

Development team log

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The Prototype

28/08/24

Tasks Completed

- Creation of the project's basic structure: Designed and organized the main structure of the project, including fundamental sections and divisions, providing a solid foundation for future development.
- **Initial CSS styling**: Implemented basic styles using CSS to create a consistent appearance across the project's sections.

Challenges Faced

- Organizing the site structure:
 - **Problem**: Arranging elements in a way that was both functional and user-friendly.
 - **Solution**: Conducted research on the original website to establish a coherent structure.
- Dropdown menu:
 - o **Problem**: Difficulty implementing a functional dropdown menu.
 - **Solution**: Reviewed documentation, consulted ChatGPT, and watched tutorials to successfully implement it.
- Overlaying an image with text:
 - **Problem**: Applying a blur effect to the image while keeping text legible.
 - **Solution**: Resolved by consulting documentation and videos, successfully achieving the desired effect.

29/08/24

Tasks Completed

• First log update.

Challenges Faced

- Writing logs:
 - **Problem**: Uncertainty about structuring project logs due to lack of experience.
 - **Solution**: Researched online for high-quality log formats to use as references.

30/08/24

Tasks Completed

• Image carousel implementation.

Challenges Faced

- Bootstrap carousel:
 - **Problem**: Attempted to simplify the process with Bootstrap but encountered limitations.
 - **Solution**: Adjusted the approach and created a custom carousel.

03/09/24

Tasks Completed

- Palette color change.
- Download button creation.
- Navbar implementation.

Challenges Faced

- Finding an agreed color scheme: Required extensive discussions to finalize.
- **Fixed download button issues**: Resolved challenges related to its behavior.

04/09/24

Task Failed

• **Bootstrap for image deployment**: Attempt to use Bootstrap to display additional information for images about Lake Chapala.

Challenges Faced

- Bootstrap code adjustments:
 - o **Problem**: Difficulty adapting Bootstrap components to images.
 - **Solution**: Attempted code modifications but faced time constraints.

Migration to Node.js

07/10/24

Tasks Completed

• Integration of Node.js and Express: Migrated the backend to Node.js and Express, ensuring a functional routing system and preparing for EJS and MongoDB integration.

Challenges Faced

- Routing adjustments:
 - **Problem**: Conflicts arose during routing setup.

 Solution: Reviewed documentation and resolved conflicts through structured debugging.

08/10/24

Tasks Completed

- Added MongoDB: Enabled efficient management of large datasets.
- **Bootstrap enhancement**: Improved layout design while resolving compatibility issues with older Bootstrap versions.
- Implemented pagination: Handled 12,000 records efficiently.

Challenges Faced

- Bootstrap version conflicts:
 - **Solution**: Reverted to compatible Bootstrap components and adjusted styling.
- Table pagination:
 - **Solution**: Researched and implemented best practices for handling large datasets.

09/10/24

Tasks Completed

• Log updates: Reflected all tasks and challenges in detailed logs.

Challenges Faced

- Delayed updates:
 - **Solution**: Compiled accurate information by reflecting on past tasks.

24/10/24

Tasks Completed

• Improved table design: Enhanced responsiveness and download button validation.

Challenges Faced

- MongoDB connection issue:
 - **Solution**: Used a personal MongoDB Atlas database for functionality testing.

Migration to React

15/11/24

Tasks Completed

- Initial migration to React: Migrated content from EJS to React, including the Navbar and index sections.
- **Dynamic rendering with JSON**: Ensured reusable components and structured data.
- Custom CSS styling: Adjusted existing styles for React compatibility.

Challenges Faced

- Dynamic data handling:
 - **Solution**: Organized project files for structured JSON data rendering.
- Bootstrap integration:
 - **Solution**: Verified imports and resolved conflicts between styles.

16/11/24

Tasks Completed

- Migrated Data and Graph sections: Ensured responsiveness and functionality with dynamic data rendering.
- Compact pagination: Designed navigation for large datasets.
- Enhanced navigation: Implemented smooth scrolling and route transitions.

Challenges Faced

- Dynamic table and pagination:
 - **Solution**: Optimized data handling for performance.

17/11/24

Tasks Completed

- **Download button**: Enabled CSV downloads with dynamic naming.
- **Graph visualizations**: Initial tests with Chart.js for dynamic rendering.

Challenges Faced

- File encoding issues:
 - Solution: Added UTF-8 BOM for proper character rendering.

20/11/24

Tasks Completed

- Weather API integration: Retrieved real-time temperature data using OpenWeatherMap.
- **Dynamic weather display**: Styled and made responsive for all devices.

Challenges Faced

- API authorization:
 - o **Solution**: Corrected environment variables and redeployed.

21/11/24

Tasks Completed

- Error handling page: Created a custom error page with a test button.
- **Dynamic graphs**: Rendered backend data for last year's records.

Challenges Faced

- Backend-frontend connection:
 - **Solution**: Improved context functions and data handling.