

Project 3 - Visualizing Surf Location Forecasts

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Project Scope

We compiled the most popular and known surf locations in California to create an application showing the forecast for each location.

The data we used included Wave Height, Air Temperature, Wind Speed, Water Temperature, Cloud Cover, and Visibility.



Back-End Data

Research and Extraction:

Using SurfSpot CSV file we pulled in all locations in California. In order to find the forecast for the day of each location we used the StormGlass API.

```
url = 'https://api.stormglass.io/v2/weather/point'
for x, y in zip(surfcali1['latitude'], surfcali1['longitude']):
    try:
        lat = (f'{y}')
        lng = (f'{x}')

        surf_cali_df = surf_cali.loc[(surf_cali['latitude']> -123) & (surf_cali['latitude']< -113)]

        surf_cali = surf.loc[(surf['longitude']< 43) & (surf['longitude']>32)]

        params = {
            'lat': lat,
            'lng': lng,
            'params': ','.join(['waveHeight', 'airTemperature', 'windSpeed', ''],
            'start': start.to('UTC').timestamp(), # Convert to UTC timestamp
            'end': end.to('UTC').timestamp() # Convert to UTC timestamp
        }
```

Back-End Data

Data Transformation and Load:

The data pulled from the API was put into a dataframe of the columns we needed. From there it was written to a SQLite Database.

From the SQLite Database the data was rendered through a flask app into JSON format

	index	spot	longitude	latitude	spot_id	wind_speed	wind_direction	wave_height	air_temp	water_temp	cloud_cover
	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	41	Ponto	33.088	-117.314	1149	1.58	65.06	1.92	13.88	15.0	4.8
2	42	Cabrillo Point	33.707	-118.285	284	2.41	48.54	1.18	13.51	14.54	6.0
3	43	Haggertys	33.803	-118.401	282	2.41	48.54	1.79	11.14	14.5	5.0
4	44	Skunk Point	33.983	-119.984	1251	5.6	338.02	3.36	12.76	13.81	5.0
5	45	Secos	34.038	-118.879	278	3.75	357.42	1.84	10.67	14.19	15.0
6	46	California Street C Street	34.273	-119.303	275	3.25	346.39	1.66	2.07	13.9	100.0
7	47	Sands Beach	34.409	-119.882	268	8.76	323.91	2.33	5.01	13.96	100.0
8	48	Beavers Hazards	34.461	-120.054	267	8.76	323.91	2.33	5.01	13.96	100.0
9	50	Cambria Beach	35.582	-121.121	261	3.53	1.98	2.99	7.13	13.25	26.4
10	51	Ghost Trees	36.596	-121.977	825	8.51	322.74	3.34	11.97	12.5	5.0
11	52	Steamer Lane	36.952	-122.026	163	8.51	322.74	3.34	7.63	12.19	92.9
12	53	Pleasure Point	36.955	-121.972	644	8.51	322.74	3.34	7.63	12.19	92.9

```
@app.route("/")
def welcome():
    """List all available api routes."""
    return (
        f"Available Routes:<br/>"
        f"/api/v1.0/surf<br/>"
    )

@app.route('/api/v1.0/surf')
def names():
    # Create our session (link) from Python to the DB
    session = Session(engine)

    """Return a list of all surf data"""
```

Front-End: Normalizing Data in JS for Charts

Create dropdown

```
JS app.js M
JS app.js > chartCreate > then() callback > series > data
1
2 // setting up url from our render file
3 const url = "https://surf-app.onrender.com/api/v1.0/s";
4
5 // selecting the data for the dropdown
6 d3.json(url).then(function(data) {
7   let selected = d3.select("#selDataset");
8   console.log(data);
9   for (let i = 0; i < data.length; i++) {
10     selected.append('option').text(data[i].spot);
11   });
12
13
```

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Ghost Trees
Steamer Lane
Pleasure Point
Andrew Molera State Park
Campus Point
Carlsbad
Carmel Beach
Cavajones

```
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JS app.js > chartCreate > then() callback > spotIndex > data.findIndex() callback
22
23 for (const key in weather) {
24   weatherLabels.push(key)
25 }
26
27 weatherLabels= weatherLabels.filter(function(value, index) {
28   return removeValFrom.indexOf(index) == -1;
29 });
30
31 for (let [key, value] of Object.entries(weather)) {
32   if (key == "air_temp") {
33     if (value <= 10.00 || value >= 43.00 )
34     {
35       weatherData.push(1)
36     }
37     else if (value >= 23.00 && value <= 27.00){
38       weatherData.push(5);
39     }
40     else if (value <= 22.99 && value >= 18.00) {
41       weatherData.push(4)
42     }
43     else if (value <= 17.99 && value >= 14.00){
44       weatherData.push(3)
45     }
46     else if (value <= 13.99 && value >= 10.01){
47       weatherData.push(2)
48     }
49     else{
50       weatherData.push(0)
51     }
52   }
53   if (key == "cloud_cover") {
54     if (value >= 80.00 )
55     {
56       weatherData.push(1)
57     }
58     else if (value >= 0.00 && value <= 19.99){
59       weatherData.push(5);
60     }
61     else if (value >= 20.00 && value <= 39.99) {
62       weatherData.push(4)
63     }
64     else if (value <= 59.99 && value >= 40.00){
65       weatherData.push(3)
66     }
67     else if (value <= 79.99 && value >= 60.00){
68       weatherData.push(2)
69     }
70     else{
71       weatherData.push(0)
72     }
73   }
74 }
```

Normalize data variables on scale of 0-5 with 0 (worst) and 5 (best) based on research from surf guide websites for ideal surfing weather conditions for wind speed, air temp, visibility, wave height, cloud cover, & water temp

Initialize initial chart when page loads & click function to change chart when dropdown selected

Start function using index from selected surf spot then get array

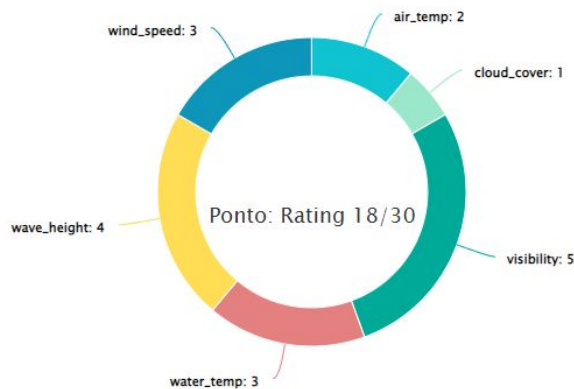
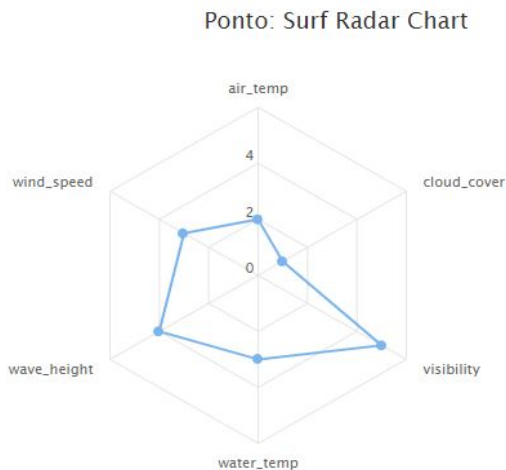
```
// what we want to do: create a chart when new surf spot is selected
function chartCreate(spots) {
  d3.json(url).then(function(data){
    let spotIndex = data.findIndex(data => data.spot === spots);
    let weather = data[spotIndex];
    let weatherData = [];
    let weatherLabels = [];
    let removeValFrom = [2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7,8,11,13];
    for (const key in weather) {
      {
        weatherLabels.push(key)
      }
    }
    weatherLabels= weatherLabels.filter(function(value, index) {
      return removeValFrom.indexOf(index) == -1;
    });
  });
}
```

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JS app.js > chartCreate > then() callback > series > data
282
283 // this activates when someone selects a
284 function optionChanged(spots) {
285   chartCreate(spots);
286 }
287
288 //initializing charts right off the bat
289 function init() {
290   d3.json(url).then(function (data) {
291     chartCreate(data[0].spot);
292   })
293 };
294 init();
295
```

Visualizations: *Location Ratings*

Highcharts.JS: Radar/Spider Chart

```
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JS appjs > chartCreate > then() callback > legend > layout
165 Highcharts.chart('container', {
166
167   chart: {
168     polar: true,
169     type: 'line'
170   },
171
172
173   title: {
174     text: '${spots}: Surf Radar Chart',
175     x: 0
176   },
177
178   pane: {
179     size: '80%'
180   },
181
182   xAxis: {
183     categories: weatherLabels,
184     tickmarkPlacement: 'on',
185     lineWidth: 0
186   },
187
188   yAxis: {
189     gridLineInterpolation: 'polygon',
190     lineWidth: 0,
191     min: 0
192   },
193   legend: [
194     {align: 'right',
195       verticalAlign: 'middle',
196       layout: 'vertical'}
197   ],
198
199   series: [{
200     name: '${spots} Score',
201     data: weatherData,
202     pointPlacement: 'on'
203   }],
204
```



air_temp cloud_cover visibility water_temp wave_height wind_speed

```
JS appjs M ●
JS appjs > chartCreate > then() callback
158   let sum = 0;
159   weatherData.forEach(item => {
160     sum += item;
161   });
162   console.log(sum);
163
```

Sum variable to represent the summed rating for location

```
JS appjs M ●
JS appjs > chartCreate > then() callback
226 |
227 | Highcharts.chart('container2', {
228 |   colors: ['#0fc4d0', '#9be7cb', '#00aa99', '#E48080', '#ffdd54', '#00968A'],
229 |   chart: {
230 |     type: 'pie'
231 |   },
232 |   title: {
233 |     text: '${spots}: Rating
234 |     ${sum}/30',
235 |     align: 'center',
236 |     verticalAlign: 'middle',
237 |     floating: true,
238 |     padding: 5
239 |   },
240 |   plotOptions: {
241 |     pie: {
242 |       allowPointSelect: true,
243 |       cursor: 'pointer',
244 |       dataLabels: {
245 |         enabled: true,
246 |         format: '{point.name}: {y}'
247 |       },
248 |       showInLegend: true
249 |     }
250 |   },
251 |
```

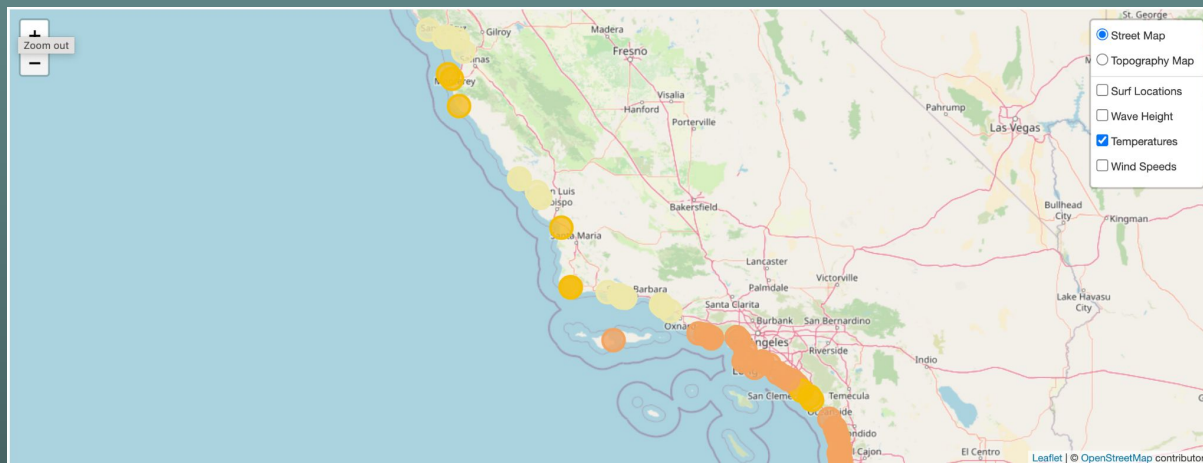
Highcharts.JS: Donut Chart with summed rating for how ideal surf spot is



Map

Creation:

Using OpenStreetMap and leaflet we created a map of California with markers that depict different important factors for surfers. This data was pulled using d3 from our Flask API. The goal was to give users a quick indication on the best surf spots. This was done by having four overlays, and the markers depict different information that give the user an indication on the quality of the spot.



Marker Functions

```
function createMarkers(response) {

  // Pull the "stations" property from response.data.
  // let stations = response.data.stations;

  // Initialize an array to hold markers.
  let surfMarkers = [];
  let waveMarkers = [];
  let tempMarkers = [];
  let windMarkers = [];

  function circleSize (wave) {
    return wave * 5000
  };

  function circleSizeWind(wind) {
    return wind * 2000
  }

  function circleColor (temp) {
    if (temp > 14)
      return "#C34A2C";
    if (temp >= 10)
      return "#F4A460";
    if (temp >= 7)
      return "#F6BE00";
    if (temp >= 3)
      return "#EEE8AA";
    else
      return "#9AFFFF"
  };

  function circleFill (wind) {
    if (wind > 12)
      return 1;
    if (wind >= 8)
      return .75;
    if (wind >= 4)
      return .5;
    if (wind >= 1)
      return .2;
    else
      return .1;
  };
};
```

Creating Markers based on rating

```
// Loop through the stations array.
for (var i = 0; i < response.length; i++) {
  let data = response[i];
  // For each station, create a marker, and bind a popup with the station's name.
  let marker = L.marker([data.longitude, data.latitude])
    .bindPopup("<h2>" + data.spot + "<h2><h4>Wave Height: " + data.wave_height + " M</h4><h4>Air Temperature: " + data.air_temp + " °C</h4><h4>Wind Speed: " + data.wind_speed + " m/s</h4>");

  // Add the marker to the array.
  surfMarkers.push(marker);

  let waveMarker = L.circle([data.longitude, data.latitude], {
    radius: circleSize(data.wave_height),
    fillColor: "#00AA99",
    color: "#E48080",
    fillOpacity: 1,
    stroke: true
  }).bindPopup("<h2>" + data.spot + "<h2><h4>Wave Height: " + data.wave_height + " M</h4><h4>Air Temperature: " + data.air_temp + " °C</h4><h4>Wind Speed: " + data.wind_speed + " m/s</h4>");
  waveMarkers.push(waveMarker);

  let tempMarker = L.circle([data.longitude, data.latitude], {
    radius: 12000,
    fillColor: circleColor(data.air_temp),
    color: circleColor(data.air_temp),
    fillOpacity: .8,
    stroke: true
  }).bindPopup("<h2>" + data.spot + "<h2><h4>Wave Height: " + data.wave_height + " M</h4><h4>Air Temperature: " + data.air_temp + " °C</h4><h4>Wind Speed: " + data.wind_speed + " m/s</h4>");
  tempMarkers.push(tempMarker);

  let windMarker = L.circle([data.longitude, data.latitude], {
    radius: circleSizeWind(data.wind_speed),
    fillColor: "#E48080",
    color: "#00AA99",
    fillOpacity: 1,
    stroke: true
  }).bindPopup("<h2>" + data.spot + "<h2><h4>Wave Height: " + data.wave_height + " M</h4><h4>Air Temperature: " + data.air_temp + " °C</h4><h4>Wind Speed: " + data.wind_speed + " m/s</h4>");
  windMarkers.push(windMarker);
}

// Create a layer group that's made from the markers array, and pass it to the createMap function.
createMap(L.layerGroup(surfMarkers), L.layerGroup(waveMarkers), L.layerGroup(tempMarkers), L.layerGroup(windMarkers));
}

// Perform an API call to get the information. Call createMarkers when it completes.
d3.json("https://surf-app.onrender.com/api/v1.0/surf").then(data => createMarkers(data));
```


Our Dashboard

About



This map shows the known popular surf locations in California. Each location shows the forecast for the current day. The map includes information on Wave Height, Air Temperature, and Wind Speed. The graphs below show the comparison between a surf location and the ideal surfing day. The comparison holds information on Wave Height, Air Temperature, Water Temperature, Wind Speed, Cloud Cover, and Visibility.



[Project link](#)



Thank You!

Questions?