**ECE-568 Software Engineering Web Applications**

**Final Project-Phase 1**

**Data Collection Module**

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**GitHub URL**

https://github.com/DazhiLi-hub/SoftEng\_WebAPP

**1 Project Description & Requirement**

To analyze the stock data and do prediction, we need to get the complete dataset of the stock information both real time data and historical data.

The project we do in phase 1 is to develop an application that runs continuously as a background process and periodically retrieves stock information, parses the received responses, and stores the extracted parameters into a local relational database. There are10 stocks information for us to collect. For each stock, we need to store at least one-day real time data and one-year historical data. The real time data contain the real time price, the time stamp and the volume, and we define the time slice between two real-time points to 1 minute. The historical data contain time, open, high, low, close and volume.

To make the data fetching work easier, we collect the data from 2 different website: ***Yahoo!Finance*** and ***CNBC***. The database we used is ***MongoDB***. MongoDB is a none-relation database, which is very suitable for our application. What’s more, MongoDB is very fast to operate the data, and the ***.json*** file create by MongoDB performs pretty well for text type file reading and writing.

At the data fetching part, in order to get the real time data, we use python to write a crawler algorithm to get the data from the website. In this algorithm, we use regular expression operation to locate the data we want to get.

But, unfortunately, we can’t find historical data from the website, which means that there’s no way to use crawler algorithm to get it. To solve this, we use the python package called ***Pandas Data Reader***. It can directly connect to yahoo’s API to get the historical data.

At the database writing process, we use a library called ***pymongo***. With this library, we can operate the MongoDB database in python environment.

**2 System Design Diagram**