### **Animal Crackers**

A platform to elevate local & independent shops, like your mom & pops'!



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# Inspiration



COVID-19 has been a challenging time for local business owners, and in 2020 we have had to say goodbye to nearly **100,000** establishments in Canada alone!

We wanted to empower local businesses by making them more accessible to conscious shoppers.



Presently, Google maps and competitors will display any establishment in the area that fits the theme of what a user may be searching. However, local shops are often overshadowed by chain stores that pay for features and other advertisements.

### **Solution Proposal**

#### Solution description

A webapp tool that allows a user to login and search for stores in the area. Furthermore, logging in and displaying the logged-in screen upon purchase at participating stores entitles customers to an additional 10% off discount.

#### Delving deeper...

Using the Radar.io API, we were able to use the user input information such as shop theme of interest (i.e. coffee shop) and filter out the chain stores using the *externallds* in the property *topChains*. After this, we were able to display the remaining non-topChain stores.

# **Design Process**

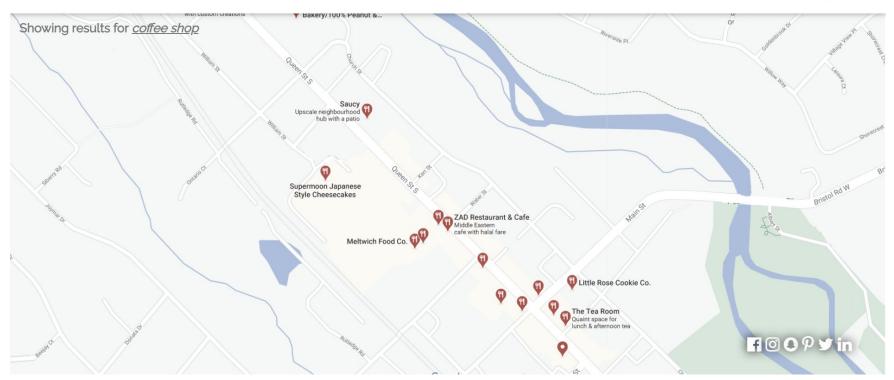
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# **Next Steps**

#### What next?

- → Integrate local shop information to give greater context of the shop offers, menu, hours, etc.
  - Can pull this info via webscraping or via the Google Maps API
- → Implement (opt-in) shared giftcard policy to allow participating local shops to share a giftcard or similar points feature



### **DEMO**