Capstone Project Document

Introduction

Purpose

• What is the problem or the opportunity that the project is investigating?

The Go Fridge web app aims to address the common problem of food wastage caused by users forgetting about the expiration dates of items in their fridges or purchasing unnecessary duplicates.

• Why is this problem valuable to address?

Have you ever bought something, stored it in your fridge and then forgotten about it until your next Big Clean Day only to find it expired? Or have you purchased an item only to later discover the same thing already in your fridge?

The cost of living is so high nowadays, Go Fridge seeks to help users save money by preventing the waste of purchased items. The app aids in managing fridge contents efficiently, avoiding expired items, and generating shopping lists.

• What is the current state (e.g. unsatisfied users, lost revenue)?

Wastage occurs due to forgetfulness or unintentional duplicate purchases.

• What is the desired state?

Go Fridge will assist users in managing their fridges effectively, reducing waste, and providing features like shopping list creation.

• Has this problem been addressed by other projects? What were the outcomes? Similar projects exist but lack widespread recognition and user-friendliness.

Stakeholders

 Who are the stakeholders? (be as specific as possible as to who would have access to the software)

Anyone who has a fridge.

• Why do they care about this software?

Go Fridge helps users reduce living costs by avoiding food wastage and unnecessary purchases.

• What are the stakeholders' expectations?

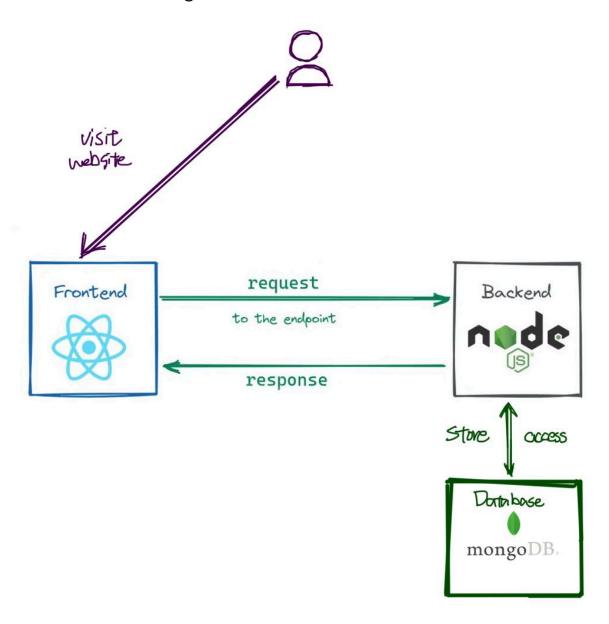
A succinct, clear and user friendly software, doesn't need to take too much time on learning how to use the app.

Product Description

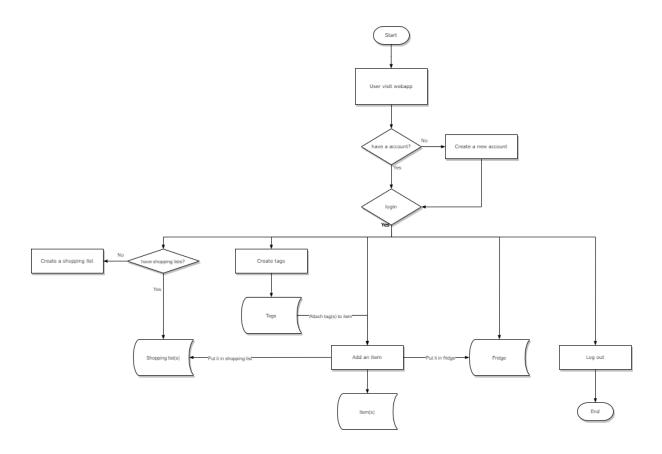
User Stories

User Story Title	User Story Description	Priority
User login	User login with registered account.	medium
User sign up	New users sign up for a new account that include email address, username and password.	medium
User logout	User logout, back to the signup/login page.	medium
Add new item	User adds a new item with quantity and tags, and also chooses to add it to their fridge or shopping list.	high
Update item's info	Users can update item's info to reflect the changes.	high
Add new tag	User adds a new tag in advance for later use.	medium
Search items	Users can search items by name in their fridge easily.	medium
Search tags	Users can search items by tags.	medium
Update shopping list	Users can update shopping list to reflect the changes.	medium
Responsiveness	User interface can adjust depending on what device that users are using while accessing the website.	high
Homepage	After login, users will redirect to homepage, shows fridge and shoppinglist to choose.	high
Best before date reminder	Highlight and alert the items that almost expire after user login/back to homepage.	medium

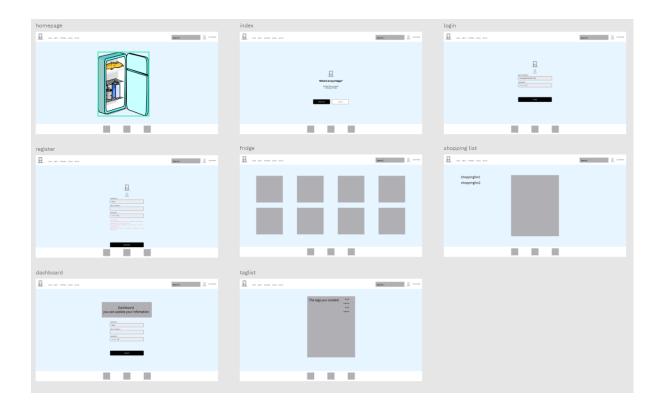
Architecture Design



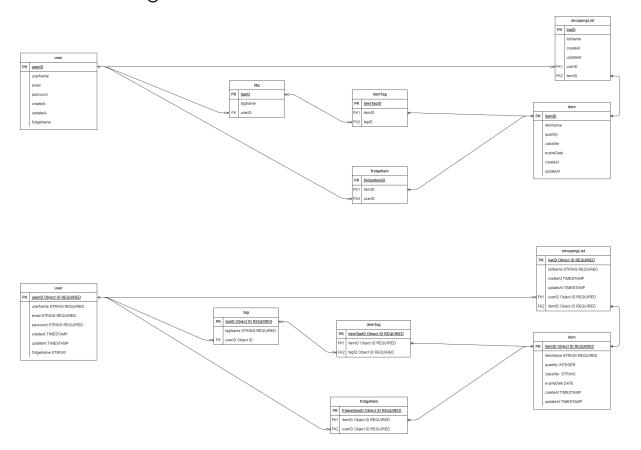
User Flow



Wireframe Design



Database Design



Open Questions/Out of Scope

- What features are considered out of scope?
- 1. Generate recipes based on items left in the fridge.
- 2. Input a recipe then compare the items in the fridge and generate a shopping list that includes the items that are needed but not in the fridge.
- 3. Host on AWS.

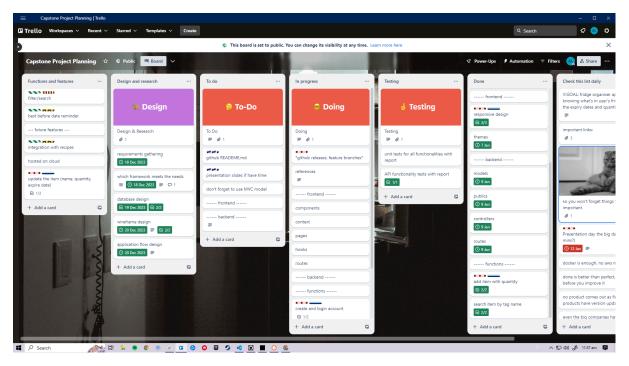
Non-functional Requirements

- What are the key security requirements? (e.g. login, storage of personal details, inactivity timeout, data encryption)
- 1. Password encryption.
- 2. Storage of user information.
- How easy to use does the software need to be?

It should be simple enough that users know how to use it at first glance.

- Does the software conform to any technical standards to ease maintainability?
- 1. Code comments that help future me or developers to understand the code.
- 2. ReadME file that provides an overview of the project, instructions for setting up the development environment.
- 3. Frontend and backend separation in design and code.
- 4. Well-organised folder structure.
- 5. Clear and readable naming pattern for files, variables and functions.
- 6. Using GitHub for version control.

Project Planning

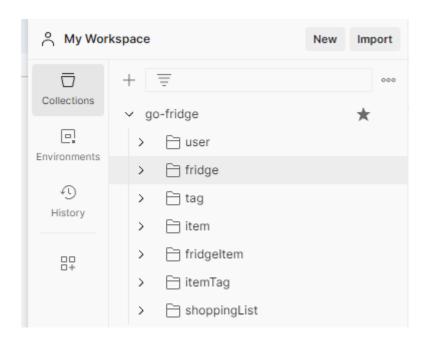


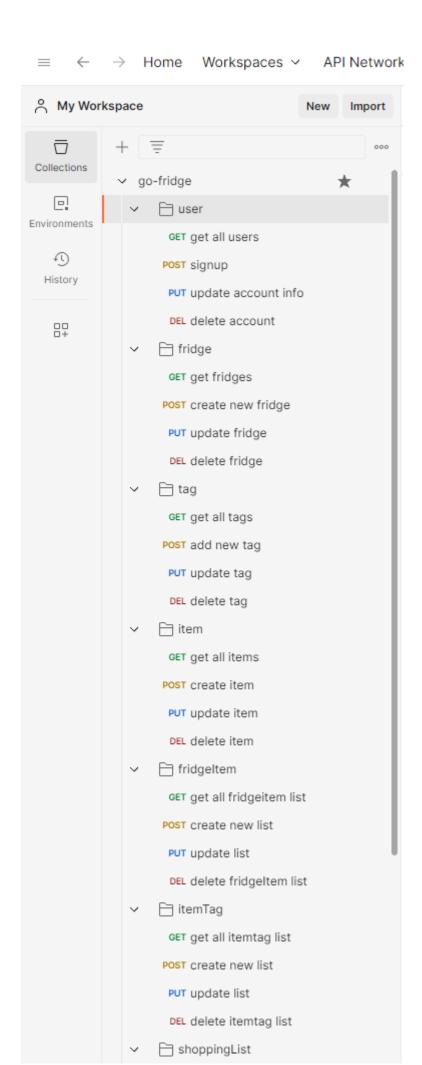
Trello was used to planning the project and tracking the process.

Testing Strategy

• Postman was used to test api CRUD operations. Status of each test was recorded.







• Compare frontend with flowchart to make sure the logic is on track.

Edge cases handle:

- 1. Multiple console.logs were used to ensure expected results and catch odd results.
- 2. Inspect tool in browser was used to check consoles and elements.

Implementation

• What were the considerations for deploying the software?

Ideally, it would be hosted on the cloud so users can access the web app from anywhere.

End-to-end solution

How well did the software meet its objectives?

All core functions are achieved in backend. However, most of them are not achieved in frontend.

General testing was done.

Originally planned to have it hosted on AWS but due to time and resource constraints, the goals could not be achieved. Added it to the future feature.

What I have learnt

- Be patient with the code, sometimes tiny problem will cause the big trouble :0
- It would be better to have a framework first and then fill in the features. Begin with the simplest functions and web pages so even if you can't do all the features, you will at least have something to demonstrate.
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes, mistakes help you to learn. Nothing is perfect from the beginning.
- Writing comprehensive documentation and maintaining clean, well-commented code is important. It underscored how important it is to make software that not only works well but is also easy to maintain and understand for future developers. (at least it will help future you to understand what were you thinking when coding)

References

• Where is the code used in the project? (link to GitHub)

Code:

Go Fridge

• What are the resources used in the project? (libraries, APIs, databases, tools, etc)

Database:

MongoDB

Design Tools:

draw.io

• database design: database

• flowchart design: flowchart

Penpot

• wireframe design: Penpot

packages/libraries:

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Free, Open API for Detecting Disposable Email Addresses (However, timeout during testing stage and can't be fixed. Code is comment out.)
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jsonwebtoken - npm
bcryptjs - npm
cors - npm
dotenv - npm
express - npm
mongoose - npm
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react - npm
react-dom - npm
react-router-dom - npm
axios - npm
@mui/material - npm
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@mui/icons-material - npm
@emotion/styled - npm
@emotion/react - npm
vite - npm

project planning:

<u>Go Fridge project kanban</u>