Final Report

NEWS TRACKER APPLICATION

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview:

The project is to build a NEWS tracker application where different users can view the news what they prefer instead of showing all news. The application has been build using flask, html, CSS and JavaScript. This application has been linked with IBM cloud database and also has IBM Watson chatbot integration. This provides the user a good user interaction and also makes the application easier to use.

1.2 Purpose:

Tracking news gives important information to end users to keep track of latest facts and information. Specific users need specific news for their needs like economic news for business people, weather news for fisherman, etc. So, it becomes necessary to track specific news for the intended user. As news is increasingly accessed on smartphones and tablets, the need for personalizing news app interactions is apparent. So, the project aim is to build a news tracker application where users can able to track specific news for their needs along with various additional functionalities.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing problem

- Reviewers reported they did not find the adaptive menu beneficial and would prefer a
 snapshot of articles within multiple categories as opposed to being restricted to one.
 None reported wanting article summaries despite reading long articles and being probed
- Algorithm-based recommendation of this cutting-edge technology will face numerous tests from journalists, social ethics, laws and regulations.
- The importance of trust has been highlighted future research studies can focus on the antecedents of trust Users require lower level of trust.

2.2 References

- 1. Tracking sentiment towards news entities from Arabic news on social media Ali Al-Laith, Muhammad Shahbaz - Future generation computer system.
- 2. Exploring mobile news reading interactions for news app Personalization Marios Constantinides, John Dowell, David Johnson, Sylvain Malacria 17th International Conference on Human computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services.
- 3. Research on Development Strategy of News App under the Background of Artificial Intelligence -Wei Guo and Bo Zhang International Conference on AI and Big Data Application (AIBDA 2019).
- 4. Topic Detection and Tracking in News Articles Sagar Patel, Sanket Suthar, Sandip Patel, Nehal Patel and Arpita Patel Chandubhai S Information and Communication Technology for Intelligent Systems.

2.3 Problem Statement Definition

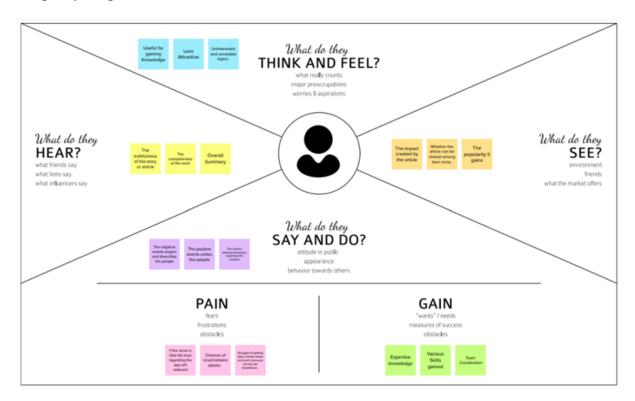
News reading is the basic source of gaining knowledge about the external growing world. People read newspapers to gain knowledge about what is happening around the world. Without newspaper people cannot be able to educate themselves about the outside world. In Modern Era this kind of culture changed, and Television and Radio are used as a better source of communication and Knowledge gathering tool. Today there are several easy to educate ourselves, one of the easier ways is watching news in our mobile phone. The main aim is to develop a web application to track news and ongoing news feeds and displaying them.

3. IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION

3.1 Empathy Map Canvas

An empathy map is a simple, easy-to-digest visual that captures knowledge about a user's behaviors and attitudes. It is a useful tool to helps teams better understand their users. Creating an effective solution requires understanding the true problem and the person who is experiencing it. The exercise of creating the map helps participants consider things from the user's perspective along with his or her goals and challenges.

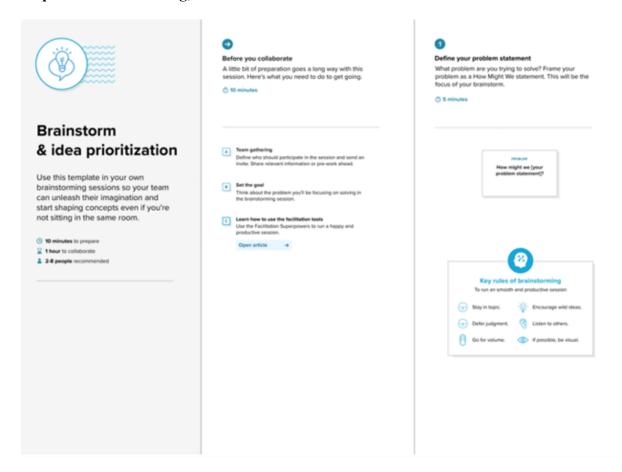
Empathy Map:



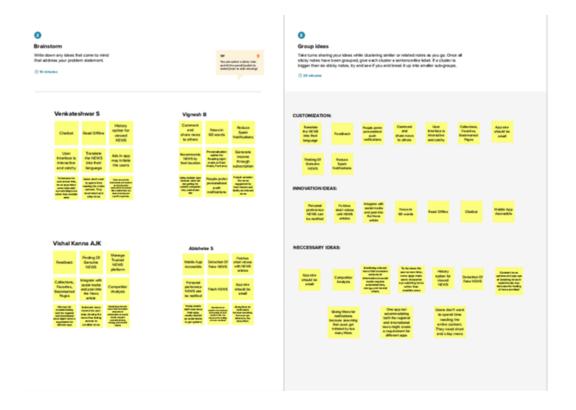
3.2 Ideation & Brainstorming

Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich number of creative solutions. Use this template in your own brainstorming sessions so your team can unleash them imagination and start shaping concepts even if you're not sitting in the same room.

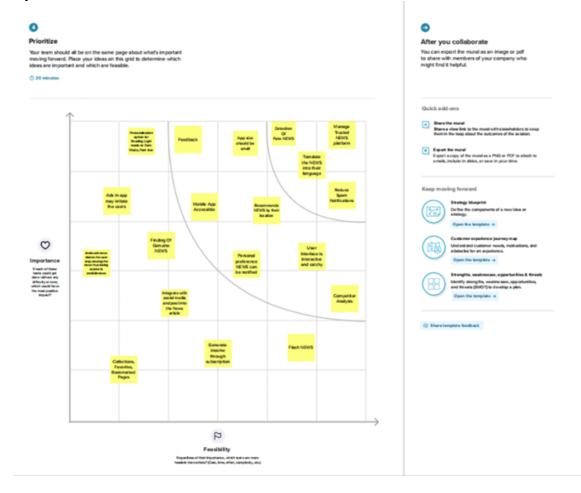
Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement



Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping



Step-3: Idea Prioritization

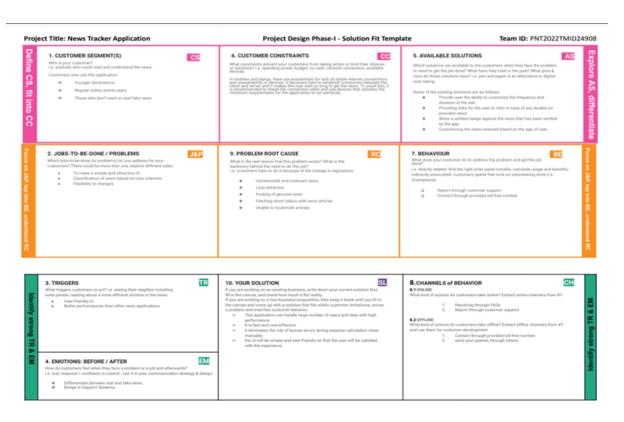


3.3 Proposed Solution

S.No.	Parameter	Description
1.	Problem Statement (Problem to be solved)	News reading is the basic source of gaining knowledge about the external world. People read newspapers to gain knowledge about what is happening around the world. Today there are several ways to educate ourselves, one of the easier ways is reading news in our mobile phone. So developing an application for that becomes necessary.
2.	Idea / Solution description	The idea is to develop a application that tracks specific news for individual users using flask.
3.	Novelty / Uniqueness	Our cloud-based NEWS tracker application has the following uniqueness: 1. It is fast and cost-effective. 2. It eliminates the risk of human errors during expense calculation when manually.

		3. It is more secure.4. It offers better analytics and transparency.
4.	Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction	Making an application to track NEWS helps the user to find specific NEWS what they want rather than searching it from a vast source
5.	Business Model (Revenue Model)	We can provide the application on a subscription and advertising basis and the cost depends on the usage.
6.	Scalability of the Solution	 a. Instead of switching to a bigger instance size, our cloud-based application uses horizontal scalability to supply more instances, and flask micro services are utilized to improve specific functionalities. b. This application can handle large number of users and data with high performance and security

3.4 Problem Solution fit



4. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

4.1 Functional requirement

Following are the functional requirements of the proposed solution.

FR No.	Functional Requirement (Epic)	Sub Requirement (Story / Sub-Task)
FR-1	User Registration	 Registration through Form Registration through Gmail Registration through LinkedIN
FR-2	User Confirmation	 Confirmation via Email Confirmation via OTP
FR-3	Searching	 Search the news based on the user interest User can save the news needed and study later Showing the trending news on search
FR-4	Real time News	 Auto update news because it fetches news from API Use of ML algorithm for up-to-date information
FR-5	Location based	 User can view the news near to their location User can track the Location of the news
FR-6	User friendly	1. Push notification are meant to attract user attention by using alerts, even if it is just for a second.
		2. Links provided to get more information on the related news.
		3. User can get the required news by searching the context.

4.2 Non-Functional requirements

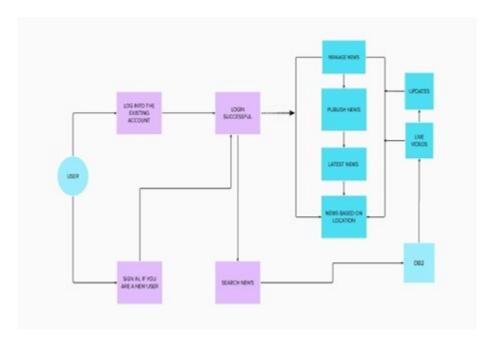
Following are the non-functional requirements of the proposed solution.

FR No.	Non-Functional Requirement	Description
NFR-1	Usability	1. The news is updated almost every minute, the user will always be able to view exact information that interest him/her in the moment.
		2. Search and Filtering function will provide the users the opportunity to search for information of their interest
NFR-2	Security	 Authentication and password management. Personal profile is not to shared to thirdparty.
NFR-3	Reliability	 Instant news at instant time Track the location of the news Avoid the Fake news
NFR-4	Performance	Show users the most relevant story first Recommended news based on user likings Keep users in the app for longer with related post
NFR-5	Availability	Provides 24/7 news service History of the previous news that happened before related to the present news
NFR-6	Scalability	1. Get more user's by encouraging social sharing and recommending the app to new users.
		2. Getting user feedback and make changes to keep the customer stay with the application.

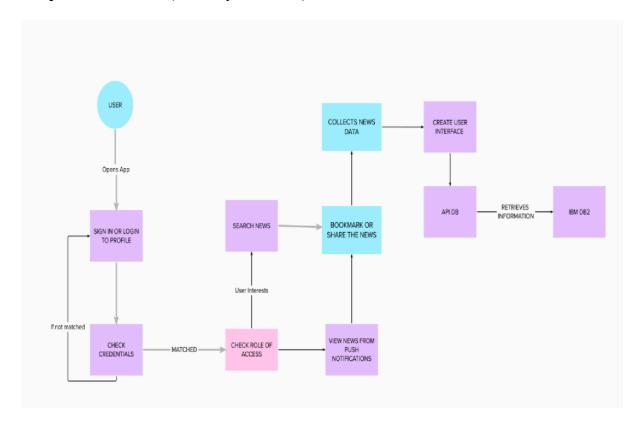
5. PROJECT DESIGN

5.1 Data Flow Diagrams

Example (Simplified)



Example: DFD Level 0 (Industry Standard)



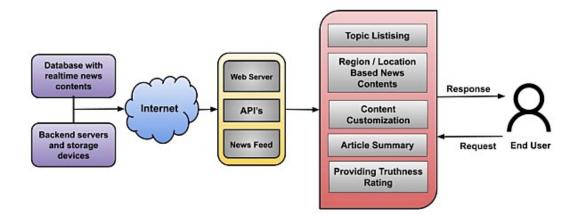
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Solution Architecture:

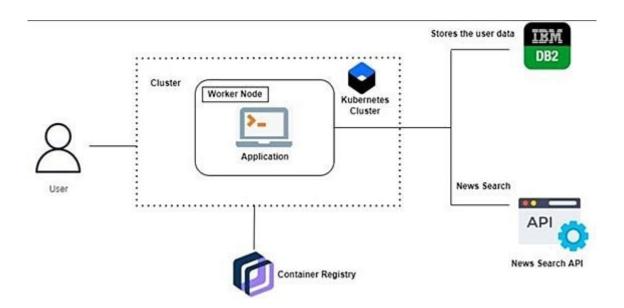
Solution architecture is a complex process – with many sub-processes – that bridges the gap between business problems and technology solutions. Its goals are to:

- Find the best tech solution to solve existing business problems.
- Describe the structure, characteristics, behaviour, and other aspects of the software to project stakeholders.
- Define features, development phases, and solution requirements.
- Provide specifications according to which the solution is defined, managed, and delivered.

Example - Solution Architecture Diagram:



Technology Architecture:



Guidelines:

- 1. The HTML and CSS are used for the user interface for the user to use the application.
- 2. The user search for the news based on interest rather than scrolling down the all the news.
- 3. The news feed is list of newly published content on website. End users can receive push updates for new content on a site by subscribing to site's news feed.
- 4. IBM DB2 on cloud is used to access the information of the news based on the user interest

Table-1: Components & Technologies:

S.No	Component	Description	Technology
1.	User Interface	The User interacts with the application via an web application to read news.	HTML, CSS, JavaScript ,React Js etc.
2.	Application Logic-1	Verifying the client ID.	Java / Python
3.	Application Logic-2	Analyse the news feed for each customer.	Flask
4.	Application Logic-3	Integrating the customer feed with IBM Watson to improve user experience.	IBM Watson Assistant
5.	Database	The client information is stored in a database.	MySQL, NoSQL, etc.
6.	Cloud Database	The news feed data is stored in cloud.	IBM DB2.
7.	File Storage	The files which the user uploads is stored here.	IBM Object Storage.
8.	External API-1	Weather API is used to gather weather information.	IBM Weather API, etc.
9.	External API-2	To verify the identity of user we use Aadhar API	Aadhar API, etc.
10.	Machine Learning Model	ML model is used to filter the news required by the user.	Object Recognition Model, etc.
11.	Infrastructure (Server / Cloud)	Application Deployment on Local System / Cloud Local Server Configuration: Docker Cloud Server Configuration : Kubernetes	Local, Kubernetes, etc.

Table-2: Application Characteristics:

S.No	Characteristics	Description	Technology
1.	Open-Source Frameworks	A software for which the original source code is made freely available and may be redistributed and modified according to the requirement of the user.	Flask, Docker, etc.
2.	Security Implementations	Cloud Security Posture Management(CSPM), Detect cloud security and compliance configuration risk, anomalous activity,	Built-in encryption, BYOK
3.	Scalable Architecture	Python is one of the pioneers of programming languages that developers can use to do all the scaling work. To improve scalability, you can enable or disable services run by the dispatcher on individual servers to balance the load for a given computer by request type.	Technology used in the architecture is that with the Python and the IBM cloud.
4.	Availability	Availability is the ability of a system to withstand or recover from exceptional situations, such as a computer failure. IBM Cloud is on-demand access, via the internet, to computing resources applications, servers (physical servers and virtual servers), data storage, development tools, networking capabilities, and more hosted at a remote data centre managed by a cloud services provider (or CSP).	Technology used are the IBM cloud and the database.
5.	Performance	DB2 is a database product from IBM. It is a Relational Database Management System (RDBMS). DB2 is designed to store, analyse and retrieve the data efficiently. DB2 product is extended with the support of Object-Oriented features and non-relational structures with XML.	Technology used are the python, cloud and IBM db2.

5.3 User Stories

User Type	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Acceptance criteria	Priority	Release
Customer (Mobile user)	Registration	USN-1	As a user, I can register for the application by entering my email, password, and confirming my password.	I can access my account / dashboard	High	Sprint- 1
		USN-2	As a user, I will receive confirmation email once I have registered for the application	I can receive confirmation email & click confirm	High	Sprint-1
		USN-3	As a user, I can register for the application through Facebook	I can register & access the dashboard with Facebook Login	Low	Sprint-2
		USN-4	As a user, I can register for the application through Gmail	I can receive password from mail.	Medium	Sprint-1
	Login	USN-5	As a user, I can log into the application by entering email & password	I can receive confirmation mail.	High	Sprint-1
	Dashboard	USN-6	The news portal fetches for the most recent news and shows it as "Breaking News".	I can open and view the "Breaking News"	Low	Sprint-2

Customer (Web user)	Search Bar	USN-7	User search data based on their personal interests I can view the related content for the search data		High	Sprint-1
		USN-8	The news is showed with a sample snapshot and mini description and user can open and read the article.	I can view the news details and can open to see whole article	High	Sprint-1
Administrator	exact news latest new from the getting		I can see the latest news getting refreshed.	Medium	Sprint- 1	
		USN-10	Provides live news with video and audio content.	I can see news much clearly with this feature	High	Sprint- 1

6. PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

6.1 Sprint Planning & Estimation

Project Tracker, Velocity & Burndown Chart:

Sprint	Total Story Points	Duration	Sprint Start Date	Sprint End Date (Planned)	Story Points Completed (as on Planned End Date)	Sprint Release Date (Actual)
Sprint-1	20	6 Days	22 C 2022	29 Oct 2022	29 Oct 2022	29 Oct 2022
Sprint-2	20	6 Days	29 C 2022	Oct 05 Nov 2022	05 Nov 2022	05 Nov 2022
Sprint-3	20	6 Days	05 N 2022	ov 12 Nov 2022	12 Nov 2022	12 Nov 2022
Sprint-4	20	6 Days	12 N 2022	ov 19 Nov 2022	19 Nov 2022	19 Nov 2022

Velocity:

Imagine we have a 10-day sprint duration, and the velocity of the team is 20 (points per sprint). Let's calculate the team's average velocity (AV) per iteration unit (story points per day)

$$= 7 / 15 = 0.46$$

Burndown Chart:

A burn down chart is a graphical representation of work left to do versus time. It is often used in agile software development methodologies such as Scrum. However, burn down charts can be applied to any project containing measurable progress over time.

S:No	Task / Activity	Sprint-1 24 - 29 Oct 2022	Sprint-2 31 Oct - 5 Nov 2022	Sprint-3 7 - 12 Nov 2022	Sprint-4 14 - 19 Nov 2022
1	Creating a web page (Home-Page & Dashboard).				
2	Creating Database and working on it.				
3	Establishing database connection.				

4	Creating Registration/Login Page.				
5	Creating User Login.				
6	Implementing Admin & Publisher Panel.				
7	Integrating NEWS API.				
8	Adding Watson Assistant.				
9	Testing and debugging.				
10	Creating image and containerize the application.				
11	Deploying the application in IBM cloud.				

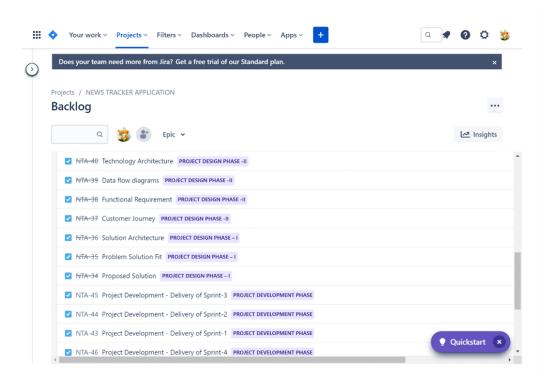
6.2 Sprint Delivery Schedule

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint- 1	Registration	USN-1	As a user, I can register for the application by entering my email, password, and confirming my password.	2	High	Venakateshwar S
Sprint- 1		USN-2	As a user, I will receive confirmation email once I have registered for the application	1	High	Vishal Kanna AJK
Sprint- 2		USN-3	As a user, I can register for the application	3	Low	Vignesh B

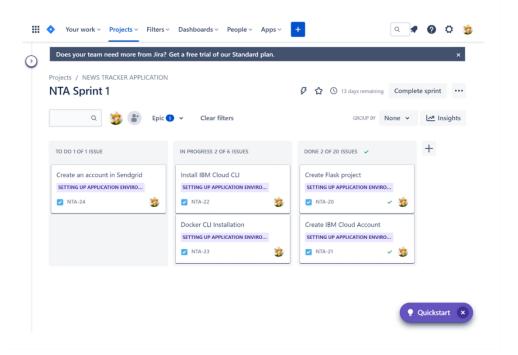
			through Facebook			
Sprint- 1		USN-4	As a user, I can register for the application through Gmail	3	Medium	Vignesh B
Sprint- 1	Login	USN-5	As a user, I can log into the application by entering email & password	3	High	Abisheke S
Sprint- 2	Dashboard	USN-6	Shows the recent NEWS and Breaking NEWS.	5	Medium	Venkateshwar S
Sprint-3	Search Bar	USN-7	User searches for News based on their own interest.	3	High	Vishal Kanna AJK
Sprint- 4	Server	USN-8	Provides correct NEWS available from the database.	8	Medium	Vignesh B
Sprint-		USN-9	Provide live news with video and audio content.	5	High	Abisheke S

6.3 Reports from JIRA

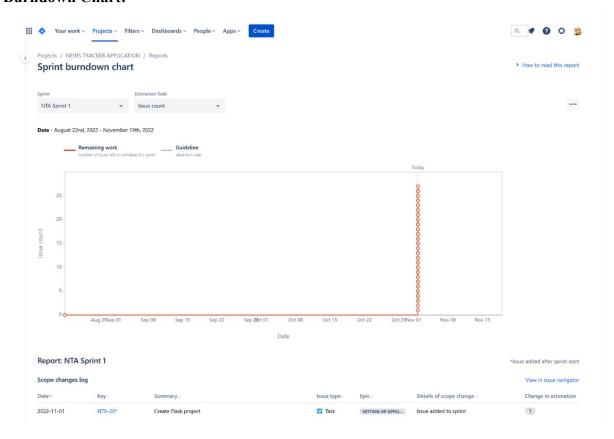
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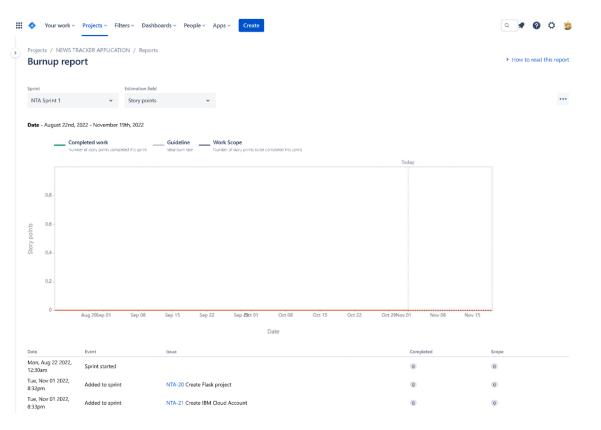
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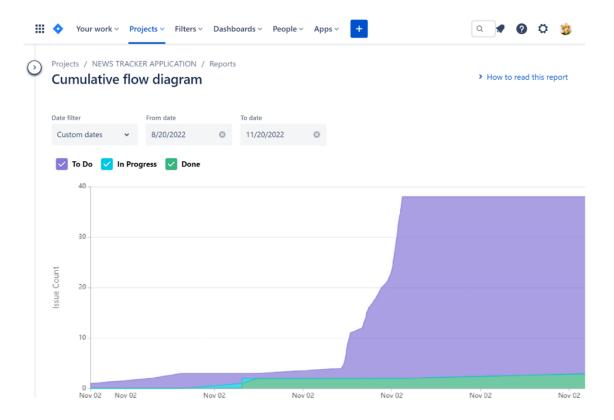
Burndown Chart:



Burnup report:



Cumulative Flow Diagram:



7. CODING & SOLUTIONING

7.1 Real time news display

The application updates the news regularly i.e., whenever any new news gets posted this automatically updates in the application. This is achieved with the help of news API. Thus, whenever some news gets released, it is automatically updated in the app without any need human intervention.

```
newsapi = NewsApiClient(api_key='70fdb9ba81ba40b6bda148e672898bd9')
def get_sources_and_domains():
    all_sources = newsapi.get_sources()['sources']
    sources = []
    domains = []
    for e in all_sources:
        id = e['id']
        domain = e['url'].replace("http://", "")
        domain = domain.replace("https://", "")
        domain = domain.replace("www.", "")
        slash = domain.find('/')
        if slash != -1:
            domain = domain[:slash]
        sources.append(id)
        domains.append(domain)
    sources = ", ".join(sources)
domains = ", ".join(domains)
    return sources, domains
```

7.2 Chat bot integration

The application has a chatbot integrated with it to help with basic user queries and to interact with the user. The chatbot feature is added to the application by using IBM Watson assistant in IBM cloud. This chatbot can interact with the user and guide them for simple queries.

7.3 News search feature

The application is provided with a feature where the user can search the news that he/she wants using the search tool. This makes the app user friendly and provides the user to search directly for some news instead of scrolling and looking for a news.

8. TESTING

8.1 Test Cases

- Verify if user can login.
- Verify if the UI elements are getting displayed properly.
- Verify if the user can select the news displayed.
- Verify if the user can register.
- Verify if the application displays correct news.
- Verify if the user can logout.
- Verify if the user is getting redirected to the destination.
- Verify is the user can use the chatbot.
- Verify if the user login details are stored in the database.

8.2 User Acceptance Testing

Purpose of Document

The purpose of this document is to briefly explain the test coverage and open issues of the News Tracker Application project at the time of the release to User Acceptance Testing (UAT).

Defect Analysis

This report shows the number of resolved or closed bugs at each severity level, and how they were resolved

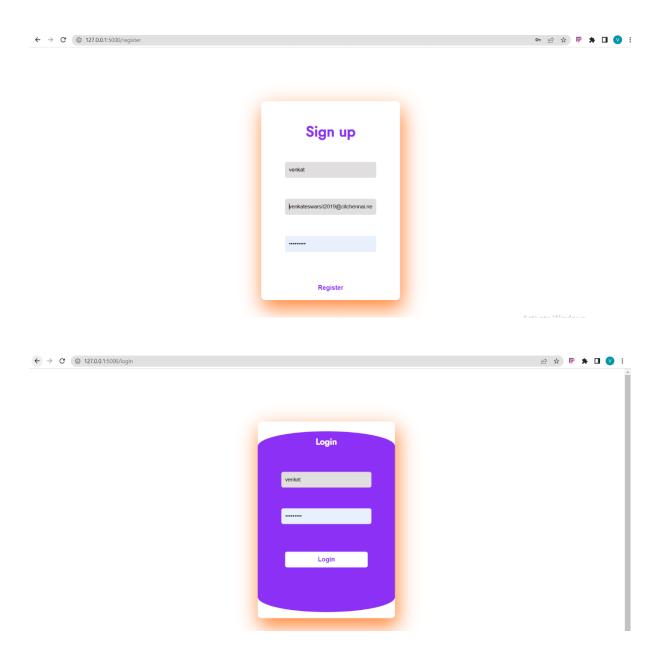
Resolution	Severity 1	Severity 2	Severity 3	Severity 4	Subtotal
By Design	3	2	2	1	8
Duplicate	1	0	2	0	3
External	2	0	0	1	3
Fixed	6	3	4	6	19
Not Reproduced	0	0	1	0	1
Skipped	0	0	0	1	1
Won't Fix	0	3	1	1	5
Totals	12	8	10	10	40

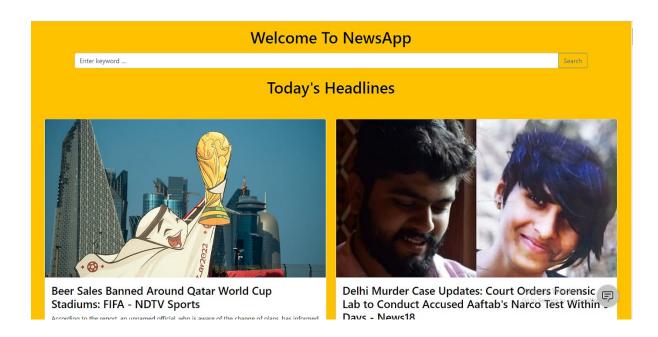
Test Case Analysis

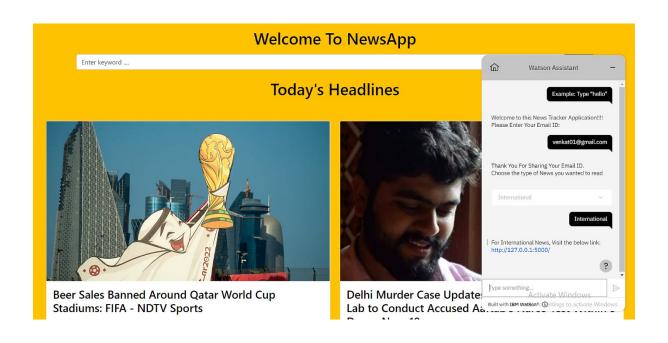
This report shows the number of test cases that have passed, failed, and untested

Section	Total Cases	Not Tested	Fail	Pass
Print Engine	6	0	0	6
Client Application	5	0	0	5
Security	2	0	0	2
Outsource Shipping	7	0	0	7
Exception Reporting	5	0	0	5
Final Report Output	4	0	0	4
Version Control	2	0	0	2

9. Results







10. Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages:

- Easy user interaction.
- Faster loading of news.
- Easy login process.
- Real time news update.
- Chatbot integration.

Disadvantages:

- Cannot view videos.
- Interface can be choppy at times.
- No advance security layer for data protection.
- No categories section.
- Algorithm may be slow at times.

11. Conclusion

NEWS is the main source where people get to know about what's happening around the world. Reading news through devices like mobile phones, laptops has been widely adopted now. So, it's becoming necessary for an application to provide legit news. An application that tracks and shows user specific news has been developed as a part of our project. The app has been build using Flask and HTML, CSS, JS for the front-end. This app tracks news based on user preference and delivers the news to the end users. This app provides a more reliable and user-friendly way to read news.

12. Future Scope

The following features can be added in the application in the future:

- To add feature to watch videos.
- To make the interface smoother.
- To add advance security layer for data protection.
- To add categories section.
- To update the app with a faster algorithm without affecting the advantages.

13. Appendix

Source Code(app.py):

```
app.py > ...
      @app.route('/login',methods =['GET', 'POST'])
      def login():
          global userid
          msg = ''
          if request.method == 'POST' :
              username = request.form['username']
              password = request.form['password']
              sql = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username =? AND password=?"
              stmt = ibm db.prepare(conn, sql)
              ibm_db.bind_param(stmt,1,username)
              ibm db.bind param(stmt,2,password)
              ibm_db.execute(stmt)
              account = ibm_db.fetch_assoc(stmt)
              print (account)
              if account:
                  session['loggedin'] = True
                  session['id'] = account['USERNAME']
                  userid= account['USERNAME']
                  session['username'] = account['USERNAME']
                  msg = 'Logged in successfully !'
                  msg = 'Logged in successfully !'
                  return redirect(url_for('home'))
                  msg = 'Incorrect username / password !'
          return render_template('login.html', msg = msg)
      @app.route('/register', methods =['GET', 'POST'])
      def register():
          msg = ''
          if request.method == 'POST' :
              username = request.form['username']
              email = request.form['email']
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@app.route('/register', methods =['GET', 'POST'])
def register():
      msg =
      if request.method == 'POST' :
           username = request.form['username']
            email = request.form['email']
            password = request.form['password']
            sql = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username =?"
stmt = ibm_db.prepare(conn, sql)
            ibm db.bind_param(stmt,1,username)
            ibm_db.execute(stmt)
            account = ibm_db.fetch_assoc(stmt)
            print(account)
            if account:
            msg = 'Account already exists !'
elif not re.match(r'[^@]+@[^@]+\.[^@]+', email):
    msg = 'Invalid email address !'
            elif not re.match(r'[A-Za-z0-9]+', username):

msg = 'name must contain only characters and numbers !'
                   insert_sql = "INSERT INTO users VALUES (?, ?, ?)"
                  prep_stmt = ibm_db.prepare(conn, insert_sql)
ibm_db.bind_param(prep_stmt, 1, username)
                   ibm_db.bind_param(prep_stmt, 2, email)
                   ibm_db.bind_param(prep_stmt, 3, password)
                   ibm_db.execute(prep_stmt)
                   msg = 'You have successfully registered!'
                  msg = 'You have successfully registered !'
app.config['SECRET_KEY'] = 'top-secret!'
app.config['MAIL_SERVER'] = 'smtp.sendgrid.net'
app.config['MAIL_PORT'] = 587
app.config['MAIL_USE_TLS'] = True
app.config['MAIL_USE_TLS'] = 'apikey'
app.config['MAIL_PASSWORD'] = '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'
app.config['MAIL_DEFAULT_SENDER'] = 'vigneshbit2019@citchennai.net'
mail = Mail(app)
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🕏 app.py > ...
                  recipient = request.form['email']
                  msg = Message('Successfully Registered', recipients=[recipient])
                  msg.body = ('Congratulations! You have successfully registered with '
                           'NewsApp!')
                  msg.html = ('<h1>Successfully Registered</h1>'
                           'Congratulations! You have successfully registered with '
                           '<b>NewsApp</b>!')
                  mail.send(msg)
                  return redirect(url_for('login'))
          elif request.method == 'POST':
              msg = 'Please fill out the form !'
          return render_template('login-register.html', msg = msg)
      @app.route("/", methods=['GET', 'POST'])
      def home():
          if request.method == "POST":
              sources, domains = get_sources_and_domains()
              keyword = request.form["keyword"]
              related_news = newsapi.get_everything(q=keyword,
                                             sources=sources,
                                             domains=domains,
                                             language='en',
sort_by='relevancy')
              no_of_articles = related_news['totalResults']
              if no_of_articles > 100:
                  no_of_articles = 100
              all_articles = newsapi.get_everything(q=keyword,
                                             sources=sources,
                                             domains=domains,
                                             language='en',
sort_by='relevancy',
                                             page_size = no_of_articles)['articles']
              return render_template("home.html", all_articles = all_articles,
                                      keyword=keyword)
              top_headlines = newsapi.get_top_headlines(country="in", language="en")
```

GitHub:

https://github.com/IBM-EPBL/IBM-Project-50275-1660901591

Project Demo Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BwHxoztOuyMXYtZz1eAB5TOwctHGtjvo/view?usp=sharing