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Introduction

Purpose & description

The purpose of this application is to implement a user friendly web interface which allows the user to view information about companies within the stock market, and their related stock history. The application should allow for filtering of the stock companies by industry and filtering of any company's stock history by date. Furthermore, users should be able to create an account using their email and log in to said account to access restricted data. Restricted data includes a full list of any companies' stock history as well as a graph which displays the stocks prices by date.

The application functions by accessing and retrieving data from an external API and displaying the data in a well-organized structure. This primarily includes information displayed as table and graphs, as necessary. Registration and logging in are also handled through the API. The API is accessed through 5 endpoints, these endpoints can be found further within the report.

Completeness and Limitations

The application functions properly and fulfills all requirements as discussed within the previous section. Navigation elements such as the nav bar and links are handled using React Router and React forms are used for data entry. Table elements are implemented and styled using AG-Grid-React and are fully functional. Furthermore, the company list table`{{}}`, in order to navigate from a company to their stock history, is implemented via double clicking the companies row in order to keep the UI simple. However, there were some limitations within the application.

The main limitations include:

- API access error handling, this is logged in the console if u fail to access the API however not displayed on screen. Tables and graphs will load Empty on failure to connect however this will not cause the webpage timeout or break.
- Users accessing a single companies' stocks via inserting a html and not clicking the link will render the error404 page as navigation to these pages is reliant on linking.
- If a user refreshes a page it will log them out.

Use of End Points

API URL: <http://131.181.190.87:3000>

End points	Returned value	Implementation
GET /stocks/symbols <i>Refer to Appendix 1</i>	Returns a list of all recorded companies within the stock market	Values displayed within a table
GET /stocks/{symbol} <i>Refer to Appendix 3</i>	Returns the most recent stock history, by date, from a chosen company	Values displayed as a single cell graph.
GET /stocks/authed/{symbol} <i>Refer to Appendix 4,5</i>	Returns a list of all stocks, filtered by date, of a chosen company	Values displayed within a table and graph
POST /user/login <i>Refer to Appendix 6</i>	Posts a login request using email and password and returns a session token	Values inputted via login from
POST /user/register <i>Refer to Appendix 7</i>	Posts a registration request using email and password and stores the data as a user	Values inputted via a registration form

Modules used

Modules external from core react modules used include

Ag-grid-react

Module to provide fully-featured table components, including sorting and filtering.

<https://www.ag-grid.com/react-grid/>

ReactStrap/Bootstrap

Module to provide html element styling

<https://reactstrap.github.io/>

jsonWebToken

Module to handle user authentication/sessions

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/jsonwebtoken>

datePicker

Module to provide datePicker search forms

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/react-datepicker>

chartjs

Module to provide Graphing/charting

<https://www.chartjs.org/docs/latest/getting-started/installation.html>

Application Design

Application design

The idea for the application design was to create a simple and sleek design for ease of use. The page layouts are all very similar with elements centered and positioned on top of one another. This design also allows for a very smooth transition when handling screen resizing. The color theme chosen is a simple grey scale to follow the theme but also to help the application feel business orientated. The elements themselves are all very simple and only contain what is needed for the user to interact and navigate the application. The initial mockup design can be seen below (image 1).

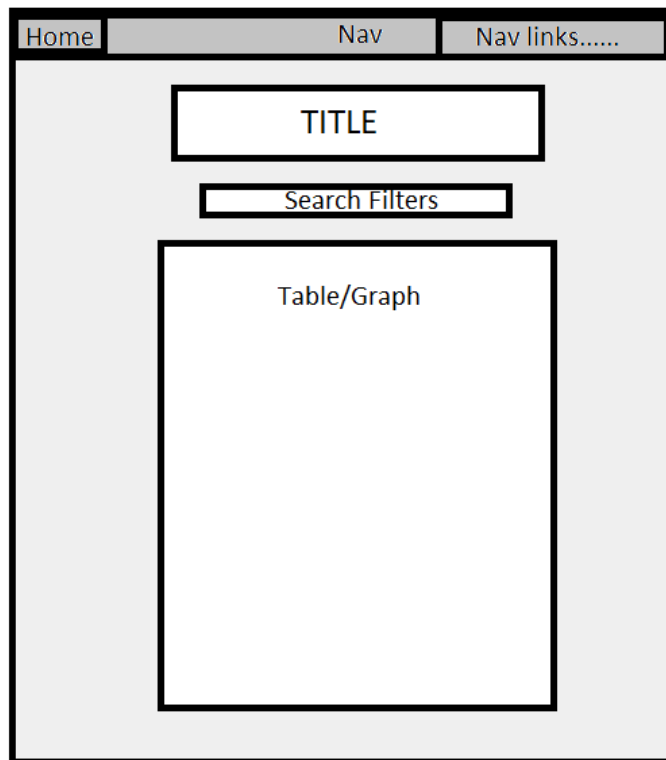


Image 1: initial mockup design

The navigation is handled primarily through a Navigation bar which is also displayed at the top of the screen. From there a user can navigate throughout majority of the application, with the exception of a company's stock history. In order to navigate to a company's stock history the user must double click any cell of a company within the stock company table (*appendix 1*). This choice might be difficult for a user to find, so a popup or notification to let the user know about this feature would prove useful.

There is an issue worth mentioning here in regards to filtering data which arises due to specific user request.

The request given is 'applications which filter data via client side are favored'. This collides with the functionality of the API's endpoint `/stocks/authed/{symbol}`. As this endpoint uses a start date and an end date in order to access the data, if the data is filtered on client side there is no need to input a date range into the API request. The obvious solution or way to filter this data would be to filter the data by inputting a date range into the API request and only returning the required data. This method would also be efficient in terms of scalability as when more stocks are added to the website fetching large data sets may result in a sluggish response. However, As the requirement specifically requested client-side filtering, filtering is done in this method. The input for the start date and end date for the API request are:

Start Date: CURRENT earliest stock date within the data set. This value is fixed in order to prevent the user from fetching large data sets incase of the API updating.

End Date: current date. This value is the current date as it very likely the API will update to recent stock history.

It is highly recommended to update this requirement and hence the related code in order to make sure the application can run smoothly in case of an update to the API.

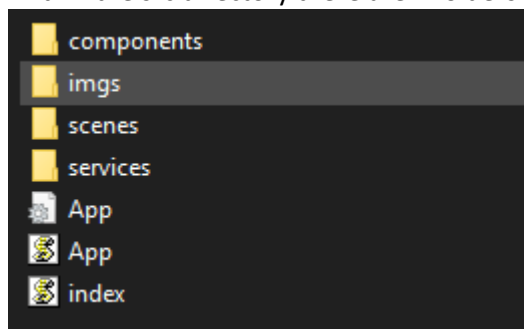
Technical Description

Architecture

The applications folder structure is as below

public	10/05/2020 8:16 AM	File folder	
src	10/05/2020 8:16 AM	File folder	
package	10/05/2020 11:15 AM	JSON File	2 KB
package-lock	10/05/2020 11:15 AM	JSON File	615 KB
README	8/05/2020 1:06 AM	MD File	1 KB

Within the src directory there are 4 folders and 3 files;



Components – this folder contains a sub folder reusableComponents, which contains components used within multiple scenes. Components outside reusableComponents are called directly in App.js.

Imgs – Simple folder containing images for the application

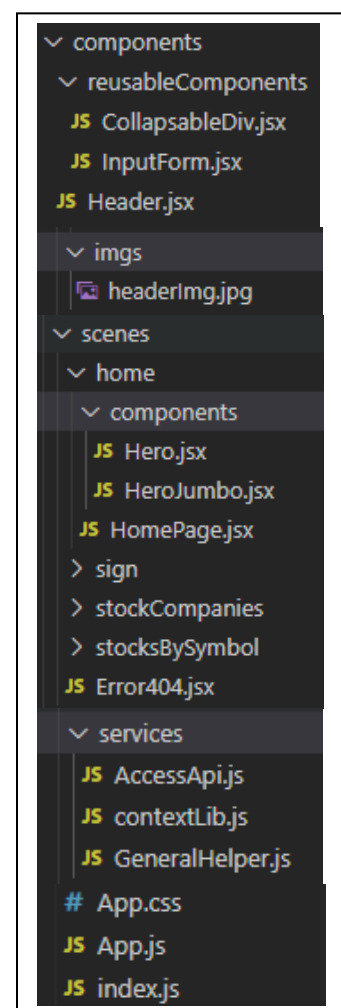
Scenes – this folder contains each page Routed within app.js and rendered in index.js. The pages are contained in sub folders; home, sign, stockCompanies and stocksBySymbol. Each sub folder Contains the main page which is passed to App.js, aswell as a components folder which contains components that handle functionality for that page. The file error404 is a scene which has no components and as it is very simple was not nested in its own folder

Services – This folder contains 3 files; accessApi, generalHelper and contextLib. These files contain JavaScript functions, they do not return a react element and are called within all scenes.

App.js is the main application element which oversees Routing.

App.css includes styling for the application

Index.js renders the application



Test plan

TASK	EXPECTED OUTCOME	RESULT	SCREENSHOT APPENDIX id
Render a page	Page to be fully rendered and styled	PASS	Any no.
Nav Bar navigate correctly	Upon clicking a navbar element the page is routed respectively	PASS	
Errorr404	Invalid link returns error404 page	PASS	11
API			
GET API endpoint /stocks/symbols	Api is connected to and a response is received (whether error or success)	PASS	1
GET API endpoint /stocks/{symbol}	Api is connected to and a response is received (whether error or success)	PASS	3
GET API endpoint /stocks/authed/{symbol}	Api is connected to and a response is received (whether error or success)	PASS	4, 5
POST API endpoint /user/register	Api is connected to and a response is received (whether error or success)	PASS	14
POST API endpoint /user/login	Api is connected to and a response is received (whether error or success)	PASS	14
Displaying Data			
Display data fetched from API endpoint /stocks/symbols	Data from api is displayed in a table. Styled to be in center of screen and to display all parameters of the data retrieved	PASS	1
Display data fetched from API endpoint /stocks/{symbol}	Single data object is returned and displayed in a table in the center of screen. Parameters timestamp, open ,close, high ,low, volumes is displayed	PASS	3
Display data fetched from API endpoint /stocks/authed/{symbol} if authed	All data is returned and displayed in a table and graph in the center of screen. Parameters timestamp, open ,close, high ,low, volumes is displayed	PASS	4, 5
Filter Data			
Company list table is filterable by industry	Select an industry via dropdown or textinput and data is displayed from the selected industry	PASS	8, 9
Stock list table and graph is filterable by date	Select 2 dates and data is displayed between the 2 dates	PASS	12,1
Auth			
User is able to login and session token is stored	Given valid input the user is authed and token is create	PASS	14
User is able to create an account and login with it	User data is inputted and stored within the API, data is then applicable for login	PASS	14
Display authentication errors	On incorrect data input for login or signup error message is displayed accordingly	PASS	15,16,17,18
Other			
User session is maintained until closing or expiry	The use should be able to refresh or leave page and come back within a short time and still be logged in	FAIL	
inputting a http address for a /stocks/{symbol} will return the stock	The stock table and or graph display upon inputting a valid https address	PASS	19

Difficulties / Exclusions / unresolved & persistent errors /

The major roadblocks included;

- updating graphs and table dynamically
 - Having the stocks table and graph update dynamically on date Input changing. This proved troublesome as the useEffect for date changing was being called after the filtering of data, resulting in the data updating 1 input behind the user. To solve this I moved the filtering of data inside the date input component and set the useEffect to be called whenever the date input was changed. The filtered data could be accessed from the parent component and be sent to both the stock graph and table.
- restructuring application to better organize components.
 - Having all my components within a component folder proved to be difficult to manage, especially since many of the components were unique to a page/scene. To fix this I restructured my project to the current structure however this resulted in having to change which components would be child and parent and resulted in re-completing my previous code.

The Major functionality bugs/issues;

- Keeping user sessions stored on refresh
 - Upon a refresh a user would be logged out. As I couldn't find a way to solve this problem this is a current issue within the application
- Navigation by inputting a http address
 - Inputting an address when searching for stocks via symbol will not return the expected page. This is because the API endpoint is not accessed when the page is loaded but the symbol itself is defined/set when the user selects on the company table. This is a current issue within the application

Extensions

In the Future the application should change its filtering by date to fetch the data from the API when filtering rather than client side. Furthermore all bugs can be fixed to polish up the application.

More pages and components can be added especially with the use of different or a more extensive API. Components such as Real time News for companies, a top and worst performing stocks table and Links to the companies reports and financials can be implemented.

User guide

- Navigation
 - The Nav bar navigates to the main pages via nav buttons
 - To navigate to a companies stocks double click the selected company (anywhere on the row) from the Company List table (Appendix no.1)
 - The graph for to display a companies stock will display when u click the 'View Graph' button (Appendix no.4)
- Filtering
 - The data will update upon change of any search form just input the desired information into the search form and the table will update (Appendix no.8,9,12)
- User sessions
 - To sign up navigate to the signup page and input your data. Will only take emails with the '@' symbol eg; "email@qut.com".
 - To Log in navigate to the login page and input your data.
 - To submit press enter will forms filled in or press log in button
 - To log out click button at top left. (will only appear if u are logged in)

(Refer to the video if this is hard to understand)

Appendices

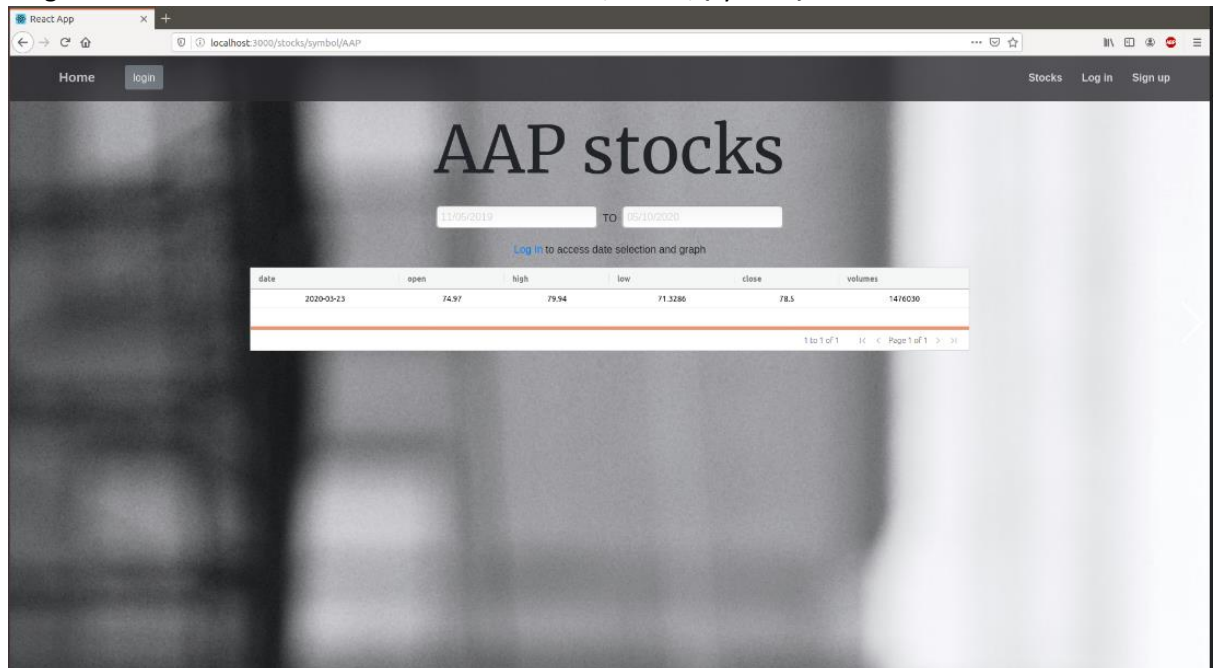
1) Company List at Full screen

name	symbol	industry
Agilent Technologies Inc.	A	Health Care
American Airlines Group	AAL	Industrials
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	Consumer Discretionary
Apple Inc.	AAPL	Information Technology
AbbVie Inc.	ABBV	Health Care
AmerisourceBergen Corp	ABC	Health Care
Abbott Laboratories	ABT	Health Care
Accenture plc	ACN	Information Technology
Adobe Systems Inc.	ADBE	Information Technology
Analog Devices Inc.	ADI	Information Technology
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co	ADM	Consumer Staples
Automatic Data Processing	ADP	Information Technology
Alliance Data Systems	ADS	Information Technology
Autodesk Inc.	ADSK	Information Technology
Ameren Corp	AEE	Utilities
American Electric Power	AEP	Utilities
AES Corp	AES	Utilities
Aetna Inc.	AET	Health Care
AFLAC Inc.	AFL	Financials
Allergan Plc	AGN	Health Care
American International Group Inc.	AIG	Financials

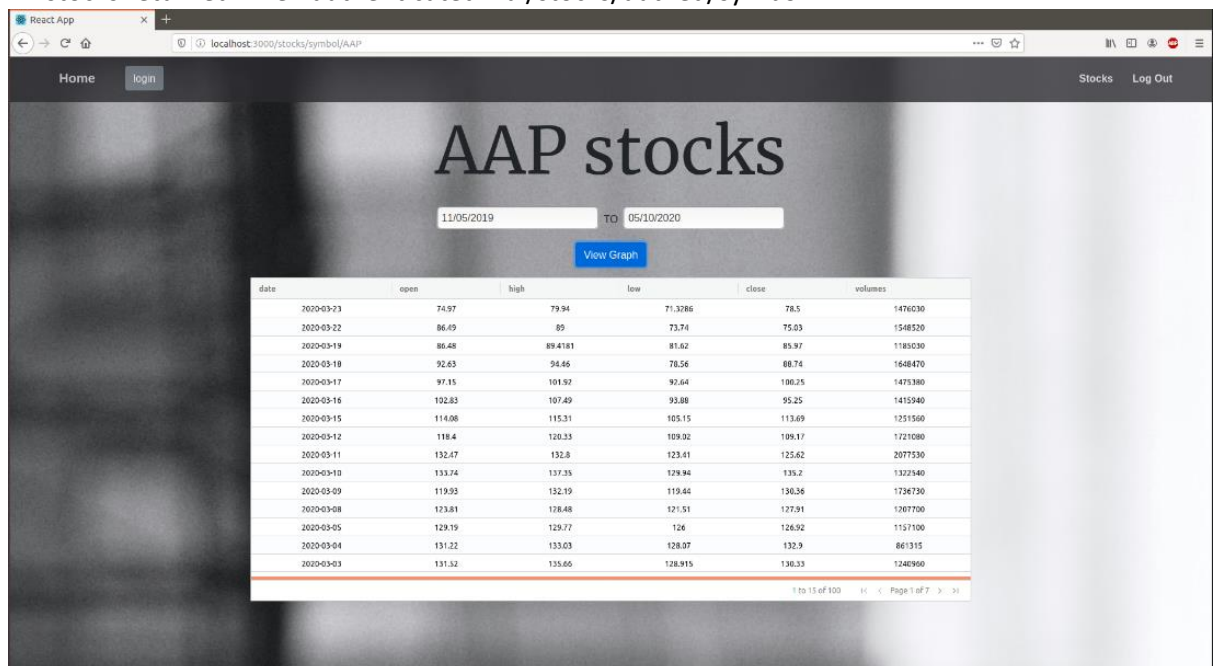
2) Company List At ¼ screen

name	symbol	industry
Agilent Technologies Inc.	A	Health Care
American Airlines Group	AAL	Industrials
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	Consumer Discretionary
Apple Inc.	AAPL	Information Technology
AbbVie Inc.	ABBV	Health Care
AmerisourceBergen Corp	ABC	Health Care
Abbott Laboratories	ABT	Health Care
Accenture plc	ACN	Information Technology
Adobe Systems Inc.	ADBE	Information Technology
Analog Devices Inc.	ADI	Information Technology
Archer-Daniels-Midland ...	ADM	Consumer Staples
Automatic Data Process...	ADP	Information Technology
Alliance Data Systems	ADS	Information Technology
Autodesk Inc.	ADSK	Information Technology
Ameren Corp	AEE	Utilities
American Electric Power	AEP	Utilities
AES Corp	AES	Utilities
Aetna Inc.	AET	Health Care
AFLAC Inc.	AFL	Financials
Allergan Plc	AGN	Health Care
American International ...	AIG	Financials

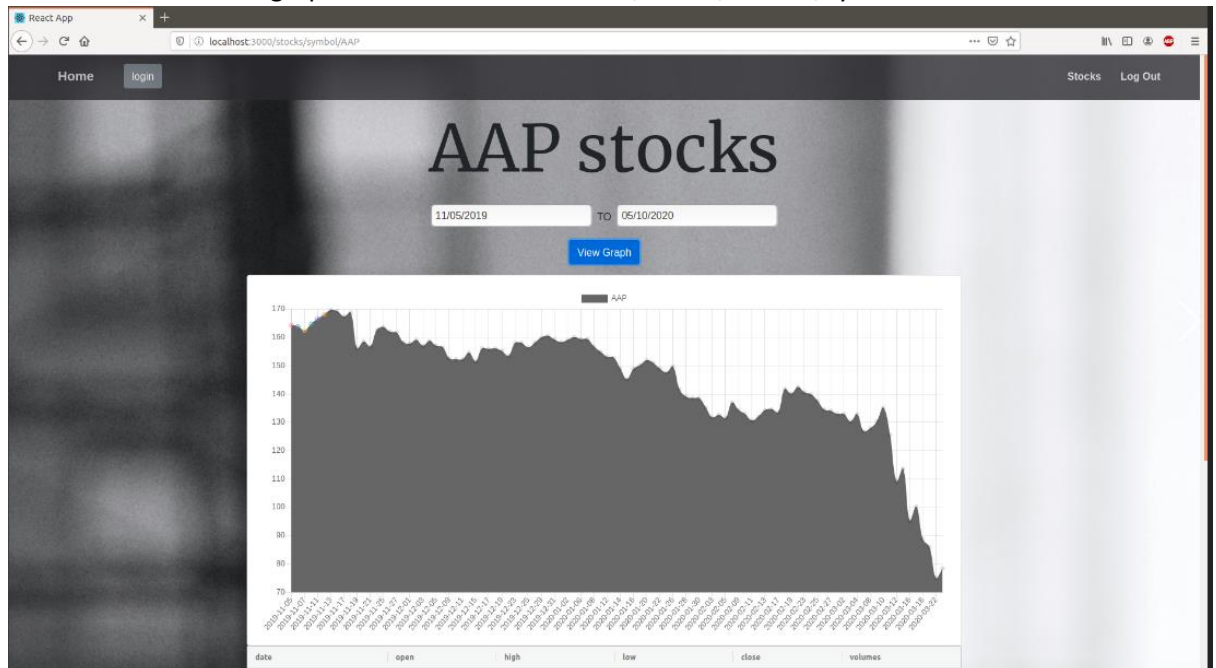
3) Single Stock returned when not authenticated via /stocks/{symbol}



4) All stocks returned when authenticated via /stocks/authed/symbol



5) All stocks returned as graph when authenticated via /stocks/authed/symbol



6) Login Form

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a login form. The browser's address bar shows the URL `localhost:3000/login`. The page has a dark header with a "Home" link and a "login" button. The main content area features the title "Log In" in large white text. Below the title, there is a white box with the title "Stocks Watch". Inside this box, there are two input fields: "Email" and "Password". Below these fields is a dark "Log In" button. At the bottom of the box, there are two links: "Sign Up" and "Forgot Password".

7) sign up form

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `localhost:3000/sign-up`. The page has a dark header with 'Home', 'login', 'Stocks', 'Log in', and 'Sign up' links. The main content area has a large 'Sign Up' title and a 'Stocks Watch' subtitle. Below the subtitle is a form with three input fields: 'Email', 'Password', and 'Retype-Password'. A dark 'Sign Up' button is at the bottom of the form.

React App

localhost:3000/sign-up

Home login Stocks Log in Sign up

Sign Up

Stocks Watch

Email

Password

Retype-Password

Sign Up

8) Company list filtered by dropdown menu

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `localhost:3000/stocks`. The page has a dark header with 'Home', 'Stocks', 'Log in', and 'Sign up' links. The main content area has a large 'Company List' title. Below the title is a search bar with 'Search By Industry' and a dropdown menu showing 'Telecommunication Services'. Below the search bar is a table with columns 'name', 'symbol', and 'industry'. The table lists three companies: CenturyLink Inc, AT&T Inc, and Verizon Communications. A pagination bar at the bottom shows '1 to 3 of 5' and 'Page 1 of 1'.

React App

localhost:3000/stocks

Home Stocks Log in Sign up

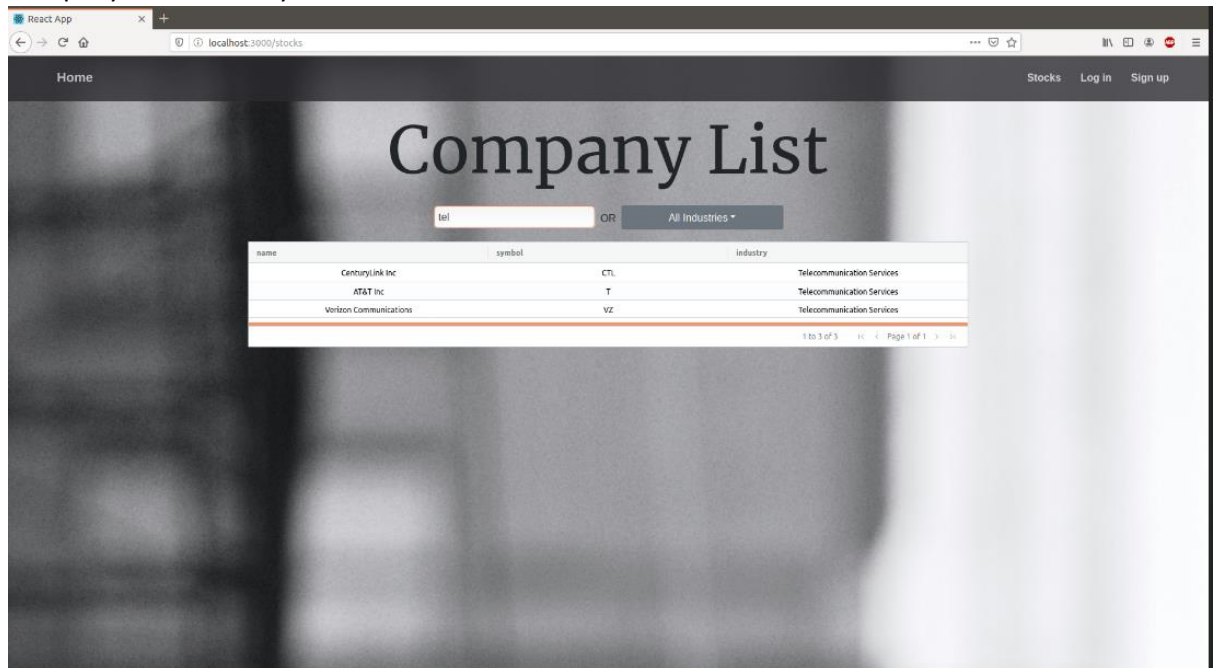
Company List

Search By Industry OR Telecommunication Services

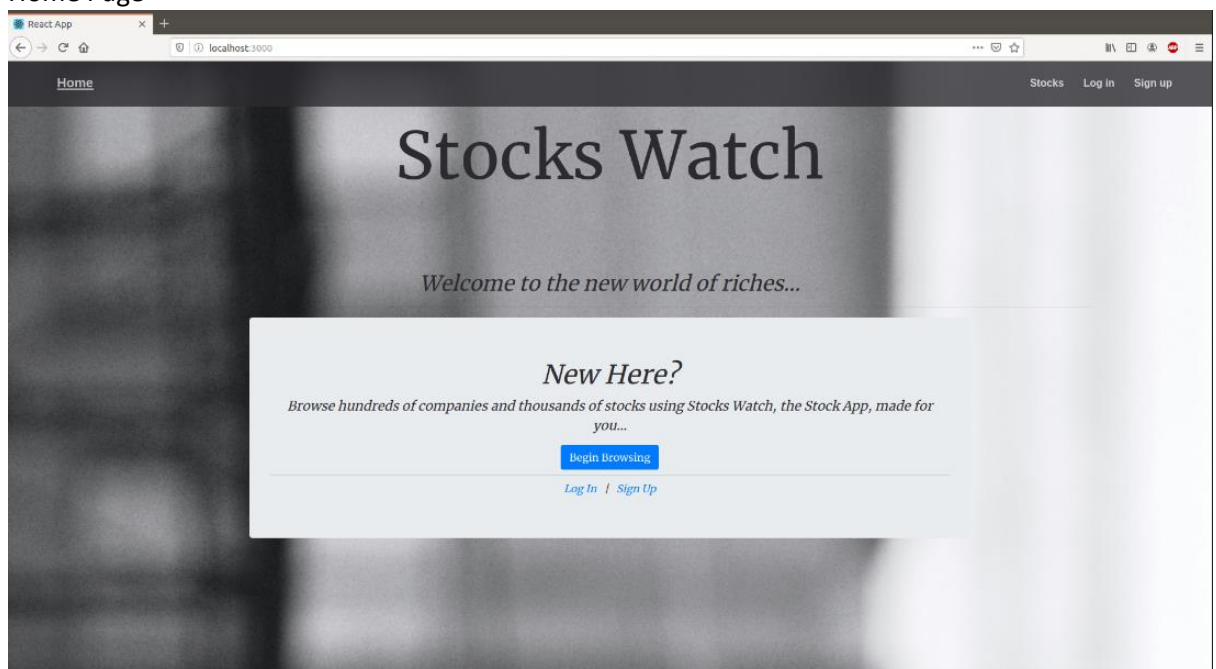
name	symbol	industry
CenturyLink Inc	CTL	Telecommunication Services
AT&T Inc	T	Telecommunication Services
Verizon Communications	VZ	Telecommunication Services

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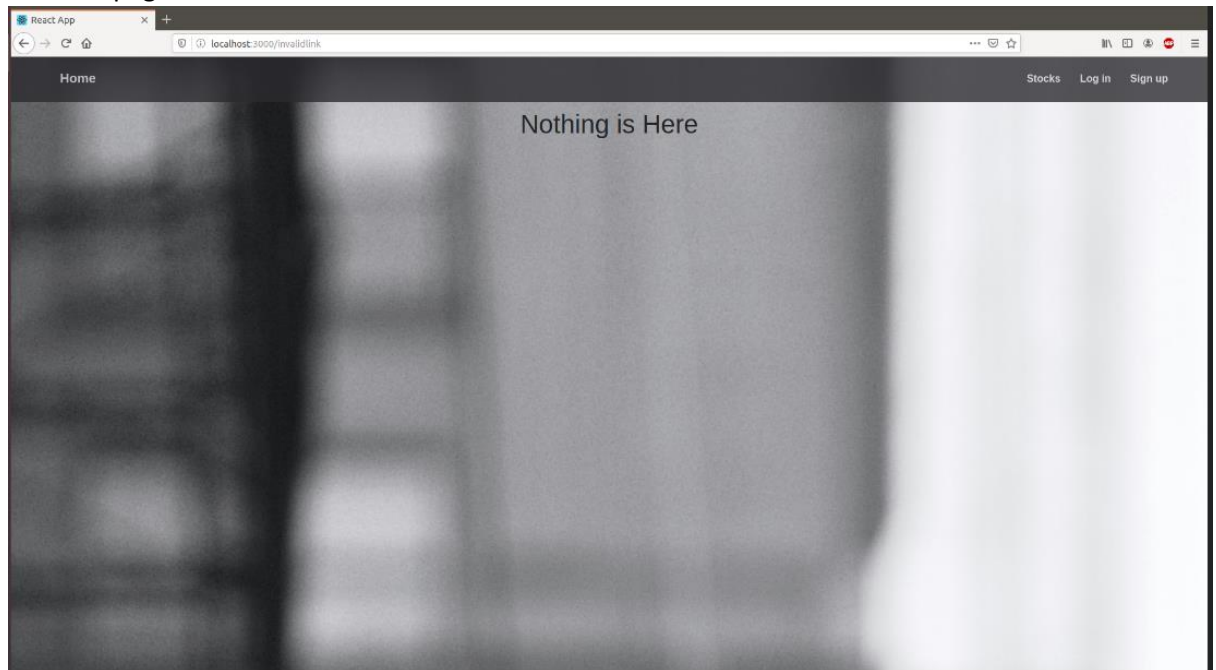
9) Company list filtered by search bar



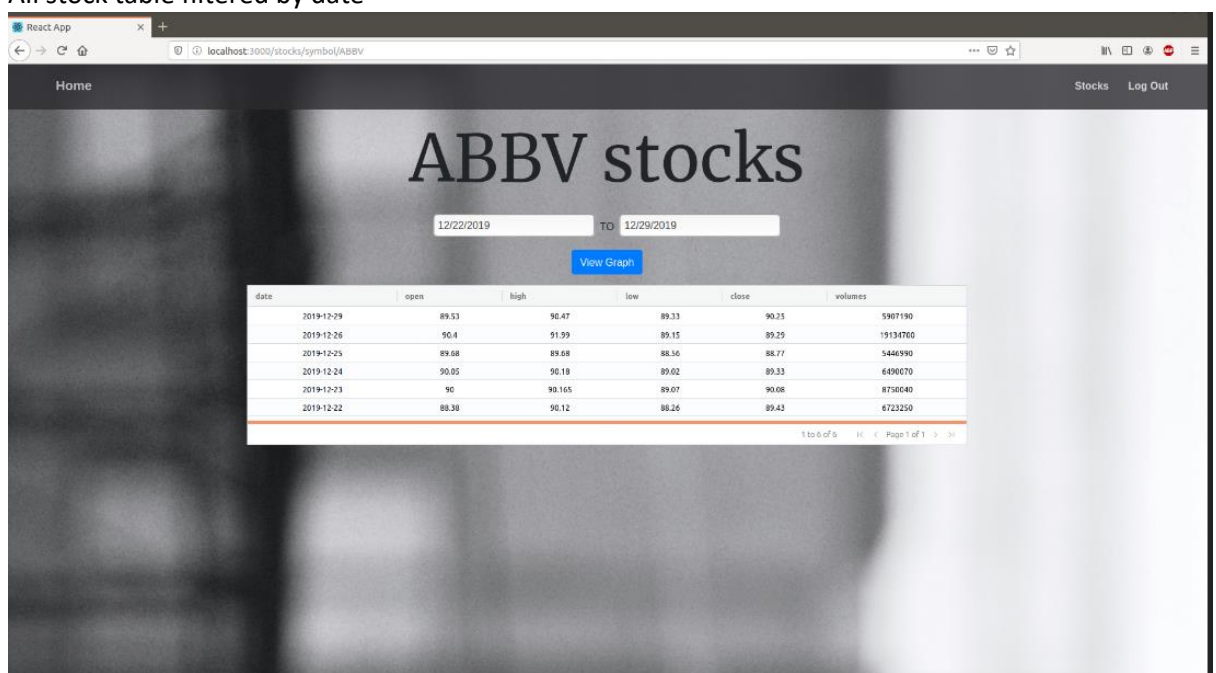
10) Home Page



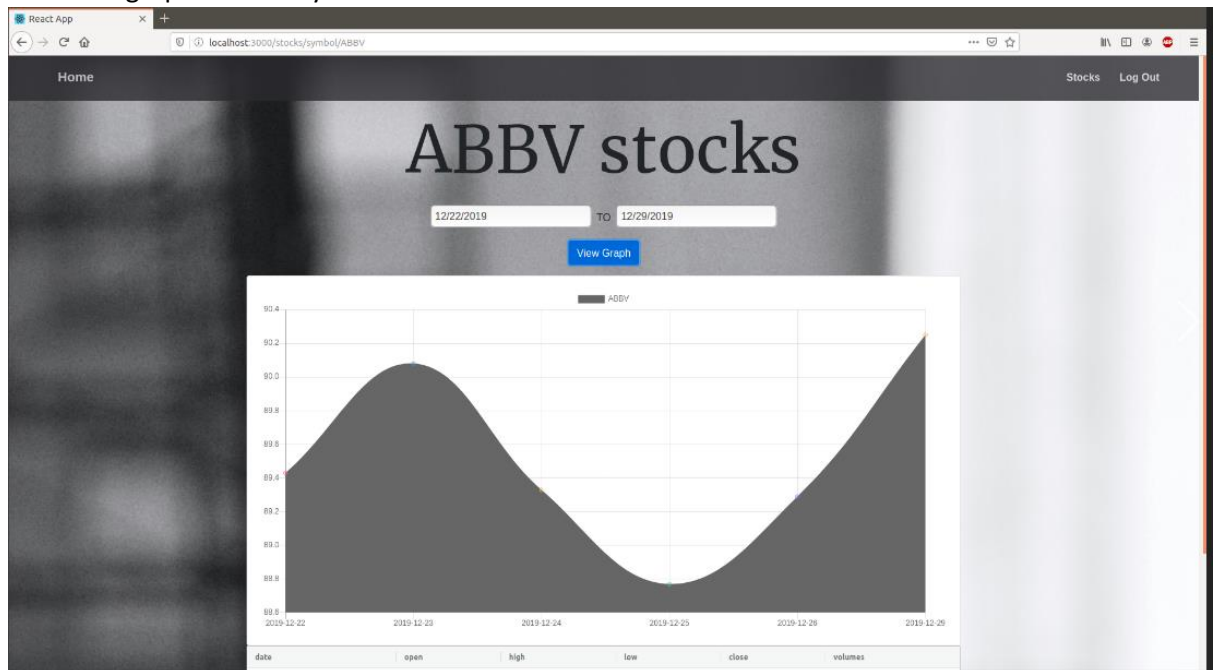
11) Error404page



12) All stock table filtered by date



13) All stocks graph filtered by date

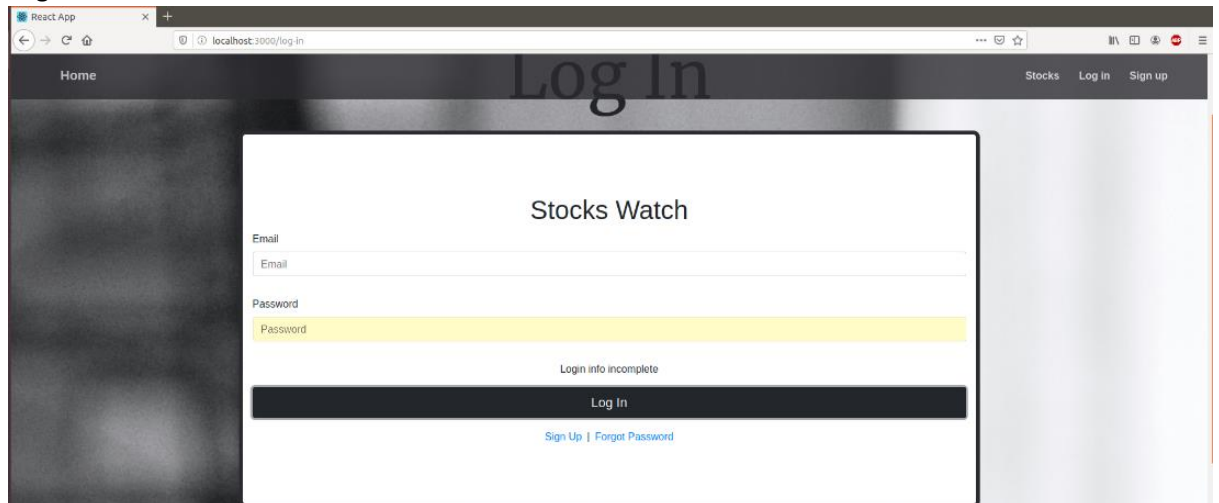


14) Successful login with token logged

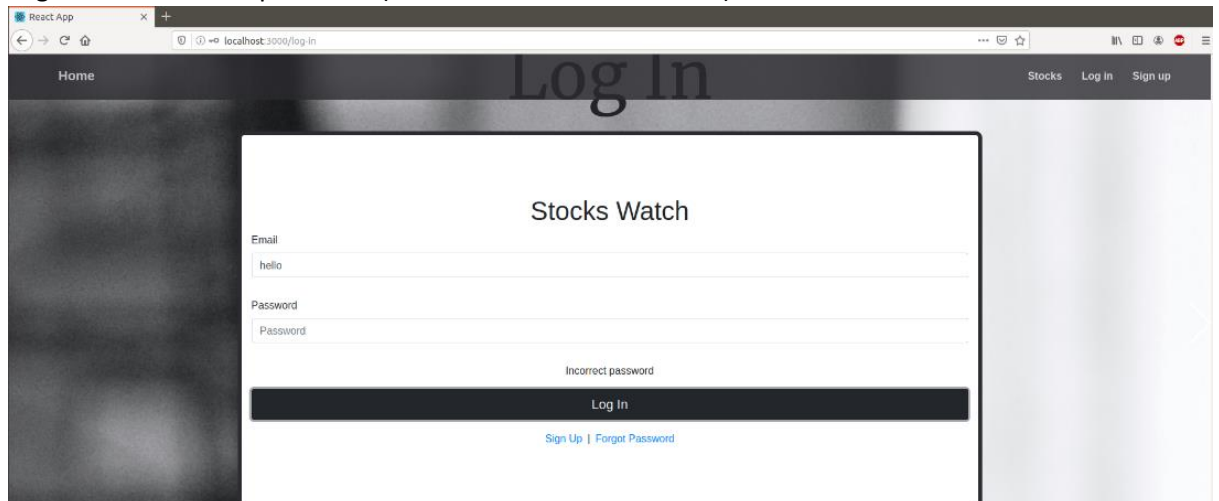
The screenshot shows a web application interface for a "Company List". The main heading is "Company List". Below the heading, there is a search bar with the text "Search By Industry" and a dropdown menu showing "All Industries". Below the search bar, there is a table with columns for "name", "symbol", and "industry". The table lists various companies including Agilent Technologies Inc, American Airlines Group, Advance Auto Parts, Apple Inc, AbbVie Inc, Amgen Inc, Abbott Laboratories, Accenture plc, Adobe Systems Inc, Analog Devices Inc, Archer-Daniels-Midland Co, Automatic Data Processing, and Alliance Data Systems. The page also includes a "Log Out" button. The browser's developer console is open at the bottom, showing a message about waiting for an update signal from ADS.

name	symbol	industry
Agilent Technologies Inc	A	Health Care
American Airlines Group	AAL	Industrials
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	Consumer Discretionary
Apple Inc	AAPL	Information Technology
AbbVie Inc	ABBV	Health Care
Amgen Inc	AMGN	Health Care
Abbott Laboratories	ABT	Health Care
Accenture plc	ACN	Information Technology
Adobe Systems Inc	ADBE	Information Technology
Analog Devices Inc	ADI	Information Technology
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co	ADM	Consumer Staples
Automatic Data Processing	ADP	Information Technology
Alliance Data Systems	ADS	Information Technology

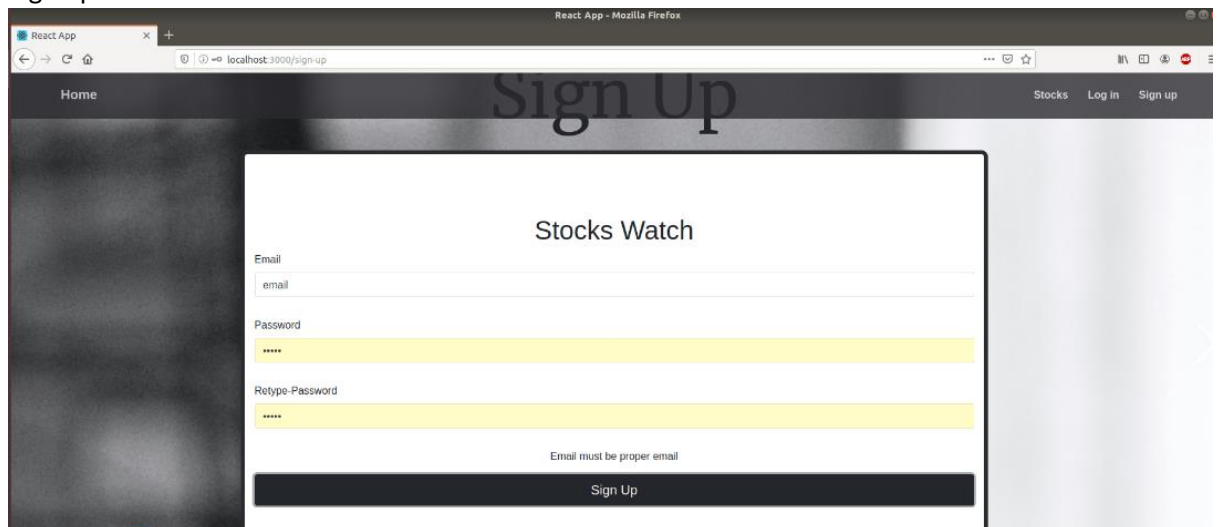
15) Login error no info



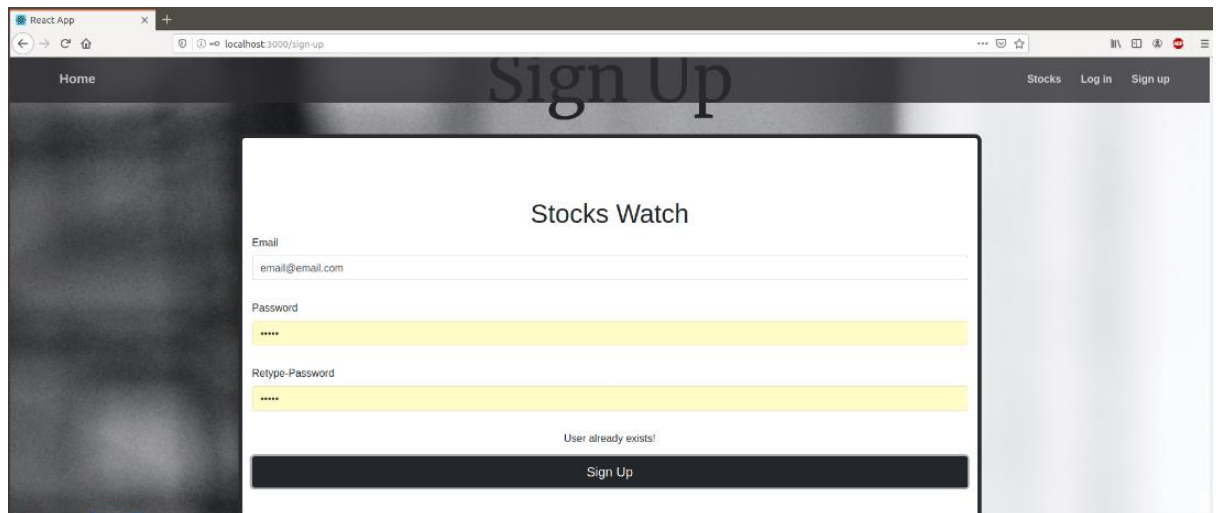
16) Login error incorrect password (field cleared when incorrect)



17) Sign up with invalid email



18) Sign up with in use email



19) Error when inputting http address manually

