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Final Project: Goal Tracker

Introduction

I was assigned to Group 11 to develop the final project for this course. My teammates ignored all the work I had done coming up with the project idea, writing all the backend classes, and creating a very detailed UML class diagram. They decided to redo the project themselves, and by the time they were done recreating the backend classes, there was nothing I could do to fix the nonsense they had put together. Consequently, I embarked on a marathon programming adventure, creating the project the way I had originally envisioned it. The final product is both user-friendly and highly functional.

I uploaded the source code to the team repository, which my teammates noticed and commented on with high praise. I explained to them that I was hopeful that the instructor would consider it, given how I was effectively shut out from working on the project with my teammates. I then assisted them in presenting the project they had made in class. Shortly after class, they deleted all of my code from the repository, including my original UML Class Diagram and re-submitted the project without any of my work included. This malicious act is documented in the repository history on GitHub. Given the fact that I cannot trust my teammates not to delete my code if I upload it again, I have placed my project in a repository under my own GitHub account at:

https://github.com/plusplusminusminus/CS151-GoalTracker

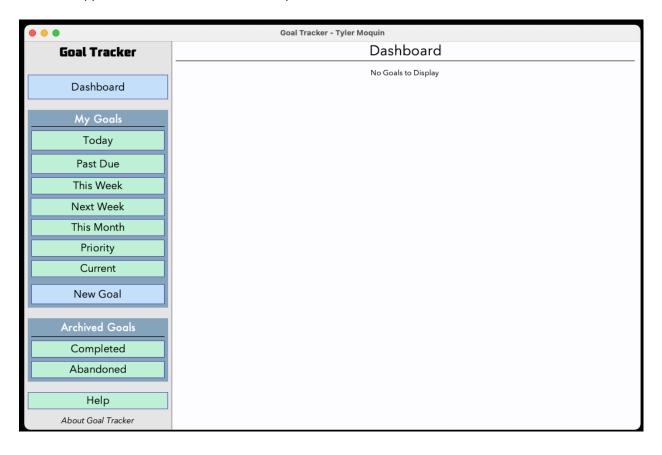
My project is in the *GoalTracker* folder. I also re-uploaded the work I had done for my team, which is located in the *priorwork*, *proposal*, and *notes* folders. The project is straightforward to build, since it was created as a Maven project. Once compiled, it is executed as:

\$ java GoalTracker

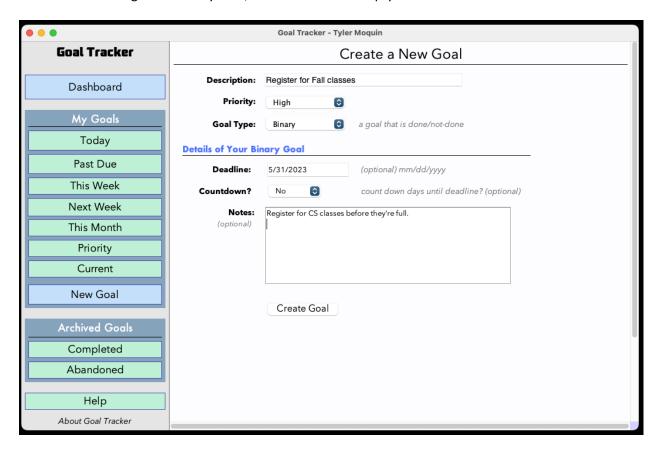
Since I was precluded from presenting my application in class due to the malevolence of my teammates, below is a brief explanation of how the application is designed to be used.

GOAL TRACKER

Once the application is launched, the user is presented with a menu and a Dashboard view:



Since there are no goals in the system, the Dashboard is empty. Click on "New Goal" and create one:



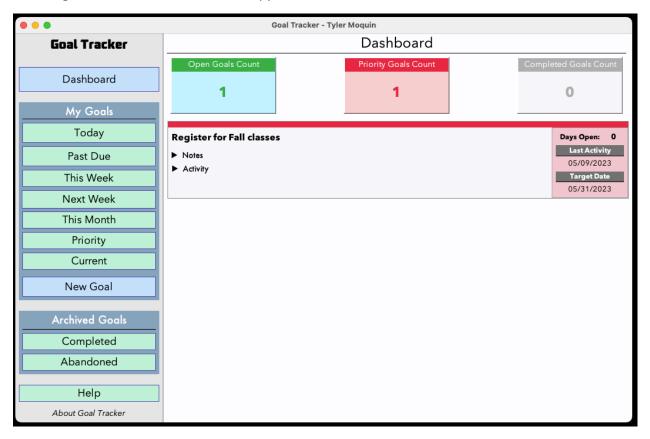
Goal Tracker currently supports four kinds of goals:

- Accumulation Goals, which are used to keep track of things one is saving up towards a target amount, for example saving money to reach a certain amount;
- **Binary Goals**, which are either done or not done; for example, a Binary goal might be to register for classes for the Fall semester;
- **Numeric Goals**, which are similar to accumulation goals but where your goal is to get to a certain value of something, rather than accruing; for example, setting a goal of reaching 150 pounds by the end of the year is a Numeric goal;
- Task List Goals, which allow the user to work on a set of sub-goals as a single goal. This is by far the most powerful type of goal currently supported by Goal Tracker. If you needed to study numerous chapters of a textbook, or you needed to do a set of homework problems, creating a Task List goal is the ideal way to go.

Each goal, and each subgoal, carries its own description and free-form notes as well as an optional deadline. The "Countdown" feature is intended to provide the user with feedback on the Dashboard for goals having that feature enabled, but in the current version this is not implemented.

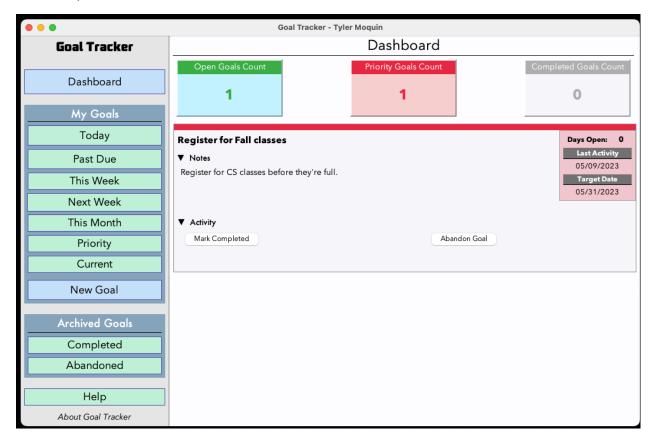
Goals can also be prioritized as High, Medium, or Low priority; High Priority goals have their own page accessible through the menu.

Once a goal has been created, it will appear on the Dashboard:

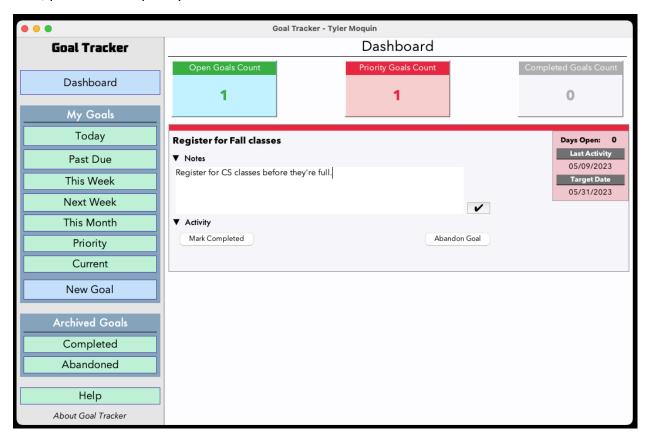


The Dashboard displays all current goals that have not yet been completed nor abandoned.

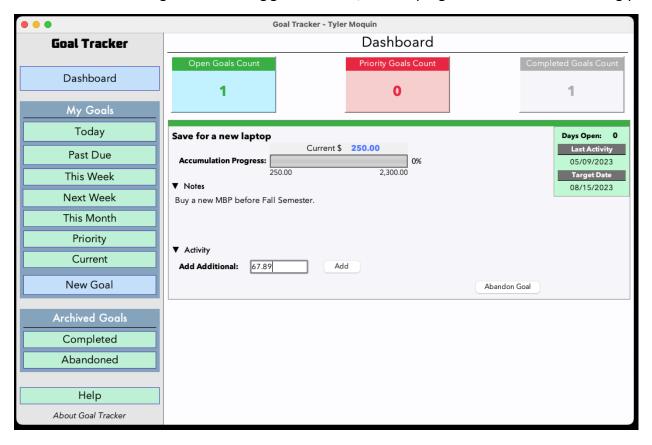
Goals may be edited or worked on from any page on which they appear without leaving the page. For example:



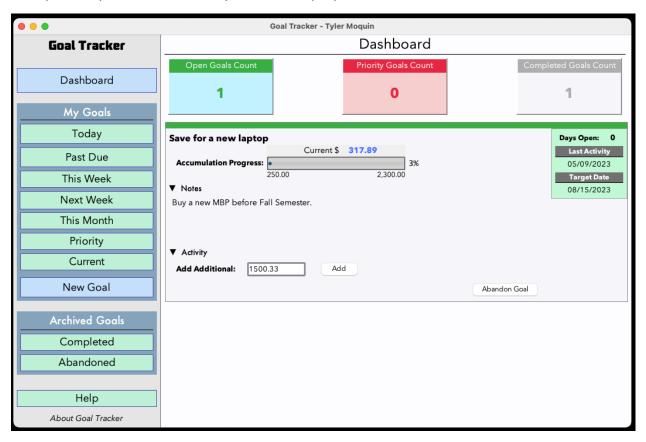
The application allows the user to edit the goal description and the notes associated with a goal simply by clicking on them; pressing Enter while editing the description will save the edits, as will clicking the checkmark button. In order to abandon editing in either the description or the notes field, press the Escape key:



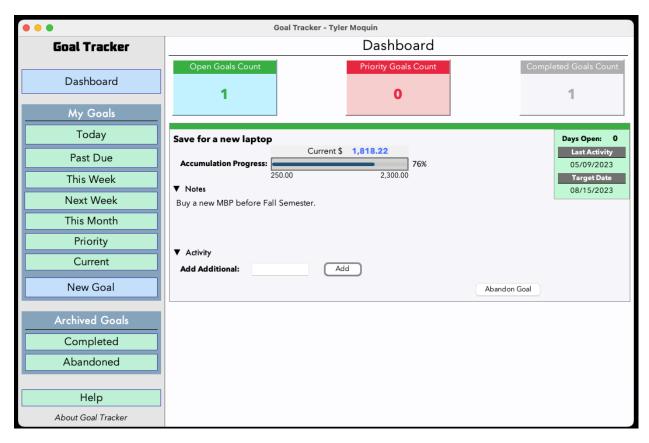
An Accumulation Goal provides the user with a progress bar as well as the ability to incrementally add or subtract amounts towards the target. Note that the application recognizes and correctly handles both increasing and decreasing goal amounts, and the progress bar will work accordingly:



Let's put away some more money for a new laptop:

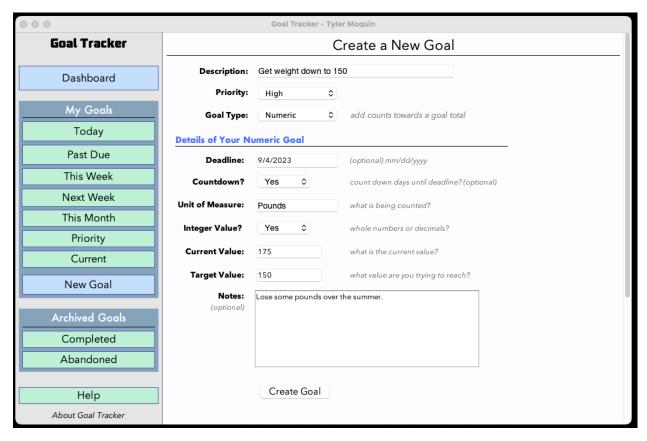


Once the "Add" button is pressed, the additional amount will be added to the running total; enter a negative number to decrease the total. The progress bar will reflect the current amount that has accrued:

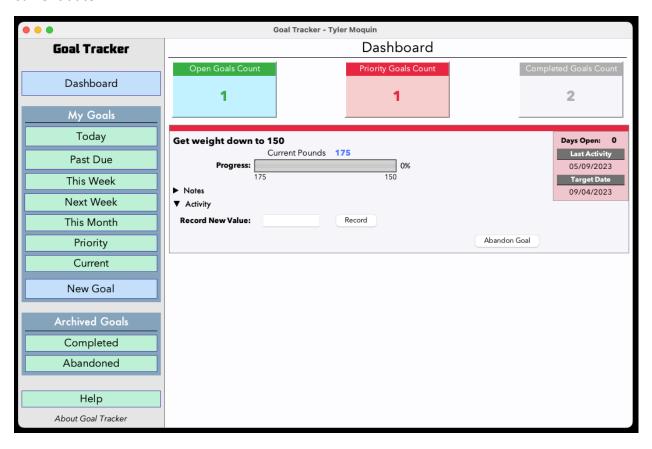


The application also keeps track of the date of last activity and the number of days that a goal has been open; this information is always presented, along with the "Target Date" (i.e., deadline) in the upper-right corner of the goal.

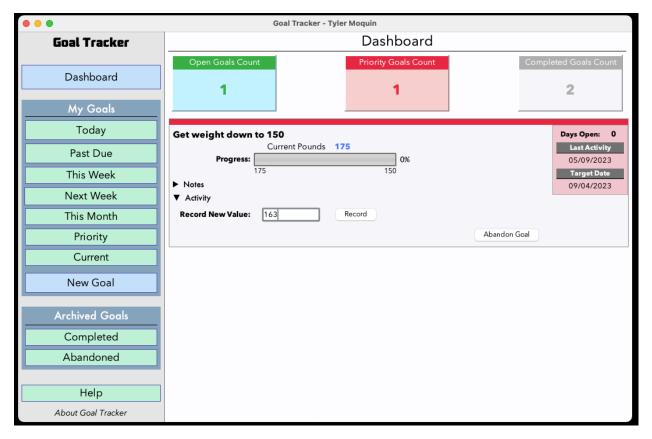
Here we create a Numeric goal:



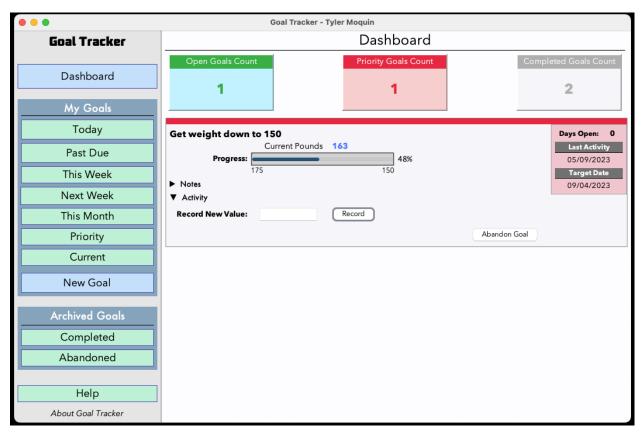
Once created, it will appear on the Dashboard as well as on all other applicable pages in the menu, depending on whether a deadline was specified and how close the deadline is to the current date:



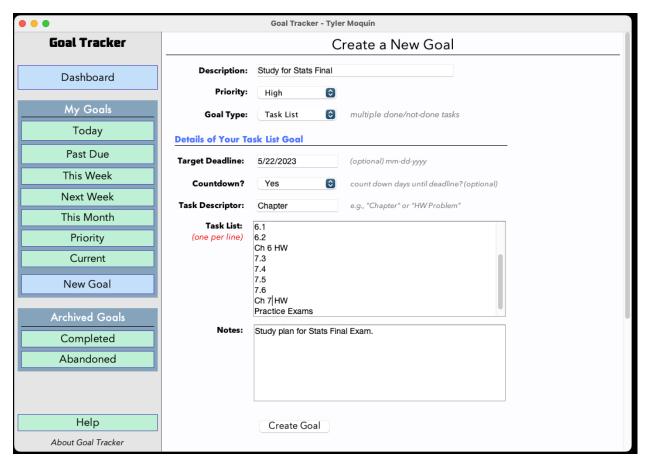
Numeric goals differ from Accumulation goals in that one does not add to a running total; rather, one enters the current value of something as it happens to change. Keeping track of your weight and working towards a target weight goal is a good example:



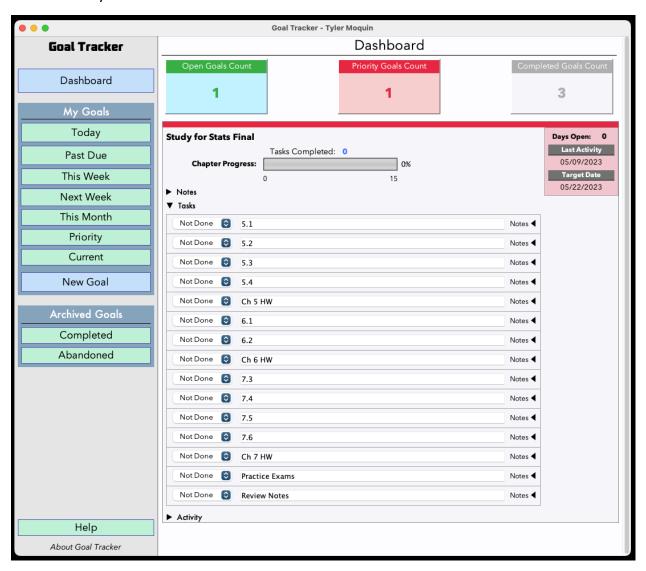
The progress bar will automatically update when the new value is entered:



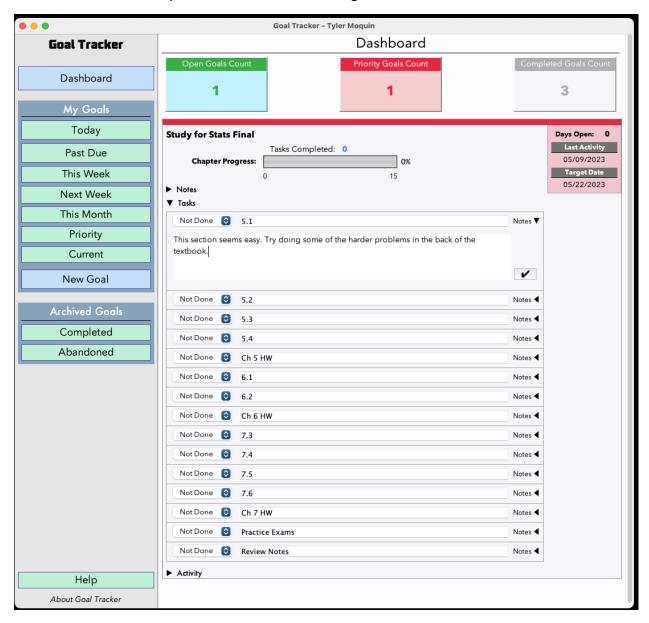
Task List goals are an extraordinarily useful feature of Goal Tracker. They allow one to group subgoals into a single overarching goal and work on and keep track of progress on them as a single entity. You specify the list of tasks that need to be completed as part of a Task List goal by placing each on a line by itself; the application will automatically create subgoals for each task listed this way:



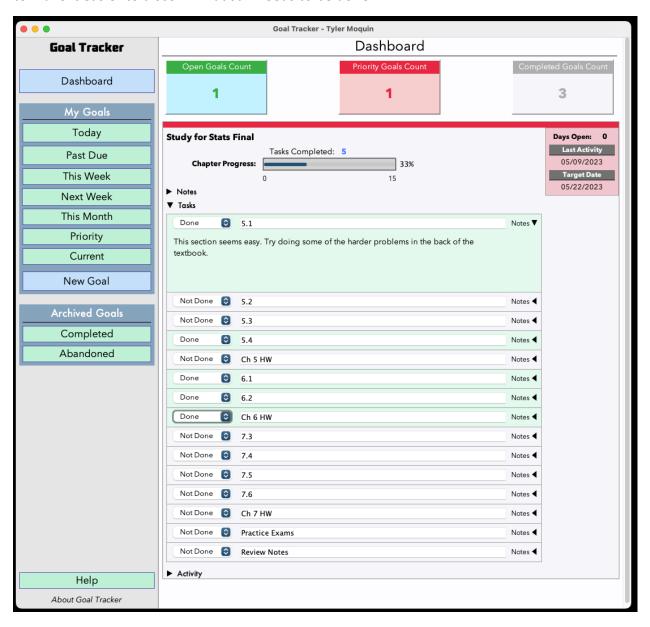
Once created, a Task List goal will appear on the Dashboard and on all other appropriate pages in the menu. It will display all the sub-goals as "Tasks" in a collapsible view, where they can be edited directly:



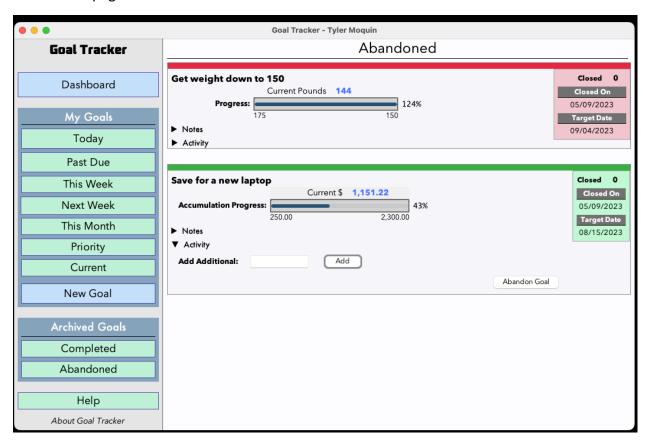
Task List goals allow one to change the status of sub-goals (i.e., tasks) using a simple popup menu located to the left of each task. One can also edit the description and expand and edit the notes for each task individually as well as for the Task List goal itself:



When a task has been completed, simply select "Done" from the popup menu beside it; the application will automatically update your progress and will also provide highlighting to the task to make it easier to discern what still needs to be done:

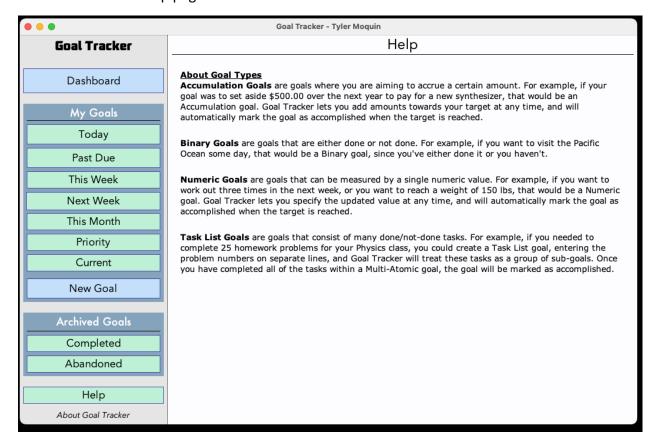


The application also allows any goal to be "abandoned"; this will move the goal to the Abandoned page in the "Archived Goals" section of the menu:

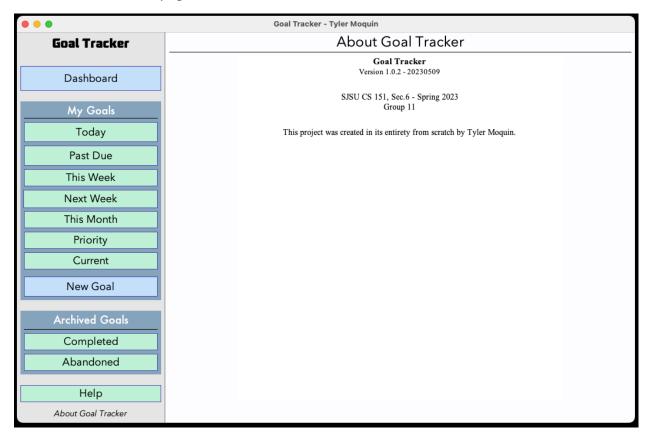


Any goal that has been abandoned may be reinstated as an active goal, provided that it has not already been completed.

Here's the built-in Help page:



And here is the About page:



IDEAS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

While the application is already extremely useful, I want to enhance it to provide more goal types; to that end, I have already written the classes and the input form classes for several other types of goals. I also intend to enhance the Dashboard to provide the user with more information about goals having an imminent deadline, and perhaps provide some charts or graphs to allow the user to see how quickly they are progressing towards reaching their goals.

FINAL THOUGHTS

I sincerely hope you find my application to be well-designed and useful. I also hope that justice finds a way to prevail in this situation, since, as evidenced by the deletion of all of my code without notice, without permission, and for no reason other than to try to injury me, I did not deserve to be treated this way, at all.

it was an extraordinarily challenging experience putting this together on an extremely tight deadline. Had I been somehow able to predict the malicious and utterly unethical behavior of my teammates, I would have had an order of magnitude more time to devote to making this application something of production quality.