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StormSpot Reflection

StormSpot was a great way for us to learn full-stack JavaScript development. The two weeks for implementation was not much, so we could not develop all the features we wanted. However, this helped us reduce the project to its most important features and build a MVP.

We were surprised by how useful defining the purposes and concepts was in defining the MVP and guiding our development. Every feature on the server side or client side was tied back to those purposes, so there was very little wasted code. By defining the concepts, we found that there was little miscommunication between team members and that we all understood why the codebase was structured the way it was.

Decoupling the client and the server was a great idea, and helped us develop and debug them independently of each other. Furthermore, building StormSpot as a SPA (and using Handlebars, as recommended in recitation), made it much simpler to build the front-end.

Overall, while this project certainly was a time crunch, it taught us a good deal about building an MVP using full-stack JavaScript.