# TECH460 Module 4

Technology Selection and Design

# Rubric

Criteria	Total
Include problem statement from previous deliverable	10
Identification of two alternative technologies	20
Qualitative analysis of technologies	20
Quantitative analysis of technologies	20
Technology selection and justification	40
High-level design	40
Total	150

#### Problem Statement

- Support Fitbit's addition of a blood pressure monitoring capability through design of a web and mobile app user interface with the following features:
  - Display blood pressure readings numerically and graphically
  - Track changes over time
  - Identify low/high readings and trends that may indicate health concerns

### Alternative Technology Approaches

- New Progressive Web App (PWA)
  - Single blood pressure monitoring app for all platforms (web, iOS, Android)
  - Separate from existing Fitbit apps
  - Linked from existing Fitbit website
  - Single codebase implemented in HTML, CSS and JavaScript
- Website plus platform-specific extensions to existing apps
  - Web interface using HTML, CSS and JavaScript for browser access only
  - Extensions to existing Fitbit apps implemented in native code
    - iOS: Swift/Objective-C
    - Android: Java

Source: Google Developers, 2020.

### Qualitative Analysis

- Progressive Web App (PWA)
  - Advantages
    - Faster development time
    - Reduced development cost
    - Reduced maintenance cost
    - Greater consistency across platforms
  - Disadvantages
    - Unable to integrate with existing mobile apps
    - Not visible in standard app stores
    - Limited user interface options
    - Limited access to native device features

- Website plus platform-specific extensions to existing apps
  - Advantages
    - Can integrate BP monitoring feature into existing apps
    - Fuller range of user interface options
    - Full access to native device features
  - Disadvantages
    - Separate development required for each platform
    - Higher development time and cost
    - Higher maintenance cost
    - Risk of inconsistency across platforms

Source: Moqod, 2019.

## Quantitative Analysis

- Estimated development cost for PWA: \$17K \$20K
- Estimated development cost for website plus platform-specific apps

Website: \$17K - \$20K
Android: \$17K - \$20K
iOS: \$17K - \$20K
Total \$51K - \$60K

3x higher cost due to separate development for each platform

- Estimates based on Crowdbotics software development cost calculator with the following inputs:
  - Partial wireframes developed
  - Moderate visual appearance customization
  - Medium complexity
  - HIPAA compliance for health data
  - Pro developers (not necessarily USA-based)
  - 1 API integration
  - Regular updates
  - Moderate support level

#### Recommended Solution

Website plus platform-specific extensions to existing apps

#### Justification

- Integration with existing Fitbit apps is top priority
- Users will not want to download a separate app just for BP monitoring
- Users will want to view BP data in context with other health and fitness data
- Value of integration justifies higher development and maintenance costs

#### High-Level Design – Data Flow BP data received from Fitbit Cloud wearable Current BP data Manually entered from BP data sensor Fitbit app 4:20 w/BP Collected/processed BP extension data for display Collected/processed BP Manually entered data for display **BP** data Wearable device with BP sensor Android or iOS smartphone Fitbit web app in browser

User laptop or desktop

High-Level Design – User Interface

Return to main app/website menu

Add manual entry – brings up entry form as overlay

Graph of historical readings

Current reading

Color-coded level for current reading based on ACC/AHA guidelines (CDC, 2020)

