# Presentation

Hi I’m Mark Packham. The site is a geographic educational app intended to provide users with information on countries. It uses a Vue.js front end and for the backend the NoSQL database, MongoDB with routing carried out by the Node.js web application framework, Express. All the code is stored in Github along with setup documentation. The educational site takes in data from 4 apis, 3 from external sites and one created by ourselves that our backend framework handles. Cameron created a seed file we can run whenever we need to repopulate our database after testing to make sure our app is retrieving the correct information. The external apis are the country one we used during labs, REST Countries. One that displays maps, the Open Street Map and one that provides our information for the country quiz that Neil and Nathan worked on, the Open Trivia Database.

We’re using fairly commonly used packages on our backend, nodemon to save us from constantly having to restart Express when dealing with updates, body-parser to handle the JSON, obviously a MongoDB driver to interact with our database and cors so we can pass information between our locally hosted Vue and Express apps. Insomia proved helpful for testing our Express based CRUD requests before we got round to building the necessary forms in Vue.

[Load the front page]

The front end loads with a lot of gimmicky CSS animations mainly to make it more memorable to an audience, a bit like a cheesy advert. A simple color scheme of green and blue to represent land and sea along with the use of standard web safe fonts. A fair amount of html symbols are to give the users eyes a break from the dry serious levels of data.

Countries are divided into specific regions and users can click on a country to receive more information about it. [Demo France]

There’s also a modal made purely with CSS to provide the user with even greater amounts of information about a country. [Modal Example - New Zealand]

The countries’ latitude and longitude data from the api is used in order to populate the url of an open source map site that giving us the map location. We have to use string interpolation and Vue’s v-bind on the src file to achieve this.

[Map String Interpolation]

The site is capable of displaying random facts about countries by clicking a button. If you’re not fond of that specific fact you can delete it or create your own in a text field. So these are typical Get, Post and Delete Requests. There’s also a nuclear option where you can erase all data in the database which shan’t be used for the purposes of this demo. [Destroy All] whilst it doesn’t serve much practical purpose I was curious to see how to wipe out a collection devoid of just dropping the entire database and using MongoDB’s .remove() with an empty object proved to be the answer.