

Assignment 1: Software Requirements
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Process Design
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1 Introduction

This document defines the Software Requirements Specification and Technology Neutral Process Design for the COS 301 group. The Computer Science Department has expressed a need for the creation of a system, which can allow researchers to keep track of publications which they are currently working on, or have already published.

The aim of this project is to follow a structured software development process in order to produce a product which provides the client with all the functionality requested in an elegantly coded product. A collaborative and co-operative approach is required between all stakeholders who are involved in this project. The information, specifications, and diagrams within this document are presented in order to provide testable requirements which correlate to the client's needs.

2 Vision

The client for this project, Ms. Vreda Pieterse, who belongs to the Department of Computer Science, at the University of Pretoria, has solicited us to develop a system. The purpose of this system is to record and oversee all publications of staff members or research groups, within the Department of Computer Science. The system will assist the Head of Department to track and advise staff members' progress on any papers which are in the process of being written; as well as determining whether or not a staff member is under performing.

3 Background

3.1 The client's problem

The client has solicited us to develop a system that has specific usability goals, as well as certain user-experience goals. Currently, the Department of Computer Science does not have a system with which to monitor the progress of staff member's publications, nor to keep track of how many publications an author is working on. Furthermore, it is necessary to determine which publications will be presented at different conferences, as well as the reporting capabilities, and the ability to remind users of deadlines. The system should allow for all these requirements in a secure, flexible and intuitive manner.

3.2 Future business opportunities

A desire for this project is to encourage authors to collaborate with other authors on similar topics and to expand the users base knowledge of ongoing research projects.

4 Architecture Requirements

This section will be expanded on and developed further in the next phase of the project design and will be mentioned only briefly here.

4.1 Access Channel Requirements

It is possible that there can be many concurrent users using the system so it is optimal that there be such interfaces such as a web application or website, as well as a mobile platform applications for the various different mobile devices.

4.2 Quality Requirements

Specify and quantify each of the quality requirements which are relevant to the system

- Performance - How well the system can cope with extreme load.
- Security - Can the system leak information, data integrity, session hijack.
- Maintainability - Can the system be managed without downtime.
- Scalability - Can the system be used for large amount of users plus can it provide the services needed.
- Efficiency - Can the system be optimized to produce faster and better results
- Flexibility - Can the system be easily changed or modified.
- Reliability - Is the system able to cope with the load and provide constant access and is always active.
- Integrability - Can it integrate with Google to send reminders.
- User Friendly - Does a user understand how to use the system, is it easily usable.
- Concurrency - Can multiple users perform actions at the same time.
- Low Cost, Reduced data usage - Is it suitable for users with low budget and capped Internet.
- Updatability - Can the system have version updates to introduce new features or functionality.

4.3 Integration Requirements

This section specifies any integration requirements for any external systems. This may include

- The different Web protocols used
- API - UML Interfaces
- Google Calender and Email integration
- Mobile Scalability and functionality Integration
- Venue and Publication integration

4.4 Architecture Constraints

This specifies any constraints the client may specify on the system architecture include

- HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)
- AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML)
- JavaEE (Java Platform Enterprise Edition)
- JavaScript (Functionality to HTML)
- PHP (Server Side Scripting)
- MySQL (Database Manager)
- Android (Mobile Devices)
- IOS (Mobile Devices)
- Apache (Web Server)
- Linux/Windows (Operating System)

5 Functional Requirements and Application Design

This section discusses the application functionality required by users (and other stakeholders).

5.1 Use Case Prioritization

5.1.1 User Login

Description: A user is required to log into the system before the user can make use of any functionality

Prioritisation: Critical

Pre-conditions

- A user must have a connection to the server
- A user must be registered as a user by a person with HOD or Admin permission
- The user must enter correct information in order for the authentication to be successful

Post-conditions

- The user has specific access to the server on which all data is stored, i.e add/edit authors and search for authors
- The user is able to use all the user functionality provided by the system
- The user may log out of the system when the user wishes.

5.1.2 User Registration

Description: In order to be able to log into the system and make use of the functionality provided by the system the user must be registered on the system

Prioritisation: Critical

Pre-conditions

- The user must be part of the staff of the Computer Science Department of the University of Pretoria
- The administrator or HOD of the system must register the user on the system
- The user must decide on their login credentials

Post-conditions

- The user is stored in the system database
- The user can log into the system

5.1.3 Update User

Description: Personal details as well as log in credentials can be changed if and when necessary

Prioritisation: Important

Pre-conditions

- The administrator or HOD must be logged into the system
- The user to be updated must already exist in the system
- The administrator or HOD must have the new information

Post-conditions

- The user's information is updated on the system's database

5.1.4 Remove User

Description: Should a user no longer belong to the Department of Computer Science the person should be removed from the system

Prioritisation: Important

Pre-conditions

- The person should be a user on the system
- The person should no longer belong to the staff of the Department of Computer Science
- The administrator or HOD must be the logged in

Post-conditions

- The person is removed from the system's database
- The person can no longer gain access to the system
- The person history still remains in the log file

5.1.5 Create Publication

Description: Adding a paper to the system

Prioritisation: Critical

Pre-conditions

- The user(may be the administrator or HOD) should be logged into the system
- The user, if not the administrator or HOD, must be a contributor to the paper
- All authors who contributed to the paper should be available on the system

Post-conditions

- The paper is added to the system

5.1.6 Update Publication

Description: Allows a user/administrator/HOD to change a publication's meta-data

Prioritisation: Critical

Pre-conditions

- The user(may be the administrator or HOD) should be logged into the system
- The user, if not the administrator or HOD, must be a contributor to the paper
- The paper must already be in the system

Post-conditions

- The paper's meta-data is updated

5.1.7 View Publication

Description: Allows a user/administrator/HOD to view the meta-data of a paper that lies within their permissions

Prioritisation: Important

Pre-conditions

- The user(may be the administrator or HOD) should be logged into the system
- The user - if not the administrator, HOD or research leader - must be a contributor to the paper
- The paper must already be in the system

Post-conditions

- The paper's meta-data is displayed to the user

5.1.8 Add Publication Type

Description: Allows the administrator or HOD to add a publication type

Prioritisation: Important

Pre-conditions

- The user(must be the administrator or HOD) should be logged into the system
- The publication type to add must not already be in the system

Post-conditions

- The new publication type is added to the system

5.1.9 Update Publication Type

Description: Allows the administrator or HOD to update a publication type's details

Prioritisation: Important

Pre-conditions

- The user(must be the administrator or HOD) should be logged into the system
- The user - if not the administrator, HOD or research leader - must be a contributor to the paper
- The publication type to be updated must already be in the system

Post-conditions

- The selected publication type will be updated with the new information

5.1.10 Add Reminder

Description: Allows the user to create a reminder for the deadline of the publication

Prioritisation: Nice-To-Have

Pre-conditions

- The user(can be the HOD) should be logged into the system
- The user must be a contributor to the paper
- The publication must already be in the system

Post-conditions

- A reminder via Mail or Calendar will be set with the selected publication and deadline

5.2 Use Case/Services Contracts

5.3 Required Functionality

5.3.1 User-Research System interaction

Description: The type of user indicates what privileges that user has in the Research system

Normal-user

- A normal user login to the system if registered on the system
- A normal user may add publications to the system
- A normal user is as an author to a publication that they add
- A normal user may add authors to a publication
- A normal user may change authors in a publication
- A normal user may add a publication to a conference
- A normal user may only view their own publications

Head of Department

- The head of department may log in to the system
- The head of department may add users to the system
- The head of department may remove users from the system
- The head of department may edit user information on the system
- The head of department may add publication to the system
- The head of department may be an author to a publication
- The head of department may add authors to a publication
- The head of department may change authors in a publication
- The head of department may add/remove publications to conferences
- The head of department may view all publications on the system

Admin

- Admin users may log in to the system
- Admin users may add users to the system
- Admin users may remove users from the system
- Admin users may edit user information on the system
- Admin users may add publications to the system

- Admin users may not be an author to any publication on the system
- Admin users may add authors to a publication
- Admin users may change authors to a publication
- Admin users may add/remove publications to conferences
- Admin users may view all publications on the system

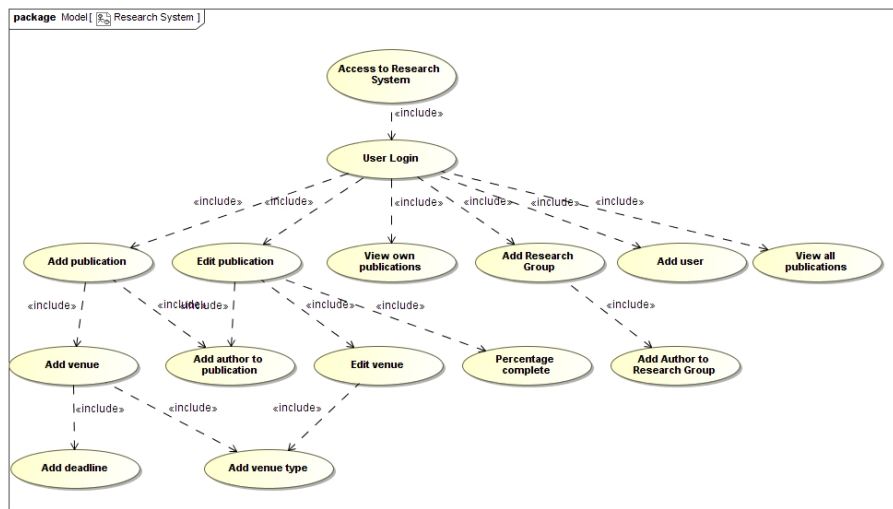


Figure 1: Functional Requirements: Overview of Research System

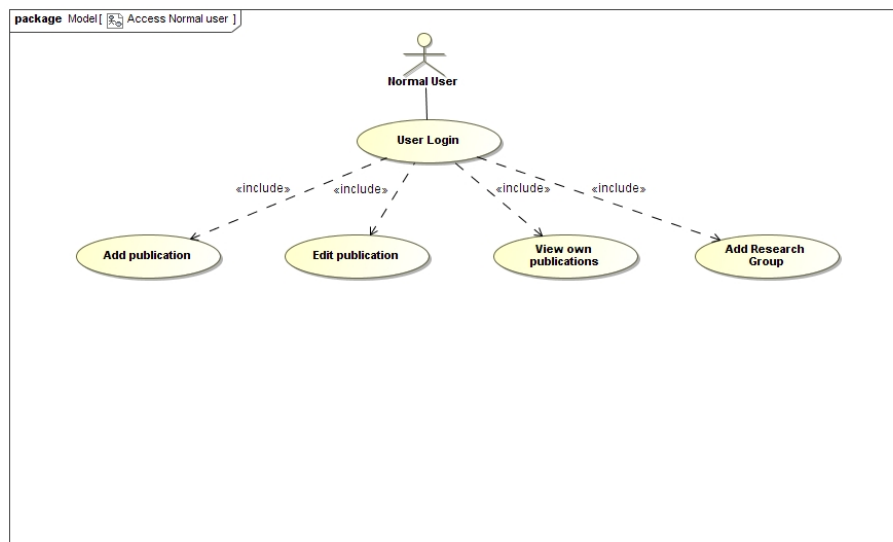


Figure 2: Functional Requirements: Normal user access privileges

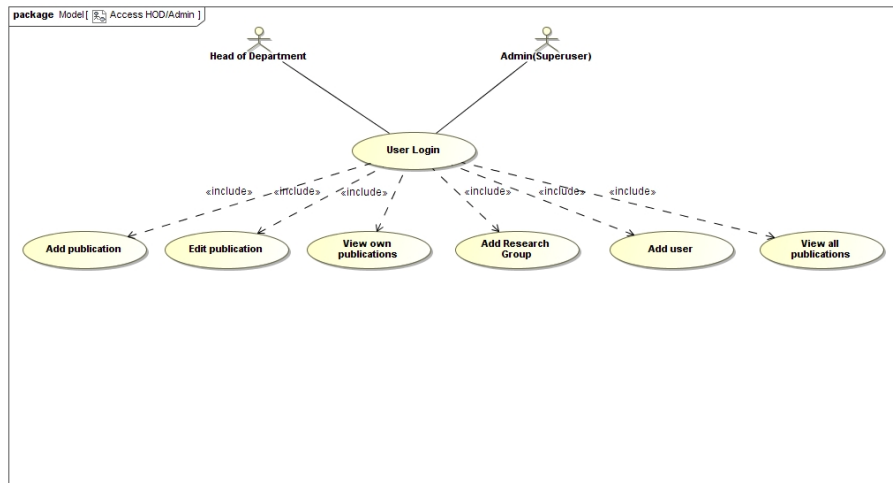


Figure 3: Functional Requirements: Superuser(HOD and admin) access privileges

5.4 Process Specification

This sections UML activity diagrams that illustrate the sequences that will be followed for various use case scenarios.

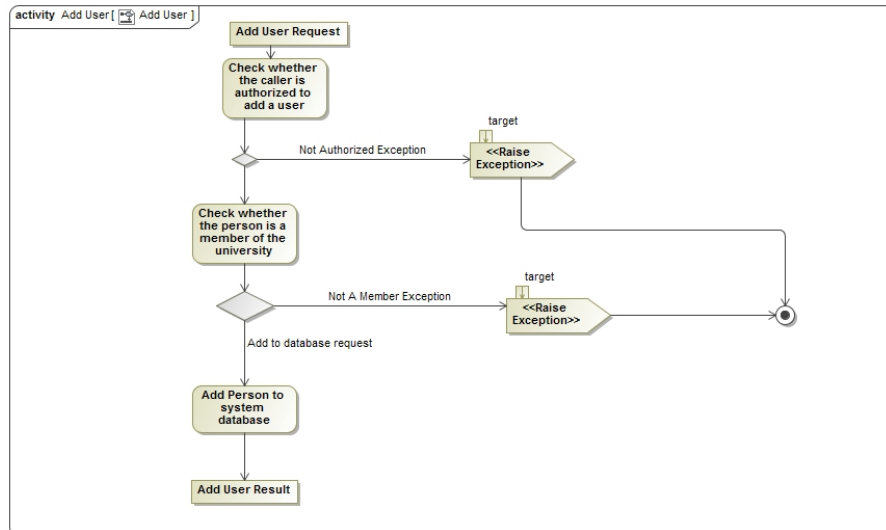


Figure 4: Process Specification: Adding A User

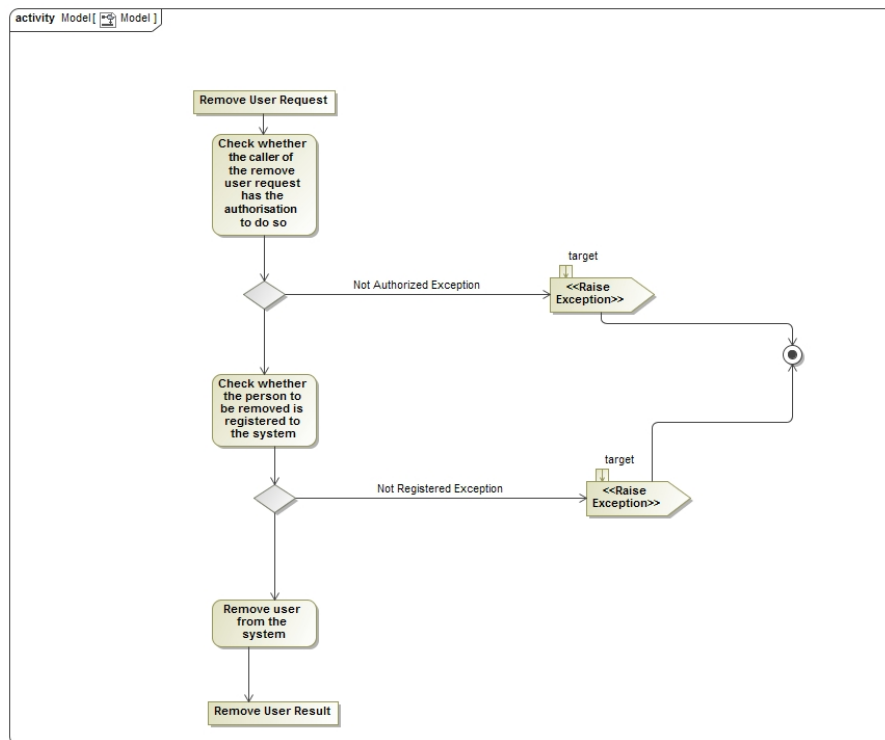


Figure 5: Process Specification: Removing A User

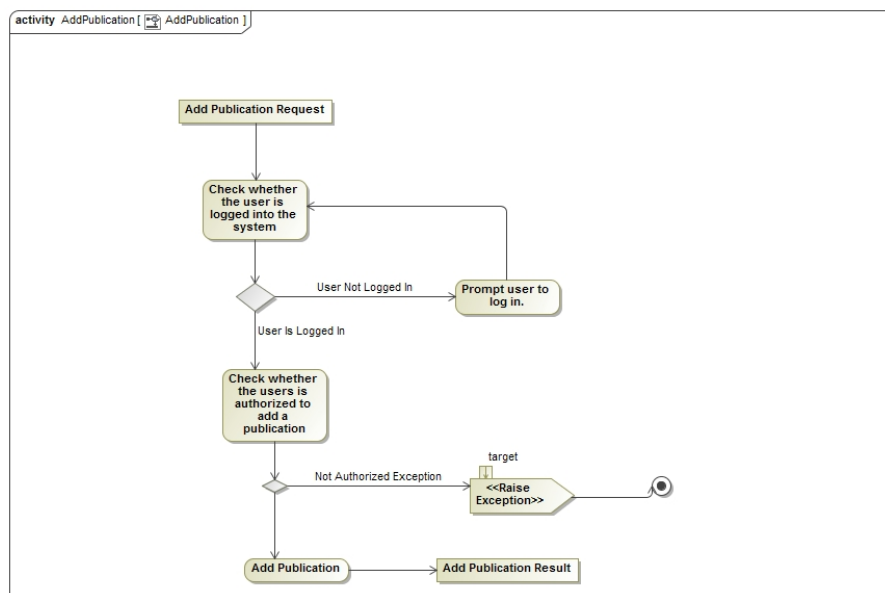


Figure 6: Process Specification: Adding A Publication

5.5 Domain Model

6 Open Issues

This section deals with issues that still need to be clarified, specified, assumed or that have been discovered to include inconsistencies in the requirements, comprising of the following issues:

- Is there a database with all the user information?.
- Is the HOD supposed to be in Admin or on its own?
- To where does the publication go to be reviewed?
- The reminder system must it be via Mail or Calendar notification?
- Assumed that the Venue will have a deadline attached.
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