# CIS 4900 Independent Study

Project 2 Tutorial Document

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# **Preface**

In this document I will be going over the steps to build a website that utilizes a MERN stack designed to allow users to register, login, and access tools that are uploaded by administrators. This document will be divided into sections based off features that were added in order and will be starting off from a mostly blank state. While not every feature desired is implemented I will go over the steps to build the current state of the site, while offering insight on portions that I ran into issues developing and potential avenues to take my work and build off.

# Original Statement of work

**Proposed statement of work:** For this independent study project the student will create and document a cloud-hosted website that does the following:

- 1) Allows for user registration and login
  - a. Registration includes name and other information via a form
  - b. Registration information is logged for later access
  - c. Registration can be vetted automatically or manually by a human
  - d. Include a provision for required payment to be registered
- 2) Login to a website that contains downloadable tools (e.g., Excel spreadsheets), documents, and videos. The student is not developing the tools, they already exist.
  - a. All logins and tool downloads are logged for later access
- 3) Provides a webpage for user feedback, generates an email to the administrator
- 4) Provides admin access to registration and download logs, and to easily add tools to download page
- 5) Matches style ("look and feel") of, and can be integrated with, https://smhcollaborative.org/
- 6) Provide a step-by-step tutorial document for the construction of the website

The student is to implement this using a MERN stack (with focus on React and Node.js) or some other current stack to be discussed with the instructor. Weekly group meetings to be scheduled. Some cost for hosting may be

incurred. All code to be delivered with MIT license for future use by others. The student will learn React and Node.js.

# Starting off

If you are new to MERN stack development or web development overall I highly encourage you to spend some time going through some learning resources. Work through some tutorials and smaller projects to learn the different components that go into development. Perhaps even go through some free courses to learn the basics.

To be brief MERN stands for

- MongoDB document database
- Express(.js) Node.js web framework
- React(.js) a client-side JavaScript framework
- Node(.js) the premier JavaScript web server

# Learning Resources

The following are learning resources I used when I was starting out from scratch. I have a background in programming but next to none in web development going into this.

- https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/mern-stack/
- https://www.mongodb.com/mern-stack
- https://www.mongodb.com/languages/mern-stack-tutorial
- https://create-react-app.dev/
- https://www.w3schools.com/react/
- https://reactjs.org/tutorial/tutorial.html
- https://www.w3schools.com/nodejs/nodejs\_npm.asp
- https://nodejs.org/en/knowledge/getting-started/npm/what-is-npm/
- https://create-react-app.dev/docs/getting-started
- <a href="https://reactjs.org/community/courses.html">https://reactjs.org/community/courses.html</a>

<sup>\*</sup>Bolded portions are features that are currently working

<sup>\*</sup>Bolded and italicized are features that were started on but not in a finished/working state.

- <a href="https://www.whitesourcesoftware.com/free-developer-tools/blog/npm-vs-yarn-which-should-you-choose/">https://www.whitesourcesoftware.com/free-developer-tools/blog/npm-vs-yarn-which-should-you-choose/</a>
- https://classic.yarnpkg.com/en/docs/install#windows-stable

# Third Party Services

Throughout my development of this website, I made use of the following third party services to run and power it. As part of following this tutorial you will need to create accounts for each of them and I will be going over each of them in more detail as we integrate and use. Each of these services have free plans that you can utilize for testing purposes.

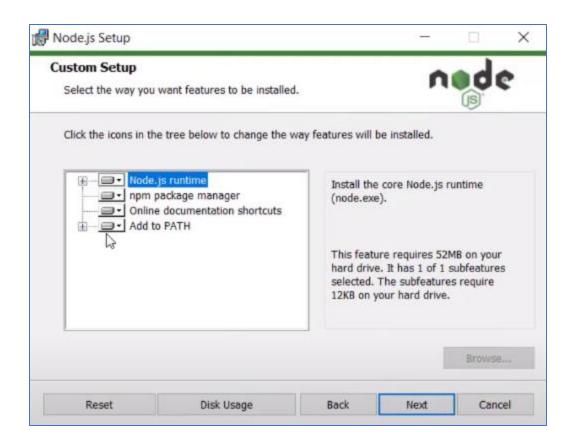
- MongoDB Atlas this is a database hosting service that will be storing user information
- EmailJS A service used to send emails and create templates all through the client side.
- Heroku A platform where you can deploy your MERN stack application to have it hosted online.

# 1. Initial Setup

The first steps we will need to do is setting up our workspace. For the purposes of this document my development workspace is running on Windows using Visual Studio Code. So, I will be working from that perspective. To start we will need to install Node.js and npm. You can use the node.js installer on the official site found here which includes npm https://nodejs.org/en/download/.

npm is a package manager for installing/uninstalling different modules for nodejs. Another popular package manager is called yarn. If you want to read up more on yarn I have included some links in the Learning Resources section of this document. I recommend using one or the other to avoid issues later in development.

When running the installer make sure the option for adding to the PATH at this step is enabled.



Afterwards, open a terminal and run the commands node -v and npm -v to check the versions to make sure they have installed properly. If so, you'll get a response back like this.

```
Command Prompt

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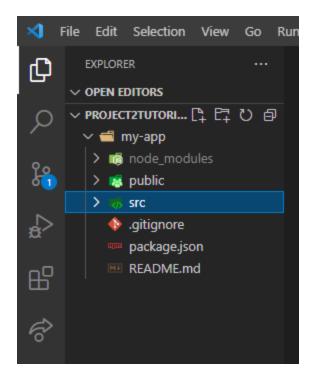
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C:\Users\duroi>node -v
v16.2.0

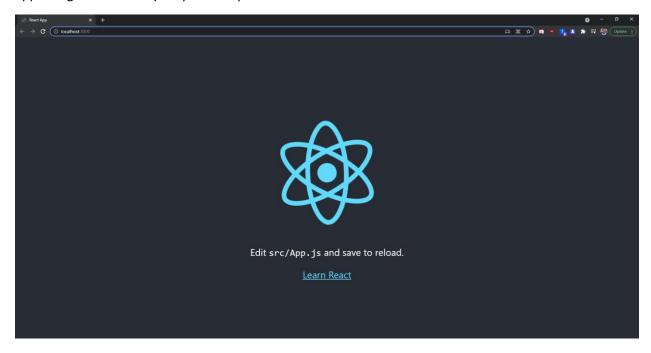
C:\Users\duroi>npm -v
7.13.0

C:\Users\duroi>
```

Next, open up Visual Studio Code along with the folder that'll act as the workspace for our application. Then run the command **npx create-react-app my-app** in the terminal. This creates a basic react application to start with. Your project folder should now look like this.



Next do **cd my-app** to change directories and then **npm start** run the react app in development mode. This will also open new window in your browser with the url <a href="http://localhost:3000">http://localhost:3000</a>. This is your reactapp being hosted locally on your computer.



At this point out initial setup is complete and from here you can begin modifying your App. is file.

# 2. Login and Registration

To begin work on our Login and Registration functionality we are going to first need to setup our backend and database that we will be connecting to. Change directories to your root folder, this would be the folder you initially opened for your workspace, one layer above the react-app we created. We are going to run the command **npm init** to initialize a package.json file.

Running this command will ask for some metadata such as name, version, and description. You can use the defaults for all these options but when asked for the main file replace index.js with server.js.

```
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                                package.json > ...
      package.json
                                      "name": "project2tutorial",
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                                      "version": "1.0.0",
"description": "
 > node_modules
                                      "main": "server.js",
 > 🐞 public
                                      ▶ Debug
 > 🦝 src
                                      "scripts": {
                                        "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
   .gitignore
      package.json
                                      "author": "",
   ■ README.md
                                      "license": "ISC"
     package.json
```

Next we'll need to install the packages that we will be necessary to make our backend function. Here's an overview of these. If you want to learn more feel free to read up on each of the packages on <a href="https://www.npmjs.com">www.npmjs.com</a> where you can find overviews and usage examples.

- bcryptis for security purposes, it'll encrypt passwords by hashing
- concurrently for running our front and backend at the same time
- express works with nodejs for routing & requesting information
- body-parser parse requests for middleware
- validator validates certain input types
- passport authenticates requests
- passport-jwt authenticates with a json web token
- jsonwebtoken used for authorization
- mongoose interacts with MongoDB
- is-empty used in tandem with validator
- nodemon restarts server once you save changes

To install each of these you can run **npm i "package name"** one by one or at the same type with each other separated by spaces for example, **npm i bcryptjs concurrently express body-parser validator** 

passport passport-jwt jsonwebtoken mongoose is-empty for nodemon we'll want to do npm i -D nodemon to install it as a dev dependency.

We'll also want to add two lines to the scripts section in our package.json. The scripts section acts as commands we can run.

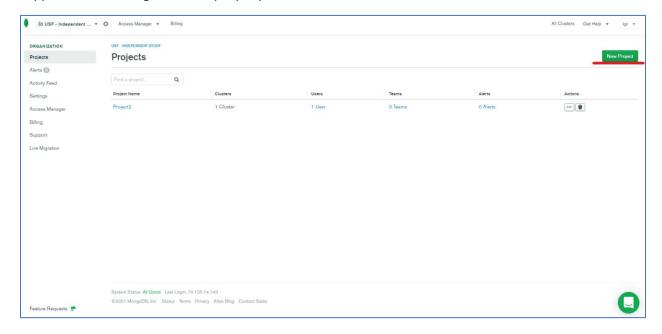
```
"start": "node server.js",
"server": "nodemon server.js"
```

At this point our package.json folder should look like this after install all dependencies mentioned.

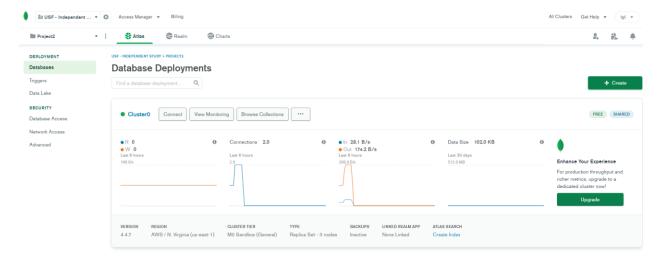
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"name": "project2tutorial",
"version": "1.0.0",
"description": "",
"main": "server.js",
"scripts": {
 "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1",
 "start": "node server.js",
  "server": "nodemon server.js"
},
"author": "",
"license": "ISC",
"dependencies": {
  "bcryptis": "^2.4.3",
  "body-parser": "^1.19.0",
  "concurrently": "^6.2.0",
  "express": "^4.17.1",
  "is-empty": "^1.2.0",
  "jsonwebtoken": "^8.5.1",
  "mongoose": "^5.13.3",
  "passport": "^0.4.1",
  "passport-jwt": "^4.0.0",
  "validator": "^13.6.0"
"devDependencies": {
  "nodemon": "^2.0.12"
```

Next we'll need to setup our MongoDB Atlas account. You can follow my steps here or use this tutorial, specifically the "Connecting to MongoDB Atlas" section <a href="https://www.mongodb.com/languages/mern-stack-tutorial">https://www.mongodb.com/languages/mern-stack-tutorial</a>.

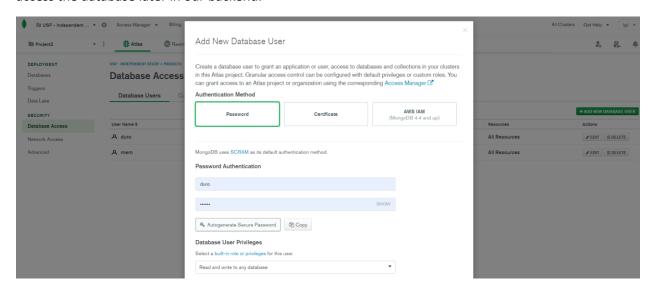
Once signed in you'll want to setup a **new project**. Give it a name and add additional members if you happen to be working with multiple people that'll need access to the database.



Once done create a **new cluster**, for the free version you'll be using a shared cluster. And you can upgrade later to scale the project up. Pick any of the providers with a free tier available with a server in a preferred region. You can create one free cluster per account. You can see my cluster here already created.



You'll next want to create a new **database user**, navigate to the **database access** section and click **add new database user** give a name and password along with read and write access. This will be needed to access the database later in our backend.

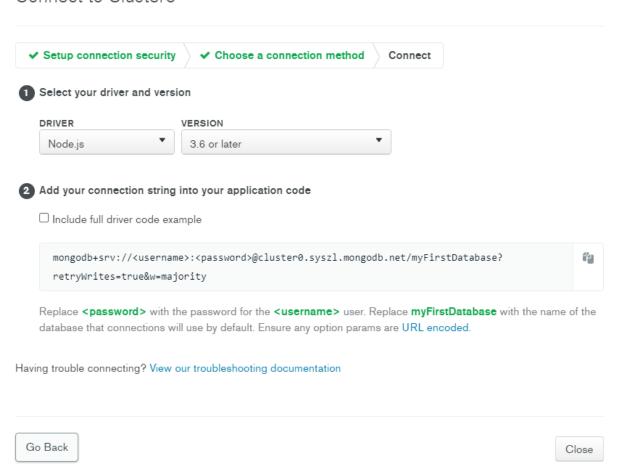


You'll also want to navigate to network access under security settings and whitelist your IP



Once all that is done we can go to back to our **databases** overview and click connect on the cluster we created. And select the second option that reads **connect your application**. Upon doing so you'll see the driver code we'll be using in our application. Replace **<username>** and **<password>** with the database username and password you created, including the angle braces. You can also replace **myFirstDatabase** with something of your choosing. MongoDB Atlas will create a folder in which to contain your database collections.

# Connect to ClusterO



Switch back over to VSCode and inside your root folder create a new directory called **config** and a file inside it called **keys.js** within that file type the following code. However, use your specific driver code, username, and password or else it will not work. By doing this we'll be able to make a reference to **mongoURI** every time we read and write from our database.

#### keys.js

```
module.exports = {
    mongoURI: "mongodb+srv://<username>:<password>@cluster0.syszl.mongodb.net/myF
irstDatabase?retryWrites=true&w=majority", //Replace with your MongoDB driver cod
e.
    secretOrKey: "secret"
};
```

Next, in the root folder create a new file called **server.js** we'll be setting up our node.js server and be pulling in some of the dependencies we installed earlier. Go ahead and type in the following code. Afterwards run the command **nodemon run server** withing the root folder. If you see the message "MongoDB successfully connected" then congratulations we've set up a server and connected your backend to your database.

## server.js

```
const express = require("express");
const mongoose = require("mongoose");
const bodyParser = require("body-parser");
const app = express();
// Bodyparser middleware
app.use(
 bodyParser.urlencoded({
   extended: false
 })
);
app.use(bodyParser.json());
// DB Config
const db = require("./config/keys").mongoURI;
// Connect to MongoDB
mongoose
  .connect(
    db,
    { useNewUrlParser: true }
  .then(() => console.log("MongoDB successfully connected"))
  .catch(err => console.log(err));
const port = process.env.PORT || 5000; // process.env.port is Heroku's port if yo
u choose to deploy the app there
app.listen(port, () => console.log(`Server up and running on port ${port} !`));
```

Now, its time to setup a User Schema for our database. Essentially we're setting up a framework of information that will be stored for each entry in our database. For our User Schema, we'll want information like a name, email, and password. And if you want to make additions to the User Schema make sure you update any corresponding code that makes use of it to avoid issues.

Go ahead and create a folder called **models** in our root directory to hold any Schemas we create. Then make a file called **User.js** within that folder. We'll need to pull in dependencies for mongoose as well as Schema. Then create a new schema type. Go ahead and type the following code within the **User.js** file. As you can see, the elements within our User Schema are name, email, school\_name, password, admin, and date. The admin element defaults to false. In the current state of the application, if you want to make an "Administrator" account you will have to manually edit the admin field to true within MongoDB Atlas.

Afterwards we need to export the Schema model so that we can use it in other files in our application.

## User.js

```
const mongoose = require("mongoose");
const Schema = mongoose.Schema;
// Create Schema
const UserSchema = new Schema ({
    name: {
        type: String,
        required: true
    },
    email: {
        type: String,
        required: true
    },
    school_name: {
        type: String,
        required: true
    password: {
        type: String,
        required: true
    admin: {
        type: Boolean,
        required: true,
        default: false
    },
    date: {
```

```
type: Date,
    default: Date.now
}

module.exports = User = mongoose.model ("users", UserSchema);
```

Next we'll need to be able to validate information being posted to our application and reject inputs if they don't meet our requirements. In your root directory create a folder called **validation** along with two files called **register.js** and **login.js** within it.

Starting with your **register.js** file. Import the Validator and isEmpty dependencies and we'll be checking to see if all the fields of our User Schema.

#### register.js

```
const Validator = require("validator");
const isEmpty = require("is-empty");
module.exports = function validateRegisterInput(data) {
    let errors = {};
 // Convert empty fields to an empty string so we can use validator functions
    data.name = !isEmpty(data.name) ? data.name : "";
    data.email = !isEmpty(data.email) ? data.email : "";
    data.school name = !isEmpty(data.school name) ? data.school name : "";
    data.password = !isEmpty(data.password) ? data.password : "";
    data.password2 = !isEmpty(data.password2) ? data.password2 : "";
    if (Validator.isEmpty(data.name)) {
    errors.name = "Name field is required";
   // Email checks
   if (Validator.isEmpty(data.email)) {
        errors.email = "Email field is required";
    } else if (!Validator.isEmail(data.email)) {
```

```
errors.email = "Email is invalid";
 // School Name checks
 if (Validator.isEmpty(data.school_name)) {
     errors.name = "School name is required";
 if (Validator.isEmpty(data.password)) {
     errors.password = "Password field is required";
 if (Validator.isEmpty(data.password2)) {
     errors.password2 = "Confirm password field is required";
 if (!Validator.isLength(data.password, { min: 6, max: 30 })) {
     errors.password = "Password must be at least 6 characters";
 if (!Validator.equals(data.password, data.password2)) {
     errors.password2 = "Passwords must match";
 return {
     errors,
     isValid: isEmpty(errors)
};
```

Then we'll be doing something similar for our **login.js**. However, logging in will only require an email and password so we only need to check with those fields.

#### login.js

```
const Validator = require("validator");
const isEmpty = require("is-empty");

module.exports = function validateLoginInput(data) {
    let errors = {};

    // Convert empty fields to an empty string so we can use validator functions
    data.email = !isEmpty(data.email) ? data.email : "";
    data.password = !isEmpty(data.password) ? data.password : "";
```

```
// Email checks
if (Validator.isEmpty(data.email)) {
   errors.email = "Email field is required";
} else if (!Validator.isEmail(data.email)) {
   errors.email = "Email is invalid";
}

// Password checks
if (Validator.isEmpty(data.password)) {
   errors.password = "Password field is required";
}

return {
   errors,
   isValid: isEmpty(errors)
};
};
```

For the next step we'll need to setup some API routes to pass in information a user is entering from the frontend to the backend and database. From your root directory create the **routes** folder and an **api** folder nested within. Then create a file called **users.js** in the **api** folder. We'll need to import the dependencies for express, router, bcrypt, and jwt. Along with that we'll need import the routes to the **keys.js**, **User.js**, **register.js**, **and login.js**. We'll also be using bcrypt here to hash passwords so they aren't stored as plaintext.

## users.js

```
const express = require("express");
const router = express.Router();
const bcrypt = require("bcryptjs");
const jwt = require("jsonwebtoken");
const keys = require("../../config/keys");

// Load input validation
const validateRegisterInput = require("../../validation/register");
const validateLoginInput = require("../../validation/login");

// Load User model
const User = require("../../models/User");

// @route POST api/users/register
// @desc Register user
// @access Public
```

```
router.post("/register", (req, res) => {
    // Form validation
  const { errors, isValid } = validateRegisterInput(req.body);
    // Check validation
    if (!isValid) {
     return res.status(400).json(errors);
    User.findOne({ email: req.body.email }).then(user => {
      if (user) {
        return res.status(400).json({ email: "Email already exists" });
      } else {
        const newUser = new User({
          name: req.body.name,
          email: req.body.email,
          school_name: req.body.school_name,
          password: req.body.password
        });
        // Hash password before saving in database
        bcrypt.genSalt(10, (err, salt) => {
          bcrypt.hash(newUser.password, salt, (err, hash) => {
            if (err) throw err;
            newUser.password = hash;
            newUser
              .save()
              .then(user => res.json(user))
              .catch(err => console.log(err));
          });
        });
    });
  });
// @route POST api/users/login
// @desc Login user and return JWT token
// @access Public
router.post("/login", (req, res) => {
   // Form validation
  const { errors, isValid } = validateLoginInput(req.body);
```

```
// Check validation
 if (!isValid) {
   return res.status(400).json(errors);
 const email = req.body.email;
 const password = req.body.password;
 // Find user by email
 User.findOne({ email }).then(user => {
   // Check if user exists
   if (!user) {
     return res.status(404).json({ emailnotfound: "Email not found" });
   // Check password
   bcrypt.compare(password, user.password).then(isMatch => {
     if (isMatch) {
       // User matched
       // Create JWT Payload
       const payload = {
         id: user.id,
         name: user.name
       };
       jwt.sign(
          payload,
          keys.secretOrKey,
           expiresIn: 31556926 // 1 year in seconds
          },
          (err, token) => {
           res.json({
              token: "Bearer " + token
           });
          }
        );
     } else {
       return res
          .status(400)
          .json({ passwordincorrect: "Password incorrect" });
    });
```

```
});
});
module.exports = router;
```

With that done create a new file called **passport.js** in our **config** folder. We'll be using passport-jwt to authenticate using a JSON Web Token.

## passport.js

```
const JwtStrategy = require("passport-jwt").Strategy;
const ExtractJwt = require("passport-jwt").ExtractJwt;
const mongoose = require("mongoose");
const User = mongoose.model("users");
const keys = require("../config/keys");
const opts = {};
opts.jwtFromRequest = ExtractJwt.fromAuthHeaderAsBearerToken();
opts.secretOrKey = keys.secretOrKey;
module.exports = passport => {
 passport.use(
   new JwtStrategy(opts, (jwt_payload, done) => {
      User.findById(jwt_payload.id)
        .then(user => {
          if (user) {
            return done(null, user);
          return done(null, false);
        .catch(err => console.log(err));
    })
```

Now we must make some updates to our **server.js** file to include the passport dependency, middleware, config, and api routes. The updated file should look like this.

```
const express = require("express");
const mongoose = require("mongoose");
const bodyParser = require("body-parser");
const app = express();
const path = require('path');
const passport = require("passport");
const users = require("./routes/api/users");
// Bodyparser middleware
app.use(
 bodyParser.urlencoded({
   extended: false
 })
);
app.use(bodyParser.json());
// DB Config
const db = require("./config/keys").mongoURI;
// Connect to MongoDB
mongoose
  .connect(
   db,
    { useNewUrlParser: true }
  .then(() => console.log("MongoDB successfully connected"))
  .catch(err => console.log(err));
// Passport middleware
app.use(passport.initialize());
// Passport config
require("./config/passport")(passport);
// Routes
app.use("/api/users", users);
// process.env.port is Heroku's port if you choose to deploy the app there
const port = process.env.PORT || 5000;
// Serve static assets if in productions
```

```
if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'production') {
    app.use(express.static('client/build'));

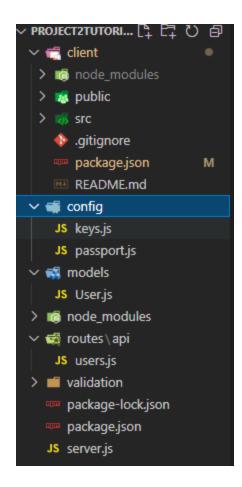
    app.get('*', (req,res) => {
        res.sendFile(path.resolve(__dirname, 'client', 'build', 'index.html'));
    });
}

app.listen(port, () => console.log(`Server up and running on port ${port} !`));
```

Next we'll be moving to the front-end and making the react-app. Before that go into your root folder's **package.json** and make an addition to the scripts section. Add the following lines before your last script. Now we can do **npm run dev** to start up our backend and frontend at the same time.

```
"client-install": "npm install --prefix client",
"client": "npm start --prefix client",
"proxy": "http://localhost:5000",
"dev": "concurrently \"npm run server\" \"npm run client\""
```

Along with that change the file name for the folder containing your react app to **client**. Our folder structure should look like this now.



Next in your terminal change directories to your client folder as we need to install some packages we will be using. Once again feel free to look up additional documentation regarding the packages. The following packages are

- axios client for making requests to backend
- jwt-decode used to decode jwt to get user data
- react-redux allows use of Redux
- react-router-dom allows for rerouting to different pages
- redux used to manage component states
- redux-thunk redux middleware
- classnames used for conditional classes.

You can use **npm i axois jwt-decode react-redux react-router-dom redux redux-thunk classnames** in the terminal.

Now we can clean up our client folder and remove some starter files we don't really need. In the **src** folder remove **logo.svg** and remove the import of that file in **App.js**. Remove all the CSS in **App.css** to

use custom CSS instead. Finally remove everything inside the div tags in **App.js** and replace it with the following.

Upon saving our react app will look like this.

```
Hello World!!!!
```

Next let's create a **components** folder in **src.** In our components folder create another folder called **layouts**, and then the files **Navbar.js** and **Landing.js** inside layouts.

For our **Navbar.js** import the Component dependency from react and Link dependency from react-router-dom. We'll be using link to redirect to different webpages.

## Navbar.js

```
import React, { Component } from "react";
import { Link } from "react-router-dom";
```

```
class Navbar extends Component {
  render() {
    return (
      <div className="navbar-fixed">
       <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-light bg-light">
          <div className="nav-wrapper white">
            <Link
              to="/"
              style={{
                fontFamily: "wolf2"
              }}
              className="col s5 brand-logo center black-text"
              <i className="material-icons"></i></i>
              Project 2
            </Link>
          </div>
      </div>
    );
export default Navbar;
```

For our **Landing.js** file, we'll use it to link a login and registration page we that we'll create soon.

## Landing.js

```
<span style={{ fontFamily: "wolf2" }}> Login to continue or create
an account. </span>
           </h3>
           <div className="col s6">
             <Link
              to="/login"
              style={{
                width: "140px",
                borderRadius: "3px",
                letterSpacing: "1.5px"
              }}
              className="btn btn-large waves-effect waves-
light hoverable blue accent-4"
              Log In
             </Link>
           </div>
           <div className="col s6">
             <Link
              to="/register"
              style={{
                width: "140px",
                borderRadius: "3px",
                letterSpacing: "1.5px"
              }}
              className="btn btn-large waves-effect waves-
light hoverable blue accent-4"
              Register
             </Link>
           </div>
         </div>
       </div>
   );
export default Landing;
```

Now, import our Navbar and Landing into your App.js file and add t hem to the render function.

Let's also make some changes to **index.html** in our public folder. Here we can use CSS and HTML along with scripts that take effect across our application. The updated index.html should look like this.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
 <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <link rel="shortcut icon" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/favicon.ico">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1, shrink-</pre>
to-fit=no">
    <meta name="theme-color" content="#000000">
    <link rel="manifest" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/manifest.json">
    <!-- Compiled and minified CSS -->
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/materiali</pre>
ze/1.0.0/css/materialize.min.css">
    <link href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/icon?family=Material+Icons" rel="sty</pre>
lesheet">
    <title>Project 2</title>
  </head>
 <body>
   <noscript>
      You need to enable JavaScript to run this app.
    </noscript>
   <div id="root"></div>
```

Up next we'll be setting up our login and registration forms. Create a new folder called **auth** inside our components folder and **login.js** & **register.js** inside **auth**.

For our **register.js** we'll need to write conditional events whenever the user changes some information inside a text both or clicks a button to submit their form. And we'll need to use JavaScript and HTML in the render function to display the forms.

## register.js

```
import React, { Component } from "react";
import { Link, withRouter } from "react-router-dom";
import PropTypes from "prop-types";
import { connect } from "react-redux";
import { registerUser } from "../../actions/authActions";
import classnames from "classnames";
class Register extends Component {
  constructor() {
    super();
    this.state = {
      name: "",
      email: "",
      school_name: "",
      password: "",
      password2: "",
      errors: {}
    };
componentDidMount() {
    // If logged in and user navigates to Register page, should redirect them to
dashboard
    if (this.props.auth.isAuthenticated) {
      this.props.history.push("/dashboard");
componentWillReceiveProps(nextProps) {
    if (nextProps.errors) {
     this.setState({
        errors: nextProps.errors
```

```
});
onChange = e => {
    this.setState({ [e.target.id]: e.target.value });
  };
onSubmit = e => {
    e.preventDefault();
const newUser = {
     name: this.state.name,
     email: this.state.email,
     school name: this.state.school name,
     password: this.state.password,
     password2: this.state.password2
    };
this.props.registerUser(newUser, this.props.history);
render() {
   const { errors } = this.state;
return (
     <div className="container">
       <div className="row">
         <div className="col s8 offset-s2">
           <Link to="/" className="btn-flat waves-effect">
             <i className="material-icons left">keyboard_backspace</i> Back to
             home
           </Link>
           <div className="col s12" style={{ paddingLeft: "11.250px" }}>
               <b>Register</b> below
             </h4>
             Already have an account? <Link to="/login">Log in</Link>
             </div>
           {/* Registration Form */}
           <form noValidate onSubmit={this.onSubmit}>
             {/* Name Field */}
             <div className="input-field col s12">
               <input</pre>
                 onChange={this.onChange}
                 value={this.state.name}
                 error={errors.name}
```

```
id="name"
    type="text"
    className={classnames("", {
      invalid: errors.name
    })}
  <label htmlFor="name">Name</label>
  <span className="red-text">{errors.name}</span>
</div>
{/* Email Field */}
<div className="input-field col s12 ">
  <input</pre>
    onChange={this.onChange}
    value={this.state.email}
    error={errors.email}
    id="email"
    type="email"
    className={classnames("", {
      invalid: errors.email
    })}
  <label htmlFor="email">Email</label>
  <span className="red-text">{errors.email}</span>
</div>
{/* School Name Field */}
<div className="input-field col s12">
  <input</pre>
    onChange={this.onChange}
    value={this.state.school_name}
    error={errors.school_name}
    id="school name"
    type="text"
    className={classnames("", {
      invalid: errors.school name
    })}
  <label htmlFor="name">School Name</label>
  <span className="red-text">{errors.name}</span>
</div>
{/* Password Field */}
<div className="input-field col s12">
  <input
```

```
onChange={this.onChange}
                  value={this.state.password}
                  error={errors.password}
                  id="password"
                  type="password"
                  className={classnames("", {
                    invalid: errors.password
                  })}
                <label htmlFor="password">Password</label>
                <span className="red-text">{errors.password}</span>
              </div>
              {/* Confirm Password Field */}
              <div className="input-field col s12">
                <input</pre>
                  onChange={this.onChange}
                  value={this.state.password2}
                  error={errors.password2}
                  id="password2"
                  type="password"
                  className={classnames("", {
                    invalid: errors.password2
                  })}
                <label htmlFor="password2">Confirm Password</label>
                <span className="red-text">{errors.password2}</span>
              </div>
              <div className="col s12" style={{ paddingLeft: "11.250px" }}>
                <button
                  style={{
                    width: "150px",
                    borderRadius: "3px",
                    letterSpacing: "1.5px",
                    marginTop: "1rem"
                  }}
                  type="submit"
                  className="btn btn-large waves-effect waves-
light hoverable blue accent-4"
                  Sign up
                </button>
              </div>
```

```
</form>
          </div>
        </div>
      </div>
    );
Register.propTypes = {
  registerUser: PropTypes.func.isRequired,
  auth: PropTypes.object.isRequired,
  errors: PropTypes.object.isRequired
};
const mapStateToProps = state => ({
  auth: state.auth,
  errors: state.errors
});
export default connect(
  mapStateToProps,
  { registerUser }
)(withRouter(Register));
```

Our login.js will look similar, however with less fields.

```
import React, { Component } from "react";
import { Link } from "react-router-dom";
import PropTypes from "prop-types";
import { connect } from "react-redux";
import { loginUser } from "../../actions/authActions";
import classnames from "classnames";
class Login extends Component {
 constructor() {
    super();
    this.state = {
      email: "",
      password: "",
      errors: {}
    };
componentDidMount() {
 // If logged in and user navigates to Register page, should redirect them to da
shboard
  if (this.props.auth.isAuthenticated) {
    this.props.history.push("/dashboard");
```

```
componentWillReceiveProps(nextProps) {
    if (nextProps.auth.isAuthenticated) {
     this.props.history.push("/dashboard"); // push user to dashboard when they
if (nextProps.errors) {
     this.setState({
       errors: nextProps.errors
     });
onChange = e => {
   this.setState({ [e.target.id]: e.target.value });
 };
onSubmit = e => {
   e.preventDefault();
const userData = {
     email: this.state.email,
     password: this.state.password
    };
this.props.loginUser(userData); // since we handle the redirect within our compon
ent, we don't need to pass in this.props.history as a parameter
 };
render() {
   const { errors } = this.state;
return (
     <div className="container">
       <div style={{ marginTop: "4rem" }} className="row">
         <div className="col s8 offset-s2">
           <Link to="/" className="btn-flat waves-effect">
             <i className="material-icons left">keyboard_backspace</i> Back to
           </Link>
           <div className="col s12" style={{ paddingLeft: "11.250px" }}>
               <br/>b>Login</b> below
             </h4>
             Don't have an account? <Link to="/register">Register</Link>
             </div>
           <form noValidate onSubmit={this.onSubmit}>
```

```
<div className="input-field col s12">
                <input</pre>
                  onChange={this.onChange}
                  value={this.state.email}
                  error={errors.email}
                  id="email"
                  type="email"
                  className={classnames("", {
                    invalid: errors.email || errors.emailnotfound
                  })}
                <label htmlFor="email">Email</label>
                <span className="red-text">
                  {errors.email}
                  {errors.emailnotfound}
                </span>
              </div>
              <div className="input-field col s12">
                <input</pre>
                  onChange={this.onChange}
                  value={this.state.password}
                  error={errors.password}
                  id="password"
                  type="password"
                  className={classnames("", {
                    invalid: errors.password || errors.passwordincorrect
                  })}
                <label htmlFor="password">Password</label>
                <span className="red-text">
                  {errors.password}
                  {errors.passwordincorrect}
                </span>
              </div>
              <div className="col s12" style={{ paddingLeft: "11.250px" }}>
                <button
                  style={{
                    width: "150px",
                    borderRadius: "3px",
                    letterSpacing: "1.5px",
                    marginTop: "1rem"
                  }}
                  type="submit"
                  className="btn btn-large waves-effect waves-
light hoverable blue accent-4"
```

```
Login
                </button>
              </div>
            </form>
          </div>
        </div>
    );
Login.propTypes = {
  loginUser: PropTypes.func.isRequired,
  auth: PropTypes.object.isRequired,
  errors: PropTypes.object.isRequired
};
const mapStateToProps = state => ({
  auth: state.auth,
  errors: state.errors
});
export default connect(
  mapStateToProps,
 { loginUser }
)(Login);
```

Now we'll need to update **App.js** with our login and registration page.

Next we'll need to setup a Redux router for our application. Redux helps manage React the states of components but will take some setup that we'll go into next. In our **App.js** we can make the following changes after importing react-redux.

```
import React, { Component } from "react";
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route } from "react-router-dom";
import { Provider } from "react-redux";
import store from "./store";
import Navbar from "./components/layout/Navbar";
import Landing from "./components/layout/Landing";
import Register from "./components/auth/Register";
import Login from "./components/auth/Login";
class App extends Component {
  render() {
   return (
      <Provider store={store}>
        <Router>
          <div className="App">
            <Navbar />
            <Route exact path="/" component={Landing} />
            <Route exact path="/register" component={Register} />
            <Route exact path="/login" component={Login} />
          </div>
        </Router>
      </Provider>
    );
export default App;
```

We'll now need to setup a **store.js** file inside our **src** folder, along with two folders in our folder called **actions** and **reducers.** 

In our actions folder make two files called authActions.js and types.js

In our reducers folder make three files called index.js, authReducers.js, and errorReducers.js

In our **store.js** file we'll need to store states to send to components. We'll be importing redux and reduxthunk dependencies.

## store.js

```
import { createStore, applyMiddleware, compose } from "redux";
import thunk from "redux-thunk";
import rootReducer from "./reducers";

const initialState = {};

const middleware = [thunk];

const store = createStore(
    rootReducer,
    initialState,
    compose(
        applyMiddleware(...middleware),
        window.__REDUX_DEVTOOLS_EXTENSION__ && window.__REDUX_DEVTOOLS_EXTENSION__()
    )
);

export default store;
```

In our **types.js** file we'll need to define the following actions.

```
export const GET_ERRORS = "GET_ERRORS";
export const USER_LOADING = "USER_LOADING";
export const SET_CURRENT_USER = "SET_CURRENT_USER";
```

In our authActions.js we'll need to use JWT tokens to define actions for user login and registration.

```
import axios from "axios";
import setAuthToken from "../utils/setAuthToken";
import jwt_decode from "jwt-decode";
import {
 GET ERRORS,
 SET CURRENT USER,
 USER LOADING
} from "./types";
// Register User
export const registerUser = (userData, history) => dispatch => {
 axios
    .post("/api/users/register", userData)
    .then(res => history.push("/login")) // re-
direct to login on successful register
    .catch(err =>
      dispatch({
        type: GET_ERRORS,
        payload: err.response.data
      })
    );
};
export const loginUser = userData => dispatch => {
 axios
    .post("/api/users/login", userData)
    .then(res => {
     // Save to localStorage
// Set token to localStorage
      const { token } = res.data;
      localStorage.setItem("jwtToken", token);
     // Set token to Auth header
      setAuthToken(token);
     // Decode token to get user data
     const decoded = jwt decode(token);
      // Set current user
      dispatch(setCurrentUser(decoded));
    })
    .catch(err =>
      dispatch({
        type: GET_ERRORS,
        payload: err.response.data
      })
    );
```

```
export const setCurrentUser = decoded => {
 return {
   type: SET_CURRENT_USER,
   payload: decoded
 };
};
export const setUserLoading = () => {
 return {
   type: USER_LOADING
 };
};
// Log user out
export const logoutUser = () => dispatch => {
 localStorage.removeItem("jwtToken");
 // Remove auth header for future requests
 setAuthToken(false);
 // Set current user to empty object {} which will set isAuthenticated to false
 dispatch(setCurrentUser({}));
```

For our **authReducer.js** we'll need to import our types.js and reduce the number of requests for user logins and registrations.

```
import {
   SET_CURRENT_USER,
   USER_LOADING
 } from "../actions/types";
  const isEmpty = require("is-empty");
  const initialState = {
   isAuthenticated: false,
   user: {},
   loading: false
 };
 export default function(state = initialState, action) {
    switch (action.type) {
      case SET_CURRENT_USER:
       return {
          ...state,
          isAuthenticated: !isEmpty(action.payload),
          user: action.payload
```

```
case USER_LOADING:
    return {
        ...state,
        loading: true
    };
    default:
    return state;
}
```

For our **errorReducer.js**, it'll look like this.

```
import { GET_ERRORS } from "../actions/types";
const initialState = {};
export default function(state = initialState, action) {
   switch (action.type) {
     case GET_ERRORS:
       return action.payload;
     default:
       return state;
   }
}
```

In our **reducers** folder, we'll need to setup the **index.js** file there to combine the authReducer and errorReducer.

```
import { combineReducers } from "redux";
import authReducer from "./authReducer";
import errorReducer from "./errorReducer";
export default combineReducers({
   auth: authReducer,
   errors: errorReducer
});
```

With our Actions and Reducer files set up, create a new folder within **src** called **utils**. And in it, the **setAuthToken.js** file. Here will set a token for every request if a user is logged in. If they aren't we delete they token.

```
import axios from "axios";
const setAuthToken = token => {
```

```
if (token) {
    // Apply authorization token to every request if logged in
    axios.defaults.headers.common["Authorization"] = token;
} else {
    // Delete auth header
    delete axios.defaults.headers.common["Authorization"];
}
};
export default setAuthToken;
```

With that setup. Let's create a dashboard that users will go to after logging in. In our components folder, create a **dashboard** folder, and the **Dashboard.js** file inside that. Our dashboard file will act as a hub to go to different portions of the site, such as the feedback page or the tools page. As-well as allowing for the user to logout. If you want to make additional webpages for users to use once logged in you can add them to the dashboard file as-well importing them into the main App.js.

```
import React, { Component } from "react";
import PropTypes from "prop-types";
import { connect } from "react-redux";
import { logoutUser } from "../../actions/authActions";
import { Link } from "react-router-dom";
class Dashboard extends Component {
 onLogoutClick = e => {
    e.preventDefault();
   this.props.logoutUser();
 };
render() {
    const { user } = this.props.auth;
return (
      <div style={{ height: "75vh" }} className="container valign-wrapper">
        <div className="row">
          <div className="col s12 left-align">
            {/* Greeting Message */}
            <h4>
              <b>Welcome, </b> {user.name.split(" ")[0]}
                You are now logged in.
```

```
<div className="col s6">
            <button
              style={{
                width: "150px",
                borderRadius: "3px",
                letterSpacing: "1.5px",
                marginTop: "1rem"
              onClick={this.onLogoutClick}
              className="btn btn-large waves-effect waves-
light hoverable blue accent-4"
              Logout
            </button>
            </div>
            {/* Feedback button */}
            <div className="col s6">
            <Link
                to="/feedback"
                style={{
                  width: "150px",
                  borderRadius: "3px",
                  letterSpacing: "1.5px",
                  marginTop: "1rem"
                className="btn btn-large waves-effect waves-
light hoverable blue accent-4"
                feedback
              </Link>
              </div>
            {/* Tools Button */}
            <div className="col s6">
            <Link
                to="/tool"
                style={{
```

```
width: "150px",
                  borderRadius: "3px",
                  letterSpacing: "1.5px",
                  marginTop: "1rem"
                }}
                className="btn btn-large waves-effect waves-
light hoverable blue accent-4"
                Tools
              </Link>
              </div>
          </div>
        </div>
      </div>
    );
Dashboard.propTypes = {
  logoutUser: PropTypes.func.isRequired,
  auth: PropTypes.object.isRequired
};
const mapStateToProps = state => ({
  auth: state.auth
});
export default connect(
  mapStateToProps,
  { logoutUser }
)(Dashboard);
```

Next, its import to protect pages so not everybody can access them. Perhaps you want only a user who's logged in to access something, or an admin only page. So we'll need to create a private route. In the components directory, create a folder called **private-route** and the **PrivateRoute.js** file inside it. In this file, we'll make it so any link marked private will redirect the user to another webpage if they don't meet the conditions. In this case, redirecting a user who isn't logged in back to the login screen.

Lastly, for the Login and Registration page, we need to update the **App.js** file. The updated **App.js** file will look like this.

```
import React, { Component } from "react";
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Switch } from "react-router-dom";
import jwt_decode from "jwt-decode";
import setAuthToken from "./utils/setAuthToken";
import { setCurrentUser, logoutUser } from "./actions/authActions";
import { Provider } from "react-redux";
import store from "./store";
import Navbar from "./components/layout/Navbar";
import Landing from "./components/layout/Landing";
import Register from "./components/auth/Register";
import Login from "./components/auth/Login";
import PrivateRoute from "./components/private-route/PrivateRoute";
import Dashboard from "./components/dashboard/Dashboard";
// Check for token to keep user logged in
if (localStorage.jwtToken) {
 const token = localStorage.jwtToken;
 setAuthToken(token);
```

```
// Decode token and get user info and exp
  const decoded = jwt decode(token);
  // Set user and isAuthenticated
  store.dispatch(setCurrentUser(decoded));
  const currentTime = Date.now() / 1000; // to get in milliseconds
  if (decoded.exp < currentTime) {</pre>
    store.dispatch(logoutUser());
    window.location.href = "./login";
class App extends Component {
  render() {
    return (
      <Provider store={store}>
        <Router>
          <div className="App">
            <Navbar />
            <Route exact path="/" component={Landing} />
            <Route exact path="/register" component={Register} />
            <Route exact path="/login" component={Login} />
            <Switch>
              <PrivateRoute exact path="/dashboard" component={Dashboard} />
            </Switch>
          </div>
        </Router>
      </Provider>
    );
export default App;
```

With that, our login and registration system is finished.

Users can register new accounts.

## Register below

Already have an account? Log in

Name

Damon Test

Email

dtest@gmail.com

School Name

Test School

Password

Confirm Password

SIGN UP

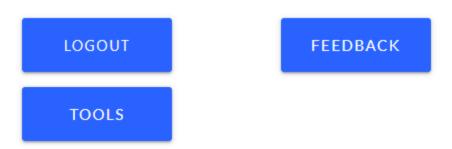
Information is passed to the backend and database.

```
_id: ObjectId("60fb5a5fec950324c4b62a7b")
admin: false
name: "Damon Test"
email: "dtest@gmail.com"
school_name: "Test School"
password: "$2a$10$j02i6YGC6RRkHwc2LNi6d.sR46nkw11CZLn5WEscZIHogC7qG4EAa"
date: 2021-07-24T00:10:07.073+00:00
__v: 0
```

Then users can login and information is retrieved. With this a user that is logged in.

# Welcome, Damon

You are now logged in.



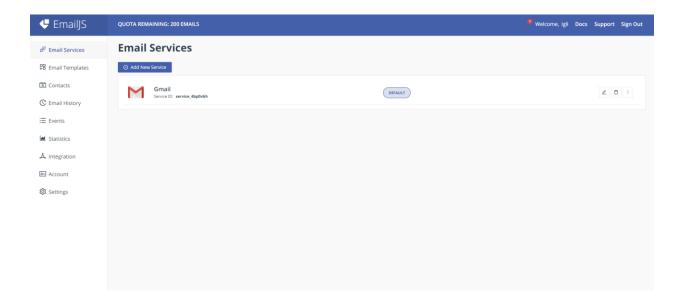
While this section has been lengthy, a lot of it was setting up the foundation. With it set making additions to other webpages you wish to implement becomes a lot easier. In the next section I'll go over the feedback page.

#### 3. Feedback Page

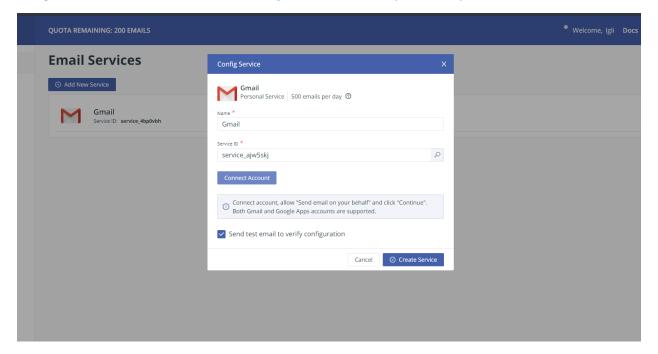
In this section we'll be going over the steps to get a working feedback page added to our application. There are a few steps in the setup process. But once that's done writing the code necessary is actually very easy.

First off, if you haven't already, create and account with EmailJS. Once logged in, let's get familiar with the layout.

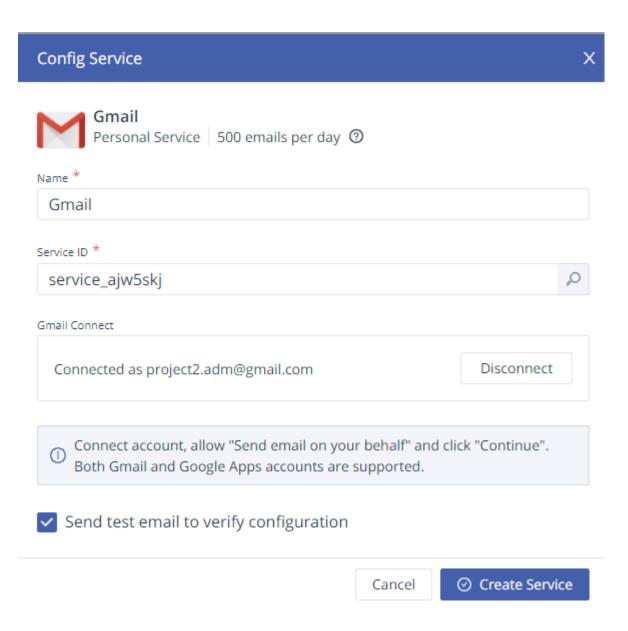
Here we have the main dashboard. You have your different email services you can setup in the middle and your navigation bar is on the side. On top you'll see a remaining quota. Using the free plan of EmailJS allows 200 monthly emails to be sent. If needed you can scale the service up by going to account and then subscriptions.



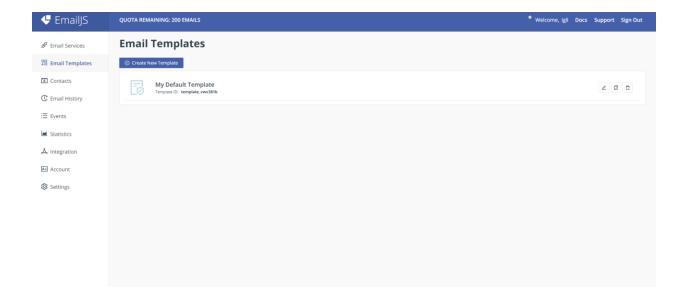
The purpose of using EmailJS is to essentially authorize the service to have access to an email account and send emails using it. For example we can create a new service using a Gmail account. Hitting connect account will have you choose a Gmail account to sign in with. For the purposes of this project, I created a dummy account. For actual use I would recommend creating a Gmail account with a name along the lines of <a href="mailto:serviceName.feedback@gmail.com">ServiceName.feedback@gmail.com</a> as its easy to identify.

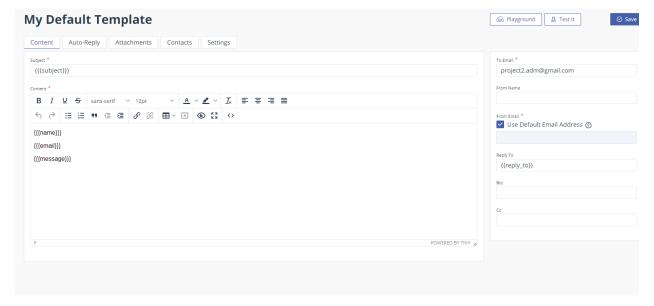


You can also disconnect and replace it with another email later down the road if you wish.



Next up is another feature of EmailJS, email templates.

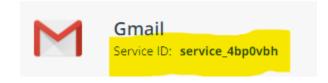




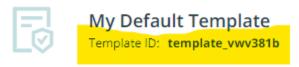
Here we can create templated emails that will pull information off a form we create. You can see the fields subject, name, email, message, and reply to that are setup. We can tie these fields to a form to automatically generate an email and send it to a desired account.

Now, to link this up to our application we need a few bits of information. That being a,

- Service id found underneath the service you setup



Template id found underneath the template you setup



- User id found in the integration tab underneath API keys.

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With those things we can move back to VSCode to implement our feedback form.

It's necessary to install dependencies for EmailJS within our client folder. This can be done by running the command **npm install emailjs-com** 

Then create a new folder inside **components** called **feedback** and a **Feedback.js** file inside it. Import emails and React. We'll need to create a send form event that'll reset the text fields afterwards.

```
import emailjs from "emailjs-com";
import React from 'react';
export default function Feedback() {
    function sendEmail(e) {
        e.preventDefault();
   //Replace first field with your own service id, found underneath email servic
e you create on EmailJS
    //Replace second field with your own template id, found underneath template y
ou create on EmailJS
   //Replace fourth field with your own user id, found in integrations underneat
h API keys on EmailJS
    emailjs.sendForm('service_4bp0vbh', 'template_vwv381b', e.target, 'user_EY4qi
L8ValKN3waEJEfET')
        .then((result) => {
            console.log(result.text);
        }, (error) => {
            console.log(error.text);
```

```
});
        e.target.reset()
    }
    return(
        <div>
        <div className="row">
          <div className="col s12 center-align">
              <span style={{ fontFamily: "wolf2" }}> Contact Us </span>
              </h3>
              </div>
              </div>
            <div className="container">
            <form onSubmit={sendEmail}>
                    <div className="row pt-5 mx-auto">
                        {/* NAME FIELD */}
                         <div className="col-8 form-group mx-auto">
                             <input type="text" className="form-</pre>
control" placeholder="Name" name="name"/>
                         </div>
                         {/* EMAIL FIELD */}
                         <div className="col-8 form-group pt-2 mx-auto">
                             <input type="email" className="form-</pre>
control" placeholder="Email Address" name="email"/>
                         </div>
                         {/* SUBJECT FIELD */}
                         <div className="col-8 form-group pt-2 mx-auto">
                             <input type="text" className="form-</pre>
control" placeholder="Subject" name="subject"/>
                         </div>
                         {/* MESSAGE FIELD */}
                         <div className="col-8 form-group pt-2 mx-auto">
                             <textarea className="form-</pre>
control" id="" cols="30" rows="8" placeholder="Your message" name="message"></tex</pre>
tarea>
                         </div>
                         {/* SEND MESSAGE */}
```

And that's pretty much it for the feedback form. With the power of EmailJS we can having this fully working on the client side. No need to set up messy backend stuff. Now just update the App.js file by importing the feedback page and making sure its protected.

```
import React, { Component } from "react";
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Switch } from "react-router-dom";
import jwt_decode from "jwt-decode";
import setAuthToken from "./utils/setAuthToken";
import { setCurrentUser, logoutUser } from "./actions/authActions";
import { Provider } from "react-redux";
import store from "./store";
import Navbar from "./components/layout/Navbar";
import Landing from "./components/layout/Landing";
import Register from "./components/auth/Register";
import Login from "./components/auth/Login";
import PrivateRoute from "./components/private-route/PrivateRoute";
import Dashboard from "./components/dashboard/Dashboard";
import Feedback from './components/feedback/Feedback';
// Check for token to keep user logged in
if (localStorage.jwtToken) {
 const token = localStorage.jwtToken;
  setAuthToken(token);
 // Decode token and get user info and exp
  const decoded = jwt_decode(token);
  // Set user and isAuthenticated
  store.dispatch(setCurrentUser(decoded));
```

```
// Check for expired token
  const currentTime = Date.now() / 1000; // to get in milliseconds
  if (decoded.exp < currentTime) {</pre>
    store.dispatch(logoutUser());
    window.location.href = "./login";
class App extends Component {
  render() {
    return (
      <Provider store={store}>
        <Router>
          <div className="App">
            <Navbar />
            <Route exact path="/" component={Landing} />
            <Route exact path="/register" component={Register} />
            <Route exact path="/login" component={Login} />
            <Route exact path="/list" component={FilesList} />
            <Switch>
              <PrivateRoute exact path="/dashboard" component={Dashboard} />
              <PrivateRoute exact path="/feedback" component={Feedback} />
            </Switch>
          </div>
        </Router>
      </Provider>
    );
export default App;
```

Here we can see the feedback form in action.

#### Contact Us

Test Name
Testemail@gmail.com
Test Email
This is a test of the feedback form.
SEND MESSAGE
Test Email Inbox x
project2.adm@gmail.com
to me ≠
Test Name
Testemail@gmail.com
This is a test of the feedback form.
Email sent via EmailJS.com

### 4. Tools Page

For the tools page I will have to admit that unfortunately I wasn't able to create a fully functional version of it in time. What I was able to get done is setting it up so files can be uploaded and the pathways to those files are saved on MongoDB. The issue I ran into in development were attempting to retrieve those files.

To start, similar to how we created our User Schema, we need to create a File Schema. In the **models** folder create a new file called **file.js**. This will look very similar except with different fields. Namely, we'll have a title, decription, a file path, a file mimetype, and timestamp.

```
required: true,
      trim: true
    },
    description: {
      type: String,
      required: true,
      trim: true
    },
    file path: {
      type: String,
      required: true
    },
    file_mimetype: {
      type: String,
      required: true
    timestamps: true
);
const File = mongoose.model('File', fileSchema);
module.exports = File;
```

Next create a file in our config folder called **db.js** that'll contain the mongodb database we'll connect to. Similar to the previous time, replace it with your specific information.

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
mongoose.connect('mongodb+srv://<username>:<password>@cluster0.syszl.mongodb.net/
file_upload?retryWrites=true&w=majority', {
   useNewUrlParser: true,
   useUnifiedTopology: true,
   useCreateIndex: true
});
```

After that, create a new file in our **routes** folder called **file.js**. This is where we'll define where to store these files on the server, and limits to the file size and type as desired. We'll be importing the multer dependency for this.

```
const path = require('path');
const express = require('express');
const multer = require('multer');
const File = require('../model/file');
```

```
const Router = express.Router();
const upload = multer({
 //Store in files folder.
  storage: multer.diskStorage({
    destination(req, file, cb) {
      cb(null, './files');
    },
   filename(req, file, cb) {
      cb(null, `${new Date().getTime()} ${file.originalname}`);
  }),
 limits: {
   fileSize: 5000000 // max file size 1MB = 1000000 bytes
 },
 //filter file type
 fileFilter(req, file, cb) {
   if (!file.originalname.match(/\.(jpeg|jpg|png|pdf|doc|docx|xlsx|xls|gif)$/))
      return cb(
        new Error(
          'only upload files with jpg, jpeg, png, pdf, doc, docx, xslx, xls forma
       )
      );
    cb(undefined, true); // continue with upload
});
//upload file
Router.post(
  '/upload',
 upload.single('file'),
 async (req, res) => {
   try {
      const { title, description } = req.body;
      const { path, mimetype } = req.file;
      const file = new File({
        title,
        description,
        file_path: path,
        file mimetype: mimetype
```

```
});
      await file.save();
      res.send('file uploaded successfully.');
    } catch (error) {
      res.status(400).send('Error while uploading file. Try again later.');
  },
  (error, req, res, next) => {
    if (error) {
      res.status(500).send(error.message);
    }
);
Router.get('/getAllFiles', async (req, res) => {
 try {
   const files = await File.find({});
    const sortedByCreationDate = files.sort(
      (a, b) => b.createdAt - a.createdAt
    );
    res.send(sortedByCreationDate);
 } catch (error) {
    res.status(400).send('Error while getting list of files. Try again later.');
});
Router.get('/download/:id', async (req, res) => {
   const file = await File.findById(req.params.id);
    res.set({
      'Content-Type': file.file mimetype
    });
    res.sendFile(path.join(__dirname, '..', file.file_path));
  } catch (error) {
    res.status(400).send('Error while downloading file. Try again later.');
});
module.exports = Router;
```

This will setup the backend for our tools page. Next we'll be working in the frontend to create a tools page to upload files and a file list to browse uploaded files.

In the dashboard folder, create a new file called Tools.js. We'll be importing the dropzone dependency.

```
import React, { useState, useRef } from 'react';
import { Form, Row, Col, Button } from 'react-bootstrap';
import { Link } from "react-router-dom";
```

```
import Dropzone from 'react-dropzone';
import axios from 'axios';
import { API_URL } from '../../utils/constants';
const Tools = (props) => {
  const [file, setFile] = useState(null); // state for storing actual image
  const [previewSrc, setPreviewSrc] = useState(''); // state for storing previewI
  const [state, setState] = useState({
   title: '',
   description: ''
  });
  const [errorMsg, setErrorMsg] = useState('');
  const [isPreviewAvailable, setIsPreviewAvailable] = useState(false); // state t
o show preview only for images
  const dropRef = useRef(); // React ref for managing the hover state of droppabl
e area
  const handleInputChange = (event) => {
   setState({
      ...state,
      [event.target.name]: event.target.value
    });
  };
  const onDrop = (files) => {
    const [uploadedFile] = files;
    setFile(uploadedFile);
    const fileReader = new FileReader();
    fileReader.onload = () => {
      setPreviewSrc(fileReader.result);
    };
    fileReader.readAsDataURL(uploadedFile);
    setIsPreviewAvailable(uploadedFile.name.match(/\.(jpeg|jpg|png)$/));
    dropRef.current.style.border = '2px dashed #e9ebeb';
  };
  const updateBorder = (dragState) => {
    if (dragState === 'over') {
      dropRef.current.style.border = '2px solid #000';
    } else if (dragState === 'leave') {
```

```
dropRef.current.style.border = '2px dashed #e9ebeb';
};
const handleOnSubmit = async (event) => {
 event.preventDefault();
 try {
   const { title, description } = state;
   if (title.trim() !== '' && description.trim() !== '') {
     if (file) {
       const formData = new FormData();
       formData.append('file', file);
       formData.append('title', title);
       formData.append('description', description);
       setErrorMsg('');
       await axios.post(`${API_URL}/upload`, formData, {
           'Content-Type': 'multipart/form-data'
       });
       props.history.push('/list'); // add this line
     } else {
       setErrorMsg('Please select a file to add.');
   } else {
     setErrorMsg('Please enter all the field values.');
 } catch (error) {
   error.response && setErrorMsg(error.response.data);
};
return (
 <React.Fragment>
   <Form className="search-form" onSubmit={handleOnSubmit}>
     {errorMsg && {errorMsg}}
     <h4>File upload</h4>
     Click <Link to="/list">here</Link> to view list of uploaded files.
           <Row>
       <Col>
         <Form.Group controlId="title">
           <Form.Control</pre>
```

```
type="text"
        name="title"
        value={state.title || ''}
        placeholder="Enter title"
        onChange={handleInputChange}
    </Form.Group>
  </Col>
</Row>
 <Col>
    <Form.Group controlId="description">
      <Form.Control</pre>
        type="text"
        name="description"
        value={state.description | ''}
        placeholder="Enter description"
        onChange={handleInputChange}
    </Form.Group>
 </Col>
</Row>
<div className="upload-section">
<Dropzone</p>
    onDrop={onDrop}
    onDragEnter={() => updateBorder('over')}
    onDragLeave={() => updateBorder('leave')}
    {({ getRootProps, getInputProps }) => (
    <div {...getRootProps({ className: 'drop-zone' })} ref={dropRef}>
        <input {...getInputProps()} />
        Drag and drop a file OR click here to select a file
        {file && (
        <div>
            <strong>Selected file:</strong> {file.name}
        </div>
        )}
    )}
</Dropzone>
{previewSrc ? (
    isPreviewAvailable ? (
    <div className="image-preview">
        <img className="preview-image" src={previewSrc} alt="Preview" />
```

```
</div>
            <div className="preview-message">
                No preview available for this file
            </div>
            <div className="preview-message">
            Image preview will be shown here after selection
            </div>
        )}
        </div>
        <Button variant="primary" type="submit" className="btn btn-large waves-</pre>
effect waves-light hoverable blue accent-4" >
          Submit
        </Button>
     </Form>
    </React.Fragment>
  );
};
export default Tools;
```

After this create a new file in the components folder called FilesList.js

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';
import axios from 'axios';
import { API_URL } from '../utils/constants';
const FilesList = () => {
  const [filesList, setFilesList] = useState([]);
  const [errorMsg, setErrorMsg] = useState('');
  useEffect(() => {
    const getFilesList = async () => {
      try {
       const { data } = await axios.get(`${API_URL}/getAllFiles`);
       setErrorMsg('');
       setFilesList(data);
    } catch (error) {
       error.response && setErrorMsg(error.response.data);
    }
};
```

```
getFilesList();
}, []);
const downloadFile = async (id, path, mimetype) => {
   const result = await axios.get(`${API_URL}/download/${id}`, {
    responseType: 'blob'
   });
   const split = path.split('/');
   const filename = split[split.length - 1];
   setErrorMsg('');
   return download(result.data, filename, mimetype);
 } catch (error) {
   if (error.response && error.response.status === 400) {
    setErrorMsg('Error while downloading file. Try again later');
};
 <div className="files-container">
   {errorMsg && {errorMsg}}
   >
        Title
        Description
        Download File
      </thead>
    {filesList.length > 0 ? (
        filesList.map(
         ({ _id, title, description, file_path, file_mimetype }) => (
           {title}
             {description}
                href="#/"
                onClick={() =>
                 downloadFile(_id, file_path, file_mimetype)
                Download
              </a>
```

And that's as far as I got. Last is to update **App.js** with the new webpages and imports. The final version of **App.js** that I'm leaving off with is this.

```
import React, { Component } from "react";
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Switch } from "react-router-dom";
import jwt decode from "jwt-decode";
import setAuthToken from "./utils/setAuthToken";
import { setCurrentUser, logoutUser } from "./actions/authActions";
import { Provider } from "react-redux";
import store from "./store";
import Navbar from "./components/layout/Navbar";
import Landing from "./components/layout/Landing";
import Register from "./components/auth/Register";
import Login from "./components/auth/Login";
import PrivateRoute from "./components/private-route/PrivateRoute";
import Dashboard from "./components/dashboard/Dashboard";
import Feedback from './components/feedback/Feedback';
import Tools from "./components/dashboard/Tools";
import FilesList from "./components/FilesList";
// Check for token to keep user logged in
```

```
if (localStorage.jwtToken) {
  // Set auth token header auth
  const token = localStorage.jwtToken;
  setAuthToken(token);
  // Decode token and get user info and exp
  const decoded = jwt decode(token);
  // Set user and isAuthenticated
  store.dispatch(setCurrentUser(decoded));
// Check for expired token
  const currentTime = Date.now() / 1000; // to get in milliseconds
  if (decoded.exp < currentTime) {</pre>
    store.dispatch(logoutUser());
    // Redirect to login
    window.location.href = "./login";
class App extends Component {
  render() {
    return (
      <Provider store={store}>
        <Router>
          <div className="App">
            <Navbar />
            <Route exact path="/" component={Landing} />
            <Route exact path="/register" component={Register} />
            <Route exact path="/login" component={Login} />
            <Route exact path="/list" component={FilesList} />
            <Switch>
              <PrivateRoute exact path="/dashboard" component={Dashboard} />
              <PrivateRoute exact path="/feedback" component={Feedback} />
              <PrivateRoute exact path="/tools" component={Tools} />
            </Switch>
          </div>
        </Router>
      </Provider>
    );
export default App;
```

Here is the current tools page. Users can upload files to be stored on the server.

File upload			
Click here to view list of uploaded t	25.		
Test PDF			
PDF			
Drag and drop a file OR click here t	select a file		
Selected file: EJ2 File Manager.pdf			
No preview available for this file			

The file schema is saved onto the database.

```
_id: ObjectId("60f8567ebe135f0c50488896")
title: "Test PDF"
description: "PDF"
file_path: "files\1626887806964_E32 File Manager.pdf"
file_mimetype: "application/pdf"
createdAt: 2021-07-21T17:16:46.967+00:00
updatedAt: 2021-07-21T17:16:46.967+00:00
__v: 0
```

But I couldn't get it to display on the files list page.

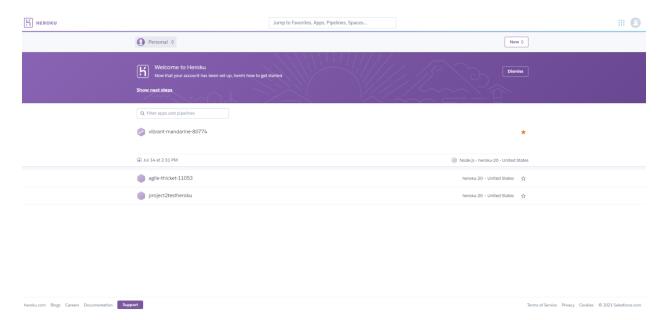
Title	Description	Download File					
No files found. Please add some.							

## 5. Pushing to Heroku

In this section we will be going over on getting the application hosted on the web using Heroku as a host. If you haven't already, create an account with Heroku.

Here we have the dashboard where you Heroku applications will show. To start, click show next steps and go through this help guide.

https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/getting-started-with-nodejs



There's a lot that can go wrong when deploying your application to Heroku. Thankfully Heroku has an extensive guide on how to set up and deploy an application that uses nodejs.

To start, download Heroku onto your computer and follow the setup process. In addition to Heroku you will also need to install Git.

 $\underline{\text{https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/getting-started-with-nodejs\#set-up}}$ 

https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Getting-Started-Installing-Git

#### Getting Started on Heroku with Node.js

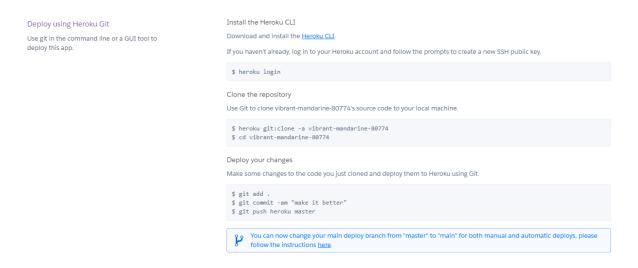


Introduction	Set up				
Set up	The Heroku CLI requires Git, the popular version control system. If you don't already have Git installed, complete the following before proceeding:				
Prepare the app					
Deploy the app	Git installation     First-time Git setup				
View logs					
Define a Procfile	In this step you'll install the Heroku Command Line Interface (CLI). You use the CLI to manage and scale your applications, provision add-ons, view your application logs, and run your application locally.  Download and run the installer for your platform:				
Scale the app					
Declare app dependencies					
Run the app locally					
Push local changes	,				
Provision add-ons	<b>≰</b> macOS	<b>₩</b> Windows			
Start a console	Download the installer	Download the appropriate installer for your Windows installation:			
Define config vars	Also available via Homebrew:	64-bit installer			
Provision a database	\$ brew install heroku/brew/heroku				
Next steps		32-bit installer			

Once you have Heroku and Git setup run the command heroku login to log into the heroku cli.

Also make sure to check your git version with **git --version** to make sure you installed it correctly.

Afterwards you can create a new heroku app with **heroku create** and it'll generate a random url for you to use. Now looking at the Heroku website you can see the app that was created on the dashboard. Go to it and click on the deploy tab where you can see how to deploy it online using Heroku Git. If it fails its time to troubleshoot and repeat the process. This can be arduous as you develop but if the build fails the build log generated will show the step at which it failed.



#### 6. Where to go from here

In the past 10 weeks this is what I was able to accomplish. I'd say roughly 5 weeks were spend learning MERN Stack development. This comprised of going through free courses. Doing small projects. And following along on online tutorials each week and trying to learn something useful that I can apply to the project. The other 5 weeks were spent developing this application. To sum up this application currently has the following.

- Working Login/Registration System
  - Users can register using a form, registration information is then passed to the server and stored onto a database so that they can log in.
  - o Authorization tokens to remember the user's session.
  - Password hashing via bcrypt.
  - o Ability to manually set admin accounts via MongoDB Atlas
  - Protected routing so that unauthorized users are redirected elsewhere.
- Working Feedback System
  - Set up an email account to connect to EmailJS
  - Users can fill out a form that uses EmailJS's templates to pull data from the forms.
  - o Emails can be redirected to an email address as desired.
- Semi functional Tools page
  - Files can be uploaded and stored on the server. Information regarding the file name, description, path and mime type is stored onto a database.
  - The FilesList page still needs to be fixed to then retrieve and display files.
- Web Hosted
  - o In its current state the website is able to be hosted online using Heroku

Along with that there's also some features from the original statement of work that are missing. Currently there is no payment form for user registration. I did begin looking into this during development but it was not a priority at the time. Based off what I've seen and if I have more time I would attempt to create this form using Web Payments by Square.

https://developer.squareup.com/docs/web-payments/overview

https://www.npmjs.com/package/react-square-web-payments-sdk

In addition to that, while I've set up a foundation for administrative roles there is currently no robust tools to support that. I had features such as user management, changing credentials, deleting accounts in mind but couldn't get to it in time.

Other features I had ideas for and felt they would be beneficial for the website

- User profile page
  - Manage account
    - Subscription
    - Change email
    - Change password
    - Two-Factor Authentication