

WiseTraveler

Navigate with Knowledge
Explore with Confidence

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Problem Background

When people travel, whether domestically or abroad, their main goals are usually enjoyment, discovering new cultures, and relaxation. In 2023, approximately 48.98 million U.S. residents ventured overseas⁽³⁾

According to UN Tourism, international tourist arrivals hit 96% of pre-pandemic levels in January-July 2024, 790 million tourists travelled internationally in the first seven months of 2024, about 11% more than in 2023.⁽¹⁵⁾



What is the Problem



Travelers often have to search multiple sources for information, leaving them with insufficient research on their destination. This lack of knowledge can expose them to law, safety, and health risks, which can diminish their trip enjoyment. They may also encounter challenges like crime, unsafe water, poor sanitation, along with language barriers and cultural differences that make finding help difficult. As a result, many stick to crowded, well-known spots or fall into tourist traps due to uncertainty about where to explore.



Problem Characteristics

Multiple resources : Travellers currently have to check multiple sources to find complete information relating to their destination

Cultural Understanding : Detailed information about local customs and cultures is often omitted by popular travel guides, yet “75% (of travelers) seek authentic experiences that are representative of the local culture.”⁽¹⁾

Local Laws : Some countries have unfamiliar laws that travelers may not be aware of.⁽¹⁴⁾

Safety Concerns : Certain travel destinations are prone to having crime targeting tourists and travellers

Personal Health : Travellers are unaware of illness and pest issues

Tourist Trap : About 89% of Americans have visited a tourist trap more than once in the past two years.⁽¹³⁾



Solution Statement



WiseTraveler is a centralized AI travel guide that simplifies trip planning, offering personalized experiences so travelers can focus on the journey, not the stress. It encourages exploration beyond mainstream spots, providing unique, culturally immersive adventures while keeping travelers informed about health and safety risks.

Solution Characteristics

- **AI Integration:** Assists in the researching and planning for trips
- **Centralized Platform:** Consolidates all essential travel information, so users avoid juggling multiple sources of information
- **Hidden Gems and Local Experiences:** Offers a map feature for discovering lesser-known spots and local events
- **Real-Time Health and Safety Alerts:** Sends alerts for region-specific risks, keeping travelers informed
- **Personalized Recommendations:** Delivers tailored suggestions for destinations, attractions, and activities based on user preferences, making trip planning easier and personalized



WiseTraveler Characteristics

- Safety & Health



- Using WiseTraveler, users can do the following:
 - Access quick, concise guides on local laws and potential health risks for foreign visitors
 - Understand the safety concerns and risks associated with the country they are visiting
 - Read information about local wildlife and any harmful diseases that they might carry
 - See contact information to local medical centers and police stations



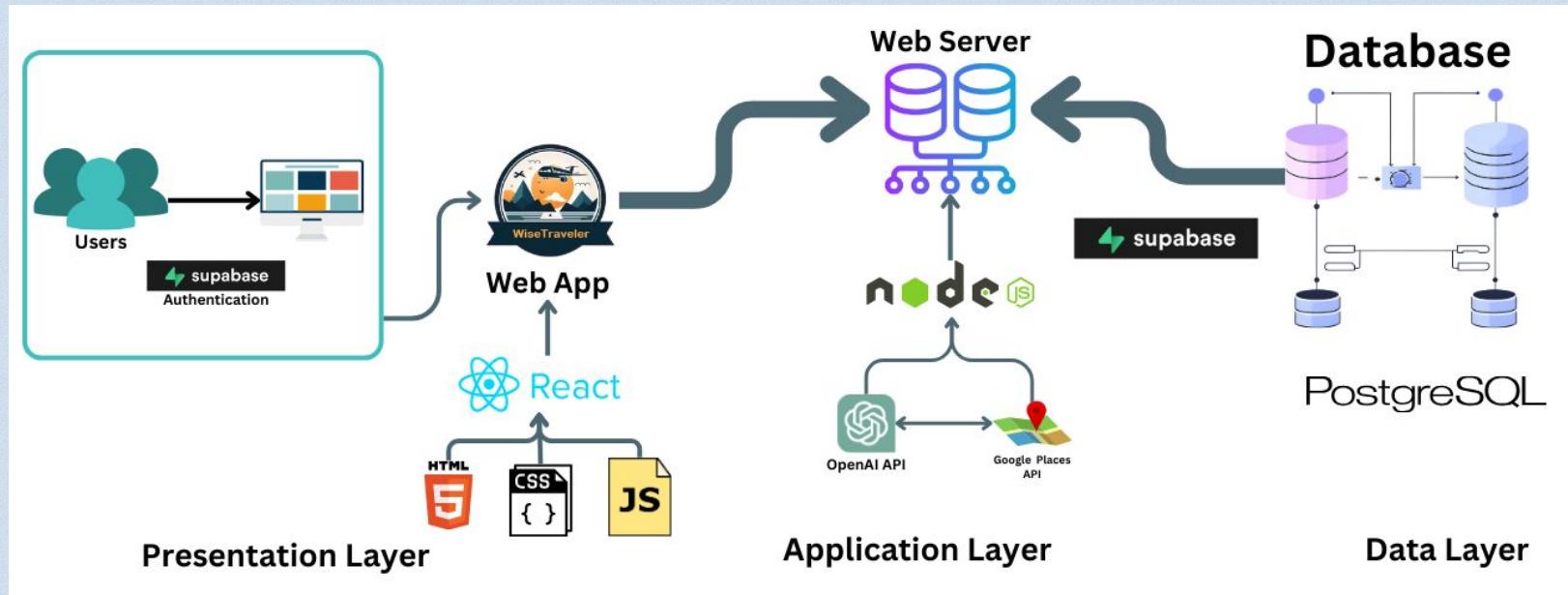
WiseTraveler Characteristics



- **While using WiseTraveler, users can do the following:**
 - Better understand the customs and traditions of the country they are visiting
 - Share travel experiences and tips with other users
 - Discover local tourist attractions
 - Rate and review various attractions, restaurants, and hotels
 - See hidden gems and lesser-known spots that the destination has to offer
 - Discover local events or activities that are occurring during their visit
 - View user reviews and ratings for attractions, restaurants, and hotels
 - A map highlighting lesser-known spots for a truly unique and authentic travel experience



Major Functional Components Diagram



Risks



- Security
 - If proper security measures are not taken, customer information can be leaked from the database, such as names, birthdates, phone numbers, etc.
 - Payment information can be leaked if hacking occurs.
- Legal Issues
 - If a user gets injured or sick due the advice given on the app, the user might attempt to pursue legal action
- Misinformation
 - Relying on user contributions for hidden gems and famous spots may result in misinformation
 - If information is not constantly updated, this can lead to outdated information
- Cultural Insensitivity
 - If a users provides advice that lacks cultural understanding, this can lead to disrespect towards the locals
- User Retention
 - Continuous updates and new features may be required to keep users engaged long-term



Technical Risks



R1: Features may be inaccessible without an internet connection

S1: Provide offline capabilities for essential features

R2: Issues with third-party APIs could break features

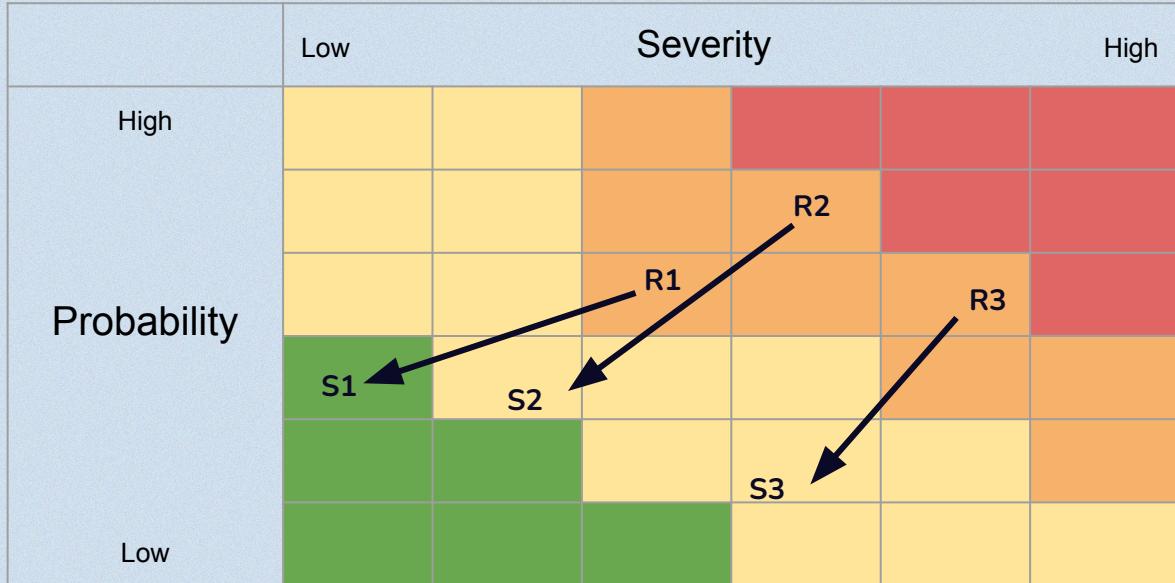
S2: Monitor third-party services and implement redundancies as a fallback

R3: The platform may struggle to handle a growing user base

S3: Use best practices for implementing scalable infrastructure



Customer Risks



R1: User receives bad information from the app

S1: Maintain quality service by ensuring that the information WiseTraveler provides is accurate and clear.

R2: User loses interest in using the app

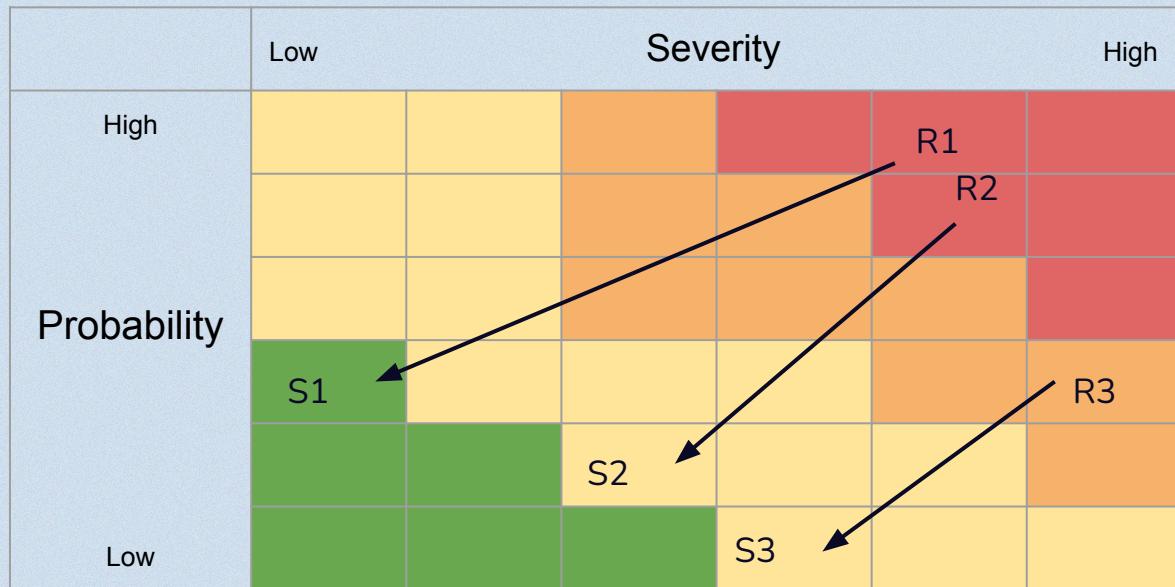
S2: Provide new features and updates to entice continued use

R3: Users are dissatisfied with the recommendations

S3: Provide a way for users to submit feedback about their experiences



Security Risks



R1: Attempts may be made to hack or hijack users' accounts.

S1: Implement multi-factor authentication and require strong, unique passwords

R2: User data could be compromised

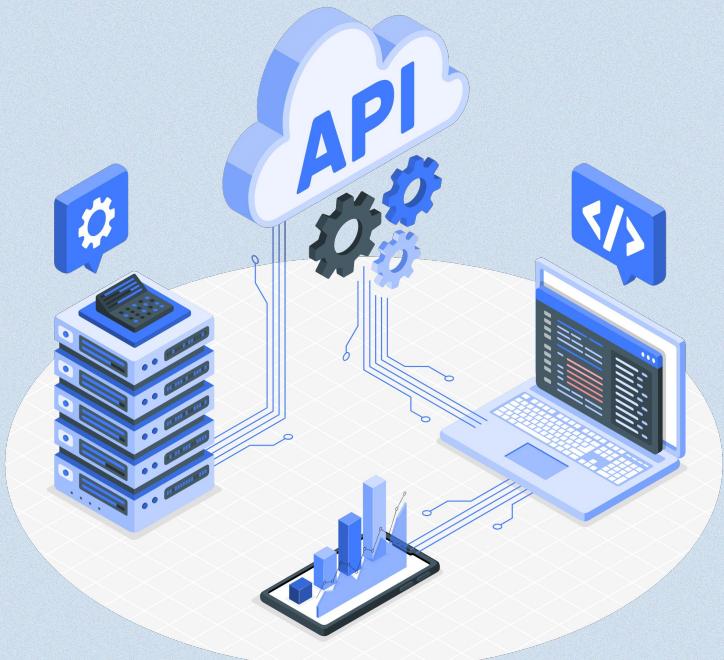
S2: Encrypt data in transit via HTTPS and conduct thorough security assessments, such as penetration testing

R3: Users may encounter malicious links or files that could lead to security breaches.

S3: Display security warnings when users attempt to click on links redirecting away from WiseTraveler content.



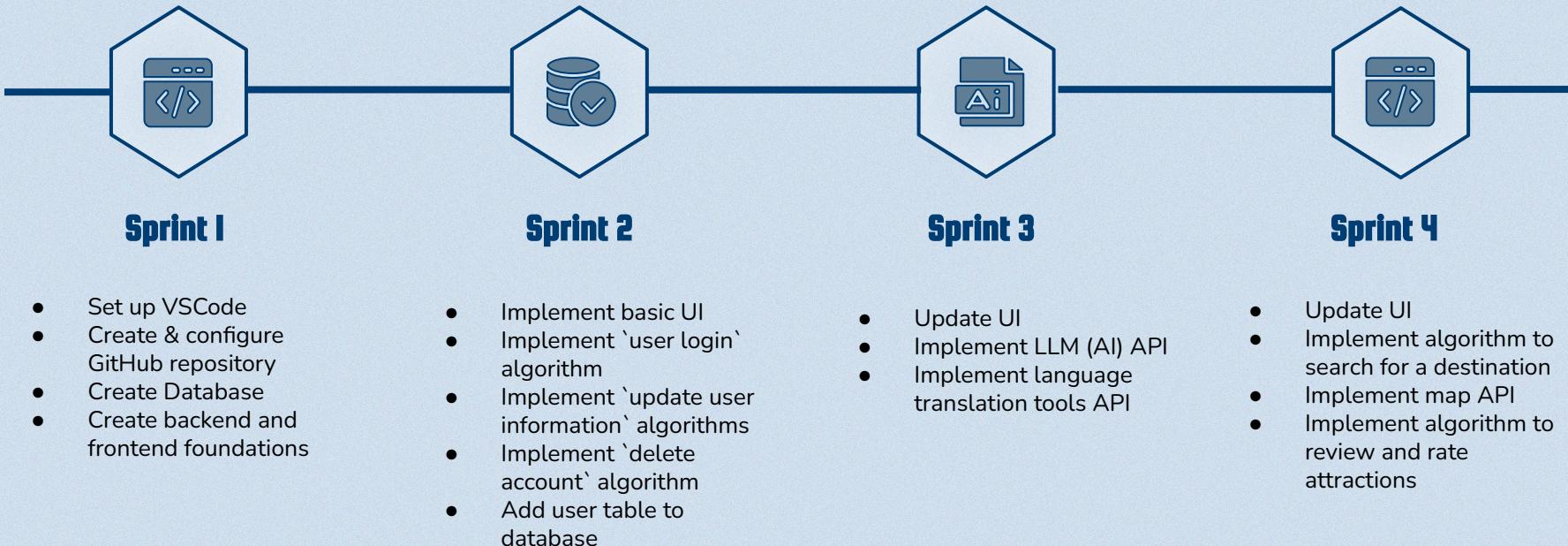
Development Tools



- **Integrated Development Environment (IDE):** VSCode
- **Version Control:** GitHub
- **Continuous Integration (CI) and Continuous Deployment (CD):** GitHub Actions & Workflows
- **Frontend :** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React
- **Backend :** Node.js
- **Database:** PostgreSQL (Supabase)
- **User Authentication:** Supabase Auth
- **Testing Framework:** Jest
- **Documentation Tool:** JSDoc
- **Formatters & Linters:** Prettier, ESLint



Sprints



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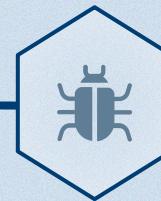
Sprint 5

- Update UI
- Add functionality to access health and safety information
- Add functionality to view local law enforcement contact information
- Implement notifications algorithm



Sprint 6

- Finish UI
- Add mobile responsive design
- Implement security features, i.e., password hashing, database security, HTTPS



Sprint 7

- Debug
- Perform testing
- Publish application

Prototype vs Real World Product

	Prototype	Real World Product
User Interface	Basic, Limited Functionality	Full Design and Function
Data	Static Data from Sources	Live Data from API
Calendar	Limited, Manual Entry	Robust and Integrated
Map	Basic Location Points	Location and Travel Time



Features

	WiseTraveler	Prototype	RWP
User Interface	1. AI assistance for planning and research	Fully functional	Fully Functional
	2. Safety Concerns (dangerous animal sightings, criminal activity, etc.)	Partially functional	Fully Functional
	3. Health Risks	Partially functional	Fully Functional
	4. Cultural Discovery	Partially functional	Fully Functional
	5. Local Customs	Partially functional	Fully Functional
	6. User Reviews	Not implemented	Fully Functional
	7. Centralized Information	Fully functional	Fully Functional
	8. Language translation tools	Not functional	Fully Functional
	9. Personalized Travel Recommendations	Fully Functional	Fully Functional
	10. Interactive Map	Fully Functional	Fully Functional



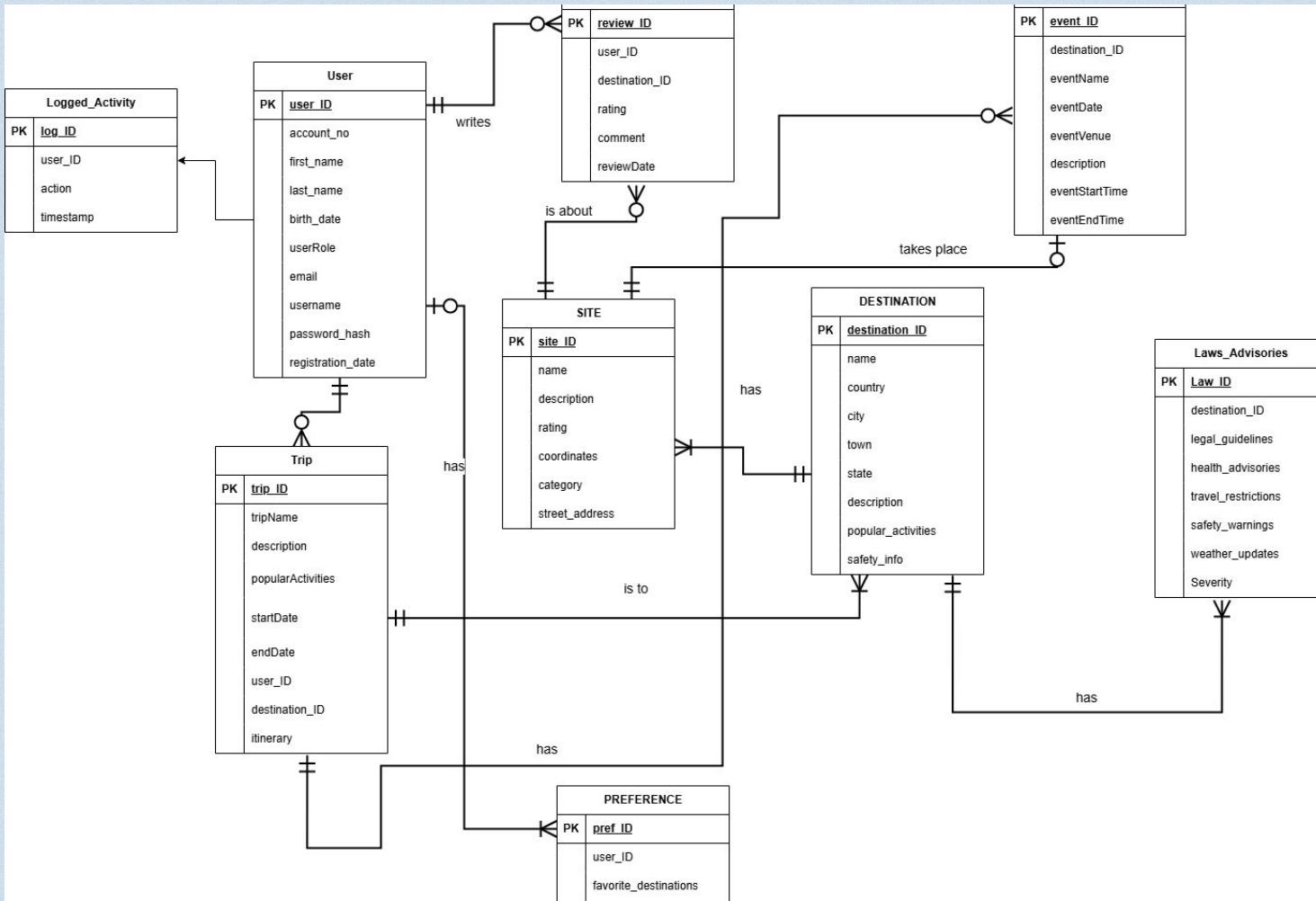
Features

	WiseTraveler	Prototype	RWP
Testing	Unit Testing	Fully Functional	Fully Functional
	System Testing	Fully Functional	Fully Functional
	Integration Testing	Fully Functional	Fully Functional
Account Manager	Web Application	Partially Functional	Fully Functional
	Account Creation	Fully Functional	Fully Functional
	Login	Fully Functional	Fully Functional





Database Schema: ERD



Challenges

- Language and tool familiarity
 - Does the team have sufficient knowledge to use these tools for the project?
 - If not, Is the learning curve for these tools too much for the scope of this project?
- Costly APIs
 - How many licenses do we need?
 - Can the license be shared among the team?
 - Is there a free student version or a comparable less-expensive product?
- Work breakdown
 - Are all tasks being added to the Jira board?
 - Does each team member have a task to work on each week?
 - Are
- Feature implementation
 - Which features are feasible for the prototype?
 - How should we implement our user personalization features?
 - Should the prototype user base be limited to the United States to simplify basic feature implementation before expanding to other countries?
 - Is the language translation feature possible within the scope of the prototype?
- Political climate
 - Are current APIs going to still be available?



Demo



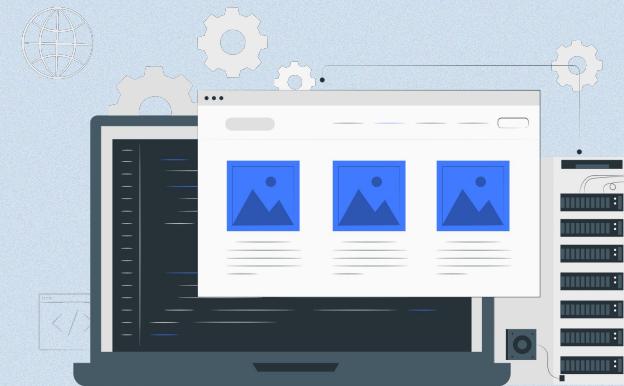
Next Step...

- Keep building on what we have so far
- Add features

Conclusion



- **Centralized AI Travel Guide:** WiseTraveler Offers a hassle-free, all-in-one platform for travel planning.
- **Stress-Free Experience:** Eliminates the need to navigate multiple sources for information.
- **Beyond Mainstream Tourism:** Encourages exploration of unique, culturally immersive destinations.
- **Traveler Safety and Information:** Keeps users informed and ensures safe, well-prepared journeys.
- **Focus on the Journey:** Allows travelers to concentrate on enjoying their adventures.
- **Personal Travel Assistant:** Helps you navigate unfamiliar destinations while uncovering authentic, off-the-beaten-path experiences.
- **Cultural Immersion and Safety:** Ensures a safe, well-prepared journey and facilitates deep engagement with local culture.
- **Unforgettable Adventures:** Transforms trips into extraordinary experiences filled with unique discoveries.



Questions?



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