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# Introduction

This document outlines the steps taken to test the MiD application and the various platforms that it has been deployed to. Testing methodologies changed depending on the platform as there were different requirements of each. Within each section, I will detail the different steps and reasoning behind each one.

# Mobile Testing

## Overview

The mobile portion of the MiD application was created for the end user. This would be someone that would verify and store their identity. This application allowed for this as well as the requesting of information from other users. The primary function of MiD was to provide endpoints that users and parties could subscribe to. This means that a user interface (UI) is not necessary for the core of MiD to function but for an end user it is needed.   
This also means that testing did not need to be as rigorous in terms of code/path coverage. I opted for a more functional form of testing for this portion of the project. This came in the form of performing tests myself as well as putting the potential application out to users to give feedback and expose bugs that I would not have been able to spot. As the application was developed for Android, I was able to avail of Google’s “[Play Console](https://developer.android.com/distribute/console/index.html)” and the testing platform that came with it.

## Functional Testing

For basic testing of the application, I developed a chart of several workflows that can be accomplished. These ranged from big tasks such as creating a profile to something secondary like viewing a pending submission. Each workflow has a set input and result. Below explains these workflows, detailing how critical they are to the application and their perceived difficulty.

The second chart lists the results of the tests performed on those workflows. I changed the input of each to see if I could get the expected output or a correct error message.

### Functional Testing – Workflow Chart

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Workflow ID | Description | Application Criticality | Perceived Difficulty | Expected Input | Expected Result |
| 1 | Create a profile locally to be sent to the server for remote storage | High | Low | Username & pin | Profile created remotely and returned. Local profile then created. User is then prompted to create an identity card |
| 2 | Create an identity type locally | High | Medium | Fields from the selected identity (e.g. name, D.O.B, etc.) | Card is stored locally and displayed to the user |
| 3 | Submit an identity type | High | Low | Confirmed fields from that type of identity and a current photo | Change the card status to pending and display it to the user |
| 4 | View  submitted identities | Medium | Low | Tap on the respective button | A listing of all submissions is returned to the user |
| 5 | View submitted identity | Medium | Low | Tap on the desired identity | User is shown the submission and all information for it |
| 6 | Create request | High | High | Scan user QR code and select fields from a specific identity type | Request is created and displayed to the user |
| 7 | View requests | Medium | Low | Tap on the respective button | A listing of all requests is returned to the user |
| 8 | View request | Medium | Low | Tap on the desired request | User is shown the request and all information for it. |
| 9 | Create second profile | Low | Low | User selects the create button on the profile selection page | User is prompted to create a user in the standard way |
| 10 | Delete identity type | Medium | Low | User selects options on the desired identity and selects select | The selected identity is removed from the profile |
| 11 | Delete user profile | Low | Low | From the user page they select delete | User profile is deleted |

### Functional Testing – Results Chart

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Workflow ID | Input | Expected Result | Actual Result | Comment |
| 1 | “test” for username and 1234 for the pin | Profile is created called “test” | Profile is created called “test” | Within expected parameters |
| 1 | “test” for username and no pin | Error | Prompted to enter a pin | Within expected parameters |
| 1 | No username and 1234 for pin | Error | Prompted to enter a username | Within expected parameters |
| 1 | “test” for username and 1234 for the pin but no internet enabled on the device | Error | “Error creating profile” message displayed | Profile cannot be created without being connected to the server |
| 2 | “test” entered for identity type for one field | Identity type created | Identity type created locally | Within expected parameters |
| 2 | nothing entered for identity type for one field | Error | Prompted to enter something into every field of the identity | There is nothing to check what is being entered only that something is entered |
| 2 | “test” entered for identity type for one field with no internet enabled on the device | Identity type created | Identity type created locally | No need for internet at this stage as the identity is created locally |
| 3 | Nothing changed on the created identity type (left as “test”) and a picture is taken | Submission created and set to pending | Submission created and set to pending | Within expected parameters |
| 3 | Fields are emptied and picture is taken | Error | Prompted to enter something into the fields | Within expected parameters |
| 3 | Nothing changed on the created identity type (left as “test”) and no picture is taken | Error | Prompted to take a picture | Within expected parameters |
| 3 | Nothing changed on the created identity type (left as “test”) and a picture is taken but no internet is enabled on the device | Error | “Error creating submission” message displayed | Submission cannot be created without being connected to the server |
| 4 | Submission list button is tapped | Submission listing shown | Submission listing shown | Within expected parameters |
| 4 | Submission list button is tapped but no internet is enabled on the device | Error | “Error retrieving submissions” message displayed | Internet is required to pull down the latest version of the submission listing |
| 5 | Desired submission is selected | Submission shown | Submission shown | Within expected parameters |
| 5 | Desired submission is selected but no internet is enabled on the device | Error | “Error retrieving submission” message displayed | Internet is required to pull down the latest version of the selected submission |
| 6 | User QR is scanned and fields from an identity type are selected | Request created | Request is created and user goes back from the request page | Within expected parameters |
| 6 | User QR is not scanned and fields from an identity type are selected | Error | “Must scan user QR” message displayed | Need to know what user you are sending the request to |
| 6 | User QR is scanned and no fields from an identity type are selected | Error | “Must select a field” message displayed | Need to know what to request from the user |
| 6 | User QR is scanned and fields from an identity type are selected but no internet is enabled on the device | Error | “Error creating request” message displayed | Internet is required to create a request |
| 7 | Request list button is tapped | Request listing shown | Request listing shown | Within expected parameters |
| 7 | Request list button is tapped but no internet is enabled on the device | Error | “Error retrieving requests” message displayed | Internet is required to pull down the latest version of the request listing |
| 8 | Desired request is selected | Request shown | Request shown | Within expected parameters |
| 8 | Desired request is selected but no internet is enabled on the device | Error | “Error retrieving request” message displayed | Internet is required to pull down the latest version of the selected request |
| 9 | Select new profile. Button and enter test data “test” for username and 1234 for pin | Profile is created and displayed in the profile selection page | Profile is created and displayed in the profile selection page | Within expected parameters |
| 10 | Identity type delete button is selected | Identity type is removed | Identity type is removed | Within expected parameters |
| 11 | User deletion button is selected | User profile is removed from the device | User profile is removed from the device | Within expected parameters |
| 11 | User deletion button is selected but no internet is enabled on the device | Error | “Error deleting profile” message is displayed | Internet is required to delete the profile locally and remotely, it cannot be only half-done |

### Functional Testing Conclusion

By following the above workflow, I was able to work out any bugs that would occur during significant changes or updates as a result of changes to the backend. Whenever a change was made anywhere, I would run through the relevant workflows and ensure that the behaviour matched up. These workflows heavily influenced what I asked users to do during the user testing portion of development.

## User Testing

When creating something like a mobile application it is imperative to ensure that the target audience is able to use it to the best of their ability. This means that a user must always know what they are doing at any point in the workflows of the application.

As identity cards are age agnostic, the application will be used by all age groups. As such, the screens within the mobile application needed to be clear and simple. All steps of each workflow needed to be clearly labelled to ensure the user takes the correct actions.

To cover a wide audience, I deployed the application to a publicly accessible server and had friends and family test the mobile portion of the application and fill out a survey. All were encouraged to ask their own acquaintances to test it if they so wished.

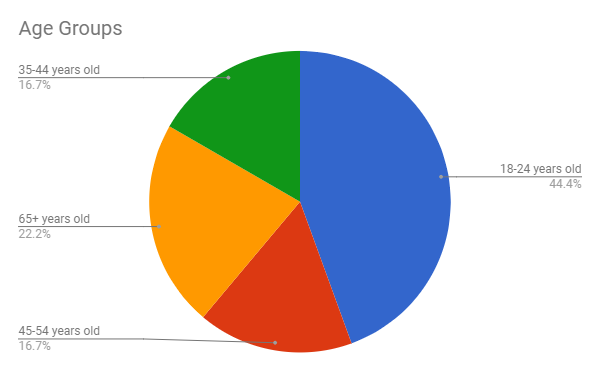
### User Testing Breakdown

The participants we asked to install the application to their android phone (as this is currently the only mobile operating system the application supports) and work through several workflows:

* Creating a profile
* Creating a (local) identity card
* Submitting that created identity
* Creating a request to another user (I was used as the other party in most examples here)

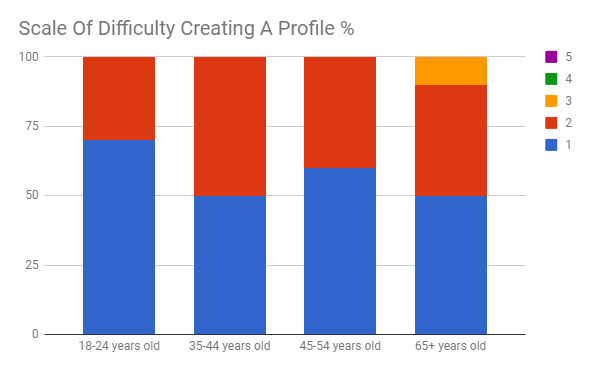
Once this was completed they were asked to complete a short survey and give me their thoughts on these workflows. Answers were anonymised and compiled below into their respective sections.

### General User Information



Here is a chart of the distribution of users I asked to test the application. I tried to have as diverse a range as possible to ensure that I could get a wide variety of feedback on the application. As you can see, the primary group of users that tested the application were between the ages of 18-24. I do not really see this as an issue, as this would be the age group that would be quicker to pick up a mobile application over conventional means.

### Creating A Profile



This chart details the feedback received on the difficulty of creating a profile on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being the easiest and 5 being the hardest). The chart shows that the majority of users had little to no issue creating a profile. Difficulty remained around 1-2 with several 3’s on the higher age bracket.

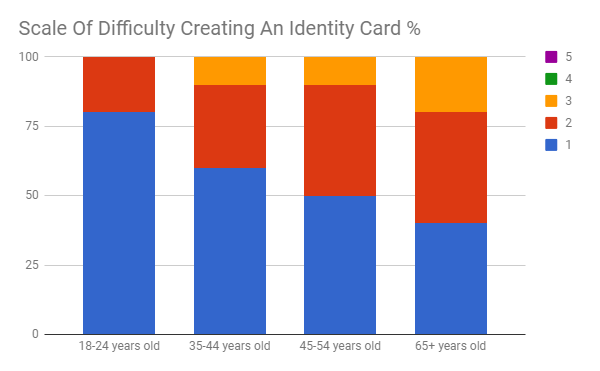
Some of the feedback included:

* *“Unlabelled text fields were confusing” - 45-54 Years Old*
* *“Unsure of pin length required” - 35-44 Years Old*

The common point between these pieces of feedback were that the fields were unlabelled and confusing. While there are only 3 text fields for the user to input data into, I want to ensure that they know exactly why they are doing it.

**Actions Taken**: Headings and input fields are given clear labels as to what to put in.

### Creating an Identity Card

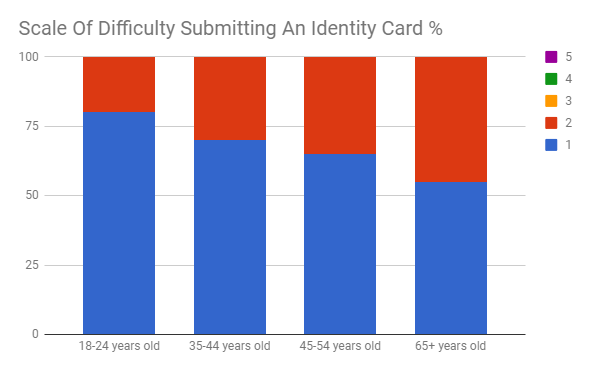


From this it can be seen that the difficulty users had with creating an identity was slightly higher than before. I hypothesize that this is due to the increased complexity of the data being asked for. It is also interesting to note the increase in scale with the increase in age. While this is not true for all, it is certainly interesting to see it occur here at a small scale.

Once again, most of the feedback I received was centred around the headings and information that was being asked of the user. One user expressed concerns of security of their data. I needed to describe that it would not leave the phone at any point unless they gave the application permission (during the submission of request workflow for example).

**Actions Taken:** Overall application now uses encryption and HTTPS to ensure full end to end security. Along with this I need to once again improved the labels of the form.

### Submitting A Created Identity

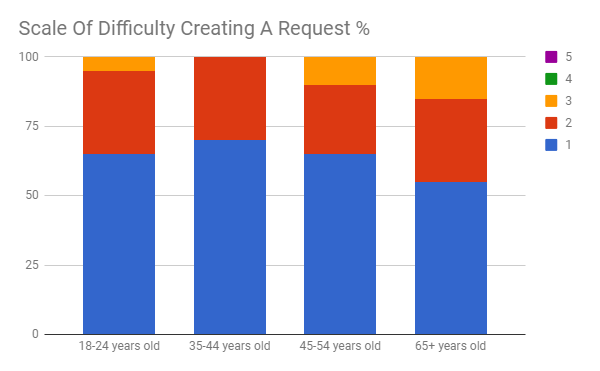


The scale of difficulty encountered here seemed to be a lot lower. Perhaps this is due to the fact that users are not asked for more information beyond taking a picture. This however was a point of contention as the users often did not know what to take a picture of, whether to take one of themselves or their identity card.

Users questioned where the information would go once they submitted it and how long a submission would take. Some users thought that the application was actually tied to the passport authority, the owners of the example identity card that was being used.

**Actions Taken:** While I did not want to break that illusion of something being submitted somewhere real, as that is ideally what I am aiming for, I let the users know that submission times are dependent on the parties taking care of their respective identity types.  
To ensure correct flow I showed the user the created submission page to let them know that their actions had taken affect within the application.

### Creating A Request



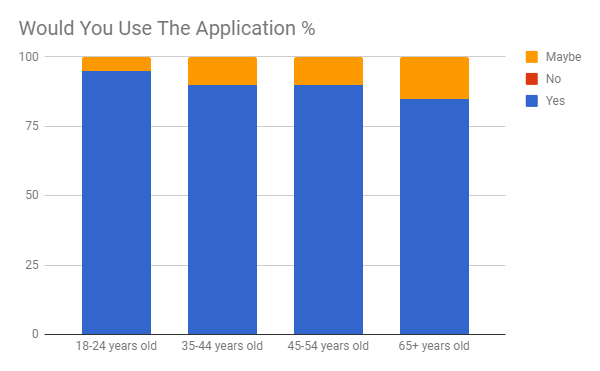
I had anticipated that this would be one of the more difficult tasks to accomplish within the application due to the complexity of what users needed to do. My concerns were unfounded as the majority of users had no problems scanning another users QR code (in a lot of cases, my own) and requesting parts of information from that user.

As there are only 3 tabs within the application, I assumed finding it was more down to a process of elimination rather than naturally being able to find it. I do not really think this is an issue as there are so few screens within the main portion of the application.

**Actions Taken:** Labelling was improved and the profile page of the user was consolidated into one page with popups. This means that the user can gain access to their own QR code within the same location that one would begin to make a request of another user.

To improve the flow here I also showed the user the created request page to ensure they know it is now in progress.

### User Testing Conclusion



At the end of the questionnaire, I asked the users to give overall feedback on the application. This included what they thought of the layout, any overall difficulties and if they thought they would use the application in a real-world scenario.

The primary point I took away from the user testing was the importance of ensuring that the user had an idea of where they were within the application. I had to ensure there were correct headings on everything and that there was a flow to the actions that were taken (e.g. when a user creates something, show them a page with it created).

There was very positive feedback from the users on whether they would use it or not. No users responded that they would not and many mentioned that if it was widely accepted, they would prefer to use it over a traditional form of identity. Some of the feedback included:

* *“App is the answer to a gap we are having in infrastructure at present”*
* *“It needs to replace all forms of identification NOW!”*
* *“To be able to manage multiple cards /forms of identity from a single app would be very convenient”*

This feedback is very promising and leads me to believe that if an application like this was implemented in multiple places then it would be widely adopted.

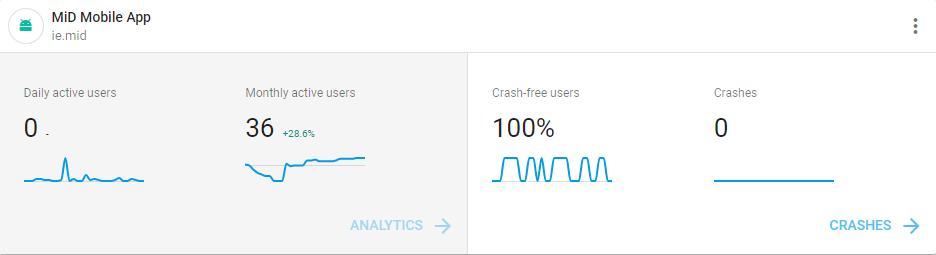
* *“I'm uncomfortable putting things like this online”*

This is a very reasonable response and I received other similar remarks about identity online and its security. I appreciate users are thinking about security of their personal information, especially their identity online. If app were to go into full production, I feel it would be necessary to stress the security that goes into keeping this information safe but above all else, it is important to let users know that they have full control over who has access to their identity within the application.

Another important point I took away from the user testing was the difficulty surrounding the actions users are supposed to take at any point. In several of the workflows I found some users were confused over what they had to do next.   
To alleviate this, I implemented more direction and substance to the screens being displayed. This came in the form of extra headers and sending users to specific pages when an action is taken (e.g. going to the submission page of the submission they have just created rather than returning them back to the main screen). The changes were implemented and retested against a portion of the same users, primarily the addition of further headings. I saw much more positive reactions to each screen which led me to add even more where I thought they were necessary.

## Automation Testing

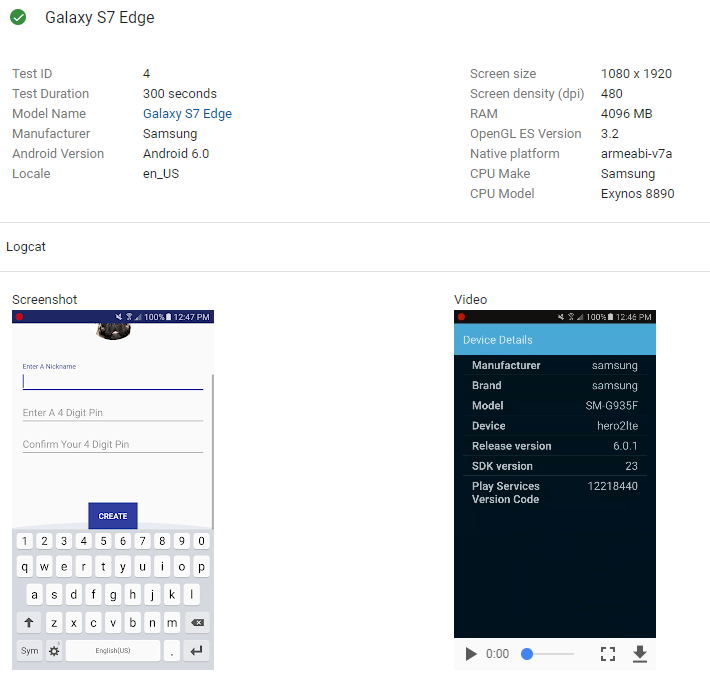
### Overview



For easy distribution of the mobile application I uploaded it to the [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ie.mid). This has several benefits such as the ability to create various release branches for segmented user-base testing and the ability to view statistics of the live application.   
It also has the added benefit of integrating [Google Firebase](https://firebase.google.com/) into the live application. This allows for deeper analytics of usage and crash data and the inclusion of test scripts to be made. These test scripts can be run against the application using a cluster of different devices. Each device will have its own version of Android and screen resolution to allow for quick verification of the app’s functionality across devices. Each test device returned a success report with screenshots, video clips of the devices screen and the logcat files from the test.

### Automation Testing Results

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Model Name | Android Version | Test Result |
| Xperia XZ Premium | Android 7.1 | PASS |
| Mate 9 | Android 7.0 | PASS |
| P8 Lite | Android 5.0 | PASS |
| Galaxy S7 Edge | Android 6.0 | PASS |
| LG G6 | Android 7.0 | PASS |
| Google Pixel | Android 7.1 | PASS |
| Google Pixel | Android 8.0 | PASS |
| Moto G4 Play | Android 6.0 | PASS |
| Galaxy J7(2016) | Android 6.0 | PASS |

The above table lists the devices that were used to test the application. The application was designed for devices running Android 5.0+, so no devices running lower than this version were used. The testing structure followed the same flow as the functional testing with one exception. Due to the way requests work I did not include that workflow and as such it was not tested here. I feel the coverage in both functional and user testing has allowed me to properly test this portion of the application regardless.   
The primary goal of these tests was to see how the UI functioned on different screen resolutions and versions of Android. As there were no issues at all, it has given me confidence that the application would work across a multitude of devices.

### Automation Testing Conclusion

The primary goal of these tests was to ensure that the application could function at low and high resolutions without any errors. The tests were easily repeatable and meant I could expose any errors that would occur from running on different devices. As the project scales up, I would be able to add more and more devices to support different versions and screen resolutions.

This testing also allowed me to catch errors that had come from “quick fix changes”. It allowed me to fully ensure the workflows could be carried out correctly with no issue.

# Backend Testing

## Overview

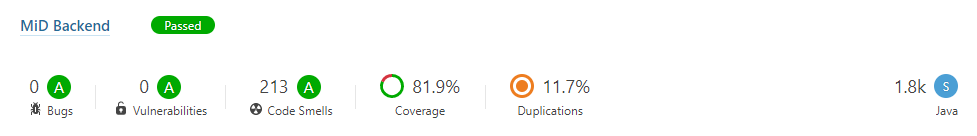
The backend of MiD is the core of the application. It is the hub through which all other applications communicate through. As such, it required in-depth testing to ensure it worked from a functionality and method-by-method perspective.  
I took a continuous testing approach to the application. This means that for every new piece of functionality created there needed to be tests to ensure it worked as I intended it to. This initially took the form of unit tests which were built out into full integration tests as it scaled up. The testing takes a white box approach so that I could eliminate any issues that cropped up along the way.

## Unit Testing

### Overview

The backend application has an object orientated design. This means that both the classes and methods within the programme are separated out into what function they offer. This allows for easy expansion of the application to meet new requirements.   
For unit testing, I made use of the [Junit](https://junit.org/junit5/) and [Mockito](http://site.mockito.org/) libraries. These allowed me to easily construct tests for each method and mock out any dependencies that each class had. For example, if I had to test class A but it depended on a method from class B then I could easily mock out what would get returned from that method whenever I called it. Classes can be easily tested in isolation and the whole suite can be run easily with any maven build.

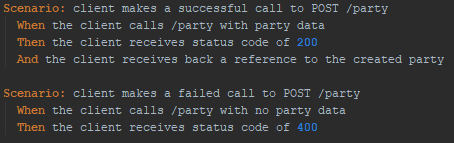
### SonarQube



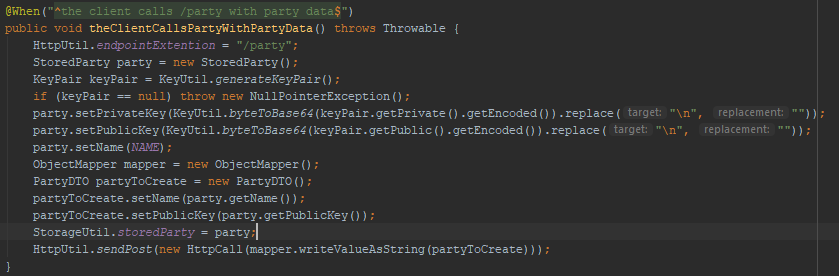
To allow for quick, continuous, test-driven development I integrated [SonarQube](https://www.sonarqube.org/) into the application. This allowed for continuous reports of code quality in the form of code smells, bugs and vulnerabilities. It is a tool that is highly used within the industry today, and has been extremely beneficial to the project.  
When unit tests on the project are run, a report is generated from them, containing all results of the tests (successful tests, code coverage, etc.). This report is parsed by Sonar and an ongoing record of each report is updated. Changes and where new problems arise can be seen easily. It also keeps close track of code coverage within the application. This has been integral to the ongoing development of the project and has sped up refactoring and testing significantly.

## Integration Testing

Another integral part of testing the backend were the integration tests. These are tests that were developed to ensure that all components of the backend part of the application worked. As this is a crucial part of MiD overall, I had to ensure that tests covered all possibilities of the application’s workflows. To allow for easy code-readability and reuse, I developed these tests using [Cucumber](https://cucumber.io/). Cucumber runs acceptance tests in a behaviour driven development (BDD) style. Each test is written in plain English which is then translated over to actual methods that I have written. This means that developers external to the system can get a clear idea of what the tests are meant to accomplish without having to read through lines of Java code.



Above shows an example of two scenarios used within the backend integration tests. Each scenario defines independent events that can occur within the application. These scenarios are broken down into logical steps that will happen as a result of the previous steps e.g. “when I turn the key in my car then the engine starts”.



Above shows the implementation of the line “when the client calls /party with party data”. It can be seen that a single English sentence expands into multiple lines of Java code. This is true for all 5 lines of English sentences shown above.

The Java code used in the integration tests primarily makes use of two static classes, “HttpUtil” and “StorageUtil”. HttpUtil makes all HTTP requests and stores the last request body and code of the last GET, POST, PUT, DELETE call made. StorageUtil works as local storage for every scenario. It can be used to store data that has been created during the end-to-end tests. These static methods allow scenarios to be easily constructed without the concern of the effect it will have on previous ones.

## Backend Testing Conclusion

These tests allowed me to build up rich code/path coverage of the entire backend application and to ensure that all use cases are accounted for and handled appropriately. As it was a continuous process, I was able to keeps errors at a low level during development.

# Admin Testing

## Overview

The admin interface itself was designed as a proof of concept for what an identifying party can accomplish with the application. Its not meant to be deployed as an actual part of the full application. As such, the tests are only used to verify that a user can use the endpoints from a simple Angular interface. There is no access control to these pages, and anything created using them can be viewed by anybody else using the interface. It is intended to be used for the testing of the other portions of the application.   
If MiD were to be deployed somewhere, the identifying party would just get access to the endpoints that the admin interface makes use of. They would have to take care of implementing it into their own system’s UI.

## Functional Testing

Functional testing was performed on the UI to ensure that any user that wants to develop a similar web interface will have no problem using this as a base to work off. Its important to note that access control is implemented in the form of 256bit encrypted tokens. These keys need to be created and stored by the end user. The server will hold onto the public key to allow for secure communication with the intended user, but it is up to the users implemented UI to look after the private key and the token.

### Functional Testing – Workflow Chart

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Workflow ID | Description | Expected Input | Expected Result |
| 1 | Create a party | Username | Party created and returned |
| 2 | Create an identity type | Title, image URL, desired fields | Identity is created and linked to party |
| 3 | Update identity type | Updated Title, image URL, desired fields | Identity is updated, version number updated if necessary |
| 4 | Delete identity type | Click on the respective button. | Identity type is removed |
| 5 | View submission | Click on the desired submission | User is shown the data of that submission |
| 6 | Accept submission | Click on the respective button. | Submission is marked as accepted and returned |
| 7 | Reject submission | Click on the respective button. | Submission is marked as rejected and returned |

### Functional Testing – Results Chart

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Workflow ID | Input | Expected Result | Actual Result | Comment |
| 1 | “test” for username | Party is created called “test” | Profile is created called “test” | Within expected parameters |
| 1 | No username | Error | 400 error | UI doesn’t handle errors, expected to know legal/illegal types |
| 2 | ‘test’ for title and image URL with one field called test | Identity created called “test” | Identity created called “test” | Within expected parameters |
| 2 | No title or image URL with one field called test | Error | 400 error | UI doesn’t handle errors, Expected to know legal/illegal types |
| 2 | ‘test’ for title and image URL with no entry fields | Error | 400 error | UI doesn’t handle errors, Expected to know legal/illegal types |
| 3 | Title changed to “new test” | Identity updated to “new test” and version updated | Identity updated to “new test” and version updated to 2 | Within expected parameters |
| 3 | Image URL changed | Identity updated with new URL and version not updated | Identity updated to “new test” and version still set to 2 | Within expected parameters |
| 3 | Only entry field changed to “new test” | Identity updated to with field called “new test” and version updated | Identity updated to with field called “new test” and version updated to version 3 | Within expected parameters |
| 4 | Delete button clicked and confirmed | Identity type deleted | Identity type deleted | Within expected parameters |
| 4 | Delete button clicked and not confirmed | Identity type not deleted | Identity type not deleted | Within expected parameters |
| 5 | Submission for party clicked | Submission data displayed | Submission data displayed | Within expected parameters |
| 6 | Accept button clicked for submission | Submission marked as accepted | Submission marked as accepted and page is refreshed | Within expected parameters |
| 7 | Reject button clicked for submission | Submission marked as rejected | Submission marked as rejected and page is refreshed | Within expected parameters |

### Functional Testing Conclusion

From above we see that the testing performed on the admin interface was very minimal. This interface is only intended to be used as a demonstration and as such, it should not be tested as rigorously as the rest of the platform. If an authority were to approach me to request a version of the interface for them, then it could certainly be built up to function as a full-fledged application but presently it is not necessary.