

W6 PRACTICE


My SQL

 *At the end of his practice, you should be able to...*


- ✓ Establish a **MySQL connection** on the back-end app
- ✓ Implement a **repository** layer using **MySQL queries**
- ✓ **Test the endpoints** (REST API client + front-end app)
- ✓ **Extends the project** to handle **4 tables** in the database

 *How to start?*

- ✓ Download **start code** from related MS Team assignment
- ✓ Run `npm install` on both front and back projects
- ✓ Run `npm run dev` on both front and back projects to run the client and the server

 *How to submit?*

- ✓ Submit your **code** on MS Team assignment

 *Are you lost?*

To review MySQL queries syntax

https://www.w3schools.com/mysql/mysql_sql.asp

To install My SQL Server (if needed)

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.4/en/windows-installation.html>

<https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/>

To connect Node back end to MySQL

https://www.w3schools.com/nodejs/nodejs_mysql.asp

<https://sidorares.github.io/node-mysql2/docs/documentation>

EXERCISE 1 – MySQL Manipulation

Before starting !

You should have a MySQL Server running. Check it out with bellow command:

```
mysql -u root -p
```

You should see MySQL monitor run properly:

```
C:\Users\PC>mysql -u root -p
Enter password: *****
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 13
Server version: 9.3.0 MySQL Community Server - GPL
```

If not, you need to install and configure MySQL server properly.

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.4/en/windows-installation.html>

Q1 - Create the database and the table of articles

- Open the terminal and launch MySQL monitor:

```
mysql -u root -p
```

- Create a new database (e.g. **week6Db**) using the command line
- Create a new table (articles) with the columns below:

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
id	int	NO	PRI	NULL	auto_increment
title	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
content	text	YES		NULL	
journalist	varchar(100)	YES		NULL	
category	varchar(50)	YES		NULL	

Q2 - Review My SQL queries

- Complete the bellow table with the appropriate MySQL query

Use case	My SQL Query
Get all articles	SELECT * FROM articles
Get articles written by the journalist 'RONAN'	YOUR ANSWER
Add an article	YOUR ANSWER
Delete all articles whose title starts with "R"	YOUR ANSWER

EXERCISE 2 – MySQL on Backend

For this exercise, you start with a start frontend and a backend code.

The goal for this exercise is to replace the provided mock repository with a MySQL repository.

Q1 - Run Frontend & Backend

Open a dedicated terminal to run the server:

```
cd back  
npm i  
npm run dev
```

Open a dedicated terminal to run the client:

```
cd front  
npm i  
npm run dev
```

Open the browser and check the front end is correctly **connected with the back end** :



The project already works as we provide fake data (mock repository).

Let's understand in detail the back and front ends.

FRONT-END

Q2 - Look at ArticleForm

How does the component know whether to create a new article or update an existing one?

YOUR ANSWER

Why is the **useParams** hook used in this component? What value does it provide when isEdit is true?

YOUR ANSWER

Explain what happens inside the **useEffect** hook. When does it run, and what is its purpose?

YOUR ANSWER

Q3 - Look at the ArticleList

How are the three promise states (loading, success, and error) handled in the fetchArticles function?

YOUR ANSWER

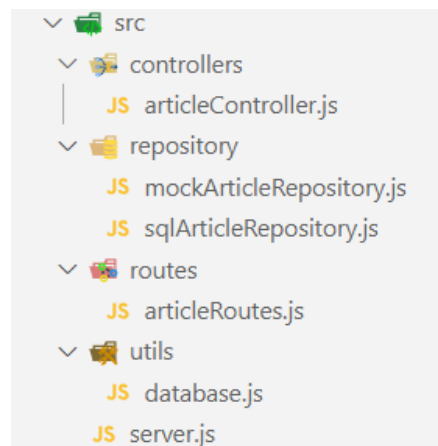
What is the role of the ArticleCard component, how does it communicate with the parent ArticleList?

YOUR ANSWER

BACK-END

Q4 - Why 3 layers ?

The backend is composed of the below 3 layers : routes, controllers and repository :



Describe the **responsibility** of each **layer** by completing the table below:

LAYER	RESPONSABILITIES
Routes	YOUR ANSWER
Controller	YOUR ANSWER
Repository	YOUR ANSWER

Q5 - Implement the database connection

Here are the files you need to update to **connect the backend to the database**:

FILE	RESPONSABILITIES
<code>/.env</code>	securely store your MySQL database credentials
<code>/utils/database.js</code>	Holds the MySQL connection setup logic <i>Responsible for creating and exporting a connection pool that other parts of the application can use.</i>
<code>/repository/sqlArticleRepository.js</code>	Provides a clean, reusable interface to interact with the articles table in your MySQL database . <i>Encapsulates all the SQL queries related to articles and exposes them as functions that the rest of your application can call.</i>

Here is what you need to do:

- **.env file**

Create a .env file to securely store your MySQL database credentials.

See <https://www.npmjs.com/package/dotenv>

```
DB_HOST=localhost
DB_USER=root
DB_PASSWORD=complete this line
DB_NAME=complete this line
PORT=4000
```

- **utils/database.js**
 - Create a **MySQL connection pool** using the credentials from the .env file.
<https://sidorares.github.io/node-mysql2/docs#using-connection-pools>
 - Export this connection pool so it can be used by other modules in the project.
- **repositories/sqlArticleRepository.js**

Implement the following functions to interact with the articles table in the database:

```
getAll() – fetch all articles  
getById(id) – fetch one article by ID  
create(article) – insert a new article  
update(id, article) – update an existing article  
remove(id) – delete an article by ID
```

Use the connection pool from database.js to **execute the SQL queries** inside these functions.

As an example, to implement getAll() :

```
export async function getArticles() {  
  const [rows] = await pool.query("SELECT * FROM articles");  
  return rows;  
}
```

Q6 - Test the endpoints

To test the implementation of MySQL repository (*create, update, remove, get articles...*)

- First, perform tests using a **REST API client** (thunder or postman)
- Then, run the **front-end project** and asset the views work properly

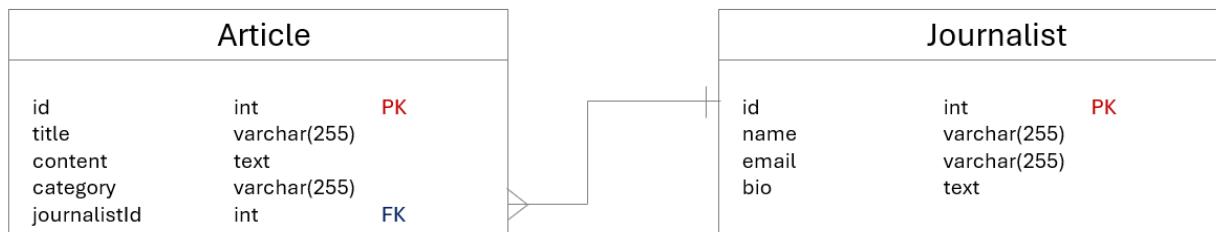
EXERCISE 3 – Handle Journalists

For this exercise, you continue on the previous exercise code.

Now, users want to see **who wrote each article** to better understand the source.

- You will need to update the app, so the article page shows the **journalist's name and info**.
- You will need to provide a journalist view, showing all articles written by a specific journalist.

Database



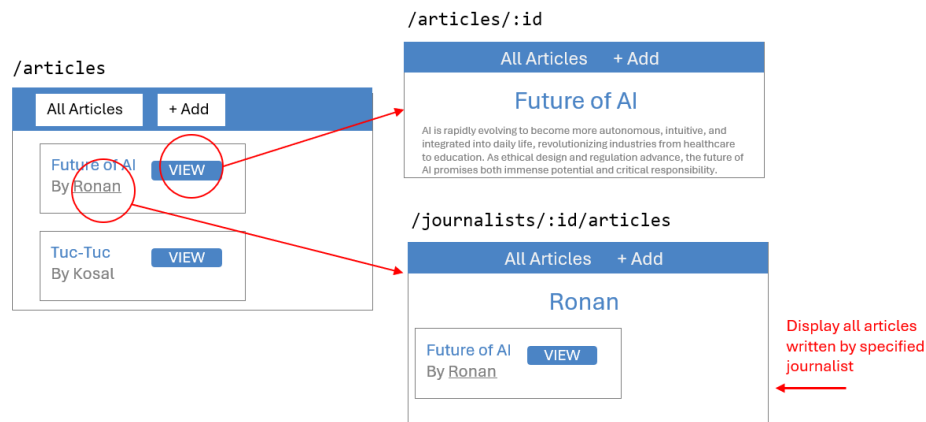
Update your database structure to handle the journalist table

- Create **journalists** table with fields: id, name, email, bi
- Update **articles** table to include journalist_id foreign key
- **Populate the database** with some fake data

Back End

- Implement **repository** methods:
 - Fetch articles with joined journalist name (using **SQL JOIN**)
 - Fetch all articles written by a specific journalist name (using **SQL JOIN**)
- Add **controller** functions:
 - Get all articles by journalist ID
- Define **new API routes**:
 - GET /api/articles/:id article + journalist name.
 - GET /api/journalists/:id/articles articles list by journalist.

Front End



An additional view shall display all articles written by the specific journalist

- Update **Article Details page**:
 - Display journalist name alongside the article.
- Create **Journalist Articles List page**:
 - Display all articles by selected journalist.
- Add navigation:
 - From Article Details page, allow users to click journalist name to view **that journalist's articles**.
- Update API calls:
 - Fetch combined article + journalist data.
 - Fetch articles filtered by journalist ID.

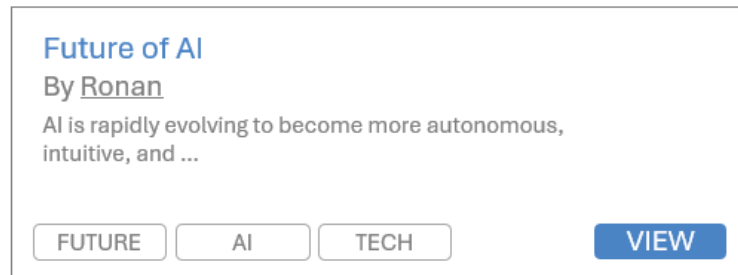
EXERCISE 4 – Handle Tags

BONUS

For this exercise, you continue on the previous exercise code.

Now, users want to easily **assign tags to articles**.

The users can then filter articles by selecting different tags.



You will need to add categories to articles and let users filter the article list by selecting a category.

Database

- Create a new **table** Category (id, name).
 - What kind of relationships do we have between articles and categories?

Back End:

- Implement repository methods to:
 - Retrieve all categories.
 - Retrieve all articles filtered by category, using JOIN to include category name.
- Add a new API endpoint to get articles by category ID.

Front End:

- Add a **multiple categories filter UI component** on the **article list page** (multiple choice dropdown, chipset selector).
- When categories are selected, fetch and display only articles in those categories.
- Display categories names alongside articles in the list.