

**WeatherNavigator -> A weather application using the OpenWeatherMap API and GeoDB API with places autocomplete, along with React skills.**

**Developing tools:**

**Windows 10 Linux Ubuntu,  
Visual Studio IDE 2022,  
NodeJS(node-v16.17.1-x64).**

Getting API Keys:

To find open APIs, go to GeoDB Cities <https://rapidapi.com/wirefreethought/api/geodb-cities/>

Sign up, and subscribe to the **GeoDB Cities API** Test -> Endpoints -> Cities

Then we have all code snippets and optional parameters to choose.

Go to OpenWeather <https://openweathermap.org/>

Sign up. In My Account generated my unique API keys and services.

In Linux Ubuntu terminal:

```
Npx create-react-app react-weather-app
```

This will take a few minutes to install the React App packages, it is ready once terminal says:

We suggest that you begin by typing:

```
Cd react-weather-app
```

```
Npm start
```

Happy hacking!

Open the created folder in the local address with Vscode IDE.

Creating the application and installing packages:

**Setups:** In Vscode Terminal, install two essential prerequisite packages before starting:

```
Npm i react-accessible-accordion
```

Noticeable Setup Error:

```
'npm' is not recognized as internal or external command, operable  
program or batch file warning occurs when trying to run the npm command.
```

DEBUGGING:

Go to Node.JS <https://nodejs.org>

Install node-v16.17.1-x64 to Local Disk C:

Then in Vscode Terminal, install:

```
npm i-react-select-async-paginat
```

Ignore the high vulnerabilities warnings.

Instead, do: `npm i-react-select-async-paginat --force` to add more protections.

Activate React app:

```
Npm run start
```

The React app setups and activation work if we are redirected automatically by Node.JS to localhost:3000 and message in Powershell terminal returns:

```
Compiled successfully!
```

```
...
```

```
Webpack compiled successfully
```

Possible Error: Warning react-scripts: command not found

DEBUGGING: install react-script globally instead:

`Npm install -g react-scripts`

### Building city search component:

Create a new folder under `src` named `components`, create a new folder under `components` named `search`, create a new file under `search` named `search.js`.

In `search.js`:

Start by constructing a testing component:

```
const Search = () => {  
  return ('Hello')  
}  
export default Search;
```

Then import the component in `App.js`:

```
import Search from './components/search/search';
```

```
...
```

```
<Search />
```

Here, the localhost screen should print "Hello".

Add a container:

In `App.js`, set up the container's widths and center margins:

```
.container {  
  max-width : 1080px;  
  margin: 20px auto;  
}
```

Setting up text fonts and background color:

In `index.css`:

```
font-family: "Roboto", Arial!important;
```

```
...
```

```
background-color: #d5d4d4 (WHITE)
```

Now proceed to build our Search components. Back to `search.js`:

Import `useState` and `AsyncPaginate` to fetch data:

```
import {useState} from "react";  
import {AsyncPaginate} from "react-select-async-paginate";
```

Async paginate needs essential parameters:

A placeholder to prompt user input searching query:

```
Placeholder = "Search for a city"
```

To time out the data fetching:

```
debounceTimeout = {600}
```

Also a dynamic `onChange` to handle synchronous changes:

```
onChange = {handleOnChange}
```

To make the search parameters effective and visible, call it in `App.js`:

```
const handleOnSearchChange = (searchData) => {  
  Console.log(searchData)  
}
```

```
...
```

```
<Search onSearchChange = {handleSearchChange} />
```

Refresh localhost, the searching placeholder with a query prompt should be visible.

Since we are loading properties through async paginate, we need to call `loadOptions` to fetch the certain APIs when retrieve the input values to implement the fetching method:

So, in `search.js`:

```
const loadOptions = (inputValue) => (  
  return fetch{...})
```

Copy and paste `GET CITIES` API from GeoDB website.

Create a new file under `src` named `api.js`:

```
export const geoApiOptions = {  
  API KEYS CONFIDENTIAL INFOS }  
export const GEO_API_URL = ...
```

Then in `search.js`:

Limit the input value as cities with requirement as minimum 1 million population:

```
`{GEO_API_URL}/cities?minPopulation=1000000namePrefix=${inputValue}`
```

Import `GEO_API_URL`:

```
import {GEO_API_URL, geoApiOptions} from ".././api";
```

Now format the document in Vscode and refresh the React App page:

**cities prefix data list fetched.pic.jpg**      **case search tokyo.pic.jpg**

Frequently Occurring Error: React App warning on localhost:

Compiled with problems:

ERROR

```
[eslint] Plugin "react" was conflicted between "package.json >>  
eslint-react-app >> base.js directory...
```

DEBUGGING: Neglectful error. Ignore the error until it naturally disappears.

Now the initial prefix names of the global cities data successfully fetched and searchable.

Building Current Weather Components:

Fetch data for current weather:

Create a new component folder named `current-weather` and their javascript and css files:

`Current-weather.js` and `current-weather.css`.

In `current-weather.js`:

```
Import "/current-weather.css"  
const CurrentWeather = () => {  
  return "hello";  
}export default CurrentWeather;
```

And import `CurrentWeather` in `App.js`: `import CurrentWeather from`

```
`./components/current-weather/current-weather`;
```

"Hello" should appear underneath the Search placeholder bar.

Now replace "Hello" with a testing city case: i.e. Tokyo Sunny:

Return (

```
<div className="weather">  
  <div className="top">  
    <p className="city">Tokyo</p>  
    <p className="weather-description"> Sunny</p></div>
```

Import weather icons into public src:

```
<img alt="weather" className = "weather-icon" src = "icons/01d.png"/>
```

Downloadable weather icons:

<https://github.com/bobangajicsm/react-weather-app/blob/main/public/icons>

**Tokyo-sunny-test.pic.jpg**

Set up current weather box's alignment in `current-weather.js`:

```
.weather{
Width: 300px;
Border-radius: 6px;
Box-shadow: 10px -2px 20px 2px rgb(0 0 0 /30%);
Color: #fff;
Background: #333;
margin: 20px auto 0 auto;
}
```

Now we have the current weather black box located at the center of white background:

**30% black box.pic.jpg**

Some more alignment settings in `current-weather.css`:

```
.top{
  Display: flex;
  Justify-content: space-between;
  Align-items: center;
}
```

Add a little bit more padding:

```
Padding: 0 20px 20px 20px;
```

Alignment setup for the city:

```
.city {
  font-weight: 600;
  font-size: 18px;
  line-height: 1;
  margin: 0;
  letter-spacing: 1px; }
```

Alignment setup for weather description:

```
.weather-description {
  font-weight: 400;
  font-size: 14px;
  line-height: 1;
  margin: 0;}
```

Add some more details of the weather temperature and "feels like" at bottom:

```
<p className="temperature">18 celsius degree </p>
<div className="details">
  <div className = "details">
    <div className = "parameter-row">
      <span className = "parameter-label">Details</span>
```

```
<div className = "parameter-row">
  <span className = "parameter-label"> Feels like</span>
  <span className = "parameter-value"> 22 celsius degree </span>
```

**feels like details.pic.jpg**

with some more details properties:

wind...Humidity...Pressure...

**more details.pic.jpg**

Now we just need to polish the alignment of each property detail in `current-weather.css`:

For temperature:

```
.temperature{
  font-weight: 600;
  font-size: 70px;
  width: auto;
  letter-spacing: -5px;
  margin: 10px 0;
}
```

For details:

```
.details{
  width: 100%;
  padding-left: 20px;
}
```

For parameter row horizontal alignment:

```
.parameter-row{
  display: flex;
  justify-content: space-between;
}
```

For parameter label:

```
.parameter-label{
  text-align: left;
  font-weight: 400;
  font-size: 12px;
}
```

For parameter value:

```
.parameter-value{
  text-align: right;
  font-weight: 600;
  font-size: 12px;
}
```

**properly aligned current weather.pic.jpg**

### Fetching and mapping data from weather API:

In open weather website, obtain the API keys for both current weather and forecast weather's latitude and longitude data, store them into split value:

```
const [lat, lon] = searchData.value.split(" ");
```

Fetch the current weather by pasting and properly formatting its API:

```
const currentWeatherFetch = fetch(`API-KEY`);
```

Fetch the forecast weather by pasting and properly formatting its API:

```
const forecastFetch = fetch(`API-KEY`);
```

### The fetching order matters.

Map the fetched data to JSON and await for its response:

```
Promise.all([currentWeatherFetch, forecastFetch])
  .then(async(response) => {
    const weatherResponse = await response[0].json();
    const forecastResponse = await response[1].json();})
```

Import `useState` from React JS and initialize it:

```
import {useState} from 'react';
const [currentWeather, setCurrentWeather] = useState(null);
const [forecast, setForecast] = useState(null);
```

Store the ordered fetched data's JSON responses:

```
setCurrentWeather({weatherResponse});
setForecast({forecastResponse});
```

Also, we want its fetched current weather and forecast weather datas to be synchronously showing up in the console element while we search for a specific city. So extend it:

```
setCurrentWeather({city: searchData.label, ...weatherResponse});
setForecast({city: searchData.label, ...forecastResponse});
```

Catch the potential errors:

```
.catch((err) => console.log(err));
```

And update the console logs:

```
console.log(currentWeather);
console.log(forecast);
```

### Pass the current weather data and correctly display them when searching for a specific city:

In `App.js`:

```
{currentWeather && <CurrentWeather data = {currentWeather}/>}
```

In `current-weather.js`. Do some modifications for each property:

For top, modify by passing the city, weather-description and icon data:

```
<p className = "city">{data.city}</p>
<p className = "weather-description">
{data.weather[0].description}</p>
<img alt="weather" className="weather-icon"
src={`icons/${data.weather[0].icon}.png`}/>
```

Now on localhost, search for different cities and their real-time weather status display correctly:

[los angeles real-time weather.pic.jpg](#)

[berlin real-time weather.pic.jpg](#)

[san diego real-time weather.pic.jpg](#)

[tokyo real-time weather.pic.jpg](#)

To get the temperature displayed as Celsius degree, append to WEATHER\_API\_KEY:

```
&units=metric
```

For bottom, pass data to temperature, details, feels like, wind speed, humidity and pressure:

```
...temperature {Math.round(data.main.temp)} °C  
...Feels like {Math.round(data.main.feels_like)} °C  
...Wind {data.wind.speed}m/s  
...Humidity{data.main.humidity}%  
...Pressure(data.main.pressure)hPa
```

Now the completed real-time weather statuses are all finished fetching:

**[sydney real-time weather.pic.jpg](#)      [dubai real-time weather.pic.jpg](#)  
[rome real-time weather.pic.jpg](#)      [mumbai real-time weather.pic.jpg](#)**

Building weather forecast component:

Similar to current weather, start off by creating a new component folder named `forecast`, along with corresponding JS and CSS files `forecast.js`, `forecast.css`.

Test if `Forecast` is successfully exported in `forecast.js`:

```
const Forecast = () => {  
  return 'Hello'; }  
export default Forecast;
```

Import forecast in `App.js`:

```
import Forecast from "../components/forecast/forecast";
```

"Hello" now displays on the placeholder at the forecast position.

Use Accordion [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accordion\\_\(GUI\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accordion_(GUI)) to properly implement forecasts:

```
const Forecast = ({ data }) => {  
  return (  
    <>  
    <label className="title">Daily</label>  
    <Accordion allowZeroExpanded>  
      {data.list.splice(0, 7).map((item, idx) => (  
        <AccordionItem key={idx}>  
          <AccordionItemHeading>  
            <AccordionItemButton>  
              <div className="daily-item">  
                <img alt="weather"  
className="icon-small" src={`icons/${item.weather[0].icon}.png`} />  
                </div>  
              </AccordionItemButton>  
            </AccordionItemHeading>  
            <AccordionItemPanel></AccordionItemPanel>  
          </AccordionItem>  
        )} </Accordion>  
  )
```

Future 7 days of forecasts of weather small-icons displays:

**[7 days daily forecast small icons.pic.jpg](#)**

Now start an array to map each date in a week to its corresponding weather that date:

```
const WEEK_DAYS = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday',  
'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday'];  
const Forecast = ({ data }) => {  
  
    const dayInAWeek = new Date().getDay();  
    const forecastDays = WEEK_DAYS.slice(dayInAWeek,  
WEEK_DAYS.length).concat(  
        WEEK_DAYS.slice(0, dayInAWeek)  
    );  
    console.log(forecastDays);
```

Now add the map index as the label under small-icon images:

```
<label className ="day">{forecastDays[idx]}</label>
```

So, if we search a specific city, its future a week of forecasts display along with icons on side:

**date and icons.pic.jpg**

Add forecasts descriptions:

```
<label className ="descriptions">{item.weather[0].description}</label>
```

**forecast with description.pic.jpg**

Add to display the minimum and the max temperatures across a day:

```
<label className="min-max">  
{Math.round(item.main.temp_min)}°C /{" "  
{Math.round(item.main.temp_max)}°C  
</label>
```

**forecast with min-max temperature.pic.jpg**

Now to make the forecasts properly aligned, first import './forecast.css';

In forecast.css, add alignments on title, daily-item and icon-small:

```
.title {  
    font-size: 23px;  
    font-weight: 700;}  
  
.daily-item {  
    background-color: #f5f5f5;  
    border-radius: 15px;  
    height: 40px;  
    margin: 5px;  
    display: flex;  
    align-items: center;  
    cursor: pointer;  
    font-size: 14px;  
    padding: 5px 20px;}  
.icon-small {  
    width: 40px;}
```

**better aligned forecast.pic.jpg**



Also add day, description, min-max, all forecast properties properly aligned now:

**all forecast properties properly aligned.pic.jpg**

Add grids in AccordionItemPanels:

```

        <div className="daily-details-grid">
            <div
className="daily-details-grid-item">
                <label>Pressure:</label>
                <label>{item.main.pressure}
hPa</label>
            </div>
            <div
className="daily-details-grid-item">
                <label>Humidity:</label>

<label>{item.main.humidity}%</label>
            </div>
            <div
className="daily-details-grid-item">
                <label>Clouds:</label>
                <label>{item.clouds.all}%</label>
            </div>
            <div
className="daily-details-grid-item">
                <label>Wind speed:</label>
                <label>{item.wind.speed}
m/s</label>
            </div>
            <div
className="daily-details-grid-item">
                <label>Sea level:</label>

<label>{item.main.sea_level}</label>
            </div>
            <div
className="daily-details-grid-item">
                <label>Feels like:</label>

<label>{Math.round(item.main.feels_like)}°C</label>
            </div>
        </div>
    </AccordionItemPanel>

```

Click on any grid when can obtain all forecast information: **forecast grid all ino.pic.jpg**

Now we need to adjust the styles of all this information. So in `forecast.css`:

```
daily-details-grid {
  grid-row-gap: 0;
  grid-column-gap: 15px;
  row-gap: 0;
  column-gap: 15px;
  display: grid;
  flex: 1 1;
  grid-template-columns: auto auto;
  padding: 5px 15px;
}

.daily-details-grid-item {
  display: flex;
  height: 30px;
  justify-content: space-between;
  align-items: center;
}

.daily-details-grid-item label:first-child {
  color: #757575;
}

.daily-details-grid-item label :last-child {
  color: #212121;
}
```

Finishing up the last styles, then our application is built.

**React weather app final look.pic.jpg**