For our project, we have decided to utilize and demonstrate the following technology stacks:

- 1. HTML (Frontend)
- 2. Express with MongoDB (Database)
- 3. Node.js (Backend)
- 4. Postman?

Our decision is not final, though we believe that the above stacks are the best suited for the particular project that we have chosen. In choosing our technology stacks, we considered the following factors:

- 1. Group member experience level
- 2. Architecture(s) for our project
- 3. Desirable system characteristics
- 4. Potential for future growth (hypothetical)

It was decided that, since most of the group members have experience with Java/Javascript and HTML, these languages would be the best choice for the front/backends of our project. Additionally, based on our application's clear distinction of the role and workload between the client/server sides, we decided that a thin client-server architecture would work best for our application, which must handle simple client requests. We also wanted to make sure that the design for our project prioritized important system characteristics like security, performance, and availability, which can all be reasonably incorporated into a client-server architecture.

HTML

We have decided to use HTML to implement the front end of our application because we find that it is the most simple and effective way to send and receive requests based on a web form. The HTML code we will write will allow a user to submit a form on a web page, which will then be used to trigger a request to our API (https://www.refugerestrooms.org/api/docs). Using HTML, we are able to reference our API and get back a response, which can then be displayed on the web page. We should note that the web page is hosted locally, meaning that the API is called from on the client's local machine.

We chose MongoDB because it is a nonrelational database, making it optimal for performance purposes. Though we are still unsure as to the amount of data that we will need to store, MongoDB is a useful tool in case our project would ever need to be scale, whereas using a relational database could compromise performance of our application. Additionally, MongoDB's key-value and document-oriented structure lends itself well to our project, which requires that more work be done on the server end (thin-client architecture), making it all the more necessary to have an effective database tool which can quickly fetch data and return it to the .

Node.js (Backend)

We chose to use Node.js because it can be easily weaved into the event-driven process of our project. Since our application does not require any heavy computations, requires limited activity from the client and is more data-intensive on the server side, Node.js simply makes more sense. Even with the hypothetical scenario in mind in which our project would need to be scalable, Node.js is able to handle concurrent requests, meaning that many clients could be serviced without compromising performance.

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	Address: 363 Old Colony Rd, Norton, Massachusetts, US Name: Subway Sandwiches & Salads
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Our prototype works by taking the user's current position and using that to call the api to list all the bathrooms nearby.

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CS411 Project Assignment #3 - Prototyping API calls

For this assignment your team will prototype a web page or two that will make a query to one of the APIs that you have selected for your project and display the results, using your chosen technology stack.

Requirements:

- 1. Display a web form to allow the user to search for an item from the API feed.
 - a. For example, if you are using the wine.com API, you might have a form that allows the user to search for the name of a particular wine.
- 2. Make a call to your API, passing the selection from the form.
- 3. Parse and display the results of the search
 - a. For example, if the result is a JSON object, for example, parse it out and display the data on your page. Since this is a prototype, it doesn't need to be fancy, so don't worry about colors and styles and the like. There's a lot to figure out here; if you get stuck, send me a note or post on Piazza for advice. Remember that Postman is your friend in getting the call to the API correct.

Deliverables:

- 1. A link to your team's github repo containing your prototype code. Place it in a folder called 'prototype'.
- 2. Two screen captures in the same folder, one showing the state of the browser prior to submitting data, and one showing the result.
- 3. A document explaining why you chose the technology stack that you are demonstrating; I'd like the team to consider a minimum of two technology stacks (Node, Django, etc). Describe the process and reasoning the team used to select the stack, and explain why you chose it over the other. The doc should be added to your 'docs' folder on github.

 (In progress, will share/add soon Michelle)