, this is a very popular JavaScript framework, used to enhance HTML.
- Express: Fast node.js network app framework
- MongoDB: this is a very big noSQL database service. We chose to use it because it is flexible and is easy to use.
- jQuery:

- Bootstrap: An popular HTML, CSS and JavaScript framework, for creating responsive web applications.

3 Implemented functionalities

3.1 User

3.1.1 Registering

A user can register in two ways: the easiest way is by connecting to their Facebook account by clicking on connect to Facebook on the homepage. A popup will open that will ask you to log in, followed by an authorisation page. You will have to authorise this app to log-in. The other way to register is by making an account. To do this click on the tab register account. Here we have added some restrictions. The -mail field is mandatory and has to be an e-mail address. The Username has to be filled in, unique and a minimum of 5 characters and finally the password is mandatory and has a minimum of 5 characters. To check this we use (please explain this)

3.1.2 Edit user

3.1.3 User profile page

3.1.4 Quizes on user profile

3.2 Quiz

3.2.1 Overview page

On the Quiz page you can see an overview of all the existing quizzes, together with some CSS and bootstrap. You will see the picture and the username. When you click on the picture, you will go to the quiz itself and when you click on the username you will go to the user's profile page.

3.2.2 Filtering

Quizzes can be filtered on location. On the top of the quiz overview page a user can fill in a location and press the 'filter' button. Only quizzes that are within a 30 km range of the given location are then displayed on the page. It works as follows. Upon pressing the ?filter? button the text from the input field gets transformed to coordinates. This is achieved by using the Google Maps Geocoder which can transform addresses to coordinates. This set of coordinates is then compared with every quiz. For each quiz the distance is calculated between the two, if the distance is shorter then 30 km the corresponding quiz is

shown. All this happens on the client side. If the typed in location is not found, an alert message indicates so. To remove the filter, the user can simply press the ?X?.

3.2.3 Creating a quiz

Creating a new quiz can be done by clicking the 'Add' button on the quiz overview page. On the popup that opens the user can fill in some information about his photo quiz. The user can add a personal touch to the quiz by adding a custom message. Eg: ?Visited this museum during my last vacation?. There's also the option to provide a hint. The player of the quiz can use this hint if he or she has no clue about the location. The message and hint are optional fields. The middle field can be used for uploading a picture and is mandatory. Currently it only supports jpeg images. We use HTML5 form validation on the client side to comply with this restriction. After selecting an image and pressing 'next' HTML5 FormData is used to transfer the image file to the server side. The server first reads the exif data from the image and searches for GPS coordinates. The image file is then uploaded to Imgur - an online image host - via the Imgur API. Imgur automatically deletes all exif data, so it is not possible by the players of the game to find the GPS coordinates of the image. When the image is uploaded to Imgur, we save the URL and the delete hash of the image. All this information is stored in the quiz database.

On the client side we now get a second popup showing a map with a marker. If the uploaded image included some GPS coordinates then the marker will be on that position. The user has then the possibility to move the marker to a correct position, if that was not the case yet. If the image had no GPS coordinates then the user can simply indicate the correct position with the marker.

3.2.4 Individual quiz

3.2.5 Comments

3.2.6 Search

4 Short overview of the requirements

4.1 AJAX

4.2 HTML 5

We have used 4 HTML features in our application

1. GEO-location, we use this one when you are doing a quiz, it will first center the map on your location.
2. local storage, we use this to store the API secret on the users computer. So they will stay logged in.

3. HTML5 form validation, to make sure the user adds an image when adding a quiz.
4. ????

4.3 Web service

4.3.1 Facebook

Users have to remember a lot of passwords, to prevent this we have decided to give the user the choice to use their Facebook account to log-in. The moment they chose to use Facebook for logging in we send a request to Facebook, they send back an request to the user for authorisation of the app and when the user authorised we get back the information we need (username and email address). Now everytime the user wants to log in we will send a request to Facebook in order to check validity.

4.3.2 Imgur

For storing all the images used for the quizzes we used Imgur (<http://imgur.com>). Using there public available API we can send the images. As return we get a JSON object containing information about the uploaded picture. For this project we only use the link, id and deletehash parameters.

4.4 Google maps

We have used Google maps on several occasions. The first place where we use the google-maps API is when we are filtering based on location. The location the user fills in is send to Google. Google than sends back the gps locations of the location that matches closest with what the user filled in.

The next place we use the Google maps API is when a user is adding a picture. We first look if a picture has Exif location data in his or her application. If they have we make a google map with a marker in the center of the location. Otherwise we center on the VUB. The user can than move the marker. when they save we ask the Google maps API to give us the location.

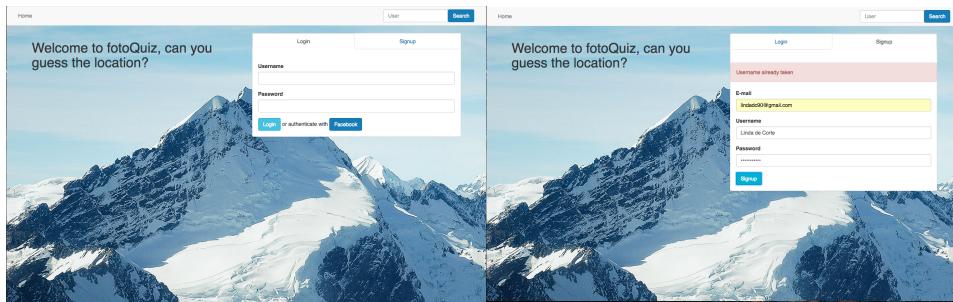
And finally we use it when people guess the location, we again make a map with an marker, but this one is based on your GEO-location, if you do not want to share it we will use the location of the VUB for the start point. You can then again move the marker to chose the location. When you think you found the location, you save and we will ask the Google Maps API for the location. We will than do a calculation to see if you were close enough. If not you have 3 chances to guess, again by moving the marker.

4.5 Provide data

5 Conclusion

6 Screenshots

6.1 Registering



(a) Register: Homepage, log in or register.

(b) Register: User name is taken

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the fotoQuiz registration form. The form is titled 'Login' and 'Signup'. It includes fields for 'E-mail', 'Username', and 'Password'. A red error message 'Username already taken' is displayed above the 'Username' field in both cases. In the left screenshot, the 'E-mail' field contains 'linda@demo.com'. In the right screenshot, it contains 'lindadc90'. In the right screenshot, a tooltip appears over the 'Username' field, stating: 'Please include an '@' in the email address. 'lindadc90' is missing an '@'.' The 'Signup' button is visible at the bottom of both forms.

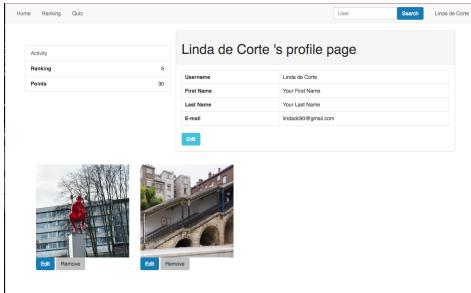
(c) Register: Username is too short

(d) Register: Not an email address

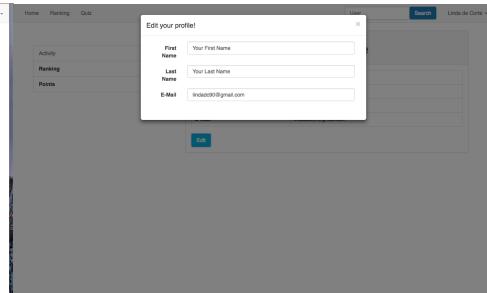
The image shows a single screenshot of the fotoQuiz registration form. The form is titled 'Login' and 'Signup'. It includes fields for 'E-mail', 'Username', and 'Password'. A red error message 'Username already taken' is displayed above the 'Username' field. The 'E-mail' field contains 'linda@demo.com'. The 'Username' field contains 'linda'. The 'Password' field contains three dots (...). A tooltip appears over the 'Password' field, stating: 'Please match the format requested. 5 characters minimum'. The 'Signup' button is visible at the bottom of the form.

(e) Register: Password is too short

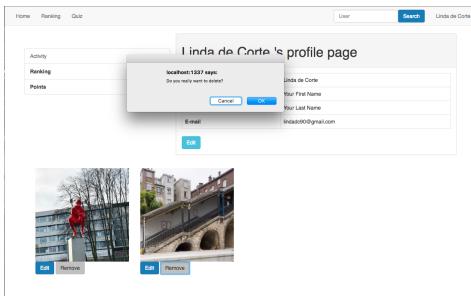
6.2 User profile



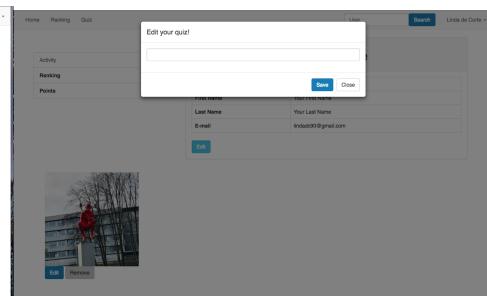
(a) The profile page



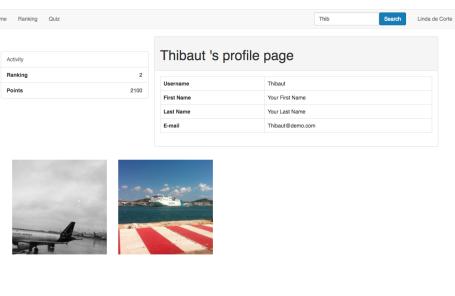
(b) Edit profile



(c) Remove user's quiz

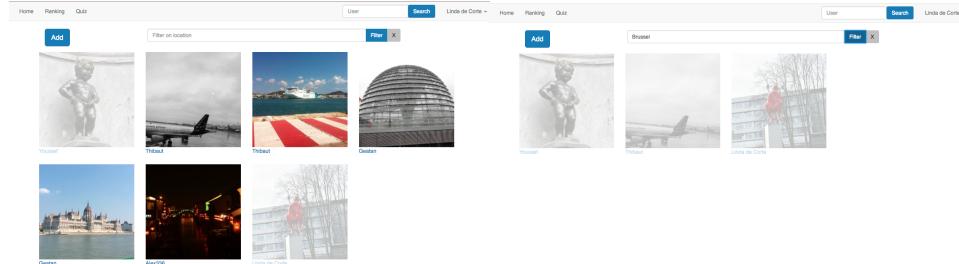


(d) Edit user's quiz



(e) Other user quiz

6.3 Quiz



(a) Quiz overview page

(b) Filter quizzes

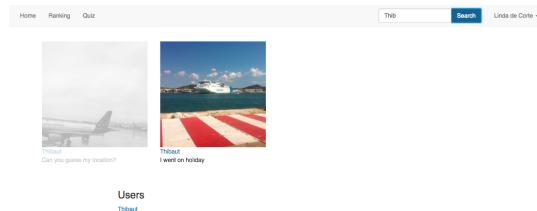
The screenshot shows a modal window titled "Upload your picture and start your own quiz!". It contains fields for "Content" (with placeholder "Give a message for others to read"), "Select a picture of your location" (with placeholder "Choose file"), and "Give a hint for your location" (with placeholder "Hint"). Below the modal is a blurred view of the quiz overview page.

If the location is not correct you can change it.

A map of Brussels, Belgium, showing the location of the quiz. The map includes labels for Palais de Bruxelles, Jubelpark, Espace Léopold, Hallepoort, Porte de Hal, Elsene, Eterbeek, Sint-Pieters-Woluwe, Oudergem, WATERMAAL, and Université Libre de Bruxelles. A red dot marks the location, and a blue arrow points to the "Create Quiz" button.

(c) Add quiz part 1

(d) Add quiz part 2



(e) Search User

6.4 Indivivual quiz

The image consists of two parts. Part (a) shows a map-based quiz interface where users can guess a location. It includes a search bar, user information, and a 'Search' button. The map shows Brussels and surrounding areas with various roads and landmarks. A red marker is placed near the center of the city. Text on the map says: 'Can you guess my location?' and 'Chance left: 1'. A button labeled 'Submit' is visible. Part (b) shows a comment section titled 'Comment Section' with a 'Comment' input field and a 'Add a comment' button. A single comment is displayed: 'So easy!' posted by 'Youssef'.

(a) A individual quiz page

(b) Comments