Microsoft Engage 2021

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The Challenge

Build a functional prototype of a platform that gives students an array of digital academic and social tools to stay engaged with their studies, peers and broader university community during pandemic.

Solution

Built a fully functional website for allowing students to self-study and share notes with other peers. The platform is basically an all-in-one study and note-sharing portal for students.

Description:

The website is a portal for studying having all the basic features that a student might need while studying. It also allows users to share their notes with other users.

Technologies Used:

Django, HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Database:

SQLite

Deployed on:

Azure portal

Links:

Github repository: https://github.com/shumbul/Microsoft-Engage

Website: http://engage-portal.azurewebsites.net/

Notable Features:

- Social accounts authentication while signing up and signing in
- Pending ToDos and Homeworks are displayed on profile
- Publically available features (works without signing in):
 - Youtube search
 - Books search
 - Dictionary word finding
 - Wikipedia search
 - Conversion of length and mass
- Main features requiring sign in:
 - Notes creating and sharing
 - Homework creating and setting a deadline
 - Todo creating and setting a deadline

ER Diagram

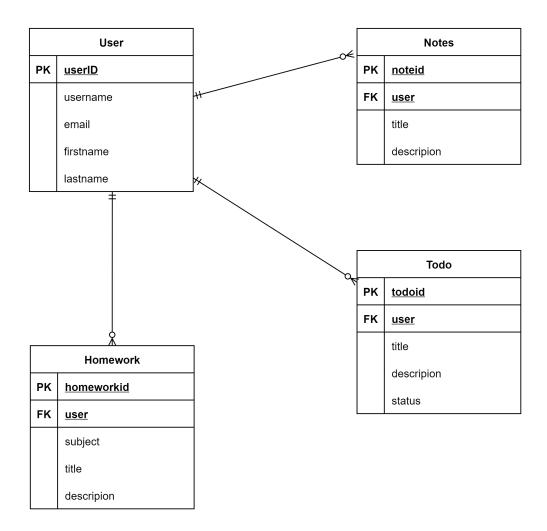


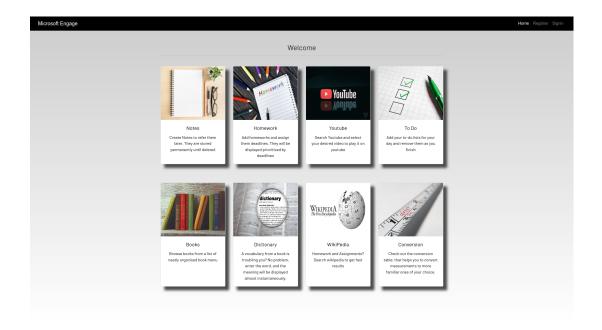
Figure: ER Diagram of the models in the Engage Portal

HOME PAGE

This is the home page or dashboard of the website having all the tools displayed in the form of tiles. It is accessible globally, and the user need not be signed in to access this page. Although, a user has to be signed in in order to access Notes, Homework, and Todo. Thus, when any of these is selected it redirects the user to the sign-in page. The default header of the template includes Home, Register, Sign-in for anonymous users and Home, Profile, Options (dropdown), and Sign-out for a logged-in user.

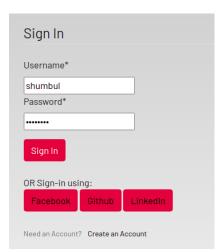
TOOLS:

- 1. Notes:
 - a. Create note
 - b. Delete note
 - c. Share note with other users
- 2. Homework:
 - a. Add homework
 - b. Update homework
 - c. Delete homework
- 3. Todo:
 - a. Create task
 - b. Update task
 - c. Delete task
- 4. Books
- 5. Youtube
- 6. Wikipedia
- 7. Dictionary
- 8. Conversion:
 - a. Convert mass units
 - b. Convert length units

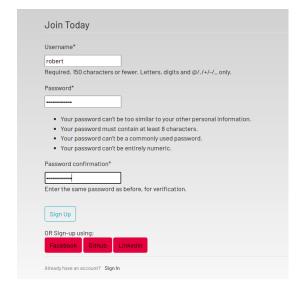


SIGN-IN and REGISTER

- 1. Sign-in:
 - a. Takes up the fields:
 - i. Username
 - ii. Password
 - b. Other ways to sign-in is using:
 - i. Facebook
 - ii. Github
 - iii. LinkedIn
 - c. An option to Create a new account



- 2. Register: To register a new user
 - a. Take up the fields:
 - i. Username
 - ii. Password
 - iii. Password Confirmation
 - b. Other ways to sign-up are using:
 - i. Facebook
 - ii. Github
 - iii. LinkedIn
 - c. An option to Sign in to an existing account

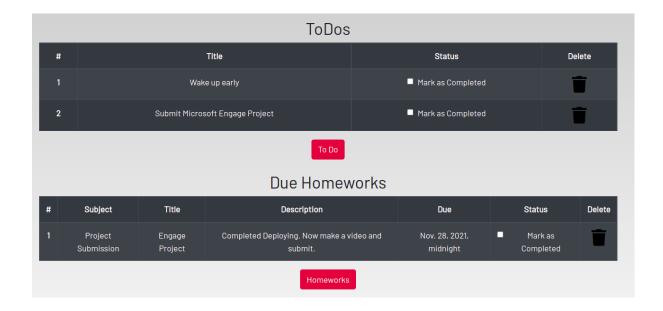


PROFILE

Displays all the Todos and Due Homeworks for a user

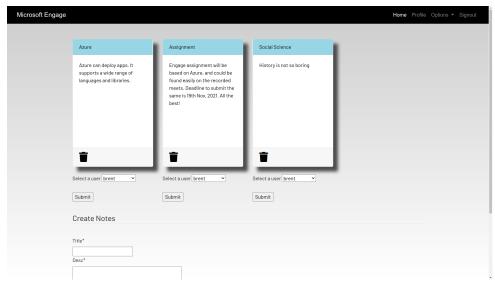
NOTE: This functionality is only accessible to logged-in users

The page has two tables as shown in the diagram below, and each of those has a check-box and delete button, and also a corresponding button to go to the respective pages.



NOTES

Allows creating, deleting, and sharing of notes with other users



Create Notes:

- Takes up the fields Title and Description of a note
- Success message pops up once a note is created

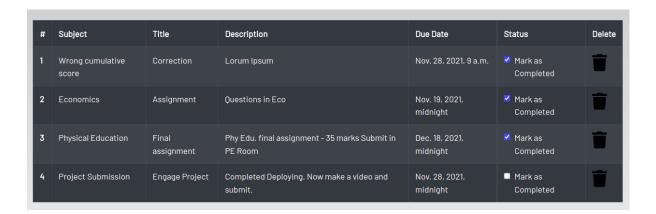


Notes:

- Displayed in the form of tiles
- Deleting a note is allowed
- Sharing the note to other users is allowed
- Message pops up once a note is shared or deleted

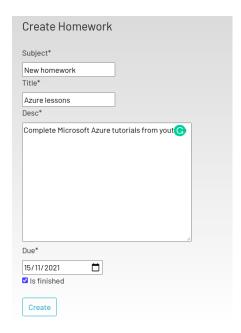
HOMEWORKS

Displays homeworks and allows creating, deleting, and checking the completion status of homeworks



Create Homeworks:

- Takes up the fields Title, Description, Due Date, Status
- Success message pops up once homework is created

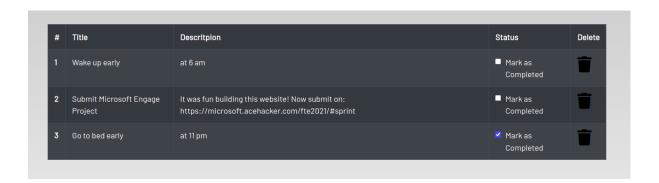


Notes:

- Displayed in the form of a table
- Checking the completion status of homework is allowed
- Deleting a homework is allowed
- Message pops up once an item is deleted

TODO

Displays items in todo list, and allows creating Todo items



Create Todo:

- Takes up the fields Title, Description, Status
- Success message pops up once a todo item is created



Notes:

- Displayed in the form of a table
- Checking the completion status of a todo item is allowed
- Deleting a todo item is allowed
- Message pops up once an item is deleted

DICTIONARY

Allows searching words from the dictionary

| Dictionary Enter any word to get the phonetics, definition and an example for the word |
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| Enter To Search * girl Submit |
| girl ga:I ■ 》 |
| Definition: a female child. |
| Example: a six-year-old girl Synonyms: female child young person youngster teenager adolescent young woman young lady juvenile minor junior student schoolgirl daughter lass lassie bairn pickney kid kiddie tot brat chit |
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Features:

- Pronunciation
- Phonetics
- Definition
- Example for the word
- Synonyms

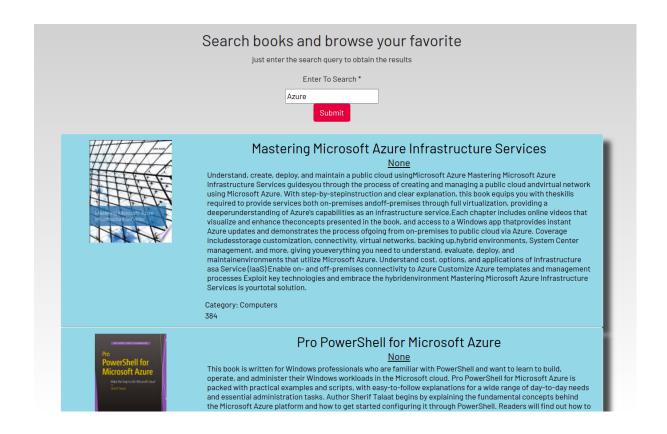
WIKIPEDIA

Displays pages from Wikipedia of the searched keywords

| Search articles in wikipedia |
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| enter the search query to obtain the results |
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| Microsoft Corporation is an American multinational technology corporation which produces computer software, consumer electronics, personal computers, and related services. Its best known software products are the Microsoft Windows line of operating systems, the Microsoft Office suite, and the Internet Explorer and Edge web browsers. Its flagship hardware products are the Xbox video game consoles and the Microsoft Surface lineup of touchscreen personal computers. Microsoft ranked No. 21 in the 2020 Fortune 500 rankings of the largest United States corporations by total revenue; it was the world's largest software maker by revenue as of 2016. It is considered one of the Big Five companies in the U.S. information technology industry, along with American Considered One of the Big Five companies in the U.S. information technology industry, along |
| with Amazon, Google (Alphabet), Apple, and Facebook (Meta), Microsoft (the word being a portmanteau of "microcomputer software") was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen on April 4, 1975, to develop and sell BASIC interpreters for the Altair 8800. It rose to dominate the personal computer operating system market with MS-DOS in the mid-1980s, followed by Microsoft Windows. |
| The company's 1986 initial public offering (IPO), and subsequent rise in its share price, created three billionaires and an estimated 12,000 millionaires among Microsoft employees. Since the 1990s, it has increasingly diversified from the operating system market and has made a number of corporate acquisitions, their largest being the acquisition of LinkedIn for \$26.2 billion in December |

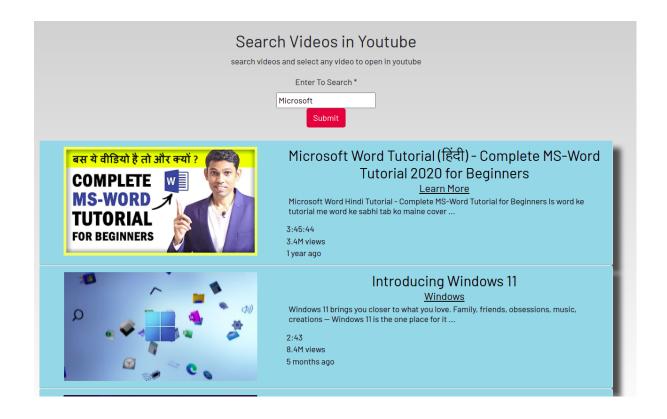
BOOKS

Allows searching and browsing any book



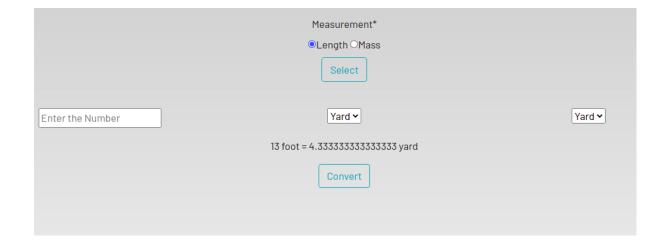
YOUTUBE

Allows searching any video on Youtube



CONVERSION

Conversion of basic units - Length and Mass



FUTURE WORK

- 1. Creating groups/friends facility.
- 2. Dictionary search on highlighted texts on any page.
- 3. Youtube embedded media player on the youtube page.
- 4. Creating an API for displaying university announcements on the home page.
- 5. A public profile to users where the user can keep selected data public or available to friends.