

# Local News Web App

## Product Requirements Document

### Part I

#### **Problem We Are Trying to Solve**

None.

#### **Value Proposition and Marketing Statements**

None.

#### **Solution Summary**

Create a news web app tailored for both consumers and curators of news.

## Part II

### Functional Requirements

1. Create a web crawler that will harvest data from, at minimum, the following sources:
  - a. *Oakdale Leader*: <https://www.oakdaleleader.com/news>
  - b. *Riverbank News*: <https://www.riverbanknews.com/news>
  - c. *Modesto Bee*: <https://www.modbee.com/news/local>
  - d. *Tracy Press*: [https://www.ttownmedia.com/tracy\\_press/news](https://www.ttownmedia.com/tracy_press/news)
  - e. *Ripon News*: <https://www.myripon.com/blog/categories/news>
  - f. *Turlock Journal*: <https://www.turlockjournal.com>
    - i. This web crawler should capture, at minimum, the following information:
      1. Article heading
      2. Article sub-headings
      3. Article content
        - a. This includes any media and captions for that media.
      4. Article author
      5. Article date
    - ii. Based on the content of the article, the web crawler should categorize the article.
      1. This should include a main category (e.g., News, Sports, etc.) and a sub-category (e.g., Breaking News, Local News, etc.)
2. Create a front page that will display a variety of articles, and articles categorized as “Breaking News.”
3. Create a navigation bar, with the following items:
  - a. News
    - i. When clicked, navigate the user to the News page.
  - b. Sports
    - i. When clicked, navigate the user to the Sports page.
  - c. Staff
    - i. When clicked, navigate the user to the Staff page.
  - d. Log In
    - i. When clicked, navigate the user to the Log In page.
  - e. Subscribe
    - i. When clicked, navigate the user to the Subscribe page.
4. Create a News page that will display articles from the following categories:
  - a. Breaking News
  - b. Local News
  - c. Crime
  - d. Government
  - e. Education
5. Create a Sports page that will display articles from the following categories:
  - a. High School Sports
  - b. Local Sports

6. Create a Staff page that will display a list of staff members currently employed or contracted to work on the website.
  - a. For each staff member, display the following information:
    - i. Staff name
    - ii. Staff email address
    - iii. Staff phone
7. Create a Register page.
  - a. The Register page will have the following form fields:
    - i. Email Address
    - ii. Password
    - iii. Confirm Password
    - iv. Account Type
      1. This will be a dropdown that allows users to select an account type, with two options:
        2. User
        3. Business
      - a. If “Business” is selected, add the following form fields:
        - i. Mobile Phone Number
        - ii. Business Name
        - iii. Business Website
    - v. Users with the “Business” account type selected are automatically assigned all available user permissions.
8. Create a Log In page.
  - a. The Log In page will have the following form fields:
    - i. Email Address
    - ii. Password
  - b. A “Forgot password?” link will navigate the user to the Reset Password page.
  - c. After successfully authenticating, the user may be navigated to another page depending on their account type.
    - i. If the user has a “User” account type, navigate the user to the home page.
    - ii. If the user has a “Business” account type, navigate the user to the Business Panel page.
9. Create a Reset Password page.
  - a. The Reset Password page will have the following form fields:
    - i. Email Address
  - b. Once the user submits the form, an email will be sent to the email address provided, with the following template:
    - i. Subject: “Bay Valley Tech News – Password Reset”
    - ii. Content: “You’ve requested that the password be reset for your account. To reset your password, copy and paste this link:” followed by the password reset link.
10. Create a Confirm Reset Password page.

- a. If a user copy-pastes a reset password link via email, the user should be redirected to this page, with the following form fields:
    - i. Password
    - ii. Confirm Your Password
  - b. Passwords should enforce the following criteria:
    - i. Passwords must be at least 12 characters in length
    - ii. Passwords must include a special character
    - iii. Passwords cannot include any of the following strings (regardless of case):
      - 1. "password"
      - 2. "123"
      - 3. "1234"
      - 4. "12345"
      - 5. "123456"
11. Create a Subscribe page.
- a. Display a list of news categories, allowing the user to select what categories they want to subscribe to.
  - b. Display a form field that allows the user to select the frequency of subscription updates, with the following options:
    - i. Hourly
    - ii. Daily
    - iii. Weekly
    - iv. Biweekly
    - v. Monthly
  - c. Display a form field that allows the user to select the delivery method of subscription updates.
    - i. Email
    - ii. SMS
12. Create a Business Panel page.
- a. Create a side navigation menu with the following items that, when clicked, will navigate the user to the corresponding page:
    - i. Articles
    - ii. Users
    - iii. Settings
  - b. Articles page.
    - i. Display a button that will navigate the user to the New Article page.
    - ii. Display a table with every article created by that business, with the following columns:
      - 1. Article ID
      - 2. Article Name
        - a. This field may be derived from the article heading
      - 3. Number of Engagements
        - a. This field is driven by the number of views for that article.
      - 4. Actions

- a. Display an edit and delete icon button.
- c. New / View Article
  - i. Display a form with the following form fields:
    1. Heading, as a text field
    2. Sub-heading, as a text field
    3. Content
      - a. This should be a rich-text editor, also allowing users to insert media (pictures, sounds, etc.) in the form field.
    4. Author
      - a. This is a dropdown of users within the business.
    5. Allow Comments, as a checkbox.
      - a. When unchecked, prevent users from posting comments on the article.
    6. Allow Anonymous Comments, as a checkbox.
      - a. This should only be displayed if the "Allow Comments" checkbox is checked.
      - b. When unchecked, prevent anonymous users (users that are not authenticated) from posting comments on the article.
    7. Save button
    8. Cancel button
- d. Users
  - i. Display a button that will navigate the user to the New User page.
  - ii. Display a table with every user for the business, with the following columns:
    1. Name
      - a. This field may be derived by the first and last name of the user
    2. Mobile Phone Number
    3. Email Address
    4. Actions
      - a. Display an edit and delete icon button.
    5. Save button
    6. Cancel button
- e. New / View User
  - i. Display a form with the following form fields:
    1. First Name, as a text field
    2. Last Name, as a text field
    3. Mobile Phone Number, as a text field that only accepts numbers, parenthesis, hyphens, and spaces.
    4. Email Address, as a text field that only accepts valid email addresses.
    5. Notes, as a rich text editor.
    6. Disable Login, as a checkbox.

- a. When checked, prevent the user from logging in to the app and display the following error message: “Your login has been disabled. Please contact the system administrator.”
  - ii. Display a section, allowing the user to select what permissions should be assigned to the user.
    - 1. The following permissions should be available to users:
      - a. Articles
        - i. Read-only
        - ii. Write
        - iii. Delete
      - b. Users
        - i. Read-only
        - ii. Write
        - iii. Delete
  - f. Settings
    - i. Display a form with the following form fields:
      - 1. Notifications – New Comment, as a checkbox.
        - a. When checked, send the business admin an email whenever a user posts a comment on an article created by that business.
      - ii. This is only available to the business admin.
13. Create a cron (or something similar to a cron) that will process all subscription updates.
14. For any article with comments enabled, allow both authenticated and anonymous users to post comments.

### **Technical Requirements and Constraints**

- 1. Ensure that a password reset link cannot be used after 3 hours.
- 2. Ensure that a password reset link cannot be used more than once.
- 3. Anonymous comments posted on articles should be limited to one per article per IP address.

### **Key Assumptions**

- The news websites may implement some anti-crawling countermeasures. This PRD assumes that we will be able to harvest data regardless.

## Scope Prioritization

| Item  | M<br>VP | M<br>CP | Fut<br>ure | Constraint/Description  |
|---|---------|---------|------------|---|
| Add the ability for businesses to hide articles from public view    |         | x       |            |   |
| Add the ability to send a summary of comments and article analytics |         | x       |            | Currently, we send an email notification immediately after a comment is posted on an article. We should allow businesses to configure this more granularly.   |
| Provide news suggestions using the News API                         |         | x       |            | <a href="https://newsapi.org/s/google-news-api">https://newsapi.org/s/google-news-api</a>   |
| Provide news suggestions using the                                  |         | x       |            | <a href="https://console.cloud.google.com/apis/library/customsearch.googleapis.com?pli=1&amp;project=poolorchard-1531088471614">https://console.cloud.google.com/apis/library/customsearch.googleapis.com?pli=1&amp;project=poolorchard-1531088471614</a> |

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|--|--|--|---|---|
| Google Search API                                  |  |  |   |   |
| Provide news suggestions using the Bing Search API |  |  | x | <a href="https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/bing/apis/bing-web-search-api">https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/bing/apis/bing-web-search-api</a> |
| Create a web API for third-party integrations      |  |  | x |   |



## Wireframes

None.