THE LIVING ARCHIVE

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DESCRIPTION

The Living Archive is a web application for exploring queer stories and experiences at Loyola Marymount University. Consisting of yearbook, newspaper, and various kinds of community-submitted records, users can view and search the archive to explore with these documents. The Google Maps API integration also allows users to engage with the app. In addition, authenticated users can manage records submitted through the app, providing client-side management of the Firebase databases.
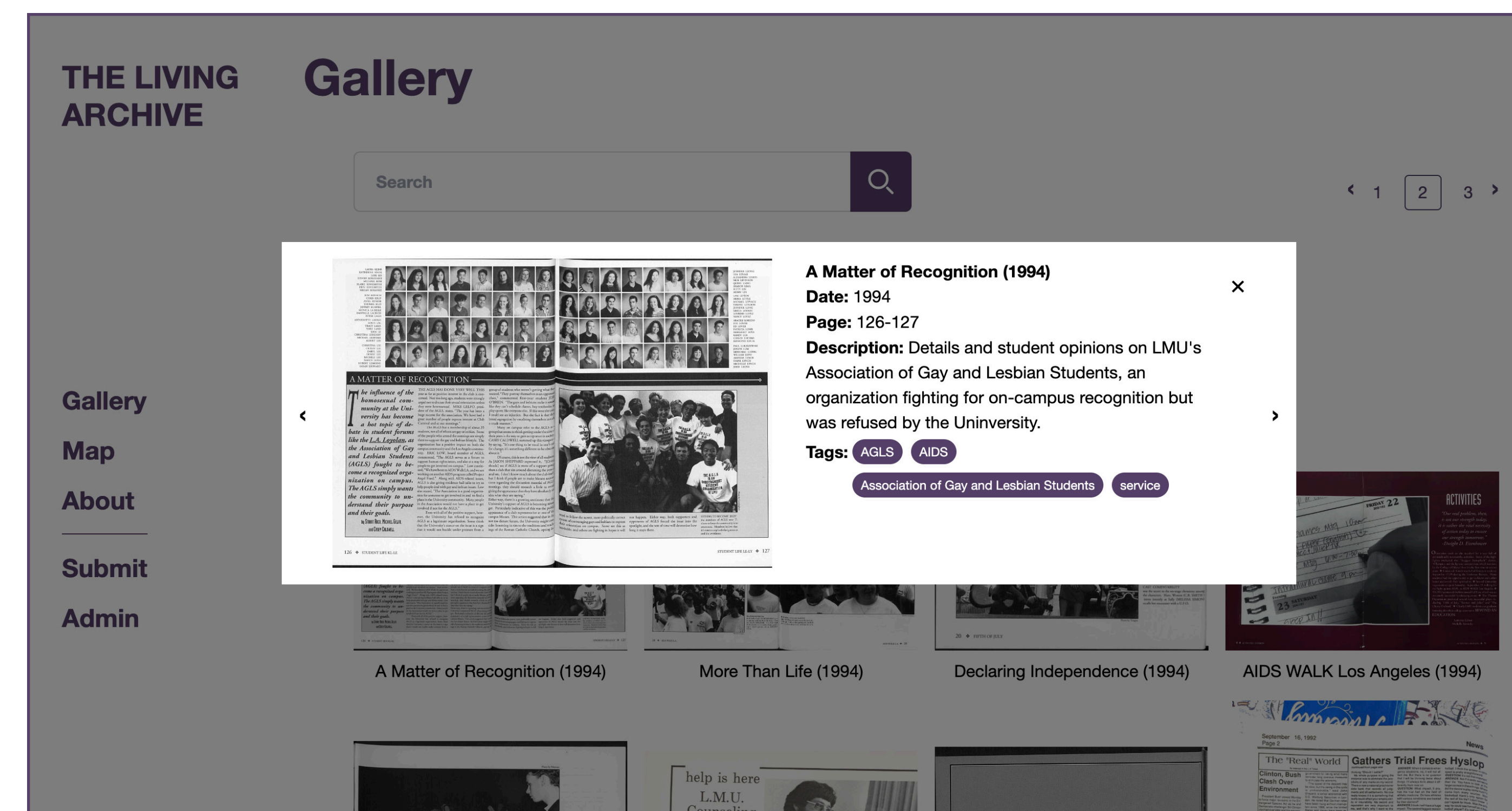
MOTIVATION

Historically, institutional records and media have underrepresented and censored the voices of marginalized communities. The Living Archive seeks to fill the gaps in Loyola Marymount University's history and provide a space for the queer community to define their histories and share narratives of resistance in their own terms. This project also works to create a more accessible archive experience in its user experience and methods of interaction with the records, as poorly designed tools can create further barriers to education.

VISIT THE ARCHIVE
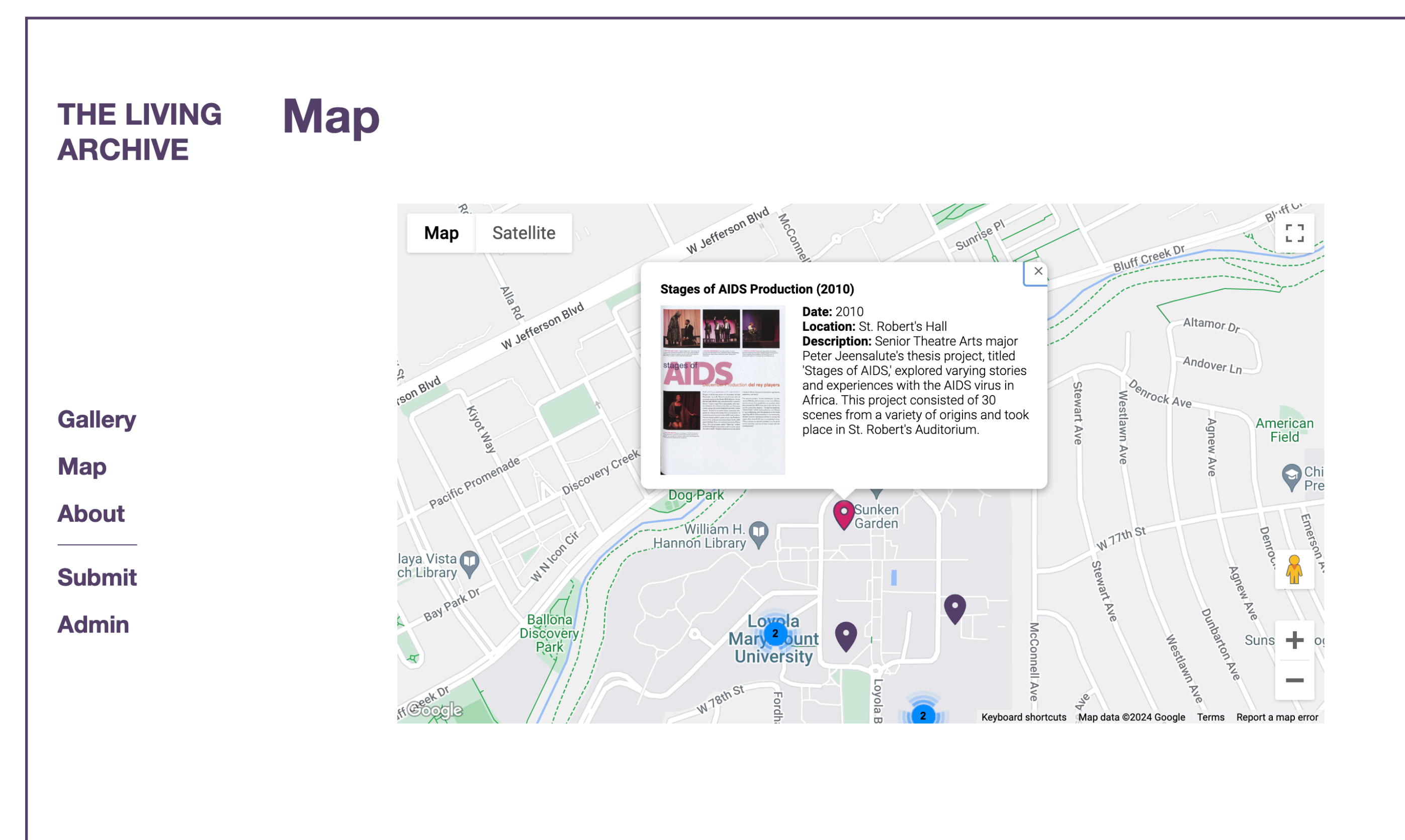
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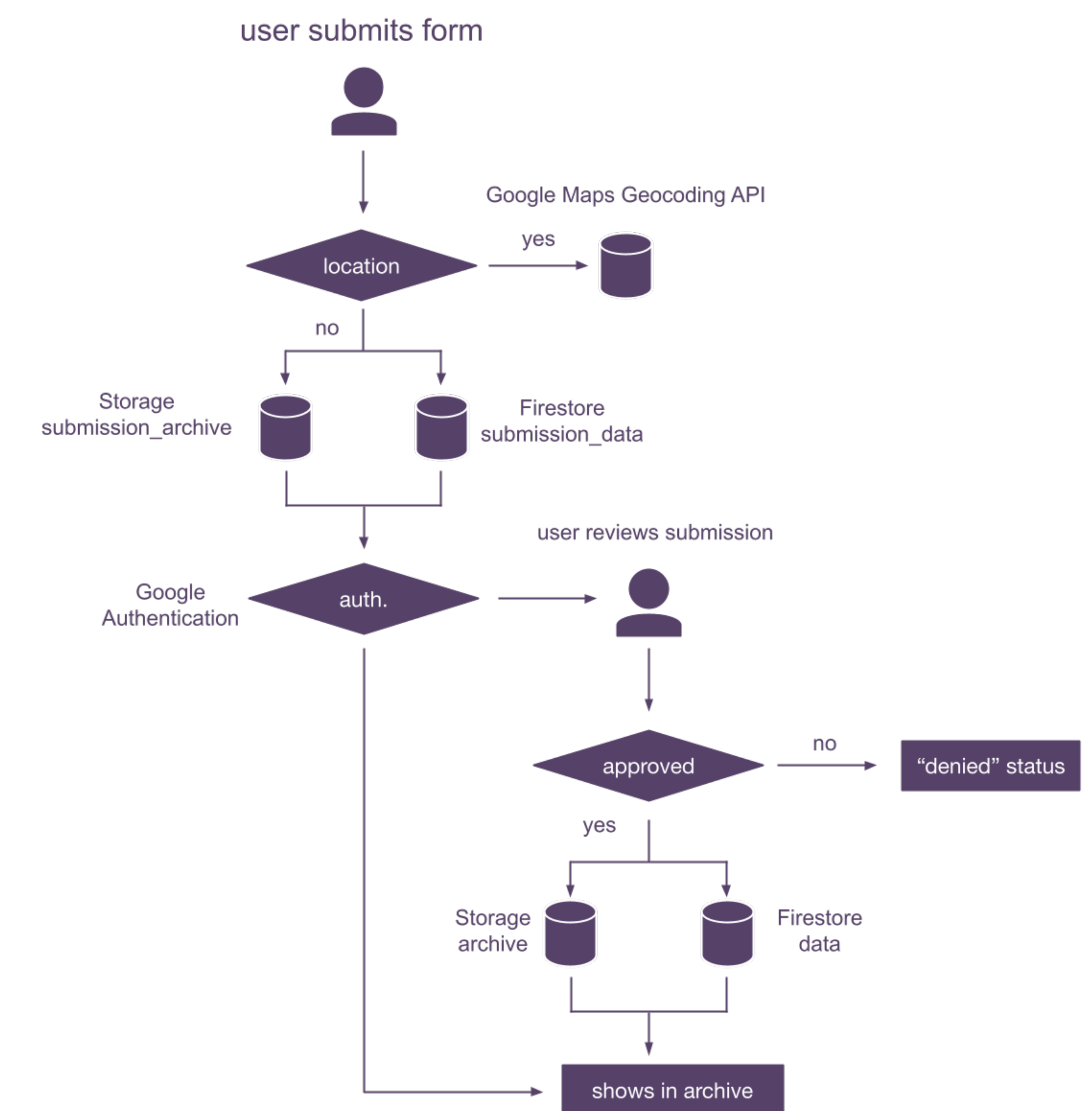
USER INTERFACES

Users can click on each record to see a pop-up containing the item's information and scroll between other records on the page

For records with a location, a pinpoint will appear on the map. Clusters represented multiple records in the same location and can be clicked to zoom in.

WORKFLOW

TECH STACK