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Analysis

Problem and Stakeholders

Outline

My project is an application that helps with scheduling and productivity. You input tasks you need to do, as well as the time they take and the time they must be done by, and the app will make a schedule for you to follow. The schedule is adaptive, tasks can be added or changed at any time and the schedule will adapt. When adding tasks you can set them to repeat on certain days or every interval. To help with following the schedule, the app will send you notifications when you need to change tasks. If a task is taking longer to complete than you entered, you can defer the task for later or extend the task and the schedule will adapt to fit. You can also schedule very long tasks and they will be broken up into chunks and put into the schedule. The app is a website you have to log into to access the schedule, meaning the schedule can be accessed from anywhere on any device.

Justification of a Computational Solution

Schedules have been made by hand for centuries, and a lot of tools and algorithms have been developed to aid in this such as Gantt charts and scheduling diagrams. The issue with making schedules by hand is that it takes a long time, a complex schedule can take up to an hour to create and they are very hard to optimise. This high time cost means that most people don't schedule their time, especially for personal tasks. It also makes schedules very rigid because if anything changes then the schedule has to be remade from scratch, this means that schedules that are made by hand are very bad at responding to change which is bound to happen at some point.

Essentially, scheduling is a number crunching task, you try every permutation of the list of tasks in order to find one that fulfills all deadlines and criteria. For a low to medium amount of tasks, this approach is extremely fast on computers compared to making a schedule by hand, microseconds compared to hours. This means that computed schedules can be very quickly regenerated in response to changes in a user's plans.

As well as this a correct scheduling algorithm would make no mistakes, whereas schedules made by hand often have mistakes which are very hard to fix because of how much time they take to remake.

Stakeholders

Due to the nature of the project, it could appeal to anyone who wants some help with staying on top of lots of different tasks, but my main target

audience is students as they both have a lot of different tasks to keep track of, and also the most likely to adopt a digital schedule as the majority of them regularly use computers throughout the day. To make the app useful for students, I need to make sure common tasks like school, revision, and homework are easy to add so they can set up their schedule quickly. A lot of these are repeating tasks so the app will need to handle those well. Also, the main device of most students is smartphones, so I'll need to make the website responsive and works well on mobile platforms, as well as making sure notifications work on iOS and Android. Adding tasks needs to be easy and fast otherwise people won't use the app. Finally, the website needs to look aesthetic otherwise people won't use it.

Research

In order to inform the design of my app, I researched existing solutions and conducted a survey and evaluated these to find features my stakeholders will find useful.

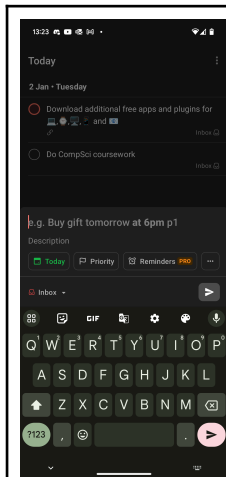
Existing Solutions

Microsoft To Do



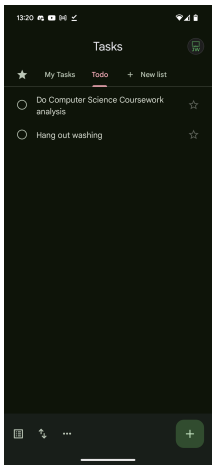
- Easy to add tasks, just press the plus button and type in the task title, but trying to do anything else is very difficult, the repeat feature is hard to use and limited
- "My Day" view is useful as a form of basic schedule
- Tasks don't have a duration or an end time, and there's not a proper schedule so you have to manually schedule reminders
- Integrated well with Microsoft ecosystem, you can attach documents and link to emails
- No way to add large tasks that are split up

Google ToDo



- Easy to add basic tasks, similar to Microsoft To Do, but no way of repeating tasks automatically and difficult to add details
- No form of schedule, just a list of tasks
- Tasks don't have a duration or an end time so reminders can't be automated
- No way to add large tasks

Todoist

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best looking UI out of the 3, lots of colour • Very complicated, there are lots of different types of tasks and it wasn't explained • Easy to add tasks, just need a title, but many basic features like reminders and repeating are locked behind a paid version • No form of schedule, just a list of tasks • Tasks don't have a duration or an end time so reminders can't be automated • No way to add large tasks
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Summary of Existing Solutions

App	Feature	Will I be adding it?	Justification
Microsoft To Do and Google ToDo	Easy to add tasks	Yes	The easier tasks are to add, the higher the chance that users will add them
Microsoft To Do	My Day view	Yes	Makes it easy to work out what needs to be done compared to a list of tasks
Microsoft To Do	Integration with other software	No	This feature is not feasible for the project (see limitations)
Todoist	Colourful UI	Yes	The good UI design made it very easy to understand the quite complicated task UI

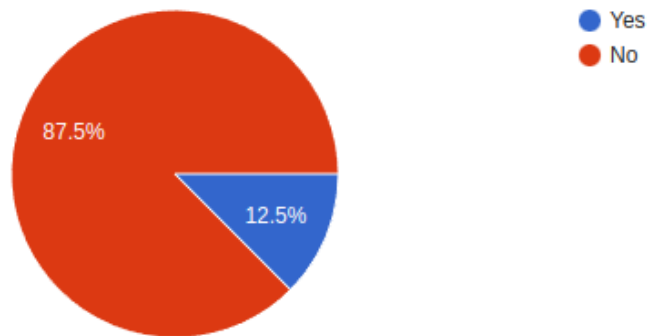
The main thing I noticed while researching existing solutions is that there aren't any major apps that provide a scheduling feature, they all stop at a list of tasks with optional reminders. Google ToDo can integrate with Google Calendar, but its not automated and manually scheduling tasks is long and complicated to do by hand. If my app had this feature it would set it apart from the competition. Also the ability to repeat tasks was missing from nearly all of the apps I tried, so this is definately something I need to implement.

Survey

I created a survey and sent it out to some student peers, I got 8 repsonses in total with the following answers:

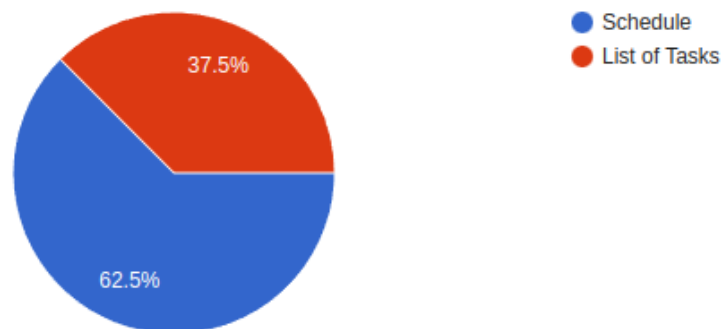
Do you currently use a todo/scheduling app?

8 responses



Would you prefer a schedule or a list of tasks?

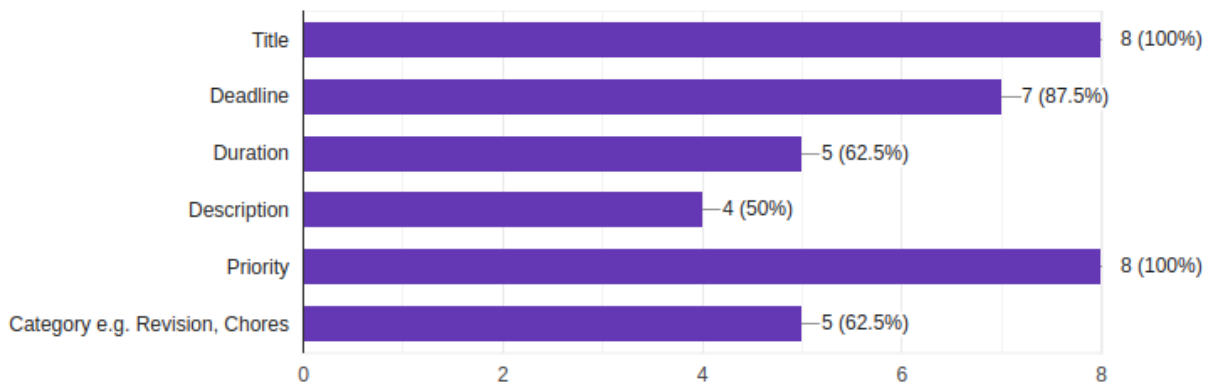
8 responses



When adding tasks, how much required information would you be willing to enter?

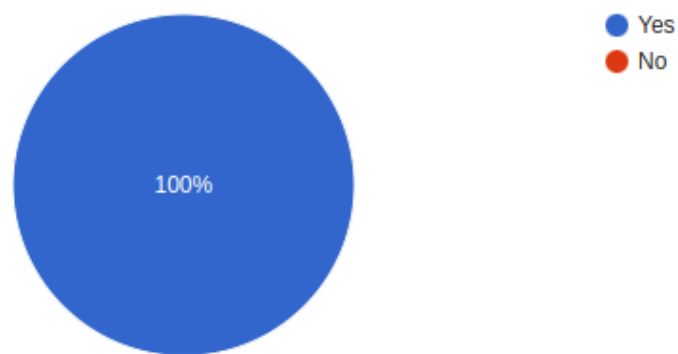
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8 responses



Do you find reminder notifications useful?

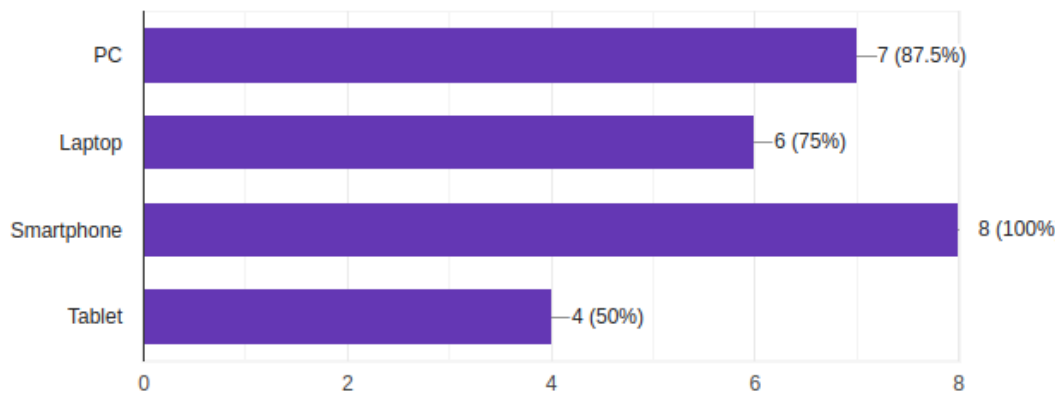
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What platforms would you use for a productivity app?

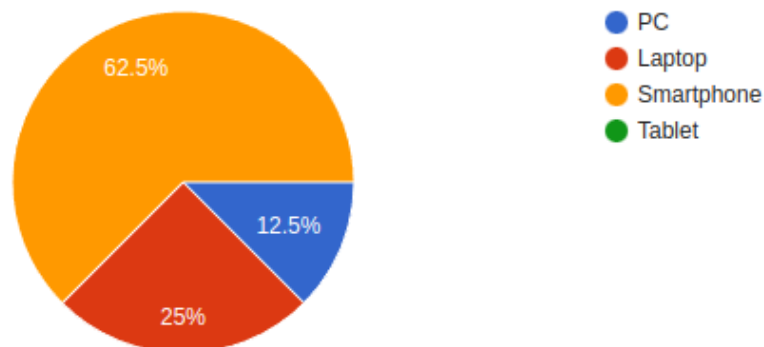
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If the app only worked on what platform, what should it be?

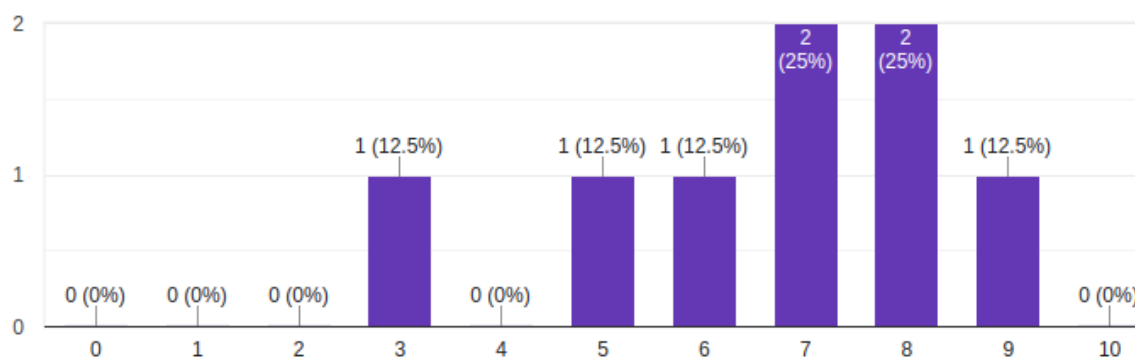
8 responses



How important is a good looking UI for you?

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3 responses



My first takeaway from this survey is that only 1 person is currently using a todo/scheduling app, I spoke to some of the participants after they took the interview, and all of them explained how they'd like to use one, but felt that all the existing solutions were missing features or were poor fits for their lifestyle. This is really promising as it shows that there is a demand that hopefully this project will fill. Some of the participants also agreed to try out my app once it's completed and give feedback.

The participants slightly preferred a schedule over a list of tasks, although this was very split so I will need to implement both for my website. When I spoke to some of the participants after, most of them said that schedules took too long to make by hand, or that they were too inflexible, this would be fixed by automatically generating a schedule like I'm planning to do.

Most participants said that they'd be happy inputting a title, deadline and priority for each task, so these are inputs I can design the scheduling algorithm around. Just under half of the participants said they wouldn't want to enter a duration, when I spoke to them after the survey I found the main reason was because they find it hard to guess how long something will,

this is a very important input for a scheduling algorithm, so I'll need to think of a way to address this.

All participants said they found reminder notifications useful, this will be one of my highest priority features. All candidates said that they would use the app on smartphones, so they should be my main platform, this was closely followed by PCs and laptops, so I will need to support those platforms too. I will not test for tablet support, but it might work out of the box depending on UI design. When asked for the most important platform for them, the majority of participants responded with smartphones, so this further highlights the importance of supporting smartphones.

Most participants said that a good looking UI was important for them, so I will need to make sure my UI is aesthetic.

Summary of Survey

- There is a large demand for a feature-complete todo/scheduling app among students
- Most people would like to use automatic scheduling
- Smartphones are the most important platform, followed by PCs/laptops
- Reminder notifications are one of the most important features
- UI needs to look good

Features of the Proposed Solution

Source	Feature	Priority	Explanation
Own Idea	Automatic Scheduling	High	This means that users don't need to keep deadlines and their todo list in their head to pick what tasks they need to do. Nearly all of the survey participants said they wanted this feature so I have made it high priority
Research	Todo List View	High	This allows users to easily view all of their tasks so they can be modified or deleted, nearly all similar apps had this feature so I've given it a high priority
Stakeholder	Repeated Tasks	High	Since my main stakeholder is students, who have lots of repeated tasks such as school and revision sessions, the app will need to handle repeated

			tasks well, so I've given it a high priority
Research	Reminder Notifications	High	Nearly all of the people who filled out the survey said reminder notifications were important to them, so I've given them a high priority
Research	Delaying tasks/ Take a break button	Medium	Many survey participants who I spoke to afterwards explained they would like a way of delaying tasks or taking a break for a length of time, this should be easy to add to the automatic scheduling system but not essential, so I've given it a medium priority
Research	API	Low	While speaking to survey participants, a few brought up making an API to get things like the current/upcoming task so they can use it in other projects, I would to make this but it is not essential so I've given it a low priority
Own Idea	Schedule View	Low	Being able to view the entire schedule at once might be a nice feature, but its quite hard to make and since the schedule can completely change I'm not sure if it would be useful, so I've given it a low priority

Limitations

The first limitation is that the user must be connected to the internet in order to access their task list/ schedule, I may be able to get some sort of local caching working, but if another device makes a change the the schedule it will not be updated until the first device reconnects to the internet.

Another limitation is that you cannot attach documents to tasks like you can in other solutions, this is because it adds a lot of complexity and its not a feature I or any of my peers I spoke to would use. You will also not be able to share your schedule with others.

In addition, I am only planning on supporting smartphones, PCs and laptops, tablet support will not be tested as I don't have a tablet to test with. I also don't plan on adding any integrations with other services such as email apps or GitHub as this adds a lot of complexity to the project, however I may look at doing this if I take this project further.

Finally, there will be no way to get a data dump of your task list to backup or store locally, and there will be no way of accessing the history of your schedule as this would be very expensive to store on the server.

Hardware and Software Requirements

PC/Laptop Minimum Requirements:

Item	Justification
Monitor	Users will need to be able to see the visual output of the website in order to use it
Keyboard	The user will need to be able to type information about the tasks into the web app, this could be done with a mouse and on-screen keyboard
Mouse	A mouse will be needed to interact with the web app, to select tasks and press buttons
Windows 10/11 or macOS 10.15 or a 64-bit Linux OS	The user will need a supported operating system to run an internet browser to access the website. These are the supported operating systems for Chrome
SSE3 capable processor/ Intel Pentium 4 and up	The user will need a supported CPU to run an internet browser. This is the requirement for Chrome
4GB of RAM or more	The user will need enough memory to run a browser smoothly, this is taken from the Chrome requirements
1GB of harddrive space	The user will need to have a web browser installed which usually takes up 1GB

Mobile Minimum Requirements:

Item	Justification
Touchscreen	Users will need to be able to see the website and interact with it through a touchscreen

Android 8.0+ or iOS 10.0+	Minimum supported OSes for Chrome/Safari respectively
2GB of RAM or more	This is listed as Chrome and Safari's minimum memory requirements, this is lower than on PCs likely because mobile browsers are more memory optimised
1GB of harddrive space	The user will need to have a web browser installed which usually takes up 1GB

Success Criteria

Inputs

Criteria	Explanation	Measure
The user should be able to add tasks with a title, deadline, duration, repeat scheduling and priority easily on both desktop and mobile platforms	Users need to be able to add tasks as they think of them, else they might forget and it won't be added to their schedule. If adding tasks is complicated or takes too long then people just won't add them	During evaluation, I will ask those who tested the app how easy they felt it was to add tasks
The user should be able to edit tasks and delete them	Tasks can change as users realise they might take longer than estimate, or the deadline might move, or someone else might do the task for them, the app needs to facilitate this by letting users edit and delete tasks	During evaluation, I will check if I implemented this feature, as well as asking testers whether they were aware of the feature
The user should be able to mark tasks as complete easily	Tasks need to be easily marked as complete else users might forget which would mean the schedule will desync	During evaluation, I will ask testers how easy they felt it was to mark a task as complete
The user should be able to take a break for any length of time, which will clear their schedule	If users are taking a break, the app needs to not schedule any tasks for that time else the schedule will desync	During evaluation, I will check I added this feature, as well as if testers found it worked and was useful

Outputs

Criteria	Explanation	Measure
The user should be able to see a list of tasks	The users will need to manage their tasks,	During evaluation, I will ask for feedback

and their information easily	this could include editing them, deleting them and more. This information needs to be nicely presented to the user	on how tasks were presented to testers
The user should be able to quickly see their current task and upcoming tasks on their schedule	Users could want to check what task they need to do, or prepare for upcoming ones	During evaluation, I will ask testers on how the current and upcoming tasks were presented
The user should be sent reminder notifications when they need to start a new task	As I found in my survey, users want to be reminded of their task when they need to start it, so they don't have to constantly check the app	During evaluation, I will ask for feedback on how reliable and useful the reminder notification were
The website should be aesthetic and intuitive to use	As I found in the survey, UIs that are both aesthetic and easy to use are quite important for most people	I will ask testers about whether the UI was easy to use and whether it looked good on their devices

Processing

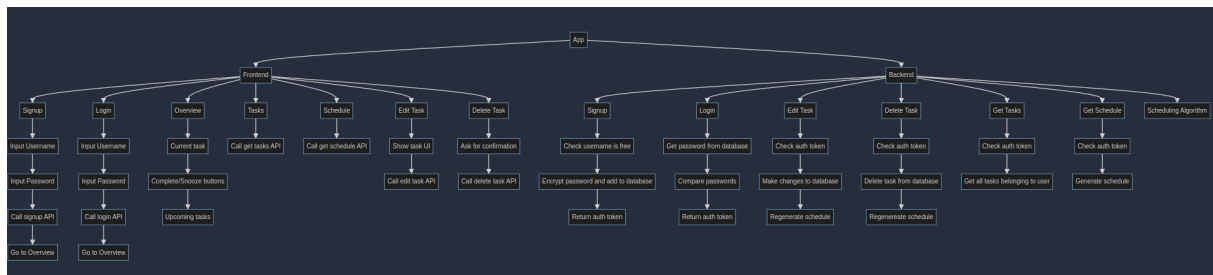
Criteria	Explanation	Measure
When a user makes any change to their task list, it should be stored on the server	Users might want to use the app on multiple devices, meaning tasks have to be synced across them. For this a user's task list must be stored in a database with APIs for getting and modifying the task list	I will ask testers if they found task syncing and persistence to be reliable, or if they lost any task information between devices
A schedule should be generated for the users task list	As I found by talking to people that took the survey, many people want a personal schedule to follow, but don't want to have to schedule it themselves because it takes too long and isn't flexible. By generating a schedule on-the-fly	I will ask testers how they found the generated schedule

	it becomes nearly instant and flexible as another schedule can be generated at any time	
When a user makes any change to their task list or decides to take a break, the schedule should be regenerated	The schedule need to be synchronised with a user's task list, otherwise its not useful, so it must be regenerated on any change	I will ask testers how reliable they felt the schedule regeneration was
Generated schedules should meet all deadlines and prioritise tasks correctly	If a schedule doesn't fit the user's task list, then its not very useful	I will check generated schedules against a user's task list when implementing the algorithm

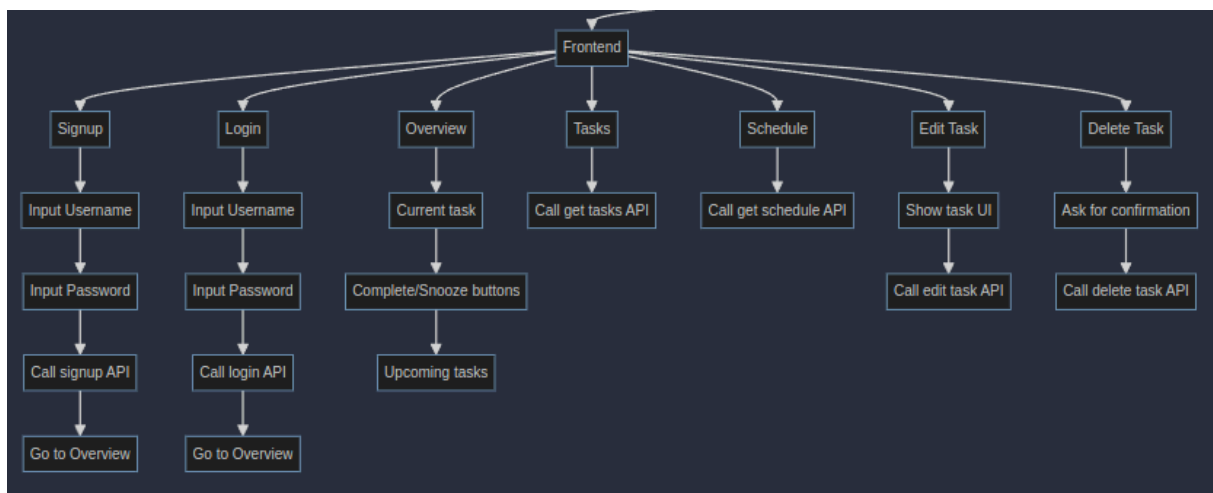
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Decomposition

Full Diagram

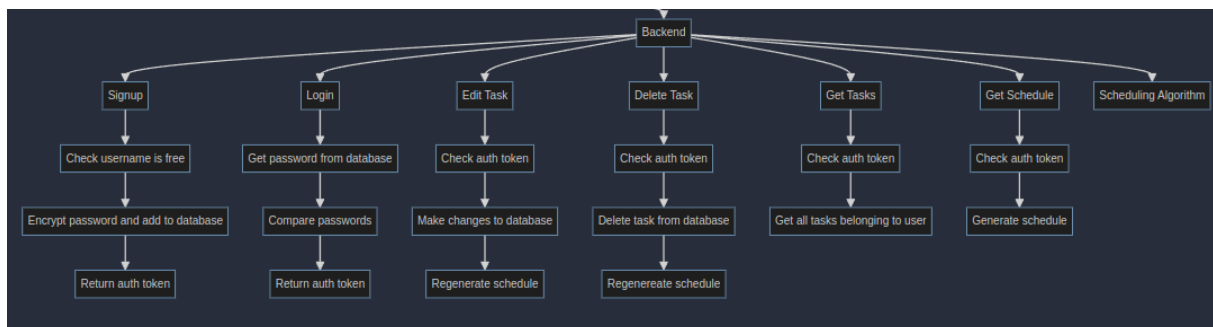


Frontend



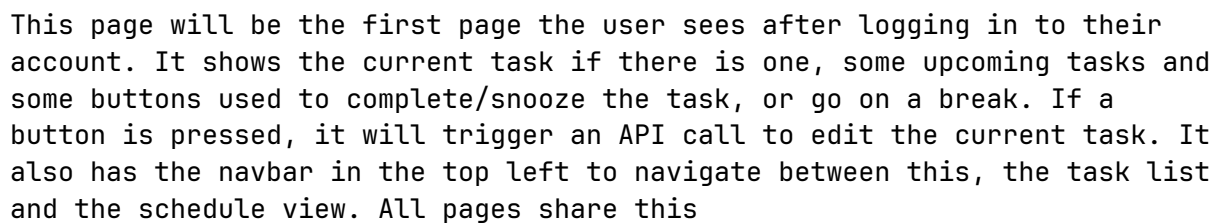
This shows the different pages and operations I will need to implement on the frontend, I chose this as my

Backend



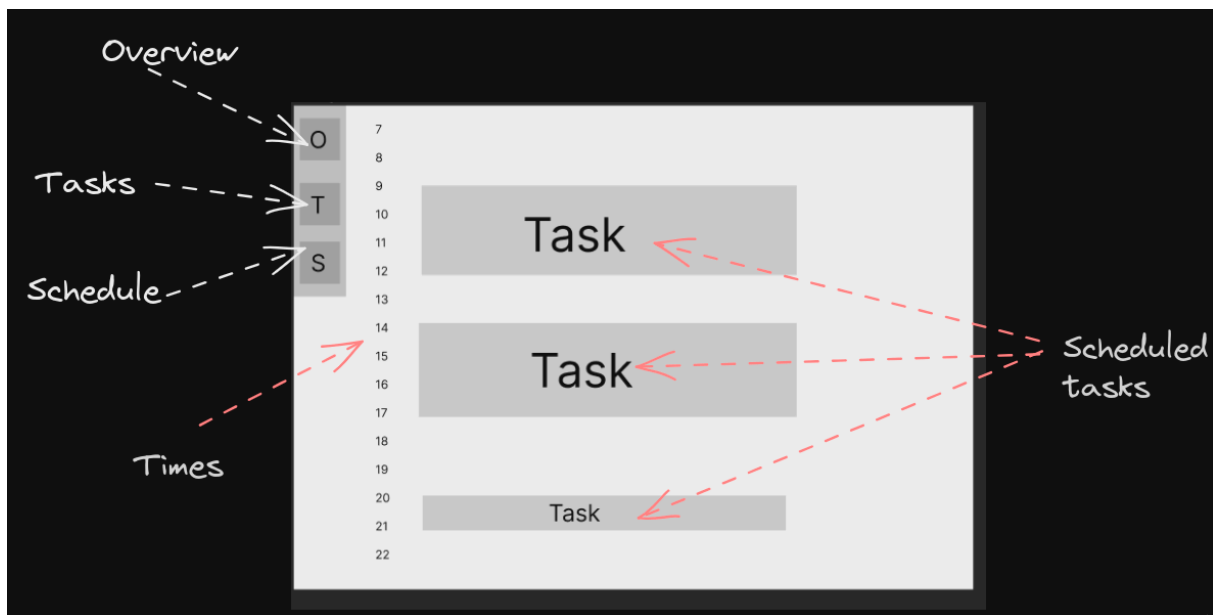
This shows the different API routes I will need to implement on the backend, these will be used by the frontend. I've left out the scheduling algorithm as I cover it properly below

Overview Page

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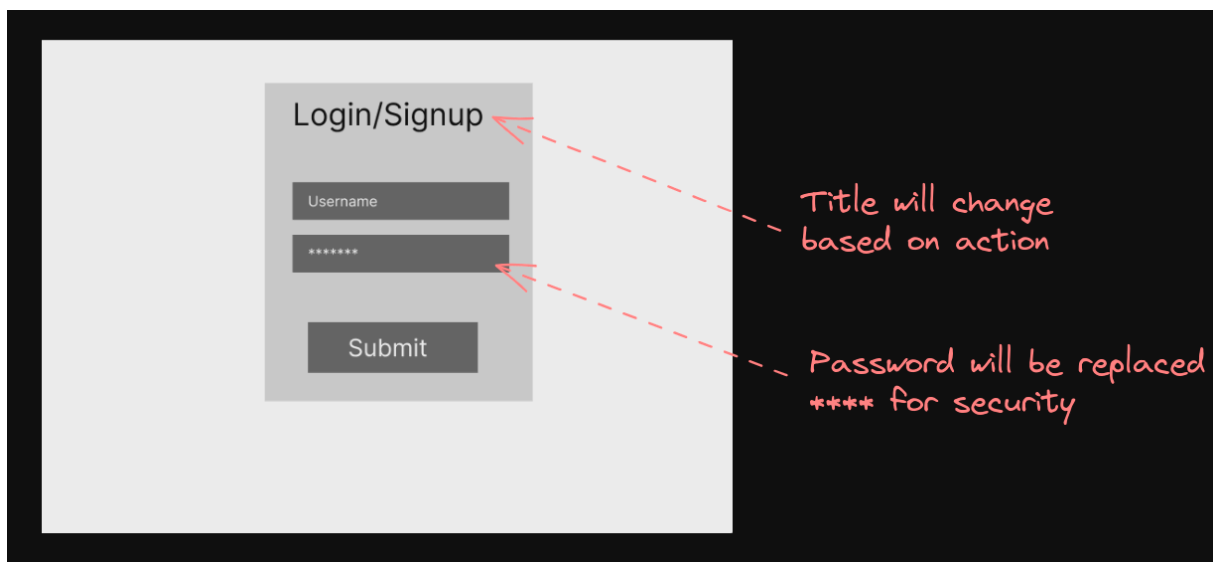
This page is a grid-like view of a users tasks, it will be sorted by scheduled start time, but the sorting can be changed, by clicking on a task it will pop up the task editing UI.

Schedule Page



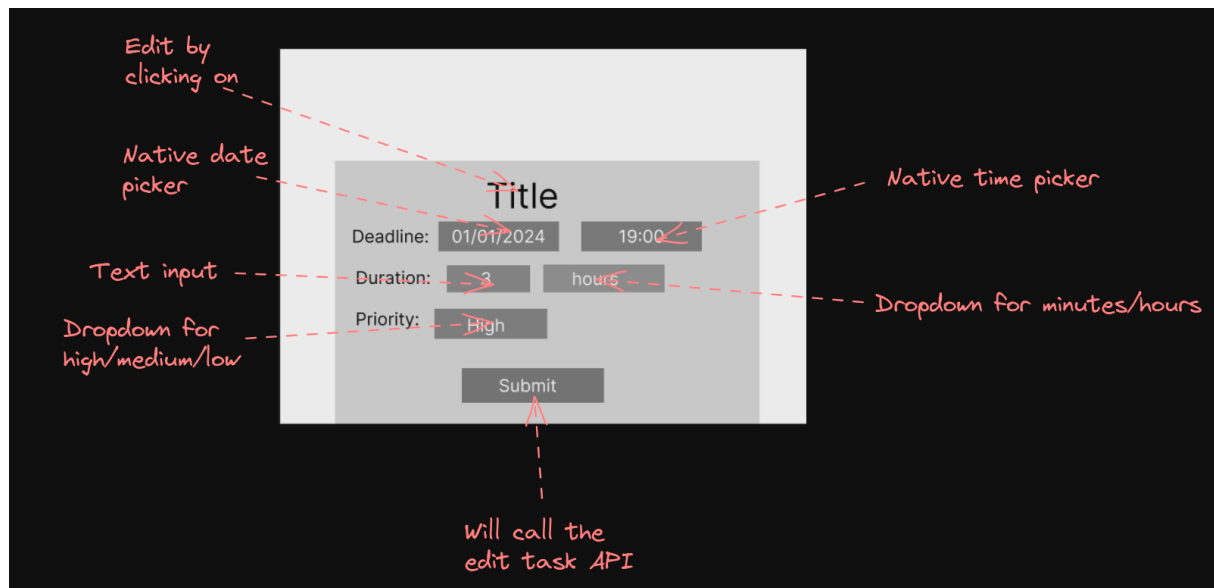
This page shows the users schedule for the day, I chose to only make it the current day as the dynamic schedule will probably move tasks around quite a lot, and I don't want users to see a schedule that will likely change. By clicking on a task it opens up the task editing UI

Signup/Login Page



This page is what users will use to sign up for and log in to their account, from here the user will be redirected to the overview page. When the submit button is pressed the login/signup API route will be called.

Edit Task Popup



This will pop up from the bottom of the screen whenever the user click on a task in any of the 3 main pages. To simplify input validation, I've chosed to use on dropdowns, native date and time pickers as much as possible. I'm not sure if the title editting by clicking on it will be obvious so I might change that design if its an issue

Algorithms

Signup

On the frontend this algorithm needs to run some basic validation and then call the signup backend API with the inputted username and password. The server will then check the username if the username is free, if it is then it creates a new account, generates a login token and returns it to the frontend which will then save it, before going to the overview page.

```
function signup_frontend(username, password) {
  if username.is_empty() or password.is_empty() {
    return;
  }

  token = signup_backend(username, password);
  // Error handling
  save_login_token(token);
  goto("overview")
}

function signup_backend(username, password) {
  existing_users = get_users();
  if existing_users.contains(username) {
    return ERR_USERNAME_TAKEN;
  }

  user = add_user(username, password);
  token = generate_login_token(user);
  return token;
}
```

Login

On the frontend this algorithm needs to run some basic validation and then call the login backend API with the inputted username and password. The server will then check the username and password are correct, if it is then it generates a login token and returns it to the frontend which will then save it, before going to the overview page.

```
function login_frontend(username, password) {
  if username.is_empty() or password.is_empty() {
    return;
  }

  token = login_backend(username, password);
  // Error handling
  save_login_token(token);
  goto("overview")
}

function login_backend(username, password) {
  user = get_user(username); // Get user with username from database, null if doesn't exist

  if user == null {
    return ERR_USER_DOES_NOT_EXIST;
  }

  if password != user.password {
    return ERR_PASSWORD_INCORRECT;
  }

  token = generate_login_token(user);
  return token;
}
```

Get Tasks API

This algorithm is used by the frontend to fetch the list of tasks to display in the todo list view.

```
function get_tasks(token) {
  user = get_user_from_token(token);
  tasks = get_tasks().filter(task => task.owner == user);
  return tasks;
}
```

Get Schedule API

This algorithm is used by the frontend to fetch the schedule to display the current and upcoming tasks in the overview page.

```
function get_schedule(token) {
  user = get_user_from_token(token);
  schedule = get_schedules().filter(schedule => schedule.owner == user)[0]; // A user will only have one schedule
  return schedule;
}
```

Edit Task API

This algorithm edits a task stored in the database, the schedule must be regenerated to keep it up to date

```
function edit_task(token, oldTask, newTask) {
  user = get_user_from_token(token);
  if user != oldTask.owner { return ERR_UNAUTHORISED; }
}
```

```

    edit_task_query(oldTask, newTask);
    generate_schedule(user);
}

```

Delete Task API

This algorithm deleted a task stored in the database, the schedule must be regenerated to keep it up to date

```

function delete_task(token, task) {
    user = get_user_from_token(token);
    if user != task.owner { return ERR_UNAUTHORISED; }
    delete_task_query(task);
    generate_schedule(user);
}

```

Generate Schedule

This algorithm takes a list of tasks and returns a schedule with every task somewhere on it, this algorithm will be developed properly as I iterate on the implemented version, so for now I've picked a very simple algorithm which will be optimised in the future. All it currently does is sort the tasks by the deadline and then packs them into the schedule.

```

struct ScheduledTask {
    start: Time,
    end: Time,
    task: Task
}

type Schedule = Array<ScheduledTask>

function generate_schedule(tasks: Array<Task>, day_start: Time, day_end: Time) -> Schedule {
    sorted = tasks.sort(a, b => a.deadline - b.deadline);
    start = now();
    schedule = [];
    for task in sorted {
        if day_end < (start + task.duration) { // If the task would finish after the day's ended,
move it to the beginning of the next day
            start = day_start;
        }

        schedule.push(ScheduledTask { start, end: start + task.duration, task }); // Add the task
to the schedule
        start += task.duration; // Advance the start time by the task's duration
    }
    return schedule;
}

```

This algorithm has a lot of flaws, like it doesn't pack tasks at the end of a day and doesn't necessarily meet all deadlines, but it will work the majority of the time, and I can improve it once the rest of the product is built.

Data Types

```

struct User {
    username: String,
    password: String,
}

struct Task {
    title: String,
    duration: Duration,
}

```

```

    deadline: Time,
    owner: User
}

struct ScheduledTask {
    start: Time,
    end: Time,
    task: Task
}

struct Schedule {
    tasks: Array<ScheduledTask>,
    owner: User
}

```

Validation

Most validation has been included in algorithms planning, but I will need to ensure User references in the Schedule and Task struct are valid when I use them to ensure the program is robust.

Testing

I will take an iterative approach to testing where after each feature is implemented I will run the associated tests to check its working, if it doesn't work then I'll fix it before moving on to the next iteration.

Login

No.	Description	Data	Expected
L1	Log in with a correct username and password	Valid	Login succeeds and returns a auth token
L2	Log in with a username that does not exist	Invalid	Error is raised and user is asked to sign up
L3	Log in with a correct username and invalid password	Invalid	Error is raised and user is asked to recheck their password
L4	Log in with either an empty username or password	Invalid	Error is raised and user is asked to fill username and password boxes
L5	Goes to log in page while already logged in	Boundary	User is redirected to overview page

Signup

No.	Description	Data	Expected
S1	Sign up with an unused username and password	Valid	Sign up succeeds and returns a auth token
S2	Sign up with a used username	Invalid	Error is raised and user is asked to choose a different username
S3	Sign up with either an empty username or password	Invalid	Error is raised and user is asked to fill username and password boxes

S4	Goes to sign up page while already logged in	Valid	User is redirected to overview page
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Overview

No.	Description	Data	Expected
01	Go to page while there is a current task	Valid	Page shows current task, remaining time, and other information
02	Go to page while there is not a current task	Valid	Page shows there is no task and shows the next upcoming task
03	Complete button pressed while there is a current task	Valid	Completes the task, regenerates schedule and updates page
04	Complete button pressed while there is no current task	Invalid	Errors saying there is no ongoing task
05	Snooze button pressed while there is a current task	Valid	Snoozes the task, regenerates the schedule and updates page
06	Snooze button pressed while there is no current task	Invalid	Errors saying there is no ongoing task
07	Break button pressed	Valid	Pop up prompting for break duration
08	Duration entered into break popup	Valid	Clears all task for the entered duration, regenerates schedule and updates the page
09	Task list button pressed	Valid	Goes to task list page
010	Schedule list button pressed	Valid	Goes to schedule view page
011	Overview button pressed	Valid	Nothing happens
012	Any task pressed	Valid	Task edit UI appears

Task List

No.	Description	Data	Expected
T1	Go to page	Valid	See a list of all tasks
T2	Click on any task	Valid	Opens task edit UI
T3	Overview button pressed	Valid	Goes to overview page
T4	Task list button pressed	Valid	Does nothing
T5	Schedule button pressed	Valid	Goes the schedule view page

Task Edit

No.	Description	Data	Expected
E1	Delete button pressed	Valid	Task deleted and schedule regenerated
E2	Title edited to a non-empty value	Valid	Task title changed

E3	Title edited to an empty value	Invalid	Error message appears saying tasks must have a title
E4	Deadline edited	Valid	Task deadline changed, schedule regenerated
E5	Duration edited to a non-zero value	Valid	Task duration changed, schedule regenerated
E6	Duration edited to a zero	Invalid	Error appears saying tasks must have a duration
E7	Priority changed	Valid	Task priority changed, schedule regenerated

Schedule Generation

No.	Description	Data	Expected
G1	Schedule generated with valid list of tasks	Valid	All tasks are scheduled to be completed before their deadline
G2	Schedule generated with valid list of tasks	Valid	All tasks are scheduled to take their duration
G3	Schedule generated with impossible list of tasks	Invalid	Error raised about impossible task list
G4	Schedule generated with valid list of tasks	Valid	Tasks with higher priorities are often scheduled before tasks with lower priorities

Schedule View

Will come up with these once I've decided more about the schedule view

Implementation

Tech Stack

When making web apps there is a massive choice in frameworks and libraries to help with making reactive websites in JavaScript, such as React, Vue, Svelte, SolidJS, and even new WebAssembly libraries like Leptos and Yew which are both written in Rust. I need my app to load anywhere, including places with slow internet so I need my bundle sizes to be as small as possible, so that means frameworks like React, Vue, Leptos and Yew won't be a good fit as they come with large library bloat. Whereas Svelte and SolidJS both compile away when building the website meaning the bundle will be kept small, and only contain the code I use. I've used Svelte in the past and I want to learn something new so I've chosen to use SolidJS for my frontend library.

For the backend, I've also chosen SolidJS as I'm planning to use a fullstack framework based on SolidJS called SolidStart, this allows me to write the website frontend and the backend API in one codebase.

Authentication

Since most of the other features depend on authentication, for example the timetable needs an owner, I've chosen to start with it. Firstly, I designed a login and sign up page based on the UI mockups I created earlier:

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The base HTML code for this is as follows, I've used some prebuilt components from a library called solid-ui and then modified them to my preference:

```
<Card class="mx-auto my-16 max-w-[320px]">
  <CardHeader>
    <CardTitle>Sign Up</CardTitle>
  </CardHeader>
  <CardContent>
    <Label for="username">Username</Label>
    <Input onInput={(e) => set("username", e.target.value)} type="username" id="username"
placeholder="Username" autocomplete="username" />
    <br />
    <Label for="password">Password</Label>
    <Input onInput={(e) => set("password", e.target.value)} type="password" id="password"
placeholder="Password" autocomplete="new-password" />
    <br />
    <Label for="confirm">Confirm Password</Label>
    <Input onInput={(e) => set("confirm", e.target.value)} type="password" id="confirm"
placeholder="Confirm Password" autocomplete="new-password" />
  </CardContent>
  <CardFooter>
    <Button onClick={() => signup()} class="w-full" type="submit">Sign Up</Button>
  </CardFooter>
</Card>
```

The form inputs are all placed into a card element then gives the border around the outside, I've also registered the event functions that update the fields in the JavaScript, as well as the button on click event handler.

Next I had to call the server API for signup when the button was pressed, which I used the following JS:

```
const [fields, setFields] = createStore({ username: "", password: "", confirm: "" });

const signup = async () => {
  // Send POST request to signup with username and password
  const res = await fetch("/api/signup", {
    method: "POST",
    body: JSON.stringify({ username: fields.username, password: fields.password })
  });

  if (res.status === 409) { // Username conflict
    setTaken(true);
    return;
  }

  if (!res.ok) return; // Return if other failure

  showToast({ title: `Welcome ${fields.username}!`, description: "Going to overview..." }); //
  Pop up

  const token = await res.text();
  localStorage.setItem("token", token); // Save token for later
}
```

```
// Clear errors
const set = (field: "username" | "password" | "confirm", value: string) => {
  setFields(field, value);
};
```

This doesn't do any data validation at the moment, but I just want to get something working. The input data is stored in a SolidJS store, which will update any code that uses it when something changes. Next I moved onto the server-side to build up the api route:

For the database, I've decided to use MongoDB as its simple and I can host it online for free, to interface with it I've chosen to use a library called mongoose which allows me to create schemas and easily manage a connection. Before I started on the API route I needed to connect to the database:

```
import mongoose, { Schema } from "mongoose"
import dotenv from "dotenv"

//get variables from .env
dotenv.config()

//connect to local mongoose server
mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGO_URI)

mongoose.connection
.on("open", () => console.log("Connected to Mongoose"))
.on("error", (error) => console.log(error))

const userSchema = new Schema({
  username: String,
  password: String
})

export const User = mongoose.model("User", userSchema)
```

This loads a URI to connect to from my .env file, this means I don't have to hardcode the database URI which will help keep my database secret and allow me to quickly change it later. Once connected it logs a message to the console and creates a User schema which for now just has a username and a password.

Now I have a database to work with, I started to work on the API route:

```
const SALT_ROUNDS = 10;

export async function POST({ request }: APIEvent) {
  const { username, password } = await request.json();
  if (username == null || password == null) {
    return new Response("Missing field", { status: 400 });
  }

  // TODO: Check username is free
  const existing = await User.findOne({ username });
  if (existing != null) {
    console.log(existing);
    return new Response("Username taken", { status: 409 });
  }

  const hashed = await bcrypt.hash(password, SALT_ROUNDS);
```



```

const user = new User();
user.username = username;
user.password = hashed;
await user.save();

const token = jwt.sign({ username }, process.env.JWT_SECRET);

return new Response(token);
}

```

This code gets the username and password out of the incoming request from the frontend, it also checks these both are present before continuing, else it responds with an error code. Then the route queries the database to check there aren't any users with the same username, if there are the route returns a 409 Conflict code and an error will be displayed on the website. Next the password is hashed using bcrypt to ensure no passwords will be leaked in the case of a data breach, this is more secure than standard encryption because hashing is a one way function its very hard to get the password back from the hashed form, even if you have the key used to hash it. This is not true for standard encryption algorithms, as if you have the key most encrypted data can be easily decrypted to get back the original passwords.

Next the user record is created and filled out using the username and the hashed password, and then saved to the database. Finally the username is encoded into a JSON Web Token, which is a nice why of encrypting some data into a token, with an encrypted secret that can be used to confirm the token was issued by the server. The JWT will be used to authenticate the user in other API routes.

Signup Testing

Now that the signup UI has been made and the API route was written, I decided to do a small test to check that the user account is created in the database and the JWT issued is valid.

Test Id	Test Title	Expected	Outcome	Fix
S1	Sign up with an unused username and password	Sign up succeeds and returns a auth token	Record is created in database and token is issued	
S2	Sign up with a used username	Error is raised and user is asked to choose a different username	API route fails but no error is visibly raised	Display error in UI
S3	Sign up with either an empty username or password	Error is raised and user is asked to fill username and password boxes	API route fails but no error is visibly raised	Display error in UI

S4	Goes to sign up page while already logged in	User is redirected to overview page	N/A	
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The API route was working well but the UI was not raising any errors about empty fields or the username being taken, so I decided to add some red labels next to the fields to explain the issue.

```
<Label for="username">Username</Label>
<Input onInput={(e) => set("username", e.target.value)} type="username" id="username"
placeholder="Username" autocomplete="username" />
{empty.username ? <p class="text-red-500">Cannot be empty</p> : <></>}
{taken() ? <p class="text-red-500">Username taken</p> : <></>}
<br />
<Label for="password">Password</Label>
<Input onInput={(e) => set("password", e.target.value)} type="password" id="password"
placeholder="Password" autocomplete="new-password" />
{empty.password ? <p class="text-red-500">Cannot be empty</p> : <></>}
<br />
<Label for="confirm">Confirm Password</Label>
<Input onInput={(e) => set("confirm", e.target.value)} type="password" id="confirm"
placeholder="Confirm Password" autocomplete="new-password" />
{empty.confirm ? <p class="text-red-500">Cannot be empty</p> : <></>}
{mismatch() ? <p class="text-red-500">Passwords do not match</p> : <></>}
```

This UI toggles error labels if different values are set when processing the submit request. Next I needed to write the JS code to toggle the values depending on the issue with the users input:

```
const [empty, setEmpty] = createStore({ username: false, password: false, confirm: false });
const [mismatch, setMismatch] = createSignal(false);
const [taken, setTaken] = createSignal(false);
```

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...
```

```
let error = false;

// Username empty
if (fields.username == "") {
  setEmpty("username", true);
  error = true;
}

// Password empty
if (fields.password == "") {
  setEmpty("password", true);
  error = true;
}

// Confirm password empty
if (fields.confirm == "") {
  setEmpty("confirm", true);
  error = true;
}

// Mismatch
if (fields.password != fields.confirm) {
  setMismatch(true);
  error = true;
}
```

```

    if (error) return;

    // Send POST request to signup with username and password
    const res = await fetch("/api/signup", {
      method: "POST",
      body: JSON.stringify({ username: fields.username, password: fields.password })
    });

    if (res.status === 409) { // Username conflict
      setTaken(true);
      return;
    }

    ...

```

This code raises errors if any of the fields are empty, or if the passwords don't match, or if the username is taken and shows a red label in the UI.

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Signup Error Testing

Test Id	Test Title	Expected	Outcome	Fix
S1	Sign up with an unused username and password	Sign up succeeds and returns a auth token	Record is created in database and token is issued	
S2	Sign up with a used username	Error is raised and user is asked to choose a different username	API route fails and error appears in UI	
S3	Sign up with either an empty username or password	Error is raised and user is asked to fill username and password boxes	API route fails and error appears in UI	
S4	Goes to sign up page while already logged in	User is redirected to overview page	N/A	

With the sign in page success criteria fully met, except for S4 which depends on the overview page, I decided to move onto the login page

Login

Firstly I took the signup UI and duplicated it as I thought it would be easier to modify it into a login view:

```

<Card class="mx-auto my-16 max-w-[320px]">
  <CardHeader>
    <CardTitle>Login</CardTitle>
  </CardHeader>
  <CardContent>
    <Label for="username">Username</Label>
    <Input onInput={(e) => set("username", e.target.value)} type="username" id="username"
placeholder="Username" autocomplete="username" />
    {empty.username ? <p class="text-red-500">Cannot be empty</p> : <></>}
    {incorrect() ? <p class="text-red-500">Incorrect username or password</p> : <></>}
    <br />

```

```

    <Label for="password">Password</Label>
    <Input onInput={ (e) => set("password", e.target.value)} type="password" id="password"
placeholder="Password" autocomplete="new-password" />
    {empty.password ? <p class="text-red-500">Cannot be empty</p> : <></>}
    {incorrect() ? <p class="text-red-500">Incorrect username or password</p> : <></>}
  </CardContent>
  <CardFooter>
    <Button onClick={ () => login()} class="w-full" type="submit">Login</Button>
  </CardFooter>
</Card>

```

This is very similar to the signup UI with the confirm password input removed and the error messages changed slightly, next I moved onto the verification login and sending the request to the server:

```

const [empty, setEmpty] = createStore({ username: false, password: false });
const [fields, setFields] = createStore({ username: "", password: "" });
const [incorrect, setIncorrect] = createSignal(false);

const login = async () => {
  let error = false;

  if (fields.username == "") {
    setEmpty("username", true);
    error = true;
  }

  if (fields.password == "") {
    setEmpty("password", true);
    error = true;
  }

  if (error) return;

  const res = await fetch("/api/login", {
    method: "POST",
    body: JSON.stringify({ username: fields.username, password: fields.password })
  });

  if (res.status === 401) {
    setIncorrect(true);
    return;
  }

  if (!res.ok) return;

  showToast({ title: `Welcome ${fields.username}!`, description: "Going to overview..." });
  const token = await res.text();
  localStorage.setItem("token", token);
}

const set = (field: "username" | "password", value: string) => {
  setFields(field, value);
  setEmpty(field, false);
};

```

With the frontend page finished, I moved onto the API route. It needs to get the user record from the database using the username from the request, and then compare the hashed password with the password from the request. If the username and the password is correct, then a JWT is generated similar to the signup API and returned to the frontend:

```

export async function POST({ request }: APIEvent) {
  const {username, password} = await request.json();

  const user = await User.findOne({username});
  if (!await bcrypt.compare(password, user.password)) {
    return new Response("Incorrect username or password", {status: 401})
  }

  const token = jwt.sign({username}, process.env.JWT_SECRET);
  return new Response(token)
}

```

With login route finished I decided to test it:

Login Testing

Test Id	Test Title	Expected	Outcome	Fix
L1	Log in with a correct username and password	Login succeeds and returns a auth token	As expected	
L2	Log in with a username that does not exist	Error is raised and user is asked to sign up	As expected	
L3	Log in with a correct username and invalid password	Error is raised and user is asked to recheck their password	As expected	
L4	Log in with either an empty username or password	Error is raised and user is asked to fill username and password boxes	As expected	
L5	Goes to log in page while already logged in	User is redirected to overview page	N/A	

All tests passed except for the one that requires the overview page, which is what I decided to work on next.