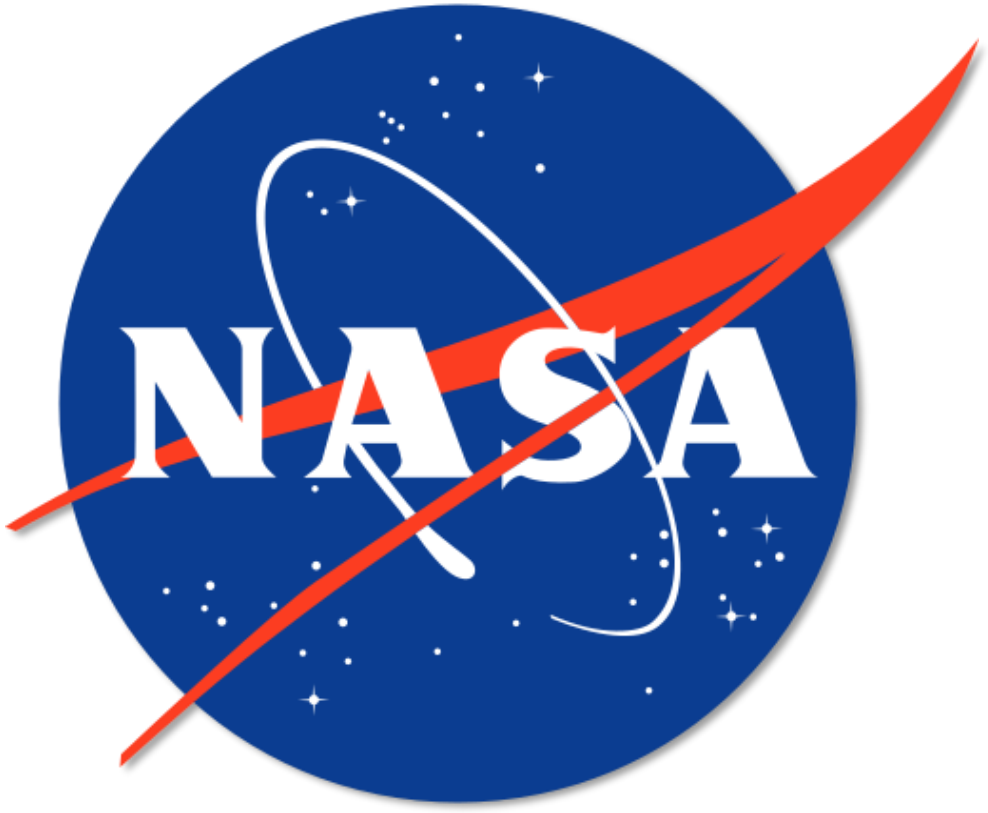


# A.P.O.D (Astronomy Picture of the Day) API

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***A.P.O.D Archive:*** *https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/archivepixFull.html*

***Visit the published website here:*** *https://cpr03.github.io/ITWM101_SEMIFINALS_API_ROSALES/*

***GitHub Repository:*** *https://github.com/CPR03/ITWM101_SEMIFINALS_API_ROSALES*

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# Section 1: A.P.O.D. API

NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day API is one of its most popular open APIs. The API uniquely provides daily photos of astronomy pictures together with their title, date, and description. The APOD database has a total of **28 years** of photos dating from June 16, 1995, to the present.

## I. How to use A.P.O.D?

Using A.P.O.D API is similar to other free APIs.

### HTTP Request:

GET https://api.nasa.gov/planetary/apod

### Query Parameters:

| Parameter | Type | Default | Description |
|---|---|---|---|
| date | YYYY-MM-DD | *today* | The date of the APOD image to retrieve |
| start_date | YYYY-MM-DD | none | The start of a date range, when requesting date for a range of dates. Cannot be used with `date`. |
| end_date | YYYY-MM-DD | *today* | The end of the date range, when used with `start_date`. |
| count | int | none | If this is specified then `count` randomly chosen images will be returned. Cannot be used with `date` or `start_date` and `end_date`. |
| thumbs | bool | False | Return the URL of video thumbnail. If an APOD is not a video, this parameter is ignored. |
| api_key | string | DEMO_KEY | api.nasa.gov key for expanded usage |

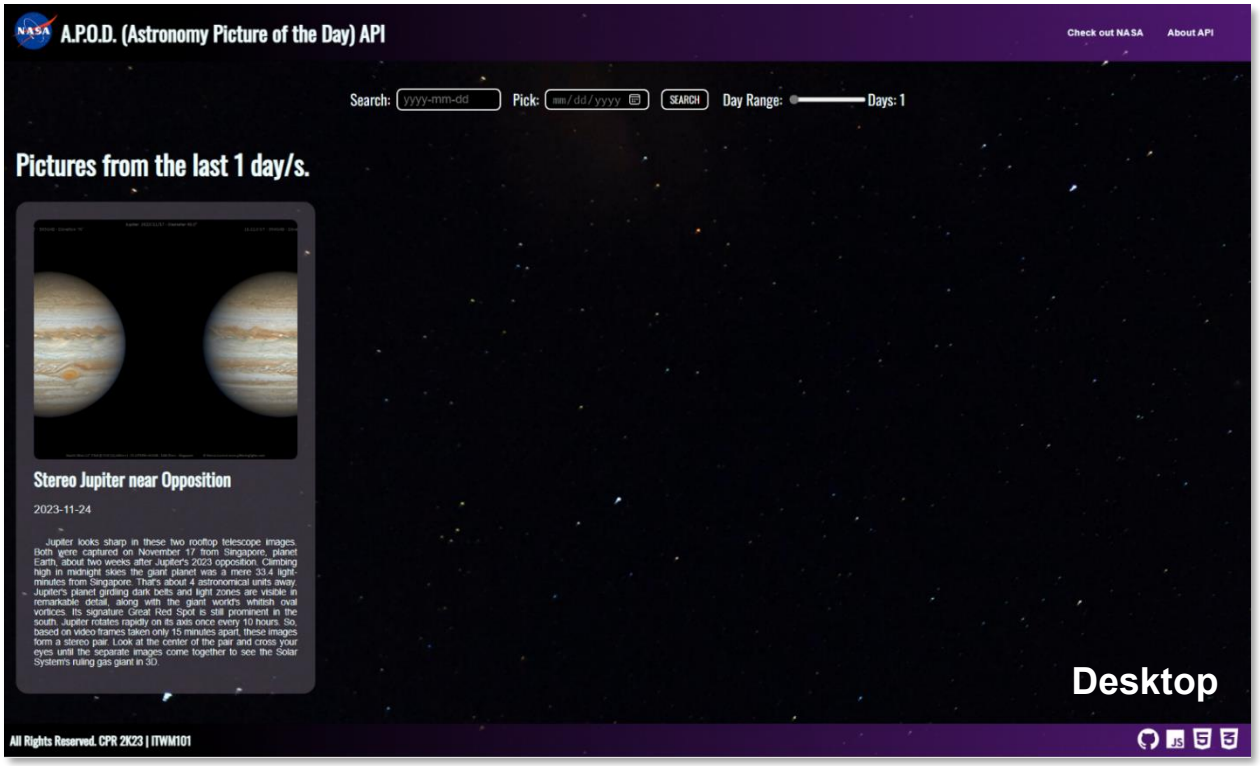
*View more at: https://api.nasa.gov/*

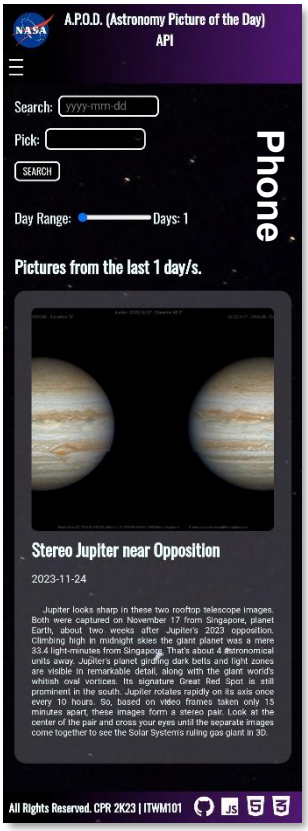
### Example query

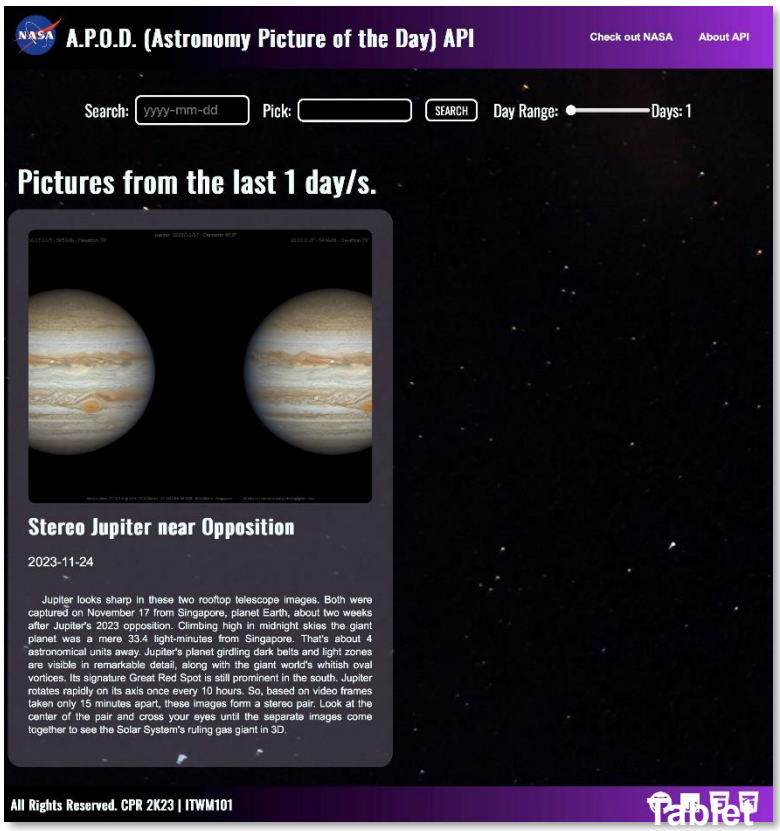
*https://api.nasa.gov/planetary/apod?api_key=date*

# Section 2: A.P.O.D Implementation

## I. Landing Page & Responsiveness



The central concept was to use the API to call, search. and show hundreds of astronomical image collections from its database. The early version of the website could only display one (1) random date, but the goal was attained after extensive research.

The website's development is challenging because it demands several tests, and the API only permits 1,000 requests per hour for each API key. (Yes, the A.P.O.D. requires an API key to work.)

The images from the previous page serves as the website's landing page. There are three photos, one for each of the three screen sizes (desktop, phone, and tablet). The website implements different HTML elements such as text input, date input, and button. Likewise, the JavaScript handles all the functionality. The website's design is built on an astronomical design to complement the API!

## II. Website Features & Elements

### Header

Includes images and texts as well as hyperlinks for the NASA and A.P.O.D API website.

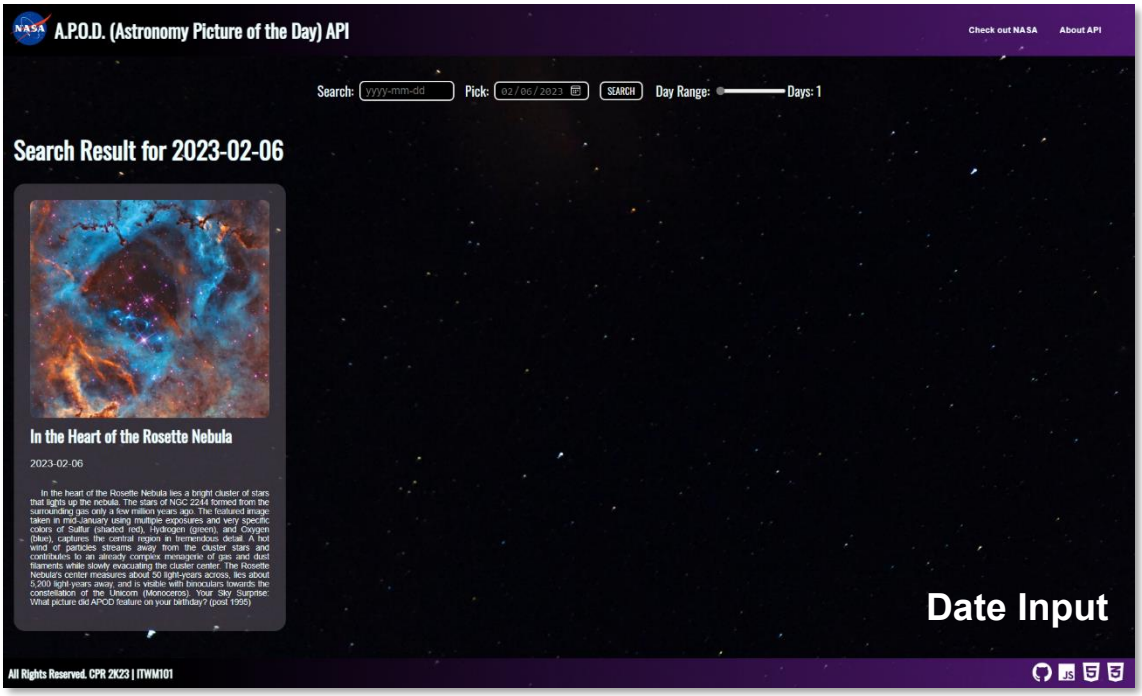

### Action Bar

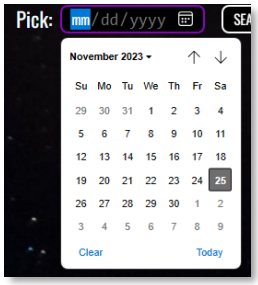
The action bar performs all the searching capabilities for the dates of astronomy images. It can search every date of images from the API. It includes text and date inputs and range slider.

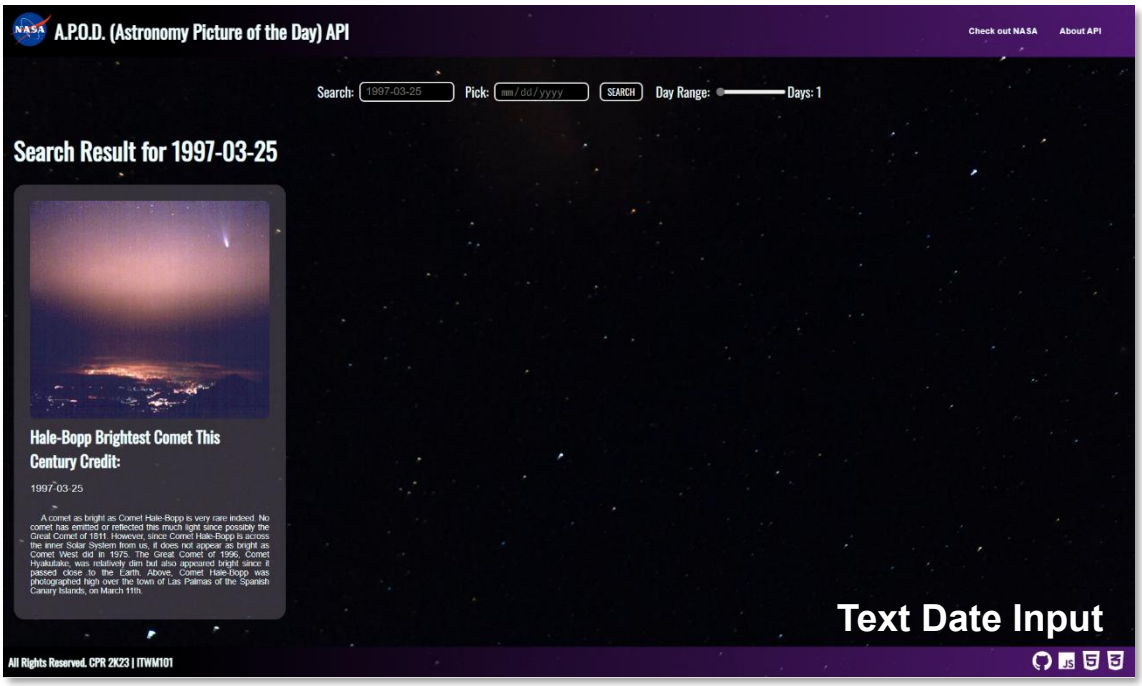
1. Text Input Date
   - User can **input text** of the date. In the java script file, the text date input is automatically formatted and will only allow date inputs.
2. Date Input
   - Date input allows users to **"pick"** from a calendar UI. The date input is formatted to yyyy-mm-dd (default API date formant) from mm/dd/yyyy to enable to search from the API.
3. Range Slider
   - The slider, on the other hand, allows the user to **navigate** from yesterday (since the API may not be updated if today is selected) until the day the slider landed on (Max is 50 days to limit the API request).

Note: When using either text or date input, one will be temporarily disabled to avoid confusion when searching.

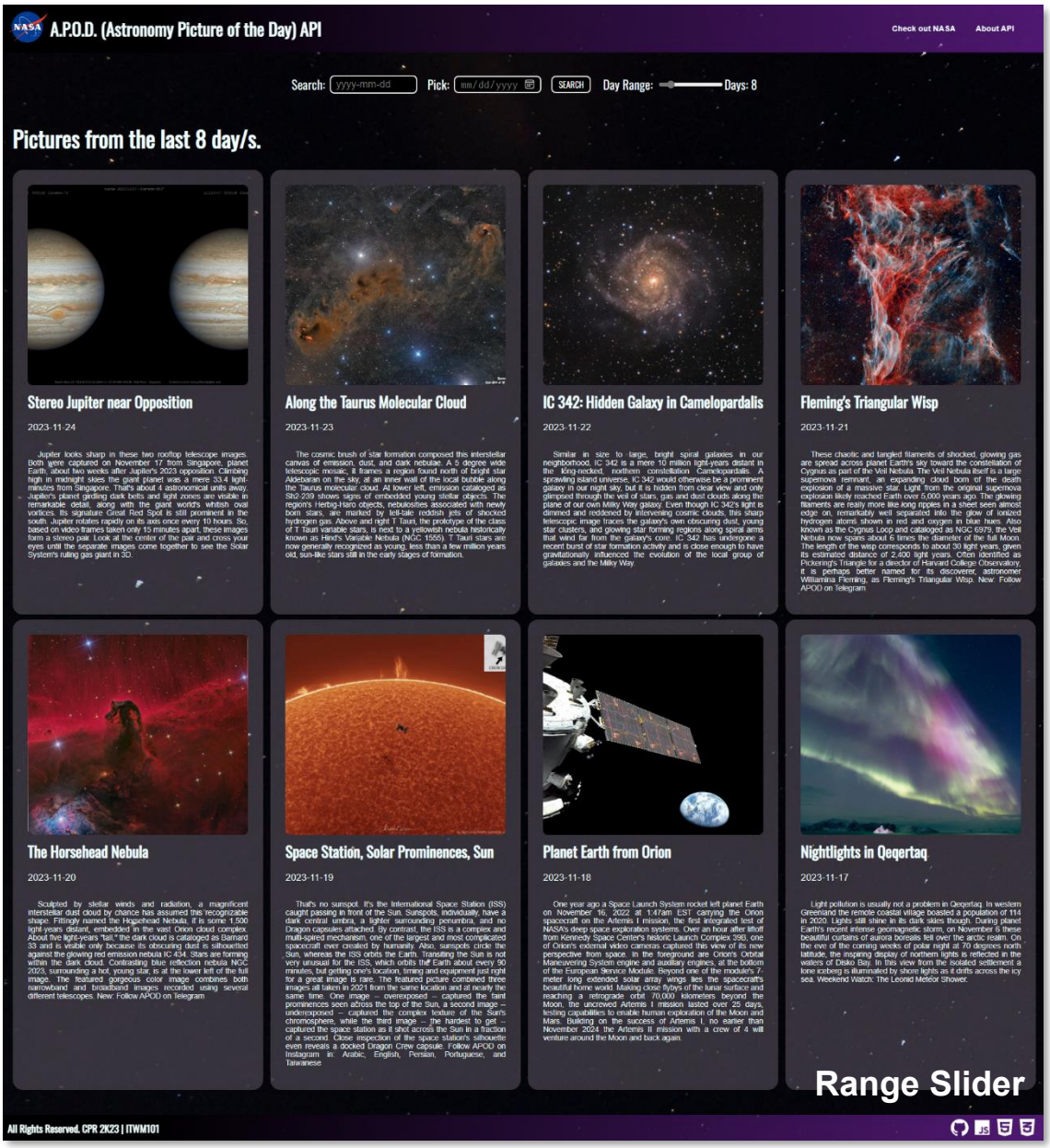
## Search Sample (Date and Text Input)



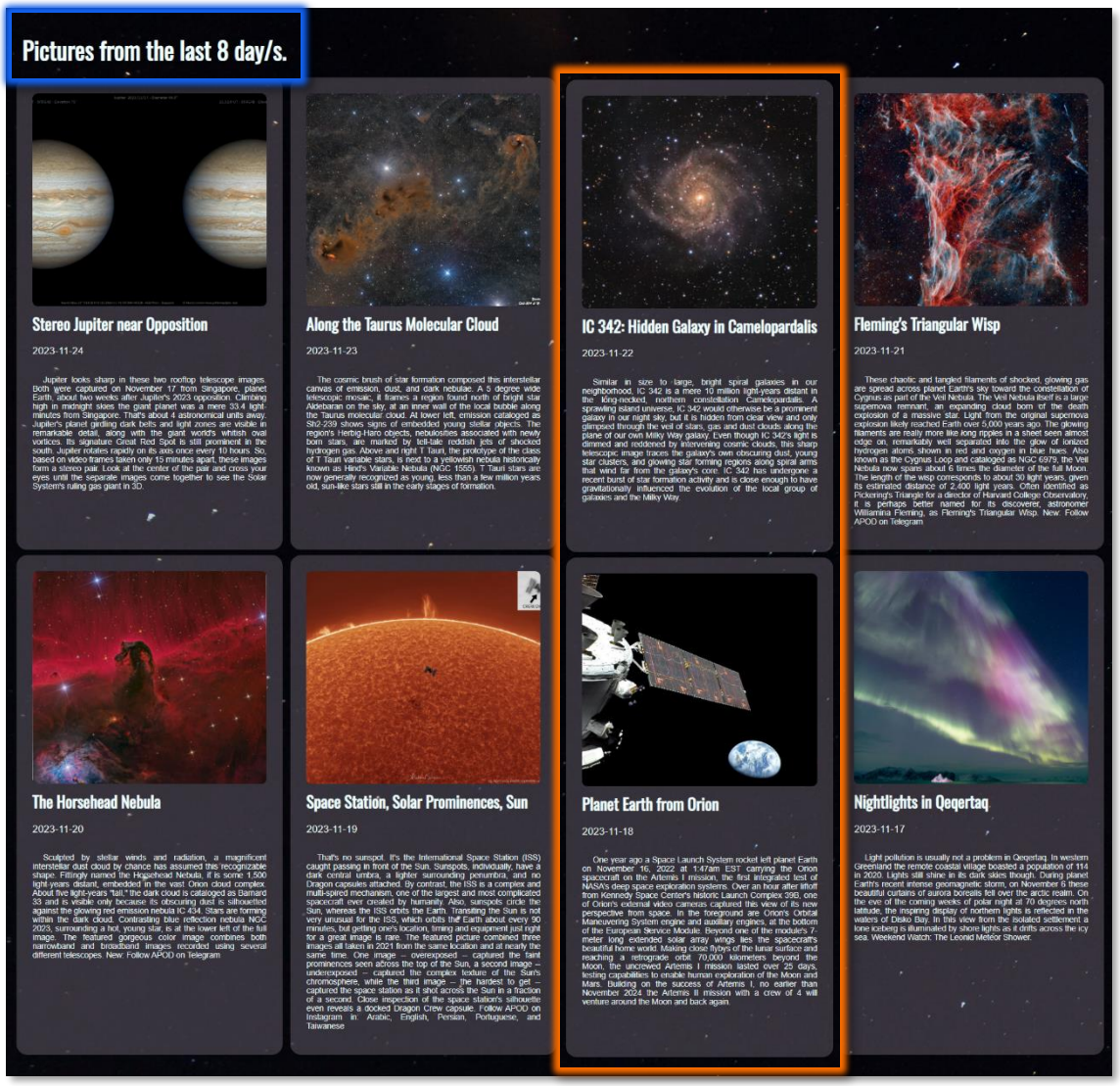
## Search Sample (Range Slider)



## Website Body

The body of the website displays the following:

1. Body Title
   - The body title (highlighted in blue) **updates** based on the search results/slider which is done through JavaScript.
2. A.P.O.D. Tile
   - A.P.O.D. tile (highlighted in orange) is the main data from the API. The content includes the **.title, .date, .explanation, and .url (image)** keys from the response of the get API. These elements are then added by creating html tags in the JavaScript and later designed by CSS.



**Footer**

The footer contains typical footer elements such as the “all rights reserved” tag. It also includes logos of the application that has been used for the development of the webpage.

*Note: The GitHub logo also serves as the hyperlink to the repository of the website!*

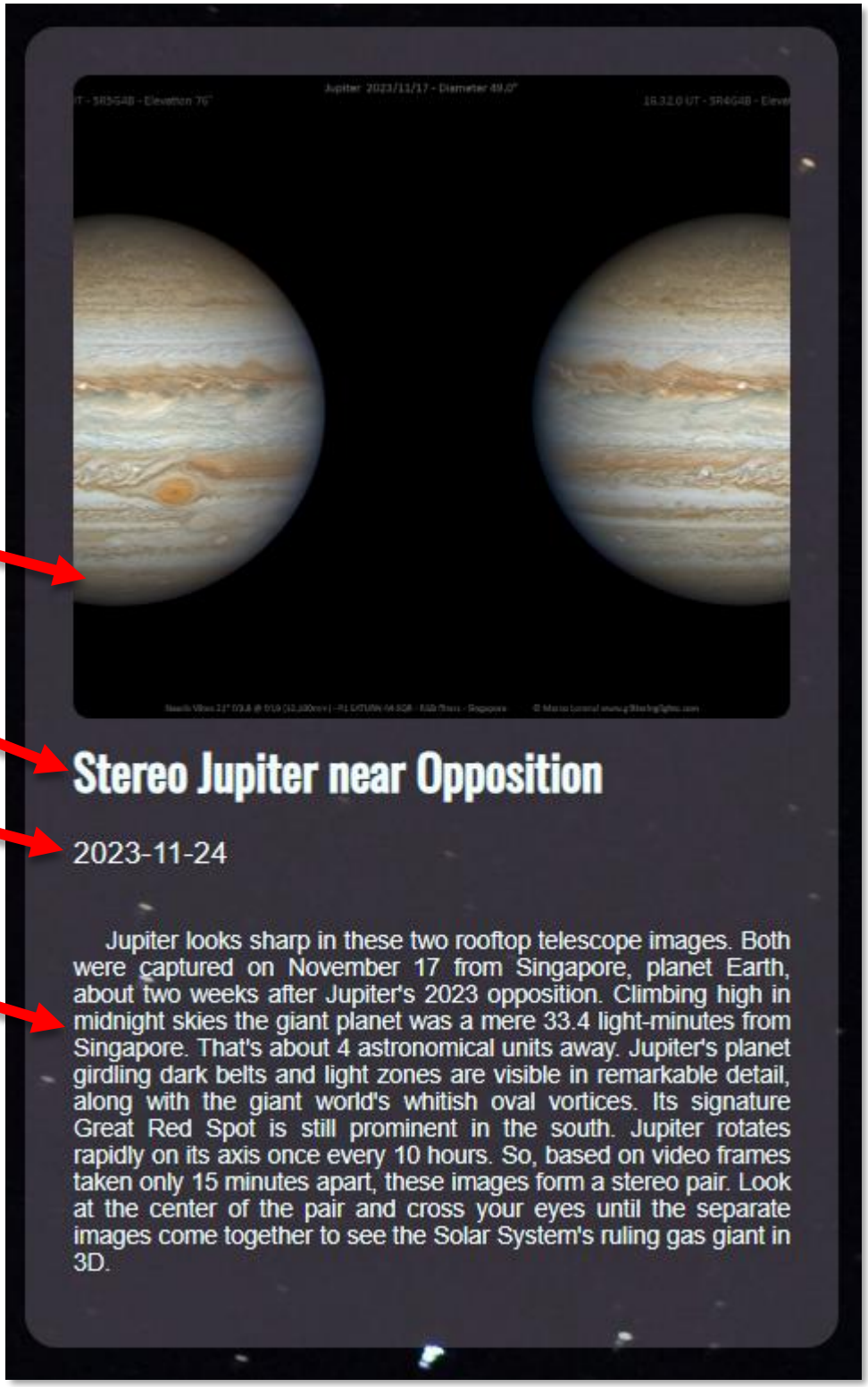
# A.P.O.D. Tile

**Image (.url)**

**Title (.title)**

**Date (.date)**

**Description (.explanation)**



# SECTION 3: Webpage Code

## I. HTML Code

### Head

```
<head>

    <meta charset="UTF-8" />
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0" />
    <title>A.P.O.D API | NASA</title>
    <link rel="icon" href="Images/nasa_logo_icon.png" />
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css" />

    <link rel="preconnect" href="https://fonts.googleapis.com" />
    <link rel="preconnect" href="https://fonts.gstatic.com" crossorigin />
    <link href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Inter:wght@400;700&family=Oswald&family=Roboto:wght@400;500;700&family=Rubik:wght@400;700&display=swap" rel="stylesheet" />

</head>
```

The head contains the title of the webpage (A.P.O.D API | NASA), icon for the tab, the CSS file, and the imported custom font used ‘Oswald’ from google fonts.

### Body

#### *I. Header*

```
<header>
    <div class="header-container">
        <div class="nasa_logo_and_text-container">
            <div class="nasa_logo_container"><img src="Images/NASA_logo.svg.png" alt="nasa_logo" class="nasa_logo" /></div>
            <h1 class="header-text">A.P.O.D. (Astronomy Picture of the Day) API</h1>
        </div>

        <div class="menu-icon" onclick="toggleMenu()">
            <div class="bar"></div>
            <div class="bar"></div>
            <div class="bar"></div>
        </div>

        <ul class="li">
            <a href="https://www.nasa.gov/" target="_blank">Check out NASA</a>
        </ul>
        <ul class="li">
            <a href="https://api.nasa.gov/" target="_blank">About API</a>
        </ul>
    </div>
</header>
```

This is the HTML structure code for the header of the webpage that we have seen earlier. It contains the title and logo, the burger menu icon which displays when the screen size gets smaller, and the hyperlink for NASA webpage and the API.

## *II. Main*

```
<main>
    <div class="search-container">
        <div class="search-based-container">
            <label for="date">Search:</label>
            <div class="dateSearch-container"><input type="text" id="dateSearch" name="date" placeholder="yyyy-mm-dd" oninput="textFormatDate(this)" /></div>
        </div>

        <div class="date-input-container">
            <label for="date">Pick:</label>
            <div class="apod-date-input-container"><input type="date" id="apod-date-input" name="date" onchange="formatDate()" /></div>
        </div>

        <div class="button-container">
            <button id="search" onclick="getNASA()">Search</button>
        </div>

        <div class="slider">
            <label for="date">Day Range:</label>
            <input type="range" min="1" max="50" value="1" class="slider" id="myRange" />
            <p id="sliderValue">Days: 1</p>
        </div>
    </div>

    <div class="tile-container">
        <div class="tiles-title-"><h1 id="tiles-title">Pictures from the last 1 days.</h1></div>
        <div id="apod-container"></div>
    </div>
</main>
```

The HTML also includes the main tag holding the body of the webpage. It includes the action bar, and the tile container is the container for the images, dates, and description of retrieved data from the API.

## *III. Footer*

```
<footer>
    <div class="footer-container">
        <h1 class="footer-text">All Rights Reserved. CPR 2K23 | ITWM101 </h1>    "ITWM": Unknown word.

        <div class="footer-icons-container">
            <ul>
                <li><a href="https://github.com/CPR03/ITWM101_SEMIFINALS_API_ROSALES" target="_blank"><img class="footer-icons" src="Images/Icons/github-logo_icon.png" alt=""></a></li>
                <li><img class="footer-icons" id="javaScriptLogo" src="Images/Icons/javascript_logo_icon.png" alt=""></li>
                <li><img class="footer-icons" src="Images/Icons/html_logo_icon.png" alt=""></li>
                <li><img class="footer-icons" src="Images/Icons/css3-02_icon.png" alt=""></li>
            </ul>
        </div>
    </div>

</footer>
```

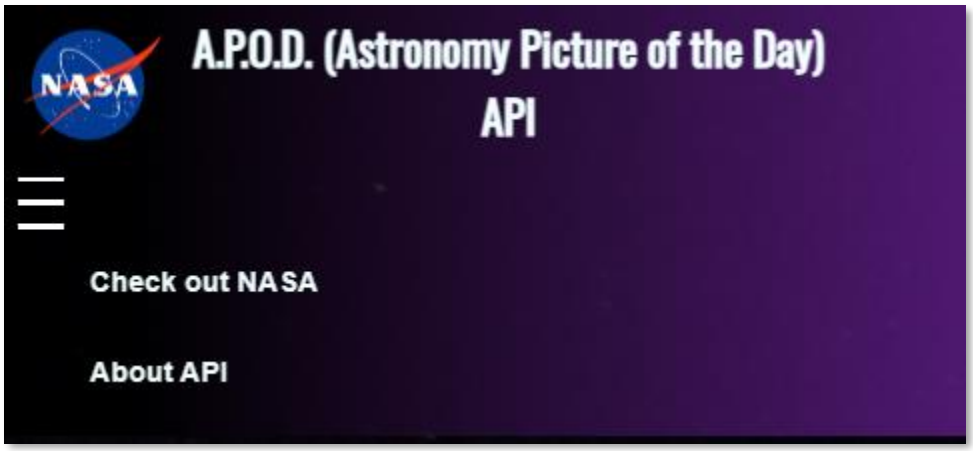
The last part of the HTML structure is the footer tag handling the footer texts and icons.

## II. JavaScript Functions & Code

1. **toogleMenu()**

```
function toggleMenu() {
    const headerContainer = document.querySelector(".header-container");
    headerContainer.classList.toggle("active");
}
```

The toggleMenu() function is to be able to display the hyperlink (NASA and API webpage) in the header when the burger menu icon is pressed.



## 2. formatDate()

```
function formatDate() {
    const dateInput = document.getElementById("apod-date-input");

    const selectedDate = dateInput.value;

    const dateObject = new Date(selectedDate);

    const year = dateObject.getFullYear();
    const month = String(dateObject.getMonth() + 1).padStart(2, "0"); // Months are zero-based
    const day = String(dateObject.getDate()).padStart(2, "0");

    // Formatted date in yyyy-mm-dd format
    const formattedDate = `${year}-${month}-${day}`;

    //disable dateSearch text input when date input is used
    const textInput = document.getElementById("dateSearch");
    textInput.disabled = dateInput.value !== "";

    return formattedDate;
}
```

FormatDate() function reformat the date input. Since the default value of date inputs is mm/dd/yyyy and the API needs to be formatted as yyyy-mm-dd. Furthermore, the function includes the option to temporarily disable the text date input when the date input is being utilized. It will only be usable again if the user clears the date input and vice versa.

### 3. textFormatDate()

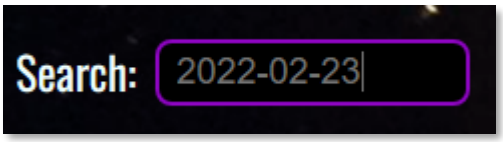
```
function textFormatDate(input) {
    // Remove non-numeric characters (Allowing only numbers to be entered)
    let cleanedInput = input.value.replace(/[^0-9]/g, "");

    // Format as yyyy-mm-dd
    if (cleanedInput.length >= 4) {
        cleanedInput = cleanedInput.substring(0, 4) + "-" + cleanedInput.substring(4);
    }
    if (cleanedInput.length >= 7) {
        cleanedInput = cleanedInput.substring(0, 7) + "-" + cleanedInput.substring(7);
    }

    //disable date input when text dateSearch input is used
    const dateInput = document.getElementById("apod-date-input");
    dateInput.disabled = cleanedInput !== "";

    // Update the input value
    input.value = cleanedInput;
}
```

The function textFormatDate() is similar to dateFormat(). However, the date will be formatted in real time. This means that when the user writes a date, dashes are automatically incorporated, and the data is formatted to yyyy-mm-dd. Non-numeric values will likewise be removed by the function.



4. **getDate()**

```
function getDate() {
    let textDate = document.getElementById("dateSearch").value;
    let inputDate = document.getElementById("apod-date-input");

    //tell where the date is inputted (dateSearch or apod-date-input)
    if (textDate !== "") {
        inputDate.value = "";
        return textDate;
    } else textDate.value = "";
    return formatDate();
}
```

After the date formatting is finished, the getDate() function will retrieve the return values and the date. If dateSearch is empty, the apod-date-input is utilized, then the formatDate() method is called to format the date input, and vice versa.

### 5. getNASA()

getDate() and getNASA() function connected. The getNASA() is the function for retrieving specific date and to do that it will need the value of getDate() function to search.

```
async function getNASA() {

    const container = document.getElementById("apod-container");
    const titleContainer = document.getElementById("tiles-title");

    // Clear previous content in the image container
    container.innerHTML = "";

    // Get the values from text and date input
    const textDate = document.getElementById("dateSearch").value;
    const dateInput = document.getElementById("apod-date-input").value;

    // Check if both inputs are empty
    if (!textDate && !dateInput) {
        // Reload the page if both inputs are empty
        location.reload();
        return;
    }
```

The image above shows the declaration of variables that will be used to append elements created later. The if statement in the code is very crucial. It will serve as a reloader. When the user pushes the search button and there are no dates in the text or date field, the HTML will reload and return to its default state.

```
// Use the selected date or formatted date from the inputs
const selectedDate = textDate || formatDate();

let request = `https://api.nasa.gov/planetary/apod?date=${selectedDate}&api_key=${apiKey}`;
```

The request variable in this code handles the URL to be requested to the API, while the selectedDate variable stores the date entered by the user. It's worth noting that it also includes "apiKey," which is a variable containing the API key.

```
try {

    const response = await fetch(request);
    const myJSON = await response.json();

    //Create elements
    const image = document.createElement("img");
    image.classList.add("apod-img");
    image.src = myJSON.url;

    const imageTitle = document.createElement("p");
    imageTitle.classList.add("apod-title");
    imageTitle.innerHTML = myJSON.title;

    const imageDate = document.createElement("p");
    imageDate.classList.add("apod-date");
    imageDate.innerHTML = myJSON.date;

    const description = document.createElement("p");
    description.classList.add("apod-description");
    description.innerHTML = myJSON.explanation;

    //Append elements
    const tile = document.createElement("div");
    tile.classList.add("image-tile");

    tile.appendChild(image);
    tile.appendChild(imageTitle);
    tile.appendChild(imageDate);
    tile.appendChild(description);

    container.appendChild(tile);

    // Update the title
    titleContainer.textContent = `Search Result for ${selectedDate}`;
```

This code will then make advantage of the request variable. This is the primary request/fetch approach. Because the getNASA() function is in asynchronous mode, it will also wait for the values returned by the API before executing the code below it. The code following the retrieve creates the image-tile, which contains the image, title, date, and description. These variables will be appended to the container variable that we previously discussed.

```
} catch (error) {
    console.error("Error fetching data from NASA API:", error);
}
```

Finally, to complete the code, when the fetch/try did not succeed it will print an error message to the console.

### 6. getNASARange()

On the other hand getNASARange() function allows user to use the slider in the webpage and display multiple dates from yesterday's date (as the API might not been updated yet if the current date was used).

```
async function getNASARange() {

    const container = document.getElementById("apod-container");
    const slider = document.getElementById("myRange");
    const sliderValueElement = document.getElementById("sliderValue");
    const titleContainer = document.getElementById("tiles-title");
```

As usual, the first code of the function is all the variables that we will need to execute the feature. It contains the container, slider, sliderValue, and titleContainer.

```
try {

    const dates = []; //range of dates array
    const today = new Date();
    const numberOfImages = slider.value;


    sliderValueElement.textContent = `Days: ${numberOfImages}`;
    titleContainer.textContent = `Pictures from the last ${numberOfImages} day/s.`;

    for (let i = 1; i <= numberOfImages; i++) {
        const date = new Date(today);
        date.setDate(today.getDate() - i);
        dates.push(date.toISOString().split("T")[0]);
    }

    // Clear previous content in the image container
    container.innerHTML = "";
```

An array is declared in this code. It will save the dates' values. The for loop that follows will take the slider value and format it to the relevant date. The sliderValueElement value is then updated in real time based on the slider value. Similarly, alter the body title to show the number of days.

```
// Clear previous content in the image container
container.innerHTML = "";

for (const date of dates) {

    const request = `https://api.nasa.gov/planetary/apod?date=${date}&api_key=${apiKey}`;
    const response = await fetch(request);
    const myJSON = await response.json();

    //Create elements
    const image = document.createElement("img");
    image.classList.add("apod-img");
    image.src = myJSON.url;

    const imageTitle = document.createElement("p");
    imageTitle.classList.add("apod-title");
    imageTitle.innerHTML = myJSON.title;

    const imageDate = document.createElement("p");
    imageDate.classList.add("apod-date");
    imageDate.innerHTML = myJSON.date;

    const description = document.createElement("p");
    description.classList.add("apod-description");
    description.innerHTML = myJSON.explanation;

    //Append elements
    const tile = document.createElement("div");
    tile.classList.add("image-tile");

    tile.appendChild(image);
    tile.appendChild(imageTitle);
    tile.appendChild(imageDate);
    tile.appendChild(description);

    container.appendChild(tile);
```

Now that we have the dates, we will display each in the array using the for loop again. Similar to getNASA() function it will create HTML elements and append each to the container.

```
    }
} catch (error) {
    console.error("Error fetching data from NASA API:", error);
}
```

If there is, try there is a catch. If the API does not respond or there is a problem, the catch will display an error message on the console. The most typical problem is when the API key is blocked because it exceeds the request limit of 1000.

### 7. getNASARange()

```
//Slider Configuration
const slider = document.getElementById("myRange");
const sliderValueElement = document.getElementById("sliderValue");

//Update slider real-time
slider.oninput = function () {
    sliderValueElement.innerHTML = "Days: " + this.value;
};

//Listener then call getNASARange
slider.addEventListener("change", getNASARange);

//Display getNASARange by default
document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", function () {
    getNASARange();
});
```

The final section of the JavaScript code is getting the slider value and using getNASARange() when it changes. Similarly, the default function to use is getNASARange(). When the HTML is opened for the first time, this method is called.

### 8. API Key

```
const apiKey = "sNm6IyDodvc4td89Y8nSy6qn3nmf5MserXhb8bc2";
```

This is the variable that handles the API key. I have two API keys for the API. In case the other one gets blocked; I can use the other key.

## III. CSS Code

In this section, it will showcase the how the webpage is designed.

```css
body {
    display: flex;
    flex-direction: column;
    align-items: center;
    justify-content: center;
    margin: 0;
    background-image: url('Images/space_background_img.jpg');
    background-size: auto;
    background-color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.09);

}

header {
    width: 100%;
    position: sticky;
    top: 0;
    right: 0;
    left: 0;
    z-index: 9999;
}

.header-container, .footer-container{
    padding: 10px;
    margin-bottom: 20px;

    background: rgb(0, 0, 0);
    background: linear-gradient(90deg, rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.91) 14%, rgba(154, 46, 216, 0.506) 100%);

    display: flex;

    align-items: center;
}

footer {
    width: 100%;
    bottom: 0;
    right: 0;
    left: 0;
    z-index: 9999;
    margin-bottom: 0;

}
```

**Body, Header, and Footer**

```css
.footer-text {
    font-family: 'Oswald';
    color: azure;
    font-size: 20px;
    margin: 0;
}

.footer-container {
    margin-bottom: 0;
    justify-content: space-between;
    height: 35px;
    align-items: center;
    display: flex;
}

.footer-icons-container ul {
    display: flex;
    list-style: none;
    padding: 0;
    margin: 0;
    align-items: center;
}

.footer-icons-container li {
    margin-right: 10px;
    align-items: center;
}

.footer-icons {
    width: 35px;
    filter: invert(1);

}
```

**Footer**

```css
.nasa_logo {
    width: 85px;
}

.header-text {
    flex: 0.97;
    margin: 0;
    color: azure;
    font-family: "Oswald";
    font-size: 35px;
}

.li {
    color: azure;
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    font-weight: bold;
    cursor: pointer;
}

main {
    margin: 0px 20px 50px 20px;
}

.test {
    align-items: center;
    justify-content: center;
}

.search-container {
    gap: 20px;
    margin-bottom: 20px;

    align-items: center;
    display: flex;
    justify-content: center;
}
```

**Main (Body)**

```css
#dateSearch,
#apod-date-input {
    width: 150px;
    height: 30px;
    border-radius: 9px;
    border: rgb(255, 255, 255) 1px solid;
    background-color: #000000;
    border-width: 3px;
    padding-left: 10px;
    padding-right: 10px;
    font-size: 20px;
    color: rgb(116, 116, 116);
}

#dateSearch::placeholder,
#apod-date-input::placeholder {
    color: rgb(116, 116, 116);
}

#apod-date-input::-webkit-calendar-picker-indicator {
    filter: invert(1);
}


button {
    height: 35px;
    margin-right: 4px;
    padding: 0 12px;

    text-transform: uppercase;
    border: rgb(0, 0, 0) 1px solid;
    color: rgb(255, 255, 255);
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    border-radius: 7px;
    cursor: pointer;
    background-color: #000000;

    font-family: 'Oswald';
    font-size: 17px;

    border-radius: 9px;
    border: solid;
    border-width: 3px;
}
```

**Action Bar**

```css
button:hover {
    color: #f8fafa;
    background-color: rgb(94, 60, 108);
}

label {
    font-size: 25px;
    font-family: "Oswald";
    margin-right: 10px;
    color: azure;
}

#dateSearch:focus,
#apod-date-input:focus {
    border-color: rgb(142, 5, 194);
    outline: none;
}

.search-based-container {
    display: flex;
    align-items: center;
}

.date-input-container {
    display: flex;
    align-items: center;
}

#apod-container {
    display: grid;

    grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 1fr);
    row-gap: 10px;

    align-items: space-between;

    column-gap: 15px;
    justify-content: center;

    margin: 0 auto;

}
```

Action Bar Hover, Focus, and Tile Container

```css
.image-tile {
    padding: 30px;
    display: flex;
    flex-direction: column;
    border-radius: 20px;
    background-color: rgba(128, 119, 133, 0.4);
    transition: transform 0.3s ease;
}

.image-tile:hover {
    transform: scale(1.05);
}

#tiles-title{
    color: azure;
    font-family: "Oswald";
    font-size: 45px;
}

.apod-img {
    width: 100%;
    height: 400px;
    object-fit: cover;
    border-radius: 10px;
}

.apod-title, .apod-date, .apod-description{
    color: azure;
}

.apod-title {
    font-family: "Oswald";
    font-weight: bold;
    font-size: 30px;
    margin: 10px 0px 0px 0px;
}

.apod-date {
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    font-size: 19px;
}
```

**A.P.O.D. tile design**

```css
.apod-description{
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    font-size: 15px;
    text-align: justify;
    text-indent: 20px;


}

.slider p {
    color: azure;
    font-family: 'Oswald';
    font-size: 25px;
}

.slider{
    display: flex;
    align-items: center;
}


.menu-icon {
    display: none;
    flex-direction: column;
    cursor: pointer;
    margin-right: 20px;
}

.bar {
    width: 25px;
    height: 3px;
    background-color: white;
    margin: 5px 0;
}

.nasa_logo_and_text-container{
    display: flex;
    align-items: center;
    flex: 0.97;
}

a, a:visited{
    text-decoration: none;
    color: azure;
}
```

**Slider and Burger Menu Icon**

```css
@media screen and (max-width: 800px) {

    #tiles-title{
        font-size: 30px;
        flex: 0;
    }

    .header-text{
        font-size: 25px;
        flex: 0.97;
        margin-bottom: 10px;
        text-align:center;
    }

    #apod-container {
        grid-template-columns: 1fr;
    }

    .menu-icon {
        display: flex;
    }

    .header-container {
        flex-direction: column;
        align-items:start;

    }

    /* Hide other header elements when menu is open */
    .header-container ul {
        display: none;
    }

    .header-container.active ul {
        display: flex;
        flex-direction: column;
        align-items: flex-start;
    }

    .search-container{
        flex-direction: column;
        align-items: start;

    }
}
```

Media Query (Phone)

```
@media (min-width: 768px) {

    #apod-container {
        grid-template-columns: repeat(2, 1fr);
    }


}

@media (min-width: 1200px) {
    #apod-container {
        grid-template-columns: repeat(3, 1fr);
    }



}

@media (min-width: 1920px) {
    #apod-container {
        grid-template-columns: repeat(4, 1fr);
    }

}
```

**Media Query (Desktop and Tablet)**

Good thing to notice is the header is in sticky position, which means it will stay at the top of the page even if the user scrolls down. Similarly, the default display of the burger menu icon is none, and it will only be visible when the screen size is smaller (phone). Furthermore, as the user interacts with the action bar, the color changes (dateSearch:focus and apod-date-input:focus). Additionally, as the user hovers over the image tile, it will scale (image-tile:hover).

Thank you. CPR2K23.