# **DeliveRx**

Online Pharmacy Application

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## Introduction

This project represents a full-stack implementation of an e-commerce website which handles online delivery of Over-the-Counter medicine to customers within the Pittsburgh region. While delivery of prescription drugs is a well-established service, quick delivery of basic yet essential healthcare products is a mostly untapped market. The demand for such a service is only heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic and current need for social distancing.

## **Technologies**

■ Front-End: HTML5 / CSS3, JavaScript

Back-end: NodeJS Express

■ **Database:** PostgreSQL









## **Application Details**

The online store contains medicines that can be categorized by types. The medicines can be browsed and searched by customers on the website and can be added to the cart to make a purchase.

#### Users:

The application has 2 kinds of users/actors. They are stated as follows:

- Customer a person who can purchase medicines.
- Staff a person who can manage the inventory details and view the order details of the customers.

The application has a login page, generic for all types of users, viz. **Customer** and **Staff**. There is a <u>role-based authentication process</u>, which means all the users/actors can log-in using the same **Login page**. However, they will be directed to a different portal after log-in, according to their access/roles.

#### Features and Functionalities

#### Guest Features

- Any unregistered user can visit the website and explore get to know more about the online store and search medicines.
- If the user intends to buy medicine(s), they he/she has to login to the system and continue shopping.

#### Login / Registration

- All the users can login to the system if they have valid username (Email Address in this case) and Password. That means, they need to 'Sign Up' before they can buy medicines.
- If they are not registered in the system, they need to do the registration by providing few details, like First Name, Last Name, Email Address, Phone Number, Address, Gender, Date of Birth and Password.
- Once done, they can login using the same Email Address and Password they have used for registration.
- After log-in, they can view a 'Welcome Page' with features respective to their roles.

## Customer Specific Features

- A customer can visit the website, explore various medicines, and if he / she decides to purchase medicines, he/she can register (if new) and login to the system and add medicines to the shopping cart and make a purchase.
- Once logged in, the customer is greeted with a 'Welcome Message'.
- The customer would be able to view the features available to him / her, viz:
  - O View his/her personal information (in the 'Profile' page).
  - O Add the desired medicines in the shopping cart, and then check out. For each medicine item added in the cart, a message will be displayed showing the confirmation of that item added to the cart.
  - After checkout, a message will be displayed on the screen with order and delivery details.
  - o He / She can view his / her order details in the 'Order History' page.
  - o The customer can 'Log Out' when desired.

#### Staff Specific Features

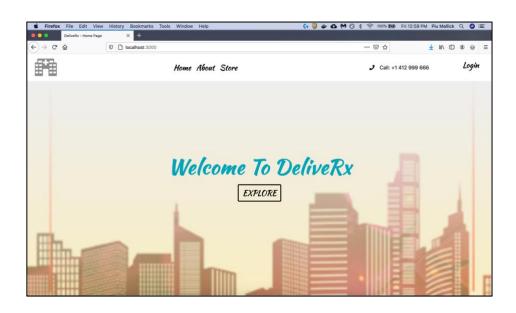
- A staff can log in using the 'Log In' portal.
- Once logged in, the staff is redirected to 'Staff Dashboard' and greeted with a 'Welcome Message'.
- The staff can 'Log Out' when desired.
- He / She can navigate between the pages and return to the main dashboard, when desired.
- He / She would be able to view the features available to him / her, viz.:
  - o Access to Medicine List
    - View Medicines
    - Add Medicines
    - Edit / Update Medicine details

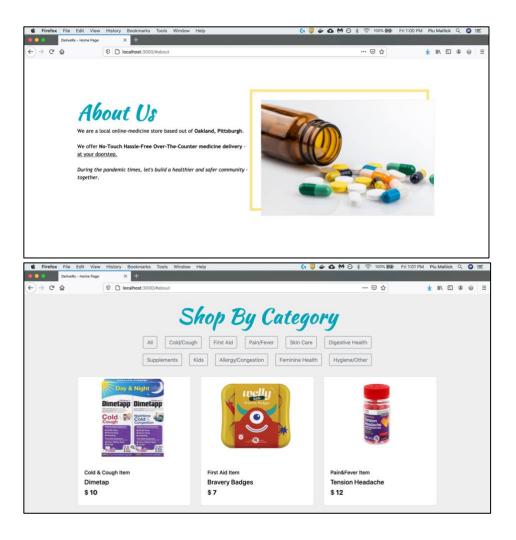
- Delete Medicines
- Access to Supplier List
  - View Suppliers
  - Add Suppliers
  - Edit / Update Supplier Details
  - Delete Suppliers

## Assumptions

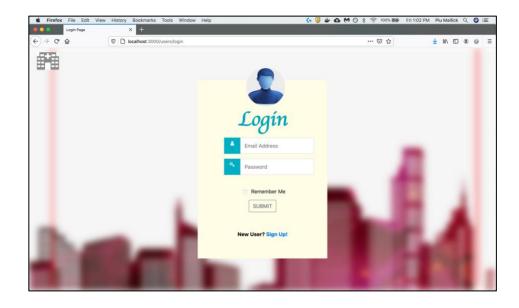
- The staff has already been created from the backend. He / She has the admin responsibilities of the online store.
- The payment gateway functionality has not been implemented after the customer checkout. The functionality is limited to when the customer gets a message for successful order placement and delivery.

# Application Flow & Screenshots Home Page



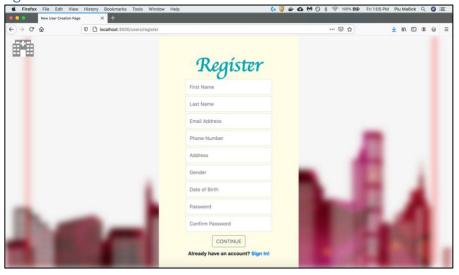


## Login Page

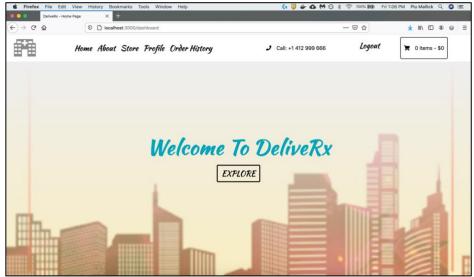




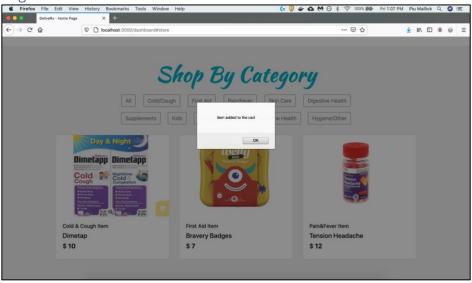
## Registration Page



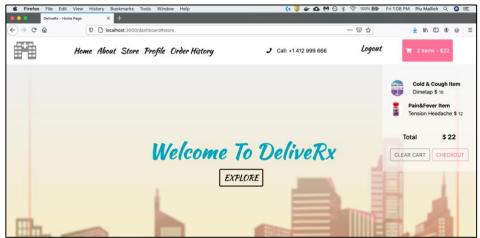
Customer Landing Page / Customer Dashboard

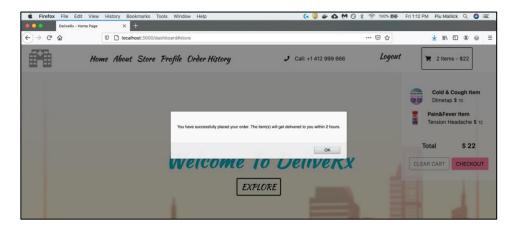


# Customer Placing Order

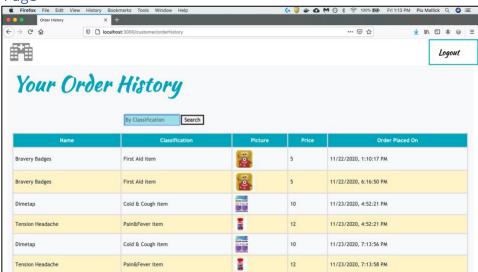


## Add Cart / Clear Cart





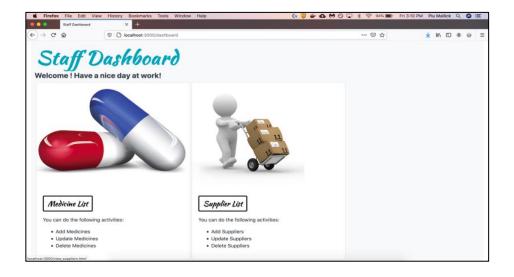
## Order History Page



## Customer Profile Page

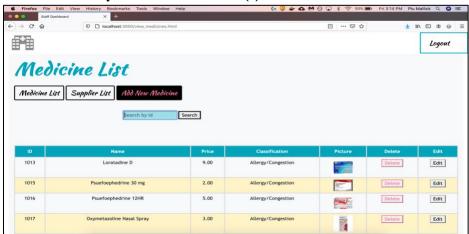


## Staff Landing Page / Staff Dashboard



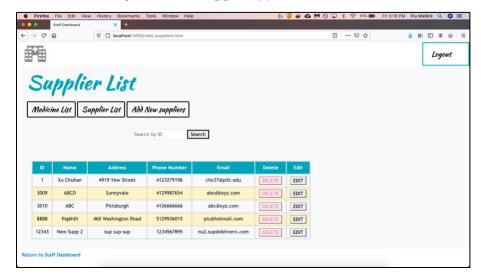
## Medicines Page

## Add / Modify / Delete Medicine(s)



## Suppliers Page

## Add / Modify / Delete Supplier(s)



## Design and Accessibility

Efforts have been put in to make sure that the website is friendly to all kinds of users, independent of their physical or mental abilities.

#### CSS design choices

**Font Awesome** has been used for designing the web pages. It is the most popular way to add font to the websites. **Font Awesome icons** are created using **scalable vectors**, so that we can use high quality icons that work well on any screen size.

#### Sample Code Snippet (used in 'all.css' file)

```
1.fa-fort-awesome:before {
2  content: "\f286"; }
3.fa-fort-awesome-alt:before {
3  content: "\f3a3"; }
```

Also, **contrasting colors** (light background with dark fonts and images) have been chosen for better readability and understandability.

## Concise Page Titles

Appropriate web page titles have been given across all the pages so that they concisely describe the content of the pages and each page can be uniquely identified from one another.

#### Sample Code Screenshots

## Responsive design

**Responsive design** is a set of techniques for structuring **HTML** and **CSS** so that the web pages are readable on multiple devices.

The responsive design has been achieved through use of **Bootstrap** and **Viewport**, making the website a pleasure to browse and enjoy on any kind of device.

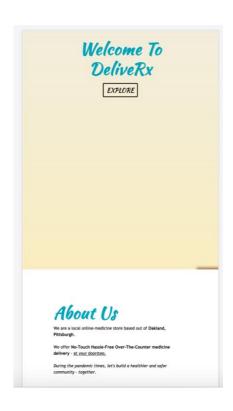
## **Code Snippet:**

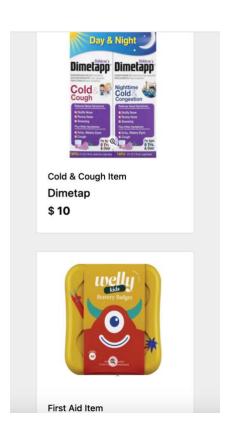
The above code snippet has been used in all the pages to make the web application as much responsive as possible.

Various div-classes like "container-fluid", "col-md-8", "col-sm", etc. have been used to achieve different page layouts as per defined by the **Bootstrap library**.

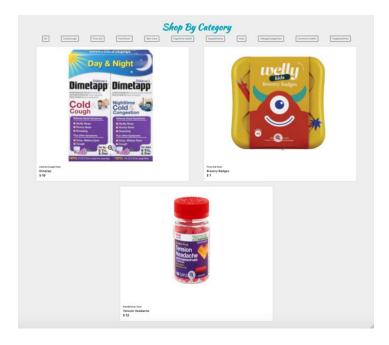
(Multi-column layout that stacks the columns vertically as screen size narrows) Screenshot for iPhone X/XS iOS  $12-375 \times 812$ 

(Showing Responsiveness of the web pages)





Screenshot for iPad – 768 x 1024 (Showing Responsiveness of the web pages)



## Responsive Images

We have made the images responsive as well by setting the 'max-width' attribute to 100%.

## Sample Code Screenshot ("bootstrap.min.css")

```
display: block;
width: 100%;
wax-width: 100%;
padding: 0;
margin-bottom: .5rem;
font-size: 1.5rem;
line-height: inherit;
color: inherit;
white-space: normal
```

#### Accessibility concerns

The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) is organized around four principles, and they go by the acronym POUR. We have tried to implement these principles in our web application.

- Perceivable (P) → As our web application is pretty heavy on images, it has been made
  perceivable by providing text alternatives for the images (i.e. non-text content).
- Operable (O) → The web application has been made operable by making the navigation possible through keyboard, especially in the Login and Registration pages.
- Understandable (U) → The web application is understandable in nature the texts are readable and understandable for the users, making the use of clearest and simplest language possible. The content appears and operated in predicted in predictable ways.
- Robust (R) → The web page content can be consumed by a wide variety of user agents (browsers) and the content is compatible with current and future tools. The markup can be reliably interpreted.

#### Limitations

Since some of the pages contain tabular data, it is difficult to fit all of it into the small screen, especially in the smart phone screens. This limitation can be handled in a different way by modifying the display of data in tiles-format when the screen size shrinks. We plan to add this feature in future.

#### Mobile First Design

The home page and the customer pages meet the requirements of the 'Mobile First Design' approach, which means the pages fit well in the small screen. We are working on making the staff pages to fit in the small screen as well, by making appropriate design changes.

## Front-End

HTML, JS code examples (for Shopping Cart)

The function shown below acquires information of the specific medicine item form item card and display it into shopping cart.

## Back-End

There are three main steps for back-end about the insert, delete and update functions.

Example about delete function

Step1: Build Router

```
function deleteRowById(id) {
    fetch('./staff/view_medicines/delete/' + id, {
        method: 'DELETE'
    })
    .then(response => response.json())
    //just return true or false
    .then(data => {
        console.log(data)
        if (data.success) {
            location.reload();
        }
     });
}
```

Step2: Initialize database service instance

```
// delete
router.delete('/view_medicines/delete/:id', (request, response) => {
    console.log(request.params)
    const { id } = request.params;
    const db = dbService.getDbServiceInstance();

    const result = db.deleteRowById(id);

    result//true or false
    .then(data => response.json({success : data}))
    .catch(err => console.log(err));
});
```

Step3: Specify SQL syntax according to different operations

## Database Design

PostgreSQL has been used as the database for this web application.

Some of the main business rule include:

- User can be a customer or a staff.
- One customer can place many orders.
- One order is only from one customer.
- One order can contain many items.
- One category has many medicines.

The following tables have been used:

• **USERS**  $\rightarrow$  This table contains the user details (customer and staff details).



The notable columns in the **USERS** table are:

user\_id, first\_name, last\_name, email\_address, passwd (password), phone\_number, address, gender, dob (date of birth)

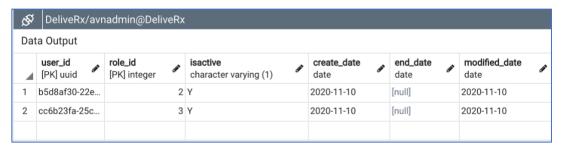
The datatype of user\_id is uuid, which stores Universally Unique Identifiers (UUID) defined by RFC 4122 and other related standards. A UUID value is 128-bit quantity generated by an algorithm that make it unique in the known universe using the same algorithm. UUID is a sequence of 32 digits of hexadecimal digits, represented in groups and separated by hyphens. Because of its uniqueness feature, we often find UUID in distributed systems because it guarantees a better uniqueness than the SERIAL data type which generates only unique values with a single database. Keeping this unique feature in mind, we have also tried to put in the use of UUID so that it could be useful when we go for future enhancements in our web application.

The password (**passwd**) field is **hash encrypted**, as shown in the above screenshot. It is better way of encryption and adds another level of security.

■ ROLE → This table contains the role details (role id and name – whether a staff or a customer).



■ ROLE\_MAPPING → This table maps the user to its corresponding role.

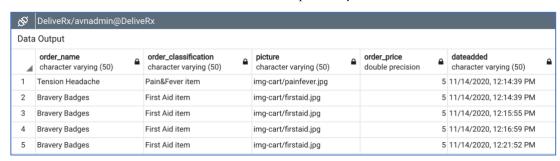


This table contains the role creation details – while customer registration, a mapping happens with the **user\_id** and **role\_id**, from **users** and **role** table respectively.

■ **MEDICINE \_CATEGORY\_ PRICE** → This table contains the medicine details – name, category, price, etc.



ORDERS → This table contains the order details placed by the customer.



<u>Please note</u>: For simplicity and time crunch, we have not followed all the **ACID properties** that should have been maintained in **the RDBMS system**. Some of the data are replicated

and redundant, whereas, in other cases, the data manipulation has been done through frontend (using JavaScript).

## Authentication & Authorization

#### User authentication flow

Existing user (customer in this case) can sign in using the **Login page** or new users can **Register**. The authorization and authentication code in the **Node Js backend** resides in the file 'auth.js'. After registration, users can sign in using the credentials they have used to register. Once the user logs in, a session is created which is maintained via **Passport Js**, the authentication as well is done using Passport using a **LocalStrategy**.

During a customer registration, a user profile is created in the database, the password is hashed using **bcrypt with a salt** and stored. During login, the email address and password entered by the user is then matched against the records in the database, the entered password is hashed using the same mechanism as the stored one and then matched. If the email address is found and has matching password, then the user profile is stored in the session.

• Once the user is logged in, the pages she/he visits are authorized via the user profile from session. For example, the dashboard is different for customer and staff. So, a customer cannot visit the staff dashboard even if she/he knows the direct URL to the staff dashboard. For example, the login end point for both customer and staff is same (router.post('/login'). After login, both get redirected to dashboard (res.redirect('../dashboard')). However once in dashboard, the stored user profile is checked for proper role and based on the role the user is directed to the proper dashboard. Moreover, if the user is not authenticated or not in session, she/he will be redirected to the login page.

```
// staff.js
router.get('/', function (req, res, next) {
    if (isStaff(req, res)) {
        res.render('dashboard_staff');
    } else {
        res.sendFile(path.join(__dirname, '../public', 'view_customers.html'));
    }
});

function isStaff(req, res) {
    if (isAuthenticated(req)) {
        const user = getUser(req);
        return user.role !== 3
    }
    res.redirect('/users/login');
}

// auth.js
function getUser(req) {
    if (req.jsAuthenticated()) {
        let property = 'user';
        if (req._passport && req._passport.instance) {
            property = req._passport.instance._userProperty || 'user';
        }
        return req[property][0];
}

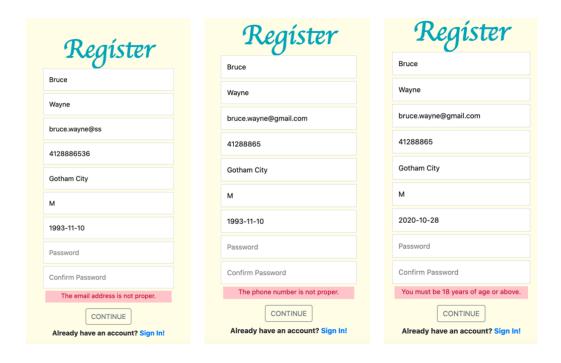
function isAuthenticated(req) {
    return req.isAuthenticated()
}
```

## **Error Handling**

Unit Testing and Peer testing has been done manually for each and every functionality.

## **Examples:**

Customer registration has restrictions on email address, phone number, date of birth (Customer needs to be at least 18 years) and password matching fields. The interface rejects invalid entries and displays appropriate error messages.



The above error messages have been handled in the following way (through 'auth.js')

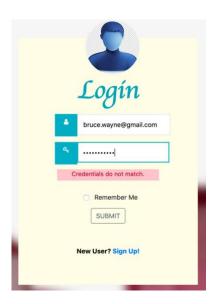
```
router.post(path: '/register', handlerm async function (req = Request<R, ResBody, ReqBody, ReqCoury= , res = Response<ResBody> ) {
    lot email = req.body.email;
    lot phone_number = rec.body.ahone_number;

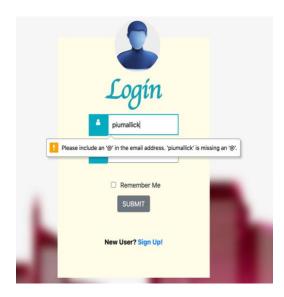
if (lemailValidator.validate(email)) {
    res.render(view; 'register', spilons {
        error: 'The email address is not proper.",
        body: req.body
    });
    return;
}
```

```
let dob = req.body.dob;
let age = moment().diff(moment(dob, "YYYY-MM-DD"), unitOfTime: 'years');
if (age < 18) {
    res.render( view: 'register', options: {
        error: "You must be 18 years of age or above.",
        body: req.body
});
    return;
}
let phoneNumber = new PhoneNumber(phone_number, 'US');</pre>
```

```
let phoneNumber = new PhoneNumber(phone_number, 'US');
if (!phoneNumber.isValid()) {
    res.render( view: 'register', options: {
        error: "The phone number is not proper.",
        body: req.body
    });
    return;
}
```

Login error messages:





Flash messages have also been used for error handling in the console:

Sample Example (from 'auth.js')

```
prouter.get( path: '/register', handlers: function (req : Request<P, ResBody, ReqBody, ReqQuery> , res : Response<ResBody> , next : NextFunction ) {
    res.render( view: 'register', options: {
        title: "Register",
        userData: req.user,
        messages: {danger: req.flash('danger'), warning: req.flash('warning'), success: req.flash('success')},
        error: null,
        body: null
}
});
```

 Addition of new medicine(s) and supplier(s) are rejected if their corresponding data types are invalid. This has been taken care by HTML5 Form Validation.

## **Future Improvements**

- Add more error handling features so as to make the web application more user-friendly.
- Add analytical reports in the 'Staff Dashboard' section so that the sales details can be viewed by them.
- Add more functionalities to make the web application more robust and responsive, and working towards the existing limitations.
- Make the database more robust by following the ACID (Atomicity, Concurrency, Integrity & Durability) principles that are followed in the Relational Database Management System (RDBMS).

## Code Base

- Github Link: <a href="https://github.com/piumallick/DeliveRx">https://github.com/piumallick/DeliveRx</a>
- Database has been hosted in Cloud through Aiven: <a href="https://aiven.io/postgresql">https://aiven.io/postgresql</a>

## **Project Responsibilities**

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Staff Functionalities	Authentication & Authorization	Customer Profile page
Customer Functionalities	CSS Page Styling	Error Handling
DeliveRx Home Page	Testing & Integration	Documentation

Database related tasks were taken up by individuals as per the module requirement. The database was hosted in cloud for ease and proper collaboration.

## References

SL. No.	Functionality	Reference URL
1.	Home Page (CSS Template)	https://github.com/john-smilga/js-cart- setup/tree/master/js
2.	Login & Registration Functionality	<ul> <li>https://medium.com/@timtamimi/getting-started-with-authentication-in-node-js-with-passport-and-postgresql-2219664b568c</li> <li>https://reallifeprogramming.com/node-authentication-with-passport-postgres-ef93e2d520e7</li> <li>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxu1RrR0vbw</li> </ul>
3.	Font Styling	https://fontawesome.com/