Okay; so; my third project idea is a database/data based project, with minor website utility ( for informational browsing; more details later ). It’s mainly about consolidating and uniformly packaging the very disparate & deteriorated State-&-City Missing-Persons websites; since many not only use different formats; many where outdated, and/or seemingly without maintenance.

The main concept of the project was to build a website scraper that handled each, and formatted the info into a uniformed database; of which, would lead to a website, for data & meta-data perusal, alongside a Google-Map API, to showcase when, and where, these people went missing, to include an easier, more intuitive way of digestion.

Beyond the coding itself ( The website, the scraper, the inclusion of the Google-Map API, etc ), the main bulk of the work, I *believe as of now*, rests on the data-analysis part;

Since most, if not all, of this data is free, online, and slightly more often than not, \*backfilled\*, detailing prior dates, and older missing & unidentified persons cases; a meta-analysis \*should\* be easier than *not* to implement. I’m *planning* notification of the basics; upward or downward trends, where, when, most to least listed reasons why; is there a correlation between certain demographics, and who goes missing, etc. But as of now, the largest ambition is the proper implementation of the Google-map; I’m not blind to the concept of user retention; a website backfilled with data and analysis is all well and good, but not new; and *definitely* not useful; I’m imagining the website as from the hypothetical outside perspective; I’m not NAMUS, nor do I plan to be; the goal of this project is to, ultimately, allow me to grow my skills, while also building a ( hopefully respectful and useful ) informative-novelty website.

And since I’m absolutely no good at phrasing; to attempt to reiterate in another way; If I never \*had\* to do a 4900 project; I think I would still want to create this website; and the main goal \*then\*, beyond the skill growth and journey, would be mainly informing people of the missing-persons issue. Because, well, even with the few minor research bents I’ve been going on the last few months, there’s a lot of things people don’t commonly think about; like how many people go missing a year ( roughly 4-500k; better than the 1990’s ~900k ) ; and the types of people who go missing ( children are still the major victims ( NYC alone still has around ~130 active cases still, going from recent years, to unsolved cold cases from as far back as *1961* [ link; <https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/missing/index.htm#/missing-child> ] ), but there are also vulnerable adults ( ~47 as of last checking on same official NYC website; but the NY State Criminal Justice Division released an annual report for 2023, listing ~6,540 adults missing, period; with ~1,740 being vulnerable ones, specifically ) ).

And honestly, I’m aware I’m reaching word-vomit levels of textual limitation; but the issue is that it’s *emblematic* *of the issue!;* there’s *so much data*, and so many people going missing it’s basically on the *daily;* and I start to ask myself; *before* I started looking into this on a whim a few months back, how often did I, if ever, even *think* about this sort of stuff?

And uh. Yeah; that’s the target audience, and goalpoint. The main goal itself, is to consolidate all this info ( because it really, really IS just, scattered; even with ongoing city, state, and *federal* attempts ), and to make it *digestible*. I want to have been able to present to my past self, and have been able to inform them, from flat; and hopefully, others in general;

I mean, awareness is the first step, yeah?

Worst case, if I somehow do all this and need to do more, I can incorporate missing pets & such ( I think they actually updated this website since last we checked in November, September; ( https://nycaccpets.shelterbuddy.com/search/?s=found&newsearch=yes );

I don’t think they added much; they just added a goddamn blue-bar. So, uh. Either a visual update ( useless ), or like. No update at all. ).

Websites of use so far; [https://namus.nij.ojp.gov/] [https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/missing/index.htm#/] [https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-01046] [https://www.nyc.gov/site/ocme/for-families/missing-and-unidentified-persons.page] [ https://www.justice.gov/action-center/report-and-identify-missing-persons ] [ https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/kidnap ]