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GitHub Wiki: <https://github.com/EthanKochis/Tag-We-Are-It/wiki>

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Project Proposal and Specifications

- **Problem statement.**

- Without organization it is difficult to keep people's attention. Currently, SRHub provides little organization for the articles, showing articles in order of recency. People interested in specific kinds of articles, such as climate change articles, may not be willing to scroll through the website to find them. The website lacks the organization that would help it attract frequent visitors.

- **Objective of the module.**

- We aim to solve the problem by creating a tags module that would enable users to find articles that they are interested in more easily. For example, a visitor may wish to see articles related to trash cleanups. The tag module will allow them to do that without having to look through unrelated articles. Many different tag categories could be created. Some examples are: Renewable Energy, News Source, Sustainable, Ecofriendly, Climate Change, Recycle, Nature, etc. Under the Renewable Energy category, we could have the tags Solar Energy, Wind Energy, etc.

- **Description of the desired end product, and the part you will develop for this class.**
 - The desired end product would be an SRHub website that contains the ability to sort articles by their tags and click on different tags to be able to view articles that pertain to that tag. It would also have the ability to also search for articles based on keywords provided by the admin. The maintainers of the SRHub website would also be able to apply tags to articles as they see fit based on the subject matter of the article.
 - In this class we will develop the database backend for the tags, involving the table structure, as well as necessary queries to create and update tags. We will also provide the structure that would allow querying articles by a selected tag. This will all be presented via a frontend that will display the tags and show relevant articles when a tag is selected.
- **Description of the importance and need for the module, and how it addresses the problem.**
 - This module will allow users to filter articles to be able to access the ones that they are most interested in. This addresses the problem of a lack of organization that deters users by allowing them to organize articles into the topics that they want to see. This will make navigating the website easier. Additionally, it will keep users' attention for longer. When a user finds interest in an article, they will be able to continue exploring that interest by selecting a tag belonging to the article and see more similar articles.

- **Plan for how you will research the problem domain and obtain the data needed.**

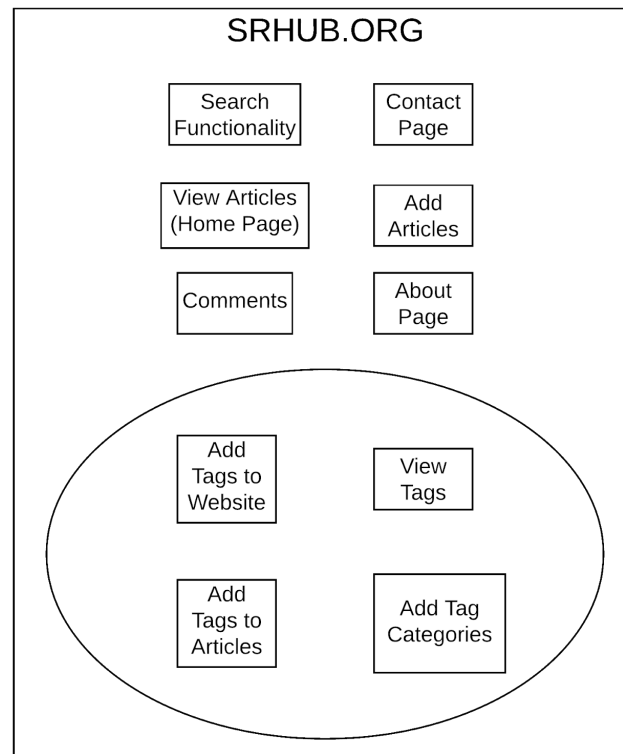
- The journalism students should have experience with articles, so we will discuss which tags they believe would best represent the available articles. A good selection of tags is important.
- We will have to populate the database with article data, for which we will use existing articles in SRHub's website. This will allow the tags to be representative of SRHub's actual content.
- We will also look at other news websites and study their categorization system and tag selection.

- **Other similar systems / approaches that exist, and how your module is different or will add to the existing system.**

- <https://www.enn.com/> - This website has tags for each article, however, there is no page that has any way of viewing all the different tags. In our implementation we will display all the tags as well as showing the most popular tags/articles.
- <http://abcnewsradioonline.com/business-news-tags/> - This website has a page that has all the tags in a given category, however they are just written alphabetically in lines and some have a larger font if a large number of articles have that tag. This makes viewing the information difficult, especially if you just want to explore the tags and do not know what you are looking for.
- <https://tomeraberba.ch> - This website shows how tags could be depicted beneath articles as well as showing how clicking on a tag will show you articles with that tag.

- **Possible other applications of the system (how it could be modified and reused).**
 - These tags could be integrated into the search functionality and show up as suggestions when the user types in the search field.
 - Articles could display all of their tags and allow users to navigate from article to article in this fashion.
- **Performance – specify how and to what extent you will address this.**
 - Performance is mostly simple for the database system, but we will make sure that our queries and table design are efficient. We will have to ensure that the backend does not take up too much memory when making queries. For the frontend, time and space efficiency will need to be considered, especially if external CSS or Javascript libraries are used.
- **Security – specify how and to what extent you will provide security features.**
 - Write access to the database in the goal product will be restricted to admins only. Website users will only have read access when making their tag selection. This means that attacks such as SQL injections should not be a concern. One strategy that can be used for security is assuming that a user does not have permission until proven otherwise.
- **Backup and recovery – specify how and to what extent you will implement this.**
 - According to the PostgreSQL docs, the following actions are supported: SQL dump, file system level backup, and continuous archiving. We will look into this later and decide which action(s) best support our needs, or if we would rather implement our own backup system.

- **Technologies and database concepts the team will need to learn, and a plan for learning these.**
 - We will have multiple tables, including at least tags and articles. We will need to learn to join these tables in our queries. We will also need to learn PostgreSQL syntax and how to set it up.
 - The team will also need to learn frontend and backend technologies, including JavaScript, HTML, CSS. We will also need to learn database libraries for our backend language. Creating the frontend-backend interaction will also be a learning experience.
- **A diagrammatic representation of the system boundary that specifies what data you will model and which queries you will implement.**



- 1-page quad chart; see: Quad_instructions_template.ppt in the Canvas files section.



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Objective

- Problem: Current articles are not well organized. Users have to search through articles that they aren't interested in to find those that do interest them.
- Goal: Have each article tagged so website visitors can find articles they are interested in.
 - Have tag categories, like Renewable Energy, that would encompass tags like Solar Energy, Wind Energy, etc.
 - Enable visitors to see articles that have tags with similar meaning



Mockup of the tags page

Approach

- 1) Have each article tagged, which would show up when the article is being read (either under the by-line or at the end of the article). These tags could be clicked and show you other articles with that tag.
- 2) Have a webpage designed to explore the different tags and tag categories on SRHub.

Key Milestones

• Specifications	02/24/2020
• Database Model	03/09/2020
• Database Design	03/26/2020
• Table/Queries Finished	04/09/2020
• Implementation/Testing	04/27/2020
• Project Demo	05/04/2020
• Final Report	05/04/2020