## Meal Planner App Instructions

The meal planner program aims to simplify a user's process of creating a meal plan and grocery shopping list on a weekly basis. The meal planner allows a user to select and save their favorite recipes, generate a weekly schedule of meals as well as a grocery list, after considering existing pantry items. The recipes can be searched from an online database using an API or a user selected URL.

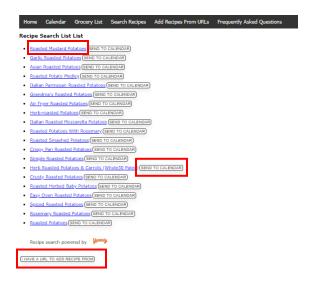
Once you run the app on java and open localhost:8081 you'll see the home page displayed below



To get started with your meal planning for the week, you can click on the create meal plan now button, highlighted in red in the picture above. Once you click the button, you'll be directed to a recipe search page. The page lets you search for recipes by keywords.

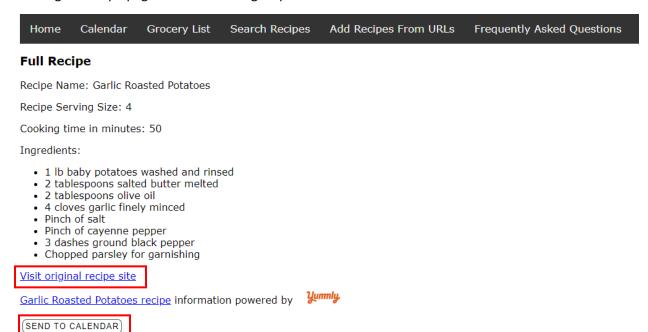


Once you enter the name of the recipe you want and click the search button, the app will display a list of about 20 recipes that are pulled from several recipe databases on the internet using the Yummly API. An example of results for the 'roasted potatoes' search is displayed below.

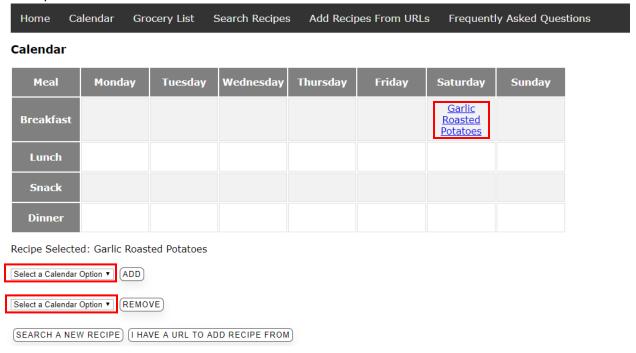


You can view any of the recipes by just clicking the name or can add them to the calendar by hitting the send to calendar button. If you don't like the recipes you see on this page, you can opt to entering the recipe from an external URL manually.

If you click the recipe name, you'll be able to see the details of the recipe. An example for 'Garlic Roasted Potatoes' is shown below. You can add the recipe to the calendar from this page as well or visit the original recipe page with the cooking steps.



I chose to add the recipe to Saturday Breakfast by selecting that option from the drop down highlighted in the picture below



Similarly, to remove a meal from the selected day, you can select the Day and meal and click the remove button next to the dropdown. The user can also click on the recipe name itself to view more details on the recipe if it was added from the search/ go to the original recipe URL if it is a manually added recipe

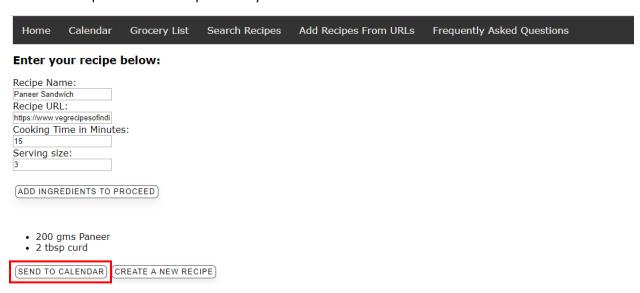
And to add a recipe manually, you could click the manual recipe button on any of the previous pages or click on the 'Add Recipes from URLs' tab on the navigation bar. You can fill in the recipe details and proceed to adding ingredient details if you want them displayed on the grocery list.

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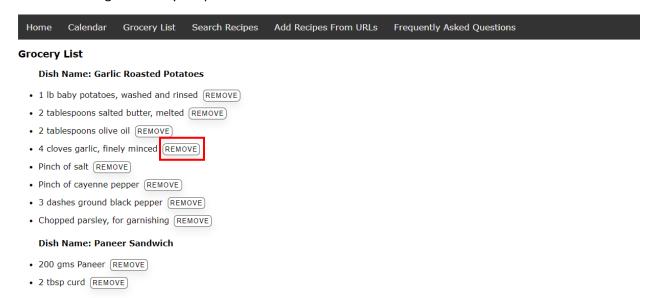
Clicking the add ingredients button will direct the users to the form shown below. Users can enter as many ingredients as they want and click 'Display the Recipe' button to view the entire recipe once before adding it to the calendar.



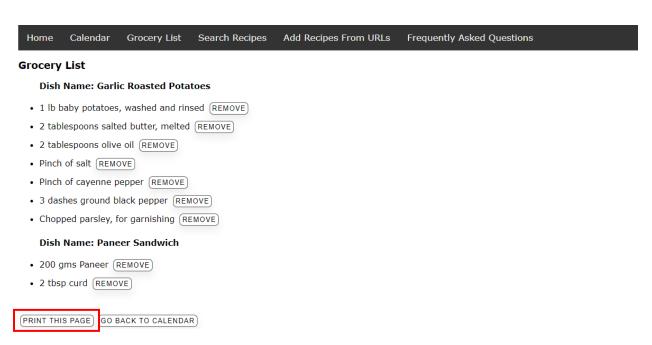
The entire recipe entered by the user is shown below. The user can then send the recipe to calendar and follow the steps to add the recipe to a day and meal.



Once the user is done with planning their meals for the week, they can click on the Grocery List tab, to view a list of ingredients by recipe



The user can choose to remove an ingredient that they already have at home by just clicking the remove button next to the ingredient.



The user can then print the final grocery list using the 'Print this page' button. A similar button is also available on the calendar page to print out the calendar view as well. The user can also click on any of the recipes in the calendar to be able to see more details on the recipe. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) tab to answer any general questions that a user might have.

