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# GEO TRACKER

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## Features

- User can view natural disasters and earth type events on a global scale
- User can view current and historical weather data overlaid on map.
- User can view trending tweets in a region.
- User can view if there are recent tweets about a given disaster.
- User can log in and save disasters.
- User can share disasters with others via local messaging applications, social media, or email.

## Challenges

- Cross platform stability was a reoccurring issue. Particularly with regards to UX and weather visualization.
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- Disaster animation and filtering verification and testing.

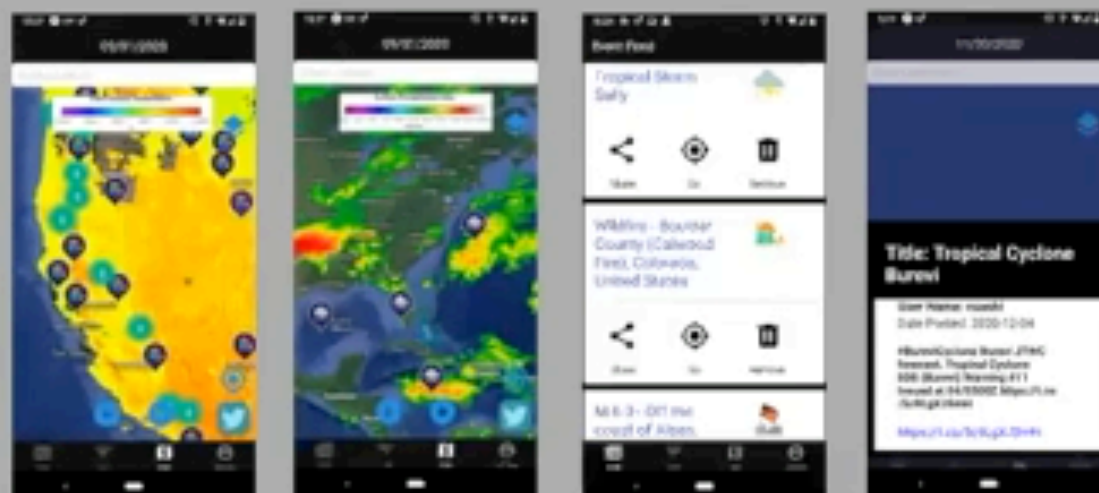


Figure 1: Screen Shots of GeoTracker

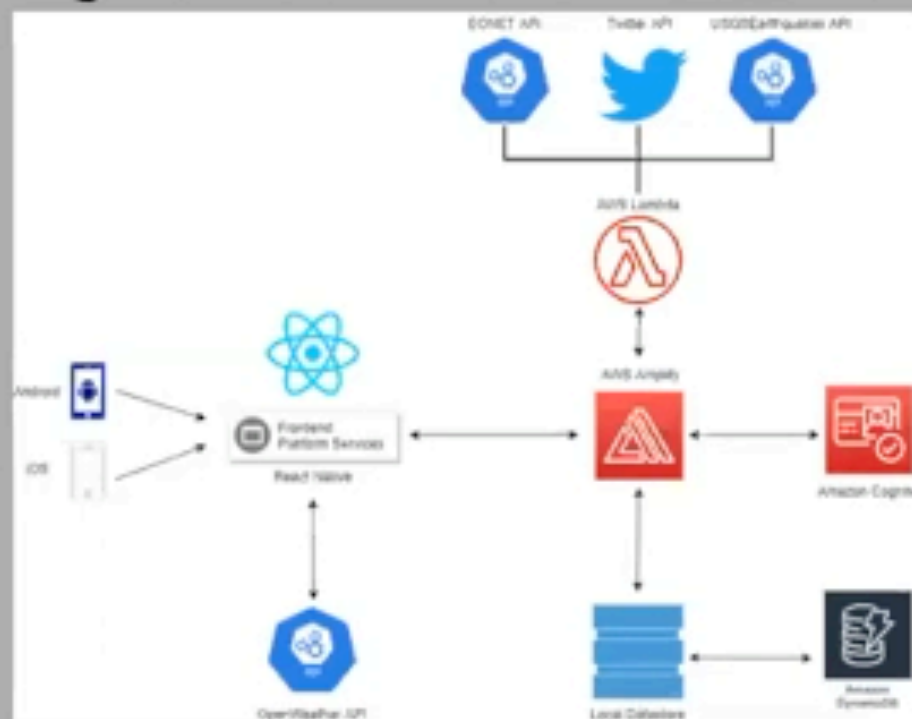


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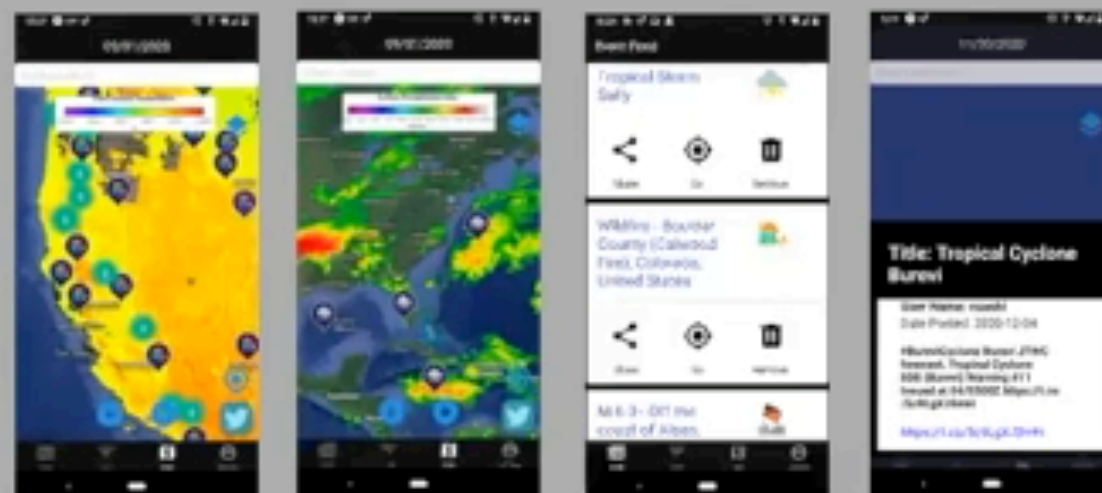


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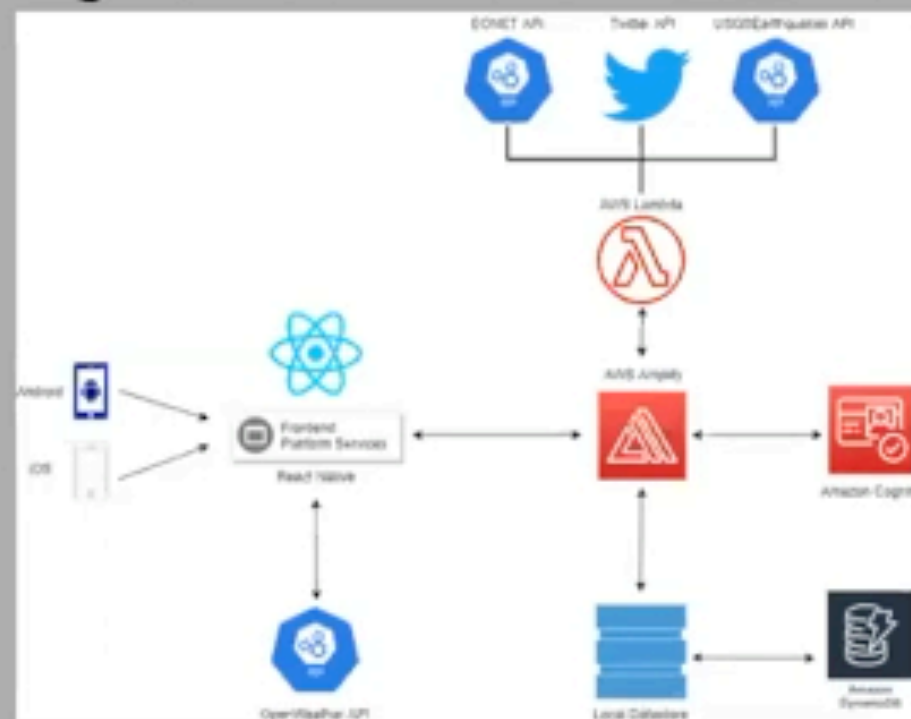


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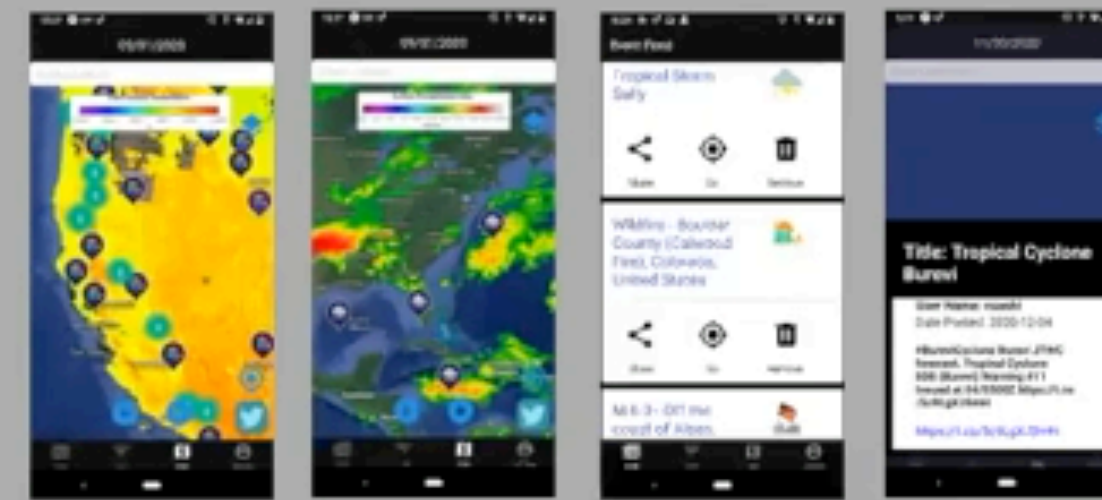


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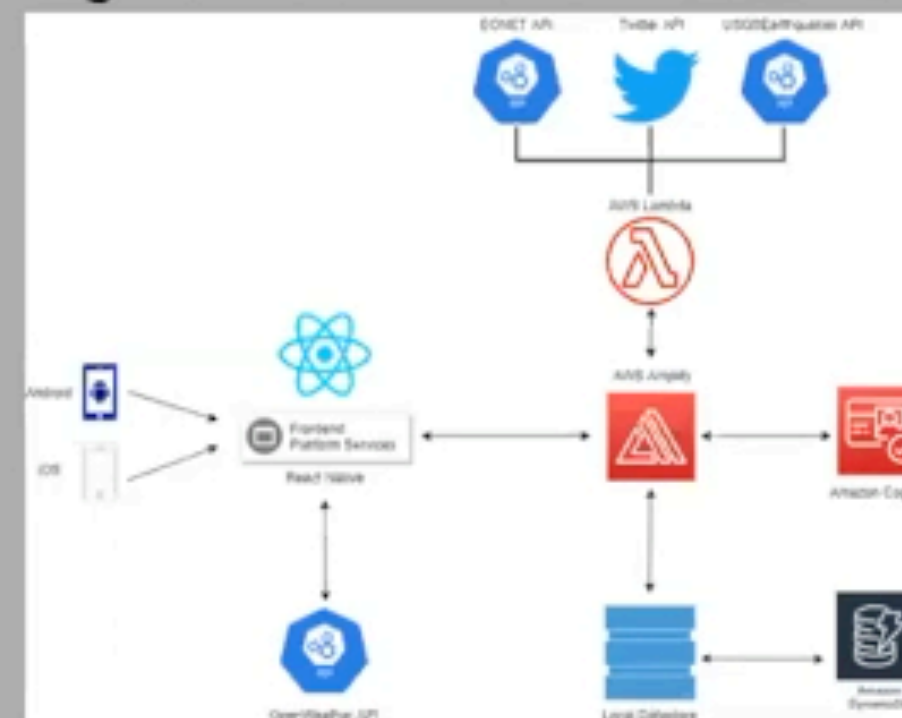


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# Discussion/Exit Ticket



Post  
on Discord. Submit  
link to post  
on Canvas.

- What aspects of the demos did you like the most?
- Where could you see some of these story telling methods in your demos?
- Was there anything you didn't like?



You can find more Demo examples on Discord  
#demo-inspiration