Traverse | Tinder-Like Itinerary Planner Project Overview

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Project Summary

Introduction

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Many folks live in and visit NYC very often but due to the vast number of options of things to do and places to see it is often overwhelming to decide one's day. Traverse aims to provide a tinder-like swiping platform to generate itineraries for uses on things to do in NYC (based on businesses) by leveraging advanced microservices tailored to the unique needs and wants of residents and visitors alike.

Core Features to Find and Personalize an Itinerary Experience:

- User Management Microservice: holds basic user data for app functionality
- List Management Microservice: holds users' lists and their itineraries
- **Business Management Microservice:** holds business data such as location, address, category, and name
- Composite Service: orchestrates list and business management services to serve and add itineraries to lists

Enhanced Features to Expand Scope (Wish List):

- **Timing Scope:** allowing users to input a specific time frame for which they would like an itinerary for would allow selection of businesses and generations of itineraries based on expected times spent at each business location.
- **Neighborhood Selection:** Traverse would allow the user to select and narrow down the specific neighborhoods that they would like an itinerary generation from, which is prompted before swiping.
- **Itinerary Reshuffling:** Traverse would allow users to generate and reshuffle the current itineraries that have been generated for them.

Three-Tier Architecture Approach

1. Presentation Layer (Frontend):

- **User Interface (UI):** a responsive, user-friendly web application where users can interact with Traverse. The UI features:
 - A dynamic selection swiping page that allows users to "swipe" on business that they are interested in
 - A list view of the current itineraries that have been selected
 - A login page
- **Technologies:** Next.js

2. Logic Layer (Backend/Microservices):

- **Microservices:** Design discrete services to handle specific user needs. Examples include:
 - User Management Microservice: holds basic user data for app functionality
 - List Management Microservice: holds users' lists and their itineraries
 - Business Management Microservice: holds business data such as location, address, category, and name
 - Composite Service: orchestrates list and business management services to serve and add itineraries to lists
- o **Technologies:** Python, FastAPI

3. Data Layer (Database):

- o Tables:
 - Users Table: maintains personal information on the user
 - Lists Table: holds list data and owner's user ID
 - Itineraries Table: links businesses to lists
 - **Businesses Table:** holds information for all businesses
- **Technologies:** MySQL

Current Implementation Stack -

Next.js

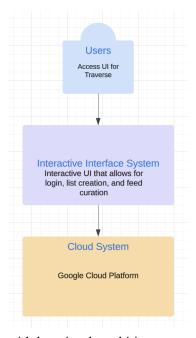
Python

MySQL

This architecture ensures a modular, scalable, and adaptable system that can grow with the evolving needs and requests of users.

Solution Overview

Domains



Traverse is designed to provide users with location-based itinerary generation. The system incorporates business data and location data to generate users' itinerary queues.

Roles:

• Users – Access the interactive UI system in order to login, swipe on businesses and view the generated itineraries

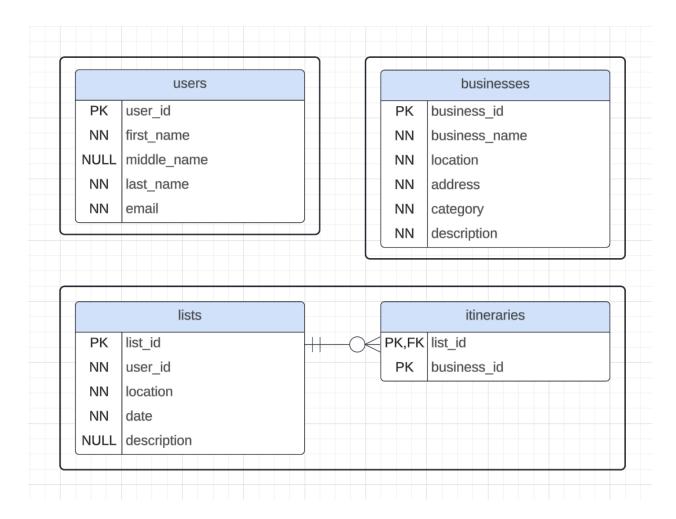
Major Systems/Subsystems:

- Interactive interface system UI is hosted on a Cloud application and accesses data from the database system for display and authentication. This allows users to utilize Traverse
- The database system is hosted on the cloud. The database holds three separate schemas for users, lists, and businesses

Lucid Chart:

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Resource Model



Basic user information is stored for functionality purposes.

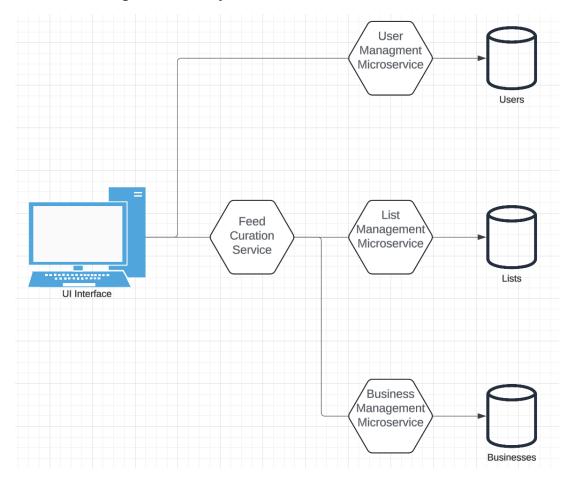
Every user has a set of lists with specific itineraries detailing businesses that they will be visiting.

The Business table contains business specific information that will be displayed and used to aid in itinerary generation.

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Interactive and Operations System



This is a three tier architecture approach.

Presentation layer, is a web application UI on a computer that interacts with the UI hosting infrastructure and the composite and three microservices currently in place.

Logic layer, is a set of a composite and three microservices that interact with both the data layer and the UI presentation layer. Traverse services interact with both layers in order to access and house user data as well as business and list generation data.

Data layer is made up of 4 different tables that are housed in separate databases that interact with the microservices.

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Deployment | Description Overview

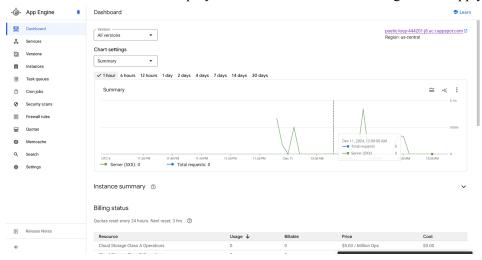
Database

Traverse's database uses MySQL and is stored on a single Google CloudSQL instance, which houses each schema (users, lists, and businesses) separately.



Business Management Microservice

Traverse's business management microservice is running from Google's PaaS service, App Engine. The code for it is committed and deployed from the GCP terminal along with an app.yaml file.



List Management Microservice

Traverse's list management microservice is running from a docker container on a Google Compute Engine VM.



User Management Microservice

Traverse's user management microservice is running from a Google Compute Engine VM.

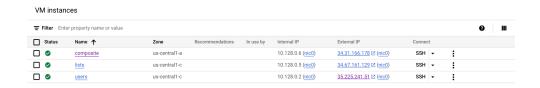
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| -requirements.txt
| -env.py
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| | -env.cpython-311.pyc
| | -database.cpython-311.pyc
| -main.py
| -database.py
| -routers.py
| started server process [7111]
INFO: Started server process [7111]
INFO: Waiting for application startup.
INFO: Application startup complete.
INFO: Uvicorn running on http://0.0.0.0:8000 (Press CTRL+C to quit)
```

Composite Service

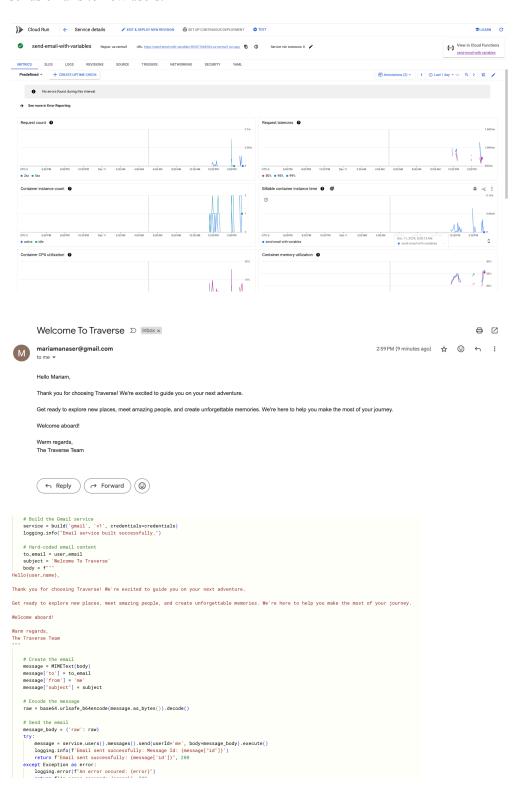
Traverse's composite service is also running on a Google Compute Engine VM.

*All Traverse VMs:



End-user Notification Service

Traverse's end-user notification service is running from Google's FaaS, Cloud Functions. The service sends emails to new users.



UI | Description Overview

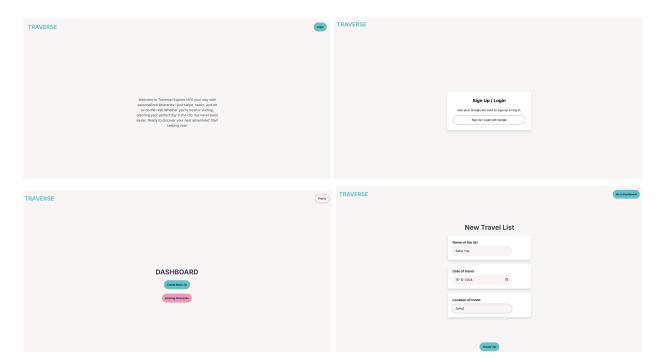
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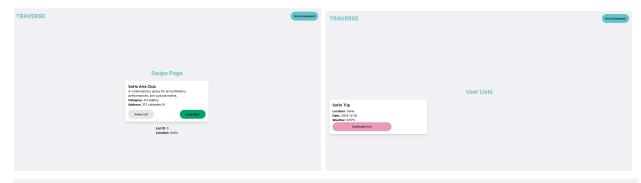
- Landing page giving details about Traverse
- Login/sign up page that allows users to authenticate with Google
- Dashboard page that allows users to view their existing lists or create a new list
- List creation page that allows the user to specify the list name, date and location of travel and create the particular travel list
- Swiping page that allows users to use the "Tinder-like" feature and determine what the like (swipe right) and what they don't (swipe left)
- Users' lists page that shows all the lists that the user has created
- Itinerary Details page that displays all the details of the generated itinerary from the users' past interactions, also has a weather api to get the weather info for the place on that day.

Frameworks & Libraries:

- Next.js: Used for building the UI with React components and server-side rendering.
- React: For creating reusable, interactive components.
- Tailwind CSS: For styling with utility-first classes and responsive design.

Screenshots:





Itinerary Details

SoHo Trip

Location: SoHo
Date: 2024-12-16
Weather: 9.15°C

The Drawing Center

Location: SoHo
Address: 35 Wooster St
Category: Art Gallery
Description: Contemporary drawing exhibitions and educational programs.

The Mercer Location: SOHo
Address: 147 Mercer St
Category: Hotel
Description: Chic boutique hotel with celebrity clientele and
luxurious rooms.

SoHo Arts Club

Location: SOHo
Address: 212 Lafayette St
Category: Art Gallery
Description: A contemporary space for art exhibitions,
performances, and cultural events.

Other Requirements | Description Overview

Security:

- Google login using OAuth 2.0
- Issue own JWT tokens with "grants."
- Validate tokens in middleware and propagate on calls to other services

As can be seen in a sample code snippet above, we implemented Google login using OAuth 2.0 by redirecting users to Google's authorization URL, retrieving their access token, and extracting user information. It validates the email and handles the user data securely. It then creates and sends a custom JWT to the UI which is used for user ID verification.

```
class TracingMiddleware(BaseHTTPMiddleware): lusage new*
    async def dispatch(self, request: Request, call_next): new*
    # Extract and validate the token from the header
    raw_token = request.headers.get("X-Token")
    if not raw_token:
        logging.error("Access denied: Missing X-Token header.")
        raise HTTPException(status_code=400, detail="Access denied: Missing token.")

try:
    # Parse the token value as JSON
    token_data = Json.loads(raw_token)
    user_token = token_data.get("user_token")
    user_id = token_data.get("user_id")

# Validate that both user_token and user_id are present
    if not user_token or not user_id:
        logging.error("Access denied: Malformed token.")
        raise HTTPException(status_code=400, detail="Access denied: Malformed token.")

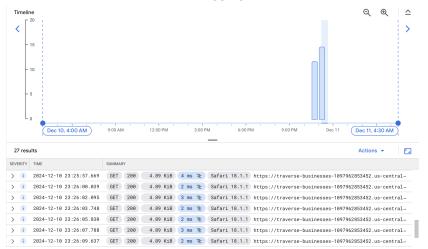
# Store the token in request.state for propagation
        request.state.user_token = user_token
        request.state.user_id = user_id

except (json.JSONDecodeError, TypeError):
    logging.error("Access denied: Invalid token format.")
    raise HTTPException(status_code=400, detail="Access denied: Invalid token format.")
```

This sample snippet above shows a middleware that validates the custom tokens (JWTs) by extracting them from the request header, ensuring proper format and required fields like user_id and user_token. Valid tokens are propagated through the request state for downstream services.

Observability:

- Basic log and trace in microservices, correlation ID and propagation, and middleware
- Demonstrate in a cloud's logging tools



The snippet above shows a demonstration of the GCP's logging tools

```
# Custom Logging, Tracing, and Correlation ID Middleware

class TracingMiddleware(BaseHTPMiddleware): lusage is Justin Clarke*

async def dispatch(self, request. Request, call_next): is Justin Clarke*

correlation_id = request.headers.get("X-Correlation-ID", str(uuid.uuid4()))

request.state.correlation_id = correlation_id

# Start timing the request

start_time = time.time()

# Log request details

logging.info(f"Request Start: {request.method} {request.url}")

logging.info(f"Correlation ID: {correlation.id} - {request.method} {request.url}")

logging.info(f"Headers: {request.headers}")

if request.method in ["POST", "PUT", "PATCH"]:

body = await request.body()

logging.info(f"Body: {body.decode('utf-8') if body else None}")

# Process the request and get the response

response = await call_next(request)

response.headers["X-Correlation-ID"] = correlation_id

# End timing and log response details

process_time = time.time() - start_time

logging.info(

f"Request End: {request.method} {request.url} - "

f"Status Code: {response.status_code} - Time: {process_time:.4f}s"

}

return response
```

This code is an example of how we implemented basic logging and tracing in microservices by recording request details such as method, URL, headers, and body. It uses a correlation ID for tracing, either extracting it from incoming headers or generating a new one, and propagating it in the response headers. The middleware also logs response times and status codes, providing end-to-end visibility for requests.

REST API

- OpenAPI documents for all microservices
- Documented and followed a basic REST API best practices guidance
- HATEOAS and support for links
- Pagination for at least one of the services
- For POST, at least one of the services should implement 201 created with a link header
- At least one path must implement an asynchronous execution pattern, eg 202 Accepted

This code implements HATEOAS (Hypermedia as the Engine of Application State) by including navigational links in the response. The links section provides self, update, and delete links for the resource, allowing clients to discover actions dynamically. This supports RESTful API principles by enhancing resource interaction.

This code meets the pagination requirement with the get_lists and get_itineraries_for_list endpoints, which support skip and limit parameters to control the number of results returned. For the asynchronous execution requirement, the add_itinerary_to_list endpoint uses status_code=202 to indicate asynchronous processing. This signifies that the request has been accepted for execution, but the operation may complete later, aligning with the 202 Accepted response pattern.

This code fulfills the 201 Created with a link header requirement. The create_list endpoint creates a new resource and returns a 201 status code. It dynamically generates the resource URL (/lists{resource_id}) and prepares a Location header to point to the newly created resource, ensuring RESTful API compliance.

The REST API Documentation & openAPI documents can be seen below

Lists Microservice

Description: The lists microservice manages user lists and their associated itineraries, providing endpoints to create, retrieve, update, and delete lists and itineraries. It supports pagination for retrieving lists or itineraries and implements a 202 Accepted response for adding itineraries asynchronously. Additionally, it includes a get_weather endpoint to fetch weather data based on location and date, making the service versatile and comprehensive for managing list-related functionalities.



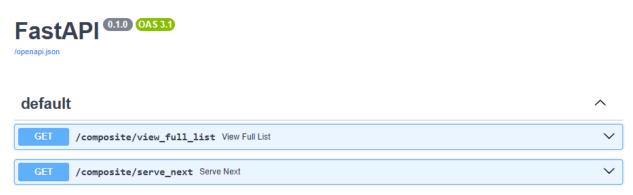
Businesses microservice

Description: The business microservice manages business data, offering endpoints for CRUD operations and advanced queries. It supports creating, retrieving, updating, and deleting businesses, while also providing the get_next_business endpoint to fetch the next available business not included in a specified list, filtered by location. This service ensures robust responses and error handling, making it suitable for integration into composite workflows.



Composite microservice

Description: This composite microservice integrates functionalities from two other microservices: a list microservice and a business microservice. The view_full_list endpoint asynchronously fetches all business IDs associated with a list from the list service and retrieves detailed information about each business concurrently using asynchronous HTTP requests. The serve_next endpoint synchronously fetches existing business IDs from the list service and requests the next business recommendation from the business microservice, excluding already listed businesses. Together, these endpoints efficiently combine data from multiple services to provide comprehensive and optimized responses.



At least one composite service

- Composition using code and synchronous API calls
- Composition using code and asynchronous API calls

```
@app.get( path: "/composite/view_full_list", response_model=List[dict]) new*
async def view_full_list(list_idi int, request: Request):
    token = {"X-Token": json.dumps{{"user_token": request.state.user_token, "user_id": request.state.user_id}}}
    correlation_id = {"X-Correlation-ID": request.state.correlation_id}

headers = {**token, **correlation_id}

async with httpx.AsyncClient() as client:
    # Step 1: Set all business_ids from the list microservice
    list_url = f"{LIST_SERVICE_URL}/{list_id}/itineraries"
    list_response = await client.get(list_url, headers=headers)

if list_response.status_code != 200:
    raise HTTPException(status_code=list_response.status_code, detail="Failed to fetch business IDs.")

business_ids = [item["business_id"] for item in list_response.json()]

# Step 2: Fetch business details asynchronously from the business microservice
    tasks = [client.get( urb f"{BUSINESS_SERVICE_URL}/{business_id}", headers=headers) for business_id in business
    responses = await asyncio.gather(*tasks)

# Step 3: Compile the details for valid responses
    businesses = [response.json() for response in responses if response.status_code == 200]

return businesses
```

This code demonstrates composition by integrating data from multiple microservices using asynchronous API calls. It first fetches business IDs from the list microservice and then concurrently retrieves detailed business information from the business microservice using asyncio.gather. This approach ensures efficient execution and seamless aggregation of data across services.

```
gapp.get( paths "/composite/serve_next", response_model=dict) new"
def serve_next(list_id: int, location: str, request: Request):
    token = {"X-Token": json.dumps({"user_token": request.state.user_token, "user_id": request.state.user_id})}
    correlation_id = {"X-Correlation-ID": request.state.correlation_id}

headers = {**token, **correlation_id}

with httpx.Client() as client:
    # Step 1: Get all business_ids from the list microservice
    list_url = f"{LIST_SERVICE_URL}/{list_id}/jtineraries"
    list_response = client.get(list_url, headers=headers)

if list_response.status_code != 200:
    raise HTTPException(status_code=list_response.status_code, detail="Failed to fetch business IDs.")

existing_business_ids = [item["business_id"] for item in list_response.json()]

# Step 2: Request the next business from the business microservice
    next_business_url = f"{BUSINESS_SERVICE_URL}/next"
    payload = {"list_id": list_id, "location": location, "existing_ids": existing_business_ids}
    next_business_response = client.get(next_business_url, headers=headers, params=payload)

if next_business_response.status_code != 200:
    raise HTTPException(status_code=next_business_response.status_code, detail="No next business found.")

return next_business_response.json()
```

This code achieves composition using synchronous API calls by integrating data from two microservices. It first retrieves all business IDs from the list microservice and then sends a subsequent request to business microservices to fetch the next available business, excluding existing IDs. The use of httpx.Client ensures sequential, synchronous execution while maintaining logical flow across services.

Calling / using at least one external cloud service

```
def fetch_lat_lon(location: str, correlation_id: str) -> tople: lusage new*
base_url = "https://neminatim.openstreetmap.org/search"
headers = {"X-Correlation-ID": correlation_id}
params = {
    "q": location,
    "format": "json",
    "limit": 1,
}
response = httpx.get(base_url, headers=headers, params=params)
if response.status_code == 200 and response.json():
    data = response.json()[0]
    latitude = float(data["lat"])
    longitude = float(data["lat"])
    return latitude, longitude
raise Exception("Could not fetch latitude and longitude for the given location")

def fetch_weather(latitude: float, longitude: float, date: str, correlation_id: str) -> str: lusage new*
    api_url = f"https://spi.open-metco.com/vi/forecast/latitude={latitude}&longitude={longitude}&start_date={date}&end_date={date}&date}*
headers = {"X-Correlation-ID": correlation_id}
response = httpx.get(api_url, headers = headers)
if response.status_code == 200:
    data = response.json()
    avg_temp = (data["daily"]("temperature_2m_max"][0] + date["daily"]("temperature_2m_min"][0]) / 2
    return str(avg_temp)
```

This code fulfills the requirement of calling an external cloud service by integrating third-party APIs. The fetch_lat_lon function uses OpenStreetMap's Nominatim API to retrieve latitude and longitude for a given location. The fetch_weather function calls Meteo API to fetch weather data based on the latitude, longitude, and date, demonstrating interaction with cloud-hosted services to provide geolocation and weather information.

GitHub Project (with Kanban Board)

Project Board: https://github.com/users/alishavarma/projects/2

GitHub Repositories

- UI Repo: https://github.com/alishavarma/traverse-ui
- Database Repo: https://github.com/alishavarma/traverse database
- User Management Repo: https://github.com/alishavarma/traverse user management
- Businesses Repo: https://github.com/alishavarma/traverse_businesses
- Lists Repo: https://github.com/alishavarma/traverse-lists
- Composite Repo: https://github.com/alishavarma/traverse composite

Demo Recordings & Presentations

Demo Recording:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x6IkI8oGFIQGnT5knYbkLqiDymFiNtRh/view?usp=share_link

Presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14VE1tHeMs-mMaj9DfJMfytkAhZsw3Ft2JFCf0RAPps8/edit?usp=sharing

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