

Homework #4

Points: 15

Deadlines:

Groups 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5: 15 December, 2024, 23:59

Groups 6 and 7: 17 December, 2024, 23:59

The main aim of this homework is to assess your capabilities concerning the use of Node.js, PostgreSQL database, JWT, and Vue.js to create the front-end and back-end of a simple “secure” App.

Your App will be similar to what we did in week 12 and week 13, with several new tasks. In short, the **App** will offer a **front-end** that allows authenticated users to see the homepage, which will fetch and present all already added posts from a table in the database. A logged-in user can **add new posts, and update, and delete existing ones**. The front-end will depend on the back-end (Node.js App) which, in turn, will depend on a database. The back-end and database are expected to handle the various requests coming from the front-end and allow the App to work properly.

Detailed information about the App:

The Front-end (Vue.js) App should offer the following “pages”

- a. The home page (details will follow about its content) should be protected, i.e., only authenticated users can reach/access it.
- b. A contact us “page” (not protected) that contains just basic contact us information. **Note:** you can simply change the “About page” (created by Vue.js) to the “Contacts page”.
- c. A signup “page” that allows a user to register by providing her email and password. The signup “page” should look close enough to Figure 1a (**2 points**).
- d. A login “page” that allows a registered user to login by providing her email and password. The login “page” should contain a button that, when pressed, should redirect the user to the signup “page”. The login “page” should look close enough to Figure 1b (**2 points**).

Note: The points for (c and d) are assigned based on the provided functionalities. For example, you get two points for “c” if your signup “page” sends the credentials (email and password) of the user to the server, and the server checks if such a user exists. If not, it will insert the credentials in the database. Then, create a JWT and return it to the client.

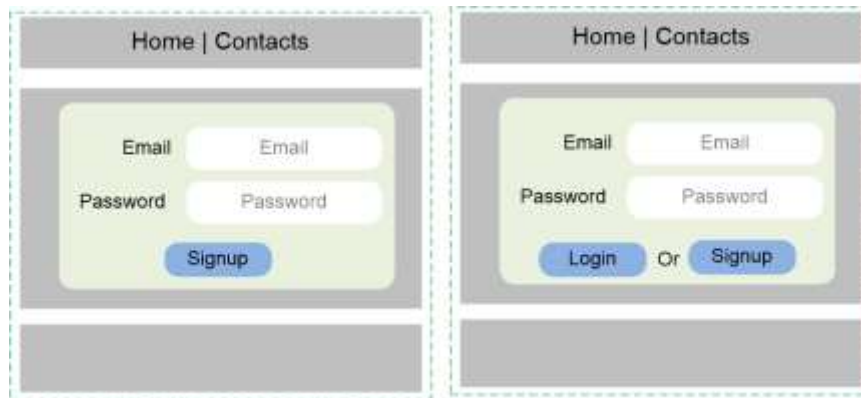


Figure 1a

Figure 1b

The home “page” should:

- Automatically **fetches and presents** all posts from the **database (1 point)**;
- Each listed post should be **clickable** and when clicked, it should redirect you to “a post” page (details about the content of this page will follow) - **(0.5 points)**.
- includes a “**logout**” button that, when clicked, will **logout the user and redirect her to the login page (1 point)**.
- includes an “**add post**” button that, when clicked, **will redirect the user to the add post “page”** (details about the content of this page will follow) **(0.5 points)**.
- includes a “**delete all**” button, that when clicked will delete all the posts from the **database (2 points)**.

The home page should look close enough to Figure 2

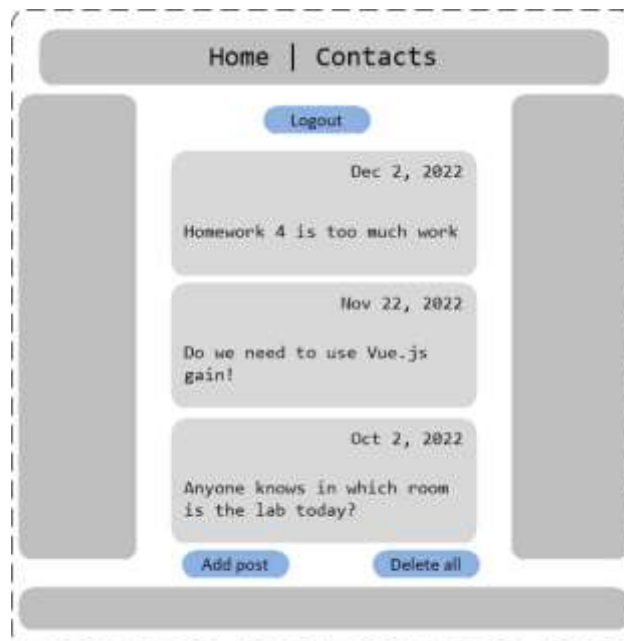


Figure 2

The **add post “page”** should allow only a logged-in user to add a post, and it should look close enough to Figure 3 (2 points).

Note: you are adding only the body of the post through the **add post “page”**, but a post has a date too (**check Figure 2**).

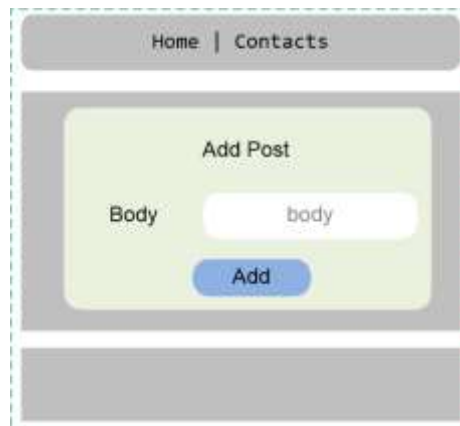


Figure 3

The **a post “page”** should fetch and present a specific post (the one clicked on in the homepage) from the database (1 point), and it should contain two buttons:

- update, when pressed on, will update the post in the database (1 point); and
- deletes, when pressed on, will delete the post from the database (1 point).

The **a post “page”** should look close enough to Figure 4.

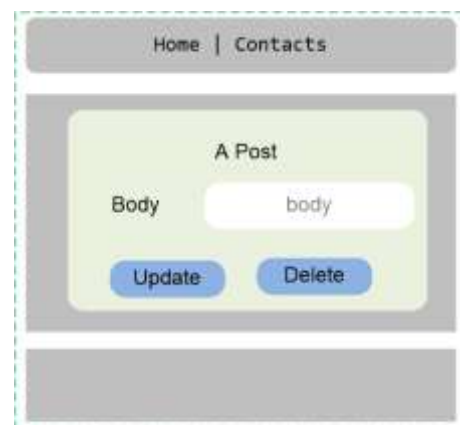


Figure 4

Note: if a user is not logged in, she should not be allowed to reach/access **“a post”** or **“add post” “pages”** (1 point).

Important note:

Back-end

Your back-end will be working as an end-point (we will be dealing only with JSON data format, no static files (e.g., images)). Your back-end should be able to handle all **required** CRUD operation requests coming from the front-end.

Security:

You can only use **JWT-related techniques** for the authentication in your App.

Database:

Any table required for your App should be created automatically when you run your back-end App just like we did in week 12 and week 13.

Rules for homework submission and discussion

1. Through Moodle, submit a text file (*.txt) that contains your **Team code**, Name(s), and a **valid and accessible link to the repository** that contains your **homework**. You can make your repo **private** but you need to add your teacher and me as collaborators. Still, you need to submit the link to it through Moodle.
Note: if the **link** to your **repository** is **not accessible** or **valid** for any reason, you might not be allowed to discuss your homework or at least you will lose **5 points**.
2. You are **not allowed to modify** the content of your repo **after the deadline**.
3. You are **not allowed** to share the link to your repository with anyone **except your lab teacher and the course lecturer**.
4. You **must send** the link to your repository to your teacher via a **direct message** in Slack, and include the **team number**, and name(s) in the message.
5. **All team members should attend the discussion** of their homework; you **will not be allowed to discuss** if your team **is not complete**. If you already know that your team will not be complete because one or more of the members cannot attend due to another commitment, **contact me** as soon as possible and we can find a solution.
6. You have to submit your homework by the defined deadline, and **you will lose 0.5 point for each hour of delay**.

The previous rules will be strictly enforced and there will be no exceptions