
System Requirements Specification

for

Speech Recognition for Air Traffic Control

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Revision History

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

Flight training can be difficult when it comes to flight planning, aeronautical sectional map reading, and understanding ATC communications. The software should aid in flight training by allowing users to track real-time flights, display live ATC communications, and toggle between Google Maps and aeronautical sectional charts.

Fall Mission Statement

By the end of the first semester, our group plans to complete the display of an aeronautical map on addition to a Google map and support various scales for the chart. We also plan on being able to transcribe the live speeches from LiveATC by building a special speech recognizer to transcribe these communications.

1.2 Document Conventions

1.3 Intended Audience and Reading Suggestions

Intended Audience

Primary stakeholders: Dr. Liu, Dr. Schneider

Secondary stakeholders: ERAU Flight Department

- Common Definitions

Name	Definition
ASR	(Automated Speech Recognition) Allows users to input information via speech rather than inputting information using a keyboard.
ATC	(Air Traffic Control) Traffic controlling facility used in the United States for the purpose of directing air traffic
API	(Application Programming Interface) Software intermediary which allows multiple applications to communicate.
GUI	(Graphical User Interface) Multimedia interface user interacts with to use program.
NeMo	A NVIDIA toolkit for building AI models with ASR, NLP, and TTS models.
NLP	Natural Language Processing
TTS	Text-to-Speech
VFR	(Visual Flight Rules) A set of regulations that an aircraft can use to operate under clear, sunny weather conditions.

Table 1: Common definitions for acronyms found throughout the document.

1.4 Product Scope

- Scope
 - Web-based GUI ASR app
 - Display of Google Map with toggle of VFR Aeronautical Map for the Jacksonville sectional
 - Display scales for the maps
 - Display aircraft tracking with tracking information
 - Using LiveATC, transcribe live speech with specific speech recognizer
 - Display transcribed text in a movable box.
 - Allow users to zoom in or out of a map
- Potential Scope
 - Allow for audio to be replayed and saved
 - Allow audio to play, pause, fast-forward, rewind, and stop for replays
 - Save automatically generated transcripts
 - Allow users to edit transcripts then save the changed transcript
 - User can upload audio files, as well as any transcripts, that are saved to a central location
 - Allow user to make a list of navigational aids/landmarks from a user specified location.
 - Replay mode should allow for data to be extracted and displayed from the transcribed text
 - Live mode should allow for data to be extracted and displayed from the transcribed text.
 - Toggle icons on the VFR map
 - Display sectional areas outside of the Jacksonville sectional
 - Allow users to save/create custom maps
- Outside of Scope
 - Isolation of noncommunication sound from audio files
 - Allow users to have a help window to show the step-by-step process of how to use the program

1.5 References

Map References

- VFR Charts: https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/vfr/
- Leaflet: <https://www.earthdatascience.org/tutorials/introduction-to-leaflet-animated-maps/>
 - https://medium.com/@shachiakyaagba_41915/integrating-folium-with-dash-5338604e7c56
- Plotly Dash: <https://dash.plotly.com/layout>

NeMo References

- <https://docs.nvidia.com/deeplearning/nemo/user-guide/docs/en/stable/starthere/intro.html>

2. Overall Description

2.1 Product Perspective

The product being specified in this SRS was an idea by Dr. Liu of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. The product is an improvement of a concept that already exists in multiple instances on the internet. Websites such as Flightradar24 display interactive maps with icons of aircraft updates in real time as they travel around. Additional details for flights are also displayed upon request. The end goal is to recreate this functionality but extend it with adding live ATC communication transcriptions for each aircraft upon request. This transcription will be displayed along with the flight information in a popup window when an aircraft is clicked.



Figure 1: This diagram shows the major components of the system and how they interact with each other. The user is interacting with the Interactive Map, which then gets its information from the other aspects of the system.

2.2 Product Functions

There are three main groups of product functions for this system. Each group's functions are summarized below. The functions represent what is being performed on the system by the group.

User-performed:

- Clicking on an aircraft
- Toggling between the interactive map and VFR map
- Zooming and panning the map

Product-performed:

- Display aircraft icons overlayed on top of the map in accurate locations
- Refresh the aircraft icons on the map
- Retrieve the flight information and ATC communication data for a selected flight
- Transcribe the ATC communication and display on the page

Maintainer-performed:

- Training the model with audio and transcriptions that already have been proven accurate
- Verifying transcriptions made by the model

2.3 User Classes and Characteristics

The two user classes that are the most prevalent are user and maintainer. The user is just anyone who is accessing the website, and the maintainer ensures the transcriptions keep working well.

User:

- Description: The user will want to move the map, toggle the map type, browse flights, and view ATC transcriptions. The user can be anyone accessing the website, so the website should be intuitive enough for any knowledge level.

- Expertise: The user is expected to have basic knowledge about flight tracking and pilot and controller terms given they are interested in the website's content.
- Importance: High

Maintainer:

- Description: The maintainer will perform the initial training of the model and validate future model predictions for transcriptions.
- Expertise: The maintainer is expected to have in-depth knowledge about pilot and controller terms. They should be able to recognize mistakes in the transcriptions of ATC audio data.
- Importance: Medium

2.4 Operating Environment

The website will be running on a Python 3 web server that will be hosted on a Linux machine being provided to us by Dr. Liu. It must be able to open the port for the website for visitors to access the website, and it must have internet access to be able to retrieve data from APIs.

The model training must be performed on a dedicated Nvidia graphics card. The machine being provided to us has a graphics card that meets these requirements, so remote access to this machine will be set up to perform the training even when not present. NeMo also requires Python 3.6 or higher and Pytorch 1.8.1 or higher.

2.5 Design and Implementation Constraints

<Describe any items or issues that will limit the options available to the developers. These might include corporate or regulatory policies; hardware limitations (timing requirements, memory requirements); interfaces to other applications; specific technologies, tools, and databases to be used; parallel operations; language requirements; communications protocols; security considerations; design conventions or programming standards (for example, if the customer's organization will be responsible for maintaining the delivered software).>

2.6 User Documentation

2.7 Assumptions and Dependencies

3. External Interface Requirements

3.1 User Interfaces

3.2 Hardware Interfaces

3.3 Software Interfaces

3.4 Communications Interfaces

4. System Features

This section outlines the functional requirements for the product. It is organized by use cases.

4.1 Display Interactive Map

4.1.1 Description and Priority

On the main page of the website, an interactive map is displayed. It is a high requirement because it is the main feature of the website.

4.1.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences

The user loading the website causes the website to load first.

4.1.3 Functional Requirements

1. The interactive map shall be loaded upon the initial load of the website.

4.2 Display Planes on Maps

4.2.1 Description and Priority

Overlaid on top of the maps, icons of aircraft for every active flight with data available are shown. They are updated every 1 second.

4.2.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences

When the map is moved, the plane icons should stay at the coordinates that they belong at. This means that they move when the map moves.

4.2.3 Functional Requirements

2. The user shall be able to click on a plane in the interactive map to view a popup with any available information about the flight.

3. The user shall be able to click on a plane in the physical map to view a popup with any available information about the flight.
4. The planes on the interactive map will stay at the actual coordinates that they belong at when the map is moved.
5. The planes on the physical map will stay at the actual coordinates that they belong at when the map is moved.

4.3 Display Flight Information on Interactive Map

4.3.1 Description and Priority

After the user selects an aircraft icon on the map, the website will show a popup with available flight information. This will include things such as flight name, destination and origin.

4.3.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences

The popup is displayed when the user selects an aircraft icon on the map. If the user clicks away, the popup goes away.

4.3.3 Functional Requirements

6. The user shall be able to click on any aircraft icon on the map to display a popup with flight information for that flight.
7. The flight information shall include origin, destination and name.

4.4 Display ATC Transcription on Interactive Map

4.4.1 Description and Priority

On the popup that appears when the user selects an aircraft icon, a live transcription of the ATC communication is displayed below the aircraft information. This transcription is updated in real time.

4.4.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences

The popup is displayed when the user selects an aircraft icon on the map. If the user clicks away, the popup goes away.

4.4.3 Functional Requirements

8. The user shall be able to view the live transcription of ATC communications for any aircraft that they click the icon for.
9. The live transcription of ATC communications shall be updated once per second.

4.5 Toggle between Interactive and Detailed Map

4.5.1 Description and Priority

There is a toggle button on the main page of the website that, when clicked, toggles the interactive and detailed maps. The map that is shown when the website is initially loaded is the interactive map. When clicking the button, it will be switched to the detailed map.

4.5.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences

The map is toggled when the toggle button is clicked. When one map is displayed, the other is hidden.

4.5.3 Functional Requirements

10. The interactive map shall be replaced with the detailed map when the user clicks the toggle button.

4.6 Controls for Maps

4.6.1 Description and Priority

Both the interactive and detailed maps will have the same map controls. These include buttons to zoom in and out, and the ability to click and drag to pan around the map.

4.6.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences

Both versions of the map will be interactive. Clicking and dragging on the map in any direction will cause the map to move with the mouse. This feature is called panning. There will also be buttons to zoom in and out on the maps.

4.6.3 Functional Requirements

11. The user shall press the plus button to zoom in on the interactive map.
12. The user shall press the minus button to zoom out on the interactive map.
13. The user shall click and drag on the map in any direction to make the interactive map move in that same direction.
14. The user shall press the plus button to zoom in on the physical map.
15. The user shall press the minus button to zoom out on the physical map.
16. The user shall click and drag on the map in any direction to make the physical map move in that same direction.

5. Other Nonfunctional Requirements

5.1 Performance Requirements

5.2 Safety Requirements

5.3 Security Requirements

5.4 Software Quality Attributes

5.5 Business Rules

6. Other Requirements

Appendix A: Glossary

Appendix B: Analysis Models

Appendix C: To Be Determined List