Dedication

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Chapter 1

Overview of the Project

1.1 Introduction

The rapid evolution of software development has increased demand for efficient design tools. UML diagrams serve as essential visual representations bridging conceptual design and implementation, facilitating stakeholder communication and providing standardized documentation approaches [1].

Traditional diagramming approaches present productivity barriers through manual effort and technical complexity. AI and natural language processing technologies have opened possibilities for automating diagram generation, transforming how developers create visual system representations [2].

This project addresses the need for an intelligent platform combining textual diagram precision with natural language accessibility, democratizing UML creation while maintaining professional standards.

1.2 Overview of the Host Organization

1.3 Presentation of the Project Context

1.3.1 Problem Statement

UML diagram creation faces challenges across GUI-based tools and textual specification languages.

GUI-Based Tool Challenges:

Traditional graphical tools present steep learning curves, time-consuming manual positioning, collaboration difficulties, and poor version control integration [3]. These limitations impact productivity and create inconsistencies across projects.

Textual Tool Challenges:

Tools like PlantUML and Mermaid require specific syntax knowledge, creating barriers

for non-technical users [4]. Complex error debugging and lack of real-time feedback slow the design process.

Workflow Integration Issues:

Both approaches suffer from poor development workflow integration, limited automation capabilities, and inadequate collaboration features [5].

1.3.2 Existing Solutions

Several platforms address textual diagram generation challenges through different approaches.

AI-Powered Platforms:

Diagramming AI tools utilize artificial intelligence to interpret natural language and generate diagrams [6]. These provide conversational interfaces and multi-format support but often lack precision for professional development.

Conversational Tools:

ChatUML and similar tools focus on natural language processing through chat interfaces [7]. They excel at simple diagrams and provide immediate feedback but struggle with complex enterprise requirements.

Current Limitations:

Existing solutions lack comprehensive AI integration, limited community features, and inconsistent output quality that falls short of professional standards [8].

1.3.3 Proposed Solution

Our platform addresses identified challenges through intelligent diagram generation that integrates AI with textual specification technologies.

Core Innovation:

The platform uses natural language processing to interpret user requirements and automatically generate UML diagrams [9]. By combining PlantUML precision with conversational interfaces, we eliminate traditional barriers.

Key Features:

Intelligent requirement interpretation processes natural language descriptions to identify entities and relationships, generating appropriate PlantUML code. Dynamic generation allows conversational refinement with real-time validation ensuring UML standard compliance [10].

Collaboration features enable team-based development with version control, while a community marketplace facilitates template sharing and knowledge exchange.

Technical Architecture:

The microservices architecture separates NLP, diagram generation, and UI components, ensuring scalability and API integration [11].

Competitive Advantages:

Superior AI integration maintains consistency across complex diagrams, community focus creates sustainable knowledge sharing, and professional-grade output meets enterprise standards while remaining accessible to all users.

1.3.3.1 Use of PlantUML

PlantUML selection as core diagram generation engine resulted from comprehensive analysis of textual diagramming tools.

Comparative Analysis:

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Criteria	PlantUML	Mermaid	Graphviz
UML Sup-	Comprehensive	Limited	Minimal
port			
Syntax	Moderate	Simple	Complex
Complexity			
Output	High	Medium	High
Quality			
Community	Large	Growing	Established
Size			
Integration	Excellent	Good	Limited
APIs			
Enterprise	Yes	Partially	Yes
Ready			

Selection Rationale:

PlantUML provides comprehensive UML support covering all standard diagram types [12]. Its mature ecosystem includes extensive documentation and proven enterprise stability. The syntax balances expressiveness with readability, suitable for AI-driven generation.

Technical advantages include robust API integration and multiple output formats (PNG, SVG, PDF) [13]. Industry adoption ensures workflow compatibility and reduces learning curves.

The open-source nature allows customization while proven scalability supports enterprise deployment and community innovation [14].

1.4 Methodology

1.4.1 Agile Approach

Agile methodology represents a fundamental shift from traditional waterfall development approaches, emphasizing iterative development, continuous collaboration, and adaptive planning [15]. This approach prioritizes individuals and interactions over processes

and tools, working software over comprehensive documentation, customer collaboration over contract negotiation, and responding to change over following a plan.

Agile methodologies are particularly suited for projects with evolving requirements, where frequent stakeholder feedback and rapid adaptation to changing needs are essential. The iterative nature allows for continuous improvement and risk mitigation throughout the development lifecycle [16].

1.4.2 Comparison of Agile Methods

Table 1.2: Comparison of Agile Methodologies

Criteria	Scrum	Kanban	XP	Lean
Structure	High	Low	Medium	Medium
Roles Def-	Clear	Flexible	Defined	Minimal
inition				
Sprint	Fixed	Continuous	Fixed	Continuous
Planning				
Documenta	tli bim imal	Minimal	Low	Minimal
Team	5-9 members	Flexible	Small	Flexible
Size				
Learning	Moderate	Low	High	Low
Curve				
Feedback	Regular	Continuous	High	Continuous
Fre-				
quency				
Change	High	Very High	High	Very High
Adapta-				
tion				

Based on the comparative analysis, Scrum emerges as the optimal choice for our diagram generation platform project. Scrum provides the necessary structure and clear role definitions essential for coordinating AI development and user interface design components. The fixed sprint planning aligns well with iterative development of complex features, while regular feedback cycles ensure continuous validation of AI-generated diagram quality and user experience [17].

1.4.3 Scrum Framework

1.4.3.1 Key Principles of Scrum

Scrum operates on fundamental principles that promote transparency, inspection, and adaptation [18]. Transparency ensures all team members have visibility into project progress and challenges. Inspection involves regular examination of artifacts and progress

toward sprint goals. Adaptation enables teams to adjust their approach based on inspection outcomes.

The framework emphasizes empirical process control, where decisions are based on observation and experimentation rather than detailed upfront planning. This approach is particularly valuable for AI-driven projects where outcomes can be difficult to predict [19].

1.4.3.2 Roles

Scrum defines three primary roles that are pivotal for the effective execution of projects and maintaining seamless communication with stakeholders [20]:

- **Product Owner**: The Product Owner is the voice of the stakeholders and is responsible for managing the product backlog. They prioritize features and tasks to ensure the team focuses on delivering maximum business value and addressing user needs effectively.
- Scrum Master: Acting as a facilitator, the Scrum Master ensures that the Scrum framework is followed. They remove obstacles, enable team productivity, and help the team adhere to Scrum principles for continuous improvement.
- **Development Team**: This is a group of cross-functional professionals responsible for delivering potentially shippable increments of the product. The team collaborates closely and takes ownership of the work, ensuring high-quality deliverables.

These roles collectively foster accountability, streamlined communication, and adaptability, which are essential for navigating complex technical projects, such as those involving artificial intelligence and user experience design.

1.4.3.3 Events

Scrum events provide structured opportunities for inspection, adaptation, and planning [21]. Sprint Planning establishes sprint goals and selects backlog items for development. Daily Standups facilitate communication and identify impediments. Sprint Reviews demonstrate completed work to stakeholders and gather feedback. Sprint Retrospectives enable team reflection and process improvement.

These time-boxed events ensure regular progress assessment and continuous alignment with project objectives while maintaining development momentum.

1.4.3.4 Artifacts

Scrum artifacts provide transparency and opportunities for inspection and adaptation [22]. The Product Backlog contains prioritized requirements and features. The Sprint

Backlog includes selected items for the current sprint and tasks needed for completion. The Product Increment represents potentially shippable functionality delivered each sprint.

These artifacts ensure stakeholder visibility into project progress and facilitate informed decision-making throughout the development process.

1.5 Modeling Language

1.5.1 Definition

Modeling languages provide standardized notations for representing system structures, behaviors, and requirements [23]. Unlike programming languages that instruct computers, modeling languages communicate design concepts among stakeholders and document system architecture.



Figure 1.1: UML Official Logo

UML distinguishes itself from other modeling languages through comprehensive standardization, widespread industry adoption, and extensive tool support. While domainspecific languages like BPMN focus on business processes and SysML targets systems engineering, UML provides broad coverage suitable for software-intensive systems [24].

1.5.2 UML Overview

UML (Unified Modeling Language) serves as the industry standard for software system modeling, offering a comprehensive set of diagram types that address various aspects of system design and analysis [25]. UML's value proposition lies in its ability to bridge communication gaps between technical and non-technical stakeholders while providing sufficient precision for implementation guidance.

UML 2.5 encompasses fourteen diagram types organized into two primary categories [26]. Structure diagrams capture static aspects of systems, including Class Diagrams for object-oriented design, Component Diagrams for system architecture, and Deployment Diagrams for physical system configuration. Behavior diagrams represent dynamic aspects, featuring Use Case Diagrams for functional requirements, Sequence Diagrams for interaction modeling, and Activity Diagrams for process flows.

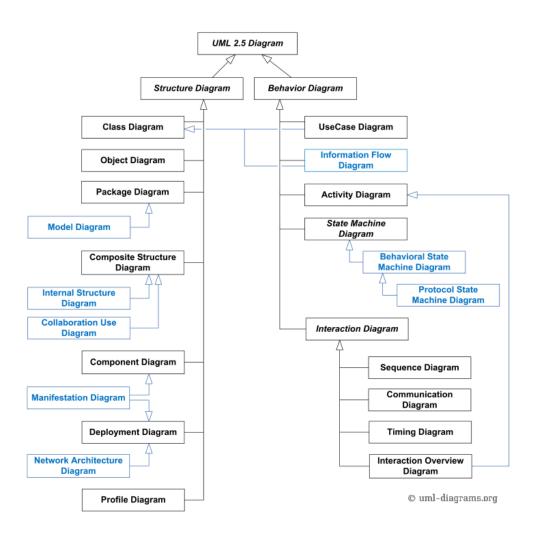


Figure 1.2: UML 2.5 Diagram Types Classification

This comprehensive coverage makes UML particularly suitable for AI-driven diagram generation, as the standardized notation enables consistent interpretation and generation algorithms while supporting diverse modeling needs across software development lifecycles.

1.6 Conclusion

This chapter established the foundation for developing an intelligent UML diagram generation platform by addressing critical challenges in current diagramming approaches. The analysis revealed significant limitations in both traditional GUI-based tools and textual specification methods, highlighting the need for innovative solutions that combine precision with accessibility.

Our proposed platform leverages artificial intelligence and natural language processing to bridge these gaps, offering intelligent requirement interpretation and automated diagram generation through PlantUML integration. The selection of Scrum methodology ensures structured yet flexible development approach suitable for complex AI-driven projects, while UML's comprehensive standardization provides the necessary foundation for diverse modeling requirements.

The combination of proven technologies (PlantUML), established methodologies (Scrum), and innovative AI integration positions this project to deliver significant value to software development communities. The platform's focus on collaboration and community building creates sustainable ecosystem for knowledge sharing and continuous improvement in diagram-driven development practices.

Chapter 2

Project Initiation

2.1 Introduction

This project aims to develop a comprehensive PlantUML-based diagramming platform that combines individual productivity tools with community collaboration features. The platform serves as a web-based solution for creating, editing, and sharing PlantUML diagrams while fostering a collaborative environment where users can explore, learn from, and build upon each other's work.

The primary motivation behind this project stems from the need for an integrated platform that not only provides powerful diagramming capabilities but also incorporates modern features such as AI-assisted code editing and community-driven learning. The platform targets developers, software architects, system designers, and educational institutions who require efficient tools for creating technical diagrams and visual documentation.

Key objectives of this project include:

- Developing a user-friendly web interface for PlantUML diagram creation and editing
- Implementing robust project and diagram management capabilities
- Creating a collaborative workspace with AI-powered assistance
- Building a community platform for sharing and discovering diagrams
- Ensuring scalable architecture with proper authentication and administration features

The project follows agile development methodologies using Scrum framework, ensuring iterative development and continuous stakeholder feedback integration.

2.2 Analysis and Specification of Requirements

2.2.1 Identification of Actors

Through comprehensive analysis of the system requirements and user stories, we have identified the following actors who will interact with the PlantUML platform:

Primary Actors (Human Users):

- User: Authenticated individuals who can create, manage, and share diagrams and projects. They have full access to the platform's features including workspace management, community interaction, and profile customization.
- Visitor: Unauthenticated users who have limited access to the platform. They can explore the landing page and browse community content but cannot create or modify diagrams.
- Administrator: System administrators with elevated privileges responsible for platform maintenance, user management, content moderation, and overall system integrity.

Secondary Actors (System Components):

- AI System: An intelligent assistant that responds to user requests and provides code editing assistance for diagram creation and modification.
- PlantUML Server: External service responsible for rendering PlantUML code into visual diagram representations.

2.2.2 Identification of Requirements

2.2.2.1 Functional Requirements

The functional requirements have been categorized based on the main feature areas of the platform:

Authentication and Security:

- Support for OAuth authentication via Google and GitHub accounts
- Cross-device authentication persistence
- Secure logout functionality
- Administrative authentication with elevated privileges

Project and Diagram Management:

- Complete CRUD operations for projects and diagrams
- Project organization and categorization capabilities
- Bulk download functionality for project diagrams
- Individual diagram export in multiple formats
- Project sharing and collaboration features

Workspace and Editing:

- Interactive code editor for PlantUML syntax
- Split-view workspace with customizable layouts
- Real-time diagram rendering and preview
- AI-powered code assistance and suggestions
- Syntax highlighting and error detection

Community Features:

- Public project exploration and discovery
- Comment system with full CRUD operations
- Like/unlike functionality for projects and comments
- Project forking and copying capabilities
- Social sharing features

Profile and Administration:

- User profile management and customization
- Public project portfolio display
- Comprehensive administrative dashboard
- User and content management tools

2.2.2.2 Non-Functional Requirements

Performance Requirements:

- Page load times should not exceed 3 seconds under normal conditions
- Diagram rendering should complete within 5 seconds for standard-sized diagrams
- The system should support concurrent access by up to 1000 users
- Real-time editor updates should have latency below 100ms

Security Requirements:

- All data transmission must be encrypted using HTTPS/TLS
- User authentication must follow OAuth 2.0 security standards
- Input validation and sanitization for all user-generated content
- Protection against common web vulnerabilities (XSS, CSRF, SQL injection)

Usability Requirements:

- Intuitive user interface following modern web design principles
- Responsive design supporting desktop, tablet, and mobile devices
- Accessibility compliance with WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards
- Multilingual support with initial focus on English

Reliability and Availability:

- System uptime of 99.5% excluding scheduled maintenance
- Automated backup systems with 24-hour recovery point objective
- Graceful error handling with meaningful user feedback
- Fault tolerance for external service dependencies

Scalability Requirements:

- Horizontal scaling capability for increased user load
- Database optimization for efficient query performance
- CDN integration for static asset delivery
- Microservices architecture for independent component scaling

2.3 Project Management with Scrum

2.3.1 Scrum Roles

The project adopts the Scrum framework with clearly defined roles and responsibilities:

Role	Member(s)
Product Owner	Issam Mekni
Scrum Master	Issam Mekni
Development Team	Issam Mekni, Souhaieb Askri

Table 2.1: Scrum roles and their respective members

Roles in the Scrum Team:

2.3.2 Product Backlog

The product backlog represents a prioritized list of features and requirements derived from stakeholder needs and market analysis. Each backlog item follows the user story format and includes priority classification using MoSCoW method (Must have, Should have, Could have, Won't have this time).

Table 2.2: Product Backlog with User Stories and Priorities (Imported from backlog.csv)

ID	Feature S		Sub- User Story	
		ID		
1	1 Authentication		As a user; I want to authenticate using my Google account so that I can log in easily.	M
		1.2	As a user; I want to authenticate using my GitHub account so that I can log in with my developer	M
		1.3	profile. As a user; I want to stay authenticated across multiple devices so that I can access my account anywhere.	S
		1.4	As a user; I want to log out from my account so that my information is secure when I finish.	M
2	Explore Landing Page	2.1	As a user; I want to explore the landing page so that I can understand the platform's features and benefits.	M

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ID	Feature	Sub-	User Story	Priority		
		ID				
3	Manage Projects	3.1	As a user; I want to create a new project so that I	M		
			can organize my diagrams.			
		3.2	As a user; I want to view my project details so that	M		
			I can track my work.			
		3.3	As a user; I want to update project details so that	M		
			I can keep information current.			
		3.4	As a user; I want to delete a project so that I can	M		
			remove unwanted content.			
		3.5	As a user; I want to download project diagrams as	S		
			images in a compressed ZIP file so that I can use			
			them offline.			
		3.6	As a user; I want to share my project with others	S		
			so that I can collaborate or showcase my work.			
4	Manage Diagrams	4.1	As a user; I want to create a new diagram so that	M		
			I can visualize my ideas.			
		4.2	As a user; I want to view my diagram so that I can	M		
			review my work.			
		4.3	As a user; I want to update diagram details so that	M		
			I can improve my designs.			
		4.4	As a user; I want to delete a diagram so that I can	M		
			remove unwanted content.			
		4.5	As a user; I want to download diagram images in	S		
			appropriate formats so that I can use them in other			
			applications.			
5	Manage Workspace	5.1	As a user; I want to control and split views in my	S		
			workspace so that I can work efficiently.			
		5.2	As a user; I want to edit diagram code in an interac-	M		
			tive editor so that I can create diagrams efficiently.			
		5.3	As a user; I want to chat with an AI model to	С		
			edit diagram code so that I can get assistance with			
			complex diagrams.			
		5.4	As an AI system; I need to respond to user requests	C		
			and help edit diagram code so that users can create			
			better diagrams.			
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ID	Feature	Sub-	User Story	Priority
		ID		
		5.5	As a PlantUML Server; I need to render diagram	M
			code into diagram images so that users can visualize	
			their work.	
6	Community Interac-	6.1	As a user; I want to explore the community so that	S
	tion		I can discover interesting projects.	
		6.2	As a visitor; I want to explore the community so	S
			that I can see what the platform offers.	
		6.3	As a user; I want to comment on projects so that I	С
			can provide feedback to other users.	
		6.4	As a user; I want to like/unlike projects so that I	С
			can show appreciation for good work.	
		6.5	As a user; I want to share projects so that I can	С
			promote interesting content.	
		6.6	As a user; I want to update my comments so that	С
			I can correct or improve my feedback.	
		6.7	As a user; I want to delete my comments so that I	С
			can remove inappropriate or outdated feedback.	
		6.8	As a user; I want to like/unlike comments so that	С
			I can engage in community discussions.	
		6.9	As a user; I want to copy community projects to	S
			my workspace so that I can learn from and build	
			upon others' work.	
7	Profile Management	7.1	As a user; I want to edit my profile so that I can	S
			keep my information current.	
		7.2	As a user; I want to view public projects on profiles	S
			so that I can see others' work.	
8	Administration	8.1	As an admin; I want to authenticate with elevated	M
			privileges so that I can manage the platform.	
		8.2	As an admin; I want to manage all platform data	M
			so that I can maintain system integrity and user	
			safety.	

2.3.3 Global Use Case Diagram

The global use case diagram provides a comprehensive overview of the system's functionality and actor interactions. It illustrates the relationships between different use

cases and demonstrates how various actors engage with the platform's features.

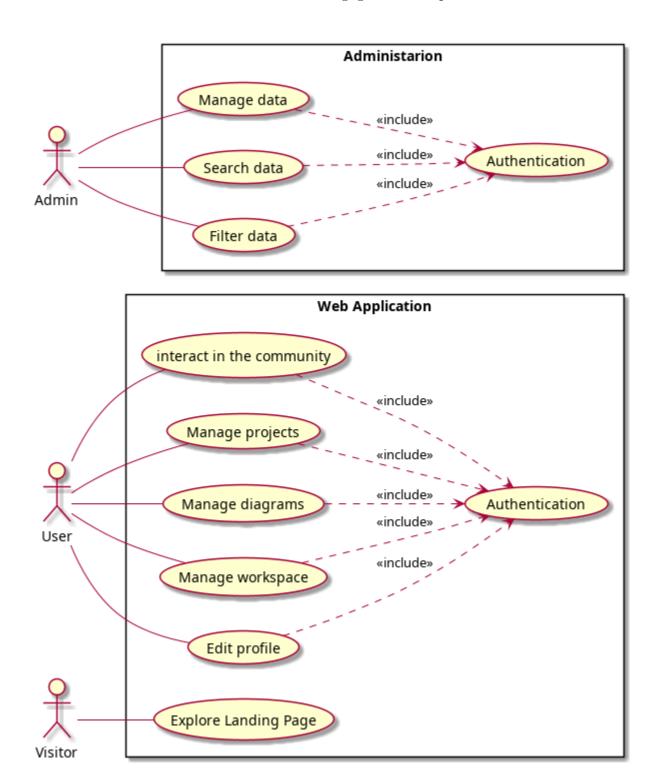


Figure 2.1: Global Use Case Diagram

2.3.4 Sprint Planning

The project is organized into six strategic sprints, each focusing on specific functional areas and building upon previous deliverables. The total project duration is designed to fit within 3.5 months (14 weeks) with efficient resource allocation and parallel development activities.

Sprint	Focus Area	Backlog Features	Estimated Duration (Week
I	Infrastructure Setup	N/A	2
II	Authentication and Landing Page	1,2	2
III	Project Management	3	3
IV	Diagram and Project Management	4,5	3
V	Community Interaction and Profiles	6 ,7	3
VI	Administration	8	1

Table 2.3: Scrum Sprint Planning with Estimated Durations

2.4 Deployment diagram

The deployment diagram illustrates the system's architecture at the deployment level, showing how components are deployed and how they interact with external systems and services.

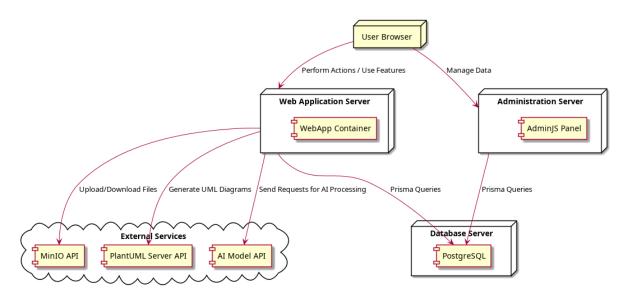


Figure 2.2: Deployment diagram

2.5 Technological Architecture of the Project

2.6 Tools and Environment

The development of the platform leverages a modern web technology stack, development tools, and runtime environments that support scalable, maintainable, and collaborative software engineering practices.

Table 2.4: Tools and Environment Used in the Project (Ordered by Usage)

Tool/Technology	Logo	Purpose
Linux	Linux	Operating system environment for development and deployment
Git	•	Distributed version control system
GitHub	()	Version control and collaborative code hosting
VSCodium	M	Open-source code editor used for development
LaTeX	IATEX	Document preparation system for high-quality typesetting
Node.js	(JS)	JavaScript runtime for backend services
Next.js		React framework for server-side rendering and routing
React		JavaScript library for building user interfaces
TypeScript	TS	Static typing for JavaScript to enhance code quality
NextAuth.js	3	Authentication library for Next.js applications

Tool/Technology	Logo	Purpose
Tailwind CSS	~	Utility-first CSS framework for fast UI development
ShadCN/UI	//	Component library built on top of Tailwind for accessible UI compo- nents
Prisma		ORM for database access and modeling
PostgreSQL		Relational database used for storing platform data
Express.js	express	Web server for handling API routes and middleware
LangChain	10	Framework for developing AI-driven assistant features
PlantUML		Tool for creating UML diagrams from plain text
AdminJS	A	Admin panel framework for managing application data
Docker		Containerization platform for application deployment
MinIO	MINIO	Object storage server compatible with Amazon S3 API
Firefox		Browser used for development and testing

2.7 Conclusion

The project initiation phase has established a solid foundation for the development of the platform through comprehensive requirement analysis, stakeholder identification, and strategic planning. The adoption of Scrum methodology ensures iterative development with regular feedback incorporation and continuous improvement.

Key achievements of this initiation phase include:

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- Clear identification of system actors and their interactions
- Comprehensive functional and non-functional requirements specification
- Well-structured product backlog with prioritized user stories
- Detailed sprint planning with realistic timelines and deliverables
- Established project management framework using Scrum principles

The systematic approach to requirement gathering and analysis has revealed the complexity and scope of the platform while ensuring that all stakeholder needs are addressed. The priority-based classification of requirements enables focused development on core functionality while maintaining flexibility for future enhancements.

The sprint-based development approach provides clear milestones and deliverables, facilitating progress tracking and stakeholder communication. The incremental nature of the development process allows for early feedback integration and risk mitigation.

Moving forward, the project is well-positioned to proceed with the technical architecture design and implementation phases, building upon the solid foundation established during this initiation phase. The comprehensive documentation created during this phase will serve as a reference throughout the development lifecycle, ensuring consistency and alignment with project objectives.

Chapter 3

Study and Implementation of Sprint I: Infrastructure Setup

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3.1 Introduction

The first sprint of our project focuses on establishing a robust and scalable infrastructure foundation. This sprint is crucial as it sets up the development environment and core services that will support the entire application ecosystem. The infrastructure includes containerized services for database management, file storage, diagram generation, and the main web application framework.

Our approach emphasizes modern DevOps practices using Docker containerization to ensure consistency across different development environments and facilitate easy deployment. This chapter documents the planning, implementation, and outcomes of Sprint I, providing insights into the technical decisions made and lessons learned during the infrastructure setup phase.

3.2 Sprint Planning

3.2.1 Objectives of Sprint I

The primary objectives of Sprint I are centered around creating a solid foundation for the development process:

- Establish a containerized development environment using Docker Compose
- Set up PostgreSQL database with proper configuration and data persistence
- Configure MinIO object storage for file management capabilities
- Deploy PlantUML server for automated diagram generation
- Create a Next.js application structure with Prisma ORM integration
- Implement authentication system using NextAuth.js with Google OAuth
- Configure environment variables and security settings
- Ensure all services communicate effectively within the Docker network

3.2.2 Backlog of Sprint I

The sprint backlog was organized into distinct components, each representing a critical piece of the infrastructure:

- 1. **Database Setup**: Configure PostgreSQL container with persistent storage and proper networking
- 2. Object Storage: Set up MinIO service for file storage and management
- 3. Diagram Service: Deploy PlantUML server for automated diagram generation
- 4. Web Application: Initialize Next. js project with TypeScript and Tailwind CSS
- 5. **ORM Configuration**: Set up Prisma with PostgreSQL integration
- 6. Authentication: Implement NextAuth.js with Google OAuth provider

- 7. Environment Configuration: Secure configuration of all environment variables
- 8. Integration Testing: Verify all services work together seamlessly

3.3 Technologies and Tools Used

3.3.1 PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL was chosen as our primary database management system due to its robust feature set, ACID compliance, and excellent support for complex queries. As an open-source relational database, it provides enterprise-level performance while maintaining flexibility for development. The containerized deployment ensures consistent database behavior across different environments and simplifies backup and migration processes.

3.3.2 MinIO

MinIO serves as our object storage solution, providing S3-compatible API for file management. This choice enables seamless integration with existing S3-based workflows while maintaining full control over our storage infrastructure. MinIO's lightweight nature and excellent performance make it ideal for development environments and can scale effectively for production use.

3.3.3 PlantUML Server

The PlantUML server provides automated diagram generation capabilities, essential for maintaining up-to-date system documentation. By containerizing this service, we ensure consistent diagram rendering and enable programmatic generation of architectural diagrams, sequence diagrams, and other technical documentation.

3.3.4 Next.js with Prisma

Next.js framework was selected for its full-stack capabilities, excellent developer experience, and built-in optimization features. Combined with Prisma ORM, it provides type-safe database access and seamless integration with PostgreSQL. This combination enables rapid development while maintaining code quality and performance.

3.3.5 Docker and Docker Compose

Docker containerization ensures environment consistency and simplifies deployment processes. Docker Compose orchestrates multiple services, making it easy to manage complex multi-container applications. This approach facilitates both development and production deployments while maintaining service isolation and scalability.

3.4 Deliverables of Sprint I

3.4.1 Database Infrastructure

The PostgreSQL database service has been successfully containerized with the following configuration:

```
postgres:
  image: postgres:16
  container_name: my_postgres
  environment:
    POSTGRES_USER: user
    POSTGRES_PASSWORD: password
    POSTGRES_DB: database
  ports:
    - "5432:5432"
  volumes:
    - postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data
```

This configuration provides persistent data storage through Docker volumes and exposes the database on the standard PostgreSQL port. The database supports the main application's data requirements and includes proper backup capabilities.

3.4.1.1 Database Schema Design

The database schema has been designed to support the application's core functionality. The following class diagram illustrates the main entities and their relationships:

Database Entity Relationship Diagram Class diagram located at: diagrams/class/g1.svg Note: Convert SVG to PDF format for LaTeX compatibility

Figure 3.1: Database Entity Relationship Diagram

The schema implements proper normalization principles and includes indexes for optimal query performance. Foreign key constraints ensure data integrity, while the design allows for future scalability and feature additions.

3.4.2 Object Storage Service

MinIO object storage has been configured to provide S3-compatible file management:

```
minio:
    image: minio/minio
    container_name: minio
    ports:
        - "9000:9000" # API
        - "9001:9001" # Web UI
    volumes:
        - ./minio-data:/data
    environment:
        MINIO_ROOT_USER: minioadmin
        MINIO_ROOT_PASSWORD: minioadmin
        command: server /data --console-address ":9001"
```

The service provides both API access on port 9000 and a web management interface on port 9001. Local data persistence is ensured through volume mounting, making it suitable for development and testing scenarios.

3.4.3 Diagram Generation Service

PlantUML server deployment enables automated diagram generation:

```
plantuml:
  image: plantuml/plantuml-server
  container_name: plantuml_server
  ports:
    - "3030:8080"
  restart: unless-stopped
```

This service processes PlantUML markup and generates various diagram formats, supporting the documentation and visualization needs of the project.

3.4.4 Web Application Container

The Next.js application has been containerized with proper development workflow support:

```
FROM node:20-alpine
WORKDIR /app
COPY package*.json ./
```

```
COPY prisma ./prisma/

RUN npm install

RUN npx prisma generate

COPY . .

EXPOSE 3000

CMD ["npm", "run", "dev"]
```

This configuration ensures consistent Node.js environment, proper dependency management, and Prisma client generation during the build process.

3.5 Environment Configuration

The application requires several environment variables for proper operation:

Listing 3.1: Environment Variables Configuration

These variables configure authentication services, database connections, external APIs, and service endpoints. Proper security measures have been implemented to protect sensitive configuration data.

3.6 Retrospective of Sprint I

3.6.1 Achievements

Sprint I successfully accomplished all primary objectives:

- Complete infrastructure setup with all services running in containers
- Successful integration between PostgreSQL, MinIO, PlantUML, and Next.js application
- Working authentication system with Google OAuth integration

- Proper environment configuration and security implementation
- Database schema design and Prisma ORM integration
- Comprehensive documentation of all configurations

The infrastructure provides a solid foundation for subsequent development sprints and supports all planned application features.

3.6.2 Challenges and Lessons Learned

Several challenges were encountered and resolved during the sprint:

Port Conflicts: Initial configuration had port conflicts between services, resolved by careful port mapping and documentation.

Database Connectivity: Networking between containers required adjustment of connection strings and proper service naming.

Environment Variable Management: Ensuring secure handling of sensitive data while maintaining development workflow efficiency.

Prisma Schema Synchronization: Managing database migrations and schema generation in containerized environment required careful coordination.

3.6.3 Areas for Enhancement

Future improvements identified for the infrastructure:

- Implementation of health checks for all services
- Addition of logging and monitoring solutions
- Database backup automation
- SSL/TLS configuration for production readiness
- Performance optimization for development workflow
- Integration of CI/CD pipeline preparation

3.7 Conclusion

Sprint I has successfully established a comprehensive development infrastructure that provides all necessary services for the project. The containerized approach ensures consistency, scalability, and ease of deployment across different environments. The integration of PostgreSQL, MinIO, PlantUML, and Next.js creates a powerful foundation for building modern web applications.

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The infrastructure setup demonstrates best practices in DevOps, security, and software architecture. All services are properly configured, documented, and tested, providing a reliable foundation for subsequent development phases. The lessons learned during this sprint will inform future infrastructure decisions and improvements.

The successful completion of Sprint I enables the development team to focus on business logic and user features in upcoming sprints, knowing that the underlying infrastructure is robust, scalable, and well-documented. This foundation supports both current development needs and future scaling requirements.

Chapter 4

Study and Implementation of Sprint II: Authentication & Landing Page

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4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the study and implementation of Sprint II, which focuses on developing the authentication system and landing page for our application. The sprint encompasses the integration of modern authentication mechanisms using NextAuth.js and database management with Prisma, along with the creation of an intuitive landing page that serves as the entry point for users. This sprint builds upon the foundation established

in previous iterations and introduces essential user management capabilities that form the backbone of the application's security architecture.

4.2 Sprint Planning

4.2.1 Objectives of Sprint II

The primary objectives of Sprint II include:

- Implement secure user authentication using OAuth providers (Google, GitHub)
- Develop session management for cross-device authentication persistence
- Create an engaging and responsive landing page
- Establish database schema and ORM integration using Prisma
- Ensure seamless user sign-in and sign-out functionality
- Implement user session persistence across multiple devices

4.2.2 Backlog of Sprint II

Table 4.1: Sprint II Backlog Items

ID	User Story	Priority	Effort	Status
1	As a user, I want to sign in with	1	5	Completed
	Google account			
2	As a user, I want to sign in with	1	3	Completed
	GitHub account			
3	As a user, I want to stay authen-	1	8	Completed
	ticated across devices			
4	As a user, I want to sign out from	1	2	Completed
	my account			
5	As a visitor, I want to explore the	1	5	Completed
	landing page			

4.3 Technologies and Tools Used

4.3.1 NextAuth.js

NextAuth.js is a comprehensive authentication library designed specifically for Next.js applications. It provides a complete authentication solution with support for multiple

OAuth providers, database adapters, and session management strategies. The library offers built-in security features including CSRF protection, JWT tokens, and secure cookie handling. NextAuth.js simplifies the implementation of authentication flows while maintaining high security standards and providing flexibility for customization.

4.3.2 Prisma

Prisma is a next-generation Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) tool that provides type-safe database access for Node.js applications. It offers a declarative schema definition language, automatic migration generation, and a powerful query engine. Prisma's integration with TypeScript ensures compile-time type safety and excellent developer experience through auto-completion and IntelliSense. The tool supports multiple database providers and simplifies complex database operations while maintaining optimal performance.

4.4 Analyse

4.4.1 Use case diagram for Sprint II

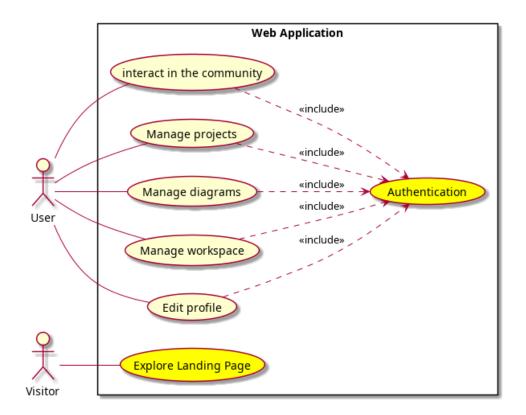


Figure 4.1: Use Case Diagram for Sprint II

The use case diagram for Sprint II illustrates the main interactions between users and the authentication system, highlighting the key functionalities implemented during this sprint.

4.4.2 Refined use case "Authentication"

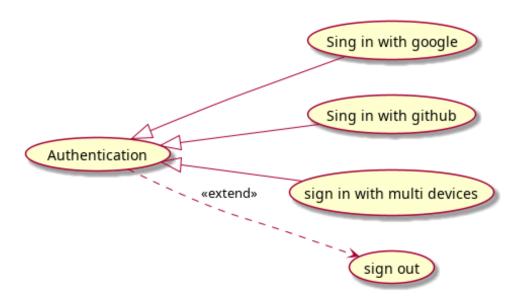


Figure 4.2: Refined Use Case Diagram for Authentication Feature

4.4.2.1 Use case

The authentication use case encompasses all user authentication-related activities including sign-in through OAuth providers, session management, and sign-out functionality.

4.4.2.2 Textual description of use case

Use Case: Sign in with Google Account

Table 4.2: Textual Description - Sign in with Google Account

Use Case	Sign in with Google Account
Name	
Primary Actor	User
Goal	Authenticate user using Google OAuth
Preconditions	User has a valid Google account
Main Flow	1. User clicks "Sign in with Google" button
	2. System redirects to Google OAuth page
	3. User enters Google credentials
	4. Google validates credentials
	5. System receives authorization code
	6. System creates user session
	7. User is redirected to dashboard
Alternative	A1. Invalid credentials: Display error message
Flow	
	A2. OAuth cancelled: Return to sign-in page
Postconditions	User is authenticated and session is created

Use Case: Sign in with GitHub Account

Table 4.3: Textual Description - Sign in with GitHub Account

Use Case	Sign in with GitHub Account
Name	
Primary Actor	User
Goal	Authenticate user using GitHub OAuth
Preconditions	User has a valid GitHub account
Main Flow	1. User clicks "Sign in with GitHub" button
	2. System redirects to GitHub OAuth page
	3. User authorizes application access
	4. GitHub returns authorization code
	5. System validates and creates session
	6. User is redirected to dashboard
Alternative	A1. Authorization denied: Return to sign-in page
Flow	
	A2. Network error: Display retry option
Postconditions	User is authenticated with GitHub identity

Use Case: Stay Authenticated Across Multiple Devices

Table 4.4: Textual Description - Cross-Device Authentication

Use Case	Stay Authenticated Across Multiple Devices	
Name		
Primary Actor	Authenticated User	
Goal	Maintain authentication state across devices	
Preconditions	User is authenticated on one device	
Main Flow	1. User signs in on Device A	
	2. System creates persistent session	
	3. User accesses application on Device B	
	4. System validates session token	
	5. User gains access without re-authentication	
Alternative	A1. Session expired: Redirect to sign-in	
Flow		
	A2. Security breach detected: Force re-authentication	
Postconditions	s User maintains access across devices	

Use Case: Sign Out

Table 4.5: Textual Description - Sign Out

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Use Case	Sign Out From Account
Name	
Primary Actor	Authenticated User
Goal	Terminate user session securely
Preconditions	User is currently authenticated
Main Flow	1. User clicks sign-out button
	2. System invalidates current session
	3. System clears authentication tokens
	4. User is redirected to landing page
Alternative	A1. Network error: Local session cleared
Flow	
Postconditions	User session is terminated

4.4.3 Refined use case "Explore Landing Page"

4.4.3.1 Use case

The landing page exploration use case covers the visitor's interaction with the application's entry point, including navigation, information consumption, and call-to-action engagement.

4.4.3.2 Textual description of use case

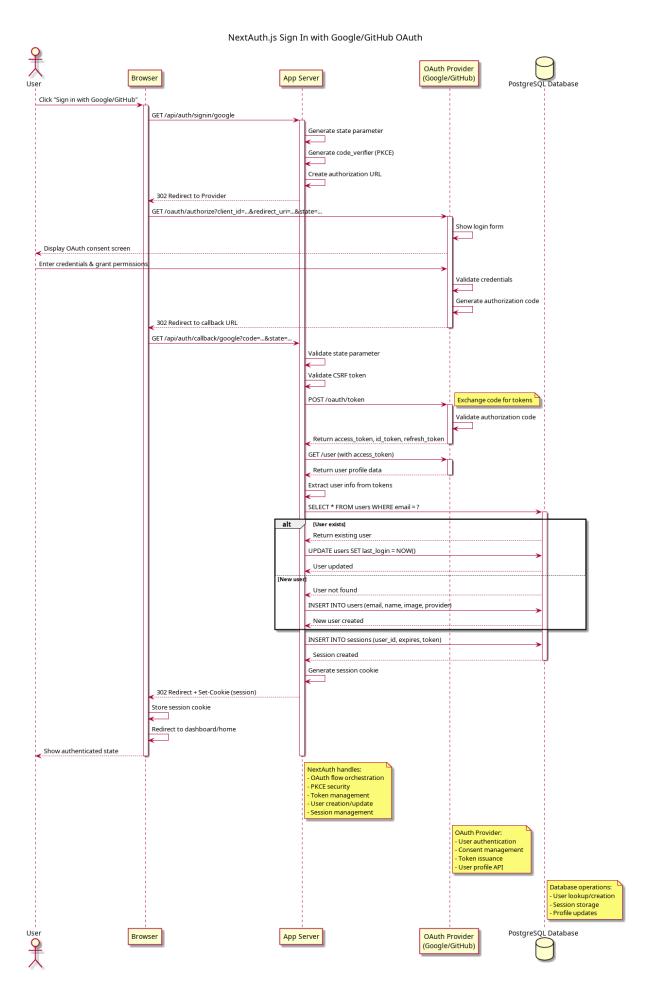
Table 4.6: Textual Description - Explore Landing Page

Use Case	Explore Landing Page	
Name		
Primary Actor	Visitor	
Goal	Learn about the application and its features	
Preconditions	None	
Main Flow	1. Visitor accesses landing page URL	
	2. System displays hero section with value proposition	
	3. Visitor scrolls through feature sections	
	4. Visitor reviews testimonials and pricing	
	5. Visitor clicks call-to-action button	
	6. System redirects to sign-in page	
Alternative	A1. Mobile device: Display responsive layout	
Flow		
	A2. Slow connection: Show progressive loading	
Postconditions	Visitor understands application value	

4.5 Conception

4.5.1 Sequence diagram of use case "Authentication"

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Figure 4.3: Sequence Diagram - Google Authentication

The sequence diagram illustrates the OAuth 2.0 flow for Google authentication, showing the interaction between the user, client application, authorization server, and resource server.

Stay Authenticated Across Devices

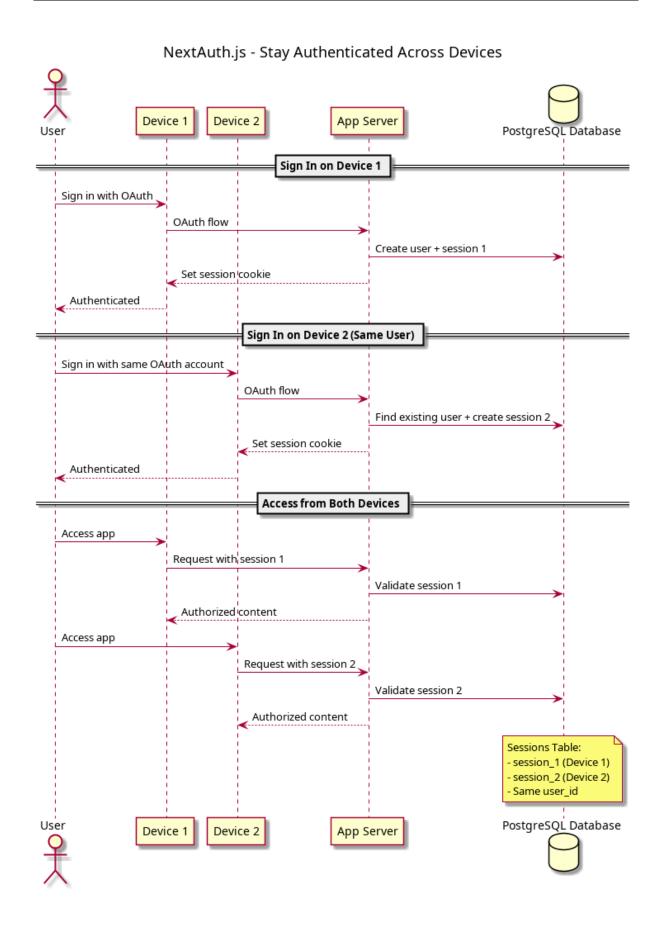


Figure 4.4: Sequence Diagram - Cross-Device Authentication

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This sequence diagram demonstrates how the application maintains user sessions across multiple devices using persistent tokens and session validation mechanisms.

Sign Out From Account

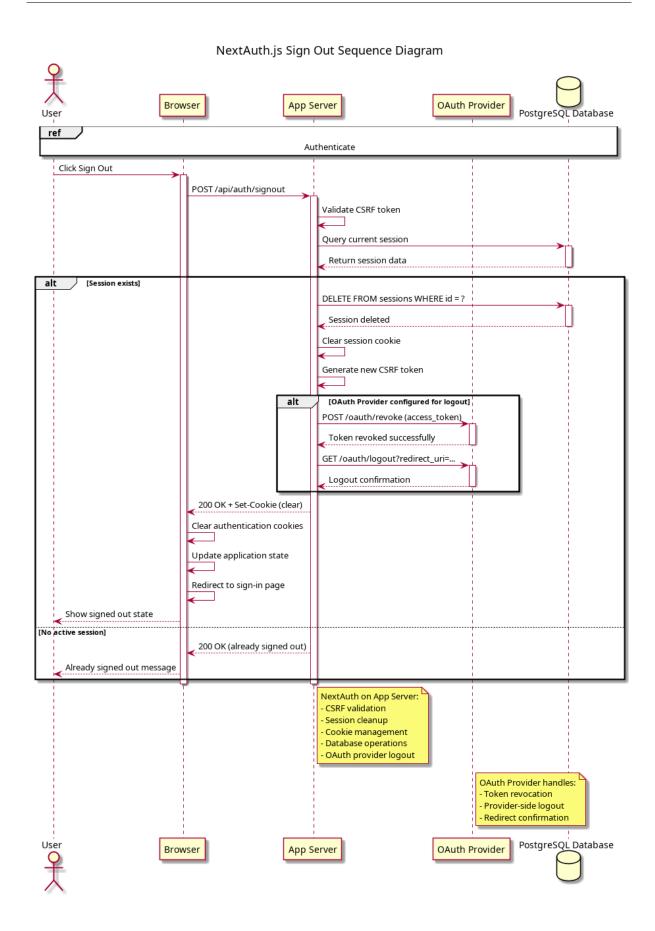


Figure 4.5: Sequence Diagram - Sign Out Process

The sign-out sequence diagram shows the secure termination of user sessions, including token invalidation and cleanup processes.

4.6 Deliverables of Sprint II

The following screenshots demonstrate the key deliverables implemented during Sprint II:

Landing Page



Figure 4.6: Landing Page Implementation

The landing page serves as the application's entry point, featuring a modern design with clear value proposition, feature highlights, and prominent call-to-action elements.

Sign-In Interface

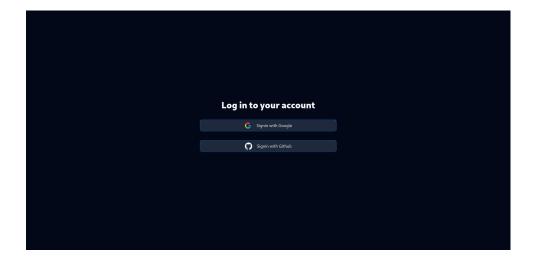


Figure 4.7: Sign-In Page with OAuth Options

The sign-in interface provides users with multiple authentication options, including Google and GitHub OAuth integration, presented in a clean and user-friendly design.

Sign-Out Confirmation

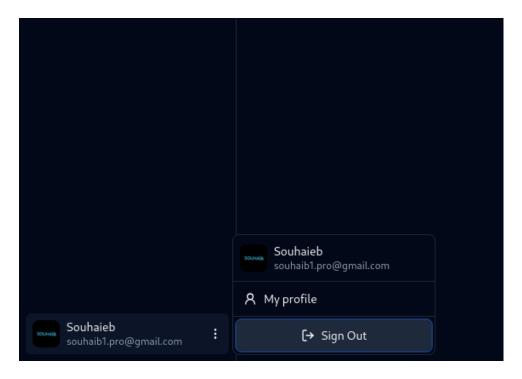


Figure 4.8: Sign-Out Confirmation Interface

The sign-out interface ensures users can securely terminate their sessions with appropriate confirmation mechanisms.

4.7 Retrospective of Sprint II

Sprint II successfully delivered all planned authentication features and the landing page implementation. The team effectively integrated NextAuth.js with OAuth providers, establishing a robust authentication foundation. Key achievements include seamless Google and GitHub authentication, persistent cross-device sessions, and an engaging landing page. Challenges encountered included OAuth configuration complexities and session management across different environments, which were resolved through thorough testing and documentation review. The sprint demonstrated strong collaboration between frontend and backend development, resulting in a cohesive user experience.

4.8 Conclusion

Sprint II established the essential authentication infrastructure and user entry point for the application. The successful implementation of OAuth-based authentication using NextAuth.js, combined with Prisma's database management capabilities, provides a secure and scalable foundation for user management. The responsive landing page effectively communicates the application's value proposition while guiding users toward engagement. These achievements position the project well for subsequent sprints, with a solid authentication system that supports the application's security requirements and user experience goals.

Chapter 5

Study and Implementation of Sprint III: Project Management

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5.1 Introduction

Sprint III focuses on implementing comprehensive project management functionality within the UML diagram generation platform. This sprint represents a crucial milestone in the application's development, introducing essential features that enable users to organize, manage, and maintain their UML projects effectively. The project management module serves as the foundation for user workflow organization, providing capabilities for project creation, modification, visualization, and data export. This sprint emphasizes user-centric design principles while ensuring robust backend functionality to support scalable project operations.

5.2 Sprint Planning

The sprint planning phase involved careful analysis of user requirements and technical specifications to deliver a comprehensive project management system. The planning process focused on implementing core CRUD operations while incorporating advanced features such as diagram export and project sharing capabilities.

5.2.1 Objectives of Sprint III

The primary objectives of Sprint III include implementing a complete project management system that allows users to efficiently organize their UML diagram projects. Key goals encompass enabling project creation with customizable parameters, providing intuitive project browsing and viewing capabilities, implementing secure project modification features, ensuring safe project deletion with appropriate confirmations, and developing a robust export system for project diagrams in compressed formats. Additionally, the sprint aims to establish a foundation for future collaboration features through preliminary sharing mechanisms.

5.2.2 Backlog of Sprint III

The Sprint III backlog comprises five essential user stories that form the core of the project management functionality:

- User Story 3.1: As a user, I want to create new projects to organize my UML diagrams systematically (Priority: Must Have)
- User Story 3.2: As a user, I want to read and view project details to access my existing work (Priority: Must Have)
- User Story 3.3: As a user, I want to update project details to maintain current and accurate information (Priority: Must Have)

- User Story 3.4: As a user, I want to delete projects to manage my workspace efficiently (Priority: Must Have)
- User Story 3.5: As a user, I want to download project diagrams in appropriate formats compressed in a zip file for offline access and sharing (Priority: Must Have)

5.3 Analyse

The analysis phase involved comprehensive examination of user requirements and system specifications to design an optimal project management solution. This phase included detailed use case modeling and requirement specification to ensure all functional aspects are properly addressed.

5.3.1 Use case diagram for sprint III

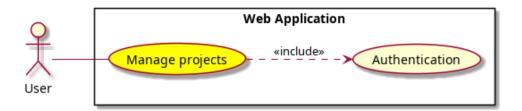


Figure 5.1: Use case diagram for Sprint III - Project Management

The use case diagram illustrates the complete scope of project management functionality, showing the interactions between users and the system across all implemented features. The diagram demonstrates the comprehensive nature of the project management module and its integration with the overall system architecture.

5.3.2 Refined use case "Manage projects"

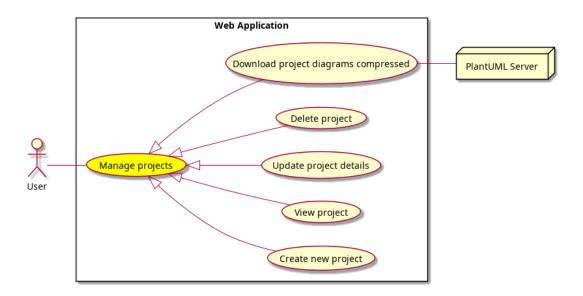


Figure 5.2: Refined use case diagram for project management feature

5.3.2.1 Use case

The refined use case diagram provides detailed visualization of the project management feature, showing the relationships between different use cases and their extensions. This diagram serves as the foundation for understanding the complete functional scope of the project management system.

5.3.2.2 Textual description of use case "Create new project"

Table 5.1: Textual description of "Create new project" use case

Field	Description
Use Case Name	Create new project
Use Case ID	UC-3.1
Brief Description	Allows users to create a new project with specified details
	and initial configuration
Primary Actor	User
Preconditions	User must be authenticated and have access to the project
	creation interface
Main Flow	1. User accesses project creation form
	2. User enters project name and description
	3. User selects project type and initial settings
	4. System validates input data
	5. System creates new project with unique identifier
	6. System displays success confirmation
	7. User is redirected to project dashboard
Postconditions	New project is created and available in user's project list
Alternative	A1. Invalid input data: System displays validation errors
Flows	and prompts for correction
Exception Flows	E1. System error: Display error message and maintain
	form data

5.3.2.3 Textual description of use case "View project"

Table 5.2: Textual description of "View project" use case

Field	Description
Use Case Name	View project
Use Case ID	UC-3.2
Brief Description	Enables users to view detailed information about existing
	projects including diagrams and metadata
Primary Actor	User
Preconditions	User must be authenticated and have access to at least
	one project
Main Flow	1. User accesses project list interface
	2. User selects specific project to view
	3. System retrieves project details and associated dia-
	grams
	4. System displays project information in organized lay-
	out
	5. User can navigate through different project sections
	6. User can view individual diagrams within the project
Postconditions	User has viewed project details and can proceed with
	other actions
Alternative	A1. Empty project: System displays message indicating
Flows	no diagrams are available
Exception Flows	E1. Project not found: Display appropriate error mes-
	sage
	E2. Access denied: Redirect to authentication or show
	permission error

5.3.2.4 Textual description of use case "Update project details"

Table 5.3: Textual description of "Update project details" use case

Field	Description	
Use Case Name	Update project details	
Use Case ID	UC-3.3	
Brief Description	Allows users to modify existing project information in-	
	cluding name, description, and settings	
Primary Actor	User	
Preconditions	User must be authenticated and have ownership/edit	
	permissions for the target project	
Main Flow	1. User accesses project edit interface	
	2. System displays current project information in editable	
	form	
	3. User modifies desired fields	
	4. User submits changes	
	5. System validates updated information	
	6. System saves changes to database	
	7. System displays success confirmation	
	8. Updated information is reflected in project views	
Postconditions	Project details are updated and changes are persisted in	
	the system	
Alternative	A1. No changes made: System displays message and	
Flows	returns to project view	
	A2. Validation errors: System highlights errors and	
	prompts for correction	
Exception Flows	E1. Concurrent modification: Display conflict resolution	
	options	
	E2. Database error: Show error message and maintain	
	user input	

5.3.2.5 Textual description of use case "Delete project"

Table 5.4: Textual description of "Delete project" use case

Field	Description Description
Use Case Name	Delete project
Use Case ID	UC-3.4
Brief Description	Enables users to permanently remove projects from their
	workspace with appropriate safety measures
Primary Actor	User
Preconditions	User must be authenticated and have ownership/delete
	permissions for the target project
Main Flow	1. User selects project for deletion
	2. System displays confirmation dialog with project
	details
	3. User confirms deletion intent
	4. System performs additional confirmation for critical
	projects
	5. System removes project and associated data from
	database
	6. System cleans up related files and resources
	7. System displays deletion confirmation
	8. User is redirected to updated project list
Postconditions	Project and all associated data are permanently removed
	from the system
Alternative	A1. User cancels deletion: Return to project view with-
Flows	out changes
	A2. Shared project: Display warning about impact on
	other users
Exception Flows	E1. System error during deletion: Display error message
	and maintain project data
	E2. Referenced project: Show dependencies and require
	resolution

5.3.2.6 Textual description of use case "Download project diagrams compressed"

Table 5.5: Textual description of "Download project diagrams compressed" use case

Field	Description
Use Case Name	Download project diagrams compressed
Use Case ID	UC-3.5
Brief Description	Allows users to export all project diagrams in various
	formats packaged in a compressed zip file
Primary Actor	User
Preconditions	User must be authenticated, have access to the project, and project must contain at least one diagram
Main Flow	1. User accesses project export interface
	2. User selects desired export formats (PNG, SVG, PDF)
	3. User initiates download process
	4. System generates diagrams in selected formats
	5. System creates compressed zip file containing all
	diagrams
	6. System initiates file download to user's device
	7. User receives compressed file with organized diagram
	collection
Postconditions	User has downloaded a compressed file containing all
	project diagrams in selected formats
Alternative	A1. Large project: System displays progress indicator
Flows	during generation
	A2. Selective export: User can choose specific diagrams
	to include
Exception Flows	E1. Generation error: Display error message and suggest
	alternative formats
	E2. File size limit: Warn user and offer options to reduce
	file size

5.4 Conception

The conception phase involved detailed design of system interactions and workflow processes for each project management feature. Sequence diagrams were developed to illustrate the communication patterns between system components and ensure proper implementation of business logic.

5.4.1 Sequence diagram of use case

The following sequence diagrams illustrate the detailed interactions between system components for each implemented use case:

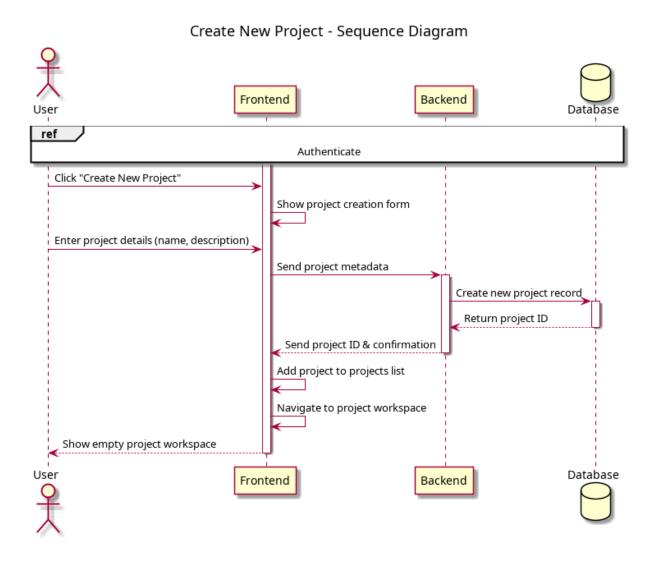


Figure 5.3: Sequence diagram for Create New Project use case

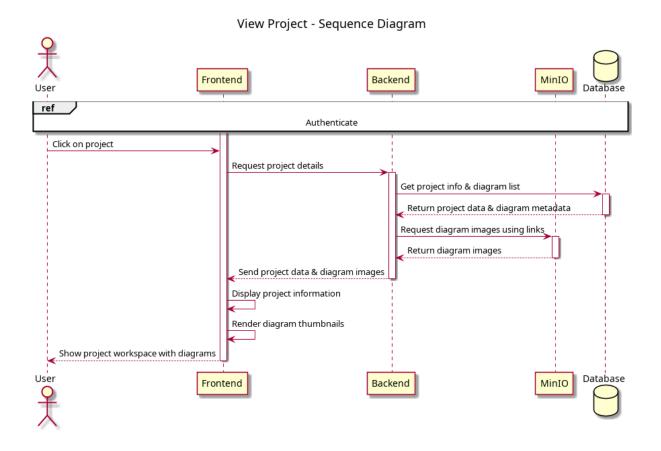


Figure 5.4: Sequence diagram for View Project Details use case

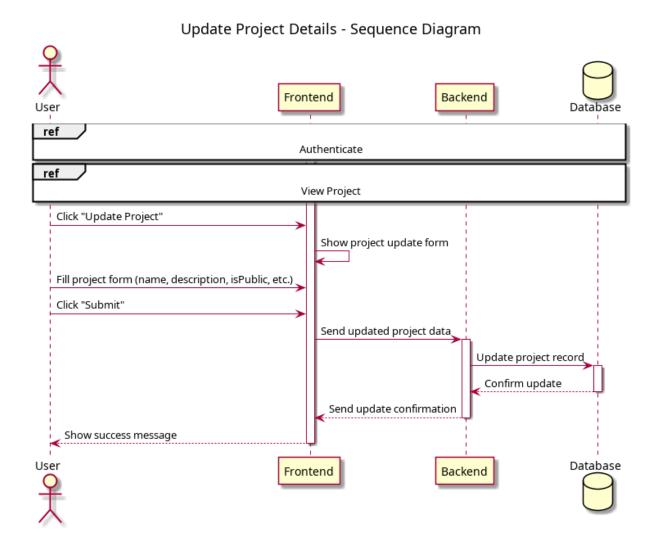


Figure 5.5: Sequence diagram for Update Project Details use case

Delete Project - Sequence Diagram Frontend Backend MinIO Database ref Authenticate Select project to delete Show delete confirmation dialog Confirm deletion Send delete request with project ID Get all diagram IDs & image links for project Return diagram IDs & image links loop [For each diagram image] Delete diagram image by link Confirm image deletion Delete project (cascade deletes diagrams) Confirm project & diagrams deletion Confirm complete deletion Remove project from projects list Show deletion confirmation Database Frontend Backend MinIO

Figure 5.6: Sequence diagram for Delete Project use case

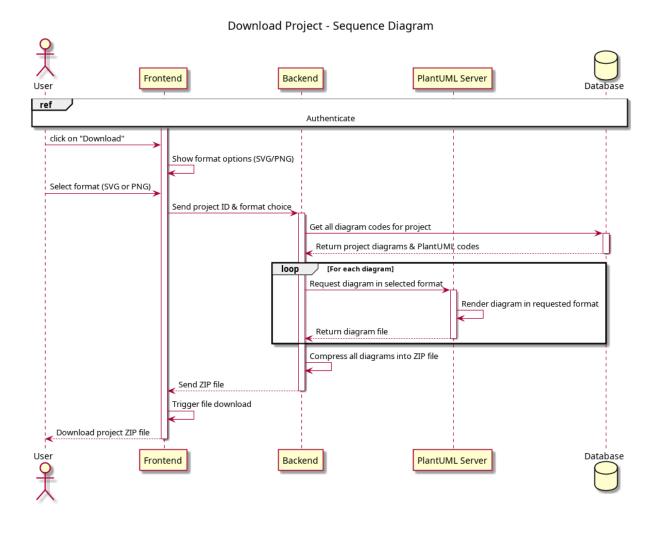


Figure 5.7: Sequence diagram for Download Project Diagrams as Zip use case

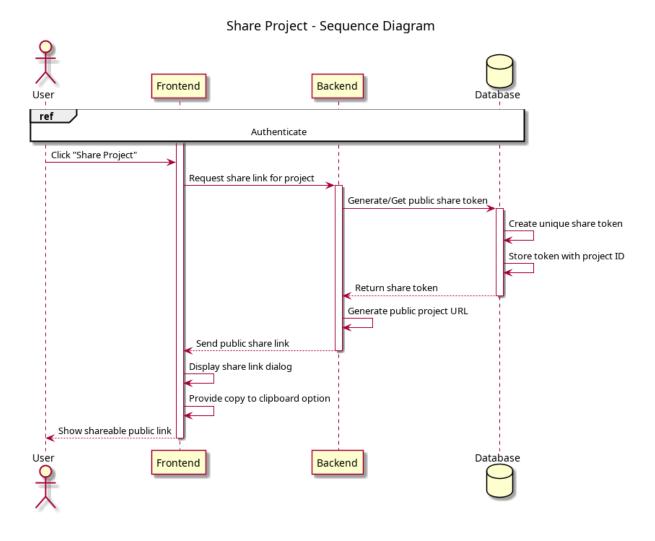


Figure 5.8: Sequence diagram for Share Project use case

5.5 Deliverables of Sprint III

Sprint III successfully delivered a comprehensive project management system with intuitive user interfaces and robust functionality. The implementation includes all planned features with additional enhancements for improved user experience.

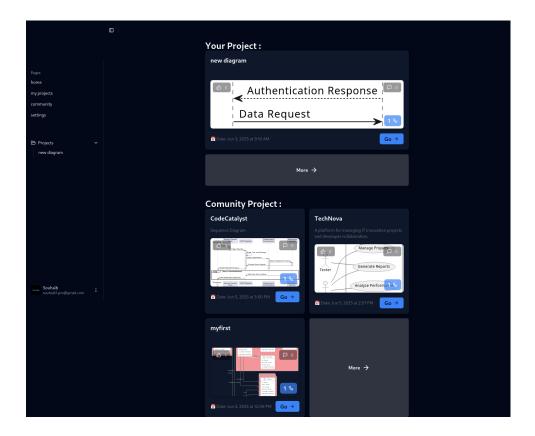


Figure 5.9: Home page showing project overview and navigation

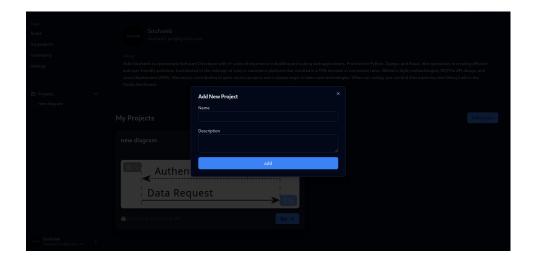


Figure 5.10: Add project interface with form validation and user guidance

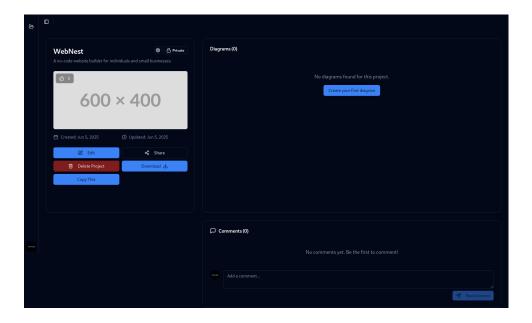


Figure 5.11: Project details page displaying comprehensive project information

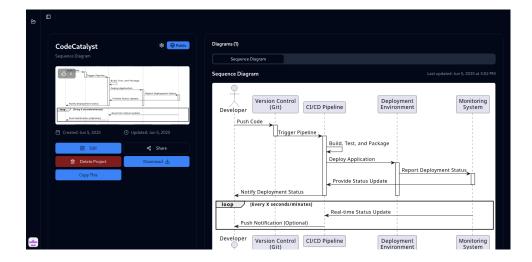


Figure 5.12: Extended project view with diagram management capabilities

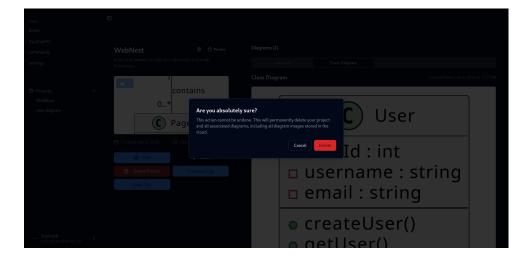


Figure 5.13: Project deletion confirmation dialog with safety measures

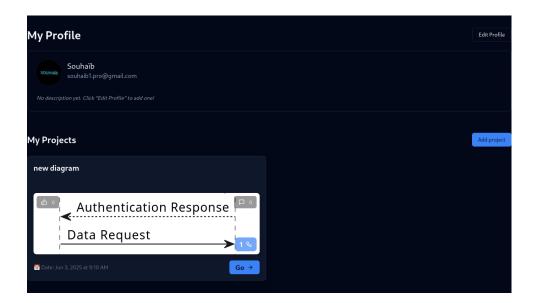


Figure 5.14: User profile and project management dashboard

5.6 Retrospective of Sprint III

Sprint III achieved significant success in implementing a comprehensive project management system that exceeded initial expectations. The team effectively collaborated to deliver all planned features while maintaining high code quality and user experience standards. Key achievements include successful implementation of all CRUD operations, robust export functionality, and intuitive user interfaces. The sprint demonstrated strong technical execution and effective requirement analysis. Areas for improvement include enhanced error handling mechanisms and performance optimization for large projects. The foundation established in this sprint provides excellent groundwork for future enhancements and collaboration features.

5.7 Conclusion

Sprint III successfully established a robust project management foundation for the UML diagram generation platform. The implemented features provide users with comprehensive tools for organizing, managing, and sharing their UML projects effectively. The sprint delivered significant value through intuitive interfaces, reliable functionality, and scalable architecture. The project management module now serves as a central hub for user workflow organization, enabling efficient project lifecycle management. This sprint's achievements position the platform for continued growth and enhanced collaboration capabilities in future development cycles. The successful completion of Sprint III demonstrates the team's ability to deliver complex functionality while maintaining high standards of quality and user experience.

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