

Final Report

Invitations App

1. Introduction

The invitationsAPP is an inovative software which can do the following:

- Be responsible for, given a person's/business' list of guests, send confirmation e-mails for events registered in the system.
- As a result, the system will provide accurate information to end-users about the number of people that should be participating in such event, enabling the end-user to plan the event's logistics ahead.

2. Design and Implementation

To achieve all the goals necessary for this project, the application was divided in three parts, which were:

- The REST API, implemented using loopback framework and mongodb database, is responsible for store all the data models and send e-mails to the guests, and some of the end points can be seen in the picture below:

invitationsApp

Customer

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PATCH	/Customers	Patch an existing model instance or insert a new one into the data source.
GET	/Customers	Find all instances of the model matched by filter from the data source.
PUT	/Customers	Patch an existing model instance or insert a new one into the data source.
POST	/Customers	Create a new instance of the model and persist it into the data source.
PATCH	/Customers/{id}	Patch attributes for a model instance and persist it into the data source.
GET	/Customers/{id}	Find a model instance by {id} from the data source.
PUT	/Customers/{id}	Patch attributes for a model instance and persist it into the data source.
DELETE	/Customers/{id}	Delete a model instance by {id} from the data source.
GET	/Customers/{id}/hosts	Queries hosts of Customer.
POST	/Customers/{id}/hosts	Creates a new instance in hosts of this model.
DELETE	/Customers/{id}/hosts	Deletes all hosts of this model.
GET	/Customers/{id}/hosts/{fk}	Find a related item by id for hosts.
PUT	/Customers/{id}/hosts/{fk}	Update a related item by id for hosts.
DELETE	/Customers/{id}/hosts/{fk}	Delete a related item by id for hosts.
GET	/Customers/{id}/hosts/count	Counts hosts of Customer.
POST	/Customers/{id}/replace	Replace attributes for a model instance and persist it into the data source.
GET	/Customers/confirm	Confirm a user registration with email verification token.
POST	/Customers/login	Login a user with username/email and password.
POST	/Customers/logout	Logout a user with access token.
POST	/Customers/replaceOrCreate	Replace an existing model instance or insert a new one into the data source.
POST	/Customers/update	Update instances of the model matched by {where} from the data source.
POST	/Customers/upsertWithWhere	Update an existing model instance or insert a new one into the data source based on the where criteria.

Event

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Guest

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Host

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[BASE URL: /api , API VERSION: 1.0.0]

- The web page, implemented using yeoman, yo, html, bootstrap, css, angularjs as can be seen below:



InvitationsApp



We take inspiration from the World's best practices in organizing events, and create a unique experience for our users. Try out our features and you will notice how fast is to plan a party or event!!!

[Home](#) / [Manage Hosts/Events/Guests](#)

Registered Hosts

Name	Email	Phone	Photo	Contact Name	Contact Title	Action
joao	a	a	img/joao.jpg	a	a	Edit Host Manage Events
mw	w	w	ww	w	ww	Edit Host Manage Events

Edit/Create/Delete Hosts

Host Name	<input type="text" value="Enter Host Name"/>
Email	<input type="text" value="Email"/>
Phone	<input type="text" value="Enter Phone Number"/>
Photo	<input type="text" value="Enter Photo path"/>
Contact Name	<input type="text" value="Enter Contact Name"/>
Contact Title	<input type="text" value="Enter Contact Title"/>
Save Host Delete Host	

Links

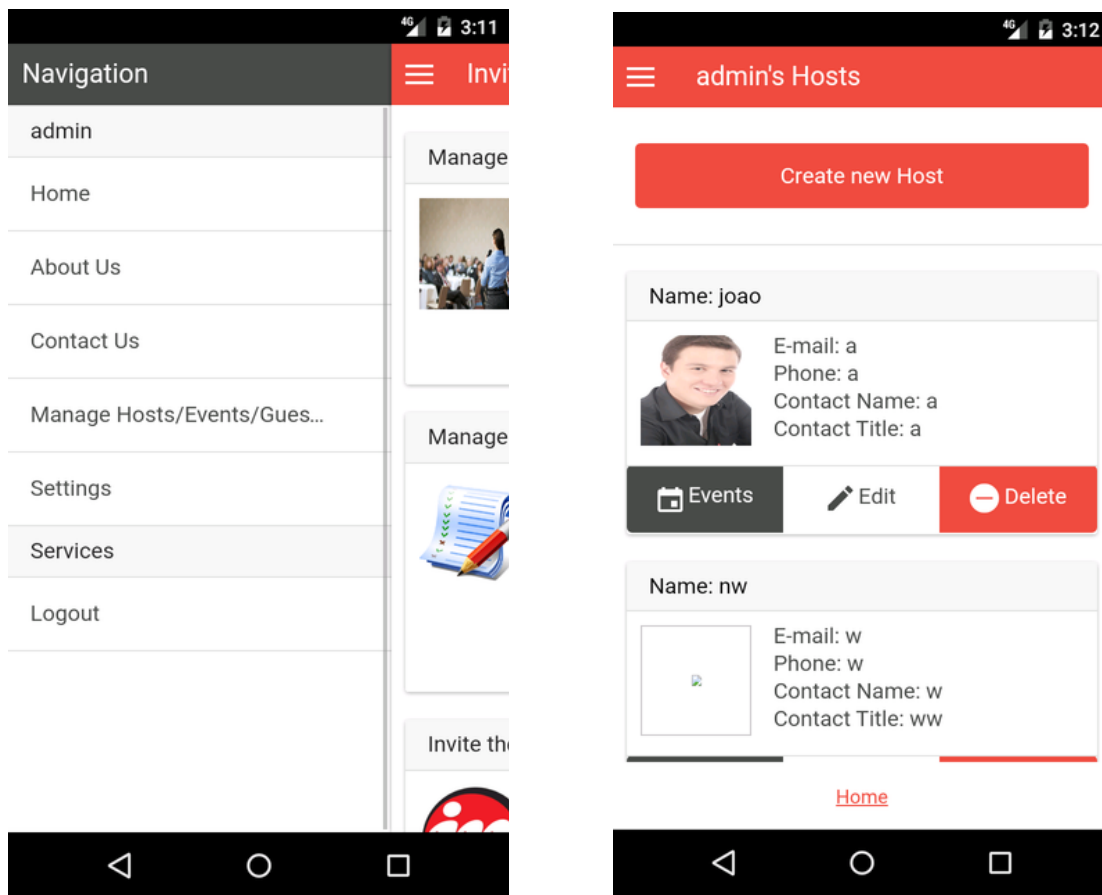
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- The mobile app, implemented using Ionic frameworks has an appearance like in the following pictures:



For the REST API implementation, the loopback's getting started example was followed from the app generation until the final aspect.

About the web page, the inspiration was taken from the conFusion app developed through this specialization.

Finally, the Mobile application was mostly developed using the Ionic framework scaffolding tool.

Of course that all times, Mr Muppala's projects were a great font of insights about what to apply for the invitationsApp project.

As a process which is covering all parts of web development, it was very difficult to assimilate every aspect of the process in a first moment.

In a second moment, put all ideas in an organized way in the paper, or the planning part was also time consuming, but very important, because it provided good start points to the third part, the implementation.

During the implementation, as a beginner, there had been lots of backs and forward steps until a good methodology became in place, like folders organization, get started with all the scaffolding tools, configure correctly all the frameworks, mastering in the github and app deployment in production.

Another point to mention was about a changing on the models previously planned, which initially were enabled to access directly all the others (e.g.: a Guest could be created before a Host and their relationship was many to many, but that approach did not provide a good user experience).

3. Conclusions

With this specialization I could be able to develop a website and a mobile app to consume data provided by an api since the very first idea until the completion.

As the system has lots of “supporting features” that are not the core concept of the product, like authorization system, security, the work necessary to combine all of these features were harder than I thought previously.

Thinking on this aspect, I thought that it could be easier take the confusion app and just adapt the system to the invitationsapp, but the reality was that it was much easier to scaffold out the three parts from zero and follow the guides provided by the frameworks.

So, in the next new technologies I think I will try to follow the guides instead of adapt something already developed.

Finally, I would define less goals to be achieved or more time to conclude them since I could I could not complete the barcode generation on time. Anyway, I think that the ability to precisely set deadlines is something that someone can only do when they are more experienced on all the stack, what obviously was not the students’ case.

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