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1 Overview

myTaxiService is a taxi service that will operate in a big city; the main purpose is to simplify the access of passengers to the service and to guarantee a fair management of the taxi queues.

The main stakeholders of the system are the *Users*, the *Taxi Drivers* and the *Operators* as highlighted in *section 1.3* of the *RASD*.

The system is composed of four main core applications:

- Mobile Application (User)
- Web Application
- Mobile Application (Taxi Driver)
- Back-End Application

as stated in *section 1.2.* of the *RASD* It's important to highlight that in this document the design of mobile application is based on the Android platform.

2 High Level Components

The system could be divide in three main high level components that do not necessarily correspond only to one real application:

Server

The Server component is the kernel of the service we want to provide, it incorporates most of the *business logic*, it stores most of the *data* and it provides programmatic interfaces to the clients.

User Client

The User Client components is an high level representation of the real clients available to the users of our service. It's modeled as a *thin client* and it relies on the *Server* to fulfill its tasks.

Taxi Driver Client

The Taxi Driver Client component is an high level representation of the real clients available to the taxi drivers registered to the service. It's modeled as a *thin client* and it relies on the *Server* to fulfill its tasks.

2.0.1 Components Interaction

From a high level perspective the system is design following the well known *client-server* paradigm.

The interaction between the components is handled by the Server that provides a programmatic interface that is able to receive remote call from the clients.

The clients never communicate directly with one another.

3 Component View

This section highlights the main features and roles of every component of the system. Moreover it describes the internal interfaces between different classes of every component.

External interfaces between components are described in section 4

3.1 Server

The Server is composed of:

Back-End Application

As stated in section 1.2.2 of the RASD, the Back-End Application is the system component that handles most of the business logic.

The application is written in $Java\ EE$ and to fulfill its tasks (see $section\ 3.5.3$ of the RASD) it needs to interface with the Internet network using the $HTTPS\ protocol$ and the $JAVA\ API\ for\ RESTful\ Web\ Service^1$, with a $MySQL\ database$ and with external Google Maps API.

¹See https://jax-rs-spec.java.net/

Back-End Internal Interfaces

The Back-End Application is built to be very modular and to grant interchangeability between components.

There are four main classes that constitute the kernel of the application:

- QueueManager Handles queue policies.
- RideManager Creates and manage rides. Is connected to the RequestManager via the RideManagerInterface and directly depends on QueueManager
- ActorManager Create and update data about users an taxi drivers. Is connected to the RequestManager via the ActorManagerInterface
- PositionManager Update taxi drivers position. Is connected to the RequestManager via the PositionManagerInterface and directly depends on QueueManager
- RequestManager Get and build Request object from the requests received via HTTP

MySQL Database

The MySQL database fulfill the task off storing and granting access to all the data generated and used by the service.

A database dump is performed daily during the period of minor activity of the service ².

The connection between the $Java\ EE$ application and the databased is supported by the $JDBC\ connector^3$

3.2 User Client

Different real clients are available to the end users of the system.

As stated in *section 1.2.2* of the *RASD* a native mobile application is developed for Android, iOS, Blackberry and WP.

Moreover a Web Application is also available.

To fulfill the requirements expressed in section 3.5.1 and section 3.5.2 of the RASD, all the clients need to communicate with the Server making calls to the REST API using platform specific API for REST HTTP calls.

²At first, when no activity data is available, the dump will be performed at 04:00 A.M

³See http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/j/

3.3 Taxi Driver Client

Different real clients are available to the taxi driver registered to myTaxiService

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3.4 Clients Internal Interfaces

Mobile clients are composed mainly by subclass of platform specific components.

Interfaces between components are therefore specified in the SDK of each platform. However it's important to highlight that every mobile application has to interface with a *Network Component* that handles *HTTP* requests.

4 Components Interfaces

This section provides a description of the interfaces between the main components of the system.

Internal interfaces between different objects of every component are described in section 3

4.1 Back-End Application - Database

The Back-End Application uses SQL language to query the Database. Queries from Java are supported by the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) API which is the API is the industry standard for database-independent connectivity between the Java programming language and a wide range of SQL databases⁴.

This choice is made in order to exploit the "Write Once, Run Anywhere" feature of the JDBC.

⁴See http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/jdbc/index.html

4.2 Back-End Application - Client User

The connection between the Back-End Application and the Client User is provided by the Internet network and based on the HTTP protocol and supported by a RESTful API service.

The two components use different internal interfaces to connect to the network 5

4.3 Back-End Application - Client Taxi Driver

The connection between the Back-End Application and the Client Taxi Driver is provided by the Internet network and based on the HTTP protocol and supported by a RESTful API service.

The two components use different internal interfaces to connect to the network.

 $^{^5 \}mathrm{See}\ section\ \mathcal{3}$