

No More Waste



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Introduction

First...

Welcome. Here is a brief introduction to our project:

It is common knowledge that many businesses throw away their excess food at the end of their work day when it could have been donated to homeless individuals in our city

These businesses might not be aware that shelters are willing to accept their excess food, or they simply may not be able or willing to drop it off to the shelters themselves.

Due to this, we want to provide them the opportunity to donate their food with minimal effort on their part.

Aim

Our aim is to contribute to our community by reducing food waste in Regina.

This will serve as a step and way of helping the homeless population in Regina.

We will also be filling a gap by providing restaurants or businesses with the opportunity to eliminate their food waste.

Method

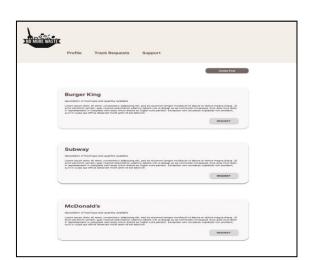
Here is how we decided to implement this as a team:

- Creating a responsive web application across various devices and visualizing the initial design using Hi-Fidelity Prototyping.
- Various project management documentations were created such as the business case, project charter, RACI chart, and other documents.
- The website has three different types of users: Restaurant, Shelter, and Volunteer Driver.
- The website will give restaurants the ability to post a food item they want gone which gives room for shelters to accept the item and finally, a volunteer driver accepting to deliver it to the shelter. Each type of user receives appropriate notifications during this process.
- We decided to implement this using HTML5, CSS3, React, MySQL and NodeJS with deployment done using Heroku.
- Code reviews were done as well as user testing and functionality testing.

BUSINESS CASE				
Proposed Project	No More Waste - A Progressive Web app that will give restaurants a platform to connect with local shelters to reduce food waste.			
Date Produced	Oct 1 st , 2022			
Background	All three members of Team Vecna have witnessed a large amount of food waste coming from restaurants. Most businesses throw away their excess food at the end of the day when it could be easily to donated to local shelters.			
Business Need/ Opportunity	Businesses might not be aware that shelters are willing to accept any excess food or probably do not want to go out of their way to donate that food.			
Options	1. Create a PWA that will give restaurants a platform to connect with local shelters. They will then be connected with volunteers who will pick up and deliver the food. The app will have a chat feature and a notification system that will make the pick ups and deliveries more efficient for the customers. 2. Create a simple desktop app that will give restaurants a platform to connect with local shelters. This option will not have a chat feature and a notification system. The volunteers will have to use the direct contact information of the restaurants/shelters to manually notify them. 3. Restaurants will have to manually set up donations and will either the direct to deliver the food themselves or set up sick use directly with			

This is a sample of part of our business case document that outlines the business need as well as benefits associated with it.

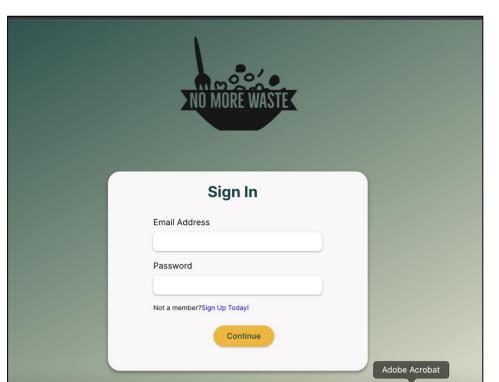
To the right here, is an illustration of our initial website design prior to choosing a color scheme and getting feedbacks.



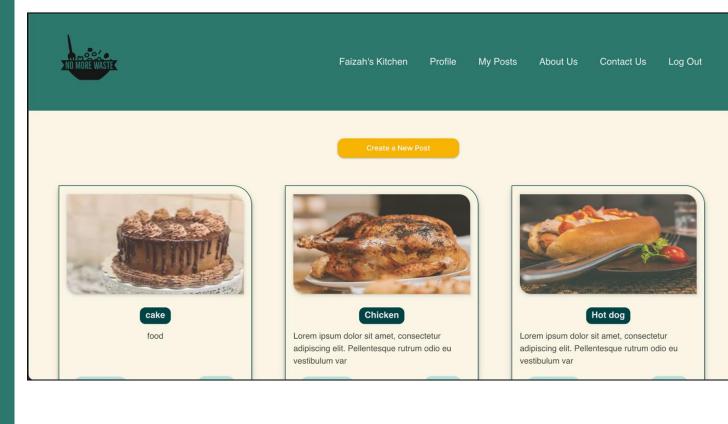
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Description:	When cloning the code from GitHub, the libraries each member uses on their own machines do not transfer. We were not keeping logs on which dependencies we all installed, so we are now tracking them and notifying each other so the source code works for all of us.			

Results

After moving on from the initiation stage, we got a lot of feedback. We carefully considered them and implemented specific feedback within the scope limit. Our color scheme was changed to reflect a green colour which represents freshness and matches the theme of our project. The UI was also modified to be busier and more interactive. Users are now able to create accounts as any of the three user types and use the website effectively.







Here, you can see the new layout of the home page/dashboard implemented as well as the new color scheme.

Meet our team







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Backend developer

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Conclusion

For more information on our project, visit our GitHub page at: https://github.com/bulbularora/No-More-waste



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