

Where nav bar component, is:



Logo(**ThinkBoard**) on the left, link(**+ New Note**) on the right hand side.

Once we click on link(**+ New Note**), Takes to the create page.

We also have different **icons**:



For these icons we use the package, install under the frontend

Install the packages:

1. Stop the frontend server
2. Install: **npm i lucide-react**

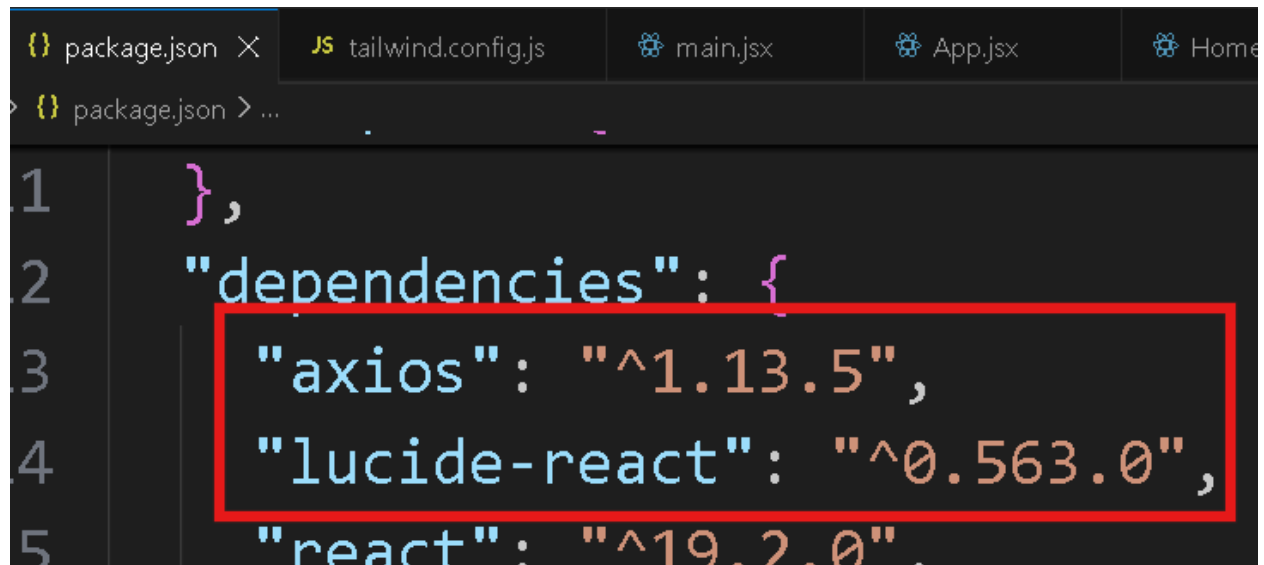
```
p\mern-thinkboard\frontend> npm i lucide-react
```

3. Install: **npm i axios**

Replaces the fetch APIs with the axios

```
\mern-thinkboard\frontend> npm i axios
```

In package.json:



```
{  
  "dependencies": {  
    "axios": "^1.13.5",  
    "lucide-react": "^0.563.0",  
    "react": "^19.2.0"  
  }  
}
```

In terminal run the server in frontend: npm run dev

Create components folder in src:



Create Navbar.jsx, within

Type: rafce in **Navbar.jsx** file, then click enter to get the code below:

import React from 'react'

```
const Navbar = () => {  
  return (  
    <div>  
  
    </div>  
  )  
}
```

export default Navbar

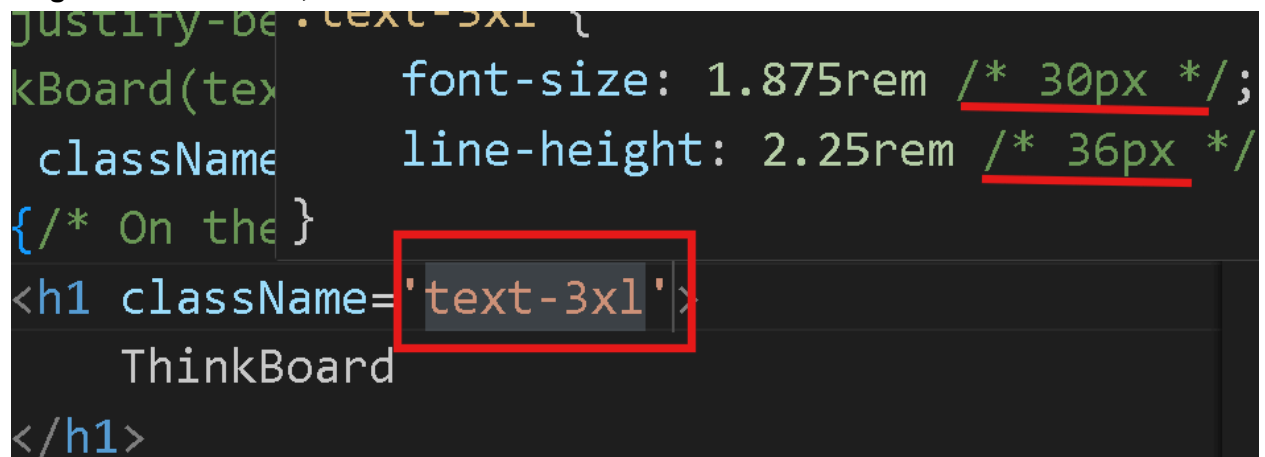
Code in HomePage.jsx:

```
import React from 'react'  
import Navbar from '../components/Navbar'
```

```
const HomePage = () => {
  return (
    // min-h-screen = minimum height will be screen
    // takes entire screen
    <div class="min-h-screen">
      {/* First it will have navbar component */}
      <Navbar />
    </div>
  )
}
```

export default HomePage

To get the actual size, hover over it:

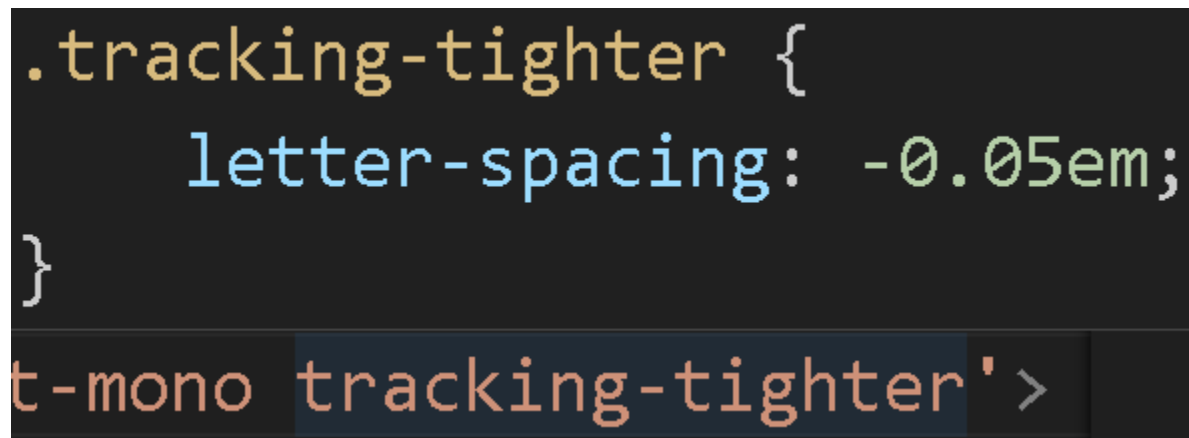


```

.justify-between {
  font-size: 1.875rem /* 30px */;
  line-height: 2.25rem /* 36px */;
}
/* On the
<h1 className='text-3xl'>
  ThinkBoard
</h1>

```

Tracking-tighter for letter spacing:



```

.tracking-tighter {
  letter-spacing: -0.05em;
}
t-mono tracking-tighter'>

```

Code in Navbar.jsx:

```
import { PlusIcon } from 'lucide-react'
import { Link } from "react-router"
```

import React from 'react'

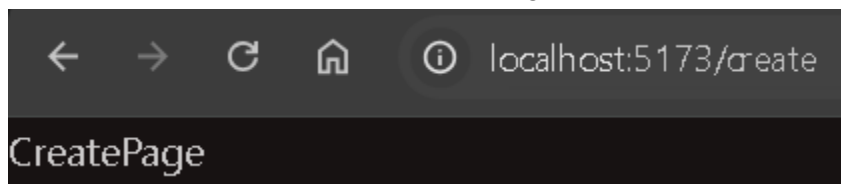
```
const Navbar = () => {  
  return (  
    <header className="bg-base-300 border-b border-base-content/10">  
      <div className="mx-auto max-w-6xl p-4">  
        <div className='flex items-center justify-between'>  
          <h1 className='text-3xl font-bold text-primary font-mono tracking-tight'>  
            ThinkBoard  
          </h1>  
          <div className='flex items-center gap-4'>  
            <Link to={"/create"} className="btn btn-primary">  
              <PlusIcon className='size-5' />  
              <span>New Note</span>  
            </Link>  
          </div>  
        </div>  
      </div>  
    </header>  
  )  
}
```

export default Navbar

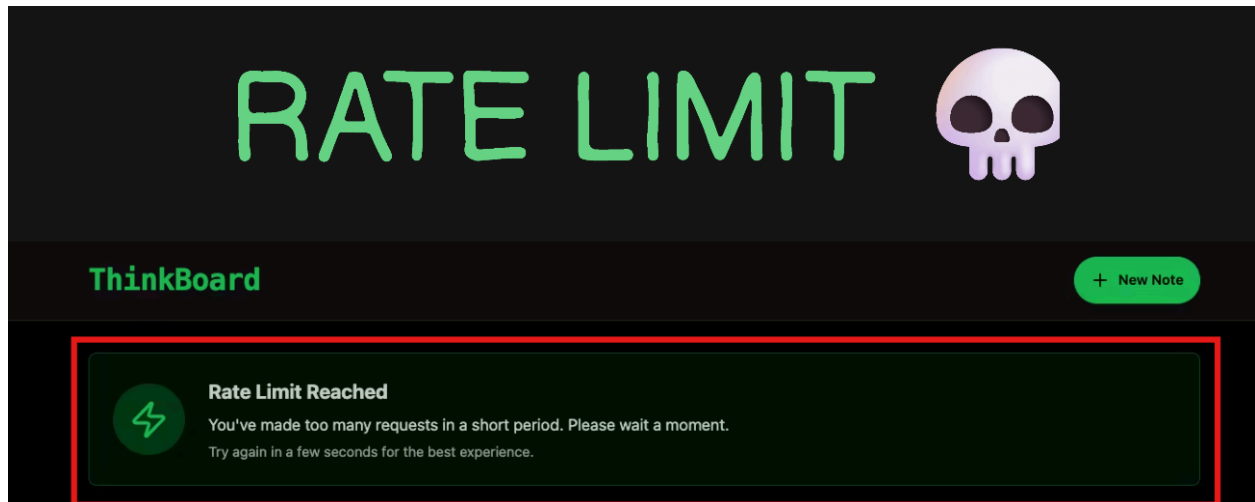
In browser:



Click on new Note to open the create page:

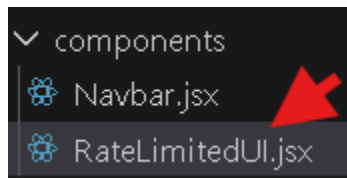


In homepage, if we send lots of requests, or rate limited



We need to get above kind of UI.

Create a file for ratelimiter:



Code in RateLimitedUI.jsx:

```
import { ZapIcon } from "lucide-react";
// Code that does not have any logic at all
const RateLimitedUI = () => {
  return (
    <div className="max-w-6xl mx-auto px-4 py-8">
      <div className="bg-primary/10 border border-primary/30 rounded-lg shadow-md">
        <div className="flex flex-col md:flex-row items-center p-6">
          <div className="flex-shrink-0 bg-primary/20 p-4 rounded-full mb-4 md:mb-0 md:mr-6">
            <ZapIcon className="size-10 text-primary" />
          </div>
          <div className="flex-1 text-center md:text-left">
            <h3 className="text-xl font-bold mb-2">Rate Limit Reached</h3>
            <p className="text-base-content mb-1">
              You've made too many requests in a short period. Please wait a moment.
            </p>
            <p className="text-sm text-base-content/70">
              Try again in a few seconds for the best experience.
            </p>
          </div>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  );
}
```

```

    </div>
  );
};

export default RateLimitedUI;

```

Code in HomePage.jsx:

```

import React from 'react'
import { useState } from 'react';
import Navbar from '../components/Navbar'
import RateLimitedUI from '../components/RateLimitedUI';

const HomePage = () => {
  const [isRateLimited, setIsRateLimited] = useState(false);
  return (
    // min-h-screen = minimum height will be screen
    // takes entire screen
    <div className="min-h-screen">
      {/* First it will have navbar component */}
      <Navbar />
      {isRateLimited && <RateLimitedUI />}
    </div>
  );
};

export default HomePage;

```

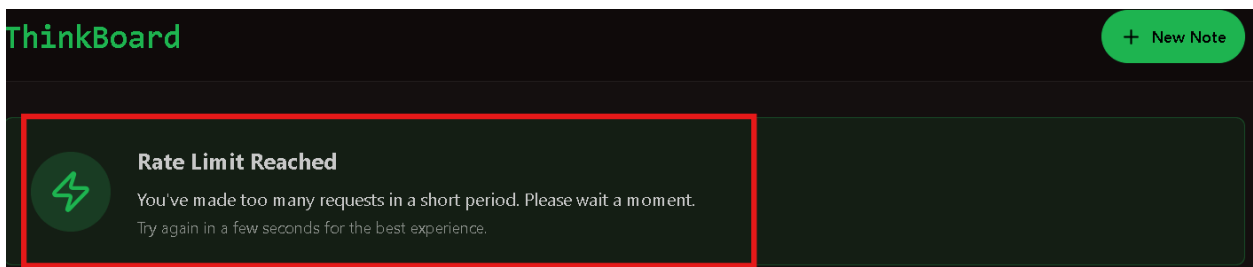
In browser:



If code in **HomePage.jsx**, set usestate to **true**:

```
const [isRateLimited, setIsRateLimited] = useState(true);
```

In browser:



Code in HomePage.jsx: Using fetching

```
import React, { useEffect } from 'react'
import { useState } from 'react';
import Navbar from '../components/Navbar'
import RateLimitedUI from '../components/RateLimitedUI';

const HomePage = () => {
  const [isRateLimited, setIsRateLimited] = useState(true);
  // fetching the notes
  const [notes, setNotes] = useState([])
  // to keep track of loading state, set to true, soon
  // as we load the page, we need to fetch the notes
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true)
  // To able to fetch that
  useEffect(() => {
    const fetchNotes = async () => {
      try {
        const res = await fetch("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
        const data = await res.json()
        console.log(data)
      } catch (error) {
        console.log("Error fetching notes")
      }
    }

    fetchNotes()
  }, [])
  return (
    // min-h-screen = minimum height will be screen
    // takes entire screen
    <div className="min-h-screen">
      {/* First it will have navbar component */}
      <Navbar />
      {isRateLimited && <RateLimitedUI />}
    </div>
  );
};
```

export default HomePage;

In browser, we get CORS error when inspecting it:

This is nothing related to fetch, but different error

✖ Access to fetch at '<http://localhost:5001/api/notes>' from origin '<http://localhost:5173>' has been blocked by CORS policy: No 'Access-Control-Allow-Origin' header is present on the requested resource. [\(index\):1](#)

✖ ▶ GET [HomePage.jsx:17](#) 
<http://localhost:5001/api/notes> net::ERR_FAILED
200 (OK)

Error fetching notes [HomePage.jsx:21](#)

✖ Access to fetch at '<http://localhost:5001/api/notes>' from origin '<http://localhost:5173>' has been blocked by CORS policy: No 'Access-Control-Allow-Origin' header

CORS

(Cross-Origin Resource Sharing)

CORS is a browser security rule.

When a **website** tries to get data from **another website** —like your frontend calling an API on a different domain—the browser **might block** it for security reasons.

Example

You have a frontend at `http://localhost:3000`


And an API backend at: `http://api.example.com`

Your frontend makes a fetch request to get data

```
fetch('http://api.example.com/users')
```

But the browser says:

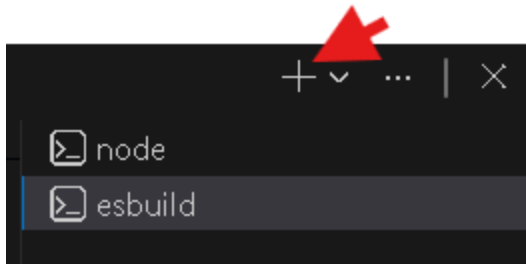
"You're coming from `localhost:3000`, and you're trying to access `api.example.com`. That's a different origin. I need to make sure the API allows this."

 **In short:**

CORS error = "You tried to get data from another site, but the browser didn't let you."
Fix = "You should tell the backend to allow requests from your frontend."

To make sure the API allows this.

Create new terminal:



Visit backend folder.

Install the package:

In terminal: `npm i cors@2.8.5`

```
PS C:\Users\kiran\OneDrive\Desktop\mern-thinkboard\backend> npm i cors@2.8.5
changed 1 package, and audited 130 packages in 2s

18 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

9 vulnerabilities (3 low, 1 moderate, 4 high, 1 critical)

To address all issues, run:
  npm audit fix

Run `npm audit` for details.
```

In package.json:

A screenshot of a code editor with a dark theme. The 'package.json' file is open, showing the 'dependencies' section. The code is:

```
"dependencies": {
  "@upstash/redis": "^2.8.5",
  "cors": "^2.8.5",
}
```

 A red arrow points to the '@upstash/redis' entry.

Code in [server.js](#): available in backend/src

import express from "express"

```

import dotenv from "dotenv"
import cors from "cors"

import notesRoutes from "../routes/notesRoutes.js"
import { connectDB } from "../config/db.js"
import rateLimiter from "../middleware/rateLimiter.js"

dotenv.config()

//console.log(process.env.MONGO_URI)

const app = express()
// if process.env.PORT is undefined then PORT = 5001 (by default value)
const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5001

//connectDB()

// First try to remove the cors error, then use middleware
app.use(cors({
  // removing error in home page url
  origin: "http://localhost:5173"
}))
// middleware
app.use(express.json()) // this middleware will parse JSON bodies: req.body
app.use(rateLimiter)

// Our simple custom middleware
// app.use((req, res, next) => {
//   console.log(`Req method: ${req.method}.\nReq URL: ${req.url}.`)
//   next()
// })

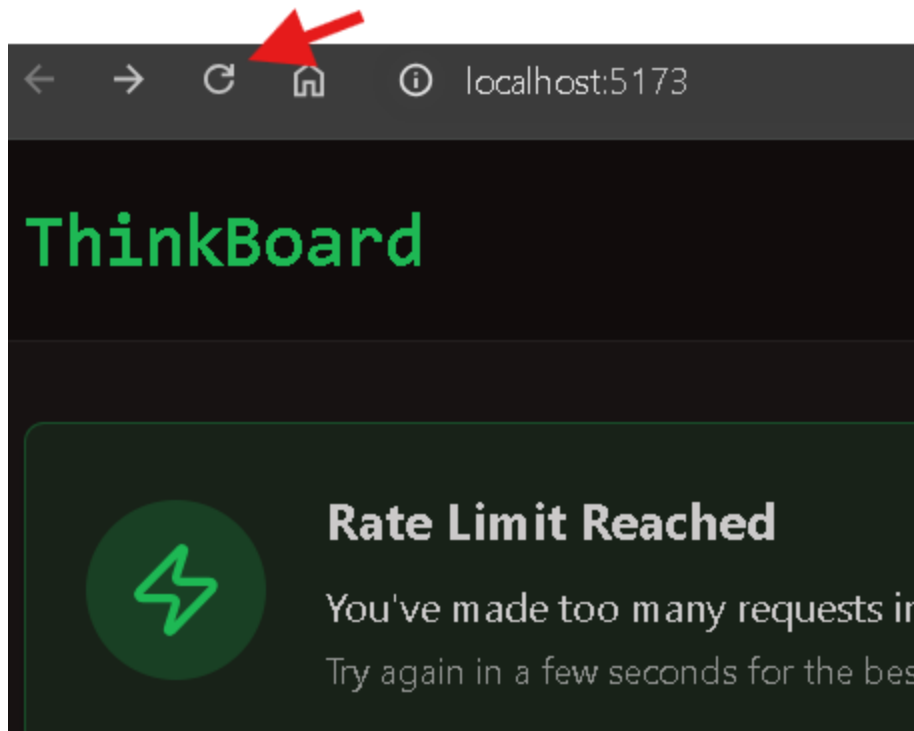
app.use("/api/notes", notesRoutes)

connectDB().then(() => {
  app.listen(PORT, () => {
    console.log("Server started on PORT:", PORT)
  })
})

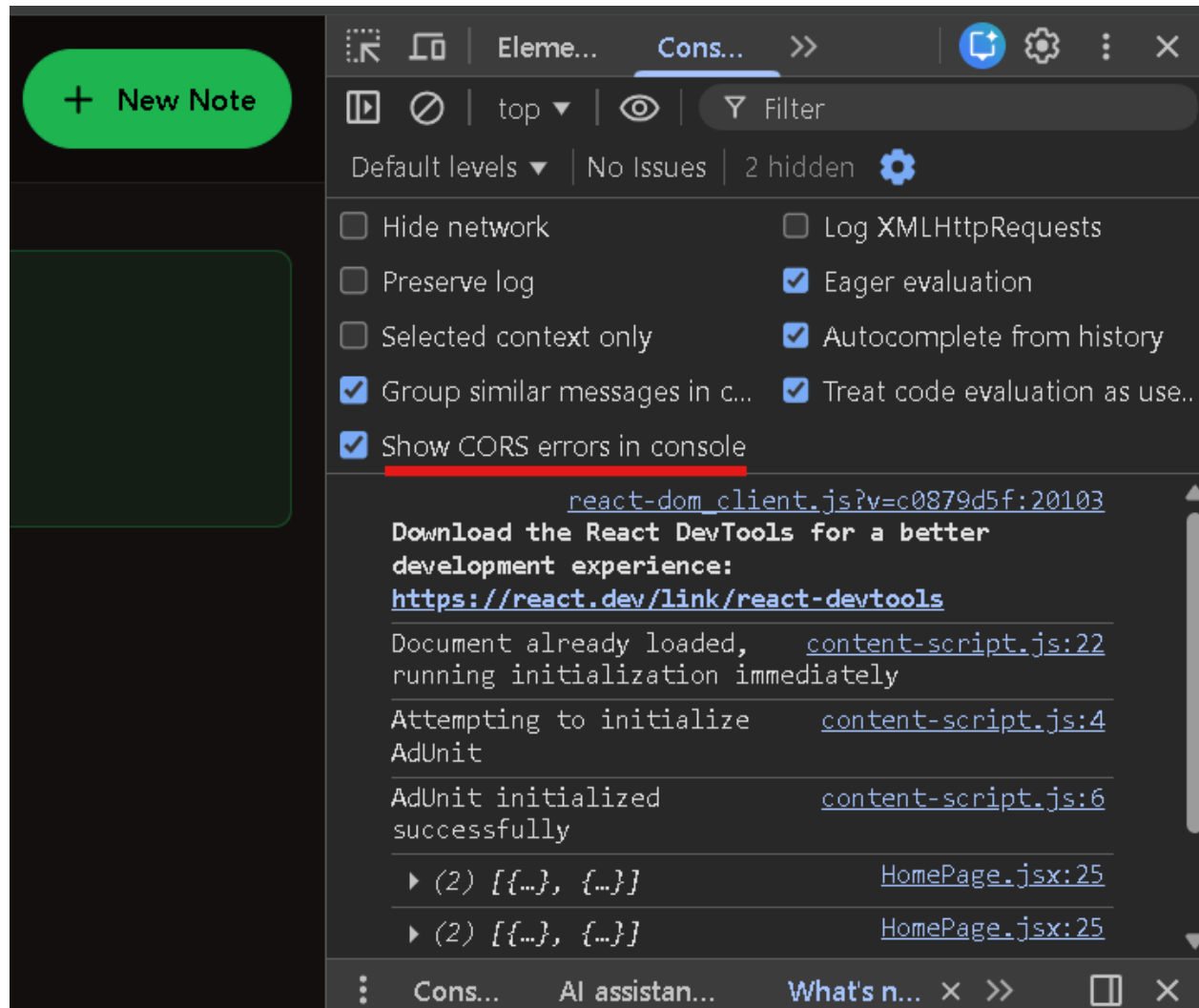
```

Note: bold letters are added.

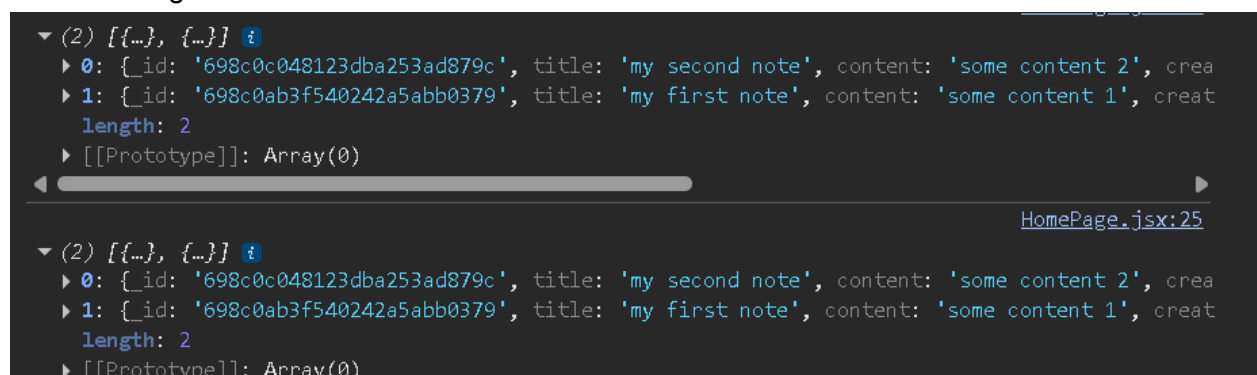
Then refresh the home page:



Then we don't get CORS errors:



Notes coming from database:



Code in HomePage.jsx:

```
import React, { useEffect } from 'react'
import { useState } from 'react';
import Navbar from '../components/Navbar'
```

```

import RateLimitedUI from '../components/RateLimitedUI';
import axios from 'axios';
import toast from 'react-hot-toast';

const HomePage = () => {
  const [isRateLimited, setIsRateLimited] = useState(false);
  // fetching the notes
  const [notes, setNotes] = useState([])
  // to keep track of loading state, set to true, soon
  // as we load the page, we need to fetch the notes
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true)
  // To able to fetch that
  useEffect(() => {
    const fetchNotes = async () => {
      try {
        // For get method
        // const res = await axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
        // For post method
        // const res = await axios.post("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
        const res = await axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
        // const data = await res.json()
        // Which is lot more comfortable then fetch API
        // console.log(res.data)// instead of console logging the data
        // We want to update the notes state
        setNotes(res.data)
        // If we can get the data, ratelimited to false
        setIsRateLimited(false)
      } catch (error) {
        console.log("Error fetching notes")
        // We want to check for the state in:
        // const [isRateLimited, setIsRateLimited] = useState(false);
        // 429 for rateLimited
        if(error.response.status === 429){
          setIsRateLimited(true)
        }else{
          toast.error("Failed to load Notes!")
        }
      }
    } finally{
      setLoading(false)
    }
  }
}

fetchNotes()
}, [])

```

```

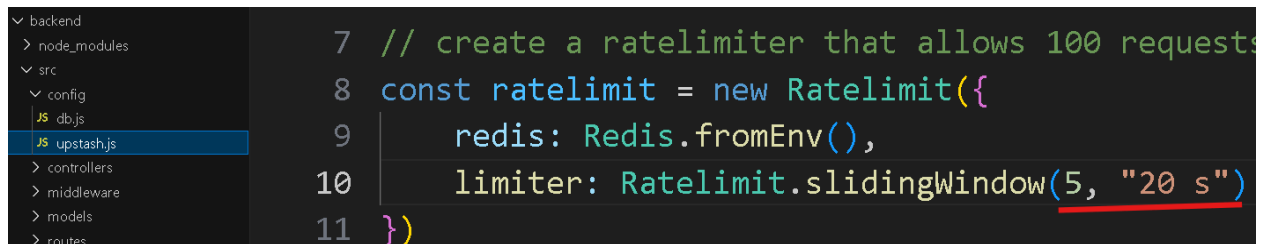
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  // min-h-screen = minimum height will be screen
  // takes entire screen
  <div className="min-h-screen">
    {/* First it will have navbar component */}
    <Navbar />
    {isRateLimited && <RateLimitedUI />}
  </div>
);
};

```

export default HomePage;

Changing the ratelimit, for testing:

backend>src>config>[upstash.js](#):



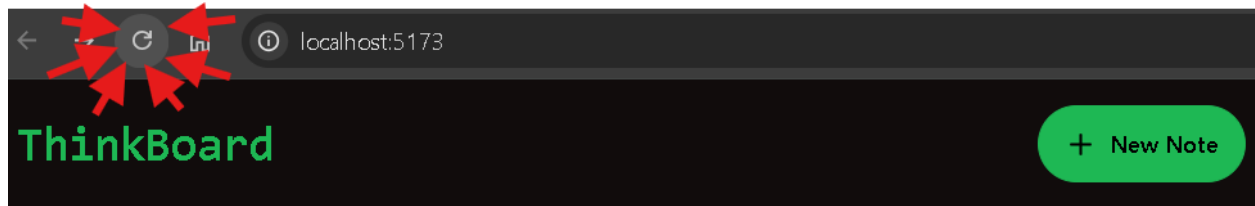
```

7 // create a ratelimiter that allows 100 requests
8 const ratelimit = new Ratelimit({
9   redis: Redis.fromEnv(),
10  limiter: Ratelimit.slidingWindow(5, "20 s")
11 })

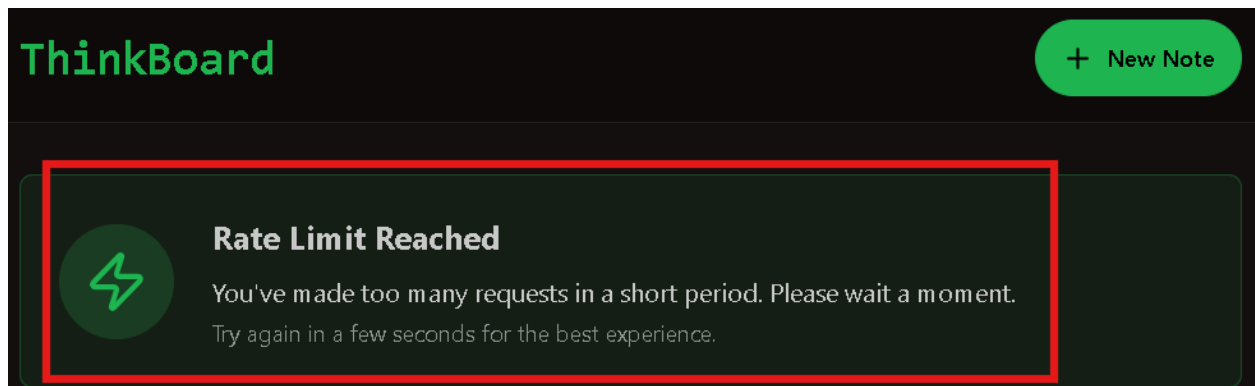
```

5 request per 20 seconds.

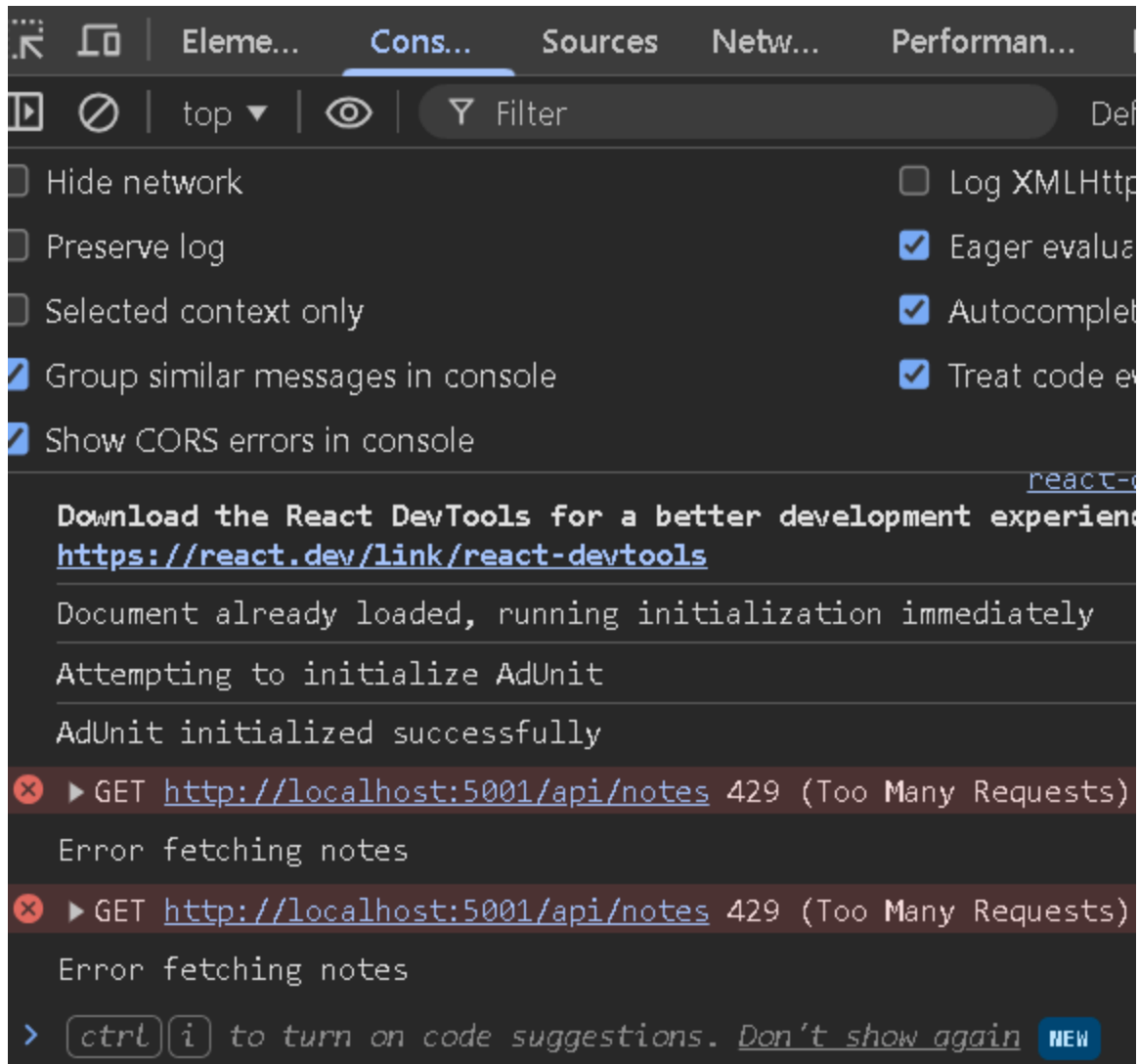
Then try to refresh more than 5 times within 20 seconds:



Then UI:



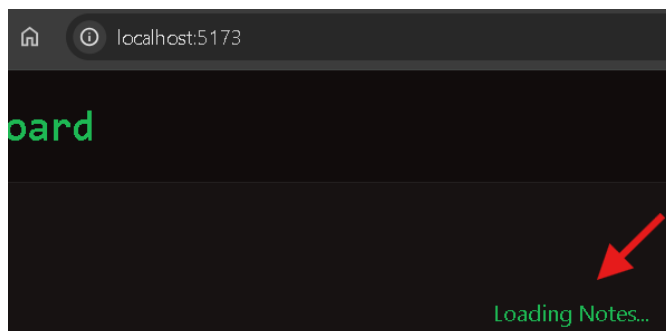
In console:



Some code in HomePage.jsx: if true is set

```
<div className='max-w-7xl mx-auto p-4 mt-6'>  
  {true && <div className='text-center text-primary py-10'>Loading Notes...</div>}  
</div>
```

In browser:



Code in HomePage.jsx:

```
import React, { useEffect } from 'react'
import { useState } from 'react';
import Navbar from '../components/Navbar'
import RateLimitedUI from '../components/RateLimitedUI';
import axios from 'axios';
import toast from "react-hot-toast";

const HomePage = () => {
  const [isRateLimited, setIsRateLimited] = useState(false);
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  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true)
  // To able to fetch that
  useEffect(() => {
    const fetchNotes = async () => {
      try {
        // For get method
        // const res = await axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
        // For post method
        // const res = await axios.post("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
        const res = await axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
        // const data = await res.json()
        // Which is lot more comfortable then fetch API
        // console.log(res.data)// instead of console logging the data
        // We want to update the notes state
        setNotes(res.data)
        // If we can get the data, ratelimited to false
        setIsRateLimited(false)
      } catch (error) {
        console.log("Error fetching notes")
        console.log(error.response)
        // We want to check for the state in:
        // const [isRateLimited, setIsRateLimited] = useState(false);
        // 429 for rateLimited
        if(error.response?.status === 429){
          setIsRateLimited(true)
        }else{
          toast.error("Failed to load Notes")
        }
      }
    } finally{
```

```

        setLoading(false)
      }
    }

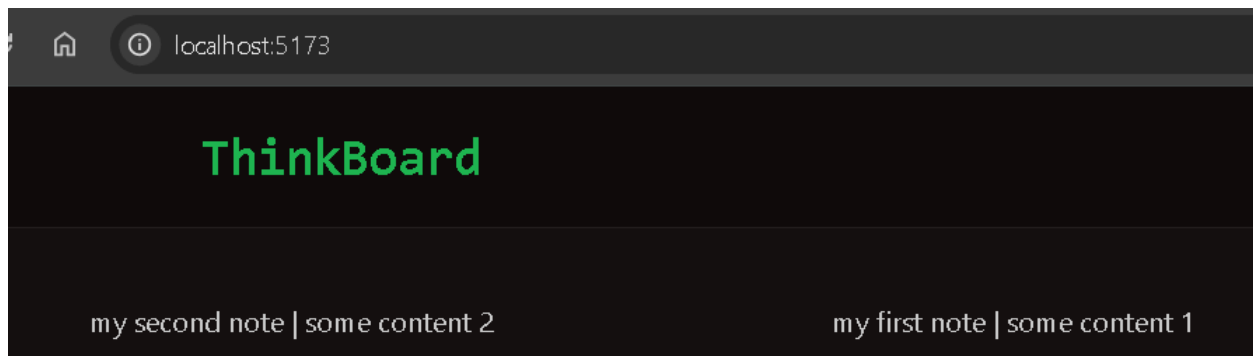
    fetchNotes()
  }, [])
  return (
    // min-h-screen = minimum height will be screen
    // takes entire screen
    <div className="min-h-screen">
      {/* First it will have navbar component */}
      <Navbar />
      {isRateLimited && <RateLimitedUI />}

      <div className="max-w-7xl mx-auto p-4 mt-6">
        {loading && <div className="text-center text-primary py-10">Loading notes...</div>}
        {notes.length > 0 && !isRateLimited && (
          <div className="grid grid-cols-1 md:grid-cols-2 lg:grid-cols-3 gap-6">
            {notes.map(note => (
              <div>
                {note.title} | {note.content}
              </div>
            ))}
          </div>
        )}
      </div>
    </div>
  );
};

```

export default HomePage;

In browser, refresh it:



From database:

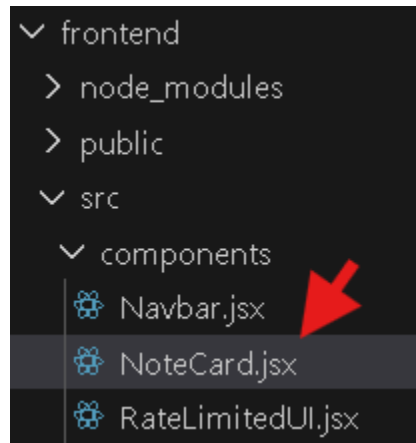
```
_id: ObjectId('698c0ab3f540242a5abb0379')
title: "my first note"
content: "some content 1"
createdAt: 2026-02-11T04:50:59.240+00:00
updatedAt: 2026-02-11T04:50:59.240+00:00
__v: 0
```

```
_id: ObjectId('698c0c048123dba253ad879c')
title: "my second note"
content: "some content 2"
createdAt: 2026-02-11T04:56:36.167+00:00
updatedAt: 2026-02-11T04:56:36.167+00:00
__v: 0
```

Replace bold letters in HomePage.jsx:

`<NoteCard key={note._id} note={note} />`

Then create NoteCard.jsx:



Code in HomePage.jsx:

```
import React, { useEffect } from 'react'
import { useState } from 'react';
import Navbar from '../components/Navbar'
import RateLimitedUI from '../components/RateLimitedUI';
import axios from 'axios';
import toast from "react-hot-toast";
import NoteCard from "../components/NoteCard"
```

```
const HomePage = () => {
```

```

const [isRateLimited, setIsRateLimited] = useState(false);
// fetching the notes
const [notes, setNotes] = useState([])
// to keep track of loading state, set to true, soon
// as we load the page, we need to fetch the notes
const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true)
// To able to fetch that
useEffect(() => {
  const fetchNotes = async () => {
    try {
      // For get method
      // const res = await axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
      // For post method
      // const res = await axios.post("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
      const res = await axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/notes")
      // const data = await res.json()
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      // We want to update the notes state
      setNotes(res.data)
      // If we can get the data, ratelimited to false
      setIsRateLimited(false)
    } catch (error) {
      console.log("Error fetching notes")
      console.log(error.response)
      // We want to check for the state in:
      // const [isRateLimited, setIsRateLimited] = useState(false);
      // 429 for rateLimited
      if(error.response?.status === 429){
        setIsRateLimited(true)
      }else{
        toast.error("Failed to load Notes")
      }
    } finally{
      setLoading(false)
    }
  }
}

  fetchNotes()
}, [])
return (
  // min-h-screen = minimum height will be screen
  // takes entire screen
  <div className="min-h-screen">

```

```

    { /* First it will have navbar component */ }
    <Navbar />
    {isRateLimited && <RateLimitedUI />}

    <div className="max-w-7xl mx-auto p-4 mt-6">
      {loading && <div className="text-center text-primary py-10">Loading notes...</div>}
      {notes.length > 0 && !isRateLimited && (
        <div className="grid grid-cols-1 md:grid-cols-2 lg:grid-cols-3 gap-6">
          {notes.map(note => (
            <NoteCard key={note._id} note={note} />
          ))}
        </div>
      )}
    </div>
  </div>
);
};

export default HomePage;

```

Code in NoteCard.jsx:

```

import { PenSquareIcon, Trash2Icon } from "lucide-react";
import { Link } from "react-router";

const NoteCard = ({note}) => {
  return (
    <Link
      to={` /note/${note._id}`}
      className="card bg-base-100 hover:shadow-lg transition-all duration-200
        border-t-4 border-solid border-[#00FF9D]"
    >
      <div className="card-body">
        <h3 className="card-title text-base-content">{note.title}</h3>
        <p className="text-base-content/70 line-clamp-3">{note.content}</p>
        <div className="card-actions justify-between items-center mt-4">
          <span className="text-sm text-base-content/60">
            {note.createdAt}
          </span>
          <div className="flex items-center gap-1">
            <PenSquareIcon className="size-4" />
            <button
              className="btn btn-ghost btn-xs text-error"
            >

```

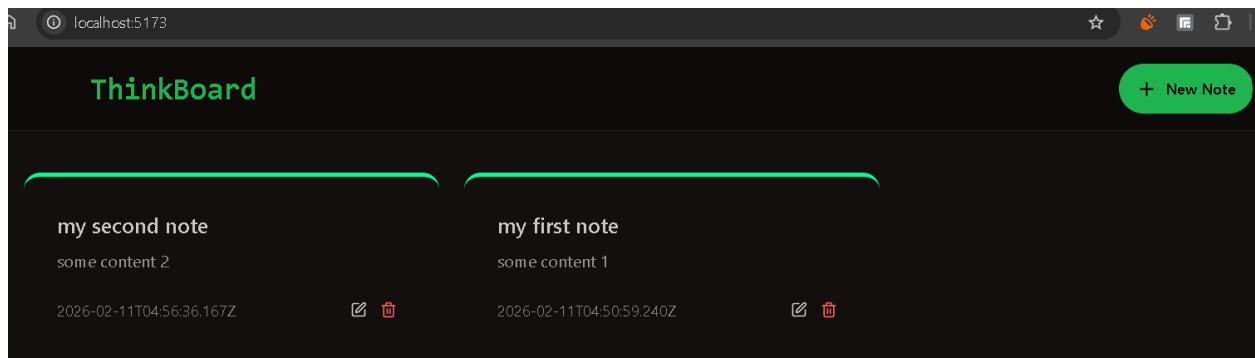
```

        <Trash2Icon className="size-4" />
      </button>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
</Link>
);
}

```

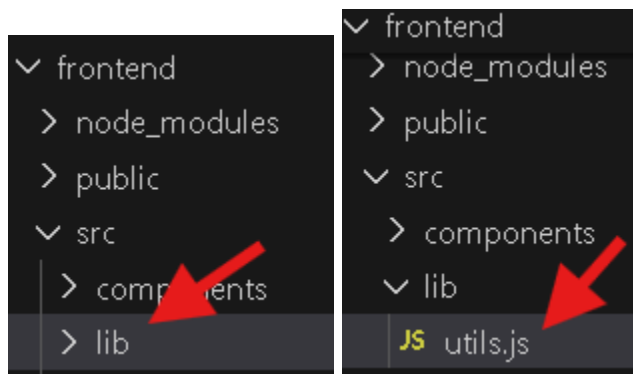
export default NoteCard

In browser:



But date is not formatted well.

Create a lib folder:



<https://youtu.be/F9gB5b4jgOI?t=8931>

Code in utils.js:

```

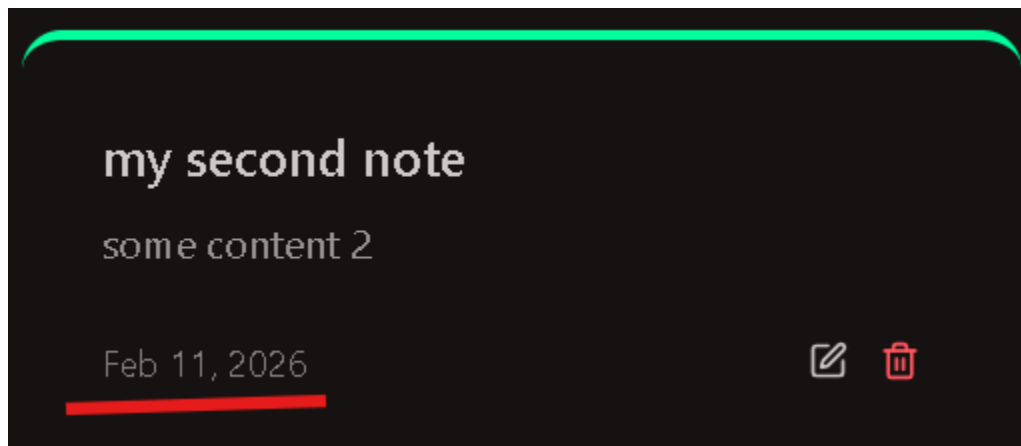
export function formatDate(date){
  return date.toLocaleDateString("en-US", {
    month: "short",
    day: "numeric",
    year: "numeric"
  })
}

```

Sample Code in NoteCard.jsx:

```
NoteCard.jsx ×  NavBar.jsx  HomePage.jsx  JS  utils.js  RateLimitedUI.jsx  JS  tailwind.config.js
NoteCard.jsx > NoteCard
NoteCard = ({note}) => {
  <div className="card-actions justify-between items
    <span className="text-sm text-base-content/60">
      {/* {note.createdAt} */}
      {formatDate(new Date(note.createdAt))}
    </span>
```

In browser:



Code in App.jsx:

```
import React from 'react'
import { Route, Routes } from 'react-router'
import HomePage from './pages/HomePage'
import CreatePage from './pages/CreatePage'
import NoteDetailPage from './pages/NoteDetailPage'
// import toast
import toast from "react-hot-toast"

const App = () => {
  return (
    // Relative height=full, width=full
    <div className="relative h-full w-full">
      <div className="absolute inset-0 -z-10 h-full w-full items-center px-5 py-24
[background:radial-gradient(125%_125%_at_50%_10%,#000_60%,#00FF9D40_100%)]" />
```

```

<Routes>
  <Route path="/" element={<HomePage />} />
  <Route path="/create" element={<CreatePage />} />
  {/* :id <- is dynamic */}
  <Route path="/note/:id" element={<NoteDetailPage />} />
</Routes>

</div>
)
}

```

export default App

In browser:

