

1 Overall Description

1.1 Product Perspective

The platform aims at replacing the traditional means of communication between taxi drivers and customers, and it is therefore designed as a stand-alone entity that is able to operate with a minimum set of dependencies towards external systems.

The external interfaces on which the system relies, in order to be operational, are described in the following subsections.

1.1.1 System Interfaces

- Google Maps API: used in both the back-end and the taxi-side applications, this free API is necessary to elaborate routes and display maps. The system interacts with the API through standard GET requests.
- GPS: this well known system is required by the mobile applications to get information about the users' position. The interaction happens through the standard GPS protocol.

1.1.2 User Interfaces

1.1.3 Hardware Interfaces

- Router: the internet connectivity of the back-end system towards the external world is managed by a physical router that automatically manages ports and resources in order to realize standard communication protocols such as NAT and DHCP.
- Firewall: access to the back-end system is protected through the use of a professional grade physical firewall which is directly linked to the router and automatically allocates ports and resources.
- Device support: the back-end system is designed to be run on usual server hardware with a high fault-tolerance degree and supports hardware scaling (such as replication); the mobile applications are designed to be run on ARM based architectures; the user-side web application does not have specific hardware requirements, since it relies on a different level of abstraction than its mobile counterpart which is not to be taken into account in the design of the hardware infrastructure.

1.1.4 Software Interfaces

- GNU/Linux Red Hat Enterprise Linux: operating system run on the back-end that acts as a virtualization level between the hardware and the software. Detailed documentation about the software can be found at <https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en/red-hat-enterprise-linux/>

- Apache WebServer: software bundle run on the back-end, which is used to allow interaction between the back-end system and the user-side application. It is used to handle standard HTTP requests from the customer-side web application and to provide CGI services (Apache Module mod_cgid - https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/mod/mod_cgid.html) to all the user-side applications. Detailed documentation about the software is found at <https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/>
- SQLite: DBMS software component run on the back-end, which is used to store user data in a non-resource-intensive fashion. Detailed documentation about this module is found at <https://www.sqlite.org/docs.html>

1.1.5 Connection Interfaces

- EDGE, HSDPA, 3G, 4G
- HTML, SOAP/REST protocols

1.1.6 Memory Constrains

- Server: 128GB vRAM required, 512GB recommended
- 2TB storage capacity + 64GB flash (32GB x2 mirroring) for applications system and server OS

1.1.7 Operations

- Taxi Operations: login, signup, availability notifications, request reply, report
- User Operations: login, signup, requests operations, user profile operations (show, edit)
- System Operations: notifications (to user and taxi driver), queue management
- Backup operations (scheduled at 4AM every day)
- Restore operations from secondary storage

1.1.8 Site adaptation requirements

- UPS system
- 250V/110V Electrical system
- Ethernet connection
- Anti-thief system, safety room (safety grid on each door and eventually windows) and alarm

- Anti-fire system and alarm
- Anti-flooding system
- Air conditioning

1.2 Product Function

1.2.1 Taxi Function

- Taxi Login: the taxi driver logs into the system;
- Taxi Sign-up: the taxi driver provides his personal information, Username and Password, taxi and driving license to the Operator;
- Notification of Availability: with this operation the taxi driver notifies his presence in a specific zone of the town;
- Notification of Unavailability: the taxi driver notifies the end of his service;
- Taking charge: the taxi driver positively replies to a customer request;
- Reject request: the taxi driver negatively replies to a customer request;
- Report user: the taxi driver reports a problem with customer;

1.2.2 User Function

- User Login: the user gets logged into the system providing his account information;
- User Sign-up: the user (previously Guest) requests a signup to the system providing his personal information;
- Request Taxi: the user requests a taxi to his location;
- Book Taxi: the user reserves a taxi to a specific location at the specific time;
- Cancel request: the user cancels the previous request or reservation;
- Report taxi: the user reports a problem with the taxi driver or the service;
- Show Profile: the system provides the user information;
- Modify Profile: the user edits his information;

1.2.3 System Function

- Notification to User
 1. Incoming taxi: a taxi take charge of the request;
 2. No taxi available;
- Notification to Taxi driver
 1. Taxi request: a user need a taxi;
 2. First of the queue: the taxi is the first of the queue of the current zone;
 3. Queue change: notification to the taxi of the new position of the queue;
- Queues management: change the queues after a request reply or new taxi driver in zone;

1.3 User Characteristic

1.3.1 User:

- Low knowledge of mobile app use;
- Age: over 18;

1.3.2 Taxi Driver:

- Owner of taxi license and driver license;
- Low knowledge of mobile app use;
- Good knowledge of the local language;

1.4 Constrains

- GPS Coverage;
- Privacy policy;
- Devices Constrains (presence of GPS and Internet connection);

1.5 Assumption and Dependencies

1.6 Apportioning of requirements