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Portfolio – Neko Tango

A Japanese Vocabulary Quiz App

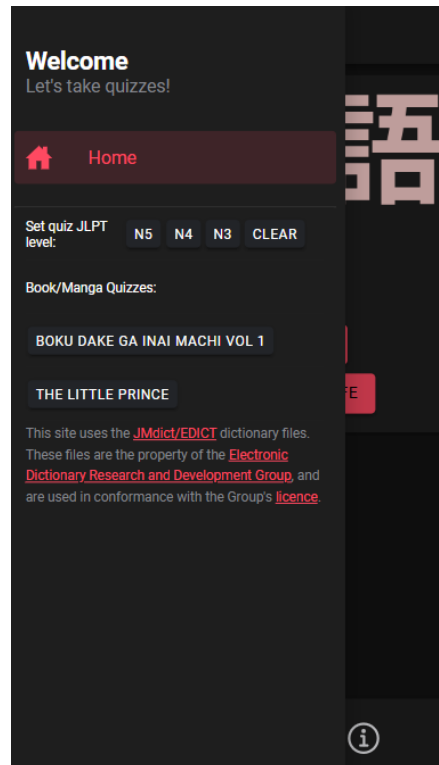
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View it here -> <https://renshuu-ui.web.app/home>

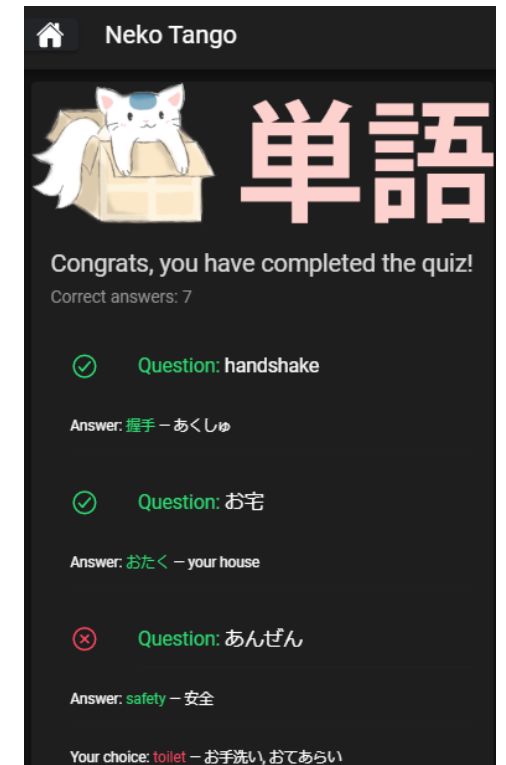
App Overview

- Angular/Ionic Front-End
- Hosted with Firebase

- From the home screen, the user can select from one of the quiz categories, as well as open the side menu for more categories
- The side menu can also be used to set a filter based on the Japanese proficiency test level (with N5 being the beginner level)
- Each quiz is randomly generated from a call to the back-end service which will return a quiz of up to 10 questions (depending on the category)
- Upon finishing a quiz, a report detailing correct answers and solutions is provided to facilitate learning. The user has the option to take another randomly generated quiz from the same category from this screen, or return to home



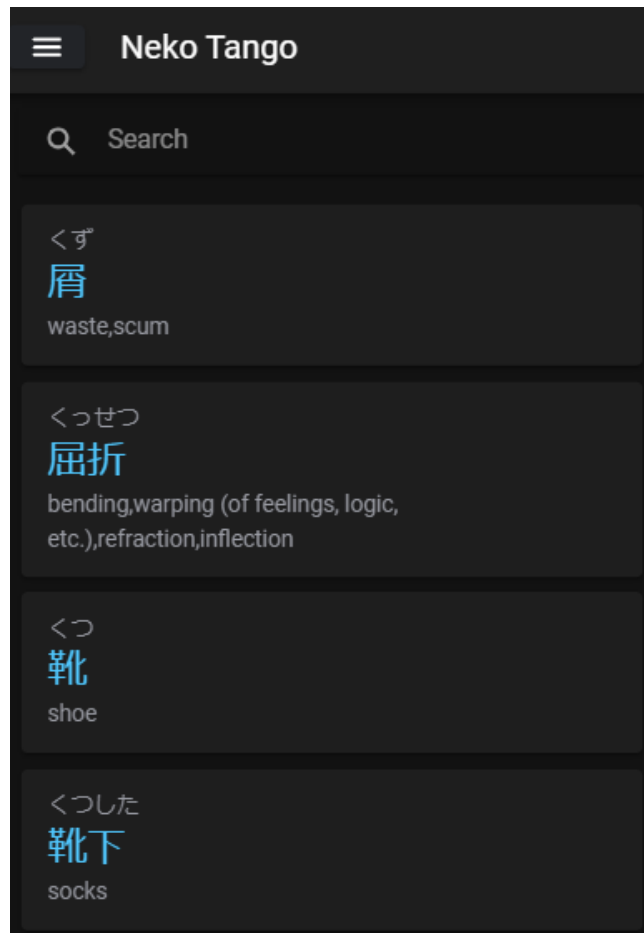
During the quiz, after each selection the user will be presented with a correct / incorrect answer toast



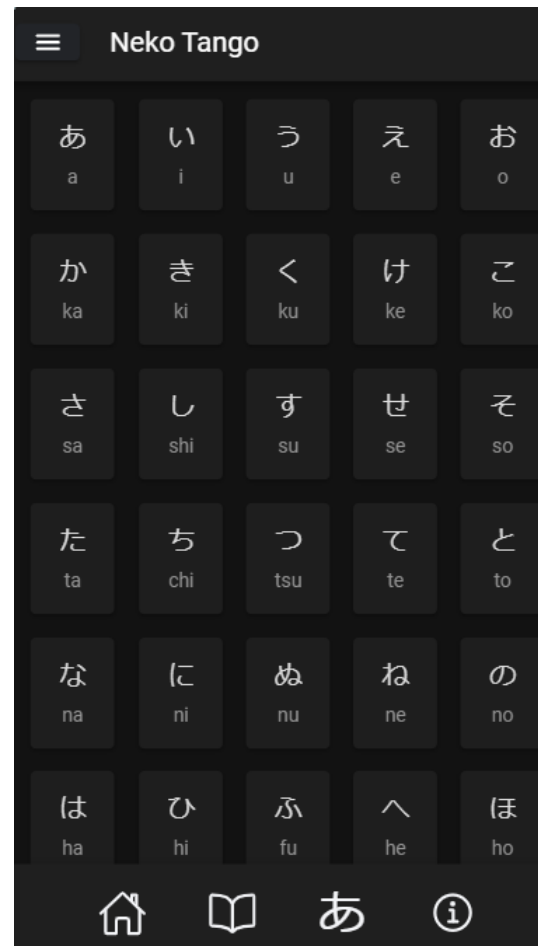
*Header also drawn by me (so it's basic)

Supplementary Screens

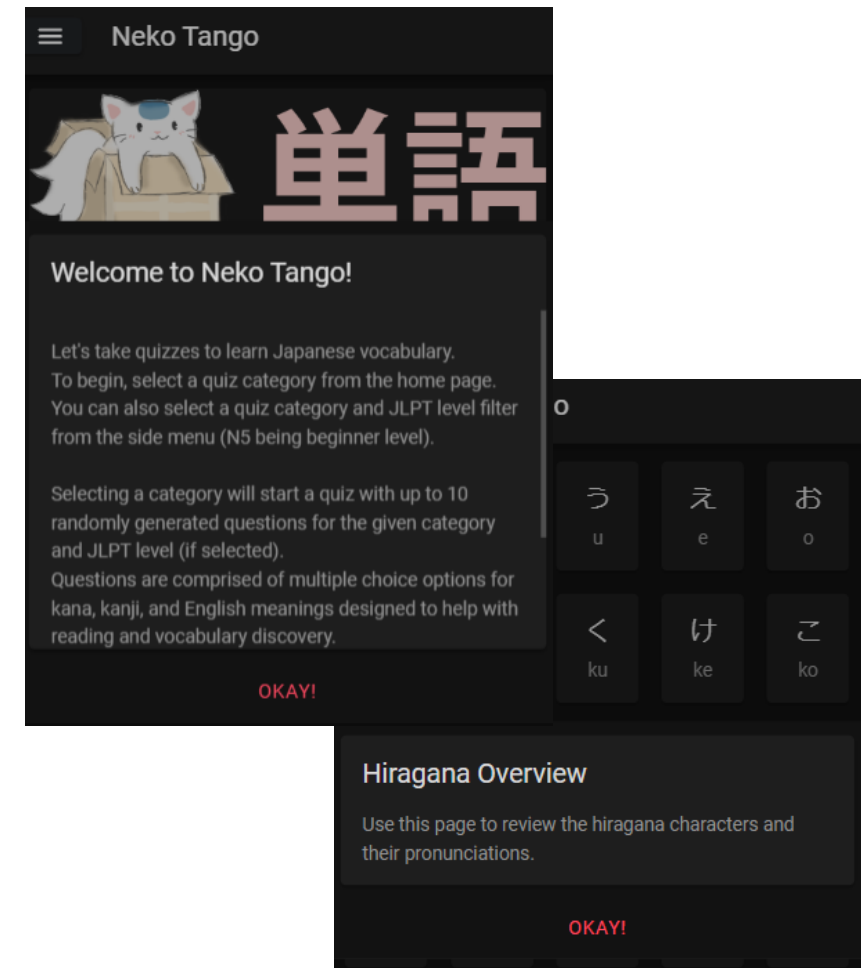
Searchable dictionary of words from the database with infinite scroll



Hiragana characters overview



Information modals for each page



Back-End Service

- PostgreSQL database
- Ruby on Rails API
- API and DB hosted via Heroku

An example request made from the front end to generate the quiz is shown.

- The POST call can contain different properties to specify the type of quiz, in this case taking from the nouns in the database. It can further be refined by level of the Japanese proficiency test.
- The JSON response contains a quiz with up to 10 question words, accompanied with three random choice words per question
- There is also the option here to receive a list of “custom_tangos” (words) for an upcoming feature for custom user defined lists. The functionality already works to map custom lists to a quiz here, with a few preset custom lists available on the front-end side menu created in Firestore DB.

*The /quiz endpoint is the only one the front-end is concerned with for now, there are other CRUD endpoints that are authenticated for my use working with the data.

The screenshot shows a REST client interface with a POST request to `/api/v1/tangos/quiz`. The request body is a JSON object: `{ "quiz_type": "kind", "filter": "noun", "jlpt_level": "", "custom_tangos": null }`. The response status is `200 OK` with a response time of `79 ms` and a size of `3.6 KB`. The response body is a JSON array containing two quiz questions. Each question has a `question` string, a `correct_choice` object with `word_id` and `word`, and a `meanings` array. The first question is about `りょうたん` (ryoutan) with the correct choice `both ends` and meanings `両端`. The second question is about `日刊` (nikan) with the correct choice `daily publication` and meanings `にっかん`.

```
POST /api/v1/tangos/quiz

{
  "quiz_type": "kind",
  "filter": "noun",
  "jlpt_level": "",
  "custom_tangos": null
}

200 OK 79 ms 3.6 KB

[
  {
    "question": "りょうたん",
    "correct_choice": {
      "word_id": 7505,
      "word": "both ends",
      "meanings": [
        "両端"
      ]
    },
    "choice2": {
      "word_id": 5296,
      "word": "日刊",
      "meanings": [
        "にっかん",
        "daily publication"
      ]
    },
    "choice3": {
      "word_id": 4319,
      "word": "capacity",
      "meanings": [

```

Planned Features

- User profiles on the front-end to enable providing metrics to users on words studied
- Implementation of a spaced repetition algorithm to aid with study
- Ability for users to make custom lists / word dictionaries for their own use
- Further refinement of word database – the open-source dictionary JMDict is used, but adding of categories to words is necessary
- ...more!

Thank you - this little project of mine is a passion to aid my studies in Japanese. I appreciate your time to look at it!