

Proposal: Hairstyle App

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Implementation:

To make our application we will use HTML, CSS and jQuery mobile API because we are familiar with these technologies. Also, we want to make the webpage look very simple and jQuery creates very simple UI's. We will use a forecast API to generate humidity levels based on the location the user enters. Based on the level of humidity, it will offer a hairstyle specific for that humidity. A very basic example is, if a person had long straight hair and the humidity was 81%, our program would offer a french braid. Also, we can have preset hairstyles and use conditionals. We intend to code most of our program together (pair programming). For the UI we will divide our app into pages that each person will do (following the same design outline/style) using Github. The hardest thing we have to account for is getting the weather based on the zip code; our app is otherwise pretty simple.

Monetization:

To pay for the expense of using the developer forecast API, we will have ad-based revenue, either CPM(ad on pages) or CPE(extra feature for viewing the ad). Also, we will have companies that sell beauty products pay to have their products advertised.

Hairstyle App-

The wireframe consists of three vertical panels. The first panel, titled 'Hair App', contains a 'Zip Code:' label and a text input field. The second panel, titled 'Hair Length:', contains four black square placeholders arranged in a 2x2 grid. The third panel, titled 'Hair Type:', also contains four black square placeholders arranged in a 2x2 grid.

Possible Resources-

- developer.forecast.io
- <http://simpleweatherjs.com/>

UX ideas

colors: mostly muted white/grey colors accented with blue and pink. Distinctively female colors but not in an overbearing way.

Possible Name Ideas

Hair-o-matic

Fabulous Hair

___ Decider

Choose your Do

Pages:

Homepage (zip code chooser)

Select hair length

Select hair type

Hair styles generated

DESIGN DOCUMENT-

Overall View-

Woman of all ages will want to use our mobile app. Our application would allow the user to input their zip code, hair length and type and will output 2-3 hairstyles that would account for said attributes. It can also recommend products good for the users hair that can be used for the hairstyle (that is where monetization comes into play). There are currently no apps or websites

that generate hairstyles based on certain conditions and so this app will be the first of its kind. There is an app called [How's Your Hair?](#) and it is somewhat similar to our idea. It offers information about the weather such as the wind and humidity and offers warnings. However, it does not specifically offer hair recommendations to the user which is what gives our app the “extra edge”.

Use Cases-

To get recommended hairstyles-

1. Home page loads with a type bar that says (where are you heading? etc.)
2. User enters zip code of where they are going and submits.
3. Leads to page with options of hair length (short, medium, long).
4. User chooses hair length.
5. Lead to page with hair types for each length (straight, curly, wavy, thick, thin, etc.)
6. User chooses hair type and submits options.
7. The app will generate hairstyles good for the users hair.
8. Below the hairstyles will be a couple of recommended hair products

Bonus features for later on in the app-

9. If the user clicks on the product it will open a page of where to buy the product.
10. If the user clicks on the hairstyle it will link to youtube with a tutorial for the style
11. User can choose what activity they plan to do (business, casual, party, etc.)
12. Choose what tools you have(curling iron, straightening iron)

Components-

1. Opening Page
 - zip code input/ button links to hair length page
2. Hair Length Page
 - buttons for each hair length that link to hairstyles
2. Hairstyles page
 - button for each hairstyle that link to hair suggestions
3. Page of hairstyle ideas

Risk Assessment-

If our API were to not function properly or not work completely, we would have to use dummy data to show our app works. If we are unable to make a working algorithm that sorts both hair length and type, we may have to limit the options to one or the other. We may not be able to program the app to work based on zipcode. If this were the case, we would have to just use the forecast api and connect it to the current location of the user rather than a future location.

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Climate

Sky

Weather

hair products/ styles based on weather and hair type

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