

Inspirite.

A blogging platform with a creative writing twist



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Elevator pitch

Inspirite is a unique writing app that provides a daily dose of inspiration in the form of quotes, images, facts, or GIFs. Whether you're an aspiring writer or just looking to unleash your creative potential, our app will help you get started with your writing journey. With a user-friendly interface and a writing streak counter, you'll stay motivated and continue your writing practice. And best of all, your writing can be easily saved and published for future reference. Try Inspirite today and bring your writing to life!



Concept

- **description**
- **motivation for development**
- **user story**
- **wireframes**



Description

Inspirite offers the user a writing prompt in form of a randomly generated quote, image, fact, or GIF. The writing can be saved in the user's history page. A writing streak counter encourages the aspiring writer to hang in there and keep their writing practice going.



Motivation for development

The motivation behind development for Inspirite was to address the following problems:

- consistently practicing creative writing can be challenging
- it's easy to lose track of one's progress
- finding inspiration for creative writing can be difficult
- having instant, easy access to previously written texts is desirable



User story

As an aspiring writer,

I want to be inspired to write on a variety of topics and keep track of my progress,

so that I can practice my creative writing and become a better writer.



Process

- technologies used
- breakdown of tasks and roles
- challenges
- successes



Technologies used

HTML

Utilised Google Fonts and Bootstrap. Included links in the footer and Jumbotron. Added a second HTML file to store the user's record of daily writing submissions.

CSS

Styling elements to buttons, cards, header, footer and jumbotron are applied.



Technologies used

JavaScript & API's

MomentJS was used to access current time stamp. Information received from Giphy and Ninja API's. jQuery calls to dynamically create elements in DOM for randomly generated GIFs, images, quotes and facts.



Tasks and roles

Whilst we worked together as a team and assisted with each others work, we each had a main focus and other areas which we helped with:

Jingyue

Main focus: JavaScript & API's
Other areas: HTML

Maciek

Main focus: JavaScript & API's
Other areas: HTML

Lisa

Main focus: HTML, CSS & Bootstrap
Other areas: JavaScript

Sophie

Main focus: HTML, CSS & Bootstrap
Other areas: Presentation



Challenges

The main challenge we faced was working with branches and merging code using Git.

In order to resolve this, the majority of the team worked off of the main branch. We needed to have excellent communication as a team so we knew when to pull from the main, and when we could push code up.

The other big challenges we faced were writing the JavaScript code to save each piece of writing and publish each piece of writing. We ended up using modals for these functions which worked well.



Successes

- Working well together as a team.
- Bringing together all the elements we worked on separately and combining them into the final product.
- Utilising our time efficiently, both in class and outside of class.



Demo .



Directions for future development

- Push notifications to remind the user to do their creative writing for the day
- Sharing options to make it easy to share writing on social media
- Introducing profile creation with the goal to have a portal for users to share and exchange their writing with each other
- Similar functionality to DuoLingo; being able to compare progress and voting for other people's writing
- Eventually branch into other creative fields other than just writing e.g. coding challenges for coding practice



Deployed:

<https://dr-jingyuezhao.github.io/Inspirite/>

GitHub repo:

<https://github.com/dr-jingyuezhao/Inspirite>



Thank you :)