

Team: 209

Project: Notes App

Project Review meeting time: 3:30pm Friday Feb 3 by Mattie (10-15min in length)

Team Members:

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Requirements:

- Project requirements are logged in Gitlab.
- Who are your users; do you have personas; did you interview anyone?
 - Persona 1:
 - Persona 2:
- What extra features are you considering for these users?

Analysis & Design:

- Does a layered architecture work for your features?

Yes.

- Presentation (Toolbar, Text Display, Notes Preview, Search Bar)
- Business (ex: Note Class, List of Notes)
- Persistence (Saving window size to disk, saving notes to DB, fetching notes from DB)
- Have you documented the technical impact of these requirements? Which ones are the highest risk? Do you have strategies to mitigate these? **(See Gitlab for more details)**
 - Highest risk (in terms of potential complexity)
 - Searching Notes by their content
 - Rich Text Support
 - Grouping Notes into folders
 - Shapes & Images support
 - Mitigation Strategies: Discuss multiple approaches before starting complex features. Pair Programming. Thorough unit tests.
- Which design patterns do you anticipate using? (pick 2)
 - Suggestions: Command, Memento for Undo / Redo
 - Observer will be used for the UI events most likely
 - Decorator for rich text support

Infrastructure:

- GitLab project is setup
- Source code is setup; Gradle multi-project build with a starting project.
- Unit testing framework is configured in project. (JUnit)
- CI/CD running.

Persona 1:

Personal Information:

Name: Tri Ho

Job title: Student, Software Developer

Company: 1password

Demographic information:

Age: 20

Gender: he/they

Income: < \$30,000

Education: University of Waterloo, Computer Science

Location: Waterloo, Ontario

Personality: based and excitable

User Type Self described as: Power User

Goals: Taking lecture notes, quick jotting ideas, organizing notes by topic/relationship

Motivations:

Important - markdown support

- Write down notes so it can be converted to website/markdown compatibility
- Having notes connect together
- Glossary of notes
 - Options of how to organize a glossary
 - Tag notes and group together
 - date/timestamped
- like : master view of all notes
- Sometimes don't look at notes after written
- Active recall:
 - anki - flashcard app
 - Notes app could remind you to look at the notes app (useful for students)
- Don't like - nested notes in folders
- Pencil paper
- Notion
 - Didn't like nesting - too hard to find



- Notability - too bare bones
- Uses Obsidian now:
 - Graph Map of topics you've learnt
 - Limitation - no Ipad support
 - Good for typing a lot
 - Graph system is visually helpful
 - Links to old notes

Apple notes:

- For really quick notes
- Same vein as pulling out sticky note paper
- Limitation: storing is difficult, exporting to other file formats,
- Exporting to other file formats are important
 - Pdf, markdown
- Imaging in notes app:
 - Pasting class slides
 - Import pdf

Aesthetic customizability

- Wants switching between light mode/dark mode
- Paper type for the notes
- Highlighting and bolding is important
- Would like keyboard shortcuts
- Having a toolbar to access font size, bolding, etc. is important for good UX
- Important as a developer: Open source

Persona 2:



Personal Information:

Name: Palaash K

Job title: SE Student, Software Developer

Demographic information:

Age: 20

Pronouns: he/they

Income: < \$30,000

Education: University of Waterloo SE

Location: Waterloo, Ontario

Personality: Batman (cool and mysterious)

User Type Self described as: Power User

Goals: Taking notes for class + writing assignments

Motivations:

- How do you currently take notes?
 - Pencil and paper
 - What challenges does it have?
 - Can't copy text
 - Not being able to move items
 - Having to erase
 - Benefits?
 - Easier to revise with
 - Get to physically see the amount
 - Lower chance of losing data
 - Easier to write math stuff down
 - Write wherever you want
 - Easy to change colors
- What's important when taking notes digitally?
 - Being able to move around
 - Easy to erase
 - Dark mode
 - easy to send to cloud (export)
 - Organize notes easier
 - Flexible file structure
 - Ctrl f document and note
 - Wants to have all notes in one place (unlimited pages)
 - Easy to jot down ideas
 - Can change paper (lined, grid, dotted, etc.)

App name suggestions:

Serious vibes:

1. NoteWise
2. QuickNotes
3. JotIt
4. ScribbleSnap
5. MemoMate

More fun:

1. ScribbleScribe
2. JotJungle
3. NoteNirvana
4. DoodlePad
5. ScribbleSplash

JotJungle is lowkey a top contender (facts)