5-2 Milestone 4 Narrative

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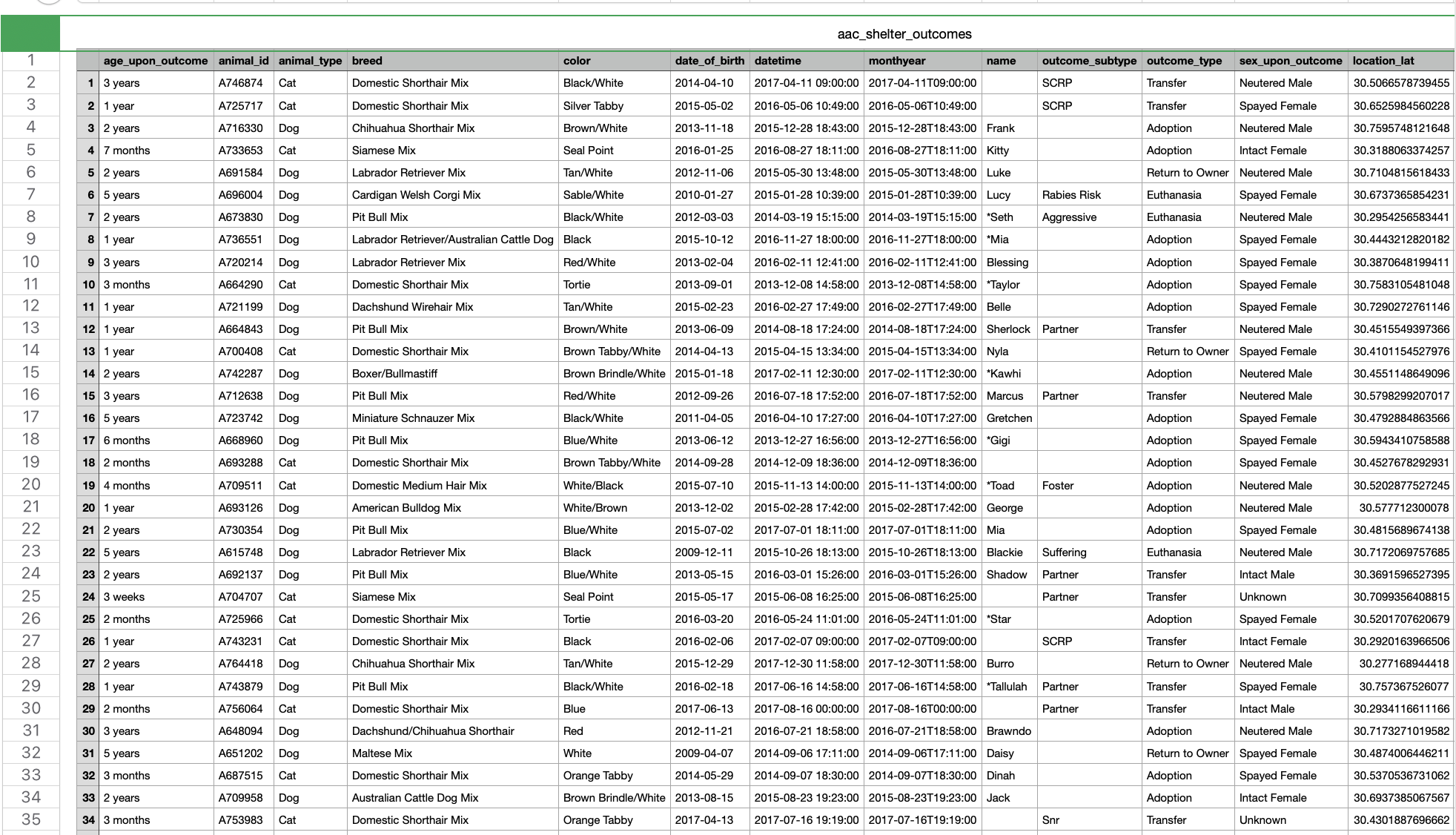
**Briefly describe the Artifact. What is it? When was it created?**

This artifact is an application the purpose of which is to provide a user-friendly interface to pull information from a database written in Python and powered by MongoDB, to retrieve information from animals, namely dogs, and update or alter same database. The objective of this project is to create a database, an API and a dynamic dashboard with the dashboard a web application designed for the client to identify good dog candidates for search and rescue training. This was originally created in the CS 340 SNHU course for Advanced Programming Concepts, with minimal functionality and no security.

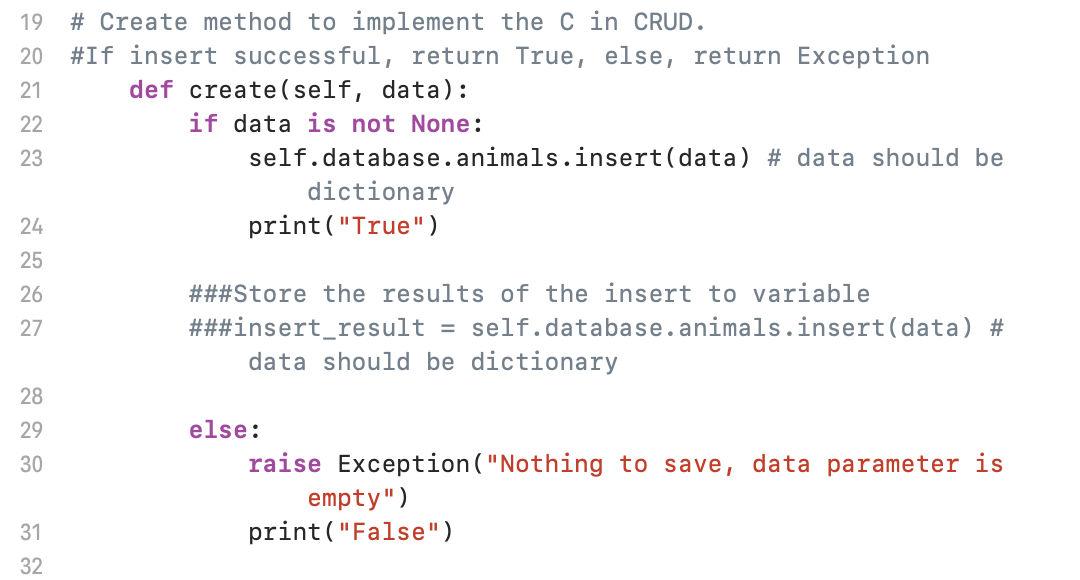
This project can be used to query MongoDB by creating and reading data from MongoDB*.* For the purposes of this milestone, it was altered and run via Jupyter Notebook, as well as the XCode application. Jupyter Notebook was accessed for Mac via the Anaconda.Navigator application.

**Justify the inclusion of the Artifact in your ePorfolio. Why did you select this item? What specific components of the Artifact showcase your skills and abilities in software development? How was the artifact improved?**

This artifact was selected to represent Category 3: Databases, as it represents what a fully structured database and its code can do, from an effective API and a base data file to CRUD functionality that enables the creation, readability, update capability and delete functionality, all of which are essential in creating a functional database. Some specific components that showcase skills learned would include enhancements to the password interface for added security, expanded coding for data creation and insertion into existing .csv file, expanded search functions in the ReadData operation to effectively search for existing data and display it, expanded update operations with easy to understand input keys to include error notifications and if/else loops, and delete functionality to include error notifications and if/else loops to eliminate existing data.



The aac\_shelter\_outcomes.csv file is central to the mission of the database program. Here is existing data that will be either adjusted, deleted, added to, or searched through as long as the base code works as needed. Below is an example initial and final code enhancements for the C operation for C in CRUD, to create new lines of data in the .csv file:

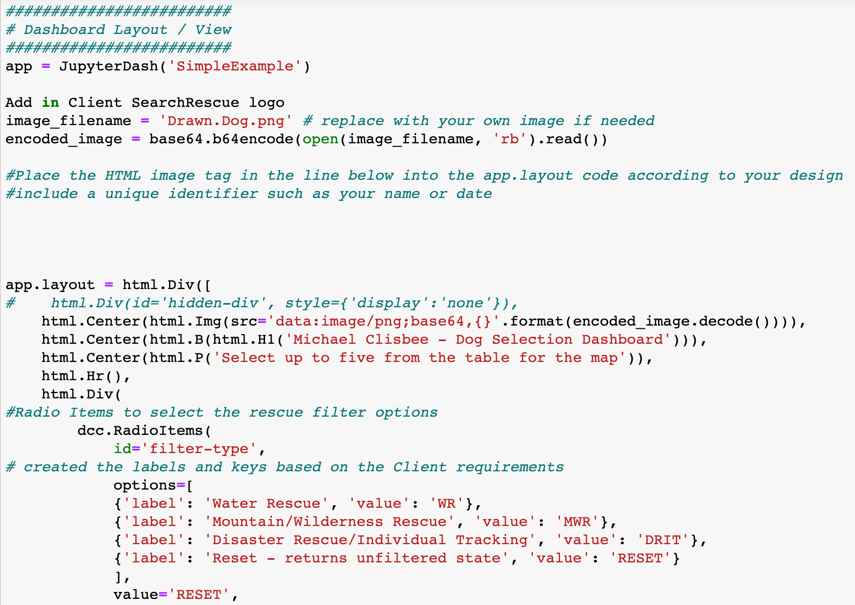
Initial code before enhancement for Create

Create code after enhancements that involved adding code to ensure user enters correct data fields. The first part of the Create code collects the data, while the second part validates and inserts results, or issues Exceptions via if/else statements.

Graphical user interface, text, application

Description automatically generated

Code adds security to application by adding username and password requirements. Still need to work out so unique passwords can be saved per username.



This is part of the final dashboard code that includes unique client logo, dashboard title and radio items to select rescue filters based on the client requirements. This code can be altered to meet client needs.

The Dashboard code is set up to collect all data and depending on data selected, create a specific pie chart and geolocation chart. This code is still being perfected, so cannot be displayed currently.

**Did you meet the course objectives you planned to meet with this enhancement in Module One?**

The enhancements met my goals for overall improvements as it increased functionality in several different areas as determined in the Code Review. **The objective for this milestone** is to identify, enhance and comment on the database elements and structures involved with maintaining and updating it. My goal was to make it an entirely functional database, but am still working on the unique password to username coding as well as the visual displays which are not populating due to minor coding errors.

**Reflect on the process of enhancing and/or modifying the Artifact. What did you learn as you were creating it and improving it? What challenges did you face?**

When modifying the artifact, I did code referencing online to get ideas on how best to create a polished code. I learned several ways of writing the CRUD functionality to try and cover all possible errors, as well as how detailed the dashboard code needed to be to provide any sort of functionality. However, one of the challenges I faced was understanding certain coding aspects that would help me correct some errors that popped up. I think that if this had a peer review element to it, having the perspective of several other developers’ opinions would go a long way towards making this program fully functional.