

Scenic Navigation App

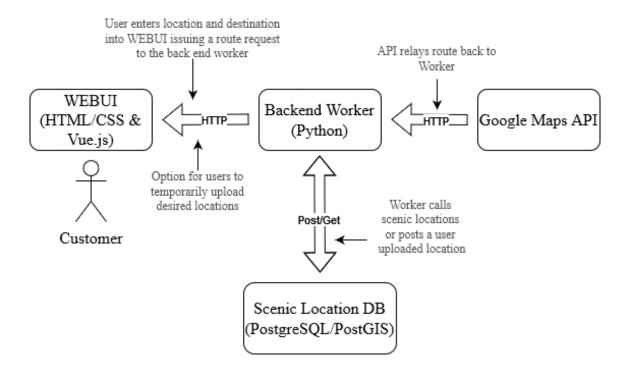
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1.1 Motivation

"It's not about the destination, it's about the journey." With our Scenic Navigation App, we take this adage to heart, transforming mundane routes into something memorable. Today's navigation apps are optimized to reach your destination as quickly as possible. We aim to reimagine everyday travel by prioritizing enjoyment over speed. Input your destination, and our app crafts a personalized journey, weaving through picturesque roads and landmarks to achieve this goal.

1.2 System Architecture Overview

Our cloud-based application follows a modern, microservices-oriented architecture. The frontend, built with Vue.js, provides an intuitive user interface for entering locations and viewing scenic routes. The backend, powered by Python, handles route generation logic and interfaces with the Google Maps API and our scenic locations database. The database, managed with PostgreSQL and PostGIS, stores curated scenic points of interest. The entire system is containerized using Docker for portability and scalability, and will be orchestrated using Kubernetes. Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment (CI/CD) pipelines ensure smooth development and deployment workflows.



Chapter 2: Implementation Proposal

2.1 Web UI

The Scenic Navigation App's frontend will be developed using Vue.js. The user interface will allow users to input their desired start and end locations, and display the generated scenic route with turn-by-turn directions. The map component will be integrated using the Google Maps API, enabling features such as autocomplete location search and dynamic route rendering.

2.2 Backend Development and Data Management

The backend server, written in Python, will serve as the central hub for the application's functionality. It will handle incoming requests from the frontend, retrieve scenic coordinates from the database, and communicate with the Google Maps API to generate optimized scenic routes. The server will also manage the storage and retrieval of user preferences and route history.

2.3 Containerization with Docker

Each component of the application will be containerized using Docker to ensure portability and ease of deployment. Dockerfiles will be created for the frontend, backend, and database components, specifying the necessary dependencies and configurations. Multi-stage builds will be employed to optimize image sizes and improve build efficiency.

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# Stage 1: Building Vue.js
FROM node:lts-alpine as build-stage
WORKDIR /app
COPY package*.json ./
RUN npm install
COPY . .
RUN npm run build

# Stage 2: Start the http-server
FROM node:lts-alpine
WORKDIR /scenic-navigation-app
COPY --from=build-stage /app/dist /scenic-navigation-app
RUN npm install -g http-server
EXPOSE 8080
CMD ["http-server", "/scenic-navigation-app", "-p", "8080"]
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2.4 Cloud Integration and CI/CD Pipelines

The application will be deployed on CloudLab infrastructure. CI/CD pipelines will be set up to automate the build, test, and deployment processes. Code changes will trigger the CI pipeline, which will build Docker images, run automated tests, and push the validated images to a container registry. The CD pipeline will then deploy these images to the CloudLab environment.

2.5 Database Development

The database will be developed using PostgreSQL with the PostGIS extension to support spatial data. The logical schema will include tables for storing scenic locations, user preferences, and route history. The database will be accessed by the backend server through a Data Access Object (DAO) pattern, which encapsulates the database operations and provides a clean interface for data retrieval and manipulation.

Chapter 3: Implementation Details

3.1 Building Docker Images and Testing Docker

Images for each component will be built using Dockerfiles. Challenges may include managing dependencies, optimizing image sizes, and ensuring proper configuration. Testing will involve running the containers and verifying their functionality through unit tests and integration tests. Health checks will be implemented to monitor the containers' status and ensure their reliability.

3.2 Data Collection and Management

Initially, data on scenic locations around West Chester will be collected manually by finding coordinates of relevant landmarks using Google Maps. These coordinates will be inserted into the PostgreSQL database table to populate the app's initial dataset. Additional data collection methods will allow users to add scenic points through the app's interface.

The backend server will interact with the scenic locations database through a data access object (DAO) layer, which will encapsulate the logic for querying and inserting location records. This will provide a clean interface for the server to request or upload scenic waypoints when generating routes or users uploading scenic points.

3.3 Limitations and Concerns:

The primary limitation is the tight deadline for completing the project, which may pose challenges in terms of balancing development efforts with other commitments. However, the utilization of the Google Maps API and its generous free usage tier is expected to alleviate some of the technical challenges. Security concerns, particularly related to API key management, will be addressed through secure key storage and rotation practices.

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EDUCATION

West Chester University

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Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

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Montgomery County Community College

Blue Bell, PA

Associate's of Science in Computer Science

Sep. 2019 - May 2021

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer Asc.

Sep. 2023 – Present

Lockheed Martin

King of Prussia, PA

- Collaborate with a software development team to design, develop, and debug software applications, focusing on service-to-service communications, frontend, and backend development
- Demonstrate technical accomplishments to key stakeholders
- Acted as Scrum Master, facilitating daily stand-ups, sprint planning, and retrospectives
- Improved proficiency in Java, JavaScript, Python, SQL, HTML, and CSS

Programmer Oct. 2021 - Sep 2023

- Contributed to the automation of end-to-end testing processes using Playwright, significantly improving testing efficiency and reliability
- Developed and implemented comprehensive testing strategies, ensuring robustness and high quality of software applications

Information Technology Consultant

Dec. 2020 - Apr. 2021

Geeks-on-site Coral Gables, FL

- Provided on-site IT solutions, diagnosing and solving software-related issues
- Managed and scheduled regular consultations with clients
- Recommended and purchased essential software and hardware equipment

Website Designer May 2019 – July 2019

Academy of the New Church Secondary Schools

Bryn Athyn, PA

- Worked closely with stakeholders to ensure the website reflected the institution's branding and messaging
- Led the design, build, and maintenance of the institution's website using advanced HTML and CSS
- Regularly updated website content, ensuring accuracy and relevance

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Java, Python, SQL (Postgres), JavaScript, HTML/CSS

Frameworks: React, Node.js, Flask, JUnit, WordPress, Material-UI, FastAPI

Developer Tools: Git, Docker, VS Code, Eclipse

Methodologies: Agile, Scrum, Kanban

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Education

West Chester University BS in Computer Science, Cyber Security Certificate	West Chester, PA Aug. 2021 - May 2024
West Chester East High School High School Diploma, Academic	West Chester, PA Sep. 2016 – June 2020
Coursework	1
Computer Science I – Intro to Java • Variables, data types, I/O, loops	Aug. – Dec. 2020
Computer Science II – Java • Arrays, sorting algorithms, GUI	Jan. – May 2021
Computer Science III – Java • Classes, methods, polymorphism, OOP	Aug. – Dec. 2021
Computer Systems – C • Memory allocation, bitwise, hexadecimal	Aug. – Dec. 2021
Foundations of Computer Science • Optimizing variable usage, function reusability, problem solving	Jan. – May. 2022
Data Structures and Algorithms – Java • Linked lists, queues, BFS and DFS	Jan. – May. 2022
Computer Security & Ethics • Understanding cyber defense structures and ethical dilemmas	Aug. – Dec. 2022
Programming Language Concepts and Paradigms - Haskell • Underlying foundation of programming languages	Jan. – May. 2023
Software Engineering - Java • Object-oriented programming, inheritance, polymorphism	Jan. – May. 2023
Technical Skills	

Languages: Java, Python, C, SQL, Haskell, Linux Developer Tools: Git, Docker, jGrasp, VS Code, IntelliJ

General Skills: Problem-solving, openness to other ideas, following directions, teamwork

Interests: Video games, Drawing, Music, Writing

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West Chester University	West Chester, PA
BS in Computer Science, Cyber Security Certificate	Aug. 2021 - May 2025
Bensalem High School	Bensalem, PA
High School Diploma, Academic	Sep. 2017 – June 2021
Coursework	
Computer Science I – Intro to Java	Aug. 2021 – Dec. 2021
 Variables, data types, I/O, loops 	
Computer Science II – Java	Dec. 2021 – May 2022
 Arrays, sorting algorithms, GUI 	
Computer Science III – Java	Aug. 2022 – Dec. 2022
 Classes, methods, polymorphism, OOP 	
Data Structures – Java	Dec. 2022 – May. 2023
 Linked lists, queues, BFS and DFS 	
Computer Systems – C	Dec. 2022 – May 2023
 Memory allocation, bitwise, hexadecimal 	
Foundations of Computer Science	Aug. 2023 – Dec. 2023
• Optimizing variable usage, function reusability, problem solving	

Technical Skills

Languages: Java, C/C++, OOP

Developer Tools: Git, Visual Studio, jGrasp **General Skills:** Problem solving, teamwork

Interests: Camping/Hiking, Martial arts

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EDUCATION

West Chester University of Pennsylvania	West Chester, PA
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science	Expected Graduation May 2026
Recipient of Academic Excellence Scholarship	2022-2026
Recipient of Dean's List Academic Achievement	2022-2023
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COURSEWORK

Computer Science 1 - Intro to Java

Aug 2022 – Dec 2022

• Program design, control flow, input/output, variables, data types, and string manipulation

Computer Science 2 - Java

Jan 2023 – May 2023

• Implemented recursive algorithms to solve multilayered computational problems

- Utilized arrays to store and manipulate datasets, increasing processing speed
- Implemented search and sorting algorithms to sort a large data set or search for a value within it
- Developed a GUI Java calculator application capable of evaluating required arithmetic functions

 Computer Science 3 Java

 Aug 2023 Dec 2023
- Advanced Object-oriented Programming: inheritance, polymorphism, abstraction, exception handling, random access files, serialization, and fundamental data structures *Computer Systems Intro to C*

Aug 2023 – Dec 2023

- Analyzed CPU architecture and memory systems to grasp system execution
- Utilized parallel and distributed programming techniques to reduce processing time

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Skills: Object-oriented programming, Java, C, jGrasp/VSCode, GitHub, Terminal/CLI Use, Collaboration, Problem-Solving, Self-Driven, Mechanically Inclined, Writing Shells and Testing Programs

Interests: Automotive Maintenance, Electronic Upgrades/Repairs, Hiking/Outdoors

LEADERSHIP

Eagle Scout Rank Achievement & Leadership Project	Jul 2020
• Reading Berks Science and Engineering Fair (RBSEF) – Honorable Mention	2019 & 2020
• Kennedy House Soup Kitchen – Prepared/served meals, clean up, delivered donations	2016 - 2020
• Habit for Humanity – Collect and organized donations for sale at Habitat for Humanity	2018-2022
• Habit for Humanity – Collect and organized donations for sale at Habitat for Humanity	2018-2022

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

- Basic vehicle maintenance: changing oil, coolant, belts, power steering fluid, tires, alternator, battery
- Vehicle Bodywork: drilling out spotwelds, grinding/cutting metal, mounting engines
- Personal 3D modeling with SolidWorks and printing with Creality Ender 3 S1
- iPhone screen, battery, back glass, and earpiece assembly replacements
- Laptop Ram/SSD upgrades/replacement and internal cleaning for dust buildup
- Booting removable OS from BIOS, Disk Partitions, Configuring Storage Devices