

Process

1. Attain some basic HTML/CSS knowledge
 - a. Used Team Treehouse and took introductory courses for HTML and CSS (~6 hours)
 - b. Mozilla Developer Network was also very helpful
2. Attain basic JavaScript knowledge
 - a. Found a series of articles that explain how to utilize APIs with Javascript
 - i. <https://www.taniarascia.com/how-to-connect-to-an-api-with-javascript/>
 - b. Need to add JSON view extension to Chrome (done)
3. Choose IDE
 - a. Researched IDEs for web development, specifically for HTML/CSS/JavaScript.
 - b. This website gave 14 highly rated web development IDEs
<https://tms-outsource.com/blog/posts/web-development-ide/>
 - c. Landed on Visual Studio Code (free and highly rated in several other articles for web dev, also has great integration with GitHub)
 - d. Watched introductory video on using and setting up VS Code through LinkedIn Learning (~ 2 hours)
 - i. Need to remember to cancel in 30 days!
4. Figure out hosting/domain
 - a. As I did more research on what is needed to run a website it seemed like every resource told me that I needed the website to be hosted on a server for it to properly display the website. Digging in further, I found that it is possible to get a URL for the source code files through GitHub pages
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=228&v=CJLb8UUJJPg).
 - i. This is great because I was going to use GitHub for version control anyway
 - b. Emailed Gabe to see if loading the source files on GitHub would be appropriate, he said that would be OK.
5. Write User stories
 - a. Learned about this from my team mates at Hack-A-Pipeline, we wrote out how a specific user might utilize our Alexa Skill then focused on solving a specific story that would yield a proof of concept for the Skill.
 - b. Decided that would be a good idea for beginning to design this webpage, found other resources to guide me in writing the User Stories on my own
 - i. <https://www.romanpichler.com/blog/10-tips-writing-good-user-stories/>
 - ii. <https://www.mountaingoatsoftware.com/agile/user-stories>
 - c. After writing out some stories I decided that my webpage submission would focus on the Epic "I want to know the weather at a Penrod office right now" for the User "I am a Penrod employee about to leave for work in the morning and I need to see the weather at my local office so that I can dress accordingly for my commute."
 - i. Open Weather provides an API for the current weather based on a City ID, coordinates, or zip code.
 - ii. Was concerned about adding on too many features especially since this is my first time putting together a website from scratch. I wanted to choose a concept that would match the requirements provided to me that I could also successfully deliver in a reasonable amount of time.

- iii. Can always add features on later.
- 6. Determine Website design/flow
 - a. Based on the User Stories I decided to focus on:
 - i. The user opens the webpage
 - ii. The webpage clearly displays its purpose
 - iii. The website has buttons in the header portion for each Penrod location City
 - iv. When the user clicks on the button the page displays the current weather in that city
 - 1. Temperature in deg F
 - 2. Photo of city experiencing current weather (i.e. if it is snowing in Milwaukee currently then a picture of Milwaukee while it is snowing is displayed)
 - b. Required to use Lightning Design System for CSS framework
 - i. Download files
 - ii. Read documentation
 - iii. Focus on getting the website to work w/ API calls first, then worry about “making pretty” with CSS
- 7. Figure out how to use Open Weather API
 - a. Need to know how to call to the API and what information it returns
 - i. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxf0--uiX0I> - tutorial on working with JSON
 - b. Need to figure out how to use the returned information to fulfill design requirements
 - i. Use JavaScript to dynamically display image based on City selected, the current temperature, and the current condition
 - 1. Ultimately used a series of if/else statements to get images to display.
Would like to refactor to use a hash table to get the image address
 - a. Use cityID (from Open Weather JSON) and returned weather condition (clear, rain, thunderstorms) to create hash position ID
 - ii. Use Javascript to display the city, temperature, and current condition at the top of the page
- 8. Add links to this document and the User Stories document