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# Executive Summary

## 1.1 Overview

The Forest Health project is dedicated to developing a comprehensive citizen science application aimed at monitoring and evaluating the impacts of bushfires on native forests and their subsequent recovery. This initiative is focused on creating a series of prototypes that will demonstrate the core functionalities of the application, ensuring it meets the diverse needs of its stakeholders.

The project’s success hinges on a thorough requirements analysis, conducted by engaging with key stakeholders—including end users, research scientists, data analysts, and environmental agency representatives. By interviewing these stakeholders, essential information was gathered using User Stories and the FURPS framework to ensure that both functional and non-functional requirements are accurately captured and prioritized. This foundational work will guide the creation of diagrams, including WBS, PDM, Gantt chart, UML and prototypes for the Citizen Scientist Application that meet all specified requirements.

## 1.2 Stakeholders

In the Forest Health project, various stakeholders play critical roles in the successful development and implementation of the citizen science app. These stakeholders include both the external project team, responsible for delivering the app, and internal stakeholders, who either use or benefit from the app's functionalities. Below is an overview of the key stakeholders and their respective roles in the project.

### 1.2.1 Project Team

***Project Manager*:** Chanutda Manosorn

Responsible for overseeing the entire project, ensuring that all milestones are met on time, and coordinating with different stakeholders. Chanutda works closely with all team members to ensure that process flow, time management, task management, and quality assurance align with project requirements.

***Requirements Analyst*:** Reem Aljorani

Tasked with gathering and documenting project requirements, ensuring that the development team has clear guidance on what needs to be built. Reem also collaborates with Developers and the Project Manager to ensure that all deliverables meet the required quality standards through rigorous testing and validation processes.

***Developer (Front End UI/UX)*:** Satyam Sharma

Responsible for developing the app's front-end UI/UX, ensuring that the final product meets functional requirements and provides a satisfying user experience.

***Developer (Backend Systems)*:** Luke Edwards

Responsible for developing the app's backend systems, ensuring that the final product meets functional requirements and supports the overall application architecture.

### 1.2.2 Internal Stakeholders

***End Users*:** Citizen scientists and hobbyists who collect data on flora and fauna diversity. They are the primary users of the app, responsible for uploading their observations and data.

***Research Scientists*:** Individuals or teams who analyse the data collected by the end users for research purposes, particularly in the context of bushfire recovery.

***Data Analysts*:** Professionals who focus on categorizing and compiling the data into specific groups, aiding research scientists without being directly involved in writing reports or drawing conclusions.

***Environmental Agency Representatives*:** Responsible for ensuring that the data collection methods and app functionalities comply with legal standards in Australia and other regions where the app might be used.

## 1.3 Project Objectives

The primary objective of this project is to develop prototypes of the Citizen Science Application that will:

* ***Data Collection and Upload***: Enable the public to collect and upload environmental data related to flora and fauna diversity, particularly in areas affected by bushfires.
* *Backend Interaction*: Seamlessly interact with the backend API to store, retrieve, and manage data effectively.
* ***User-Friendly Interface***: Provide an intuitive, user-friendly interface that simplifies data entry and visualization, making it accessible to users of all technical levels.
* ***Scalability and Performance***: Ensure the application can demonstrate scalability and maintain performance under expected load conditions.
* ***Documentation and Guidelines***: Develop comprehensive documentation, including step-by-step instructions for using the prototype, ensuring that users and stakeholders can easily navigate and understand the application.
* ***Video Demonstration***: Create a video demonstration showcasing the application's core features, guiding users through its functionalities, and outlining conditions of use.
* ***Compliance with Legal Standards***: Align the app’s development with legal requirements, particularly concerning environmental data collection standards in Australia and potential international regions.

## 1.4 Milestones and Time Estimation

The milestones and time estimations are based on the three sprints planned for this project. Each sprint is divided into specific weekly ranges as follows.

* ***Week 1-3*:** Project planning and requirements analysis.
* ***Week 4-6*:** Prototype development and initial testing.
* ***Week 7-9*:** Finalize prototypes, complete testing, and prepare the final report.

## 1.5 Deliverables

The Forest Health project will produce the following key deliverables which each plays a crucial role in achieving the project’s objectives.

* ***Citizen Science App Prototype***: The core deliverable of the Forest Health project is a fully functional prototype of the Citizen Science Application. This prototype will be accessible on both mobile devices (Android and iOS) and web browsers, enabling users to upload and explore environmental data related to bushfires. The application will feature a well-integrated API backend and a secure database, with administrative access provided through SQL for managing necessary tasks.
* ***Project Documentation***: Comprehensive documentation will support the development and use of the prototype. This includes a detailed project plan incorporating a Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), Precedence Diagramming Method (PDM), and Gantt chart. These documents will guide the project’s progress, ensuring that all critical milestones are achieved on time. Additionally, a thorough Requirements Analysis, supported by UML diagrams, will be provided to ensure that the system's functionalities align with stakeholder needs and expectations.
* ***User and Stakeholder Engagement***: To ensure effective use and understanding of the prototype, the project will deliver instructional documentation. This documentation will offer step-by-step guidance on navigating and utilizing the application, making it accessible to users with varying levels of technical expertise. Additionally, a video demonstration will be produced, showcasing the app's main features and functionalities, along with clear conditions of use. These resources are designed to facilitate user engagement and provide stakeholders with a clear understanding of the application’s capabilities.
* ***Testing and Evaluation***: A comprehensive Test Plan will be developed to ensure the application's functionality, performance, and scalability are thoroughly evaluated. This plan will outline various test cases to validate the system under different scenarios. Alongside the test plan, Software Metrics will be provided to measure the application’s success in meeting its objectives, identifying any areas where improvements may be necessary.
* ***Final Report***: The project will culminate in a Final Report, which will compile all the deliverables and offer a reflective analysis of the project’s outcomes. This report will document the achievements, challenges, and lessons learned throughout the project, providing a complete overview of the process and its results.

# Project Plan

## Work Breakdown Structure

The following Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) outlines the key tasks and milestones for the development of the Citizen Scientist Application within the Forest Health project. The project is divided into 3 main sprints (a, b, and c), each focused on different aspects of the application development process, from initial (1) setup and requirement analysis to (2) frontend and (3) Database Development, and finally, (4) full-stack integration and testing. The chart below visually represents tasks, making it easier to track progress and manage resources effectively throughout the project lifecycle.

**The main structure is composed of 4 parts:**

1. ***OS Setup and Project Planning*:** Establishes the project's foundation by defining the scope, identifying and analysing requirements, and preparing the initial project plan.
2. ***Frontend Development*:** Focuses on the design and development of the user interface and user experience (UI/UX), including wireframes, prototypes, and functional implementations.
3. ***Database Development*:** Focuses on the database design and implementation. This includes designing the database structure using UML and implementing it with SQL.
4. ***Testing and Finalization:*** Involves performing essential testing on the individual components of the UI/UX and backend systems to ensure they function as intended. This phase also includes the preparation of a final report that compiles all deliverables and documents the outcomes and lessons learned from the project.

**The 3 sprints are organized as follows:**

1. ***Sprint 1 (a)***: Focuses on the planning and foundational elements of the project. This includes defining the project scope, identifying and analysing requirements, and preparing the initial project plan.
2. ***Sprint 2 (b)***: Dedicated to the development of the frontend UI/UX and the database. This sprint involves creating wireframes, developing the UI prototype, designing the database, and implementing the backend functionalities.
3. ***Sprint 3 (c)***: Involves individual component testing and the finalization of the project. This sprint covers the testing of the UI/UX and backend functionalities, refining them based on feedback, and preparing the final report.

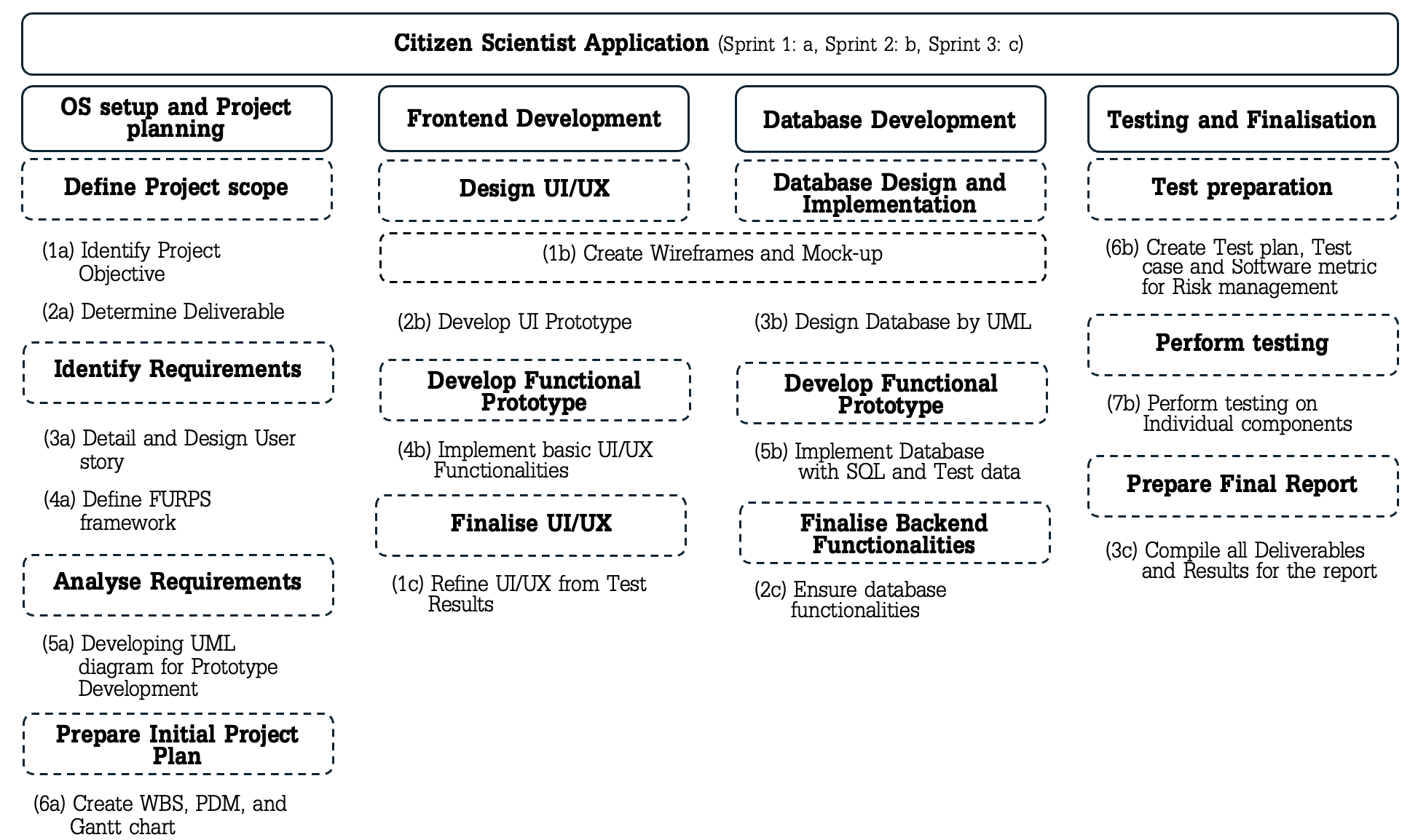


Figure 1 Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) for Citizen Scientist Application

Figure 1 presents a detailed Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) for the Citizen Scientist Application project. The project is divided into 3 main sprints, each focusing on different aspects of the development processes and activities.

## 2.2 Activity Definition & Estimation

### 2.2.1 Activity definition and estimation

Activity definition and estimation will be defined in each sprint to show scope, parallel task, dependency task, and due date for each task. The estimation is also given information to visualise Precedence Diagram Method (PDM) to analyse critical path analysis to focus.

Table 1 Activity definition and estimation for Citizen Scientist Application project.

| **Activity** | **Scope** | **Parallel task** | **Dependency task** | **Duration/Due date** | **Note** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sprint 1: Project Planning and Requirement analysis** | | | | | |
| 1. **Identify Project Objective** | OS | - | - | 4D/2nd August | - |
| 1. **Determine Deliverable Features** | OS | 3 | 1 | 2D/3rd August | - |
| 1. **Detail and Design User story** | Full stack | 2 | 1 | 4D/7th August | - |
| 1. **Define FURPS framework for requirements** | Full stack | - | 2, 3 | 4D/10th August | - |
| 1. **Developing UML Diagram for Prototype Development** | Full stack | - | 4 | 7D/16th August | Split into 2 phases  (1) Developing UML diagram including *Use case/Activity/ State* diagrams (2) Refine UML after requirements check |
| 1. **Create WBS, PDM, and Gantt chart** | OS, Full stack | - | 4 | 7D/18th August | Steps (1) WBS (2) PDM (3) Gantt chart |
| **Sprint 2: Prototype development and Initial testing** | | | | | |
| 1. **Create Wireframes and Mock-up** | Frontend | - | 5 | 5D/20rd August | - |
| 1. **Develop UI prototype** | Frontend | 9 | 7 | 4D/23rd August | - |
| 1. **Design Database by UML** | Backend | 8 | 7 | 4D/23rd August | - |
| 1. **Implement basic UI/UX Functionalities** | Frontend | 11 | 8 | 6D/29th August | - |
| 1. **Implement Database with SQL and Test data** | Backend | 10 | 9 | 6D/29th August | - |
| 1. **Create Test plan, Test case and Software metric for Risk management** | OS, Full stack | 8, 9 | 7 | 10D/28th August | Quality control gets along all stages |
| 1. **Perform testing on Individual components and Overall structure** | OS, Full stack | - | 10, 11 | 4D/6th September | - |
| **Sprint 3: Finalise Prototype, complete testing, and prepare the final report** | | | | | |
| 1. **Refine UI/UX from Test Results** | Frontend | 10 | 13 | 5D/10th September | - |
| 1. **Ensure database Functionalities** | Full stack | 11 | 13 | 4D/10th September | - |
| 1. **Comprehensive testing performance on individual components** | OS, Full stack | - | 15 | 5D/14th September | Performance and scalability check |
| 1. **Compile all Deliverables and Results for the report** | OS, Full stack | - | 16 | 5D/18th September | Working on application and document |

### 2.2.2 Critical Path Analysis

Critical Path Analysis will be conducted for the entire project from Start (S) to Finish (F) passing 17 tasks without separating the analysis by sprints. This approach ensures that the dependencies and durations of all activities are considered holistically, focusing on the overall project timeline rather than individual sprint timelines. The analysis will identify the longest path from start to finish, ensuring that any delays along this path are addressed promptly to keep the project on schedule. The interconnected stages, transitions between activities, and the completion of key tasks according to the planned milestones will be emphasized to ensure the timely delivery of the project.

There are 4 distinct paths to determine the longest path from the starting point to the final task. These paths represent the various sequences of tasks that must be completed across all sprints, from defining project objectives, requirements gathering, frontend and Database Development, to full-stack integration and testing. By identifying the longest path, ensuring that critical tasks are managed to avoid project delays and timely completion of the project as shown in Table 2.

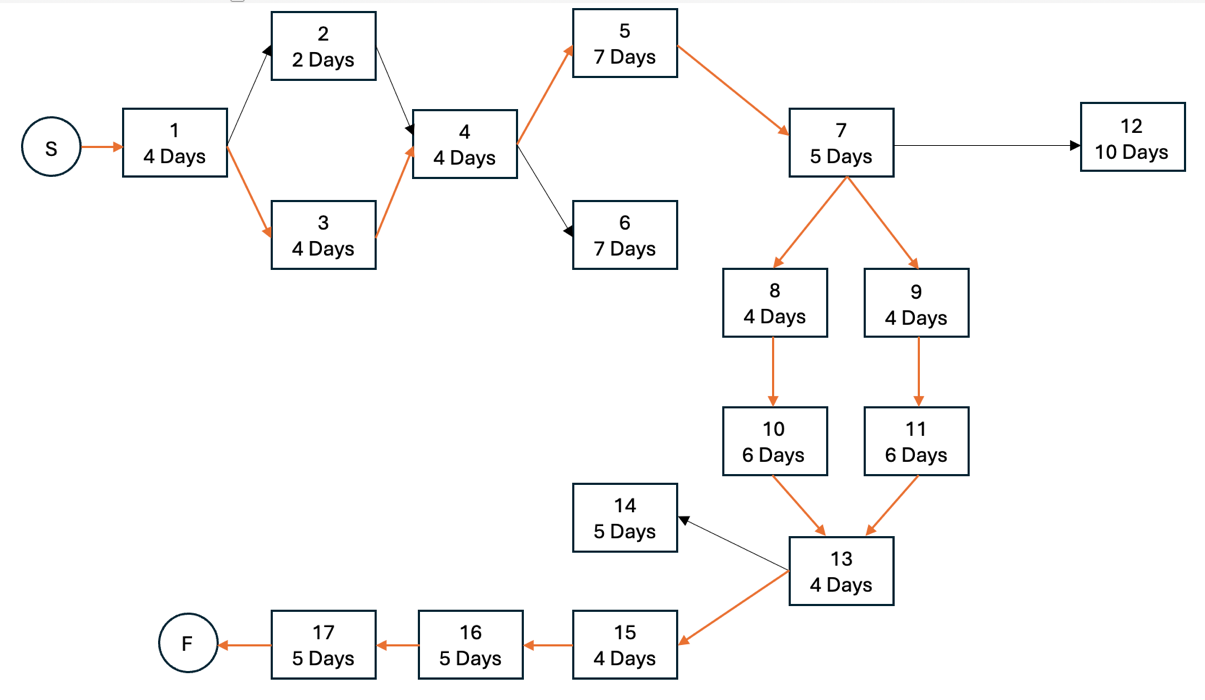


Figure 2 Precedence Diagram Method (PDM) for critical path analysis shows the dependencies of activities and their durations, composed of 3 sprints starting from S and finishing at F in a network diagram.

Table 2 Longest Paths and Durations in the Forest Health Project for developing Citizen Scientist Application prototype.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Paths** | | **Duration (days)** |
| **1** | 1 – 2 – 4 – 5 – 7 – 8 – 10 – 13 – 15 – 16 – 17 | 4 + 2 + 4 + 7 + 5 + 4 + 6 + 4 + 4 + 5 + 5 = 50 |
| **2** | 1 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 7 – 8 – 10 – 13 – 15 – 16 – 17 | 4 + 4 + 4 + 7 + 5 + 4 + 6 + 4 + 4 + 5 + 5 = 52 |
| **3** | 1 – 2 – 4 – 5 – 7 – 9 – 11 – 13 – 15 – 16 – 17 | 4 + 2 + 4 + 7 + 5 + 4 + 6 + 4 + 4 + 5 + 5 = 50 |
| **4** | 1 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 7 – 9 – 11 – 13 – 15 – 16 – 17 | 4 + 4 + 4 + 7 + 5 + 4 + 6 + 4 + 4 + 5 + 5 = 52 |

In conclusion, Paths 2 and 4 are identified as the Critical Paths because they have the longest duration of 52 days. This means that any delay in the tasks along Paths 2 and 4 will delay the completion of the entire project. However, it is crucial to account for the working duration of each activity and monitor transitions between sprints closely. Ensuring that milestones and due dates are met within each sprint is essential, as delays in milestones could significantly impact the overall project timeline. To mitigate these risks, continuous tracking and proactive adjustments will be employed throughout the project lifecycle.

## Gantt Chart

The Gantt chart in figure 3 for the Citizen Scientist Application project is structured into three distinct sprints, each representing a critical phase of the project lifecycle:

1. ***Sprint 1*:** Project Planning and Requirement Analysis
2. ***Sprint 2*:** Prototype Development and Initial Testing
3. ***Sprint 3*:** Finalize Prototypes, Complete Testing, and Prepare the Final Report

Each sprint is further broken down into smaller stages, which are color-coded to differentiate between various tasks within each sprint. The Gantt chart clearly delineates task dependencies, which have been meticulously derived from the Precedence Diagram Method (PDM). Additionally, the chart incorporates supplemental activities, such as meeting setups, which have been integrated based on the insights gathered from the Activity Definition and Estimation phase.

Overall, this Gantt chart provides a comprehensive visual representation of the project’s workflow, supporting effective project management and ensuring that all key activities are completed within the scheduled timeframe.

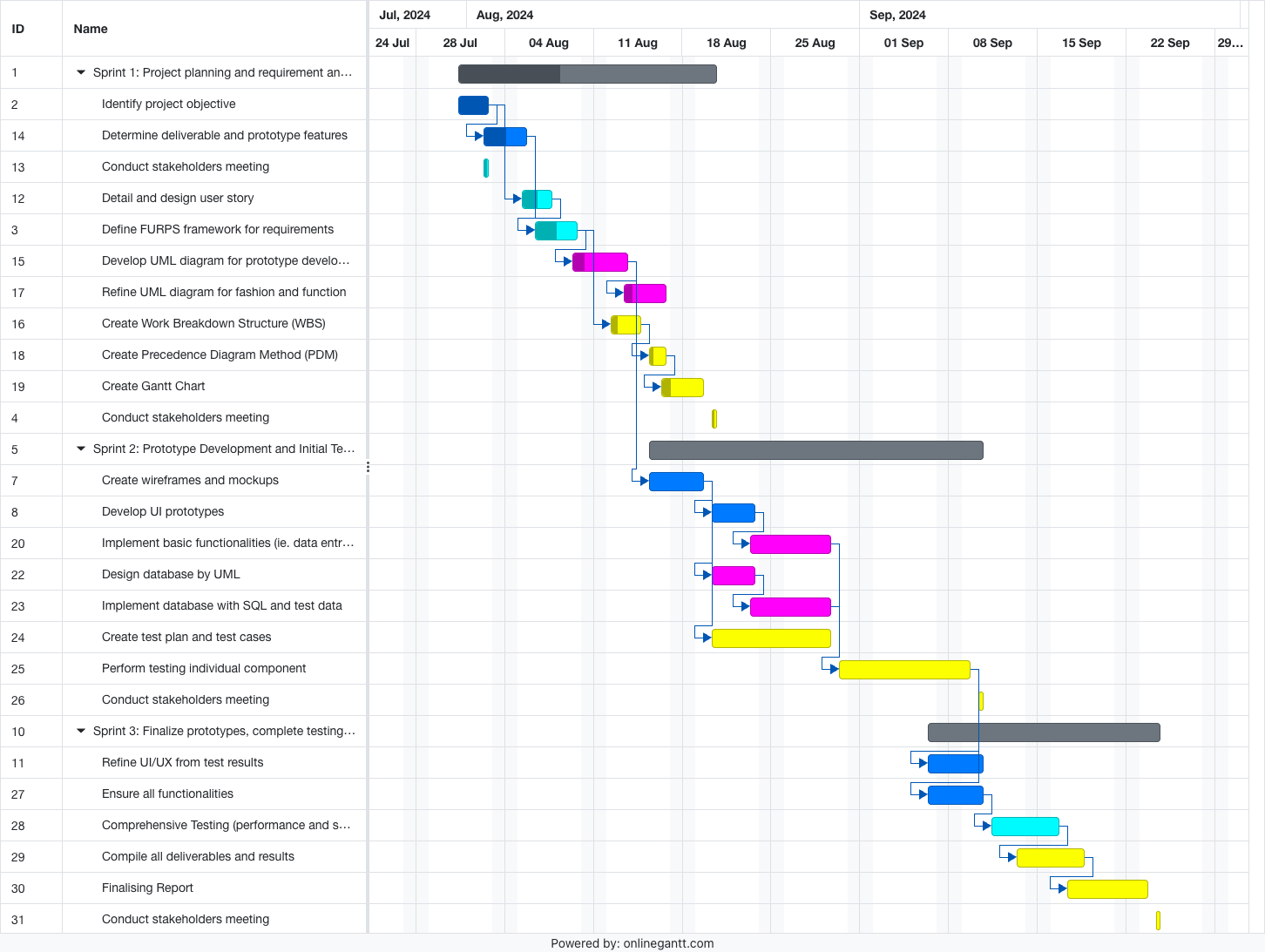


Figure 3 Gantt chart for Citizen Scientist Application project

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# Requirement Analysis

## Requirements Specification

The requirements of the Forest Health’s citizen science project can be analysed by investigating the key stakeholders and their needs whilst using the platform. Each stakeholder should have different requirements and thus all bring unique ideas we should implement whether it is the features of the mobile platform or different analysis access via the API. To accurately capture these requirements, different stakeholders will be interviewed with a quick brief of the project, which we will then undertake necessary feedback of their expectations with the final product. By engaging with our peers over the duration of the project, a clear prototype focusing on both functional and non-functional requirements will hasten final design completion, where thorough planning at the beginning will lessen more work later in the timeline. Separating the requirements will be conducted via User stories in Section 3.1.2 and categorising in the FURPS framework in Section 3.1.4, ensuring all feedback collected can be addressed and easily identifiable in an organised manner.

### 3.1.1 Different Stakeholders Identified

The key stakeholders of the Forest Health project can be identified as the following, with brief descriptions of their role, which is important in our future development.

* ***End Users*:** Citizen Scientists/hobbyists who aim to collect data on flora and fauna diversity in a detailed manner and upload their findings for future research. The main stakeholder in project.
* ***Research Scientists*:** Individuals or a team who aim to analyse the collected data for specific research in responding to claims or finding solutions for efficient bush fire recovery.
* ***Data Analysts*:** Separate to research scientists, focus on analysing the data collected and compiling into specific groups without extending on writing reports and gathering conclusions.
* ***Development Team*:** Responsible for app and database development, utilizing requirements to provide final products that perform well and fit Forest Health’s standards, but are not included in future diagrams as they are only internal stakeholders to the application.
* ***Environmental Agency Representatives*:** Individuals aiming for data collected and the methods used for collection to be compliant with Australia’s legal standards, and other countries and/or states the app may broaden to.

### 3.1.2 User Stories

To effectively gather and organise the requirements of stakeholders involved in the Forest Health application, the cooperative use of both User Stories and FURPS framework were conducted. User stories were developed based on the needs and expectations of our tested interviewers, who helped specify which stakeholders were involved in the program and the requirements the final product should address.

Each user story, organised in Table 3, represents each stakeholder’s perspective when answering the question “What is your interaction with Forest Health’s citizen scientist project, and what features/ design are you expecting?” For those unaware of what a citizen scientist is, they were briefed prior to gathering their response. Further, the table includes an ‘F’ positioned after certain user stories that were seen as a functional requirement, which is a requirement that developers will need to implement into the product features or functions. This is vital as many of the stakeholders are interacting directly with the project and if the app isn’t suiting their needs or is missing needed features, the project usage levels will diminish significantly. All other user stories missing an ‘F’ are the non-functional requirements, judging the operation of the project rather than specific behaviours. Conducting these user stories allows the developers to capture the software platforms perspective from the user’s perspectives and thus help them plan features fitting needed requirements.

Table 3 User Stories for corresponding Stakeholder groups

| As a/an <type of stakeholder> | I want to/the application <goal/objective> | So that <benefit/result> |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **End Users** | to be user-friendly and easy to navigate | I can efficiently collect and upload different types of data. (F) |
| to be functionable offline and sync data automatically when there is service connection restored | I can use it in remote locations. (F) |
| use as a guest without logging in | I can quickly access its features when I don’t want to upload anything. |
| to handle a growing number of data applications without a decrease in performance | I can keep using the app smoothly and not run out of storage. |
| to not have too many flashy components as a user in the older generation | I am able to easily navigate through the app without help. |
| **Research Scientists** | to export analysed data and use advanced search and filtering | I can conduct detailed research to generate reports based on findings. (F) |
| o track specific data and collaborate with other researchers | I can collect a range of flora and fauna data used to evaluate bushfire effects and develop strategies for recovery in specific areas. (F) |
| **Data Analysts** | system to offer various data visualization tools and filtering options | I can interpret trends and insights from the collected data. (F) |
| system to provide SQL query capabilities and easy access to data for analysis | I can well as store various analysed data groups safely. (F) |
| data I’ve analysed and grouped to be secure | I can keep continuing to update and/or utilise my findings. |
| **Development Team** | application and database architecture to be scalable and modular. | future enhancements and integrations are manageable such as extending number of requests per minute and catering to a larger audience of potential citizen scientists. (F) |
| codebase to be well-written with minimal bugs as well as adhering to cyber-security industry standards | application is secure and maintainable over time. |
| To be able to implement updates smoothly | future adaptations do not affect the program in a way that reduces uptime performance. |
| **Environmental Agency Representatives** | to ensure data used in research is accurate and reliability by meeting legal standards | data stored in database to be used by research scientists and data analysts is valid and feasible and can’t lead to legal trouble. |
| include features that prevent illegal activities and promote user safety | data collection process is ethical, safe, and secure. |

### 3.1.3 Requirements of the Stakeholders

The requirements of the stakeholders presented in a table format prior in Section 3.1.2 were investigated through interviews with peers as end users and other individuals around us who may fit in different categories when interacting with the program. These categories further separate into developers, those responsible for developing the application and database, legal environmental representatives requesting the program to be legally legible and thus be able to lead to feasible research conclusions, individuals who aim to use the database for analysis as well as others potentially using analysis to support research, and lastly the end users who will collate the data and thus mainly interact with the application as citizen scientists. All requirements will be shortened into a brief description to show the difference in our project’s different stakeholders based on the user stories.

* ***End Users*:** End users need an application with an efficient interface, clear navigation, and user-friendly features like Sans Serif fonts and non-clashing colour schemes. The app should be accessible to users with impairments through visual and audible aids. It must function without mobile service, ensure data isn't lost when offline, and sync automatically once reconnected. Many different data types such as plant types, animals, etc, should be available during data collection to ensure a fun-unique experience to the scientists.
* ***Research Scientists*:** The Research team require various tools within the database for efficient data analysis, such as in-app graph construction, advanced search, filtering options, and option to export data to personal devices. They need to be able to track specific data (such as based on geographical location) and share access within other research groups to collaborate on forming strategies/evaluating bush-fire effects. The inclusion of online forums for researcher interaction and questions may also be beneficial.
* ***Data Analysts*:** Data analysts require similar database features to the research team, such as filtering options based on location, time, etc, as well as the exporting to those requiring the findings. Additionally, the system should provide SQL queries and provide easy access to the database and allow analysts to select data and move to in-app folder locations in a reliable manner where app movement syncs.
* ***Development Team*:** The development team requires the database and application to be scalable, high-quality, and compatible with existing systems, supporting over 500 data requests per minute. It should limit data loss when users lose service and accommodate to future growth in increased user traffic and data volume. The software must be secure, bug-free, prevent cyber-attacks, adhere to industry legal standards, and undergo regular testing and updates for each prototype.
* ***Environmental Agency Representatives*:** Environmental representatives require the project to adhere strictly to legal standards that promotes accurate, reliable data collection. It should discourage illegal activities whilst collecting data, such as trespassing or damaging flora and fauna. The app must also ensure user safety such as advising against touching plants during data collection.

### 3.1.4 FURPS Framework

The FURPS framework consists of different groups used to categorise the gathered requirements, being functionality, usability, reliability, performance, and supportability. This organisation tool ensures the functional and non-functional requirements can be separated, and that all critical needs are identified, prioritized, and systematically addressed in prototype development process. Laying out these needs in Table 4 helps display the organised requirements for the developers so that the vital data collected by our interviewed stakeholders are not missed. A unique ID for each requirement is given and can be used further in the report when discussing certain project implementations and which requirements were considered.

Table 4 FURPS framework separating User Stories' requirements

| FURPS | Unique requirement ID | Requirements |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Functionality** | F1 | |  | | --- | | The application must function offline, with automatic and reliable data synchronization once the connection is restored, without data loss or corruption. |  |  | | --- | |  | |
| F2 | The application should allow data export, advanced search, and filtering for detailed research and report generation. |
| F3 | |  | | --- | | The system must provide advanced SQL query capabilities with efficient indexing and secure storage of both raw and analysed data. |  |  | | --- | |  | |
| F4 | The application should include features to prevent illegal activities and ensure ethical and secure collection of data. |
| **Usability** | U1 | |  | | --- | | The application should have an intuitive UI/UX design that facilitates easy navigation and quick access to all features for all user demographics. |  |  | | --- | |  | |
| U2 | The system should provide data visualization tools and filtering options for trend interpretation. |
| U3 | Users should be able to access the app as guests without logging in. |
| **Reliability** | R1 | |  | | --- | | Analysed and grouped data should be stored securely, with regular backups and version control to prevent data loss or unauthorized access. |  |  | | --- | |  | |
| R2 | Updates should be implementable without negatively affecting program performance or uptime. |
| R3 | |  | | --- | | The application must ensure data accuracy and integrity, complying with relevant legal and ethical standards, and offering traceability of data sources. |  |  | | --- | |  | |
| **Performance** | P1 | The software should be modular, allowing easy integration of new features and efficient handling of increased user traffic and data requests. |
| P2 | |  | | --- | | The application must be capable of scaling to handle increasing amounts of data, ensuring it remains responsive and performant under high loads. |  |  | | --- | |  | |
| **Supportability** | S1 | |  | | --- | | The system should enable tracking and monitoring of specific datasets over time, with features supporting real-time collaboration between multiple researchers. |  |  | | --- | |  | |
| S2 | The codebase should be well-written, bug free, secure, and maintainable, adhering to industry standards as well as utilising algorithms to support fast searching and sorting of data. |

### 3.1.5 Conclusion of Section

In summary, a requirement analysis of the Forest Health’s citizen scientist project has provided a detailed understanding of the various stakeholders involved and their needs and expectations which will be implemented in ongoing project prototypes. By conducting interviews, these requirements were recorded and organised in the analysis tools User Stories and FURPS framework, with a brief description seen in Section 3.1.3 concisely displaying our findings. These tools ensured both functional and non-functional requirements can be defined and prioritized as both are highly needed in developing a successful and user-friendly final product. Overall, a solid foundation has been made for the next step of development and future enhancements of the application, which will be able to support efficient data collection, analysis, and research whilst adhering to legal and ethical standards of all regions the app is accessible in.

## Use Case Diagram

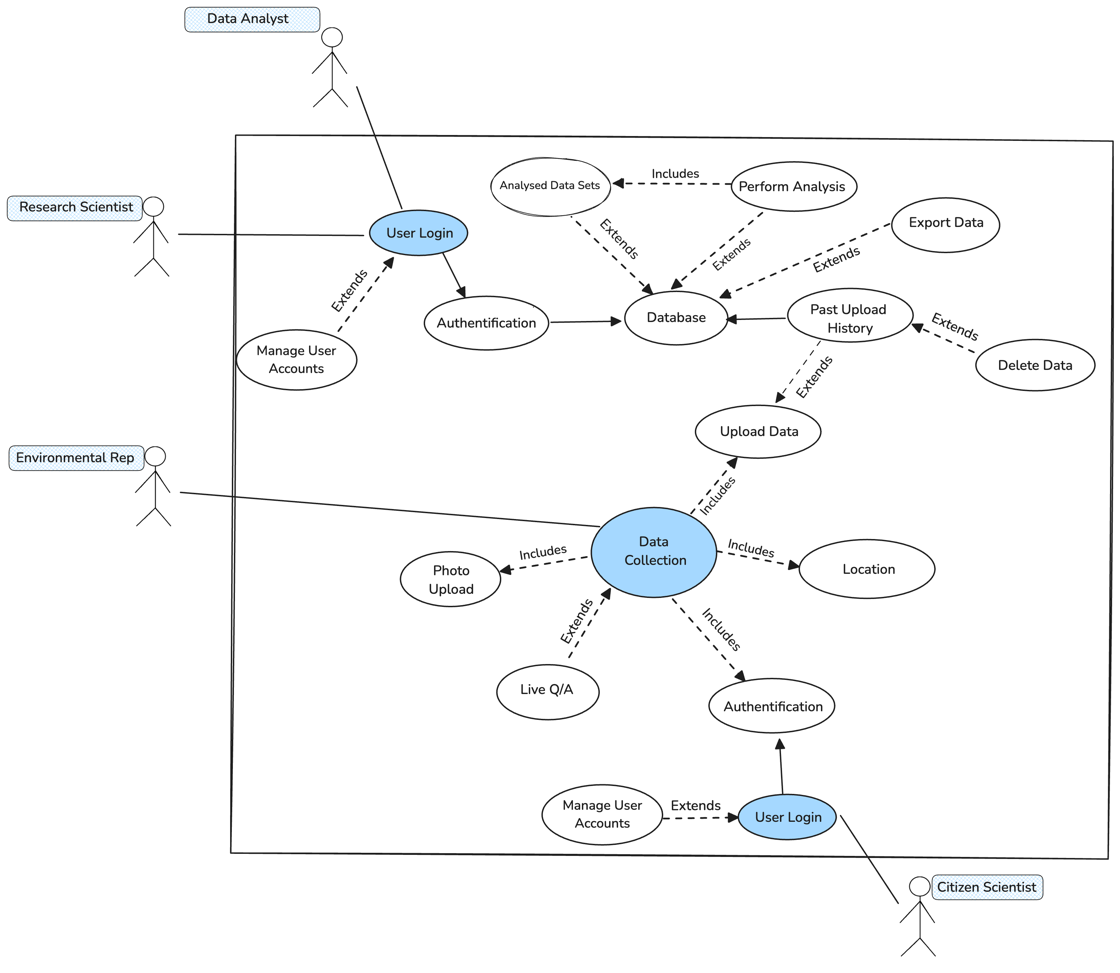
In this section, the significant requirements of the Forest Health citizen science platform discussed prior will be illustrated using a Use Case Diagram. This diagram is used to highlight the many different communications between the system and its external stakeholders/actors, including citizen scientists (end users), research scientists, data analysts, environmental agency representatives, etc. Each stakeholder plays a unique role in contributing to or benefiting from the platform's functionality, such as collecting environmental data, analysing post-bushfire recovery, or ensuring compliance with legal standards. Although the development team has some requirements to integrate into the system, they will not be included in this section as they directly within the company as internal stakeholders and already have high influence over the project decision making. The diagram which will be seen in Figure 4, helps to visualize the relationships between the actors (stakeholders) and the key system requirements discusses in Section 3.1, that are required to meet stakeholder expectations in this project. This may be the pathway of a data analyst, ensuring that one of their requirements such as filtering data is included in database via a separate analysis section. Further, it helps show which entry conditions are required to enter a different function as well as the requirements, such as authenticating after login before accessing the database or data collection services. The diagram will be updated accordingly per sprint stage to ensure use case corresponds to the new prototypes developed until the final project.

After the Use Case Model has been uploaded, we will describe one of the use cases in detail, by explaining the specific interaction between that user and the system, as well as the expected outcome for a particular scenario, such as collecting data or accessing the database.

### 3.2.1 Use Case Diagram

The Use Case Diagram is represented below in Figure 4 where the functionalities and pathways of four main stakeholders/actors is shown.

Figure 4 Use Case Diagram



The diagram describes the main Forest Health platform implementations for the first UI/UX prototype whilst illustrating the main interactions between the different stakeholders. The main actors involved are Citizen Scientists, Research Scientists, Data Analysts, and Environmental Representatives, and are enclosed inside a system boundary to separate the use cases internal to the system from these external actors. By analysing the requirements of the actors via User Stories and FURPS model in Section 3.1, we were able to gather the various system features necessary to ensure the final product meets user expectations. The pathways of each main stakeholder involved in interacting with the platform will be discussed, as well as the main features that the project plans to implement based on their certain requirements.

* ***Citizen Scientist***: These End Users are primarily interacting with the system database via the API and are the main stakeholder. Initially, they log in in through the “User Login” functionality and go through an authentication stage immediately after. Once approved, these users will be able to begin collecting and uploading data essential for bushfire renewal studies which can be done under “Data Collection”, performing features such as uploading photos, submitting location, and submitting other key finds such as vegetation type, landscape, and more. They will also be able to participate in Q&A sessions via a live forum with other citizen scientists in the community, and after uploading data, access their “Past Upload History” and have ability to delete any. These features are highlighted in the Use Case Model; however, it is important to note that backend requirements such as data sync and handling high amount of amount will be needed also.
* ***Research Scientist***: These users need to interact with the database via SQL queries after the “User Login” and “Authentication” stages. They will be able to browse the database using SQL requests, accessing all the stored data collected by the citizen scientist’s successful uploads. By accessing the “Database”, these users also have access to the “Perform Analysis” function which is a necessary requirement to perform various tools to gather data sets that can be saved to the user’s profile either privately or publicly depending on if allowing other scientists to view them. These tools may be and are not limited to; creating graphs, sorting by factors such as location, and more. Finally, the last key feature shown in the Use Case Model is ability to exporting data if needed.
* ***Data Analyst***: These users have very similar features to the research scientists, also being able to access the database after logging into the system and successful authentication. Whilst the research scientists can also analyse data, this stakeholder is expected to utilize this feature more and export data at larger amounts for further use, a backend feature mandatory will be security on their analysed data and ability to update it. They also are able to save these analysed data sets to their profile either publicly or privately which proves useful when research scientists do not want to analyse date themselves.
* ***Environmental Representative***: These users have a key goal of ensuring collected data complies with legal standards of the environment being analysed. Spoken in Section 3.1, they involve overseeing the data collection process is safe and that the public citizen scientists are not breaking any laws when collecting data. This helps authenticate the data that will be used by research scientists further on, to ensure all is feasible and valid.

Overall, the system’s central functionality revolves around “Data Collection” which ties up the multiple processes of each different stakeholder. By doing this, it is easy to display how each stakeholder will interact with the system and use similar functionalities to reach their app goals. Further, scalability was kept in mind so that when the future prototypes are developing, we can easily implement the new functions and features into the model accordingly to enhance our overall knowledge of the project being created.

### 3.2.2 Detailed Use Case

**Detailed Use Case ID: DUC-1 – data collection sample**

**Actor(s):** Citizen Scientist (End User), Environmental Representatives

The “Data Collection” use case involves the process of our main app end users (Citizen Scientists) collecting and uploading environmental data (such as photos, location, etc) to the Forest Health platform database. The data collected should be first reviewed by the environmental representatives’ requirements, using a background system that automatically flags selected data not fitting legal standards, as well as a pop-up message before collection explaining that all scientists should follow safe and legal processes. This procedure uses the Use Case Model discussed prior and any pathways not applicable will be seen as an “error condition”.

**Pre-conditions:**

* The citizen scientist has access to a mobile device with an applicable system so that they can upload/view data and user other key features.
* The citizen scientist has successfully logged into the system using the “User Login” use case and been authenticated accordingly.
* The user can access data collection and upload forms without bugs interrupting the process.

**Post-conditions:**

* The data has successfully passed environmental legal standards review.
* All data collected per entry including images, location, and other environmental details, is successfully uploaded onto the system back-end database and user upload history.
* The data is accessible to its key users such as research scientists and data analysts via the database.

**Main Success Scenario/Flow of Events:**

1. The Citizen Scientist (End User) logs into the platform on their device through the **User Login** feature and is successfully authenticated.
2. On the main screen, they are able to navigate the easily found **Data Collection** section.
3. The user selects an option to upload a photo supporting their data collection and input it along with the corresponding location and other details to fulfill minimum requirements.
4. The system prompts user for confirmation before finalizing the submission.
5. If submitted successfully, system stores the data in the database and the user’s personal data collection history and logs the upload.
6. An automatic notification is sent to the **Environmental Representative’s legal standards section**, indicating the new data is available for a computer-based review.
7. The **computer** accesses the data, reviews the uploaded information based on given set standards, and confirms data collected meets required legal and compliance requirements.
8. Once approved and saved, data is now made accessible to **Research Scientists** and **Data Analysts** via the database for any further analysis.

**Error Conditions and Alternative Pathways:**

1. Failed upload due to unfulfilled data requirements:

* If citizen scientist fails to provide all minimum data requirements necessary for a full upload such as no location, date, etc, the system will prompt user to complete missing fields.
* Once data is now entered, the user can then successfully re-upload.

1. Data doesn’t meet legal standards:

* If the environmental representative’s legal standards are not met in an uploaded data submission, it will be flagged for further review and a summary of why it doesn’t comply with the necessary successful requirements.
* System notifies the citizen scientist via email or phone to modify the submission so it fits standards or delete the data if it cannot be recovered.
* These can also be seen under the “Past Upload History” section however user’s still need to be notified so are able to review it fast.
* All invalid data will be available for modification up to 2 weeks after notification, otherwise system automatically deletes to reduce traffic flow and unnecessary storage.

This “Data Collection” detailed Use Case is a key part of the Forest Health application, as the main end users “Citizen Scientists” are the key collaborators of the system. Their collected data play a key part in allowing further analysis and research by other relevant stakeholders regarding bushfire recovery. By ensuring legal compliance is met prior to allowing these stakeholders to analyse data, it ensures they can immediately use it in their reports without being held back by integrity and reliability issues. Ensuring pre and post conditions are met, allowing alternative pathways if an error was to occur during data submission allows the platform to be fully usable over-time as well as involve scalability where developers will be able to continuously work on updates to keep providing bug-free, successful routes. Conclusively, although there are many Use Cases that can be analysed, this is the main one that forces the platform to be fully complicit for all stakeholders involved.

**Detailed Use Case ID: DUC-2 – accessing analysed data sample**

**Actor(s):** Research Scientists, Data analysts (optional)

The “Accessing Analysed Data” use case involves research scientists accessing, potentially analysing, and exporting environmental data from the Forest Health platform database to study environmental trends and changes based on the suggested Use Case Models’ procedure. Research scientists have the ability to analyse data themselves and save in two different permission formats, or optionally research already analysed data conducted by the data analyst stakeholders which speeds up the process. The data used is based on the finding of citizen scientists which is transferred to the SQL database and is previously reviewed by environmental representatives to validify data is accurate and reliable, as shown in use case DUC-1. This particular use case ensures that research scientists can fully utilise the applications implementations in future monitoring and evaluations of bushfires and post-fire recovery of our domestic environment.

**Pre-conditions:**

* The research scientist has access to a mobile device with an applicable system and updated to the latest version so that they can seamlessly view the database and perform optional tasks.
* The research scientist has successfully logged into the system using the “User Login” use case and been authenticated accordingly.
* Data uploaded into database is already reviewed by environmental representatives to support accurate and feasible research discoveries.
* The user/s can access database and export specific data findings without bugs interrupting the process.

**Post-conditions:**

* Research scientist successfully accessed all recent data findings via database without glitches due to the mass-amounts.
* The analysis process included all features wanted such as refining data by location, sorting by date, etc, and were all updated to the most recent approved data uploads including whether data was deleted by citizen scientists.
* Data analysed has been saved in different data sets to the users account and is successfully saved privately or publicly according to personal preferences.
* The data has been successfully exported to the user’s device (if chosen) in the appropriate format.

**Main Success Scenario/Flow of Events:**

1. The research scientist (and potentially data analysts) logs into the platform on their device through the **User Login** feature and is successfully authenticated.
2. Upon accessing the database research scientist navigates to the **Data Analysis** section.
3. The scientist has two options in terms of data analysis where both offers various tools such as in-app graph making, filtering, etc.
4. Access data sets previously analysed by the data analysts’ stakeholders which are appropriately labelled. It should also consist of a detailed description showcasing the data sets specifics, such as the location chosen, the date period, if limited to certain data such as plant types, etc.
5. Research scientist can select and create their own data set to analyse based on their own criteria of date, location, etc, which can be saved privately or publicly if giving permission for other users to use.
6. Research scientist (or data analyst) retrieves and **applies filtering**, select/search algorithms, and is offered the **various tools** within the platform.
7. Once analysis has been completed, the scientist reviews the results in a clean format and **saves** the now analysed data set to personal profile with **the required updated description**.
8. If required, the research scientist can extend the database main menu to “**Export Data**” for the option of **exporting** the data in a preferred format (e.g., Excel, PDF, CSV), to the users’ personal computer.
9. System logs the analysis session for future referencing and auditing purposes to allow further future analysis/updates.

**Error Conditions and Alternative Pathways:**

1. Data from database retrieval errors:

* If the system fails to retrieve most current data due to connection or corrupted data issues, the scientist is notified with an error message.
* Scientist will be suggested to check whether platform is updated to the latest version to ensure previous bugs are not affecting experience and database is updated in case of deleted data being removed.
* If issue still not fixed, scientist is able to easily contact support for assistance.

1. Export failures:

* If there are issues with exporting data in the preferred format, such as due to format incompatibility or a system error), an error message will be displayed to the screen.
* Scientist will be prompted to ensure their data set was saved correctly and attempt to export in a different format.
* If issue still not fixed, scientist can report the issue to support and/or contact support for assistance.

This “Accessing Analysed Data” use case is crucial in the Forest Health platform as it enables the second most important stakeholders, research scientists, to effectively utilize the data collected by the end users (citizen scientists). By providing various related analysis tools such as filtering, algorithms, etc, the platform reaches high capability of being a “popular” tool for future environmental discoveries. Further, the assurance of pre-processed data and legal compliance checks ensures data quality and supports valid research efforts so that the platform can be confidently referenced. The exporting tool also allows users to access data straight from their device full-time in the preferred format. Conclusively, this use cases ensures that not only is data collected in the API, but also used effectively for analysis by those wanting to commit research findings to help in environmental research and decision-making, overall creating a harmonic system.

## Activity Diagram

A UML activity diagram is a visual representation on how the application works and progresses, capturing the flow of data which makes it simpler for the stakeholders to understand about the working of application. Further, it helps developers visualize about the working of the app itself, which makes it more efficient to spot inefficiencies errors, or any areas of improvements. This helps the developer to has a clear understanding of what are the expectations regarding the app itself and its working. Doing these checks early in planning stage avoids additional work, costs, and resources later when needing to fix an issue involving a lot of code and work. Additionally, by planning out the flow pathways of the system and discovering certain end points as well as the different forks, the app can be built as scalable earlier on, with an advantage of discovering the best system locations for updates and refinement based on the later testing stage.

The activity diagram shown below displays a management and flow of operation within the system, focusing majorly on the data collection, here’s a breakdown of the diagram shown:

1. ***Start:*** The operation starts when one of the users Interact with the app by opening the application.
2. ***User Login***: A user login is asked upon opening the application, that includes a unique user id and password.
3. ***Authenticator***: The screen then is transferred to an authenticator and would require an authentication software such as authenticator or ping id.
4. ***Decision***:
   1. Authentications succeed: If auth is success then it takes to the next step that is uploading data.
   2. Authentications denied: If the auth is denied, user can’t get the access and needs to try again with the authenticator, or a recovery key provided when first time authenticator was set up.

5. ***Upload Data***: The data is uploaded by the user which may include different kind of information regarding different land masses or flora and fauna.

6. ***Data validation:*** The system checks and validates if the data is uploaded correctly to the database or no, of yest it proceeds to the next step, if not it goes the previous step that is, upload again.

7. ***Store Data***: The data is stored either locally or is *uploaded to the database* and provided to Citizen scientist.

8. ***Perform analysis***: This data uploaded is then analysed by the citizen scientist for their specific field of work.

9. ***Exit***: The software or the application then can be excited by the user and citizen Scientist.

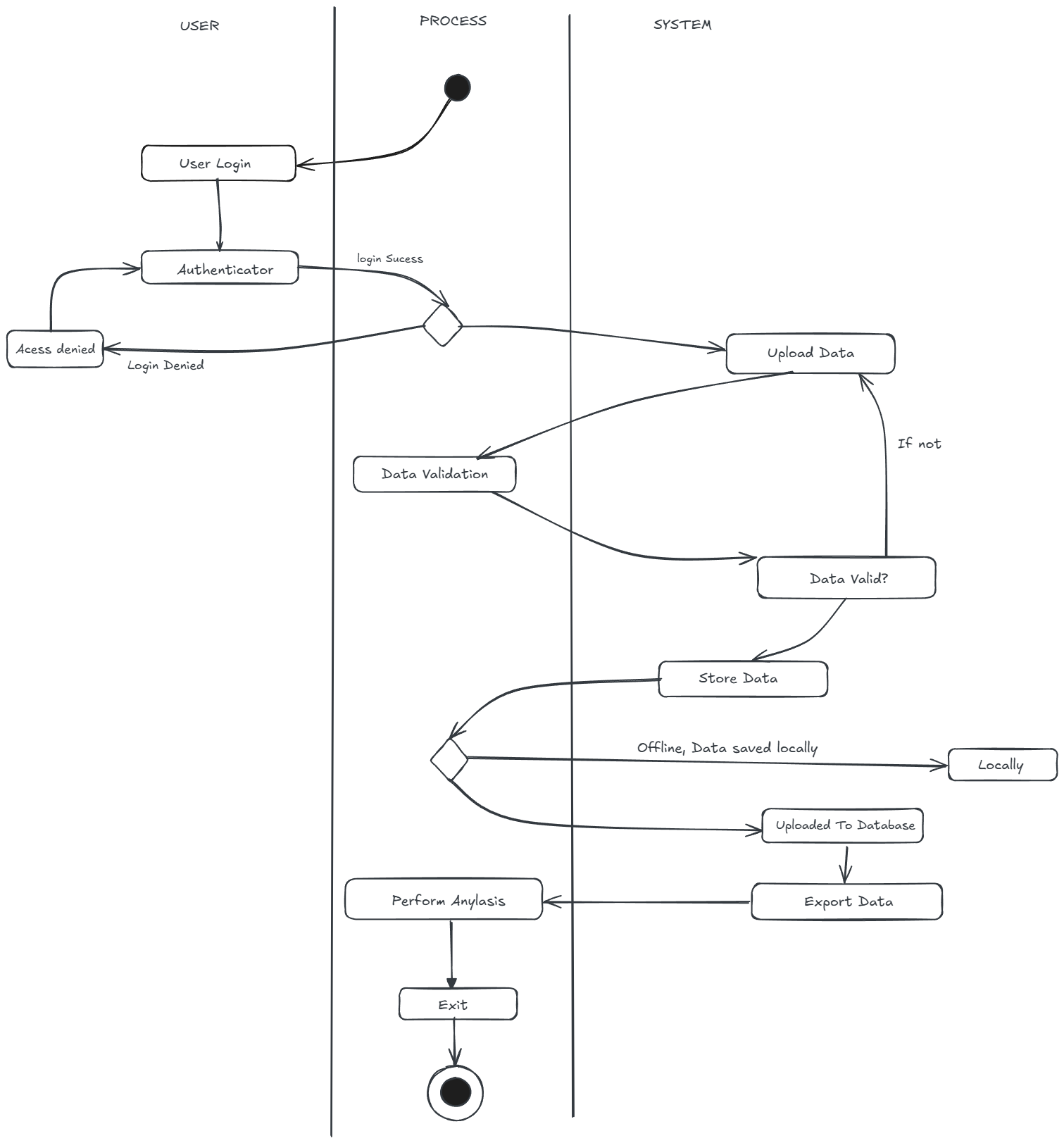


Figure 5 UML activity diagram

## State Diagram

The state diagram shown below displays the flow of states different types of users have and how they would interact with the system the types of users shown here are:

1. ***End user***: this is the public users which are allowed to upload the data.
2. ***Environmental representative***: this user can approve the data and ensure that the data is relevant and is what the program is looking for.
3. ***Research scientist***: the research scientists are allowed to access the database to analyse the data and generate their reports.
4. ***Data analyst***: data analysis can access the database to categorize it and make the databases look like good for the analysis.

For each of these users the diagram shows the states the user goes through when doing a certain activity. A breakdown of the diagram is shown below.

1. ***User login***: first the users will login in the login and the system will check for a successful login.
2. ***Fork:*** One the user logins it then goes off into four different paths depending on which type of user you are.
3. ***End user path***:
   1. Data collection view: The end users will be directed to the data collection view where they can begin the data entry.
   2. Data upload: this is where the data is uploaded by the end user the program will then start the data verification process.
   3. Data verification: the data will be verified and once it is the upload will be confirmed.
   4. Data base update: once the upload is confirmed the database will then be updated.
4. ***Environmental representative***:
   1. Compliance moderating view: the environment representative will first see the view for compliance moderating where they can retrieve the data collection.
   2. Ensure compliance: the environmental representative looks at the data to ensure the data complies with the requirements and the users will then approve the data collection.
   3. Compliance confirmation: The environmental rep will then confirm the data complies and the system will the confirm the compliance.
5. ***Research scientist***:
   1. Data analysis view: First the research scientist will be shown the data analysis view where they can view the data.
   2. Data retrieval: the research scientist can then retrieve the data they want so they can analyse it.
   3. Generates reports: the reports will then be generated with the analysed data and then the system will be notified that the analysis is complete.
6. ***Data analyst***:
   1. Data categorisation view: first the data analyst will see the data categorisation view where they will then be able to access the database.
   2. Categorise data: once they access it, they can then categorise the data. When they are done, they will the submit the categorised data.
   3. Database update: once it is categorised the analyst will be notified that it is updated, and the database will be updated.
7. ***End***: once everything is done the user will then log out and the system will end.

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Figure 6 UML state diagram

# Prototype Description

*Provide a detailed description of your prototypes. The prototypes should be consistent with the scope description (WBS and deliverables) and requirement specification (covering all the relevant requirements). The prototypes should be testable and useful in generating insights to the whole project.*

* *If you are developing a prototype of the UI/UX, you can use prototyping tools such as Marvelapp* [*https://marvelapp.com/*](https://marvelapp.com/)
* *If you are implementing certain functionalities, you can use any programming language of your choice. Make sure your code is well-commented, executable, and testable.*
* *If you are developing the database, you can design your database using UML diagrams and convert your design into table structures. Also, you need to implement your database with SQL and populate your database with some synthesized data. You should also test the data retrieval of your database via SQL queries.*

# Prototype Testing

## Test Plan

*This section should provide a test plan that contains the overall test strategy, including the test environment, test inputs, and expected test results. It can involve unit testing, integration testing, performance testing, customer acceptance testing, or any mixture of them. The choice of tests should be reasonable and feasible, and the test choices should be justified.*

## Test Results

*This section should report the results of the testing. The test results should be documented and analysed, providing insights to the whole project. Limitations of the test results should be discussed (what they show and cannot show). You may consider including additional images or short video clips showing the test results.*

# Software Metrics

*This section should present five corresponding metrics based on five project goals (of your choice), by applying the Goal/Question/Metrics paradigm. Justify the validity and reliability of your metrics related to the goals, and explain how to collect the required data.*

# Project Reflection

*This section should present your reflection on how the project was managed, what went well and what could be improved. Also, discuss what you have learned during this project, and how they will benefit your future projects.*