User Guide

IMPORTANT NOTE: Cookies must be enabled for the deployed version to work. This is because JWTs are stored in cookies and they serve as access to most pages.

To access the deployed version of the webapp, <u>Click Here</u> (<u>https://frontend-2w5ghaldaq-as.a.run.app</u>)

To set-up locally:

- 1. Download the files from github.com/lamchenghouu/cca-forum as a .zip file. Unzip it an open both react-forum-local and nus-cca-forum-backend-local in an IDE of your choice. (I use Visual Studio Code)
- 2. On the frontend, run npm install in the Terminal.
- 3. Backend is set to run on port 3004 (you may edit this in main.go) while the front end will run on port 3000 while accessing the database on Axios via port 3004. (you may edit this in index.tsx)
- 4. To host the database locally, use software like MySQL Workbench 5.0. Connect to an instance of MySQL. You will likely encounter a username and password authentication. Personally, I used root as my username and sushi15theb3st_1! as my password. Your username and password might differ so please edit the following line gorm.Open(mysql.Open("root:sushi15theb3st_1!@/nus_cca_forum"), &gorm.Config{}) in database/database.go accordingly.
- 5. Open MySQL Workbench and create a new schema named nus_cca_forum, then go to the top Menu > Server > Data Import > Import from Disk. Select Import from Dump Project Folder and select the dump folder (containing .sql database file) found in my repository. It should say import is successful. Check that the tables are populated.
- 6. If you encounter any issues with this, please contact me as I've tested it on my device. Or, you can use the deployed web version.
- 7. Next, run go run main.go or go run . in the VSCode Terminal (where backend is opened). Wait for the Fiber output to show up and run npm start on the VSCode Terminal (where frontend is opened).

The webapp is pretty user-friendly as we use many similar features on other apps on a day-to-day basis. Here is a quick guide:

*REMEMBER TO ENABLE COOKIES / USE A LAPTOP (if using deployed version)



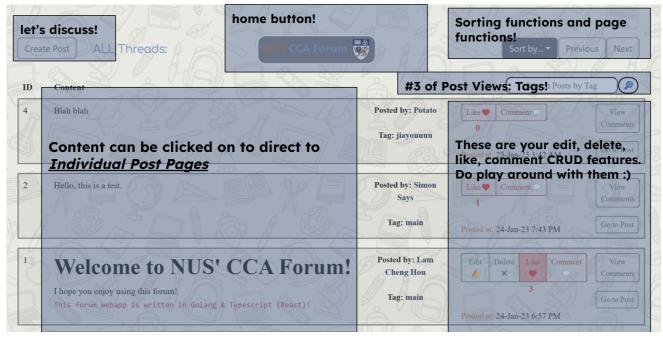
Login, Registering, Access Control/Restriction pre-login, Trending Tags, Top Post, Profile disabling, 'Dynamic' buttons*

When logged out, you can test the restriction feature. Try accessing localhost:3000/editprofile or https://frontend-2w5qhaldaq-as.a.run.app/editprofile (if using deployed version), and you will see that access is blocked.

Once registered, log in.

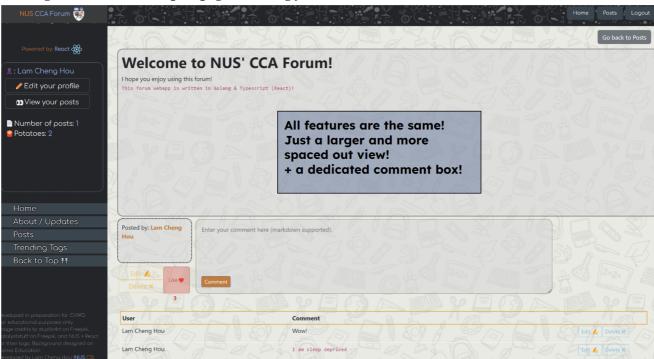


Homepage



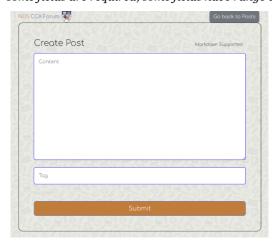
PostDisplay.tsx

Clicking on each individual pots page will bring you to:



You will come across many forms that look like such:

some fields are required, some fields have range checks, almost all fiels have presence check







Additional notable features include:

- Post liking & sorting by posts / likes
- Trending tags (left side bar)
- Data validation (can be improved though!)
- I also tried to make the UI look nice for ~half a laptop screen size, but fullscreen looks best!

Thank you. Have a great semester ahead. :)