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| Men’s Shed Web Application  SOC09109 2022-3 TR2 001 - Group Project |
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# Project Description

## Dunfermline Men’s Shed objective.

The committee of the Dunfermline Men’s Shed (MS) aspires to create a comprehensive and engaging resource for their community The MS has access to some additional facilities and is keen to attract additional members and promote diverse activities. They already have selection of interest groups away from the typical MS Activities of woodwork or metalwork. As part of their aspirations, the intended application should provide a platform upon which they can build as the need arises.

## The project

Following the initial meeting with MS on the 2nd of February 2023 MS representatives highlighted their vision for the Dunfermline association, their long-term objectives, and aspirations. The MS team want to build an exemplar of a modern adaptive association embracing the wider community and diverse interests. i.e., Computer club, guitar club and workshop facilities. But also, a lending library for the many tools, books, games, videos, and publications that have been donated by the people of the community at large.

The proposed application is a tool for both the members to use and the management of the organisation to track the donated equipment and manage that equipment, including the facility at large and the membership.

The feature of the application requested includes the following:

* The app should provide borrowing/reserving features. This shows when something is in use and when it will be available again. This requires the following database and app features:
* Data administrator portal
* Add/update/retire resources.
* User registration Resource calendar
* Resource status (e.g., Physical Library items still to be audited with pictures, ISBN digits). Mobile Power Tools tested and audited.
* The software should be adaptable.
* The Shed workshop should be bookable for 15 minutes. The Shed and activity determine the maximum time. Deliverables
* Design and implementation of the system back-end (including the database)
* Design and implementation of the app, which should run at least on Android and desktop devices.
* Source code
* Documentation as appropriate

Agreement then was confined to the following list.

1. Core application with:
   1. User interface
   2. Database
   3. Administrators access to maintain Data.
   4. Administrators User interface.

The MS will provide the following items to assist with the development of the application:

1. Management personal information for the Administrator’s access (The data is similar to that of the members, however for GDPR regulations exist, no permissions have been sought to use members’ information)
2. A sample spreadsheet with tools and images to display as being available for use. (Please note that many of the tools have H&S requirements for PAT testing, servicing, and safety instruction. These must be visible in the display of available requirement of use. There should also be a way for the administrator to remove the item if it is not useable for whatever reason. In addition to H&S requirements, there is also a training requirement for more dangerous tools and equipment. The membership is diverse, and some members have been identified as having mental health issues. For safety, the MS management team wish to be able to restrict this type of equipment as discretionary.)

## Structure & Possible Risks of developing the backend.

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| label | implementation |
| done | SQLite backend implemented |
| done | restrict users from accessing dangerous tools that have or could have a severe impact on health and safety |
| done | date of the last time an admin check that an item |
|  |  |
| Needs done | the booker has: read the health and safety requirements of the item, has the proper training required to use the item requested or the PPE is needed for the item. |
| Risks | Had to change from SQL to SQLite because it works better with python |
| Risks | Image being stored in the database at the SQL level will just be link to the picture |

## Structure, Functionality & Challenges of Implementing the Backend. Mid-Point Review.

The Men's shed application has been structured following the design plan mentioned previously in the initial PIR report. As you can see from appendix 4, I have implemented this design of the packaged file structure using four main directories.

The app directory holds the main file run.py that initialises the web application. The app directory also contains the main directory called mens\_shed which stores the files for the web applications. The mens\_shed directory being located within the app directory allows for communication between the two directories creating a file packaged structure for better readability and robustness. The main database for the men’s shed web application is also located in the app directory. This is used to store and retrieve the men’s shed data used for the web application. The database was created using the CreationDataBase.sql file to create the tables along with the attributes associated with each table. This will allow the given men’s shed data to be uploaded and stored to the created SQLite database for use in the men’s shed web application.

The mens\_shed directory that is stored within the app directory is used to store the main files for the men’s shed web application along with the templates directory which is used to hold the html files for the web app and the static directory which is used to hold the css and image files. The \_\_init\_\_.py file has been used to initialise the flask application; this file will also be used to store the web apps secret key and any other software that needs to be initialised with the web app. The forms.py will be used to store any flask forms needed for the web app. Forms such as users sign up and login forms can be stored here. The modules.py is used to store any code that may affect the database during the web application development. The routes.py page is the main page of the web application; this page make use of html files to display the pages to the users. This allows us to implement features to each html page. The routes page also holds the function that establishes a connection to the database for use of storing and retrieving data.

Some of the challenges that I have faced while developing the backend of the men’s shed web application have been correctly setting up the packaged file structure. Each file and directory must be correctly imported from one another to allow communication between each file, if a file or directory does not establish a connection then this can cause the web app to not work correctly or not work at all. It has been a crucial part of development to understand when features require to communicate with other files and directories and to know which ones to import from. It is also important to the group to clearly comment what the functions do and what files or directories they import from so other members of the group can understand the packaged file structure.

Another challenge that has been noted while developing the file packaged structure is creating and establishing a secure connection to the SQLite database that is held within the app directory. At the beginning of development, we tried to create and initialise the database using a python file held within the men’s shed directory after some development I found that the SQLite database could be created from the terminal using the SQL file that has been created for the database. Once this was established, I had to find a way to ensure that a database connection could be established within the packaged file structure. Using a python function held within the routes.py file that was able to secure a connection with the database we are now ready to store and retrieve data.

Overall, the development and implementation of the men’s shed web application has been a challenging yet rewarding task with the development of the web app steadily progressing to a well-designed, functional and robust web application that the men’s shed team will be able to make excellent use of.

## User interface development considerations

When considering the design for our database, there are several precautions which must be taken in regards to the real-world side of the system.

For example, it must be considered that some tools require special equipment to operate. While some tools are straightforward in their use, others may require additional equipment to allow for safe operation. This could be as simple as a pair of gloves or protective eyewear. In the implementation of our database, we aim to ensure that these items will include the required items for safe use. Additionally, some tools may require not only additional equipment for operation but instructions on how to operate. In the creation of our system, we should endeavour to

Regarding the loaning and borrowing of tools, caution must be taken regarding mental health. One of the groups which the MS organisation cares for are those with mental health issues. While our system will seek to include users of all backgrounds and abilities, some restrictions may need to be imposed for safety reasons. While we want to create an inclusive system, some concerns did arise from members of the group in reference to loaning specific equipment to vulnerable users. It was mentioned that the area in which the MS operates aims to be a space for many groups to socialise.

We hope to implement a system which will add necessary precautions and an extra level of security for users who could be deemed high-risk and are seeking to borrow dangerous tools. This would involve one of the following.

* Users who would be deemed as “at risk” would have their user account labelled as so, and therefore their accounts would have restrictions on viewing and borrowing tools.
* Dangerous tools would be labelled as so and would not be visible to high-risk users

Regardless of the implementation, it is essential that this feature would be done respectfully so as not to demonise certain users. Seeing as the men’s shed is an inclusive environment, we must ensure that these precautions are solely designed for the purpose of safety and not as a method of deliberately excluding members. For our project, we will aim to have users be able to access as wide a range of features as possible.

## MoSCoW prioritisation

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| Label | Interpretation |
| M | * Constructing the backend of the database for Men’s shed has a wide range of items that are available, from power tools to magazines. * Way method to restrict users from accessing dangerous tools that have or could have a severe impact on health and safety (Mental Health, Ability) * The date of the last time an admin check that an item is still safe to use, e.g., a power drill or the item was still in usable condition, e.g., a book whose pages aren’t falling out of the binding. * That the booker has: read the health and safety requirements of the item, has the proper training required to use the item requested or the PPE is needed for the item. * Required files will be run.py; this will be held in the main directory. \_\_init\_\_.py, routes.py, forms.py, modules.py. These files will be held in the men's shed directory. The Templates directory will be required to hold all HTML files created for the web app. * Admin functions must be included in the web app as this is one of the primary features that was asked to be implemented. Admin functions that are required for this project are as follows:   + The ability to add/update/retire resources, User registration, and the ability to track and share resources among different men's shed locations with the ability to set limited time frames with the minimum being 15 minutes and a calendar visualisation to go with it. |
| S | * Hiding an item from view if currently booked out. * High amount of good documentation for people in the future to build on. * The static directory should be required to hold all images that will be used for the web app. The only time this would not be required is if the web app did not have any images involved. |
| C | * Could have a feature to possibly set up a delivery option for larger equipment for sharing amongst Men's shed’s locations |
| W | * The blog page application Men’s Shed expressed interest in will not be involved in our project. |

Table 1 MoSCoW prioritisation of objectives

## Purpose and Expected Benefits

The development of this application will allow the MS to develop their services to the community while the organisation grows. It is a way of introducing the activities and a range of capabilities. It will allow access to both equipment and resources in terms of tools and facilities where to use those tools for repairs, hobbies, DIY and purely out of companionship with like-minded people. The application will also be a tool for the management of the organisation, for instance, the database of registered members, committee and all the resources that are available for use, the management of the tools and their whereabouts.

This project is a valuable resource for the MS organisation, with the prospect of it becoming the backbone of management processes and user functionality for resources and facilities.

## Security and Testing Mid-Point Review

This section outlines the initial requirements, current progress and outstanding objectives for the security and testing of the project.

### Initial Requirements

With regards to security and testing the following objectives were planned out.

* Adhere to data and design best practices during development.
* Database information to be stored securely using encryption.
* Passwords stored in a hash format using suitable algorithm.
* Strict input validation.
* Automatic HTTP redirection to HTTPS.
* Password policy enforcement for user accounts.
* Testing framework documentation and deployed application testing.

### Current Status

The application structure is set, the team are following best practices to the best of their abilities during the development so far.

The password hashing algorithm to be used in the application has been agreed with the team to be Bcrypt, currently the user login functionality is not implemented however the basic Bcrypt initialisation has been placed.

Input validation has not been implemented to a great degree yet as the focus has been on producing the skeleton framework of the application so far.

There is no live deployment of the application so far, all interactions with the app are currently local.

User account functionality is not active at this current moment.

A testing framework has been created to cover functionality testing, user experience and security testing. This is almost ready to go when a deployed version of the app is completed.

### Outstanding Objectives

The following are requirements still to be completed for the security and testing section.

* Ensure that information stored on the database is encrypted.
* Full implementation of Bcrypt into the user authentication process.
* Implementation of strict input validation.
* Automatic HTTP redirection to HTTPS on live connections.
* Password policy enforcement for user accounts.

## Risks

Some of the possible risks when developing the backend of the Men's Shed Application is the risk of having incomplete admin features due to time constraints; this may lead to crucial functions not working correctly. This could lead to the Men's Shed company failing to reach goals such as having the ability to share and manage resources among multiple Men's Shed locations.

Another risk that may occur when developing the backend of the Men's Shed web application could be the decided file structure that I plan to implement. Errors may occur when importing each file within the directory to communicate with one another, which would lead to slower production and more bugs when implementing new functions.

Finally, one last possible risk that may occur during the development of the Men's Shed web app could be the possibility of modifications or an introduction of a bug into the SQL database that will be used for the web app. This could lead to one or more functions not working correctly if they are unprepared for such changes to occur.

A more detailed review of the potential risks is contained in Appendix 1 Follow-Up Register, excerpt of a live excel document to record and mitigate Risks Changes and Issues.

## Deliverables Map

Diagram

Description automatically generated

Figure 1 Deliverables Map

## Deliverable’s timeline

Application progress aims; along with the development of the server side administration (Backend team) structures and database implementation, the User Interface (UI) team have structure the UI development along the timeline detailed in the table below.

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| Week | Objectives |
| Week 3 | Project initiation report, completion, and submission |
| Week 4 | Begin work on wireframe designs for application |
| Week 5 | Begin refining wireframe designs in line with client preferences and recommendations |
| Week 6 | Begin implementation of front-end UI with Python Flask |
| Week 7 | Continued initial implementation |
| Week 8 | Adjust features implemented by client request |
| Week 9-10 | Testing of front-end UI, identify any potential errors and correct code |
| Week 11 | Final testing, prepare interface for final submission |
| Week 12 | Submit code |

Table 2 Deliverable’s timeline

## Expected Cost and Duration

Given this project is an academic exercise that has real world benefits for a selection of the community the costs are negligible. There is some time by the stakeholders coordinating the relationships between the PT and MS. There will be some out of pocket expenses in terms of milage for the consultations and presentations to the MS by PT.

The PT is guided by Napier University regarding the timeline for the project. The University runs a trimester system of three equal terms over any given year. Trimesters one and two are where the bulk of the learning and undergraduate curriculum is delivered; trimester three is used to support students that require additional learning or support alongside examinations of failed modules.

This project is to be completed over trimester two from January to May 2023, with the half term from the 3rd – 17th April 2023.

## Requirements and Quality Expectations

The ultimate test of the quality of the work produced is whether the MS is happy with their respective application. To ensure PT deliver a robust application, our undergraduate security expert with test the application robustly, ensuring both functionality and security of the finished application long before delivery, allowing for the fixing of bugs or issues.

## Stakeholder List

The stakeholders for this project include the following personnel.

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| **Role** | **Name** | **Organization** |
| Project manager | John Johnston | Napier University PT |
| Main Client Contact | Ron Skirving | Men’s Shed Committee |
| Sponsor | Iain Donald | Napier University Tutor |
| Project Team | Jonathan Cloke | Napier University PT |
| Project Team | Rory Mackintosh | Napier University PT |
| Project Team | Joe Black | Napier University PT |
| Project Team | Daniel Beardmore | Napier University PT |
| Project Team | Duncan Hastie | Napier University PT |
| Men’s Shed | Committee members | Men’s Shed Committee |

Table 3 Stakeholder List

## Appendix 1 Follow-Up Register

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| **Type** | | **Cause** | **Effect** | **Impact** | | **Likelihood** | | **Importance** | **Response** | | **Response** | | **Custodian** | |
| R | Coding | | Inefficient application and failures. Incorrect programming, being under pressure | | 70 | 50 | 2 | | Avoid | Testing and Adjust | | JJ, RM, JB, JC, DB, DH | |
| R | Joining coding elements between team members | | Inefficient application and failures. Incorrect programming, being under pressure | | 70 | 50 | 2 | | Avoid | Testing and Adjust | | JJ, RM, JB, JC, DB, DH | |
| R | SQL Scripting errors | | Inefficient application and failures. Incorrect programming, being under pressure | | 70 | 50 | 2 | | Avoid | Testing and Adjust | | JJ, RM, JB, JC, DB, DH | |
| R | Broken Object Level Authorization | | Integrity of the site being compromised | | 60 | 30 | 1 | | Avoid | Testing and Adjust | | JJ, RM, JB, JC, DB, DH | |
| R | Broken User Authentication | | Unauthorised access to the site | | 50 | 30 | 1 | | Avoid | Testing and Adjust | | JJ, RM, JB, JC, DB, DH | |
| R | Broken Function Level Authorization | | Application failure | | 40 | 30 | 1 | | Avoid | Testing and Adjust | | JJ, RM, JB, JC, DB, DH | |
| R | Security Misconfiguration | | Application security compromise | | 40 | 30 | 1 | | Avoid | Testing and Adjust | | JJ, RM, JB, JC, DB, DH | |
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## Appendix 2 Peer Project Initiation Report Feedback

**From:** Taft, Luke <[40498618@live.napier.ac.uk](mailto:40498618@live.napier.ac.uk)>  
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**To:** Johnston, John <[40582969@live.napier.ac.uk](mailto:40582969@live.napier.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Men's Shed PIR and review document

You guys made that really easy. Great report. If I can get half of the composure and detail into mine I’d be happy. Attached are my very few remarks. Lemme know if you got any questions or need any clarification. Best of luck.

-Luke

## Project Initiation peer review

**Reviewer: Luke Taft Team: 49**

**Reviewee: John Johnston Team: 13**

**Date of review: 9/2/2023**

**Project description**

**Reviewer’s comments and recommendations**

Well described with plenty of detail about the project and the client. Maybe a bit too much client back story but it certainly won’t lose any marks for that. One thing that is missing currently is the captions for tables and figures. Other than that, I have no comments.

**Response and actions taken**

***Captions have been added for the table and diagrams. JJ***

**Deliverables map**

**Reviewer’s comments and recommendations**

Excellent deliverables map. Very professional and clearly shows the objectives and different facets of the project.

**Response and actions taken**

***None. JJ***

**Follow-up register**

**Reviewer’s comments and recommendations**

“Cause” and “Effect” categories are a little unclear. Could benefit from clearly designated cells like you used in the stakeholders list. It’s a little hard to read currently.

**Response and actions taken**

***Reformatted the table, increased the font size and cleaned up the shading.***

**Quality of document (clarity, presentation, etc.)**

**Reviewer’s comments and recommendations**

10/10. Great document. The styling is very appealing, and the information is detailed and more than covers the required information. If you folks don’t get a good mark I’ll eat my hat.

**Response and actions taken**

***Thank you for both your time and kind response.***

## Appendix 3 Client Project Initiation Report Feedback

## Appendix 4 Packaged File Structure Diagram

