

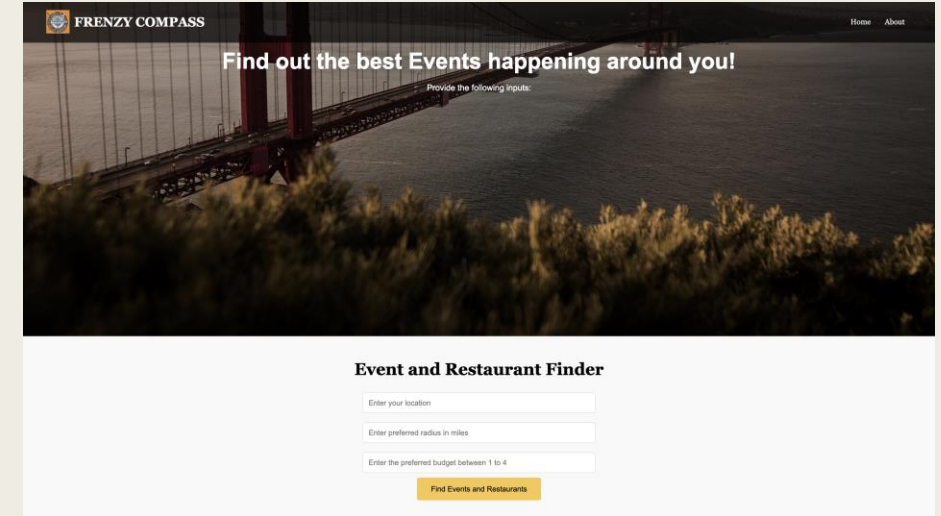


# FRENZY COMPASS

An Affordable Travel Guide

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# Introduction



The Frenzy Compass – An Affordable Travel Guide is a software that will help students efficiently plan their day out by suggesting them nearby activities, restaurants, and essential services based on their budget and locality when they are new to a city.

**Location-Based Recommendations** : Suggest nearby places (restaurants, attractions, events, grocery).

**Budget & Preference Filters** : Allow filtering based on budget and activity type.

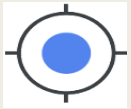
**Travel Time Optimization** : Use Google Maps API to recommend the shortest travel routes.

# APIs used:

## Google Map APIs:



**JavaScript Map API**: Embeds dynamic maps on the web interface for user Interaction.



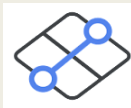
**Geocoding API**: Converts addresses into geographic coordinates for precise location search.



**Places API**: Finds nearby places like restaurants and attractions, filtered by user preferences.

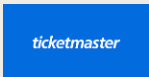


**Geolocation API**: Detects the user's current location for personalized recommendations.



**Distance Matirx API**: Provides travel time and distance for multiple destinations..

## Ticketmaster API:



**Ticketmaster API**: The Ticketmaster Discovery API allows you to search for events, attractions, or venues.

# Business Problems and Solution

## 1. Finding Budget-Friendly Dining and Activities

### ➤ Business Problem:

International students like us who have just come to a new city often struggle to find affordable dining and to do activities in a new city.

### ➤ Solution:

The software solution will suggest nearby restaurants and activities based on the student's budget using Google Places API and Geolocation API, filtering options by price, rating etc.

## 2. Optimizing Travel Time

### ➤ Business Problem:

Students usually waste time traveling between distant attractions when they arrive in a new city, usually during the days when they have no classes.

### ➤ Solution:

Using our software which utilises Google Map API we will calculate the best suitable itinerary for an individual based on the selected activities, saving time by considering real-time data by giving nearest activity list.

## 3. Essential Services

### ➤ Business Problem:

Students usually need quick access to services like groceries etc to meet their daily needs but are unaware where they can find one especially in the initial days when they arrive in a new city.

### ➤ Solution:

The software uses Google Places API to find essential services nearby, ensuring easy access to essential services while traveling.



# Design and Architecture

## User Input

- Location
- Preferences (budget, activity type, distance)

```
## This function will fetch the information of nearby restaurants based on user input using Google Maps API.
def find_nearby_restaurants(location, maxdistance_miles, budget):
    lat, lng = get_lat_long(location)
    if not lat or not lng:
        return "Invalid location. Please enter a valid city name or ZIP code."

    max_distance = miles_to_meters(maxdistance_miles)

    try:
        places_result = gmaps.places_nearby(location=(lat, lng), radius=max_distance, type='restaurant')
        if not places_result.get('results'):
            return f"No restaurants found near {location} within {maxdistance_miles} miles."

        restaurants = [
            {
                'name': place['name'],
                'address': place.get('vicinity', 'Address not available'),
                'price_level': place.get('price_level', 'Unknown'),
            }
            for place in places_result['results']
            if place.get('price_level') is None or place['price_level'] <= budget
        ]

        return restaurants if restaurants else f"No restaurants found within budget level {budget}."
    except Exception as e:
        return f"An error occurred while fetching restaurants: {e}"
```

## Response Generation

- Sort and return optimized results

```
## this function will handle user input and output.
def main():
    print("Welcome to the Frenzy Compass 🧭 An Affordable Travel Guide!")

    location = input("Please enter a city name or ZIP code: ")

    while True:
        try:
            radius_miles = float(input("Please enter the search radius in miles: "))
            if radius_miles <= 0:
                raise ValueError("Distance must be positive.")
            break
        except ValueError as ve:
            print(f"Invalid input: {ve}. Please try again.")

    while True:
        try:
            budget = int(input("Please enter your budget level for restaurants (1=Inexpensive(under $10), 2=Mid-range($10-$25), 3=Expensive($25-$50), 4=Very Expensive($50+))"))
            if budget not in range(1, 5):
                raise ValueError("Budget level must be between 1 and 4.")
            break
        except ValueError as ve:
            print(f"Invalid input: {ve}. Please try again.")
```

## Backend Processing (Python & API)

- Receive and validate input
- Query Google Maps APIs such as
  - Places API → Fetch nearby locations
  - Distance Matrix API → Calculate travel times
  - Geocoding API → Convert addresses
- Filter & optimize recommendations (distance, budget, activity)

```
restaurant_results = find_nearby_restaurants(location, radius_miles, budget)
if isinstance(restaurant_results, list):
    print(f"List of restaurants near {location} within {radius_miles:.2f} miles (Budget Level {budget}):")
    for i, restaurant in enumerate(restaurant_results, start=1):
        print(f"{i}. {restaurant['name']}\n  Address: {restaurant['address']}\n  Price Level: {restaurant['price_level']}")
else:
    print(restaurant_results)
```

# Outputs:

Welcome to the Frenzy Compass - An Affordable Travel Guide!

Please enter a city name or ZIP code: 94109

Please enter the search radius in miles: 4

Please enter your budget level for restaurants (1=Inexpensive(under \$10),  
2=Moderate(\$20-\$40), 3=Expensive(\$50-\$100), 4=Very Expensive(over \$100)): 3

Restaurants near 94109 within 10.00 miles (Budget Level 3):

1. Fairmont San Francisco  
Address: 950 Mason Street, San Francisco  
(Unknown)
2. The Stinking Rose  
Address: 430 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco  
(Price Level: 3)
3. Hotel Shattuck Plaza  
Address: 2086 Allston Way, Berkeley  
(Unknown)
4. Perbacco  
Address: 230 California Street, San Francisco  
(Price Level: 3)
5. One Market Restaurant/Mark 'n Mike's NY Style Deli  
Address: 1 Market Street, San Francisco  
(Price Level: 3)
6. Zuni Café  
Address: 1658 Market Street, San Francisco  
(Price Level: 3)
7. Humphry Slocombe  
Address: One Ferry Building #8, San Francisco  
(Price Level: 2)
8. Yoshi's  
Address: 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland  
(Price Level: 2)
9. Marlowe  
Address: 500 Brannan Street, San Francisco  
(Price Level: 2)
10. Wayfare Tavern  
Address: 558 Sacramento Street, San Francisco  
(Price Level: 3)

Upcoming events near 94109:

1. Liquid Stranger w/ Ahee  
Date: 2025-02-07  
Venue: The Regency Ballroom  
Address: 1290 Sutter Street  
Tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/Z7r9jZ1A7oAaZ>
2. Liquid Stranger - 18+  
Date: 2025-02-08  
Venue: The Regency Ballroom  
Address: 1290 Sutter Street  
Tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/Z7r9jZ1A7o7A8>
3. Cordae  
Date: 2025-02-12  
Venue: The Regency Ballroom  
Address: 1290 Sutter Street  
Tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/Z7r9jZ1A7o0Fd>
4. DHRUV  
Date: 2025-02-15  
Venue: Great American Music Hall  
Address: 850 O'Farrell St.  
Tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/Z7r9jZ1A78o-M>
5. Malaa (18 & Over)  
Date: 2025-02-15  
Venue: The Regency Ballroom  
Address: 1290 Sutter Street  
Tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/Z7r9jZ1A7oE73>

1. Trader Joe's  
Address: 555 9th Street, San Francisco  
Price Level: 2
2. Rainbow Grocery Cooperative  
Address: 1745 Folsom Street, San Francisco  
Price Level: 1
3. Trader Joe's  
Address: 3 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco  
Price Level: 2
4. Whole Foods Market  
Address: 690 Stanyan Street, San Francisco  
Price Level: 3
5. Whole Foods Market  
Address: 3950 24th Street, San Francisco  
Price Level: 3
6. 99 Ranch Market  
Address: 250 Skyline Plaza, Daly City
7. Trader Joe's  
Address: 401 Bay Street, San Francisco  
Price Level: 2
8. Bi-Rite Market  
Address: 3639 18th Street, San Francisco  
Price Level: 1
9. Trader Joe's  
Address: 265 Winston Drive, San Francisco  
Price Level: 2
10. Whole Foods Market  
Address: 399 4th Street, San Francisco  
Price Level: 3

# Demo:

The screenshot displays a JupyterLab environment within a web browser. The browser's address bar shows the URL `nb.anaconda.cloud/jupyterhub/user/3e1021f8-7570-4b11-b77c-6`. A notification bar at the top indicates "Not hearing anything? Turn up volume". The JupyterLab interface includes a top menu bar with options like File, Edit, View, Run, Kernel, LaTeX, Tabs, Settings, and Help. Below this, a sidebar on the left contains sections for "OPEN TABS" (showing "DDR1.ipynb"), "KERNELS" (listing local and remote kernels), and "LANGUAGE SERVERS". The main area displays the "DDR1.ipynb" notebook with the following Python code:

```
[*]: import googlemaps
import re
import requests
import functools
from geopy.distance import distance as geopy_distance

## API Keys - We use two API one is Google MAPS API which will help us to get Restaurant information and second is Ticketmaster API
GOOGLE_MAPS_API_KEY = "AIzaSyAoyKJ9AUHLersahvE2UwZLHT1ptzFuGx8"
TICKETMASTER_API_KEY = "f4o1MoUPJVsS033xjFrdf9A9XN3G94J2"
TICKETMASTER_URL = "https://app.ticketmaster.com/discovery/v2/events.json"

## Here we are initialize Google Maps API client
gmaps = googlemaps.Client(key=GOOGLE_MAPS_API_KEY)

## This function will validate input of city name format
def is_valid_city(city_name):
    return bool(re.match(r"^[A-Za-z\s]+$", city_name)) if city_name else False

## Cache geolocation results to avoid redundant API calls
@functools.lru_cache(maxsize=50)

## This function will fetch the latitude and longitude of a given location using Google Maps API
def get_lat_long(location):
    try:
        geocode_response = gmaps.geocode(location)
        if geocode_response:
            lat_lng = geocode_response[0]['geometry']['location']
            return lat_lng['lat'], lat_lng['lng']
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error fetching geolocation: {e}")
        return None, None

## This function will fetch upcoming events from Ticketmaster API based on location.
def find_events(location):
    if not location:
        return "Please enter a valid city or ZIP code."

    lat, lng = get_lat_long(location)
```

The bottom status bar shows the current environment as "anaconda-2024.02-py310 | Idle", a "You are screen sharing" notification, and a "Stop share" button. It also displays the current mode as "Command", the cursor position as "Ln 1, Col 1", the active notebook as "DDR1.ipynb", and the language as "English (United States)".

# Limitation and Future Scope

As of now the limitation for the project is that we can depict only three variability, we aimed to make this software a one stop for all. Some more limitations that we address are:

- **Google Maps Dependency:** Limited coverage and potential high costs for API usage.
- **Data Accuracy:** Reliance on third-party data for places and reviews may lead to inaccuracies.
- **Dynamic Pricing:** Budget-based recommendations may be impacted by fluctuating prices.
- **Limited Filtering:** Basic filters may not cover all user preferences (e.g., dietary restrictions).

The future scope for this project are:

- **Live Updates:**  
Implementing live data for events, closures, and offering push notifications.
- **Expansion:**  
Extend service to more cities, add offline capabilities for limited internet access.
- **Payment & Booking:**  
Enable direct booking and payment for activities, restaurants, and events.



A dark, atmospheric photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, viewed from a high angle looking down the length of the bridge. The bridge's iconic red-orange towers and suspension cables are visible against a hazy, overcast sky. The water of the bay is dark and calm. In the foreground, some dark, out-of-focus foliage is visible at the bottom. A large, white, L-shaped graphic frame is superimposed on the image, with its top-left corner at the top-left and its bottom-right corner at the bottom-right, framing the central text.

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