

## REPORT ASSIGNMENT LAB 2

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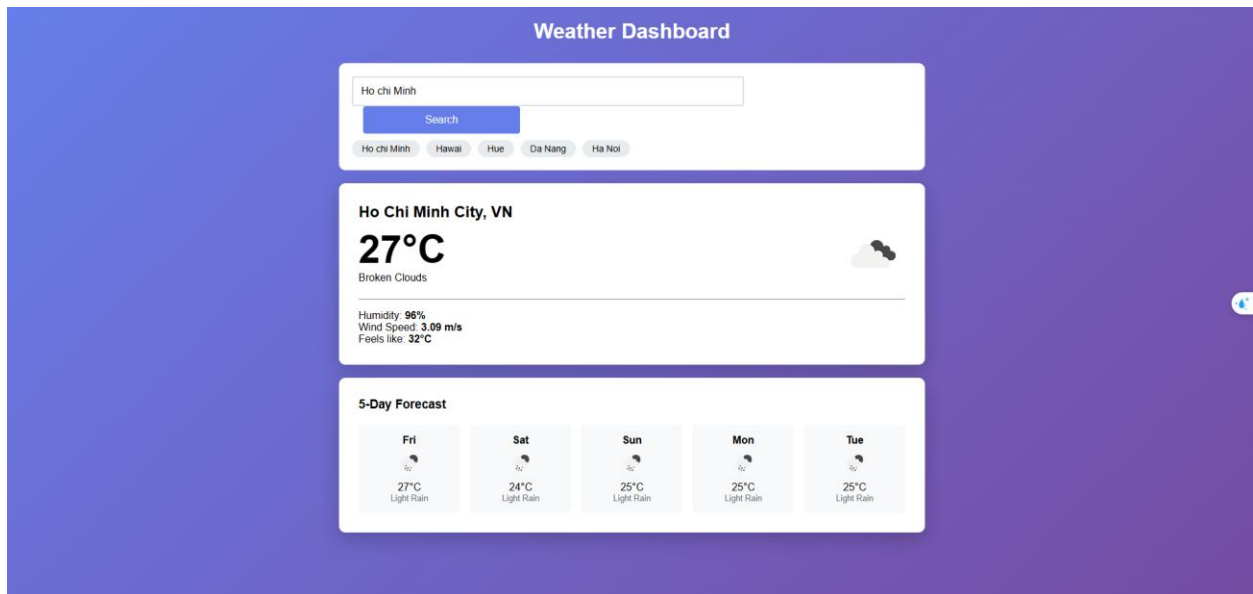
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### Exercise 2-1

Output:



1. API key
  - a. What is the purpose of API key?
    - Stores the unique authentication key for OpenWeatherMap.
  - b. Why do we need to use it?
    - The API requires this key to authorize requests and grant access to weather data.
2. Weather URL
  - a. What is the purpose of Weather URL?
    - Base URL for fetching current weather data.
  - b. Why do we need to use it?
    - Standardizes the endpoint for all current weather API calls.

### 3. Forecast URL

- a. What is the purpose of Forecast URL?
  - Base URL for fetching 5-day/3-hour forecast data.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - Standardizes the endpoint for all forecast API calls.

### 4. cityInput

- a. What is the purpose of cityInput value?
  - Reference to the city name input field.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To read the user's search query (city name).

### 5. weatherDisplay

- a. What is the purpose of weatherDisplay value?
  - Reference to the area where current weather is shown.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - The target element for the displayWeather() function.

### 6. forecastDisplay

- a. What is the purpose of forecastDisplay value?
  - Reference to the area where the 5-day forecast grid is shown.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - The target element for the displayForecast() function's HTML output, ensuring the forecast appears separate from the current weather.

### 7. errorMessageDiv

- a. What is the purpose of errorMessageDiv value?
  - Reference to the dedicated area for displaying errors.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To separate error messages from the main data display and apply specific error styling (red background, etc.).

### 8. recentSearchesDiv

- a. What is the purpose of recentSearchesDiv value?
  - Reference to the container for clickable recent search buttons.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - The target element for loadRecentSearches() to dynamically inject the recent city names, providing easy search recall.

```
const API_KEY = 'c3dab1f34c726169b85d6463a1d47e61'; // Get from openweathermap.org
const WEATHER_URL = 'https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather';
const FORECAST_URL = 'https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/forecast';

const cityInput = document.getElementById('cityInput');
const weatherDisplay = document.getElementById('weatherDisplay');
const forecastDisplay = document.getElementById('forecastDisplay');
const errorMessageDiv = document.getElementById('errorMessage');
const recentSearchesDiv = document.getElementById('recentSearches');
```

#### 9. clearDisplay()

- a. What is the purpose of clearDisplay() function?
  - Clears displayed information and shows a loading state.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To show a loading state and clear previous data/errors before a new search begins.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Sets the weatherDisplay HTML to a loading message (<div class="loading">...</div>).

```
function clearDisplay(message = 'Loading...') {
  weatherDisplay.innerHTML = `<div class="loading">${message}</div>`;
  forecastDisplay.innerHTML = '';
  clearError();
}
```

#### 10. showError()

- a. What is the purpose of showError() function?
  - Displays an error message to the user.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To inform the user of **API failures** (e.g., City not found) in a dedicated area.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Sets the error message text in errorMessageDiv with the .error CSS class

```
function showError(message) {
  errorMessageDiv.className = 'error';
  errorMessageDiv.innerHTML = message;
  weatherDisplay.innerHTML = '';
  forecastDisplay.innerHTML = '';
}
```

## 11. fetchWeather()

- a. What is the purpose of fetchWeather() function?
  - Asynchronously fetches the current weather data.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To get the most up-to-date conditions (temperature, wind, humidity, etc.).
- c. How do we use it?
  - Uses the Fetch API and handles HTTP 404 (City not found) specifically.

```
async function fetchWeather(city) {
  const url = `${WEATHER_URL}?q=${encodeURIComponent(city)}&appid=${API_KEY}&units=metric&lang=en`;
  try {
    const response = await fetch(url);
    if (!response.ok) {
      if (response.status === 404) {
        throw new Error(`City not found: ${city}. Please check the name.`);
      }
      throw new Error(`HTTP Error: ${response.status}.`);
    }
    return await response.json();
  } catch (error) {
    throw error;
  }
}
```

## 12. fetchForecast()

- a. What is the purpose of fetchForecast() function?
  - Asynchronously fetches the 5-day/3-hour forecast data.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To display future weather trends required for the forecast grid display.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Uses the Fetch API for the forecast endpoint.

```

async function fetchForecast(city) {
  const url = `${FORECAST_URL}?q=${encodeURIComponent(city)}&appid=${API_KEY}&units=metric&lang=en`;
  try {
    const response = await fetch(url);
    if (!response.ok) {
      throw new Error(`HTTP Error: ${response.status} while fetching forecast.`);
    }
    return await response.json();
  } catch (error) {
    throw error;
  }
}

```

### 13. displayWeather()

- a. What is the purpose of displayWeather() function?
  - Renders the current weather details onto the dashboard.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To present the fetched data (temp, icon, description, etc.) to the user.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Constructs an HTML string to format all current weather metrics.

```

function displayWeather(data) {
  const tempC = Math.round(data.main.temp);
  const description = data.weather[0].description;
  const iconCode = data.weather[0].icon;
  const iconUrl = `https://openweathermap.org/img/wn/${iconCode}@2x.png`;

  weatherDisplay.innerHTML = `
    <div class="weather-card">
      <h2>${data.name}, ${data.sys.country}</h2>
      <div class="current-weather">
        <div>
          <span class="temp-display">${tempC}°C</span>
          <p style="text-transform: capitalize;">${description}</p>
        </div>
        <div>
          
        </div>
      </div>
      <hr style="margin: 15px 0;">
      <p>Humidity: <strong>${data.main.humidity}%</strong></p>
      <p>Wind Speed: <strong>${data.wind.speed} m/s</strong></p>
      <p>Feels like: <strong>${Math.round(data.main.feels_like)}°C</strong></p>
    </div>
  `;
}

```

#### 14. displayForecast()

- a. What is the purpose of displayForecast() function?
  - Renders the simplified 5-day forecast grid.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To filter the raw 3-hour data to show only one, relevant entry per future day.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Filters the raw list to select one data point per future day and maps it into HTML cards.

```
function displayForecast(data) {
  const forecastList = data.list;
  const dailyForecasts = {};
  const today = new Date().toLocaleDateString('en-US');

  for (let item of forecastList) {
    const date = new Date(item.dt * 1000);
    const dateStr = date.toLocaleDateString('en-US');

    if (dateStr === today) continue;

    if (!dailyForecasts[dateStr] && date.getHours() >= 10 && date.getHours() <= 14) {
      dailyForecasts[dateStr] = item;
    } else if (!dailyForecasts[dateStr]) {
      dailyForecasts[dateStr] = item;
    }
  }

  const forecastCards = Object.values(dailyForecasts).slice(0, 5).map(item => {
    const date = new Date(item.dt * 1000);
    const dayName = date.toLocaleDateString('en-US', { weekday: 'short' });
    const iconCode = item.weather[0].icon;
    const temp = Math.round(item.main.temp);
```

```

return `
  <div class="forecast-item">
    <p><strong>${dayName}</strong></p>
    
    <p>${temp}°C</p>
    <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #6c757d; text-transform: capitalize;">${item.weather[0].description}</p>
  </div>
`;
}).join('');

forecastDisplay.innerHTML = `
  <div class="weather-card">
    <h3>5-Day Forecast</h3>
    <div class="forecast-grid">
      ${forecastCards}
    </div>
  </div>
`;
}

```

### 15. saveRecentSearch()

- a. What is the purpose of saveRecentSearch() function?
  - Adds a successfully searched city to a list of recent queries.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To provide the user with quick access to their previous searches, improving usability.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Stores an array of cities in localStorage (max 5 cities), handles duplicates, and updates the display

```

function saveRecentSearch(city) {
  const cityClean = city.trim();
  let searches = JSON.parse(localStorage.getItem('recentCities') || '[]');

  searches = searches.filter(c => c.toLowerCase() !== cityClean.toLowerCase());

  searches.unshift(cityClean);

  if (searches.length > 5) {
    searches.pop();
  }

  localStorage.setItem('recentCities', JSON.stringify(searches));
  loadRecentSearches();
}

```

### 16. loadRecentSearches()

- a. What is the purpose of loadRecentSearches() function?
  - Retrieves and displays recent searches as clickable buttons.
- b. Why do we need to use it?

- To populate the recent search buttons when the page loads or after a new city is saved.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Reads the array from localStorage, creates clickable <span> elements, and attaches an onclick handler.

```
function loadRecentSearches() {  
  let searches = JSON.parse(localStorage.getItem('recentCities') || '[]');  
  recentSearchesDiv.innerHTML = '';  
  
  searches.forEach(city => {  
    const cityElement = document.createElement('span');  
    cityElement.className = 'recent-city';  
    cityElement.textContent = city;  
    cityElement.onclick = () => {  
      cityInput.value = city;  
      searchWeather();  
    };  
    recentSearchesDiv.appendChild(cityElement);  
  });  
}
```

#### 17. searchWeather()

- a. What is the purpose of searchWeather() function?
  - The primary function that orchestrates the entire search process.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To handle user input, manage the loading state, call the necessary fetch functions, and handle the final output or any errors.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Uses try...catch to manage asynchronous calls and routes errors to showError().



```
async function searchWeather() {
  const city = cityInput.value.trim();
  if (!city) {
    showError('Please enter a city name.');
```

```
    return;
  }

  clearDisplay();

  try {
    const weatherData = await fetchWeather(city);
    displayWeather(weatherData);

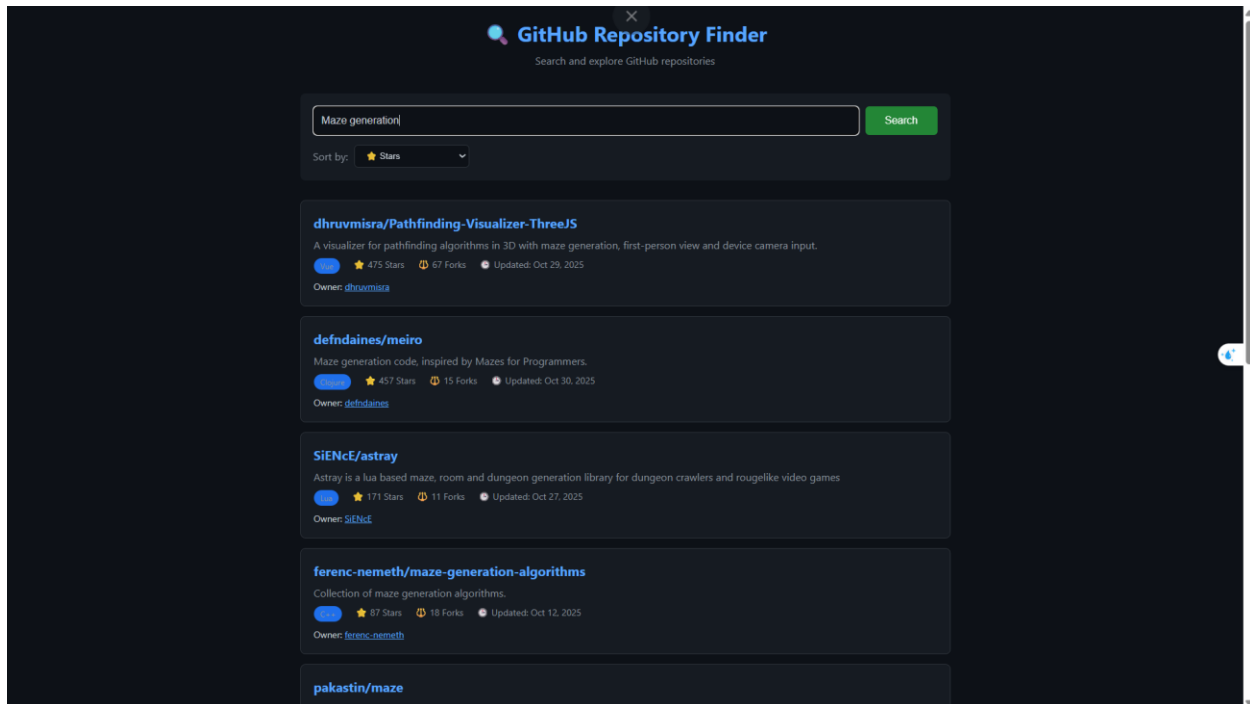
    const forecastData = await fetchForecast(city);
    displayForecast(forecastData);

    saveRecentSearch(city);
  } catch (error) {
    showError(error.message);
  }
}

loadRecentSearches();
```

## Exercise 2-2

Output:

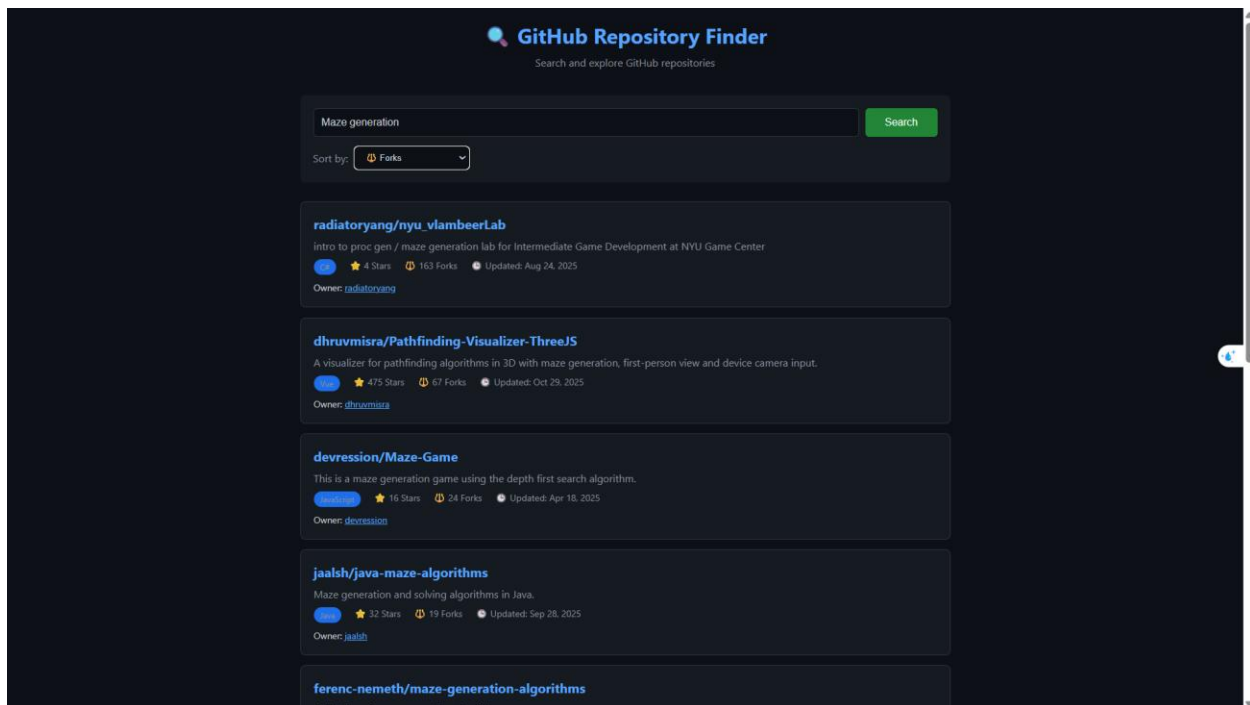


**GitHub Repository Finder**  
Search and explore GitHub repositories

Search:

Sort by: Stars

- dhrvmisra/Pathfinding-Visualizer-ThreeJS**  
A visualizer for pathfinding algorithms in 3D with maze generation, first-person view and device camera input.  
475 Stars 67 Forks Updated: Oct 29, 2025  
Owner: [dhrvmisra](#)
- defndaines/meiro**  
Maze generation code, inspired by Mazes for Programmers.  
457 Stars 15 Forks Updated: Oct 30, 2025  
Owner: [defndaines](#)
- SiENcE/astray**  
Astray is a lua based maze, room and dungeon generation library for dungeon crawlers and rougelike video games  
171 Stars 11 Forks Updated: Oct 27, 2025  
Owner: [SiENcE](#)
- ferenc-nemeth/maze-generation-algorithms**  
Collection of maze generation algorithms.  
87 Stars 18 Forks Updated: Oct 12, 2025  
Owner: [ferenc-nemeth](#)
- pakastin/maze**  
Maze generation in lua for the

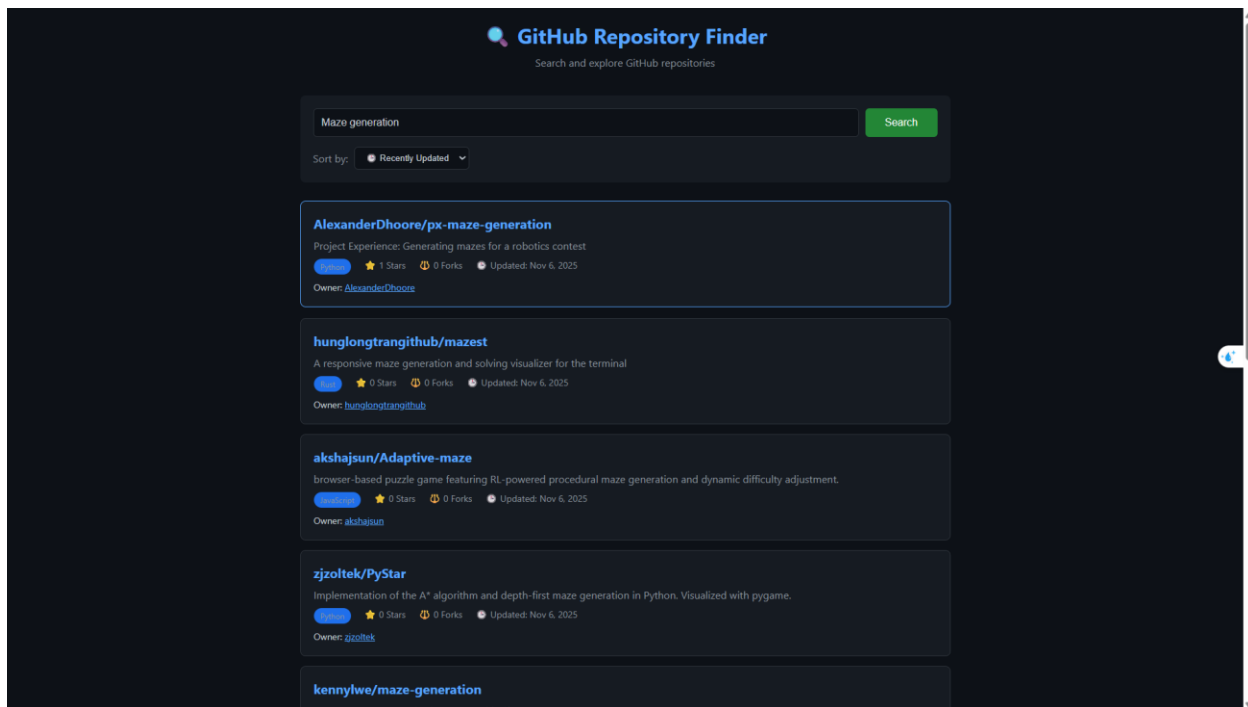


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Search:

Sort by: Forks

- radiatoryang/nyu\_vlambeerLab**  
Intro to proc gen / maze generation lab for Intermediate Game Development at NYU Game Center  
4 Stars 163 Forks Updated: Aug 24, 2025  
Owner: [radiatoryang](#)
- dhrvmisra/Pathfinding-Visualizer-ThreeJS**  
A visualizer for pathfinding algorithms in 3D with maze generation, first-person view and device camera input.  
475 Stars 67 Forks Updated: Oct 29, 2025  
Owner: [dhrvmisra](#)
- devression/Maze-Game**  
This is a maze generation game using the depth first search algorithm.  
16 Stars 24 Forks Updated: Apr 18, 2025  
Owner: [devression](#)
- jaalsh/java-maze-algorithms**  
Maze generation and solving algorithms in Java.  
32 Stars 19 Forks Updated: Sep 28, 2025  
Owner: [jaalsh](#)
- ferenc-nemeth/maze-generation-algorithms**  
Collection of maze generation algorithms



## 1. currentPage, currentQuery, totalResults

- What is the purpose of currentPage, currentQuery and totalResults value?
  - Global variables tracking the current page number, the active search keyword, and the total number of repositories found.
- Why do we need to use it?
  - To manage the pagination state across multiple function calls (searchRepositories, loadMore) and determine when to show the "Load More" button.
- How do we use it?

```
let currentPage = 1;
let currentQuery = '';
let totalResults = 0;
```

## 2. perPage, GITHUB\_API\_URL

- What is the purpose of perPage and GITHUB\_API\_URL?
  - Constants defining the number of results per page and the base URL for the GitHub Search API.
- Why do we need to use it?
  - To adhere to the API guidelines (per\_page=10) and standardize the API endpoint for fetching repositories.
- How do we use it?

- Defined as global const variables.

```
const perPage = 10;  
const GITHUB_API_URL = 'https://api.github.com/search/repositories';
```

### 3. searchInput, sortSelect

- What is the purpose of searchInput and sortSelect?
  - References to the search input field and the sort selection dropdown.
- Why do we need to use it?
  - To read the user's input (query) and the chosen sort criteria (stars, forks, or updated).
- How do we use it?
  - Uses document.getElementById() to link to the respective HTML elements.

```
const searchInput = document.getElementById('searchInput');  
const sortSelect = document.getElementById('sortSelect');
```

### 4. repoList

- What is the purpose of repoList?
  - Reference to the container where the repository cards are displayed.
- Why do we need to use it?
  - The main target area for rendering search results using displayRepositories().
- How do we use it?
  - Uses document.getElementById('repoList').

```
const repoList = document.getElementById('repoList');
```

### 5. loadMoreContainer

- What is the purpose of loadMoreContainer?
  - Reference to the container holding the "Load More" button or loading message.
- Why do we need to use it?
  - To dynamically show, hide, or update the pagination control separate from the main result list.
- How do we use it?
  - Uses document.getElementById('loadMoreContainer').

```
const loadMoreContainer = document.getElementById('loadMoreContainer');
```

## 6. errorMessageDiv

- a. What is the purpose of errorMessageDiv?
  - Reference to the dedicated area for displaying error and alert messages.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To inform the user of API failures or required input (e.g., "Please enter a search keyword").
- c. How do we use it?
  - `document.getElementById('errorMessage')`.

```
const errorMessageDiv = document.getElementById('errorMessage');
```

## 7. searchRepositories(query, sort, page)

- a. What is the purpose of searchRepositories(query, sort, page) function?
  - Asynchronously fetches a list of repositories from the GitHub API based on the search parameters.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - This is the primary function to interact with the external service and retrieve the raw data necessary for display.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Uses the Fetch API to call the GitHub URL. It includes a try...catch block to handle network errors and specifically checks for the Rate Limit (Status 403) error, calling showError() if an issue occurs

```
async function searchRepositories(query, sort = 'stars', page = 1) {
  const url = `${GITHUB_API_URL}?q=${encodeURIComponent(query)}&sort=${sort}&order=desc&page=${page}&per_page=${perPage}`;

  if (page === 1) {
    repoList.innerHTML = '<div class="loading">Searching...</div>';
  }
  clearError();

  try {
    const response = await fetch(url);
    // Handle Rate Limit (status 403)
    if (response.status === 403 && response.headers.get('X-RateLimit-Remaining') === '0') {
      throw new Error('GitHub API Rate Limit exceeded (60 req/hour). Please wait and try again.');
```

#### 8. displayRepositories(repos, append)

- a. What is the purpose of displayRepositories(repos, append) function?
  - Manages the rendering of search results.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To either replace all previous results (new search) or add new results to the bottom (load more).
- c. How do we use it?
  - Check the append flag. If false, it clears repoList.innerHTML. It then calls appendRepositories() to perform the actual rendering.

```
function displayRepositories(repos, append = false) {  
  if (!append) {  
    repoList.innerHTML = '';  
  }  
  if (repos.length === 0 && currentPage === 1) {  
    repoList.innerHTML = '<div class="loading">No repositories found for this query.</div>';  
    loadMoreContainer.innerHTML = '';  
    return;  
  }  
  appendRepositories(repos);  
}
```

#### 9. createRepoCard(repo) function

- a. What is the purpose of createRepoCard(repo) function?
  - Generates the complete HTML structure for a single repository item.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To format the raw repository data into a visually structured and informative card, meeting the requirement to display name, description, stars, forks, language, owner, and link.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Constructs an HTML string (using template literals) containing data points like repo.full\_name, repo.stargazers\_count, and the owner.login.

```
function createRepoCard(repo) {
  const card = document.createElement('div');
  card.className = 'repo-card';

  const updatedDate = new Date(repo.updated_at).toLocaleDateString('en-US', { year: 'numeric', month: 'short', day: 'numeric' });

  card.innerHTML = `
<a href="${repo.html_url}" target="_blank" class="repo-name">${repo.full_name}</a>
<p class="repo-description">${repo.description || 'No description provided.'}</p>

<div class="repo-meta">
  ${repo.language ? `<span class="language-badge">${repo.language}</span>` : ''}
  <span>★ ${formatNumber(repo.stargazers_count)} Stars</span>
  <span>🔗 ${formatNumber(repo.forks_count)} Forks</span>
  <span>🕒 Updated: ${updatedDate}</span>
</div>

<p style="margin-top: 10px; font-size: 14px;">
  Owner: <a href="${repo.owner.html_url}" target="_blank" style="color: #58a6ff;">${repo.owner.login}</a>
</p>
`;
  return card;
}
```

## 10. appendRepositories(repos) function

- a. What is the purpose of appendRepositories(repos) function?
  - Iterates through an array of repositories and adds them to the list.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - A utility function to decouple the logic of adding elements from the logic of managing the display state (displayRepositories).
- c. How do we use it?
  - Loops through the repos array and uses repoList.appendChild(createRepoCard(repo)) for each item.

```
function appendRepositories(repos) {
  repos.forEach(repo => {
    repoList.appendChild(createRepoCard(repo));
  });
}
```

## 11. performSearch() function

- a. What is the purpose of performSearch()?
  - Orchestrates a new search query or a search after a sort option change.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To handle user interaction, validate the input, reset the pagination state (currentPage = 1), and initiate the data fetching process.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Reads input/sort values, resets state variables, calls searchRepositories(), and updates the total count and the load button status.

```

async function performSearch() {
  const query = searchInput.value.trim();
  const sort = getValue();

  if (query === '') {
    showError('Please enter a search keyword.');
```

```

    repoList.innerHTML = '';
    loadMoreContainer.innerHTML = '';
    return;
  }

  // Reset state for a new search
  currentQuery = query;
  currentPage = 1;
  totalResults = 0;

  const data = await searchRepositories(query, sort, currentPage);

  if (data) {
    totalResults = data.total_count;
    displayRepositories(data.items, false);
    updateLoadMoreButton();
  } else {
    repoList.innerHTML = '';
    loadMoreContainer.innerHTML = '';
  }
}

```

## 12. loadMore() function

- a. What is the purpose of loadMore() function?
  - Fetches the next page of search results.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To implement the Pagination feature, allowing the user to view more results without cluttering the page initially.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Increments currentPage, calls updateLoadMoreButton(true), fetches the next page via searchRepositories(), and calls displayRepositories(..., true) to append results.



```

async function loadMore() {
  if (!currentQuery) return;

  currentPage++;
  const sort = getValue();

  updateLoadMoreButton(true); // Show loading state

  const data = await searchRepositories(currentQuery, sort, currentPage);

  if (data) {
    displayRepositories(data.items, true);
    updateLoadMoreButton();
  } else {
    currentPage--;
    updateLoadMoreButton();
  }
}

```

### 13. showError(message)

- a. What is the purpose of showError(message) function?
  - Displays an error message in the dedicated error area.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To provide clear feedback to the user on validation or API failures.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Sets the errorMessageDiv.className to 'error' and inserts the message text.

```

function showError(message) {
  errorMessageDiv.className = 'error';
  errorMessageDiv.innerHTML = message;
}

```

### 14. clearError()

- a. What is the purpose of clearError() function?
  - Removes any active error messages.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To clear the alert area when a new search begins or a previous error is resolved.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Sets errorMessageDiv.innerHTML to an empty string.

```
function clearError() {  
    errorMessageDiv.innerHTML = '';  
}
```

#### 15. formatNumber(num)

- a. What is the purpose of formatNumber(num) function?
  - Formats large integers into a more readable format (e.g., 15000 -> 15k).
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To present statistics (Stars, Forks) concisely, enhancing the UI cleanliness and readability, as is common practice on platforms like GitHub.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Check if num is  $\geq 1000$ . If true, calculates the value divided by 1000, formats it to one decimal place, and appends 'k'.

```
function formatNumber(num) {  
    // TODO: Format large numbers (e.g., 1500 -> 1.5k)  
    if (num >= 1000) {  
        return (num / 1000).toFixed(1) + 'k';  
    }  
    return num;  
}  
  
function getValue() {  
    return sortSelect.value;  
}
```

#### 16. getValue()

- a. What is the purpose of getValue() function?
  - Returns the currently selected sort option. (Corresponds to getSortValue()).
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To abstract the process of reading the dropdown value, making performSearch() and loadMore() cleaner.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Returns sortSelect.value.

```
function getValue() {  
    return sortSelect.value;  
}
```

17. updateLoadMoreButton(isLoading)

- a. What is the purpose of updateLoadMoreButton(isLoading) function?
  - Controls the visibility and text of the pagination control.
- b. Why do we need to use it?
  - To implement the **pagination logic** based on the hint: "Check total\_count to show Load More button," and to handle the maximum 1000 results limit.
- c. How do we use it?
  - Compares loadedCount (currentPage \* perPage) against totalResults and the hard limit (1000). Dynamically inserts the "Load More" button or a loading message.