In My Words

Project Design Document

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1. Introduction

The Software Design Document (SDD) is a document to provide documentation which will be used to aid in software development by providing the details for how the software should be built. This document contains narrative documentation of the software design for the project as well as: case models, object behavior models, and other supporting requirement information.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the SDD is to provide a detailed enough description of a system's design to allow for software development to proceed with an understanding of what is to be built and how it is expected to be built. The SDD provides the information necessary to outline the details for the software and system to be built.

1.2 Scope

This SDD is for a lightweight web service that provides a creative writing outlet for a multi-national user base. This SDD will focus primarily on the back end design of the web service, with further design on the front end specified at a later date.

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

- IMW In My Words. The working title of this software.
- **Software Design Document** The Software Design Document (SDD) outlines the project requirements, specifications, and implementation details. It also serves as a reference to guide the development process.
- Web Service A service offered by an electronic device to another device, communicating with
 each other via the internet. HTTP Protocols are utilized for machine-to-machine communication
 and to transfer file formats such as XML and JSON
- RESTful REST stands for Representational State Transfer, an architectural style for networked applications, primarily used to build lightweight, maintainable, and scalable web services.
 Services based upon REST are called RESTful services. While not dependent upon any protocol, almost every RESTful service uses HTTP as its underlying protocol.
- SOAP Simple Object Access Protocol. IT is the specification for exchanging structured
 information in the implementation of web services in computer networks. SOAP has three major
 characteristics:
 - 1) Extensibility
 - 2) Neutrality (SOAP can operate over any transport protocol)
 - 3) Independence (SOAP allows for any programming model)
- XML EXtensible Markup Language. A simple, flexible text format designed to meet the challenges of large-scale electronic publishing. It defines a set of rules for encoding documents that is both human and machine-readable.
- JSON JavaScript Object Notation. It uses human-readable text to transmit data objects
 consisting of attribute-value pairs. It is language-independent and primarily used for

- asynchronous browser/server communication. JSON has steadily been replacing XML as the preferred format.
- ASP.NET ASP.NET is an open source server-side web application framework, designed for web
 development to produce dynamic web pages. It was developed by Microsoft to allow
 programmers to build dynamic web sites, web applications, and web services. ASP.NET is built
 on the Common Language Runtime (CLR) which allows programmers to write ASP.NET code
 using any supported .NET language. The current stable release is version 4.6.
- Common Language Runtime The Common Language Runtime (CLR) is the virtual machine component of Microsoft's .NET framework. It manage the execution of .NET programs using just-in-time compilation to convert compiled code into native machine instructions. IT provides memory management, type safety, exception handling, garbage collection, security, and thread management.
- Model View Controller Model-View-Controller (MVC) is a software architectural pattern
 mostly for implementing user interfaces. IT divides a given software application into three
 interconnected parts to separate internal representations of information from the ways that
 information is presented to the user.
- Entity Framework The Entity Framework (EF) is an object-relational mapper that enables .NET developers to work with relation data using domain-specific objects. It eliminates the need for most of the data-access code that developers usually need to write.
- API Application Program Interface. A set of routines, protocols, and tools for building software applications. The API specifies how software components should interact.
- LINQ Language-Integrated Query. LINQ is a set of features that extend the language syntax of C# and Visual Basic. LINQ introduces standard, easily-learned patterns for querying and updating data
- **Cry** That thing we do when we realize this **cannot** be accomplished.

1.4 Overview

The SDD is divided into 11 sections with various subsections. The main sections of the SDD are:

- 1. Introduction
- 2. The Problem
- 3. The Concept
- 4. Technology Overview
- 5. Use Cases
- 6. Design Overview
- 7. Model Overview
- 8. Controller Overview
- 9. View Overview
- 10. Development Timeline
- 11. Supplementary Documentation

2. The Problem

This section details the problem that CRDH Solutions is aiming to solve with this software.

2.1 Submitted to Microsoft

The following is part of the text submission to Microsoft outlining the problem CRDH Solutions is aiming to solve.

In an increasingly interconnected world it is important for everyone to be able to understand and empathize with people from other cultures and nations. Currently, much of the information people absorb about the world comes from media outlets or second-hand accounts through social media. Additionally, video is becoming the preferred medium for knowledge dissemination to the detriment of written words. CRDH Solutions is looking to achieve two goals: first, to expand consciousness about other cultures through first-hand accounts. Second, to improve literacy and communication skills by providing a writing and reading repository for use by anyone at any time.

2.2 The Problem in Detail

2.2.1 Identifying the issues

There are two issues CRDH Solutions has identified which can be rectified through the development of new software:

- 1. Cultural empathy and awareness
- 2. Literacy and written communication

The following subsections provide additional understanding of these issues.

2.2.2 Cultural Empathy and Awareness

The power and accessibility of the internet allow for the rapid exchange of ideas and information. Unfortunately, given the turmoil in the world today, some of the ideas and information spread around the internet offer a negative portrayal of other cultures and nations. Often times, the information people read about cultures and nations are from second or third-hand accounts, and nuances become lost in translation. While news media plays an important role in informing people about issues occurring in other parts of the world, it is difficult to find stories that aren't skewed against the people in those parts of the world. Because of the media portrayal, many people in the western world often have trouble empathizing with the people of other nations and cultures.

2.2.3 Literacy and Written Communication

The ability to not only read, but comprehend what you are reading, is an important skill for everyone to possess. While mediums such as picture and video are decent ways of self-expression, they don't facilitate the same mental exercise that results from reading and writing. To become and remain a successful person requires solid communication skills, particularly the ability to express what you are thinking; it can be difficult for a person to find ways to improve upon these skills.

3. The Concept

CRDH Solutions will be designing and implementing an online repository where users can submit their own stories, or anything else they write, for global viewing.

3.1 The Name

This project will be titled "In My Words" (IMW).

3.2 The Overview

IMW will serve as an online repository where users from around the world can view and submit stories or other things they have written. Users can submit stories anonymously, in their own language, at any time. A random selection of submissions will be displayed on the website's home page, with a search function for users to read a specific submission. IMW will track the number of views on every submission.

In addition to original submissions, users will also be allowed to offer translations of existing submissions. Users will have the ability to view the original and translated submissions side-by-side to promote the connection amongst languages. In the case that there are no user-submitted translations, users will have the ability to select an automatic translation, provided by the Translation API; IMW will still allow automatic translation if there are user-submitted translations. Submissions can have multiple user-submitted translations of the same language and there will be a rating system to determine which user-submitted translations are the most accurate and this may be used as a sorting criteria.

3.3 Submission Verification

There are no current plans to verify each user submission. In lieu of this, users will be able to report submissions if they do not meet the standards of IMW.

3.4 Automatic Translation

To artificially bypass the 2M characters/month limit of the free tier of Translation API, IMW will keep a database containing previous requests from Translation API. This will mean that only the first request of a language will be submitted to Translation API; if we have already submitted a request then we will check the existing database.

4.Technology Overview

4.1 Supporting Framework

This project will be implemented using Microsoft's ASP.NET Framework. Specifically, we will be using the Model View Controller (MVC) Framework to create a RESTful web service. The MVC Framework will allow for rapid development due to the automatic scaffolding it provides. In addition, the ASP.NET Framework provides many useful APIs which will decrease the necessary time for development, testing, and debugging.

4.2 Data Framework

In conjunction with ASP.NET, this project will utilize the Entity Framework. The Entity Framework allows for a code-first approach to database design; we will create the data structures in C# and the framework will automatically scaffold and generate the necessary code to design the supporting database. We will then be able to use LINQ gueries to interact with the database through code.

4.3 Translation API

Microsoft provides a Translator API which can be integrated with existing codebases for quick use. The free subscription to the Translator API has a constraint of two (2) million characters per month. To make use of the API we will need to register our application and create credentials for it. At that point we will be able to obtain an access token through the HTTP POST method when we need to make use of the Translator API.

4.4 Web Service Hosting

Microsoft Azure will be used to host the web service application. There is a free tier of use that allows for development and testing. Azure allows for conversion to another plan without any delay or downtime. While the costs of the next tier of service are relatively low, the plan is to spend nothing to reduce development overhead.

4.5 Open Source Hosting

In the interests of keeping this project open source, CRDH Solutions will be creating a code repository on GitHub for use by other developers.

5. Use Cases

5.1 Create Submission

Use case name:	ID:	Priority:
Create Submission	CSub	Medium
Primary actor:	Use case type:	Level:
User	Click here to enter text.	Overview

Brief description:

The user creates and submits content.

Goal:

- Add submission content to database
- Redirect user to submission display (VSub)

Success Measurement:

- Database is updated
- Automatic page redirection

Precondition:

• None.

Trigger:

• The user clicks the "Create Story" link/button

Relationships:

Include: Click here to enter text.Extend: Click here to enter text.Depends on: Click here to enter text.

Flow of Events:

- 1. The user clicks the "Create Story" link/button
- 2. The user is sent to the CSub page
- 3. The user fills out all necessary fields
- 4. The user clicks the "Publish Story" link/button
- 5. The database is updated
- 6. The user is redirected to the VSub page

Assumptions: Click here to enter text.

5.2 View Submission

Use case name:	ID:	Priority:
View Submission	VSub	Medium
Primary actor:	Use case type:	Level:
User	Click here to enter text.	Overview

Brief description:

The website displays user-specified content

Goal:

• Display submission content

Success Measurement:

- User is shown content
- Successful HTTP GET

Precondition:

Content exists

Trigger:

• The user clicks the "View Story" link/button

Relationships:

Include: Click here to enter text. **Extend:** Click here to enter text.

Depends on: Database populated with content

Flow of Events:

- 1. The user clicks the "View Story" link/button
- 2. The content is displayed

Assumptions: There is preexisting content

5.3 Report Submission

Use case name:	ID:	Priority:
Report Submission	RSub	Medium
Primary actor:	Use case type:	Level:
User	Click here to enter text.	Overview

Brief description:

The user reports a submission inconsistent with IMW standards

Goal:

• Populate data base with report details

Success Measurement:

• Database is populated with submission details and reporter's details (tentative)

Precondition:

Content exists

Trigger:

• The user clicks the "Report Story" link/button

Relationships:

Include: Click here to enter text. **Extend:** Click here to enter text.

Depends on: Database populated with content

Flow of Events:

- 1. The user clicks the "Report Story" link/button
- 2. If there is no existing hash in the report database: create database entry
- 3. If there is an existing hash in the report database: update database entry

Assumptions: There is preexisting content

5.4 Delete Submission

Use case name:	ID:	Priority:
Delete Submission	DSub	Medium
Primary actor:	Use case type:	Level:
Administrator	Click here to enter text.	Overview

Brief description:

The administrator deletes a submission from all databases

Goal:

• All database entries of the submission are removed

Success Measurement:

• Successful database update

Precondition:

- Content exists
- Administrative access to database

Trigger:

• Click here to enter text.

Relationships:

Include: Click here to enter text. **Extend:** Click here to enter text.

Depends on: Database populated with content

Flow of Events:

- 1. The administrator removes relation from the report databse
- 2. The administrator removes relation from the submission database

Assumptions: There is preexisting content

5.5 Automatic Translation

Use case name:	ID:	Priority:
Automatic translation	ATrans	Medium
Primary actor:	Use case type:	Level:
User	Click here to enter text.	Overview

Brief description:

The website contacts Translation API and displays translated user content

Goal:

Redirect user to translated submission display (VTrans)

Success Measurement:

- User is shown translated content
- Successful HTTP GET

Precondition:

- Content exists
- First language request to Translation API

Trigger:

• The user clicks the "Translate" link/button

Relationships:

Include: Click here to enter text. **Extend:** Click here to enter text.

Depends on: Database populated with content, Translation API

Flow of Events:

- 1. The user selects the desired translation target language
- 2. The user clicks the "Translate" link/button
- 3. The Translation API is accessed
- 4. The translated results are displayed along with the original submission content (VTrans)

Assumptions: There is preexisting content, successful GET from Translation API

Implementation Constraints and Specifications: Under the 2M character/month limit for Translation API

5.6 Submit Translation

Use case name:	ID:	Priority:
Submit translation	STrans	Medium
Primary actor:	Use case type:	Level:
User	Click here to enter text.	Overview

Brief description:

The user submits a translation of existing content

Goal:

Redirect user to translated submission display (VTrans)

Success Measurement:

• Database is updated

Precondition:

Content exists

Trigger:

• The user clicks the "Submit Translation" link/button

Relationships:

Include: Click here to enter text. **Extend:** Click here to enter text.

Depends on: Database populated with content

Flow of Events:

- 1. The user clicks the "Submit Translation" link/button
- 2. The user inputs the translation target language
- 3. The user offers their translation
- 4. The user clicks the "Submit" button/link
- 5. The database is updated
- 6. The user is redirected to translated submission display (VTrans)

Assumptions: There is preexisting content

5.7 View Translation

Use case name:	ID:	Priority:
View Translation	VTrans	Medium
Primary actor:	Use case type:	Level:
User	Click here to enter text.	Overview

Brief description:

The website displays translated user content

Goal:

• Redirect user to translated submission display

Success Measurement:

• User is shown translated content and original content

Precondition:

- Content exists
- Translation exists

Trigger:

• STrans or ATrans events

Relationships:

Include: Click here to enter text. **Extend:** Click here to enter text.

Depends on: Database populated with content, Translation API

Flow of Events:

1. The translated results are displayed along with the original submission content

Assumptions: There is preexisting content, successful GET from Translation API

6. Design Overview

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7.Model Overview

7.1 Submission

Class Name: Submission		
Brief Description: Data container for user submissions.		
Attributes (fields)	Attribute Description	
DateTime datePublished	This variable tracks when the submission was	
	published to the IMW database.	
string text	This variable contains the "story" submitted by the	
	user.	
Dictionary <string, translation=""></string,>	This dictionary contains all of the translations	
automaticTranslations	performed by Translation API. The language, in	
	string format, serves as the key in this key-value	
	pairing.	
ArrayList <translation> userTranslations</translation>	This array list contains all of the user submitted	
	translations. The data structure used for this field	
	is subject to change or removal.	
int views	This variable tracks the number of views this	
	submission has received.	
string userHostAddress	This variable contains the IP address of the user.	
Methods (operations)	Method Description	

7.2 Translation

Class Name: Translation	
Brief Description: Data container for translations of submission text.	
Attributes (fields)	Attribute Description
string submissionHash	This variable contains the hash of the submission
	being translated for.
string text	This variable contains the translation submitted by
	the user.
string language	This string contains the language of the
	translation.
string userHostAddress	This variable contains the IP address of the user.
Methods (operations)	Method Description

7.3 Submissions (For EF)

Class Name: Submissions		
Brief Description: Data structure to create and populate EF tables.		
Attributes (fields)	Attribute Description	
string submissionHash	This variable is a hash of the submission. This will allow for O(1) lookup times. Will serve as the	
	primary key of the relation.	

DateTime datePublished	This variable tracks when the submission was
	published to the IMW database.
string text	This variable contains the "story" submitted by the
	user.
int views	This variable tracks the number of views this
	submission has received.
string userHostAddress	This variable contains the IP address of the user.
Methods (operations)	Method Description

7.4 Translations (For EF)

Class Name: Translations		
Brief Description: Data structure to create and populate EF tables.		
Attributes (fields)	Attribute Description	
string submissionHash	This variable is a hash of the submission. This will	
	allow for O(1) lookup times. Will serve as the	
	primary key of the relation.	
DateTime datePublished	This variable tracks when the submission was	
	published to the IMW database.	
string text	This variable contains the translation submitted by	
	the user.	
string language	This variable contains the language of the	
	translation	
string userHostAddress	This variable contains the IP address of the user.	
Methods (operations)	Method Description	

8. Controller Overview

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9. View Overview

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10. Development Timeline

Week	Tasks
Week 0 (12/21 - 12/25)	 Create SDD Download and install Microsoft Visual Studio Complete the tutorial (See section 11.1 MVC Framework Tutorial) to get acclimated to the MVC Framework Create GitHub Organization Invite team members to organization Create project repository Name project Write section "5. Use Cases" of the SDD
Week 1 (12/28 - 1/1)	 Write section "7. Model Overview" of the SDD Write section "8. Controller Overview" of the SDD Begin work on data structures Begin work on controllers
Week 2 (1/4 - 1/8)	 Write Section "9. View Overview" of the SDD Begin work on views Begin work on user groups and authentication (optional) Implement Translator API
Week 3 (1/11 - 1/15)	Finalize software Readme
Week 4 (1/18 - 1/19)	 Final stage of testing and debugging Create submission video Draft written submission Cry.

11. Supplemental Documentation

11.1 MVC Framework Tutorial

The MVC Framework tutorial can be found here: http://www.asp.net/mvc/overview/getting-started/introduction/getting-started. There are 11 parts in the tutorial but not everything will be applicable.

11.2 Translator API

The link to sign up for the Translator API: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/translator/getstarted.aspx

11.3 Deployment to Azure

Similar to the MVC Framework tutorial, this shows how to deploy the project to Microsoft Azure. https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/web-sites-dotnet-get-started/

11.4 SDD Example

The example this SDD is based upon: https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/24846/Example-SoftwareDesignDocument-LegalXMLUtility.pdf