How Melbourne Legal Project Began

StartNG began its HNG 6.0 Pre-Internship program on the 25th August 2019 to give a head start for aspiring African developers willing to take part in the forthcoming HNG internship program.

One of the high points of the HNG 6.0 Pre-Internship is interns who made it to Stage three are distributed into different teams. For its final project, each team is expected to create a hypothetical tech startup that either offers product or service. The company must have an online presence.

Our team, Melbourne, has a hard-working intern, Paul Nnadi, as its leader. There was a deliberation among the team members on the solution to adopt for our project before we unanimously agreed on solving some of the pain points in Nigeria’s legal industry.

The project proposal submitted to the HNG mentors was approved and Melboune Legal Limited was born. Melboune Legal is a technology-enabled law firm that provides full range of legal services to commercial and private clients. The company’s value proposition is centred on disrupting the Nigeria’s legal industry by making its services available and affordable to more people than ever before. In other words, our company can offer legal help to people in a fast and efficient way helping them to save time and money for their important priorities.

Development Process

At the stage, it was important to develop the web application of the company. The flowchart to provide a reference point for the way the web application works was created. Then the real job began and the design tools such as PHP, HTML, CSS, Angular JS, and MySQL were adopted for the development. In addition, Flutterwave API would be needed to enable clients to pay online for the services rendered them.

Collaboration

While developing the app, team members were bouncing off ideas and feedback in our channel on the StartNG’s Slack page. There were changes of code back and forth. Because the team employed GitHub to drive collaboration, it was easier for team members to contribute to the project. This culminated into the birth of the web app; it has the Home, *About Us*, *Team*, *Book a Lawyer* and *Contact* pages.

The web app is now hosted on Github and can be visited [here](https://paulextrawonder.github.io/melbournelegal/team.html)