

#bootcamp/Project2/README#

The Rogue Scholar

This application is a forum for the exchange of ideas. It encourages its users to explore and experience

Links

Heroku: [Rogue Scholar](#)

Motivation

Problem:

The prevalence of the "bubble" in social media and social interactions in general. The unwillingness of the audience to travel outside of their comfort zone. We are inclined (or is it persuaded? maybe, even encouraged?) to remain in our bubbles with no motivation to explore the many trains of thought on any subject.











Solution:

"Rogue Scholar" is a social experiment meant to challenge the user to "burst the bubble". It is intended to encourage the user to travel off of the beaten path that we subconsciously create and challenge them to interact and comment on another user's thoughts on a subject that they did not actively choose. It also provides "stimulus" in the form of random news articles to provoke the user to share their thoughts.

File Overview – what does what?

This is a complex project. A short overview of the function and structure of each file will be helpful. We'll look first at the file organization, then at the driver code, and then at how the MVC design pattern is implemented.

Project Directory/File Structure

- ▼  RogueScholar
 - ▼  config
 - /* config.json
 - ▼  models
 - /* comments.js
 - /* index.js
 - /* post.js
 - /* users.js
 - ▶  node_modules
 - ▼  public
 - ▼  assets
 - ▼  css
 - /* style.css
 - ▼  images
 -  background.jpg
 -  skull.jpg
 - ▼  js
 - /* create_user.js
 - /* createComment.js
 - /* createPost.js

Driver Code

- server.js
 - Requires the npm modules express, body-parser, method-override.
 - Requires routes
 - html-routes.js
 - post-api-routes.js
 - user-api-routes.js
 - Requires the models that are used by Sequelize for synching and communicating with the database.
 - server.js contains the code that
 - Sets up the parameters for the Express server.
 - Establishes for the Express server the /public directory as the source for static information (e.g., images and css).
 - Initializes Handlebars.
 - Starts the server listening on the default port (usually 8080).
 - Renders the home page.

MVC Design Pattern Implementation

Files that constitute the "Model"

These are the files that interact with the database.

"Model" files

"View" files

"Controller" files

Build status

This is version 1.0 of the application. Version 2 will include the replacement of orm.js with Sequelize, as well as refactoring and clean up of all the code.

Screenshots

Tech/framework used

- MVC design pattern
- Materialize css framework
- Handlebars
- Node
- Express
- Sequelize
- JAWS_DB (MySQL)

Features

This project is a complete, end-to-end implementation of a web app.

- Front End/Browser
 - Handlebars
 - CSS
 - Dynamic web page rendering
- Middleware
 - Express routing
 - Controller utilizes Sequelize for object - relational modeling to interface to the database.
- Server
 - Database

Code Example

Installation

1. git clone the repository.
2. From the command line,
 1. \$ npm install package.json
 1. This will install node and the following required packages in the node_modules directory:
 - "body-parser": "^1.18.2"

- "express": "^4.16.2",
 - "express-handlebars": "^3.0.0",
 - "mysql": "^2.15.0"
3. Set up posts_db
 4. From the command line, cd to the RogueScholar directory. Start the server with the following command:
 - \$ node server
 5. Point the browser to localhost:8080.

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