

Phase 1 Report

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Models: Countries, Events, Host Cities

Introduction/Motivation

Our project for this semester will be focused around the modern Olympics. This was not the first idea that came to mind. During our first meeting, we initially had plans to create a centralized website that had past censuses for the United States. However, even though it would be straightforward, it was uninspiring. We then came up with a topic that would feel more engaging, Movies, but that proved to be complicated on how we would collect data the deeper we got into the phases. We figured the best way to collect data was through a centralized system of some sort, like an organization or an award system.

Developer User Stories

As an Olympic venue planner, I want to see all of the cities that the Olympics have already been held so that I can plan and organize future games.

Future organizers can take into account where the Olympics have been held. They can decide which cities they've hosted and notice the trends such as attendance, revenue, etc depending on geographical locations in order to create another successful event. We projected and required two hours in order to collect and display the data.

As an Olympic fan, I want to see past Olympic winners by country so that I can make predictions about which countries will most likely attend this year.

Providing a record of the countries that have attended gives a good assumption on who is projected to make a return. Thus, a nation's citizens and fans would more likely attend. To collect the data would have taken an hour, but resulted in needing at least two hours.

As a historian, I want to sort the Olympics by date so that I can see the growth of the event.

There have been many Olympics in the past, thus, by providing the history of it, we can acknowledge the past and compare it with the present. This allows for more data and the ability to create more instances. This was projected to take three hours and rightfully so.

As a swimmer, I want to see current Olympic records so I can see how far off I am from the greatest athletes.

There are many sports within the Olympics and some have their own specific events. In each sport/event, they have their own world records. These records are part of history and are there to inspire upcoming talent. These serve as a basis on how far you are from being the best. This was projected to take an hour due to the thought it would be in the same place, however, it took an extra hour to correctly put it in the right place.

As a sports marketer, I want to easily see winning athletes and events so I make advertising plans and sponsorship deals

Potential sponsors can view athlete stats to pave the way for financial gains. Individuals can earn brand deals and sponsorships depending on how well they perform. This then advertises those who sponsored them creating a mutual financial relationship.

Customer User Stories

As a coach, I want to compare athlete data between the summer and winter seasons so I can train upcoming players better.

The Olympics are divided between summer and winter events. Each seasonal event is hosted 2 years between one another periodically. Thus, athletes can specialize in what season and event they want to participate in. This allows for data to be collected and formatted making it easier to find as a user by simply going to the event you are looking for or by searching for a specific athlete. This was projected to take an hour.

As a user, I want to see athletes' names so I can see if I recognize anyone.

Participating in the Olympics is a high honor for any athlete. People respect them and go as far as to idolize athletes as heroes. Given the opportunity to display each participant's name, nationality, and sport would allow people to cheer on their role models! This was projected to take an hour to collect athletes' names based on the event they participate in.

As an analyst, I want to see countries' progression over time so I know who to root for in the near future.

Analysts rely on data gathered provided by athletes and the events they have won. If an analyst notices that a specific country produces good runners for the track events, they would then relay that data by suggesting track athletes go train in that specific country due to their success. This would project about three hours in order to gather each athlete's health information, Olympic history, and displaying the information in a model to easily visualize.

As a potential bidding country, I want to see all of the past Olympic hosts, so I can see when my country has hosted the games before.

Hosting the Olympics provides a ton of attention and attracts a huge influx of tourists from all over the world, which in turn boosts the economy of the host country. In order to host, countries must enter a bidding process

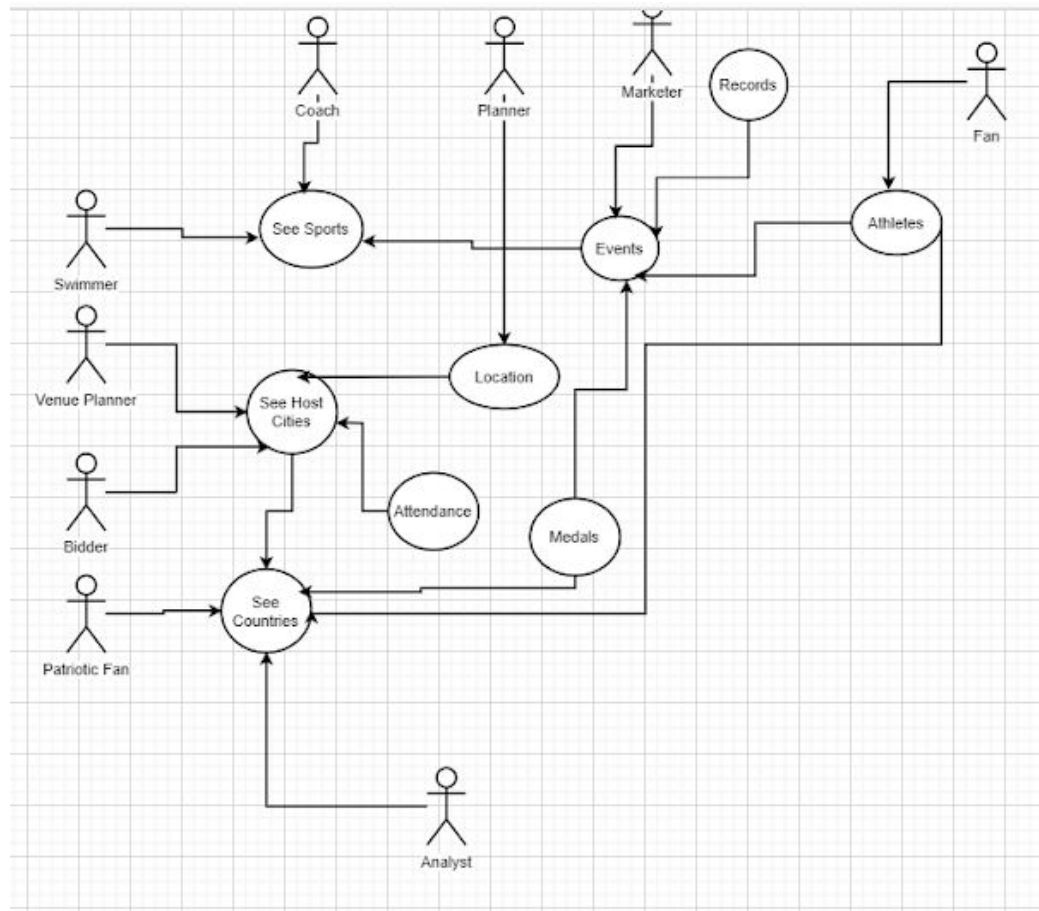
As someone who is patriotic, I want to see how many medals my country has won, so I can take pride in my fellow countrymen's hard work.

Any competition is bound to have rivalries. Within those rivalries come a sense of patriotism. People want to be better than others, and there is no other feeling knowing that your home, your country, is proven to be the best. There is no better way to prove that than during the Olympics, where one athlete represents a whole nation, and that whole nation depends and supports that one athlete. This feature took around 3 hours to implement, as the awards data was nestled in the process of scraping from websites.

As a prospective spectator, I want to see future events, so I can decide what interests me ahead of time.

It is useful to see all the future planned Olympics side-by-side to be able to decide which event to plan for. For example, a user may change their mind about going to Tokyo 2020 when they see that LA 2028 is one of the future events.

Use Case Diagram



Design

When it comes to any website, users want the information they are looking for as fast as possible. In order to avoid complicated designs and ensure compatibility between our systems, we decided to use Python. The design of our website is based on three models and its subcategories. To effectively cover all possible topics of the Olympics, we chose sports/events, venues, and countries. This allows us to search by location, sports, history, people, census-related data, and awards. Once the layout was figured out, the implementation step was next.

We knew that the website would be dynamic and up to date as time passes on. Thus, we scraped data off from websites and based our html files on the information we gathered. For example, in the sports category, we scraped all the sports from the Olympics official website to give us the current events offered. We then created new html files with each sport name and routed them in our main to make sure they are up and running.

Testing

With most of our members limited with their knowledge of python, we had our fair share of testing. At first, we used simple notepad files to implement the skeleton of webpages and frontend implementations. Then, when we got adjusted to Python, we used Visual Studio to test our backend implementations. Within the editor, we can debug each .py, .html, and .json file. When we scraped data, we had to take it step by step to verify that we were getting the correct data, then filtering the information we want, then sorting that data into correct tables to use in our code recursively. Basic syntax and runtime errors were easy to fix, but when it came to our data interacting with one another, we ran into a brick wall. First, we individually ran each file to verify functionality. Then we ran the code in our command line to host the website temporarily on our local machines. Then when it ran to our satisfaction, we then uploaded it to our google web application. From here on, we repeat the process when we implement a new feature or design.

Models

Sports: Will include sports and specific events for those who have multiple categories within one sport. Naturally, each sport contains athletes and records. This gives us room to provide an image of each athlete, top best record/top 5 records, and charts displaying their health information and nationality

Venues: Mostly specifies the city that hosted the Olympics. A geographical map of the world could accurately pinpoint each city. It could also record the attendance population, that cities population, and specific geographical data.

Countries: Lists all countries that participated in the Olympics. This could be displayed through a list or a colored world map. In addition, we can add the flag/geographical shape of the country itself. Then, it could be ranked on the most successful countries by medals won overall.

Tools

Visual Code: Our main editor. We compiled, debugged, and edited our code. This also allowed us to easily see our files' hierarchy, where they're located, and has the accessibility to use the command line and instantly load the website into our local machine.

Scrapy: Our implementation to interact with our RESTful API. Scrapes the data off the website to make it our own. This allows us to create json files which we can then parse, filter, sort, and use.

Reflection

Our team had a rough start like all other teams. We hardly knew each other, we did not know each other's name, and constantly had schedule conflicts. However, as time passed on, we learned each other's strengths and weaknesses. As a group, we believe that we communicated effectively with one another through GroupMe and Slack. We were also responsible for uploading our data to our community hubs such as Github and Google Drive in order for all of us to have access to our group's documents. When we started coding, by pair programming, we caught each other flaws and researched our topics thoroughly well. However, we do have our fields that need improving. The larger the group, the more complicated it is to find a way to all meet up. Some have work, other projects, exams, and personal matters to attend to. Given our recent meetings, we believe that weekends are our most efficient meet up times to discuss what we did, where we are at, and what the next step is. Surprisingly, there were some areas of the projects we had confusion in and had to rely on outside group members. This opened our eyes that we haven't researched the project outline thoroughly so we took our time to cover all our bases again. Overall, dealing with multiple people is difficult, but not impossible. Once we overcome our schedule conflicts and limited knowledge on specific areas, we will proceed with our project without obstacles and make it as efficient and elegant as possible