CVWO Final Submission Write-Up

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Reflection

Thinking back on these 2 months, I felt that I have learnt about so many things that I have pretty much taken for granted and personally I am pretty surprised that I managed to put something up and that I am writing this final write-up now.

This journey has been really interesting. I feel like growing up with Google by my side all the time, I haven't really thought much about what goes into making a web application or websites. I feel like I took many features for granted and didn't quite know all the effort that was put into making them.

Being a BA student and not really knowing much about programming and stuff, I felt that this learning curve was really steep for me. I felt that I lacked a lot of basic knowledge when I started off. When I first saw ruby on rails, I didn't know that ruby was a language, I didn't know that rails was a framework or what a framework was and I didn't even know what MVC was and this all seemed like voodoo magic. There were so many things more that I didn't know, and as I was reading through the guides, I was feeling really really confused.

I spent my whole December feeling this way and was trying to search for answers to make sense of this whole thing. After I submitted the mid-assignment submission and realised that I had to rewrite my views to integrate react into the application, I thought I wasn't going to submit this assignment, given that I still had so many things to learn and school was starting and I wasn't going to finish.

However, after I went to bed thinking about how screwed I was, I think my brain didn't want to give up and when I woke up the next morning it just dawned on me that I was asking all the wrong questions and what I needed was actually looking at more examples. Things really started picking up in January. I got more aware of what I don't know and I realised that I learn better with videos than with reading. I coded along with some youtube videos and learnt a lot along the way. I really want to thank God and the search engine and the people who put up the tutorials for showing me the right websites and videos that helped me a lot.

When I felt ready enough, I restarted on the project. I kind of regret that I started on the project rather late, almost about when school was starting. With the workload coming in, I thought that I wasn't going to finish again, but I decided that there was no point worrying and that this wasn't about the deadline but a learning process.

The process of creating the application was not easy. I met with many blank pages (especially with the modals) and errors along the way and I was really frustrated at first, but I grew more and more confident that whatever bug that came my way, I just had to be patient, think about it and research about it and it will be solved.

One part that I really enjoyed was styling the page. I feel more fulfilled after styling the page and seeing how the page has evolved from the browser default.

At the end of the day, I really wished that I could have done more features for the app, deployed it on Heroku, and perhaps try out redux or docker or typescript, but I really ran out of time with the school work piling up. I also just wanted to say thank you for extending the deadline.

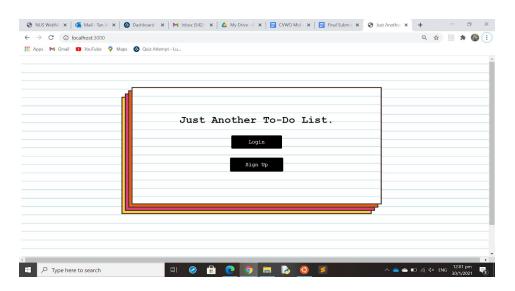
I kind of regret using styled components because I realised that I kept copying the code around and that I probably should have just created a css stylesheet instead. Now that I think of it, I probably should have stayed more true to the dry principle when I was doing up the login and sign up forms and the create and update forms.

I think my application is still not perfect and I haven't tested it extensively and I should probably work more on the error handling. Although it was hard, it has been a happy struggle and I am glad I did it. After this, I am considering integrating a planner with the to-do list or perhaps starting a new project in my free time!

User Manual

Download

- 1. Clone from GitHub
- 2. Run 'rails db:migrate'
- 3. Run 'rails s'
- 4. Go to http://localhost:3000 and you should see this!

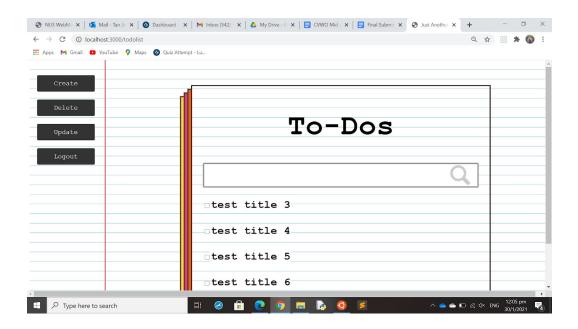


Sign up

- 1. To create an account, click on the sign up button.
- 2. Enter in your username (it can be anything), password and retype your password to confirm it.
- 3. Click create and you will be redirected to your application page.

<u>Login</u>

- 1. Click on the login button.
- 2. Enter in your username and password.
- 3. Hit Login and You will be redirected to your home page.



How to navigate the to-do list

Create Task

- 1. Click on create.
- 2. You will be prompted by a modal to fill in the details of the task. You have to include the title for the task. The description, category and due date are optional.

Update Task

- 1. Click on update.
- 2. The update buttons will appear beside the tasks. Click on the task you want to update.
- 3. You will be prompted by a modal to update the task.

Delete Task

- 1. Click delete.
- 2. The delete buttons will appear beside the tasks.
- 3. Click on the delete button to delete the task.

Read Task

1. Click on the task to view it.

Search Task

- 1. Search for a task by typing in any keywords in the title or description, category or due date.
- 2. Click on the task or hit enter on it to view the task and its options.

Logout

1. Click on the logout button to log out.