A photograph of a railroad crossing at dusk or dawn. In the foreground, a white pole holds two large, circular flashing red lights. The lights are illuminated, and their red glow is visible. In the background, a train with several locomotives and freight cars is approaching the crossing. The train's headlights are on, and its lights are reflecting on the tracks. The background is filled with green trees and a hazy sky. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light sources being the crossing lights and the train's headlights.

InterFact: Railroad Crossing Information System

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InterFact Client Information:



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Business Requirements

BR1:

Dispatchers being able to quickly see which train intersections are blocked

BR2:

Implement the Interfact project features into an API that can be smoothly integrated into any system





Use Case

- **UC1:** A dispatcher needs to find the quickest route possible for first responders to travel to a target location while avoiding blocked & closed railway intersections.
- Only use case for the client at this time.

Functional Requirements

- (HIGH) View an interactive & responsive map with marked railroad crossings & their status.
- (HIGH) Project features are encapsulated within an API that contains endpoints for crossing locations, crossing status, & recent crossing images
- (MEDIUM) Select specific railroad crossings to view its coordinates/street name & the latest image from its camera feed.
- (LOW) Predict which crossings will be blocked by seeing which intersections have been crossed and when.

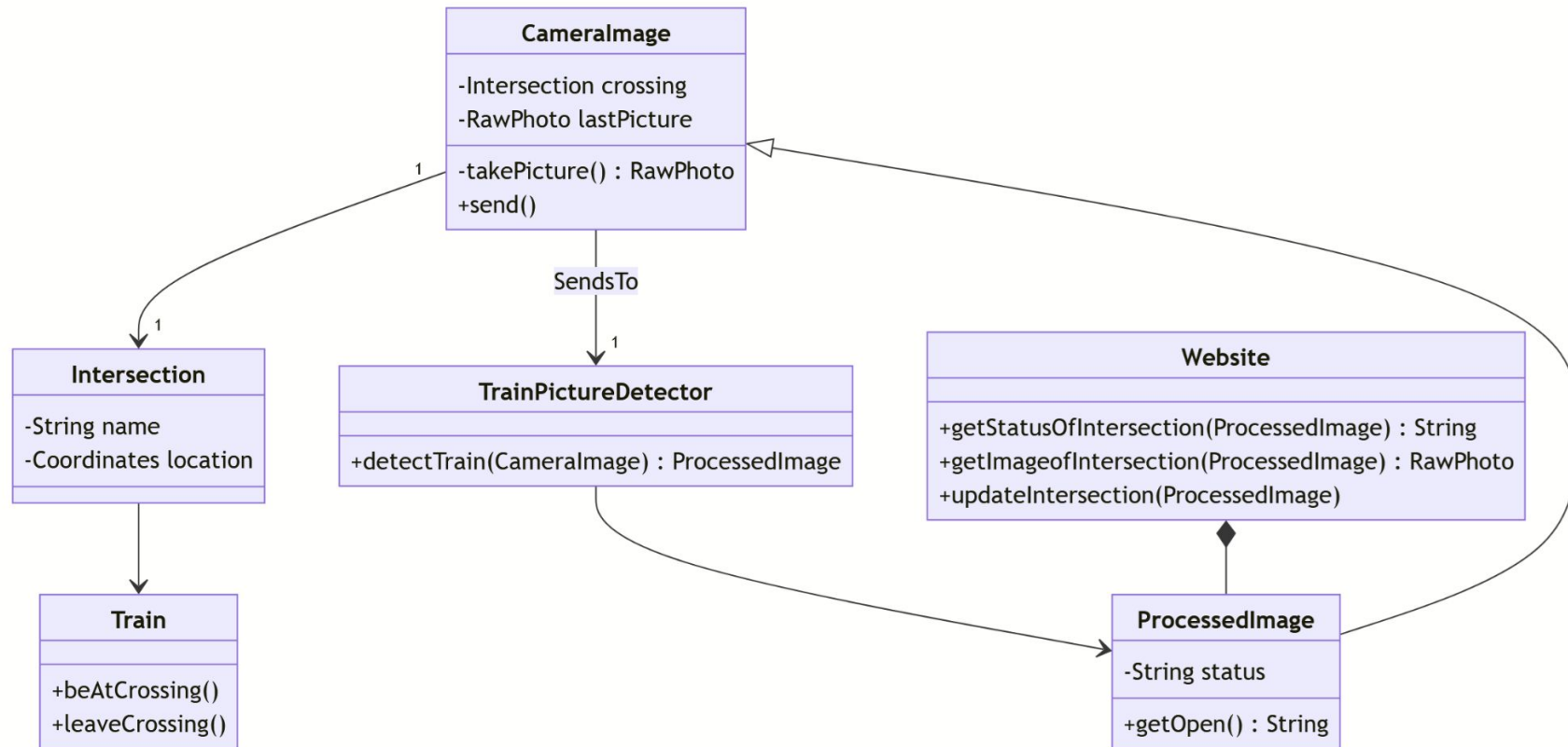


Non - Functional Requirements

- (HIGH) Intersection indicators must load in under 5 seconds
- (LOW) The system should be able to be updated without system downtime



Domain Model



TechStack

- Front-End:
 - Angular
- Server:
 - Firebase
 - Cloud Firestore
 - Cloud Functions
 - Real-time database
- Programming Languages:
 - Python



Prototype



1st Iteration Features

- View railway intersections on a map of the city
- Indicators will display via color their blocked status
- Ability to click on indicators to populate a window with pertinent information & a recent picture.



Mentor Feedback

- Feedback :
 - “Your domain model should be based on more real world applications rather than technical details”
 - “Double your time estimates, then double them again...”
- Changes Made:
 - Domain model is more practical & outlines more real world uses



Client Feedback

- Feedback:
 - “Our dispatchers operate on a closed system, could we use a plugin for our existing ArcGIS system?”
 - “I think a standalone system would be more beneficial...”
- Changes Made:
 - Migrating project to a web app based stand alone system.



Everyone's favorite Chicken Picture



Brooke



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