## Instructions:

- 1. <a href="https://csc309-ruizhiyou.c9users.io">https://csc309-ruizhiyou.c9users.io</a> This is where our server is hosted, however, cloud9 can be unstable so if it is offline please access it using localhost.
- 2. To set up, first initiate mongodb by using the command "mongod" (add sudo if necessary).
  - Then navigate to the folder that contains "server.js" and start the server by typing "node server.js"
  - By default, the application will be run on "localhost:3000".
- 3. Once on the website, the first page will be the welcoming page
  This template is an open source project, we are only responsible for making some
  modifications.
- 4. Then we will go to main page (or Feed page). On this page, logged-in user can browse and comment on the user's own feed. This feed is generated by the topics user follows. (If not logged in, there is nothing on this page since the server does not know what information user likes.)
- 5. By click on different options on the top navigation bar, a user can choose to view feed (displayed by default), community (recommendation system), post, and login (register is also on the same page). A user can also to choose to go to other pages on the sidebar especially "settings" to update his/her profile information.
- 6. In the community page, the application suggests different posts based on the user's followed topics.
- 7. By clicking on "post" a user will be redirected to the posting page where he/she can make a review/question, upon completion, the browser will be redirected to the page that contains the newly posted review/question.
- 8. On the left side of the navigation bar, a user can also search for a word/sentence to find only the posts that contain that keyword.
- 9. In the login page, a user can also choose to login with his/her google account.
- 10. In the feed page, a user can also upvote/downvote a post.

## Known limitations/bugs:

- 1. The search bar can only search for one word instead of a phrase at this moment.
- The recommendation system has bugs which we weren't able to resolve due to time constraints, but all of the code is still contain in the files. At this moment, a static page is displayed instead.
- 3. On the redirected page after posting a new review/topic, the commenting system is not implemented.

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