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1. Project Overview

This project is centered on the combined design, development, and deployment of an advanced Task Management Application and the creation of a robust Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment (CI/CD) pipeline. Both components play equally critical roles in the automation, reliability, scalability, and productivity delivered through the final solution. The dual focus ensures that not only is a functional application created, but it is also built, tested, secured, and deployed through industry-standard pipelines.

2. Project Goal and Objectives

Goal :

Design, develop, and deploy a robust Task Management Application that streamlines organizing, tracking, and completing tasks for individuals and teams, ensuring productivity and collaboration.

Objectives :

- Implement secure user authentication and authorization systems.
- Enable creation, updating, deletion, and retrieval of tasks with features like status, progress tracking, priority, dependencies, and labels.
- Provide real-time dashboards and reporting features for monitoring progress and productivity.
- Lay the groundwork for integrating CI/CD pipelines to automate testing, building, and deployment in future stages.

System Requirements

Hardware Requirements :

- Processor: Quad-core 2.4GHz or greater.
- RAM: Minimum 8GB (16GB recommended for production).
- Storage: At least 20GB of available disk space.

Software Requirements :

- **Backend:** Python 3.9+, FastAPI, SQLAlchemy, PostgreSQL.
- **Frontend:** React.js
- **Containerization:** Docker (for future deployment).
- **Optional (Future plans):** monitoring tools (Grafana, Prometheus).

Progress to Date :

- **Requirements Analysis:** Defined use cases and main features around secure task operations and user roles.
- **System Design:** Designed the application architecture and database schemas to support advanced task features (status, dependencies, priorities, progress, labels).
- **Backend Implementation:** Developed API endpoints for:
 - Secure user registration/authentication.
 - CRUD operations for tasks, including support for dependencies, priorities, and labels.
 - Dashboard endpoints supplying real-time data.

API Endpoints Used in the Project :

- **User Service Endpoints:**

These endpoints allow users to register a new account, authenticate (log in) and obtain a JWT token, and retrieve their own profile information.

| Endpoint | Method | Description |
|-----------|--------|---|
| /register | POST | Register a new user account with required credentials. |
| /login | POST | Authenticate user and return a JWT token for secure access. |
| /users/me | GET | Retrieve profile information of the currently authenticated user. |

- **Task Service Endpoints:**

These endpoints let authenticated users create, read, update, and delete tasks—supporting features such as filtering by priority , reporting, and dashboard analytics. They provide all functionality required for users to manage their workflow and monitor their progress.

| Endpoint | Method | Description |
|----------|--------|---|
| /tasks | POST | Create a new task for the authenticated user. |

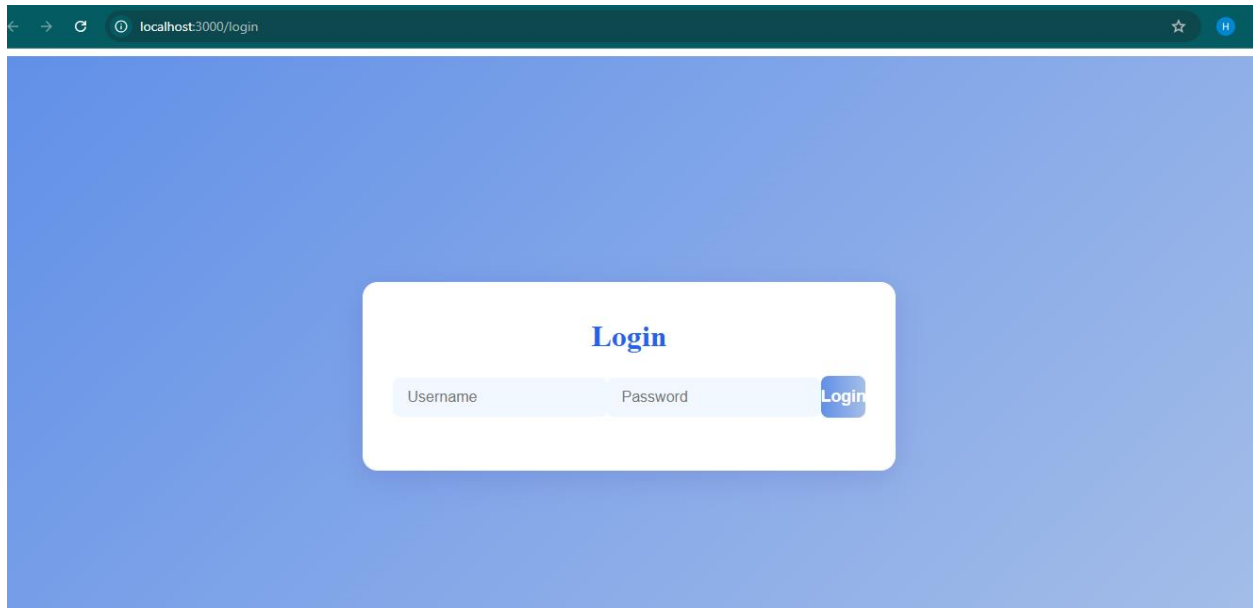
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| /tasks | GET | Retrieve the list of tasks for the authenticated user. |
| /tasks/{task_id} | GET | Get detailed information on a specific task owned by the authenticated user. |
| /tasks/{task_id} | PUT | Update an existing task's data, including status, priority, dependencies, and labels. |
| /tasks/{task_id} | DELETE | Delete a specific task. |
| /dashboard/summary | GET | Get real-time analytics including counts of completed, in-progress, blocked, and overdue tasks, plus averages. |

3.UI Overview:

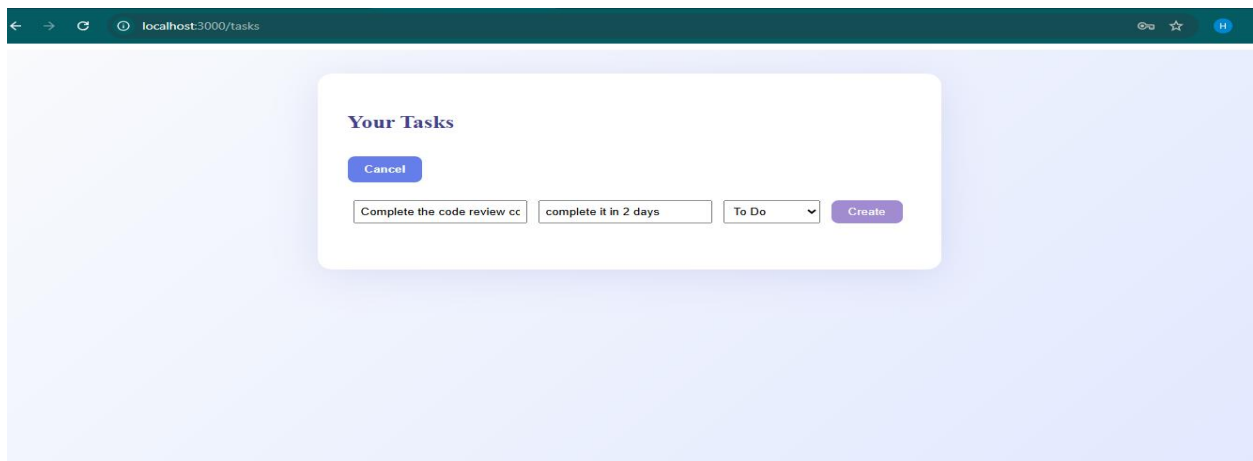
- Register User

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'localhost:3000/register'. The page has a solid purple background. In the center, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the registration form. The form has a purple title 'Register' at the top. Below the title, there are two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password', both with light purple borders. To the right of the 'Password' field is a purple button with the text 'Register' in white. The browser's address bar also shows navigation icons and a star icon.

- **User login Page**



- **Add Task Page**



4.Challenges Encountered

- Managing and validating complex task dependencies, ensuring data integrity.
- Designing extensible schemas to accommodate future collaborative and reporting features.
- Planning for future CI/CD integration while maintaining clean separation of concerns.

5. Project Timeline and Status

| Week(s) | Task/Activity | Deliverables | Status |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1-2 | Requirement analysis, literature review, and technology selection | Project plan, reviewed literature | Completed |
| 3-4 | Design application architecture and microservices | Architecture diagrams, service specs | Completed |
| 5-6 | Develop individual microservices | Source code for microservices | Completed |
| 7 | Containerize microservices with Docker | Dockerfiles, container images | In Progress |
| 8 | Set up CI/CD pipeline for build and unit testing | Pipeline scripts, test reports | In Progress |
| 9 | Integrate static code analysis and dependency scanning | Security scan reports | Pending |
| 10 | Implement integration and dynamic security testing | Integration test and DAST reports | Pending |
| 11 | Configure and deploy to Kubernetes cluster | Deployment YAMLS, running services | Pending |
| 12 | Set up monitoring and logging | Monitoring dashboards, logs | Pending |
| 13 | Conduct system-level testing and performance evaluation | Test results, performance metrics | Pending |
| 14 | Documentation of architecture, pipeline, and security analysis | Draft documentation | Pending |
| 15 | Final review, addressing feedback from supervisor/examiner | Revised documentation, final tweaks | Pending |
| 16 | Submission of final report and project demonstration | Final report, presentation | Pending |

Future Plans and Immediate Next Steps

- **Frontend Development:** Build a user-friendly interface for interacting with the backend APIs, supporting dashboards .
- **Documentation Expansion:** Complete end-user and deployment manuals.

6.Planned CI/CD Integration

- **CI/CD Pipeline Implementation:**
 - Automate code building, testing, and packaging using tools such as Jenkins.
 - Integrate static (SonarQube) and dynamic (OWASP ZAP) security scanning into the pipeline.
 - Enable automated Docker image creation and publishing for backend services.
 - Develop and test deployment scripts for Kubernetes.
 - Configure continuous deployment with automatic rollback, monitoring, and reporting.

7.Testing and Security:

- Expand unit and integration test coverage.
 - Harden the system against vulnerabilities through automated scans.
- **Deployment:**
 - Roll out production deployments using the new pipeline.
 - Establish centralized logging and monitoring.