

Title: Mos and Friends Economic Analysis

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Objective:

Our project is a site where the user can view graphs of US economic data such as GDP growth, treasury yields, or unemployment data over time. Additionally, the site will feature several interactive 'case studies' in important economic events in US history, such as showing the impact of the spike in oil prices on inflation and unemployment during the 1973 recession.

Finally, we will allow users to create their own case studies by combining graphs of their choice with their own analysis. They will then be able to publish their case studies on the site for others to use.

Background:

We have all taken economics and analyzed graphs in class, but they were not interactive and often difficult to see how all the macroeconomic trends complement or contradict each other. With this website, users can walk through examples or form their own conclusions by choosing two economic data sets. Being able to compare graphs is especially important today since we are having greater focus on data and trends.

Outline:

- **Flask**: backend server framework
- **Mongo**: database storage. This is more flexible than SQL databases for storing variable sized lists (case studies can have different amount of graphs and texts)
- **unittest**: run tests for backend. We want to learn how to use this framework, but we will focus on getting the project done first.
- **Bootstrap**: frontend css framework. We are most familiar with this, and it will allow us to use a bootstrap datepicker library.
 - <https://www.eyecon.ro/bootstrap-datepicker/>

- **D3.js**: frontend javascript framework for creating graphs, data analysis, DOM manipulation, transitions.
- **Data:**
 - Federal Reserve Economic Data <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/>

Timeline (Due 5/11)

Design Doc - Friday (4/24)

Web routes and line graph - Sunday (4/26)

View studies - Friday (5/1)

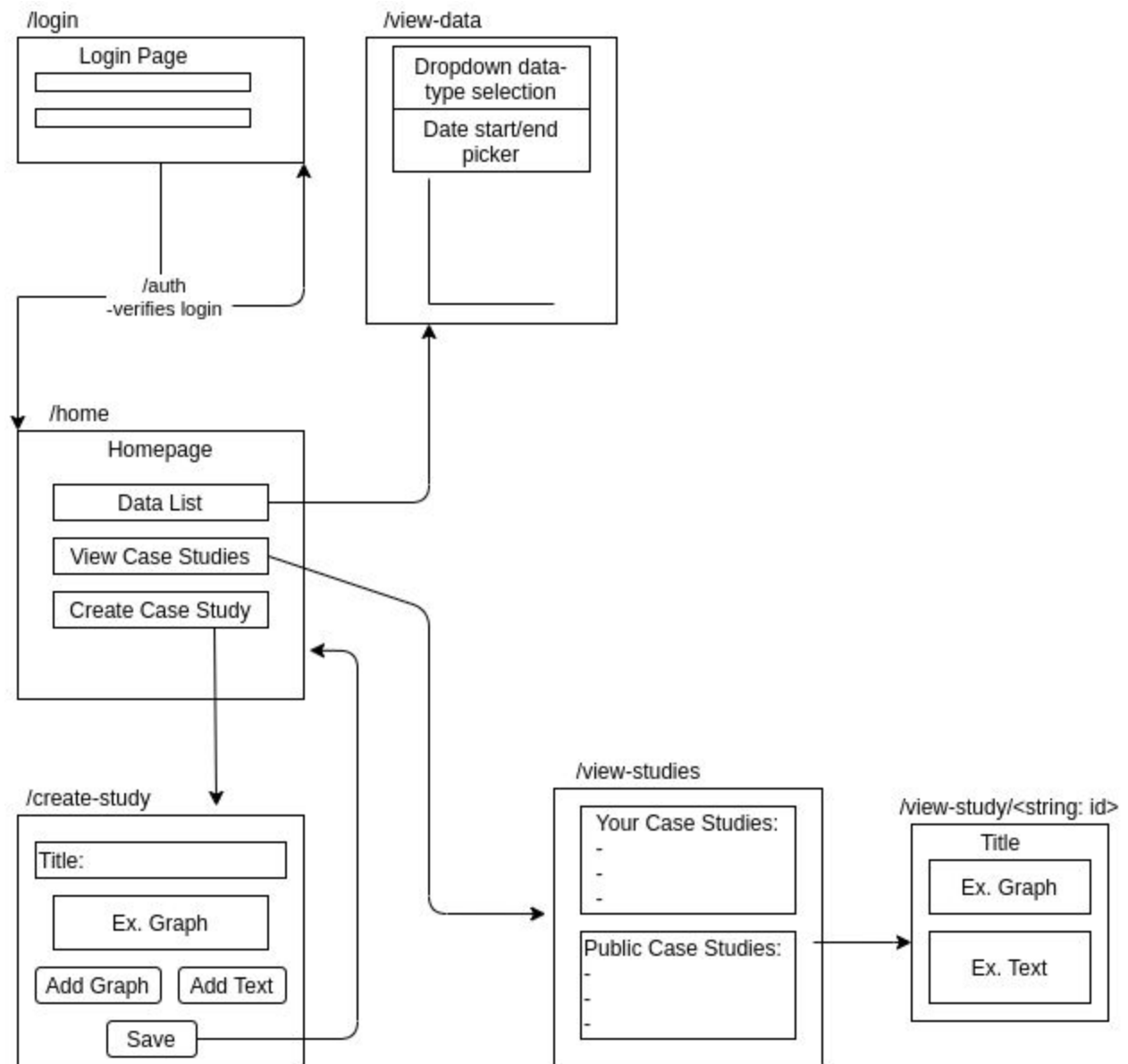
Finalize- Saturday & Sunday (5/2-5/3)

Detailed Outline

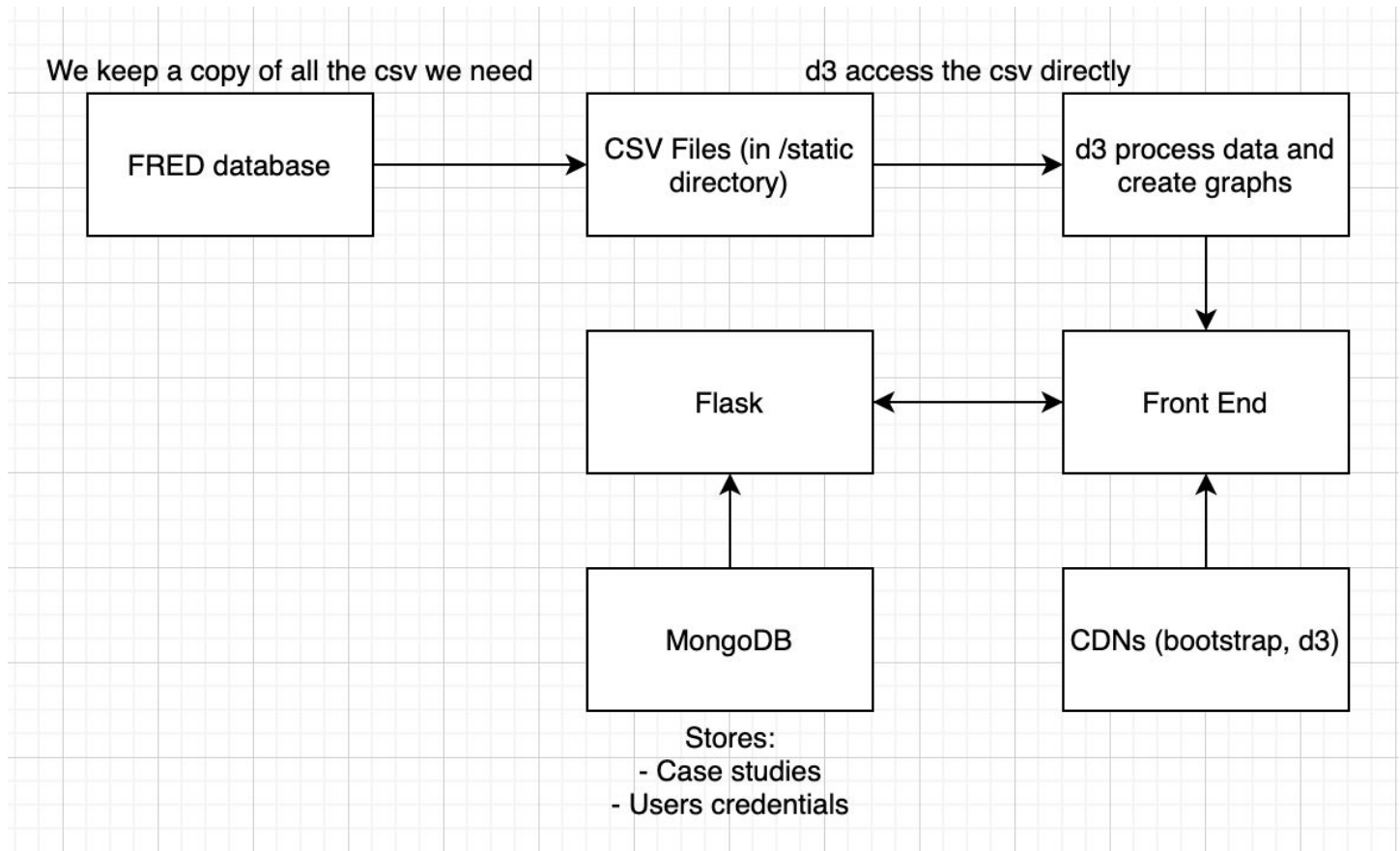
Program Components/Features:

- Compare data
 - User can select datasets and years during which to view the data
 - User can choose to select two different datasets and view correlation between data
- View case studies
 - Users can view several 'case studies' in economic data, involving graphs and text. For example, for the 1970s recession, there would be oil prices, GDP, unemployment rate, and textual analysis explaining their significance
- User will also be able to create their own case studies, choosing datasets to display graphically and creating text to analyze graphs
 - user can select all or part of the dataset
 - other users will be able to see their case studies

Sitemap



Component Map



Routing

- YELLOW = app.py only has render_template() nothing else
- GREEN = app.py is finish
- RED = does not exist
- Naming scheme:
 - "title" -- what the user sees
 - "name" -- the name of the csv file without the .csv

Webpage Routes (All GET)

- /login

- Only guests can use (redirect to previous route if logged in)
- Variables needed:
 - None
- HTML file: templates/login.html

- /home

- Anyone can use
- Variables needed:
 - None

- HTML file: templates/home.html

- /view-data

- No login required
- Variables needed:
 - data_sets
 - List of dictionaries. Dictionary keys/value: “title”/string, “routing_name”/string, “start_date”/string, “end_date”/string, “units”/string
- HTML file: templates/view-data.html

- /view-studies

- Anyone can use
- Variables needed:
 - List of dictionaries. Dictionary keys/value: “title”/string, “routing_name”/string, “start_date”/string, “end_date”/string, “units”/string
- HTML file: templates/

- /view-study/<string:id>

- Anyone can use
- Variables needed:
 - case study
 - {

```

Title: “title”,
Description: “random text”,
username: username,
Content: [
    {
      type: “chart”| “text”
      chart_start: “YYYY-MM-01”,
      chart_end: “YYYY-MM-01”,
      chart_name: string,
      text: text
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

- HTML file: templates/view-study.html

- /create-study

- Logged in user
- Variables needed:
 - econ_data
 - List of dictionaries. Dictionary keys/value: “title”/string, “routing_name”/string, “start_date”/string, “end_date”/string, “units”/string
- HTML file: templates/create-study.html

- /create-account

- Only guests can use (redirect to previous route if logged in)
- HTML file: templates/create-study.html

API Routes

- POST: /logout
 - Only logged in user can use
 - Sends to server:
 - Nothing
 - Response:
 - Redirects to login
- POST: /create-account
 - Only guests can use
 - Sends to server:

```
{
  username: string,
  password: string
}
```
 - Response:
 - If error:
 - Flash: error: string
 - If successfully created:
 - Redirect to /home
- POST: /login
 - Only guests can use
 - Sends to server:

```
FormData: {
  username: string,
  password: string
}
```
 - Response:
 - If error:
 - Flash error
 - If successful:
 - Redirect to /home
- POST /create-case-study
 - Logged in user only
 - Sending:

```
{
  title: "title",
  description: "random text",
  content: [
    {
```

Type: "chart"|"text"
Chart_start: "YYYY-MM-01",
Chart_end: "YYYY-MM-01",
Chart_name: string,
Text: text

},

...

]

}

- Server responds with:

{

 "redirect": <redirect route>

}

- DELETE /delete-study/<string:id>

- Deleted case study must have username same as one logged in
- Send: None
- Receive: None