Welcome to the CoGrammar Tutorial: Full Stack Web Development

The session will start shortly...

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Full Stack Web Development Session Housekeeping

- The use of disrespectful language is prohibited in the questions, this is a supportive, learning environment for all - please engage accordingly. **(Fundamental British Values: Mutual Respect and Tolerance)**
- No question is daft or silly - **ask them!**
- There are **Q&A sessions** midway and at the end of the session, should you wish to ask any follow-up questions. Moderators are going to be answering questions as the session progresses as well.
- If you have any questions outside of this lecture, or that are not answered during this lecture, please do submit these for upcoming Academic Sessions. You can submit these questions here: **Questions**

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Skills Bootcamp
8-Week Progression Overview

Fulfil 4 Criteria to Graduation

✅ Criterion 1: Initial Requirements

Timeframe: First 2 Weeks
Guided Learning Hours (GLH): Minimum of 15 hours
Task Completion: First four tasks

Due Date: 24 March 2024

✅ Criterion 2: Mid-Course Progress

60 Guided Learning Hours

Data Science - **13 tasks**
Software Engineering - **13 tasks**
Web Development - **13 tasks**

Due Date: 28 April 2024

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Skills Bootcamp Progression Overview

✅ Criterion 3: Course Progress

Completion: All mandatory tasks, including Build Your Brand and resubmissions by study period end
Interview Invitation: Within 4 weeks post-course
Guided Learning Hours: Minimum of 112 hours by support end date (10.5 hours average, each week)

✅ Criterion 4: Demonstrating Employability

Final Job or Apprenticeship Outcome: Document within 12 weeks post-graduation
Relevance: Progression to employment or related opportunity

Learning Objectives

- Implement state management using Context API in a React application.
- Secure a web application using JWT for authentication.
- Deploy and manage a React application using Vercel.

Introduction to Building a Full Stack Blog Application

- The purpose of the blog app is to Create a platform for users to write, post, and manage articles.
- Features:
  - User registration and login.
  - Create, read, update, and delete (CRUD) blog posts.
  - Comment system (planned feature).

Understanding State Management

- State management is the process of handling and updating data within a React application.
- It allows components to maintain their internal state and respond to user interactions effectively.
- It centralizes the state in large applications for easier data management and UI consistency

What is State in React?

- In React, state refers to an object that represents the current condition of a component.
- Stateful components have the ability to hold and modify their state, which affects their rendering and behavior.

How Does State Work?

- When a component's state changes, React automatically re-renders the component to reflect the updated state.
- Changes to state trigger a re-render of the component and its child components, ensuring that the UI stays in sync with the underlying data.

Why Context API?

- Provides a way to pass data through the component tree without having to pass props down manually at every level.
- Use cases:
  - Managing user authentication state globally.
  - Sharing theme settings or user preferences across the application.

JWT Authentication Overview

- What is JWT?
  - JSON Web Tokens (JWT) are a compact, URL-safe means of representing claims to be transferred between two parties.
- Benefits:
  - Facilitates secure data transfer.
  - Efficient for client-side storage and server-side verification.

Backend Setup

- Using Node.js and Express:
  - Set up a basic server with Express.
  - Create endpoints for user authentication and blog post management.
- Essential Middleware:
  - Use jsonwebtoken for creating and verifying tokens.
  - Use bcryptjs for password hashing.

User Registration Flow

- Flowchart:
  - User submits registration form → Validate input → Hash password → Store in database → Generate JWT → Return JWT.

User Login Flow

- Flowchart:
  - User submits login form → Validate input → Check email → Verify password → Generate JWT → Return JWT.

Let’s Breathe!

Let’s take a small break before moving on to the next topic.

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Frontend Setup

- Creating the Project:
  - Initialize a new React project using create-react-app.
- Key Libraries:
  - Install and configure axios for API communication.
  - Setup routing using react-router-dom.

Integrating Context API

- Creating AuthContext:
  - Define AuthContext for global state management of user authentication.
- Usage:
  - Wrap the application root with AuthContext provider in index.js.

Handling Authentication in Frontend

- Using Context:
  - Access authentication state using useContext hook in components.
- Examples:
  - Show or hide components based on authentication state.

Building the Blog Functionality

- CRUD Operations:
  - Implement forms and views for creating, reading, updating, and deleting blog posts.
- Security Considerations:
  - Secure routes using JWT to ensure only authenticated users can post, edit, or delete.

Deployment with Vercel

- Connecting to GitHub:
  - Push the code to a GitHub repository.
  - Link the repository to Vercel for deployment.
- Vercel Settings:
  - Configure environment variables such as API secrets in Vercel dashboard.

Testing and Debugging Tips

- Common Issues:
  - CORS errors, JWT expiration handling, and route protection flaws.
- Debugging Tools:
  - Use browser developer tools, Postman for API testing, and React Developer Tools.

Enhancing the Blog Application

- Adding Features:
  - Integrate a comment system for each blog post.
  - Implement like/dislike functionality.
- Scaling Considerations:
  - Optimize performance, consider serverless functions for backend.

Summary

- **Key Takeaways:**
  - Utilization of React for building the frontend and Context API for managing global state such as user authentication across the application.
  - Implementation of secure user authentication using JSON Web Tokens (JWT), which includes user registration, login, and maintaining sessions securely.
  - Development of backend API routes using Node.js and Express to handle Create, Read, Update, and Delete (CRUD) operations for blog posts, with MongoDB as the database.
  - App Deployment process using Vercel, which includes setting up continuous deployment from a GitHub repository for seamless updates to the live application.

Questions and Answers

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Thank you for attending

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