Table 1: Revision History

Date	Developer(s)	Change
3rd Feb'21	Ardhendu, Thaneegan, Dylan	Updated sections 1, 2 3, 4, 6, 7
4th Feb'21	Ardhendu, Thaneegan, Dylan	Added PoC Plan and updated Technology, Git workflow plan sections
10th Apr' 21	Ardhendu	Initial change for rev1
12th Apr' 21	Ardhendu	Fixed technology section
12th Apr' 21	Ardhendu	Added project review section

SE 3XA3: Development Plan KingMe

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This document includes high-level information on the development plan for the checkers game being implemented. The group will refer to this document throughout the project life-cycle.

1 Team Meeting Plan

Group meetings will be held online on Microsoft Teams. Two meetings will be held per week, one at Thursday 1:30pm and the other at Sunday 11:00am, plus any additional time available during the lab time. Before each meeting we will determine an agenda. The meetings will be led by Thaneegan Chandrasekara who will be in charge of documenting the meeting minutes. Upon completion of the meeting we will discuss what needs to be completed before the next meeting, to make all group members aware of what work they are responsible for.

2 Team Communication Plan

Team will communicate via Facebook messenger and Microsoft Teams. Verbal discussions will primarily be held through Microsoft Teams, while written discussions will occur via Facebook messenger. In case a team member is unavailable on either applications, contact information has been exchanged for texting/calling.

3 Team Member Roles

Ardhendu - Git Expert, Developer, Documentation Writer Dylan - Developer, Tester Thaneegan - Developer, Tester, UI Expert

4 Git Workflow Plan

We will be following a Git Branching model. Various features will have a branch of their own. Issues will be raised for bugs. We have branch for different modules. Any changes to the module were changed on that branch and merged onto master.

5 Proof of Concept Demonstration Plan

For this project, testing the mechanics of the pieces should not pose a challenge. Where we see the biggest challenges will be in modifying the existing modules to incorporate the larger playing surface and more pieces, as well as testing the effectiveness of the min/max algorithm. We will need to come up with a testing plan to ensure that algorithm is a worthy opponent. As shown in our Gantt chart, we will be dedicating nearly 2 weeks for testing purposes.

As the project has no user-interface, we plan to add GUI using pygame. Some difficulties that the team may face is limitation of pygame making the game difficult to play. In addition, some parts of the game are bit incomplete, hence algorithm will need improvements. In order to complete the game mechanics, all the team members will need to grasp the rules and understand the game completely which can take a bit of time.

We will be adding highlight functionality as to when player clicks on the piece as well as to show the valid moves. Adding proper menu and instructions was

6 Technology

We will be using the python programming language to implement our project. For Graphical User interface, we will be using pygame framework to implement the game.

Unittest Pytest and pytest-cov will be used for testing the application. Each team member will have their own preference for IDE but primarily we will be using Atom or Visual Studio code.

7 Coding Style

We will be using PEP 8 for coding style in python. https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/

8 Project Schedule

Project schedule can be viewed in our project repository: https://gitlab.cas.mcmaster.ca/bargea/3xa3-g09-2021/-/tree/master/BlankProjectTemplate/ProjectSchedule

9 Project Review

Throughout this semester we, group-9, have re-implemented a checkers application based on the repository by code of carson. Initially our plan was to implement a GUI to enhance the existing game however after testing the original application we realized that it did not satisfy many of our functional requirements, mainly adhering to the rules of checkers. This set back meant that we needed to spend more time on re-implementing the original application to follow the rules of checkers and less time on the features that we were planning to add to the GUI. We were able to meet most of the requirements that we had originally planned for however, there were a few we were not able to meet. Due to the time restrictions we were not able to implement a resizable window or add a colour scheme that made the application easier to use for people who suffer from colour blindness. This unforeseen scenario did force us to learn how to re structure our project schedule to accommodate new tasks, as well as to prioritize the features that we wished to implement. These skills along with others we have learnt over the semester will be valuable in the future when we work on other projects.