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# Introduction

A RASD is a document that aims to present all the requirements of the system to be developed, explaining the domain in which it has to operate and what the application will do in a detailed way. In addition, it identifies with whom the system interacts with a particular focus on the involved stakeholders. A RASD should work as a baseline for the following tasks in software development, in particular in project planning, software evaluation and change control. This document has a wide audience, and hence it has to be written as clearly as possible.

The RASD has been identified considering all the information previously described in the Feasibility study.

## Purpose

The main goal of the application Iqueue is to give the customers of small-medium size shops an efficient way to track the queue and the waiting time of those shops so that they can decide when to go to the stores, optimizing in this way their precious time. An additional feature of this app is that shop owners can easily keep track of the daily and even hourly number of customers and, at the same time, they have a useful instrument to advertise their activity and to create a lock-in effect in the clients. Therefore, Iqueue must be an application that can allow both the customers and the owners to register, with different options, and which can relate to a GPS environment such as Google Maps. Consequently, the goals of this project are

Table 1: List of goals

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| G1 | **Customers** can view the current queue status for the shop and estimated wait times. |
| G2 | **Customers** can book time slots in advance to visit the shop, reducing wait times. |
| G3 | **Customers** can receive notifications and alerts about their queue status and estimated wait times. |
| G4 | **Customers** can get discounts or other benefits by using the Iqueue app to visit shops. |
| G5 | **Customers** can provide feedback and ratings for the shops, helping other users make informed decisions. |
| G6 | **Customers** can easily search and discover new shops based on their preferences and location. |
| G7 | **Shop owners** can efficiently manage and organize the incoming flow of customers, improving their overall customer experience. |
| G8 | **Shop owners** can better forecast and plan their inventory and staffing needs based on the expected footfall of customers. |
| G9 | **Shop owners** can access analytics and insights on their business performance and customer behaviour, helping them make informed decisions. |
| G10 | **Shop owners** can improve their brand awareness and visibility by being featured on the app and leveraging the app’s marketing capabilities. |
| G11 | **Shop owners** can offer personalized promotions or deals to customers through the app. |
| G12 | **Shop owners** can build customer loyalty by offering a seamless and convenient experience through the app. |

## Reference Documents

* *IEEE 29148-2018* Requirements engineering, the IEEE specification document that “provides details for the construct of well-formed textual requirements, to include characteristics and attributes, in the context of system and software engineering”;
* Course slides

## Document Structure

This document complies with the SRS standard structure as it is defined in the *IEEE 29148-2018* Requirements engineering, section 9.6. Nevertheless, the order of the contents has been slightly changed in order to facilitate the readers in the reading of this specific RASD. Therefore, the document is divided into 3 main parts:

1. the first part (to which this section belongs) provides an introduction to the system to-be, Iqueue, making clear which are the goals it is required to achieve and in which context it is going to operate;
2. the second part provides a more detailed description of the functions that Iqueue has to implement relating them to the main concepts of the system and the user needs; it also provides the main assumptions under which Iqueue will work properly;
3. the third part contains the complete requirements of the system, from both the functional and the non-functional points of view;
4. appendix with the scope of the project

It should be remarked that the structure of this document does not follow a logic or temporal order, but whoever is interested in the reading can jump from one section to another, because the purpose of it is to be a reference document.

# Overall description

## Product functions

In this section, a list of the most important requirements of the system is provided; notice that they are just briefly described since they will be analyzed in-depth in chapter 3.

## Data collection

Iqueue must be able to manage different kinds of data coming from different sources:

1. The he customers who will book their presence in the shop through the application. At each customer will correspond a QR code and thus a value in the waiting list. In this way, the application will be able to detect the number of people in the queue for the shop.
2. The shop owners will insert into the system standard kind of information about the shop they own, but also other kinds of information like, for example, the types of sold products and eventually new products ready to be launched in the market.
3. The inc/dec system: every time a new customer enters the shop without having the application, the shop owner should increment the number of people in queue. In this way, Iqueue will be able to keep track also of the people on the waiting list without the application.

## Data analysis

The raw data collected by Iqueue must be processed before being delivered to the end user. Therefore, starting with the big volume of information “ingested”, various kinds of analytics are performed to provide a more aggregate version of the data:

1. Associate the value coming from the booking of a certain shop to the correct number of people in the queue in front of the corresponding shop with the application.
2. Associate the value coming from the inc/dec system to a number of people in the queue in front of the corresponding shop without the application.
3. Associate the information from the shop owner to the corresponding class of shops (bakery, minimarket, clothes, ..)

## QR code reading and generating

The application must be able to read the QR code for the customer with Iqueue so that he can access special offers from the shop. In addition to that, Iqueue generates a QR code once a booking has been done. This QR code must be created so that it contains the information of the previous and the next number of people in the queue.

## Special offer inseriment

Iqueue, in order to be economically advantageous also for the shop owners, must have a section in which the owner can insert special offers for the shop so that he/she can advertise the activity. This function will be fundamental also for the customers who will be encouraged to download our application to have this kind of promotion.

## User characteristics

With regards to the possible actors of Iqueue, two different main user classes can be identified:

1. Customers: they access the system in order to see what are the shops with the lowest number of people in the queue, so that they can save time. In addition, having the Iqueue allow them to see special offers in terms of discounts or fidelity products.
2. Shop owners: they access the system in order to keep track of the number of people who enter the shop, depending also on the time. Another feature they can have is to provide special offers to the customers to advertise their activity and to create a lock-in effect in the clients.

## Elicitation of Requirements

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*Elicitation of requirements* allows detecting the software requirements, in particular: with who or what the application interacts and its boundaries.

We remember the fact that in the elicitation of requirements, we face some issues associated with stakeholders such as implicit knowledge and documentation difficult to obtain, conflicting information and biases. These issues could be partially solved by applying observation by the requirement engineer also keeping into account that unfortunately a probing effect could be generated.

These complexities are faced by adopting different approaches and strategies (listening, observing, studying, …) and combining the results achieved with all of them and specifically being as close as possible to stakeholders and letting stakeholders describe their viewpoints.

## Stakeholders, existing systems, documentation

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## Scenarios and use cases

Scenarios are an important tool with which we can summarize situations we derive from observations, interviews and document analysis.

According to M. Carrol, a scenario is “*a narrative description of what people do and experience as they try to make use of computer systems and applications*” 1 .

1: M. Carrol, Scenario-based Design, Wiley, 1995

To build scenarios, we ask ourselves the following questions:

* Which user groups are supported by the system to perform their work?
* What are the primary tasks that the system needs to perform?
* What data will the actor create, store, change, remove or add to the system?
* What external changes does the system need to know about?
* What changes or events will the actor of the system need to be informed about?

Scenarios have not to be identified only through questions but relying also on task observation if the system already exists and on talking with end users, not just to the software contractor.

Scenarios are concrete, specific and describe a single feature of the system, but the application has to be exhaustive with respect to many situations not only some specific ones. Hence, to abstract from details and specificities, we consider *use cases*, a generalization derived from scenarios. We choose to enclose in use cases the following aspects:

* Participating actors
* Entry Condition: condition to be verified to enter the use case.
* Flow of Events: By identifying in it which actors take the action, we can detect which parts have to be realized by the application and which ones have to be only observed.
* Exit Condition: it describes the system states after the use case.
* Exceptions
* Special Requirements: constraints, nonfunctional requirements.

In this section, we will analyze some important scenarios and from them, we will derive the use cases:

**Scenario name: Difficulties in finding the pastries for the party.** Joanna is a girl who will join a university party at 20:00. Every guest of the party has to bring some food (e.g. drinks, pizzas, pretzels, …) and Joanna proposes herself for the pastries. Joanna is very strict on her schedule because an exam at her university has terminated at 18.30 later than expected. He has planned to visit her favourite bakery Scaringi, but unexpectedly when she arrives, she sadly discovers that a long queue is outside the shop. As a consequence, she would arrive later at the party. To avoid this, Joanna downloads the app Iqueue and scans the available bakeries around her. She found out that another renovated bakery is open and that its queue is not very long. In addition, this bakery also have her preferred kind of pastries at hand. Hence, Joanna decides to book a slot at this bakery compatible with her schedule. Thanks to this, Joanna arrives at the party on time and her pastries will be appreciated by all the guests. Joanna proposes Iqueue app to her friends because she saw the potential of it for busy people as her.

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**Use Case name:** Find

* Participating actors: Customer, Shop, Queue, Product
* Entry Condition: A long Queue outside a shop.
* Flow of Events:

1. The Customer scans available shops around him of a certain type.
2. Iqueue replies with a list of shops of the indicated type.

* Exit Condition: it describes the system states after the use case.
* Exceptions
* Special Requirements: constraints, nonfunctional requirements.

**Scenario name: Difficulties in counting the visitors.** Helena beholds a very renovated hairdresser saloon that after gaining success, started to receive many visits daily. The shop team and she find difficulties with the requests to the suppliers for what concerns primary products to perform their activity, such as lacquer or balms. She thinks that by knowing the exact number of shop clients, she could better schedule the supply requests. After discovering Iqueue, Helena can now employ its functionality related to the visitor count. Based on this, she is now able to hardly ever miss a product to carry out her activity.

**Scenario name: Poor number of clients.** Mario owns a small bakery in a strategic position in the city but the shop has open since very few weeks so the number of customers is still low. He would like to have something to advertise his activity and his products without spending too much. For this reason, he downloads the Iqueue application on his mobile phone via Play Store or App Store. He registers his bakery from a specific menu for the shops, accepting to give the position of the shop to Iqueue. On another menu he advertises his shop with its logo and some pictures. Then he opens another tab and writes the special offers for the clients who will come to his bakery with the Iqueue app. He hopes to increase the number of customers rapidly. The Iqueue app is now able to show the position of the bakery on the map, including the logo and the special offers.

**Scenario name: New in town.** Laura has recently moved from her original city to a new town in a different country. She would like to see what the shops near his new house are and especially wants to see whether they are crowded or not in order to save time. She is interested in small/medium shops like bakeries or perfumeries and she would like also to know some of the promotions offered by them. Thus, she downloads Iqueue from the App store or Play Store on her phone. She registers on the app, and she accept the fact that the app uses its position. Iqueue is able now to track the position of Laura. From a menu she selects the category of activity she is interested in (e.g. bakery). After that passage Iqueue shows her the map with the closest bakeries and with the number of people in queue in that moment. Laura is particularly interested in one specific bakery and thus she clicks on the corresponding icon. Iqueue opens a menu with the special offers of the shop and again the number of people in queue.

# Specific requirements

## External Interface Requirements

## User interfaces

Iqueue is provided to the users, namely customers and shop owners, as an application, accessible from store applications (Play Store or App Store). Therefore, Iqueue is not given with a CLI, Command Line Interface but only with a GUI Graphical User Interface.

## Hardware interfaces

Since Iqueue is to be implemented as an app, every user can access it through the device he prefers, that is personal computers, smartphones, tablets . . . and the only requirement for the app is to be responsive (make the website scale properly to different devices’ sizes). Every device of this kind suffices to achieve the goals.

## Software interfaces

The following software interfaces are required to make Iqueue work properly:

1. Every user’s device must have an application store (Play Store or App Store) installed on it through which the user can access the app; no other software requirements are requested for these kinds of devices;
2. Iqueue requires also an interface to a GPS system such as Google Maps or Maps so that it can link the queue for a specific shop with its position.

## Communication interfaces

For what concerns the communication interfaces, Iqueue uses the HTTP protocol at the application layer (layer 7 of the ISO OSI stack) to exchange information, access GPS systems (e.g. Google Maps) and manage QR code communications.

## Functional Requirements

Iqueue allows its users to perform many tasks and can interact with different systems. The main system requirements are provided along with a summary of the possible situations in which Iqueue is involved and used. In this paragraph, a first list of all the requirements of the system is given. Then, it abstracts from details and specificities showing the corresponding use cases.

## Requirements

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In the first development of the application, we initially assume that a client can only buy a product/service in a presence when he arrives at a shop. Further improvements to the app will include the possibility to acquire a product/service through a credit card directly on the app.

Table : List of requirements

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| R1 | Iqueue must allow the customers to see the number of people in the queue at a specific shop |
| R2 | Iqueue shall allow the shop owners to insert the data of their activity |
| R3 | Iqueue shall allow the shop owners to insert special offers for their shop |
| R4 | Iqueue must read the QR code of the clients with the app |
| R5 | The app shall allow customers to track their rewards |
| R6 | Iqueue must allow a customer to book a time slot on the app to visit the shop |
| R7 | Iqueue must keep track of the customer position |
| R8 | A customer earns discount codes, badges, or achievements on the app for frequent visits or purchases |
| R10 | The app shall allow customers to create and save shopping lists or wish lists. |
| R11 | The app shall show the customer's purchase history and receipts |
| R12 | The app shall allow customers to easily switch between different languages or currencies based on their preferences. |
| R13 | The app shall allow the shop owner to promote its activity by means of Iqueue advertising channels |
| R14 | The app will be able to divide the registered facilities into categories |
| R15 | The app will suggest to the clients some shops |
| R16 | The app will allow shop owners to keep track of the purchased items |
| R17 | The app will permit the shop owner to insert their products/services |
| R18 | The app will enable shop owners to insert the price of their products/services |
| R19 | The app will enable shop owners to modify the price of their products/services |
| R20 | Iqueue must be able to generate the client QR code |
| R21 | Iqueue must show the available time slots of a shop |
| R22 | Iqueue must permit a customer to delete his booked time slot |
| R23 | Iqueue must permit a customer to vary his booked time slot |
| R24 | The app will show the registered shops on the map |
| R25 | Iqueue shall allow the shop owners to modify the data of their activity |
| R26 | Iqueue shall permit the shop owners to delate the data of their activity |
| R27 | Iqueue shall allow the shop owners to modify special offers for their shop |
| R28 | Iqueue shall allow the shop owners to delete special offers for their shop |
| R29 | Iqueue shall allow the shop owners to time special offers for their shop |
| R30 | The app must be able to track customer rewards and loyalty points |
| R31 | Iqueue must allow costumer registration |
| R32 | Iqueue must allow shop owner registration |
| R33 | Iqueue must allow log-in as customer |
| R34 | Iqueue must allow log-in as shop owner |
| R35 | Iqueue must allow log-out |
| R36 | The app will enable shop owners to remove their products/services |
| R37 | The app will enable shop owners to count their available products/services |
| R38 | Iqueue will be able to realize to queue counting by means of the QR codes |
| R39 | Iqueue will allow the shop owner to manually increment or decrement the queue counter |
| R40 | When a customer books a slot, Iqueue his reservation into the respective shop list |
| R41 | Iqueue shall allow a ranking amongst the proposed shops to the customer |
| R42 | Iqueue shall allow the customer to select the category of the shops he is interested to visit |
| R43 | Iqueue shall allow the customer to select a specific shop |
| R44 | Iqueue shall allow the customer to select a specific shop product/service |
| R46 | Iqueue will permit the customer to insert coupon to acquire a product |
| R47 | The app notifies the user when a new shop opens |
| R48 | The app shall allow users to register their credit cards |
| R50 | The app shall allow the shop owner to buy advertisement |
| R51 | The app notifies the user when a product/service returns available CI SAREBBE IL CONCETTO DI PREFERRED SHOPS |
| R52 | The app notifies the user when a new product/service is available |
| R53 | The app shows the user of the interested queue variation |

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# Appendix

## Scope

Iqueue is a software system that has to work in a World where the following phenomena occur:

Table 2: List of World phenomena

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| WP1 | A **customer** enters a shop |
| WP2 | A **customer** joins a queue at a shop |
| WP3 | A **shop experiences** high demand and long queues during peak hours |
| WP4 | A **shop experiences** low foot traffic and sales during off-peak hours |
| WP5 | A **shop owner** adjusts pricing or sales strategies to attract more customers |
| WP6 | A **shop owner** restocks inventory based on sales data and demand forecasts |
| WP7 | A **customer** provides feedback to a shop owner about their experience |
| WP8 | A **shop owner** updates their store layout or design to improve customer flow and experience |
| WP9 | A **shop owner** launches a marketing campaign to increase brand awareness and attract new customers |
| WP10 | A **shop owner** hires or trains new staff members to improve customer service and efficiency. |

*Shared phenomena* are what is perceived by the machine from the external world.

The shared phenomena, which are the intersection between the World phenomena W and the Machine phenomena, are: VERIFICARE CERCANDO DI SCOMPORRE UN’OPERAZIONE IN TUTTE LE MINI ATTIVITA’ NECESSARIE PER ESSA

Table 3: List of shared phenomena

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| SP1 | A customer registers an account on the app |
| SP2 | A customer views nearby shops on the app based on their current location |
| SP3 | A customer selects a shop on the app to visit |
| SP4 | The app shows the estimated waiting time for the selected shop |
| SP5 | A customer books a time slot in advance on the app to visit the shop |
| SP6 | The app sends a notification to the customer when their turn in the queue is approaching |
| SP7 | A customer enters the shop and checks-in on the app |
| SP8 | The app updates the estimated waiting time based on the customer's check-in |
| SP9 | A customer cancels their booking on the app |
| SP10 | A customer provides feedback and ratings for the shop on the app |
| SP11 | The app shows recommended shops to the customer based on their previous visits and ratings |
| SP12 | A customer redeems rewards and offers on the app when making a purchase |
| SP13 | The app allows customers to track their rewards and loyalty points |
| SP14 | A customer views the shop's menu or product catalog on the app |
| SP15 | The app allows customers to place orders for pickup or delivery from the shop |
| SP16 | A customer pays for their order using the app |
| SP17 | The app shows the customer's purchase history and receipts |
| SP18 | The app suggests new shops or products to the customer based on their preferences and activity on the app |
| SP19 | A customer contacts the shop directly through the app for inquiries or support |
| SP20 | The app provides live chat or messaging support to the customer for assistance |
| SP21 | The app allows customers to create and save shopping lists or wish lists. |
| SP22 | The app provides a map with the shops. |
| SP23 | The app shows the shop's hours of operation, contact information, and other details |
| SP24 | The app allows customers to report issues or problems with the shop or their experience |
| SP25 | A customer shares their experience or purchase on social media through the app |
| SP26 | The app allows customers to connect and follow their favorite shops or brands for updates and promotions |
| SP27 | The app provides personalized recommendations to the customer based on their browsing and shopping history |
| SP28 | A customer earns badges or achievements on the app for frequent visits or purchases |
| SP29 | The app offers exclusive discounts or promotions to customers who refer their friends to use the app |
| SP30 | The app allows customers to easily switch between different languages or currencies based on their preferences. |

## Definitions, Acronyms, Abbreviations

The World is the portion of the real world affected by the machine. Michael Jackson. 1995. The world and the machine.

## Assumptions, dependencies and constraints

Table 4: List of domain assumptions

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| D1 | The customers with the application own at least one mobile phone with a screen and an internet connection. |
| D2 | The customers without the application own at least one mobile phone with internet connection and camera. |
| D3 | The shop owners own at least one mobile phone with an internet connection and camera. |
| D4 | The QR code reading works correctly. |
| D5 | The QR code generating/ticket system works correctly so it gives precise information about the number of people without Iqueue who are waiting. |
| D6 | All the data the shop owner insert is correct. |
| D7 |  |
| D7 |  |