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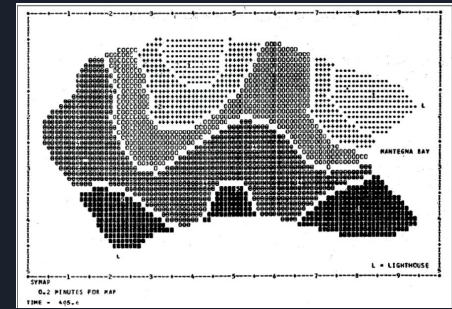
1500s <sup>[2]</sup>



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# TrailBlazer:

*Navigating Made Easier*

# Our Team



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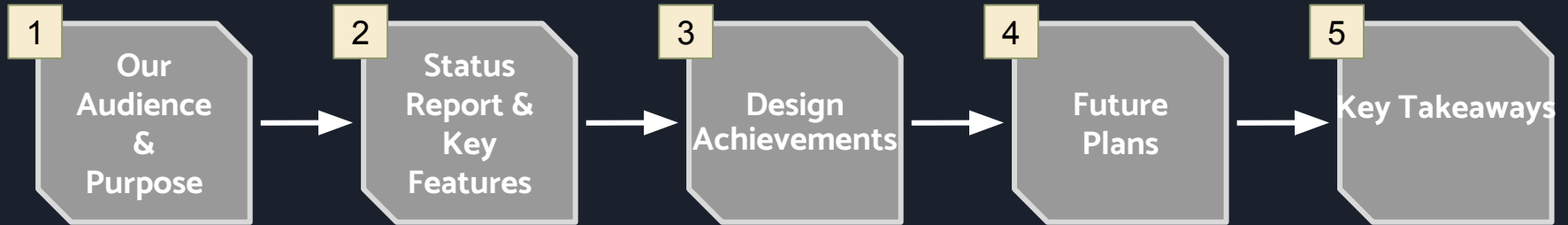


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# Topics of Discussion



# Our Audience: **Young Navigators**

## **Young People's Needs:**

- Dark Mode <sup>[5]</sup>
- User-Interface Personalization <sup>[6]</sup>
- Vibrant and Refined Visuals <sup>[5]</sup>

## **Navigator's Need:**

- Contrasting Colours in a Map
- Intuitive Design
- Efficient Routes And Paths

Interactive & Intuitive  
Design

Fast and Efficient Navigation  
Using Advanced Algorithms

Personalized  
Features

“TrailBlazer empowers young explorers to navigate cities with a *personalized, intuitive, responsive* and *efficient* tool.”

# Unique Landmarks Ensure User-Friendly Map Visuals



Show Leisure POIs

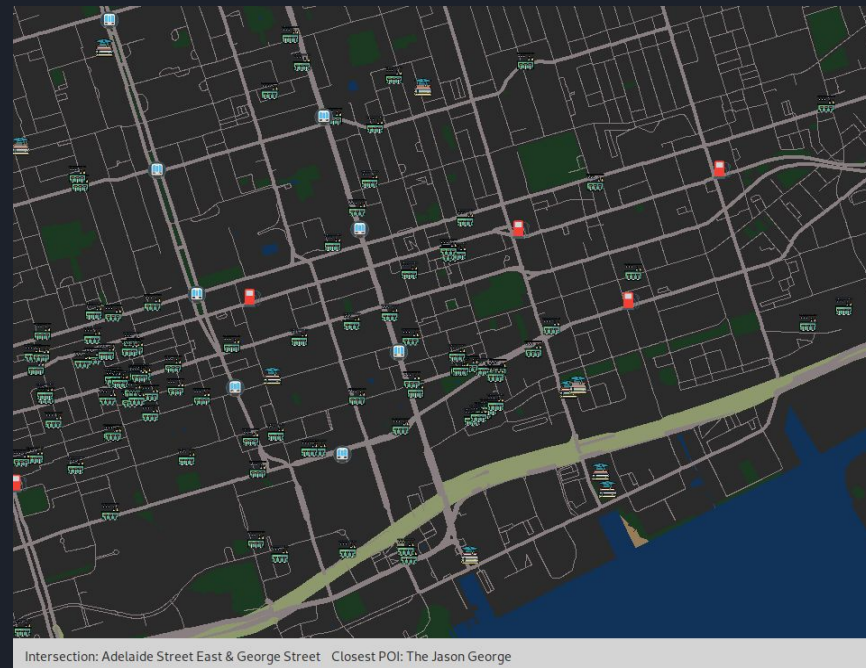
Show Food POIs

Show Driving POIs

Show School POIs

Show Emergency POIs

Show Subway Stations



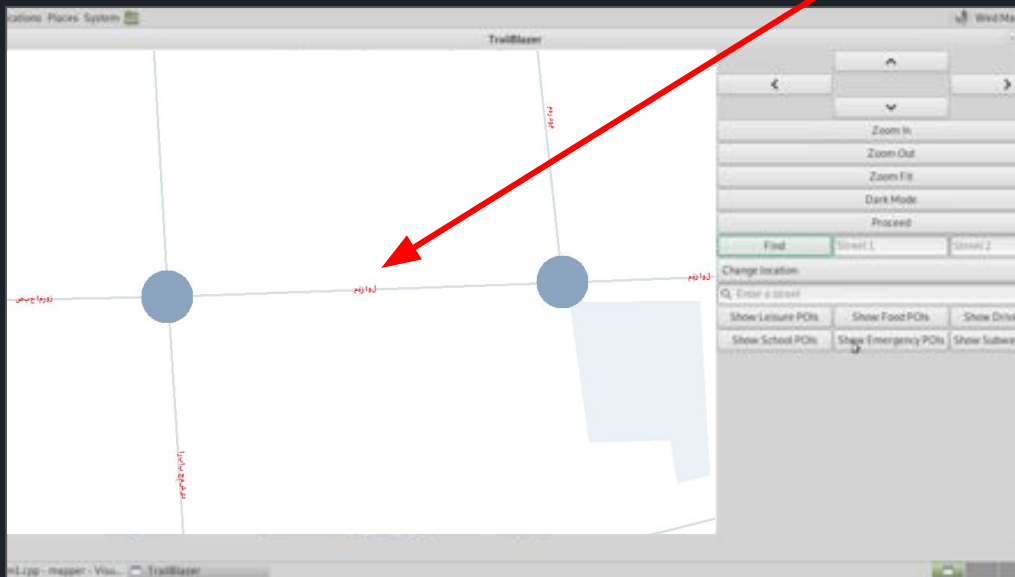
*Personalized*





# Drop Down Menu to Change City Map Creates an Easy-to-Use UI

Street Names in Non-Latin  
Characters



*Intuitive* ✓

Change location  
beijing\_china  
boston\_usa  
cape-town\_south-africa  
golden-horseshoe\_canada  
hamilton\_canada  
hong-kong\_china  
iceland  
interlaken\_switzerland  
kyiv\_ukraine  
london\_england  
new-delhi\_india  
new-york\_usa  
rio-de-janeiro\_brazil  
saint-helena  
singapore  
sydney\_australia  
tehran\_iran  
tokyo\_japan  
toronto\_canada



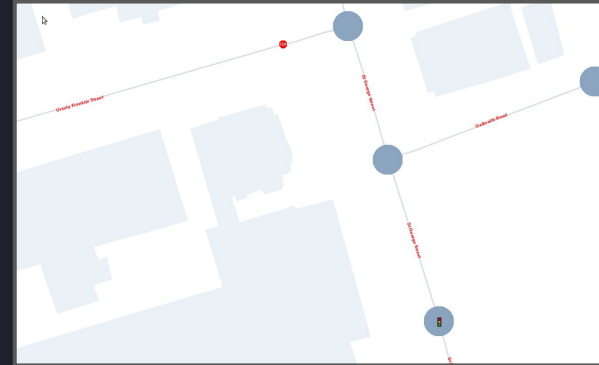
# Dynamic Map Provides Varied Information Across Zoom Levels



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~4km side to side

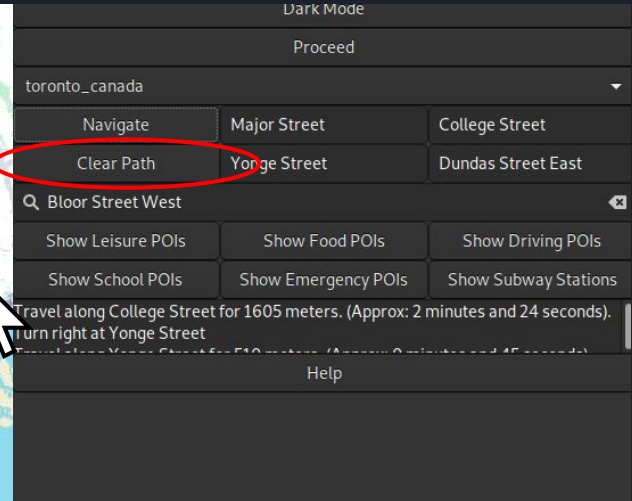
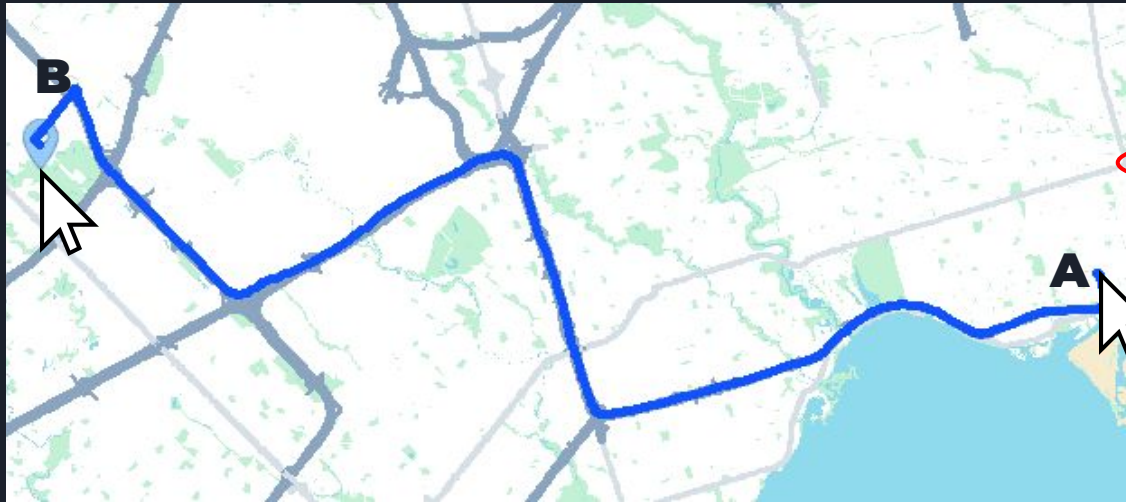


~250m side to side

*Responsive*



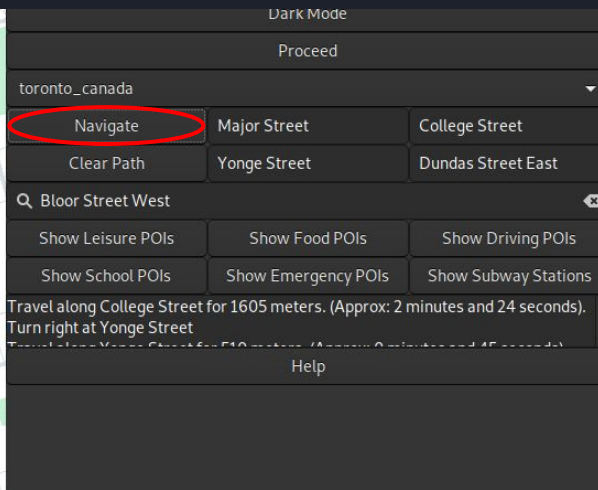
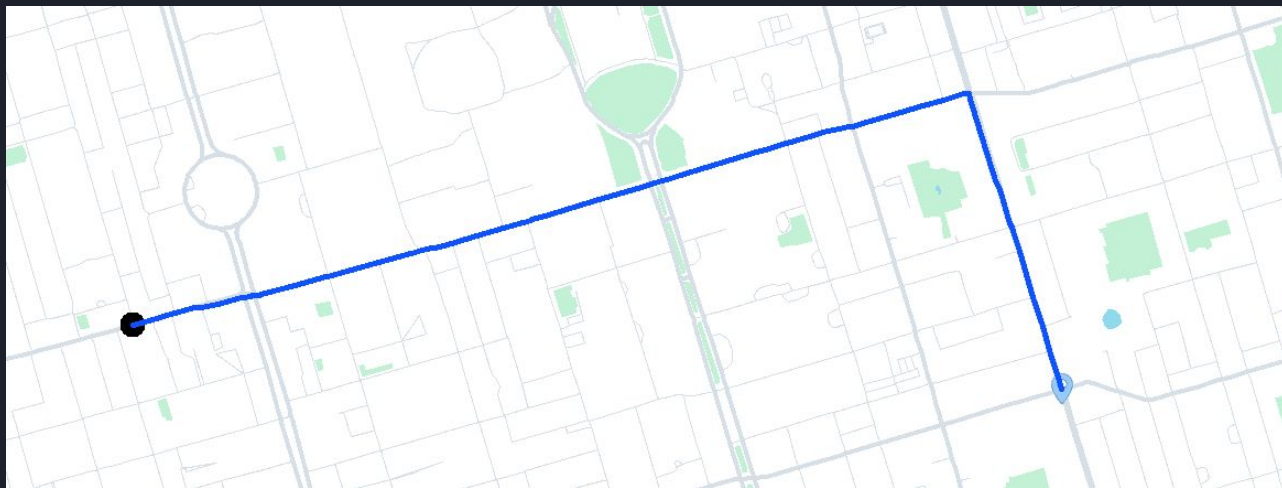
# Highlighted Optimized Route Can Also Use Mouse Clicks



*Efficient*



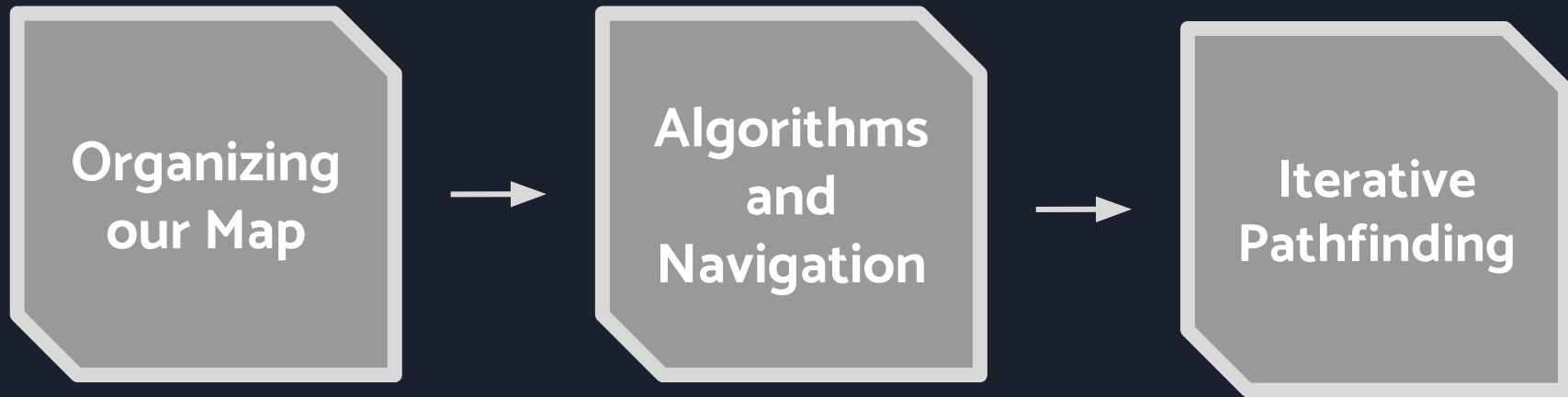
# Highlighted Optimized Route Can Use Intersection Inputs & Navigate Button



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# How Our Design Achievements Succeeded

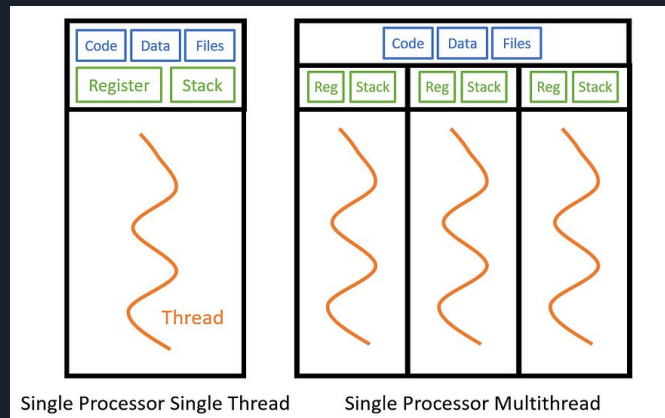


# Multithreading Quickly Prepares Our Map

We use a data type called a vector to **efficiently** store:

- Features
- POIs,
- Street segments
- Intersections

These vectors are populated at the same time using multithreading resulting in high **responsiveness**.

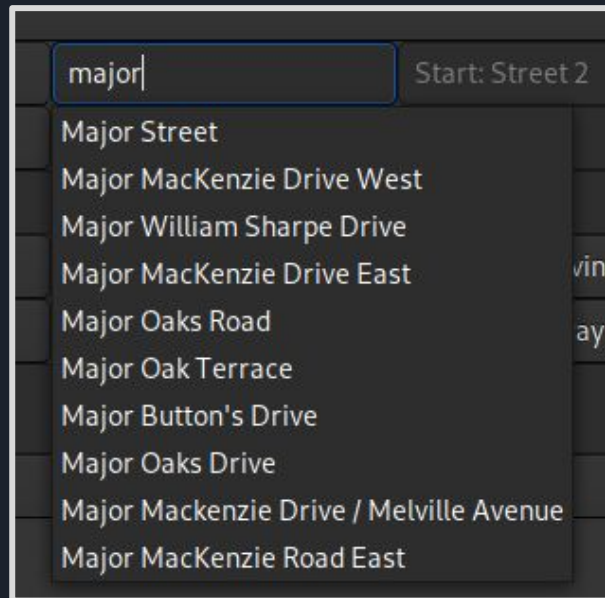
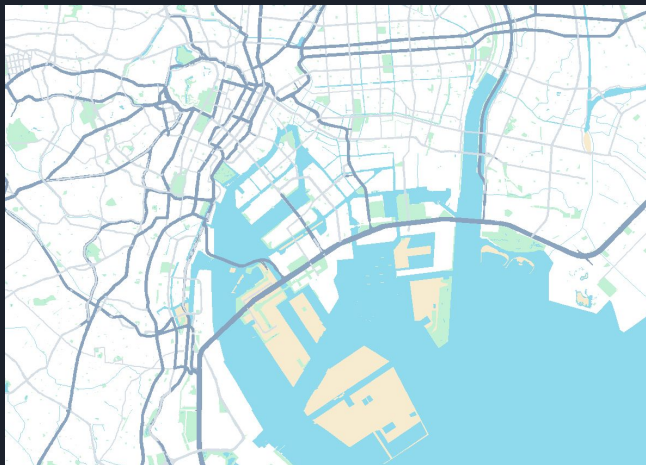


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Draw dark Canvas redraw time: 4.694e-06
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Draw POIs Canvas redraw time: 0.00241579
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# Organizing Our Map

Features are drawn in terms of size and are stored in the vector that way.

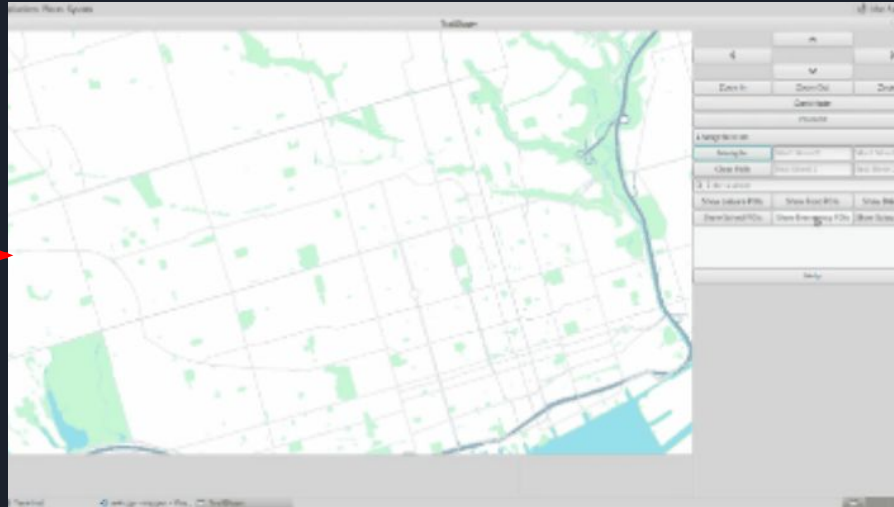


A partial street name vector is used for searching.

# A Responsive and Efficient Solution to Navigation

Dijkstra's Algorithm was used as a base. **Guarantees** fastest solution.

A\* **improves** Dijkstra using an overhead time heuristic to find a route faster.





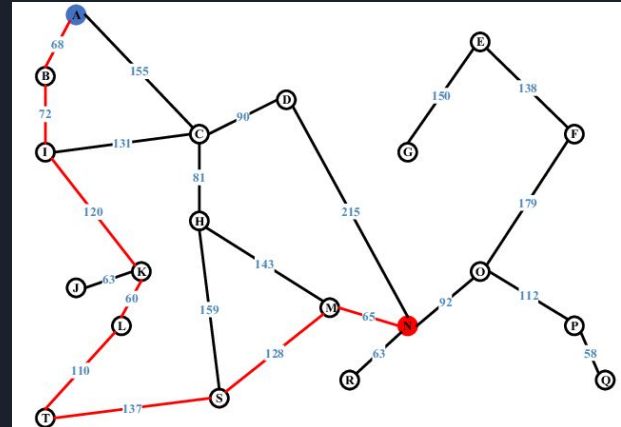
# Efficient Pathfinding is Essential

**Precomputed** distance matrix for storing all pathway combinations for further use.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0	12	3	23	1	5	32	56
2	12	0	9	18	3	41	45	5
3	3	9	0	89	56	21	12	49
4	23	18	89	0	87	46	75	17
5	1	3	56	87	0	55	22	86
6	5	41	21	46	55	0	21	76
7	32	45	12	75	22	21	0	11
8	56	5	49	17	86	76	11	0

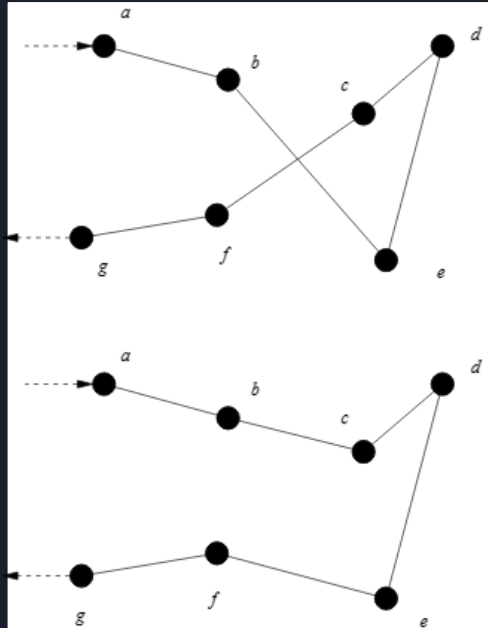
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Basic greedy algorithm to create an **intuitive** solution by finding closest legal nodes.



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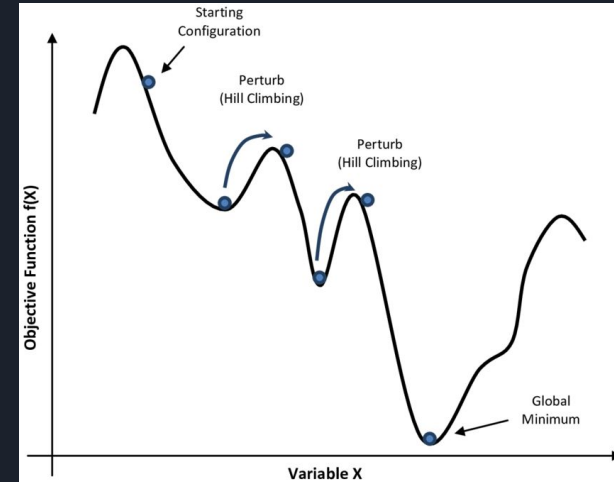
# Iteration Improves Pathfinding



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Two-Opt was implemented to replace two pathways with each other to find a **faster** path **iteratively**.

Perturbations using simulated annealing was used to generate solutions and **hill climb**.



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# Trail Blazer 2.0

The Future Plan



# Key Updates

## Trip Budgeting

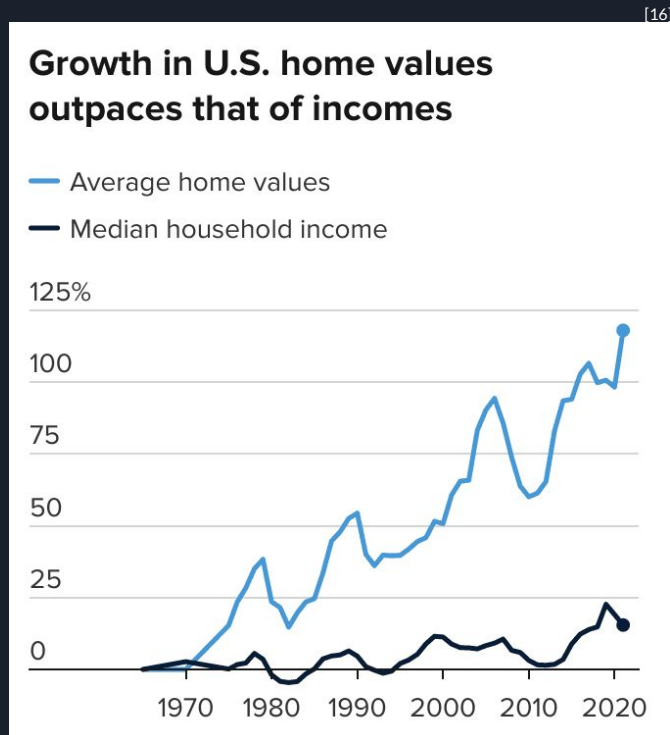


## Road Trip Mode



# Do You Budget?

Over 50% of the young adults dread budgeting <sup>[14]</sup>  
Poor money habits leads to increased stress as cost of living increases <sup>[15]</sup>



# What is Trip Budgeting?

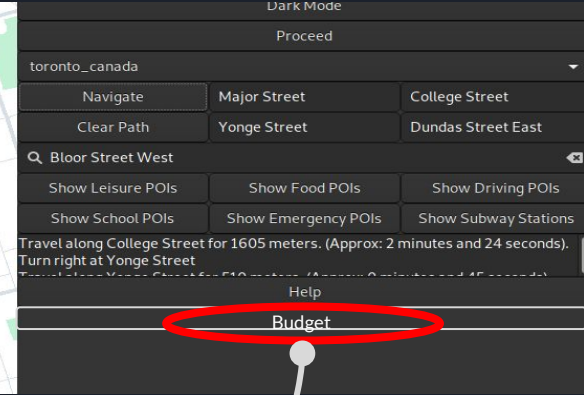
Built-in feature that keeps track of how much you travel, when you travel



Have an accurate transportation budget every month automatically



# Implementing *Trip Budgeting* in TrailBlazer



Trip Number	Distance (km)	Fuel Consumption (liters)	Estimated Fuel Cost (CAD)
1	30	6.2	\$9.67
2	25	5.2	\$8.12
3	35	7.1	\$11.08
4	20	4.1	\$6.41
5	40	8.1	\$12.66
6	25	5.2	\$8.12
7	30	6.2	\$9.67
8	20	4.1	\$6.41
9	35	7.1	\$11.08
10	20	4.1	\$6.41
Total	280	57.4	\$89.93

Example of weekly trips cost

# Key Updates

## Trip Budgeting

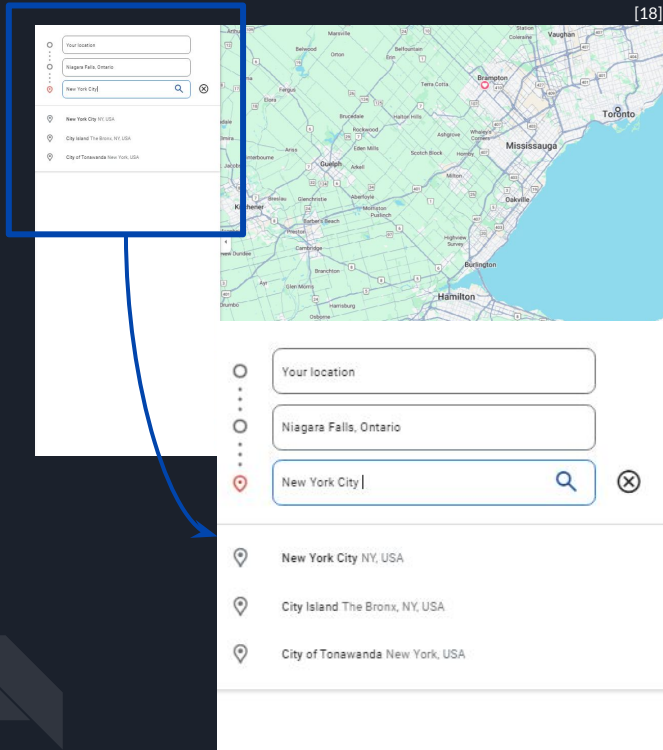


## Road Trip Mode



# The Problem with Planning

64% of young people want to travel and explore <sup>[17]</sup>



- Manually create a road trip
- Where to go?
- 68% of people think planning a trip is too complex <sup>[19]</sup>

# What is Road Trip Mode?

Takes in road trip duration and radius and creates a fun adventure

Leverage Google Places-API  
to get most popular tourist  
destinations within radius

Finds the most optimal  
route using Orienteering  
Algorithms

A hassle free roadtrip personalized just for you

# Implementing *Road Trip Mode* in Trailblazer

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## What can you do with the Places API

You can use the Places API to include the following features in your applications:

- Provide place search results from different types of users queries, such as text input, nearby locations, and ambiguous or categorical user queries.
- Enable autocomplete features for different search types, either specific text queries or categorical queries.
- Refine the type of details returned about a place, such as operating hours, a summary, user reviews, and a photo.

Curate a list with most popular destinations using Google Reviews and location

Create a well balanced itinerary using the Max-Min Orienteering Multi-Tour Algorithm [20]

### Algorithm 3: MAXMINORIENTEERING

**Input:** Graph  $G = (V, E)$ , budget per tour  $B$ , number of required tours  $k$ , start/end node  $s$ , target value  $T$

**Output:** Set of tours  $\mathcal{P}$ , visit times  $\tau$

// Stage 1: Extract high utility nodes into tours

$\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \emptyset$

**for**  $\forall v \in V : u_v \geq T$  **do**

$(P, \tau^P) \leftarrow \text{MakeTwoNodeTour}(s, v)$

$\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \mathcal{P} \cup \{P\}$

$\tau \leftarrow \tau \cup \{\tau^P\}$

$G \leftarrow \text{RemoveNodeFromGraph}(G, v)$

$q \leftarrow |\mathcal{P}|$

**if**  $q \geq k$  **then**

$\text{return } (\{P_1, \dots, P_k\}, \{\tau^{P_1}, \dots, \tau^{P_k}\})$

// Stage 2: Iteratively run single-tour and truncate

**for**  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - q$  **do**

$(P, \tau^P) \leftarrow \text{SingleTourOrienteering}(G, B, s)$

$(P, \tau^P) \leftarrow \text{TruncateTour}(P, \tau^P, T)$

$\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \mathcal{P} \cup \{P\}$

$\tau \leftarrow \tau \cup \{\tau^P\}$

$G \leftarrow \text{RemoveNodesFromGraph}(G, V(P))$

// Stage 3: Check the output and return

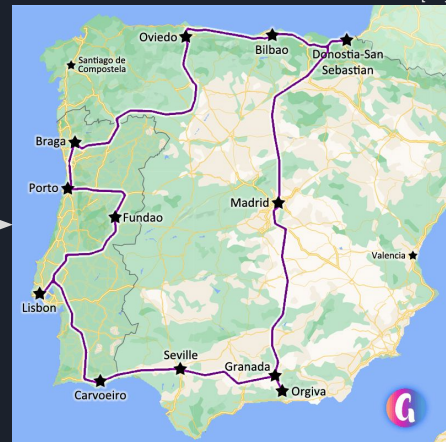
**if**  $\forall P \in \mathcal{P}, U(P, \tau^P) \geq T$  **then**

$\text{return } (\{P_1, \dots, P_k\}, \{\tau^{P_1}, \dots, \tau^{P_k}\})$

**else**

$\text{return } (\emptyset, \emptyset)$

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# Key Takeaways

## UI Design

Personalized POIs

Drop Down Menu

Dynamic Zoom

Path Finding

## Code Design

Multithreading and Vectors

Travelling Salesman Problem

## Future Plan

Trip Budgeting

Road Trip Mode

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