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NETW903: Network and Services Project Report

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Overview

In this project, we are implementing a to-do list application that uses RESTful web service to help end-users create, read, update and delete their tasks through a PC Python-based software. we used Express.js which is an open-source web application framework that provides a robust set of features for Node.js, integrated with MySQL database.

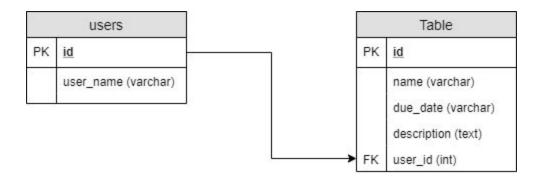


Implementation

- 1 Deciding the features needed by the end-user in the application:
 - User Sign up
 - Create tasks.
 - Read a single task.
 - Read all of his tasks.
 - Update tasks
 - Delete tasks

Representing CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) which are the four basic operations that any stored data is subjected to, The equivalent HTTP methods are POST, GET, PUT, DELETE which will be used by the client to communicate with the web service.

2 - Designing the database which will contain the users' information and the users' tasks, we used MySQL Database as mentioned before:



We didn't include user passwords in this testing database design to make testing a bit easier.

3 - Implementing the Express.js server:

First, the user signs up by sending an HTTP POST request to the server that contains the username desired, example request:

POST /signup?username=Michael Host: 127.0.0.1:3000/

The server gets the username from the query, saves it in the table (users) in the database, and returns a JSON response contains the user id in the database, in this case, {"id": 15} is returned to the user.



Second, the user can create a task by sending an HTTP POST request that contains all the info of the task, request example:

POST /addnewtask?name=test&date=20200305&description=Test&user_id=15 Host: 127.0.0.1:3000/

The server gets the task information from the query, saves it in the table (tasks) in the database, and returns a JSON response contains the task id in the database, in this case, {"id": 42} is returned to the user.

Ps: we save the date in string format as follows YYYYMMDD

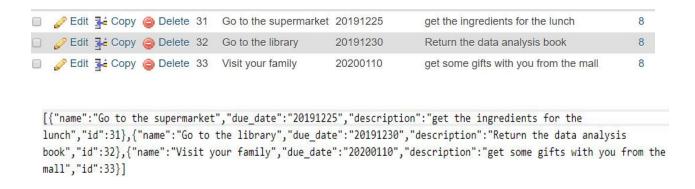


Third, the user can read all his tasks by sending an HTTP GET request that contains the user's id, request example:

GET /allmytasks?user_id=15

Host: 127.0.0.1:3000/

The server gets the user id from the query, retrieves the information of all the tasks of this user id from the database, and sends it to the user in JSON format.



The user can also retrieve a single task using an HTTP GET request that contains the task's id in the database, example:

GET /rvtask?id=31 Host: 127.0.0.1:3000/

```
// Select single task
app.get('/rvtask', (req, res) => {
   id = req.query.id
   let sql = `SELECT name, due_date, description FROM tasks WHERE id=${id}`;
   let query = db.query(sql, (err, result) => {
      if(err){
            console.log(err)
            throw err;
      }
      console.log(result);
      res.send(JSON.stringify(result));
   });
});
```

The server returns the task in JSON format

```
[{"name":"Go to the supermarket","due_date":"20191225","description":"get the ingredients for the lunch"}]
```

The user can update a task using an HTTP PUT request that contains the task's id in the query and the new name, due_date, or description in the body of the request (you can only update one field at a time), example:

PUT /updatetask?id=2 Host: 127.0.0.1:3000/

```
// Update post
app.put('/updatetask', (req, res) => {
    let newTitle = req.body.name;
    let due_date = req.body.due_date;
    let description = req.body.description;
    console.log(newTitle)
    console.log(due_date)
    console.log(description)
    if(!(req.body.name === "0")){
        console.log("I am at new title")
        let sql = `UPDATE tasks SET name = ? WHERE id = ${req.query.id}`;
        let query = db.query(sql, newTitle, (err, result) => {
            if(err) throw err;
            console.log(result);
            res.send('task updated...');
        });
    }
}
```

```
else if (!(req.body.due_date === "0")) {
    console.log("I am at due date")
    let sql = `UPDATE tasks SET due_date = ? WHERE id = ${req.query.id}`;
    let query = db.query(sql, due_date,(err, result) => {
       if(err) throw err;
       console.log(result);
       res.send('task updated...');
    });
else if (!(req.body.description === "0")) {
    console.log("I am at description")
    let sql = `UPDATE tasks SET description = ? WHERE id = ${req.query.id}`;
    let query = db.query(sql, description,(err, result) => {
       if(err) throw err;
       console.log(result);
        res.send('task updated...');
    });
```

The server updates the database and returns "task updated".

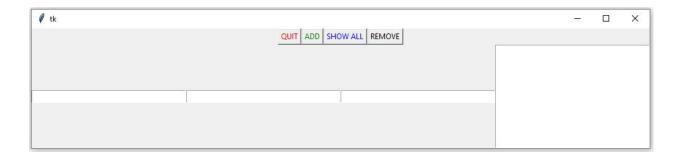
Finally, the user can delete tasks by sending an HTTP DELETE request that contains the task's id in the database, example:

DELETE /deletetask?id=31 Host: 127.0.0.1:3000/

The server will delete the task and reply by sending "done".

PS: We are hosting the web service locally for testing.

4 - We made a simple Python GUI to test the web service.



When we click "SHOW ALL", it sends a GET request to the server and displays all the tasks of this user, then we will add another task by clicking "ADD" which will send a POST request to the server to add the task.



After adding, we will delete the task "LoRa_Seminar" by writing its id in the first input space and clicking "REMOVE" which will send a DELETE request to the server.

