



SIT 725 Prac 4

Databases



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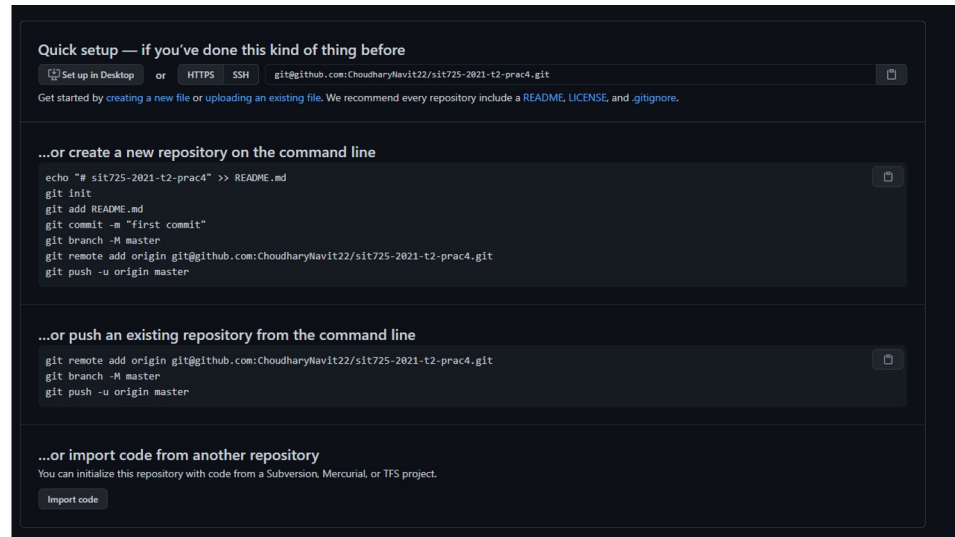
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Creating Week 4 Repository

Welcome to week 4 and this prac we will try to learn how to modify our last week's work with a proper backend server and database.

The first part of this week's prac is to create a repo but this time we won't add README.md file or a license or a .gitignore file. This time we will import the code from previous weeks prac.

We use the import code button at the bottom and add the link of our previous weeks repo to import code to our this weeks repo.





Updating repository for week 4

Next we would want to update things in our repository so that it looks like week 4 and not week 3.

We first update our README.md file and make it to look like week 4, secondly we go into our package.json and update the title and description to be compatible with week 4.

You can also update your index.html and make it to look like for week 4 but that is not a compulsory thing as it won't affect the github maintenance for our repository

Now we are ready to make our first commit for week 4 as we want these changes to be reflected on out github also.



Serving data through REST API's

Last week when we added cards to our html page we used a constant array of objects to create dynamic cards and we discussed that in real life scenario we would be sending this data from a backend server and then use it in our application to display it to the user.

So let's try to do the same by creating a GET Request on our NodeJs server and connect it to our html page and see if that gives us the same result.

First we modify our server.js file and add a rest api to it. So now our server.js file looks something like this:



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```
var express = require("express")
var app = express()

app.use(express.static(__dirname+'/public'))
app.use(express.json());
app.use(express.urlencoded({ extended: false }));

const cardList = [
  {
    title: "Kitten 2",
    image: "images/kitten-2.jpg",
    link: "About Kitten 2",
    description: "Demo description about kitten 2"
  },
  {
    title: "Kitten 3",
    image: "images/kitten-3.jpg",
    link: "About Kitten 3",
    description: "Demo description about kitten 3"
  }
]

app.get('/api/projects', (req, res) => {
  res.json({statusCode: 200, data: cardList, message: "Success"})
})

var port = process.env.port || 3000;

app.listen(port, ()=>{
  console.log("App listening to: "+port)
})
```



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Next we modify our scripts.js so that we can make a get request to the server so that we receive our data.

First we add a function in our scripts.js

```
const getProjects = () => {  
  $.get('/api/projects', (response) => {  
    if(response.statusCode===200) {  
      addCards(response.data);  
    }  
  })  
}
```



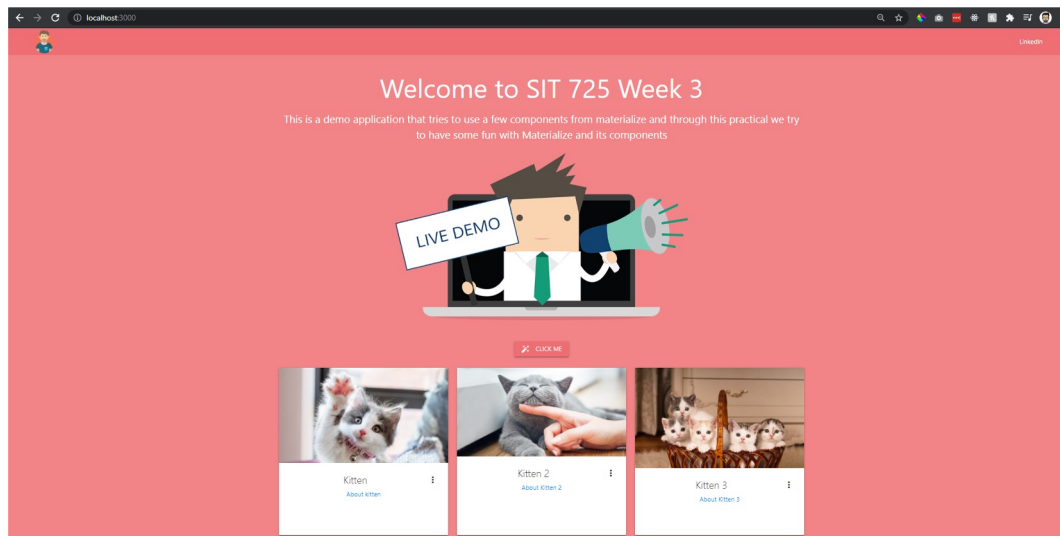
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And next we also modify a section of our scripts.js which is the section we already have written. We modify the `$(document).ready` section so we can call the function we just created. So now our section looks something like this.

```
$(document).ready(function() {  
    $('#materialboxed').materialbox();  
    $('#formSubmit').click(() => {  
        submitForm();  
    })  
    getProjects();  
    $('#modal').modal();  
});
```


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Now let's try to run our application and see if everything worked out.





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Looks exactly the same right. Now that we have done this part we should commit our code so that the modifications we made don't get lost.

In the next part we would learn about NoSQL Database and how we can add and retrieve data from that database.



MongoDB

MongoDB is a document-oriented NoSQL database for storing large amounts of data. It contains the data model, which permits hierarchical connections to be represented. Instead of using tables and rows as in standard relational databases, it employs JSON-like documents with optional schema. The basic units of data in MongoDB are documents that include key-value pairs.





Conclusion

This was a very simple practical where we learned about materialize and a few of its components.



Thanks



QUESTIONS