



PAWCASSO

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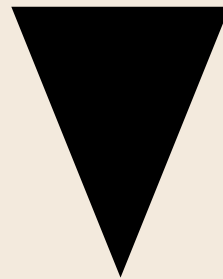
OUR TEAM



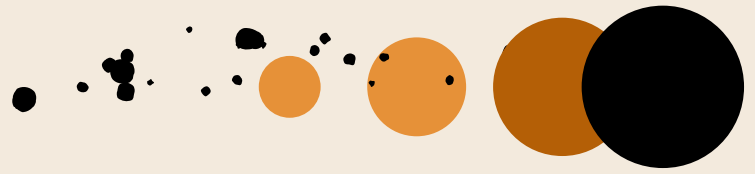
DID YOU KNOW?

1989
1972
1966
1933
1890
1882

- The Princeton Art Museum was formally established in 1882.
- The Museum houses over 112,000 works of art today.
- Much of the Museum's inventory has been donated, particularly from Princeton alumni.
- Gallery space is a premium: only ~5% of the collections are ever on display at any given moment.
- The Museum is closed due to the pandemic but is also undergoing construction and will reopen in 2024.



ART MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION



Removing the stained glass from the museum!

(Images courtesy of our adviser Pi)



THE ISSUE

There is a visible
disconnect between
Princeton students and
the Princeton Art
Museum

PAWCASSO

provides **curated Art Museum content** from Princeton's collections in a web application using a Tinder-like swiping interface and a machine learning model.

FEATURES



SEE MORE OF WHAT YOU LIKE

Swipe right to add
to your board and
see more like it

CARD SWIPING



SEE IT & LEARN MORE

View your likes &
stats, unlike, and
read more

ART BOARD



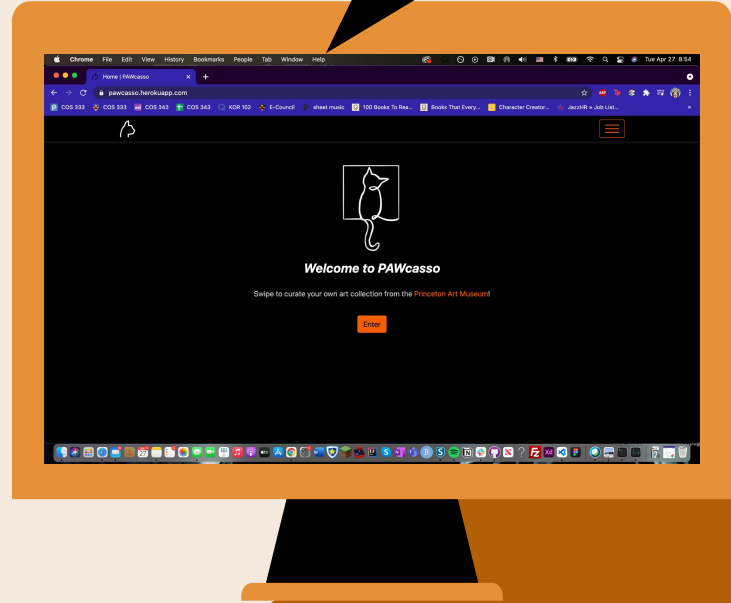
GET IT IN YOUR INBOX

Experience art
passively with
opt-in emails

EMAILS

DEMONSTRATION

<http://pawcasso.herokuapp.com/>



ARCHITECTURE & IMPLEMENTATION



data
storage

DATABASE TECH

PostgreSQL

logic

BACKEND

Python, Flask

visual

FRONTEND

HTML, CSS,
Bootstrap,
Javascript,
jQuery, AJAX

deployment

TO THE CLOUD

Heroku

DATABASE SCHEMA



USERS

userId	varchar(255)
lastName	varchar(255)
firstName	varchar(255)
emailFrequency	varchar(255)



PREFERENCES

userId	varchar(255)
classification	varchar(255)



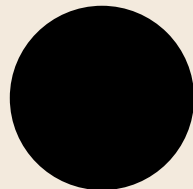
SWIPES

objectId	int
userId	varchar(255)
liked	boolean

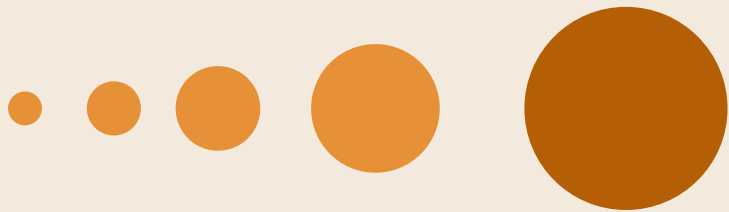
ML TO RECOMMEND ART

THE ART IS STATIC

- The Princeton Art Museum has a public API
- Preprocessing of objects for machine learning
- Feed 'terms' attached to objects into ML model (bag of words)
- All objects within one classification are compared with each other
- 80% use user's likes to generate an artwork
- 20% show random artwork from preferred classification



STATISTICS



48,938

artworks

with 15 recommendations per
artwork

6

classifications

photographs, drawings, prints,
paintings, ceramic, sculpture

112,000+

total artworks

in the Princeton Art Museum;
59,862 objects in JSON file

49

total classifications

in Vinay's JSON file



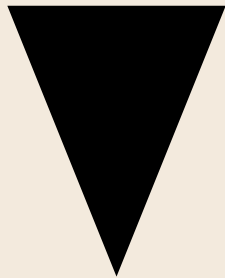
ACHIEVEMENTS & TAKEAWAYS

Achievements

- Swiping animation
- NLP model to recommend artworks
- Sending emails
- Profile page features such as statistics and artworks board

Takeaways

- User testing was essential: do it earlier
- Frequent team communication to distribute work
- Build each piece incrementally and make sure features work at all stages



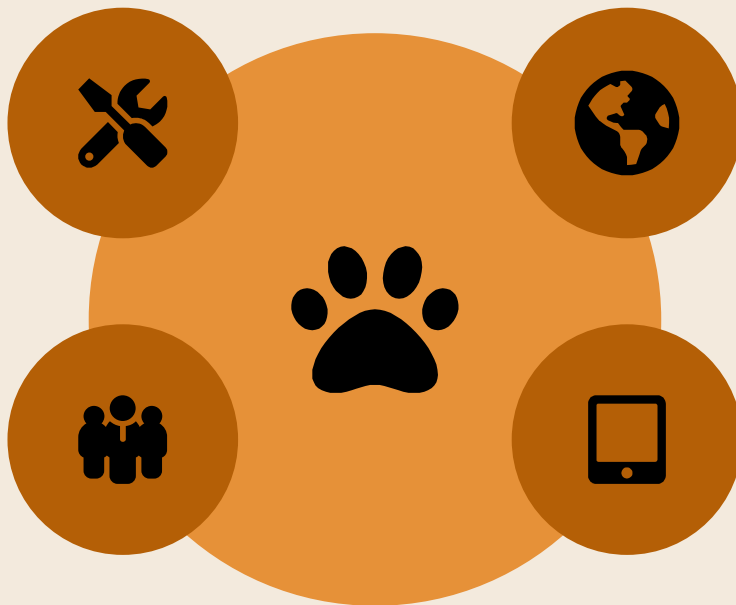
WHERE TO NEXT?

CUSTOMIZATION

More advanced ML
using computer
vision

SHARING

Social media
integrations and
gamified features



EXPANSION

Users and artworks
beyond Princeton

EXHIBITS

Use data to
create exhibits
in the Art museum

THANK YOU!

