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It’s POPCORNtime!

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# Executive Summary

The project is a web-based application that can be used to order food in the cinema from their seat in the screen. The application is built using HTML, CSS, JavaScript and a Paypal Api or mock Payment method. There will be a feature for Users to be able to register and log on to the application.   
Its’s main feature will be selecting products, viewing within a cart and then purchasing through a payment method. The order will then be sent for fulfilment by the cinema staff who will deliver it to the user in their seat.

# Introduction

## Background

The idea for my application came whilst visiting the cinema with a friend who is in a wheelchair. Due to complications with travel that day to the cinema we were running late, but we had pre-booked tickets, so we had rushed in to the cinema. We got to our seats just as the movie began, although we had planned to get food we bypassed the counter because we were running late. I then noticed a couple arrive with popcorn and drinks 15 minutes in and had missed the beginning of the movie.

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Also in Australia MasterCard have created an application called QkR which uses NFC or QR codes where the customer can scan the arm rest of the chair to order and pay for food.

## Aims

My objective is to create a web based application for consumers to order food from their seat within the cinema screen or to pre-order before they arrive.  
This will be achieve using a web based application called “**It’s POPCORNTime**”.

The web application will require Users to register for an account which will save personal information such as their full name, email, contact number, address and credit card information. They will then log on through a Login Page using an email and password.

I also plan on having an Admin Console. This will be a local Administrator view that the cinema or theatre managers will be able to access.   
From here they will be able to create items for sale with a simple form. Also set and change advertisements or set percentage discounts that can be accessed by the user by them inputting a special code. The admin will be able to set this code. The well as create items, Adverts or Promotions, the admin-user will be able to Edit or remove items from displaying on the user’s page, meaning they can change the price of the item, or delete it altogether, making it unavailable to purchase and will not be displayed to the users.  
Another feature will be they can add promotional text to the to display on the Index Page. This text may be able to be transformed using font styling html 5 and css 3 tags. The placement on the index page will remain the same.

This will also be tested for cross site scripting and Injection attacks for security. To aid prevention of attacks the tags allowed will be limited and the text will be kept as a string. It will not be linked to a database.

Another potential feature may be to view and collect the anonymous data which could be used for research. This can then be used to view how popular an item is, the number of registered users who access the web application. As well as how many purchases are made after clicking the guest option. This data will be displayed to the Admin in a table or chart to help them know their clientele better and cater to them to provide a better service.

This would be supplemented by an automated user experience survey they can send after purchase.

The main focus for this application will be based on:

1. the Security of the Web Application against attacks,
2. the authentication of the users
3. And the secure encryption of the database.
4. And implementing secure payment process.
5. **The Security of the Application**

According to OWASP, 60% of Web based applications are vulnerable to SQL injection, Cross-Site Scripting and other forms of attacks.  
The intention is to make sure that “*It’s Popcorn Time!”* is secure against such attacks and will be thoroughly tested to detect and eliminate these vulnerabilities.

1. **The authentication of Users**

This will be achieved by users being required to verify their email address after registration. They will also have to set security questions and answers for password recovery during the registration process. The password the user sets will have to meet strict requirements.

1. **Encryption of the database**

This is done to secure the most sensitive user data such as users address, contact number but most importantly their credit card information.

1. **Secure Purchasing Process**

Provided by the PayPal API. The User will add items to the cart then then it’s sent to paypal where they can log in with a paypal account or use their card through the paypal guest Payment function.  
Ideally there Verified by visa will also be implemented during the purchase process.

The challenge of developing this application, will be in implementing the above, as I have had little experience in the secure development of any application. Although I have some previous experience implementing a log in with simple authentication. I may also try setting a log in with google or Microsoft account features.

## Technologies

C#: The programming language I plan to use.

JavaScript: Another programming Language I plan to use for Seat Selection.

HTML: Hypertext Markup Language, a web design language.

Bootstrap CSS: The term for Mobile CSS that is a form of Responsive Web Design

CSS: Cascading Style Sheets, used to style the appearance.

Sublime Text: The Text editor used for development.

React JS: A form of JavaScript.

PayPal API: Specifically, the Payment Buttons.

XAMPP: The localhost server Application used to host the development website.

## Structure

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# System

## Requirements

**1.2 Main Functional Requirement Details and Main Flows**

**1.2.2.1 Requirement 1 <Order Process>**

1. **Description & Priority**

This Requirement is part of the core basis of the application.

Either a Registered user or a guest user will go through this process. The User will input their seat location on the ‘Seat and Screen’ Page form. They will then progress to the ‘Item Selection’ page and select items they wish to purchase which will be added to the ‘cart’ for purchase. The User may then view and edit items in the ‘cart’ before purchasing.

**Use case**

ID

01

**Scope**

The scope of this use case is for a user to complete the three main steps of the web application and progress to the final step.

**Description**

This use case describes how the user starts the main process of the web application, the user will input the seat number and select the screen number, then press the ‘next’ button.

The user will then progress to the ‘item selection’ page where they will then select the items they wish to purchase and then press the ‘next’ button. They can then View the items they selected before purchasing before starting the payment process by clicking the ‘next’(Buy) button

**Flow Description**

**Precondition**

• Mobile device has Internet connection.

**Activation**

The use case starts when a user Logs in or clicks the Guest button.

**Main flow:**

1. The user has progressed to the ‘Screen and Seat Selection’ page.

2. The application displays the ‘Screen and Seat Selection’ page.

3. The user selects, from the dropdown box, the screen they are in.

4. The user enters(selects) their seat location.

5. The user clicks the ‘next’ button.

6. The application displays the ‘Item Select’ page.

7. The User will then locate the items they wish to purchase on the page.

8. The User will select the size of the item using the radio button.

9. Then the user will select how many items they wish to purchase by using the counter on the side.

10. The user will then click the ‘next’ (add to cart) button.

11. The application will display the ‘cart’ page.

12. The user may edit, delete items or items amounts, or click the ‘next’ (Buy) button to purchase items

**Alternate flow**

**A1 : <User did not input screen and/or seat number>**

1. The user does not select a seat and/or screen number on the ‘Screen and Seat Selection’ Page.

2. The Application displays an error message to user stating they Cannot progress without inputting the screen and/or seat number.

3. The use case continues at position 3 of the Main Flow.

**A2 : <User has not selected any items or item Size>**

1. The User has progressed to position 7 of main flow and has not selected an item size and/or any items at all, then tries to progress by clicking the ‘next’ (Add to Cart) Button.

2. The Application displays an error informing the User that they must select an item and/or an item size before continuing.

3. The Use case continues at position 7 of main flow.

**A3 : <User Edits Cart Items: Item Amount>**

1. The user has progressed to position 11 of main flow.

2. The User chooses to add/reduce the amount of an item.

3. The user does this by increasing or decreasing the counter beside the item.

4. The User then progresses to purchase items by clicking the ‘next’ (buy) button.

**A4 : <User Edits the Cart Item: Removes Item>**

1. The User has progressed to position 11 of main flow.

2. The User chooses to remove an item from the cart.

3. The user does this by either decreasing the counter to ‘0’ or by clicking the ‘X’ (delete) button.

4. The Application refreshes the ‘Cart’ Page, and the item has been removed.

5. The User progress to purchase item(s) by clicking the next ‘buy’ Button.

**Exceptional flow**

**E1 : <User Decides to add more items to the cart>**

1. The User has progressed to position 11 of the main flow.

2. The user realises they had to forget to add an item or chooses to add more items, so the User clicks the ‘Back’ Button to return to the ‘Item Selection’ Page.

3. The Application saves the Items already in the cart.

4. The Application displays the ‘Item Selection’ Page.

5. The User Continues from position 7 of the main flow.

**Termination**

The Application closes.

**Post condition**

Once the user has completed this requirement, The Application will display the ‘Payment’ Screen and the user progresses to the ‘Payment Process’.

**1.2.2.2 Requirement 2 <Payment Process>**

**Description & Priority**

This Requirement is part of the core basis of the App. The User must complete this to purchase their items. The User will input credit cards details e.g. cardholder name, select card type, card number, card expiration date and card security code.

This maybe done using a PayPal API for security and time constraints. The user will then select the ‘pay’ button.

**Use case**

ID

02

**Scope**

The scope of this requirements is that users may pay for their order safely and securely.

**Description**

The use case describes the payment process the user must go through the user must go through to finalize the purchase of the items they selected

**Flow Description**

**Precondition**

• Internet Connection

• Requirement 1 has been completed.

**Activation**

The Use Case starts at when the user presses the ‘next’ button on the ‘cart’ page.

**Main flow:**

1. The user has completed Requirement 1 Main Flow by pressing the ‘next’ button on the cart page.

2. The Application loads the ‘payment’ Page.

3. The user inputs the required details.

4. The user enters Cardholder Name.

a. The user selects the card type from the drop-down box. E.g. Visa, Visa debit, Mastercard.

b. The user enters the card number.

c. The user will input the card expiration date.

d. The user enters the 3-digit Security Code.

5. The User selects the ‘Pay’ button

6. The App then submits the transaction Request along with the credit card information, which is security transmitted to the payment gateway. The details are encrypted so no-one can see the users card details.

The card details will be verified, and that the user has sufficient funds to complete the transaction.

7. If the user’s details are valid and there is enough funds, then the transaction amount will be transaction amount will be transferred from users bank account to the Merchants account.

8. Once transfer is complete and confirmed. The Application will display a ‘Confirmation’ Message on the Payment Page.

**Alternate flow**

**A1 : <Details Input Incorrectly>**

1. The user has not filled in any details or left any part blank.

2. The Application displays an error message, informing the user that all details required to progress.

3. The user continues at position 2 of the Payment Page.

**Exceptional flow**

E1 : <Username already exists>

1. The use case has completed step 5 of the main flow.

2. The application submits transaction request and card information.

3. The transaction is declined due to invalid details

4. The Application displays an error message to user stating the transaction has been declined due to invalid details.

5. The users continue at position 2 of main flow.

**E2 : <Insufficient Funds>**

1. The use case has completed step 5 of the main flow.

2. The Application submits transaction request and card information.

3. The transaction is processed, but declined due to insufficient funds.

4. The Application displays an error message to user stating the transaction has been declined due to insufficient funds.

5. The App Closes.

**Termination**

The Application processes has completed.

**Post condition**

The items have been paid for and the order will be dispatched and delivered to the user.

**1.2.2.3 Requirement 3 < Seasonal Advertisements>**

**Description & Priority**

Medium priority.

Throughout the year at specific times/events the cinema will offer promotions or advertisements for movie releases. The Application will have sample time-based Advertisements or promotions for example during summer months (may – july) a promotion of “buy one cold drink, get one half price”, or at Christmas (December) a “two tickets for one” or “kids go free at Easter (March). These Advertisement will be part of the application but will only display in the specific time frame of the time/event, in this case during the calendar months.

**Use case**

**ID**

05

**Scope**

The scope of this use case is that the Application will display the seasonal advertisements and promotions at the correct time of year.

**Description**

This use case describes how and when the seasonal Advertisements and promotions should be displayed within the application.

**Flow Description**

**Precondition**

• Application must be running.

**Activation**

The use case begins when the application is started by the user.

**Main flow:**

1. The user opens the Application.

2. The Application checks the system Date and Time.

3. The Application compares to current system date and time against the present calendar month that corresponds to the Seasonal Events, and it matches.

4. The Application will then display the Correct ads for that seasonal event on screen to the user.

**Alternate flow**

A1 : <Not a Month of a seasonal Time of Year>

1. The user opens the Application.

2. The Application checks the system Date and Time.

3. The Application compares the current system Date and Time to the preset calendar month that corresponds to the seasonal events, but it does not match.

4. Then the Application displays a default advertisement for the cinema for the remaining months until it matches with a month corresponding to a seasonal event.

**Exceptional flow**

**E1 : <Advertisements do not display>**

1. The user opens the Application.

2. The Application checks the system Date and Time.

3. The Application fails to display the advertisements or promotions.

4. The User should still be able to continue to use the Application as normal.

**Termination**

The Application Closes

Post condition

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### Non-Functional Requirements

#### Performance/Response time requirement

The System will be required to run in real-time and be able to be completed in less than 5 minutes Start to finish, with no more than a few seconds delay.

#### Availability requirement

Initially it should also be available only during the opening time of the cinema e.g. 5pm – 11pm, no purchases should be processed outside of this time.

#### Security requirement

There should be specific roles set with different permissions for accessing, reading, editing and deleting information.

All code must be secured.

#### Maintainability requirement

Admin must have access and permissions to allow them maintain the system.

#### Data requirements

##### Database Backup

The Database must be backed up to a separate SQL file that will be stored on cloud storage.

##### Database Recovery

The Database must be able to be restored from the Backup SQL file that stored on cloud storage.

## User requirements

## Environmental requirements

## Usability requirements

## Design and Architecture

## Implementation

## Graphical User Interface (GUI) Layout

The Webpages used in the web application are shown below:

* Start Page
* Login Page
* Registration
* Screen and Seat Selection Page (removed)
* Item Selection Page
* Cart Page
* Payment Page
* My Account Page

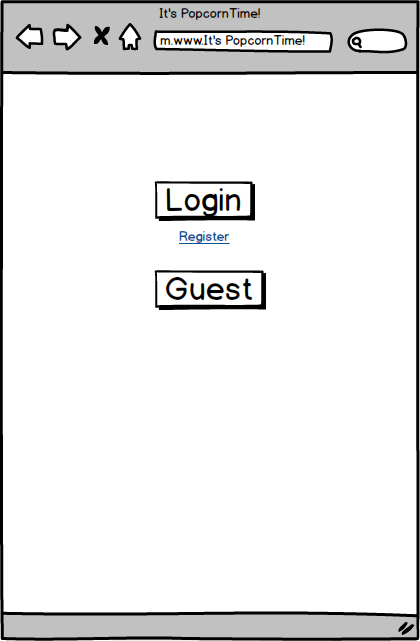
All pages except the start page will also display a menu with buttons to the ‘my account’ page and a log out button, if they have logged on. Also buttons to the ‘Cart’ and ‘Screen and Seating’ page from which they may start the payment process or view their selected items.

### Start\_Page

This is the first page the user sees when they visit the web applications URL. It is simple and straight forward offering the users the options to go to the:

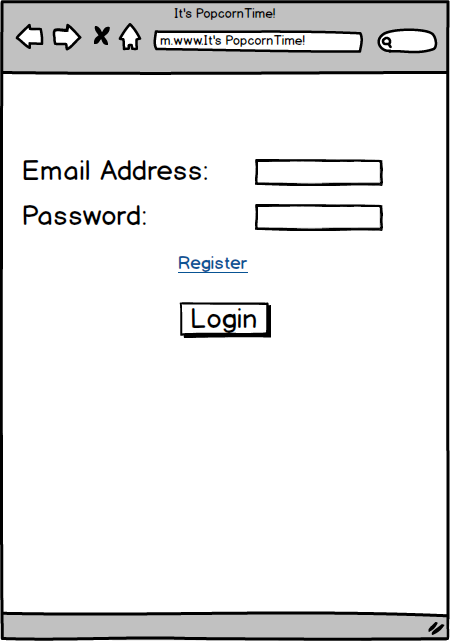
* Login to the Web Application
* To Register to Use the Application
* Or to continue without Logging in or registering

Below is an example of what the page may look like:



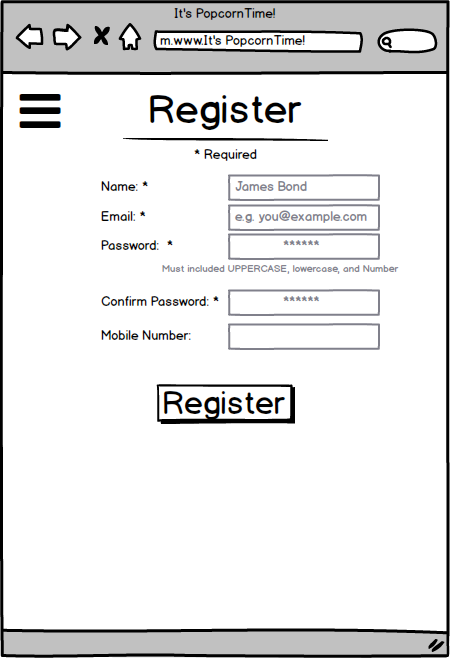
### Login

This is an important page in the Application, Here the user will be required to log in to the application using their Email and the Password they set up on Registration. This page has both inputs and a connection to the Database so it has to provide a secure connection to the database and the input boxes must have protection against Injection attacks. Below is an example of what the page may look like:



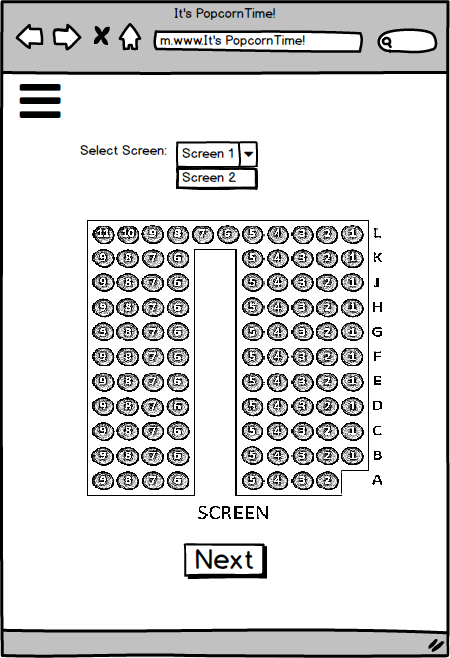
### Registration

This is another Important page of the application. Here the user will register for an account to use the application and save their details. They will be required to provide a Full name, an Email Address, and to create and confirm a password. They will also be given the option to provide a mobile number. Again this page also has both inputs and a connection to the Database so it has to provide a secure connection to the database and the input boxes must have protection against Injection attacks. Below is an example of what the page may look like:



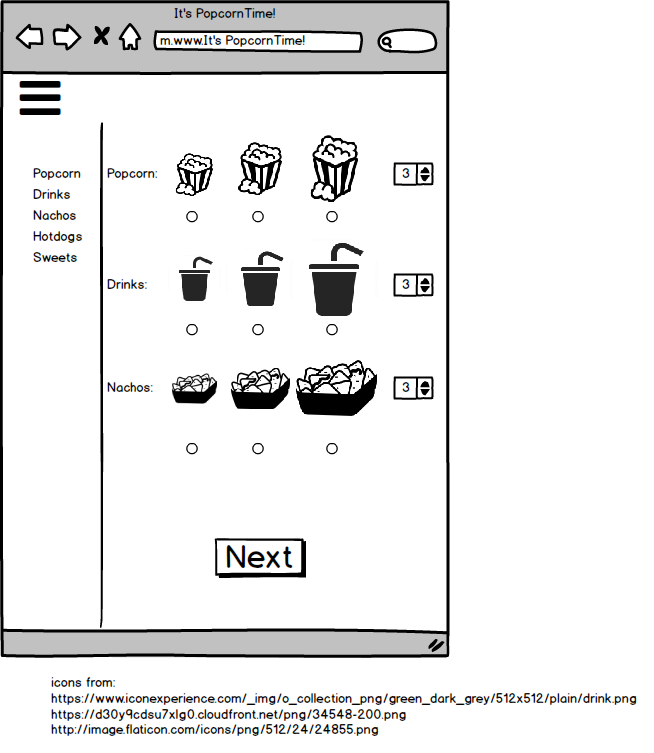
### Screen and Seat Selection (removed)

On this page the user will select the screen that they are in. Once they select a screen a seating map will load below. The user will then select the seat they are sitting in by clicking the seat on the map before continuing to the next page. Below is an example of what the page may look like:



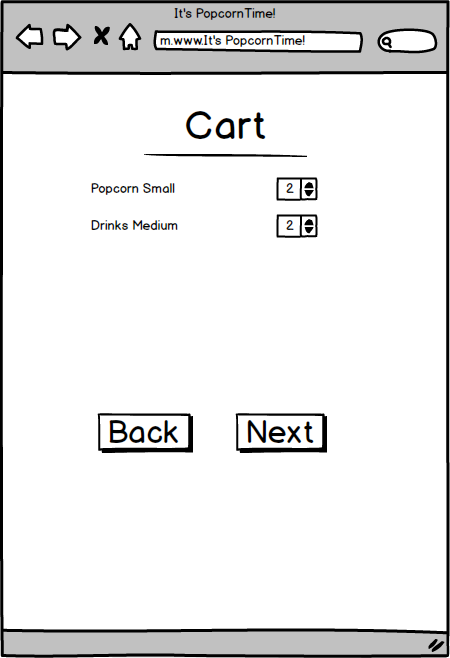
### Item Selection

This page will be a single page listing the items available for purchase there will be a quick link side bar that will list the chosen specific types of items available e.g. Drinks, Popcorn etc. and the number of that item that they would like.  
The user will also be shown 3 size options for each Item and for drinks the various flavours available. Below is an example of what the page may look like:



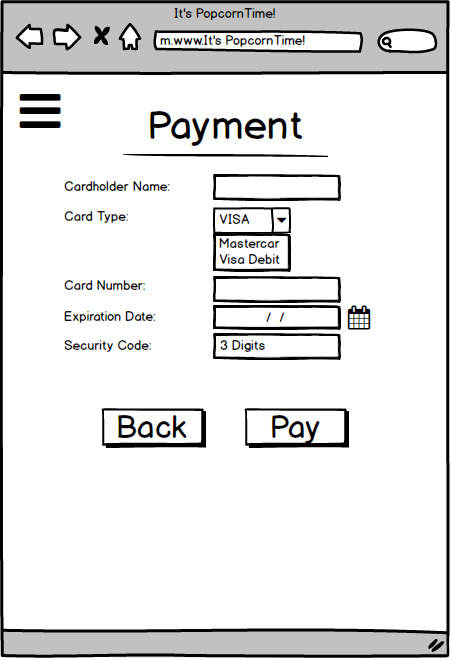
### Cart

This page will list all the items and the number of each item that the user has selected for purchase. It will also show the breakdown and cost for the total order and the option to return to select more items to add to the cart, delete/remove and item or continue to the payment process (also, where it will give the option to input coupon code or select discount [OAP/Student] which be factored in to the total price.) Below is an example of what the page may look like:



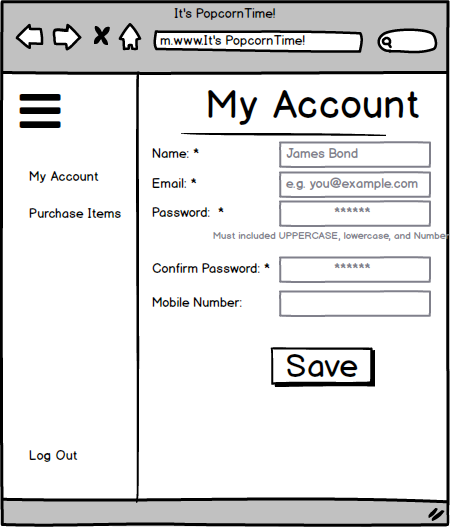
### Payment

This is the most important page of the application. Here the user will use their credit card (or PayPal) account to pay for their order. Since this will require the input of Credit Card details and the charging of money for the user’s order it has to be the most secure page in the application protected against all forms of attacks with a secure connection to outside resources (PayPal log in, company accounts). Below is an example of what the page may look like:



### Menu Bar and My Account Screen

The Menu bar will appear on all screens as stated above. On the My account page the user will be able to view and edit their account details except their name (email, password, and Mobile number only) that they input into the application when registering. Below is an example of what the page may look like:



## Testing

Unit testing

## Customer testing

User testing

## Evaluation

Testing results

# Conclusions

# Further development or research

For further development

# References

# Appendix

## Project Proposal

### Introduction

This project proposal is a document which outlines the proposed objectives, background, solutions for the chosen project. It will be used to identify and define what the project proposal is in its entirety.

The outline of the project is to create a web based application solely for the use of customers in a cinema. It will allow the user to:

* Register for an account. Storing their personal information such as:
  + Full name
  + Email address
  + Contact number
  + Home address
  + Credit Card details
* Then use the account to purchase Food items sold by the Cinema using their smart phone, and selecting the screen and exact seat they are sitting in.
  + The food will be then delivered to the customer by an usher.
* There will also be a guest account setting, for one-times users who do not wish to setup an account, but will be able to pay using their credit card.

My idea is for an Web Application App for people to use before or in the cinema.  
In the App the will be able to select and pay for food from the comfort of their cinema seat or in advance, which the usher will deliver directly to them, or when they arrive at the movie.   
This is so that that the users won’t have to miss part of the film if they need to run out for food or drink halfway through or won’t have to waste time queuing.   
Hopefully this technology could, at a later stage, also provide a ticket purchasing system.

The users will be able to order through the App by setting up an account and log in, selecting the food type, and portion size, that the cinema provides e.g. two Large Popcorn. Or by selecting and ordering a deal on offer e.g. Medium popcorn and drink for €10.  
They will select the time and screen of the movie they are in/going to, and then click their exact seat location on a seating map.  Then they will go through a secure payment process and pay using a saved card option or one-time card payment. I also looked in to using NFC payments using a Credit Card with "contact-less" as a possibility. Their order will be sent to the cinema counter to be filled and delivered.

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### Technical Approach

I will be researching methods and different types of Encryption for the Database. I plan to research and look in to tools for encryption, primarily by online research. I plan to research how to create and implement a secure User Authentication System that I will use in the Web Application, like verifying email after registration, protecting from SQL Injection and Cross-Site Scripting attacks. I also plan on building the application by using what I will learn in my secure application programming module.

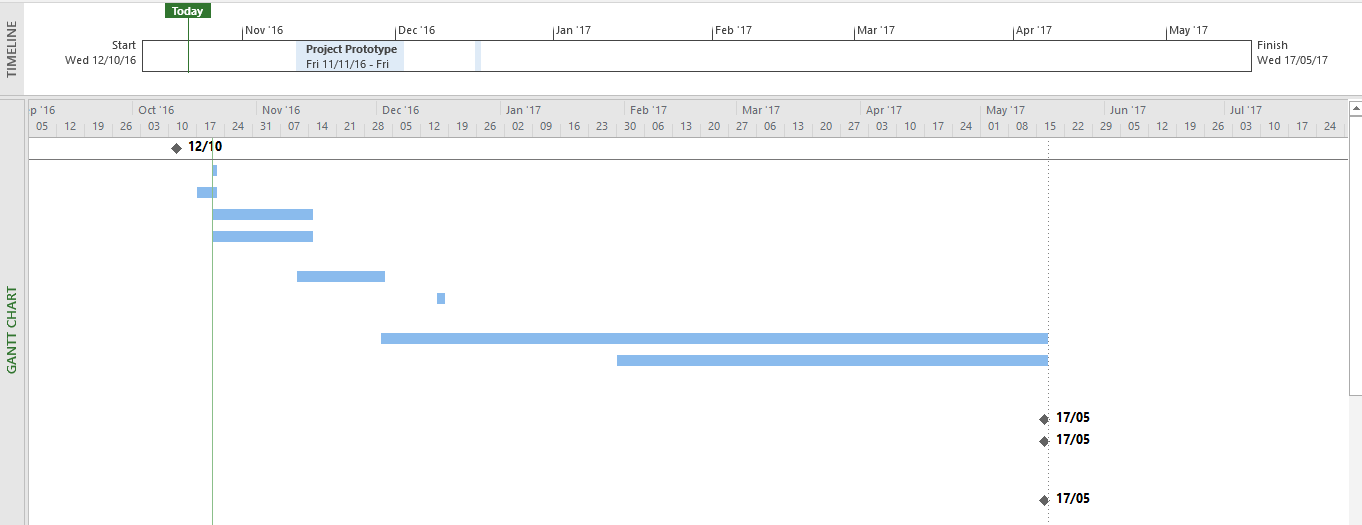
### Special resources required

Due to only starting to fully research the project this week after I received approval to continue I am uncertain of the types of technology that I will need to use for my project. Since I am familiar with using Visual Studio to build a web application from a previous module I think I will probably use this,

## Project Plan

Gantt chart using Microsoft Project with details on implementation steps and timelines

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| Task Mode | Task Name | Duration | Start | Finish |
| Auto Scheduled | Project Pitch | 0 days | Wed 12/10/16 | Wed 12/10/16 |
| Auto Scheduled | Project Approval | 1 day | Fri 21/10/16 | Fri 21/10/16 |
| Auto Scheduled | Project Proposal | 5 days | Mon 17/10/16 | Fri 21/10/16 |
| Auto Scheduled | Project Research | 17 days | Fri 21/10/16 | Mon 14/11/16 |
| Auto Scheduled | Project Requirement Specs | 17 days | Fri 21/10/16 | Mon 14/11/16 |
| Auto Scheduled | Project Prototype | 16 days | Fri 11/11/16 | Fri 02/12/16 |
| Auto Scheduled | Midpoint Presentation | 2 days | Fri 16/12/16 | Sat 17/12/16 |
| Auto Scheduled | Building Application | 120 days | Fri 02/12/16 | Wed 17/05/17 |
| Auto Scheduled | Final Project Hard Copies Documentation | 78 days | Mon 30/01/17 | Wed 17/05/17 |
| Auto Scheduled | Showcase Materials | 0 days | Wed 17/05/17 | Wed 17/05/17 |
| Auto Scheduled | Software and Documentation Upload | 0 days | Wed 17/05/17 | Wed 17/05/17 |
| Auto Scheduled | Project Presentation | 0 days | Wed 17/05/17 | Wed 17/05/17 |



## Monthly Journals

### Reflective Journal September 2016

Student name: Shane O’Brien

Programme (e.g., BSc in Computing): Cyber Security Stream

Month: September 2016

**My Achievements**

The past few weeks, I came up with an idea for my software project to develop an Android application for cinema customers to use to order and pay food without having to walk out of the movie. I also planned to add a pre-order and pay for customers to use before arriving at the cinema. I also had planned to build a custom payment system in keeping with my stream of Cyber security.

**My Reflection**

I thought I had come up with a unique and innovative idea, but whilst doing research I discovered that there are similar ideas/products being developed in North America and Australia.

I also looked in to using NFC payments using a Credit Card with ‘contactless’ but due to some security concerns about stealing credit card information I decided against it.

I done the project pitch on Wednesday 5th OCT, with Keith Maycock, Adrina Cris and Joe Molumby.

I was a little nervous and I don’t think I explained my idea very well. I surmised my idea for them explaining what it was for and that I had intended to build a custom payment system and develop it with using what I learned in Secure Application Programming. I also forgot to mention my research in to NFC payments. They said my idea wasn’t complex enough to be a 4th year project and that they would discuss it.

Since I am awaiting the final decision on my project idea, I have been unable to start any real work on my software project due to this I have not been assigned a supervisor.

### Reflective Journal October 2016

Student name: Shane O’Brien

Programme (e.g., BSc in Computing): Cyber Security Stream

Month: October 2016

**My Achievements**

I got my project idea approved with some slight enfaces in regards to my stream with help from Sara Kadry, and Eugene McLaughlin. I was also Assigned Eugene as my Supervisor I uploaded my project proposal and currently working on the Requirements Specification for my project.

**My Reflection**

After the project pitch I was told I would find out at a later point if my idea was approved. Unfortunately, due to illness I missed an extra class and meeting held for the cyber security stream on the following Monday 10/10. I then emailed Eamon on Wednesday and also spoke to him in person he suggested I talk to the Cyber Security lectures Eugene and Sara for help. I was under the impression that I needed their approval to continue with my project Idea they both gave me advice and signed off on my Idea.

Although I discovered in class on Monday 17/10, when I went to inform Eamon, that they had approved my idea and he informed me that I wasn’t on the list of people whose ideas were rejected, and my idea had been approved from the very beginning. This cost me time to work on the Project proposal which was due on Friday 21/10.

Under a lot of stress due to a separate assignment due for AI and the time constraints I managed to throw together a project proposal and upload it on time. On the Saturday 22/10 I was assigned Eugene McLaughlin as my Supervisor. Unfortunately, I have yet to speak to him as I missed a Wednesday class and he was absent due to personal reasons on the Thursday.

I emailed him on the Friday about arranging a meeting on reading week and again last Tuesday of reading week but have yet to hear back due to Eugene being out of the office. I’m not too concerned as I know I will hear from him when he returns.

**Intended Changes**

Speaking to Sara Kadry about my project she recommended that there are three security properties within my project that I can focus on:

1. “Strong authentication mechanism to prove the user's identification every time when the user logins.”

2. “Database encryption which is encrypted the user's sensitive information such as credit card details.”

3. “Protection against The SQL injection because your app depends on searching and executing query to database”.

Also it was suggested to develop my project as a web application. I also realised that there were potentially a number of problems of trying to develop it as an Android Application in regards to the payment aspect which would require me to use Google Plays In-App billing system meaning I would be unable to develop my own payment system.

The above suggestions are now part of my main focus for the application.

## Other Material Used