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Workout Tracker – Project Plan

The Workout Tracker is a small full-stack project I built to practice creating a working CRUD application using Node.js, Express, MongoDB, and EJS. The main idea behind the app is to give users a simple way to log and manage their workouts. Each workout includes a title, category, duration, date, and some optional notes. The project helped me understand how the backend, database, and front-end templating system all connect together in a real web application.

Project Goals

The main goals of the project were to let users add new workouts, view all existing workouts in a clean table, edit workouts with pre-filled values, and delete workouts with a confirmation pop-up. I wanted the design to stay simple and easy to navigate, so I used Bootstrap and a shared EJS layout to keep everything consistent. Another major part of the project was deploying it online, so I hosted the app on Render and connected it to a MongoDB Atlas cluster using environment variables.

Technologies Used

Backend: Node.js + Express

Frontend: EJS templates + Bootstrap

Database: MongoDB (Atlas) using Mongoose

Other: dotenv, method-override, express-ejs-layouts

Hosting: Render

Version Control: Git + GitHub

Deployment

Push project to GitHub.

Create a Render web service.

Add MONGO_URL in Render's environment variables.

Make sure npm start runs the app.

Test CRUD features on the live deployed site.

Future Improvements

Add user accounts/login.

Add charts to track workout progress.

Add filters/search options.

Improve the mobile layout or turn it into a PWA.

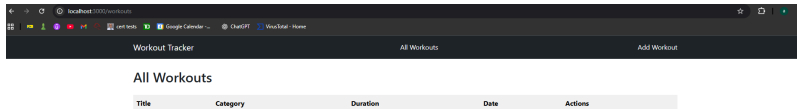
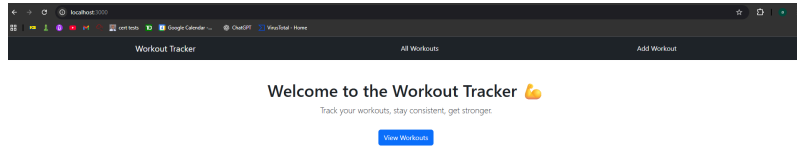
Summary

Overall, this project is a straightforward CRUD application that shows how to connect Express, MongoDB, and EJS into a full working website. It highlights core skills like routing, templating, database operations, and deployment, and it serves as a good foundation for more advanced fitness-tracking features in the future.

Site Details:

Link: <https://assignment-03-9p8f.onrender.com/>

Github Repo: <https://github.com/mav-21/Assignment-03>

A screenshot of the 'Add A New Workout' form in the application. The browser address bar shows 'localhost:3000/workouts/new'. The page has a dark theme with a navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, the title 'Add A New Workout' is displayed. The form consists of four input fields: 'Title', 'Category', 'Duration (minutes)', and 'Notes'. At the bottom of the form is a green button labeled 'Create Workout'.

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