

Simple Image Annotation App

A simple image upload and annotation app. Made with [ReactJS](#) and [Parse Server](#).

App built and tested on Firefox, Chrome and Edge (Windows 10).

How To Setup This App

Required installs

1. Ensure [MongoDB Server v5.0.5+](#) is installed and running on default port [27017](#).
2. Ensure [NodeJS v16+](#) is installed.
3. To install all app dependencies, open a Command window and execute the following command:

```
$ npm install
```

Host and run app

1. Start the server by double-clicking the [run-server.bat](#) file.
 - Alternatively, open a Command window and execute the following command:

```
$ cd src/server  
$ node .
```

2. Start the client hosting service by double-clicking the [run-client.bat](#) file. A browser window will open and the client page will load, indicating the hosting service is running correctly.
 - Alternatively, open a Command window and execute the following command:

```
$ npm start
```

(OPTIONAL) View Database

1. A live view of the database can be accessed via [parse-dashboard](#)
2. Ensure the server script is running. (See above: Host and run app)
3. Open a Command window and execute the following command:

```
$ npm install -g parse-dashboard
```

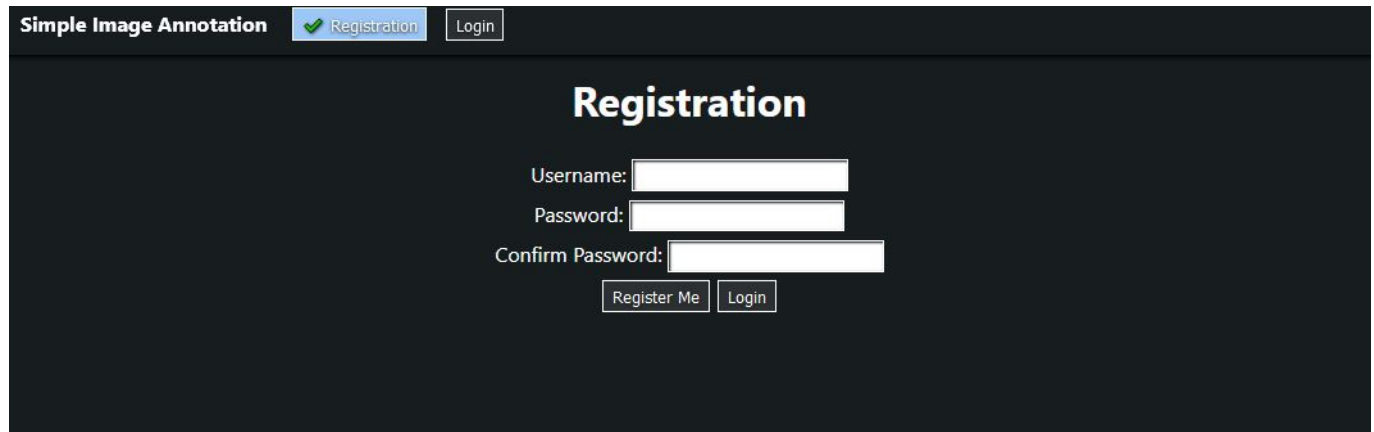
4. Once the installation is complete, navigate to the [src/server](#) folder and double-click on [launch-dashboard.bat](#)

- The dashboard can be accessed on localhost:4040

How To Use This App

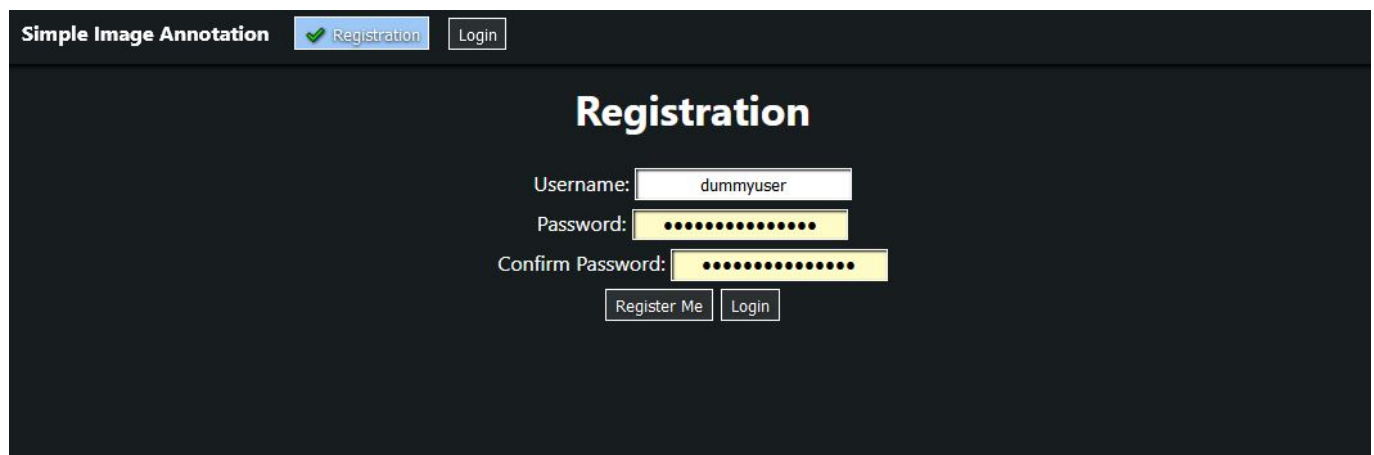
User registration

First-time visitors to the app will greeted by the registration page.



Enter your desired username (alphanumeric characters only) and password.

Re-enter your password to confirm it.

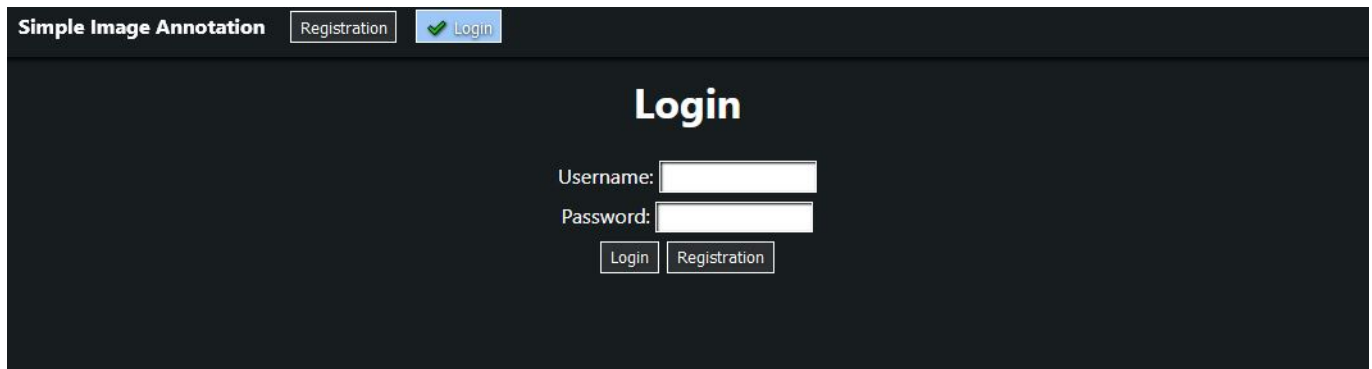


Click on the **Register Me** button to complete the registration. If successful, you will be brought to your personal projects page.

User login

First-time visitors to the app will greeted by the registration page.

Click on the **Login** button to navigate to the user login page.



The screenshot shows the 'Simple Image Annotation' application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the title 'Simple Image Annotation' and two buttons: 'Registration' and 'Login'. The 'Login' button is highlighted with a green checkmark. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is 'Login'. There are two input fields: 'Username:' and 'Password:'. Below these fields are two buttons: 'Login' and 'Registration'.

Enter your username and password.



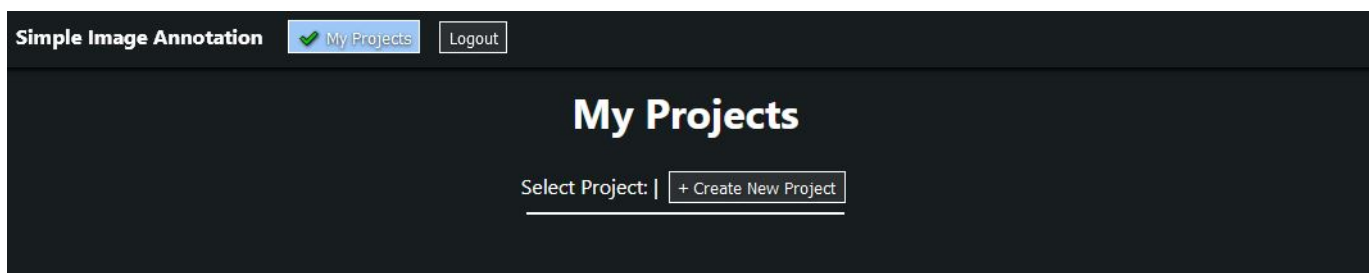
This screenshot shows the same 'Simple Image Annotation' login page, but with the 'Username' field filled with 'dummyuser' and the 'Password' field filled with a series of dots. The 'Login' button is still highlighted with a green checkmark.

Click on the **Login** button to complete the login. If successful, you will be brought to your personal projects page.

If your user credentials are incorrect, simply re-enter the correct credentials.

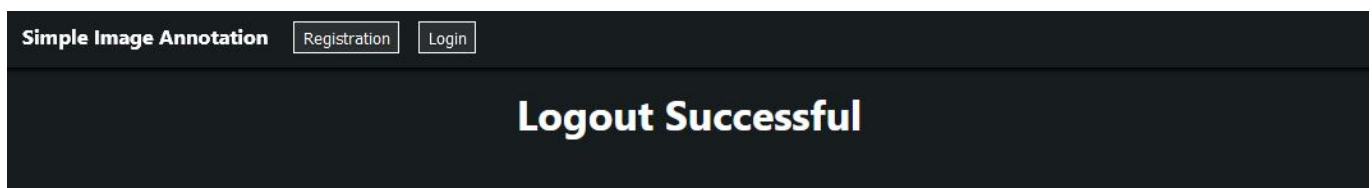
User logout

If you are logged in, the **Logout** button can be found on the top navigation panel.



The screenshot shows the 'Simple Image Annotation' application interface after a successful login. The navigation bar now includes 'Simple Image Annotation', 'My Projects' (highlighted with a green checkmark), and 'Logout'. The main heading is 'My Projects'. Below this heading, there is a 'Select Project:' label followed by a dropdown menu and a '+ Create New Project' button.

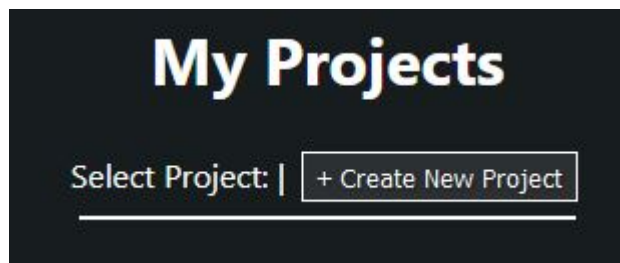
Click on the **Logout** button to logout.



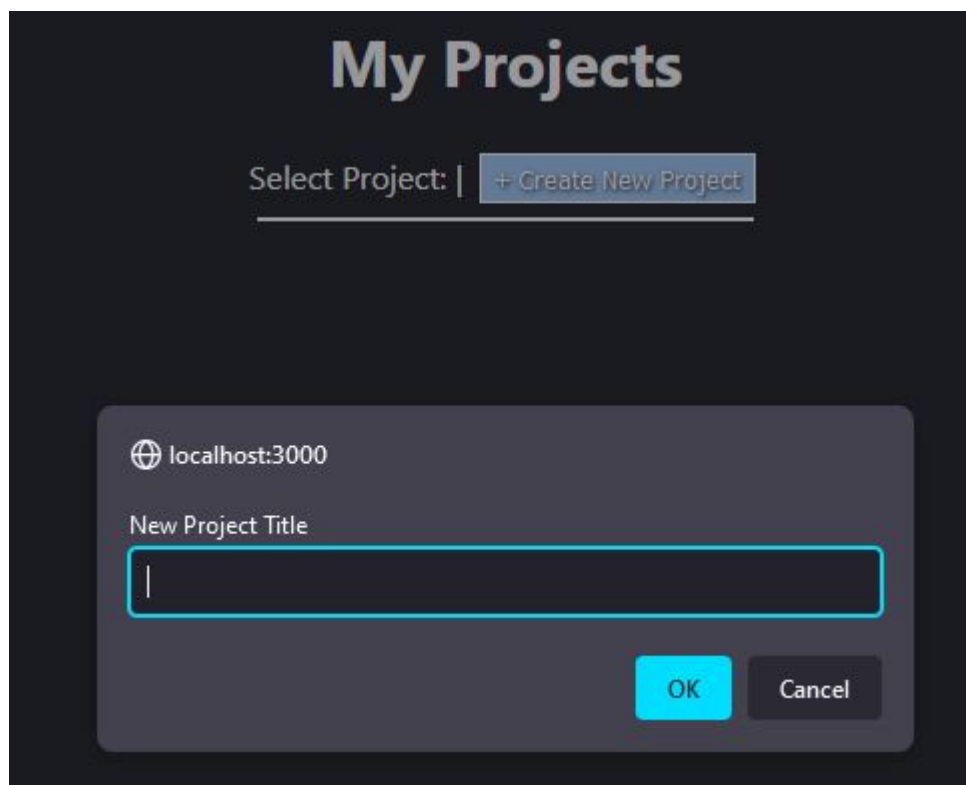
This screenshot shows the 'Simple Image Annotation' application interface after a successful logout. The navigation bar now includes 'Simple Image Annotation', 'Registration', and 'Login'. The main heading is 'Logout Successful'.

User create new project

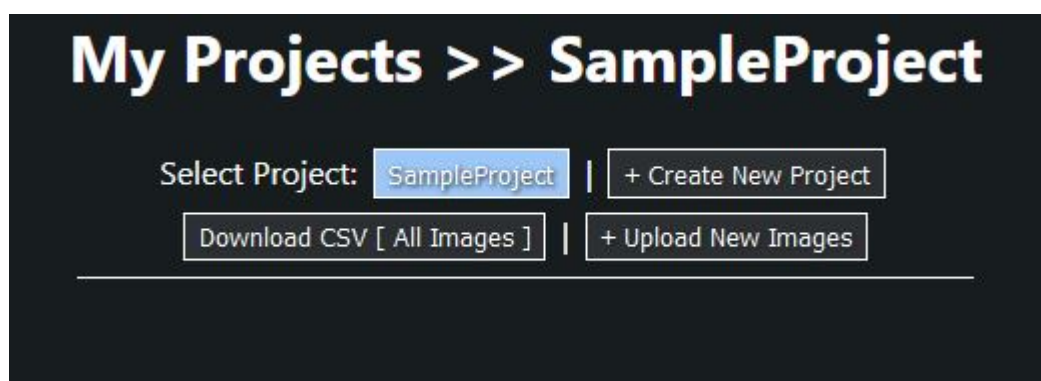
If you are logged in, the **+ Create New Project** button can be found below the **My Projects** page title.



Click on the button and a page prompt will appear. Type in your desired project title and click **OK**.

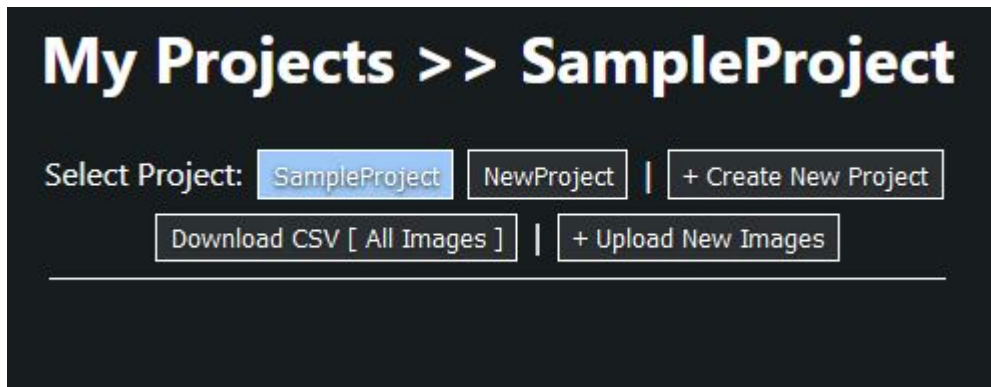


A new project will be created and you will be brought to the empty project page.

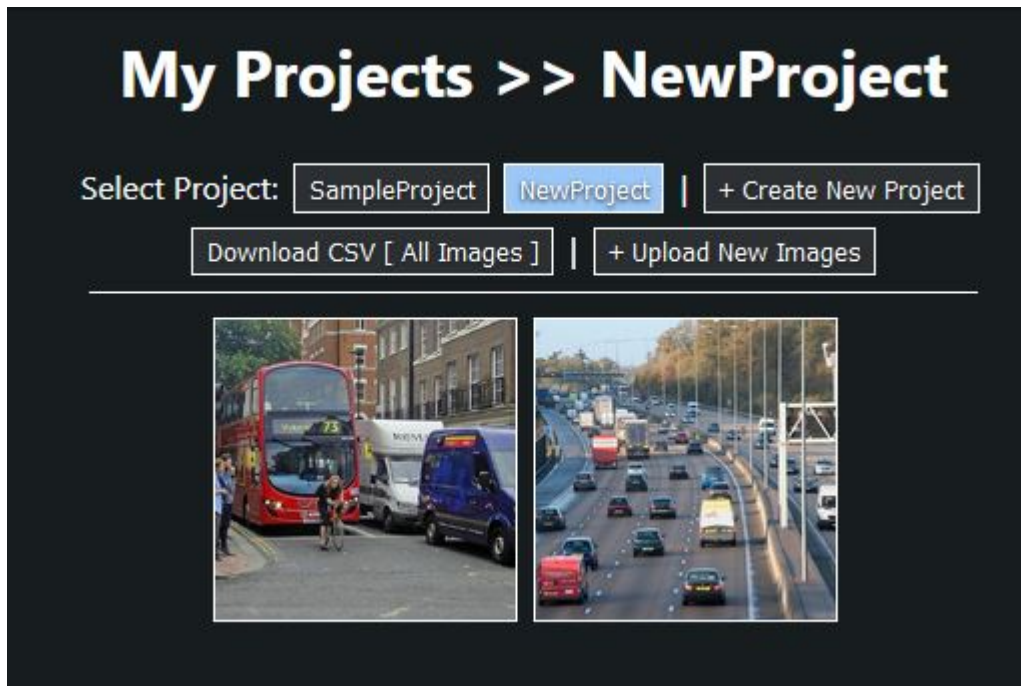


User select an existing project

If you are logged in, the buttons for your existing project can be found below the **My Projects** page title.



Click on your desired project button and you will be navigated to that project's page.

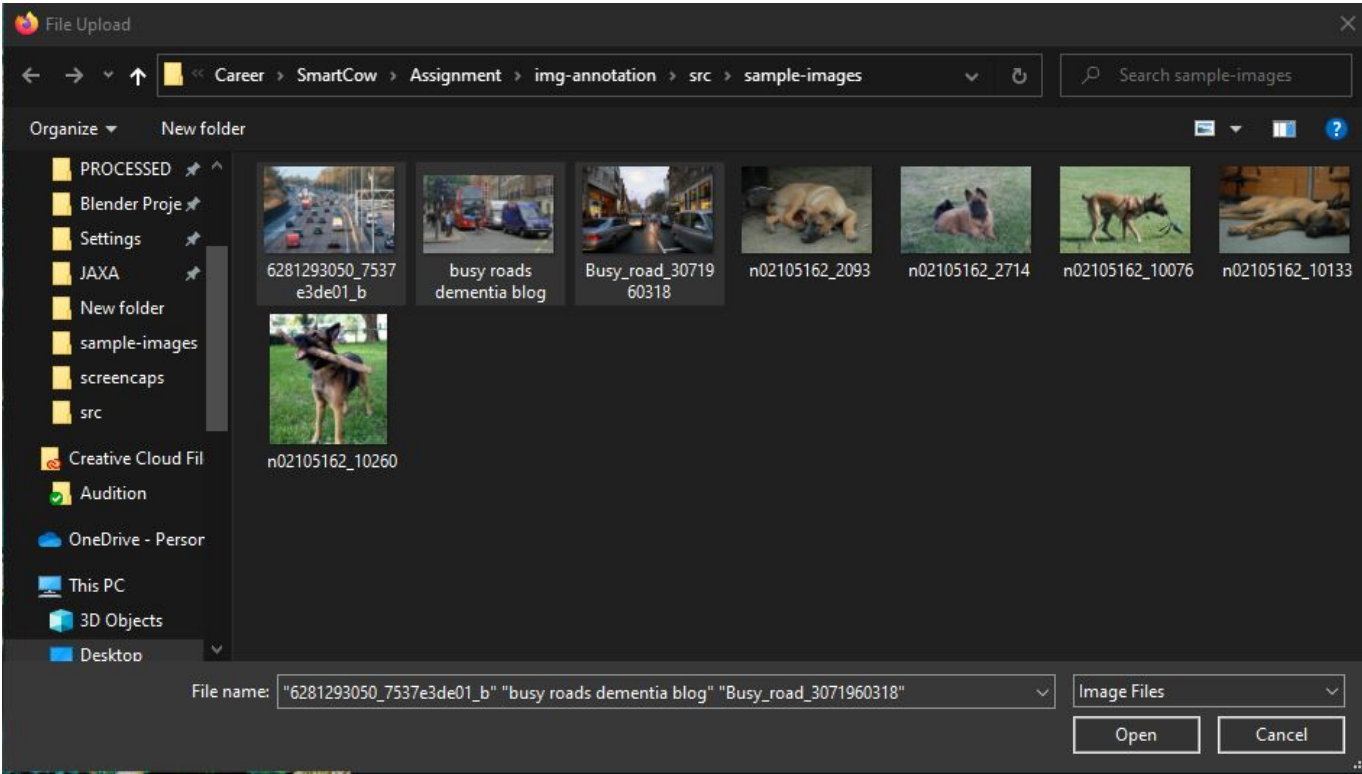


User upload images

If you are logged in and have created at least one existing project, the **+ Upload New Images** button can be found below the **My Projects** page title.



Click on the button and an upload window will appear. Select the images you want to upload to the project and click **Open**.

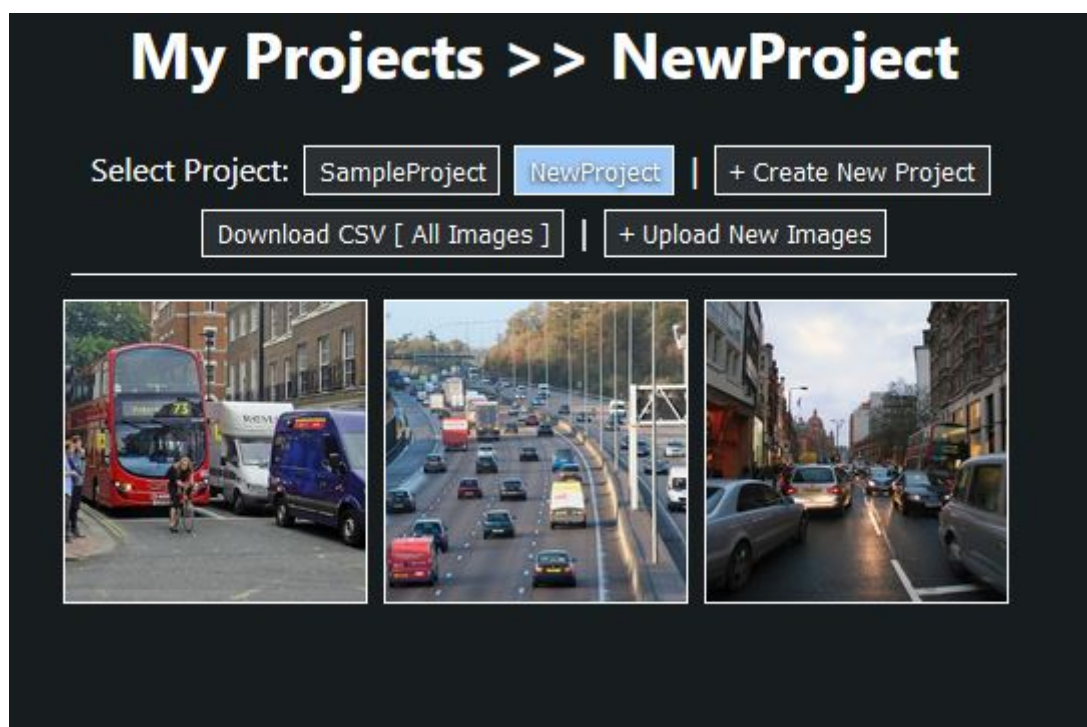


If successful, new images will be displayed automatically. Otherwise, re-click on the project button to refresh the page.



User annotate images

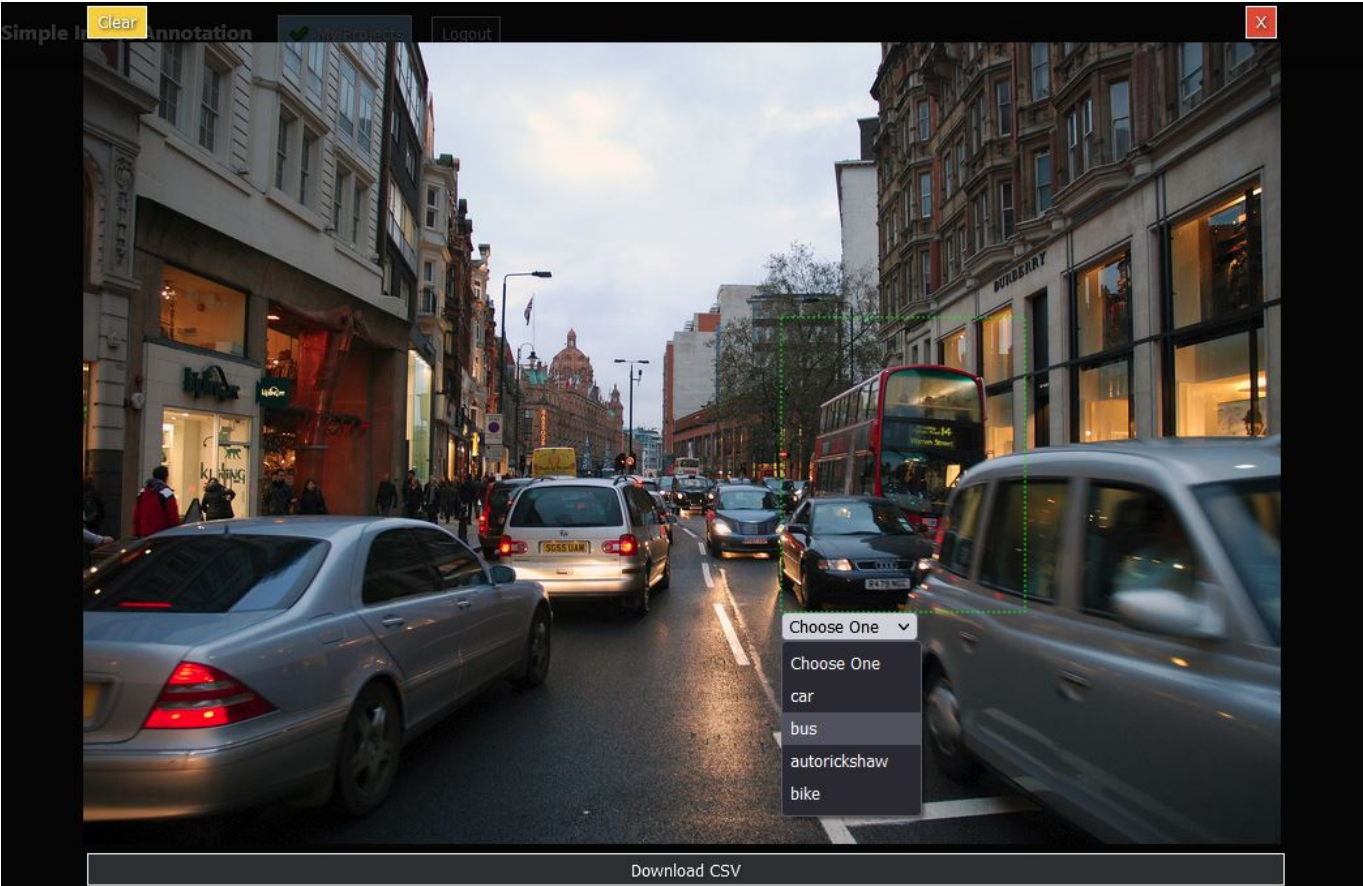
If you are logged in, have created at least one existing project, and have uploaded at least one image, the images for the currently selected project will be displayed.



Click on an image you desire to annotate. A full-sized image will pop up.



Click and drag across a feature of the image. A dropdown menu will appear. Select the category that best represents the feature.

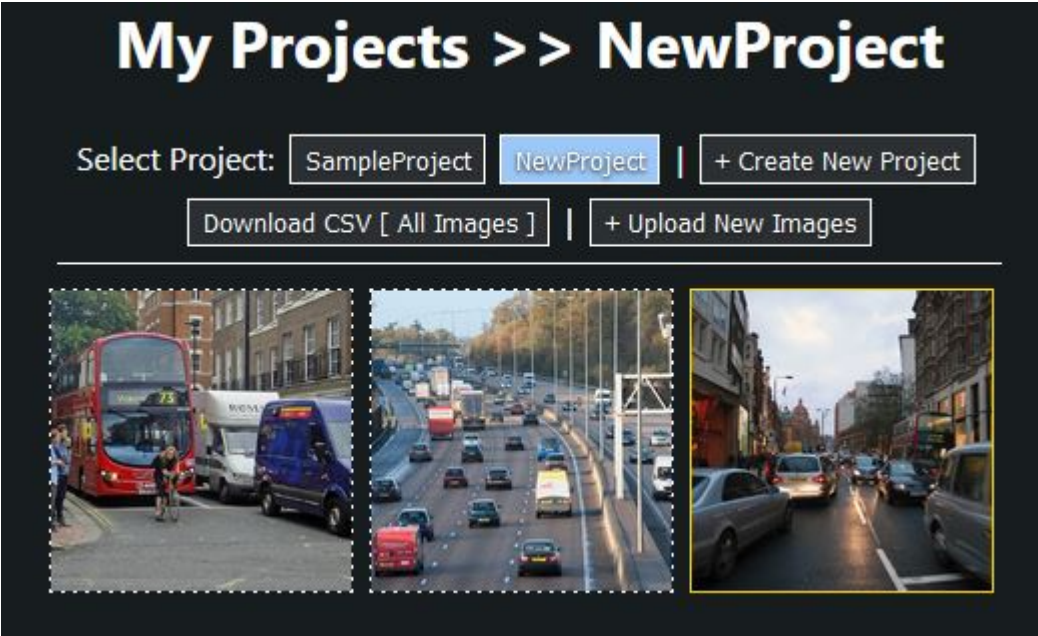


Once complete, the feature will be labelled on the image.



User download image annotation data

Annotated images can be identified by a solid yellow border. Non-annotated images have dashed white borders.



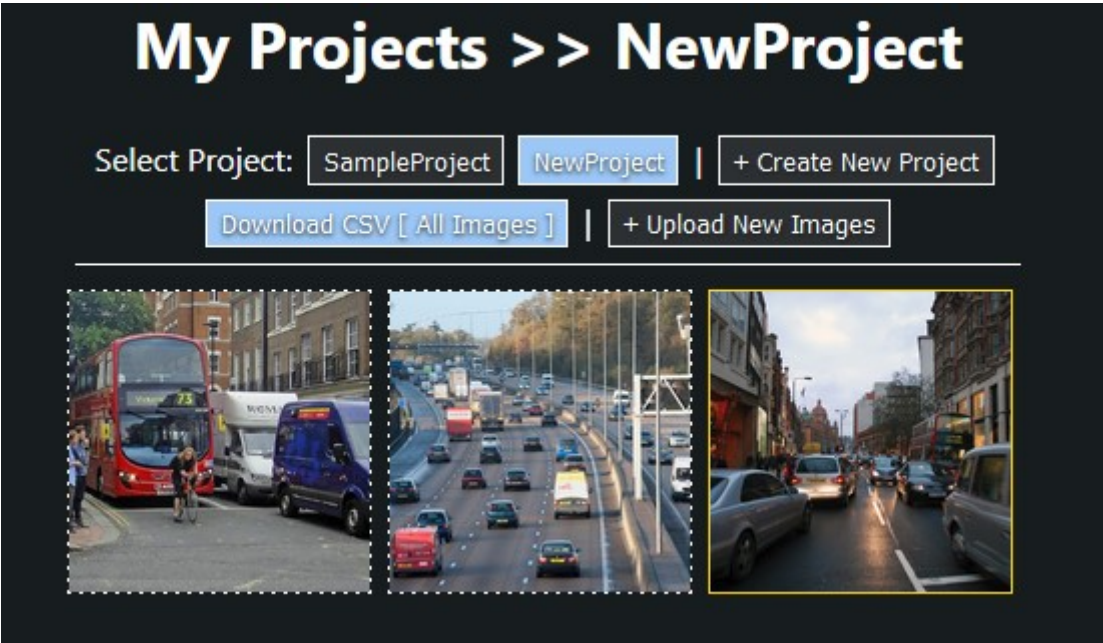
Select an annotated image and click on the **Download CSV** button at the bottom of the full image to download the annotation coordinates.



The downloaded CSV file is structure as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	
1	filename	class	top	left	bottom	right	
2	Busy_road_3071960318.jpg	bus	211	535	437	722	
3							
4							

You can also download the entire projects' annotation data by clicking on the [Download CSV](#) [[All Images](#)] button the project's page.



How To Configure This App

Environment settings

The `.env` file encapsulates the port used for the app. Note that the default address is `localhost:3000`.

Building the app

If you prefer not using the default create-react-app CD/CI hosting service, you can build the app by executing the command:

```
$ npm run build
```

Client-side source files will be compiled and a `build` folder will be created / updated with the current version of the app. Test for the correctness of the app by opening the `build/index.html` file in a new browser window.

External Libraries Used

The following NodeJS libraries were used to support the functions of the app:

Client-side

- [styled-components](#)
- [sheetjs](#)
- [react-router](#)
- [parse](#)

Server-side

- [express](#)
- [parse-server](#)