

# LAMP - Major Project 2018

**Waxy Laser Solutions**

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# Chapter 1

## Defining the Problem

### 1.1 Client Details<sup>1</sup>

#### 1.1.1 Clients

Sydney Boys High School is an academically selective high school conducted by the NSW Department of Education. The school is led by the senior executive team, comprising the Principal, Dr Kim Jaggar, and Deputy Principals Ms Rachel Powell and Mr Robert Dowdell. The executive staff of nine Head Teachers and the twelve School Administration Officers led by Senior Administrative Manager Ms Sharon Kearns, support the senior executive. The school has three main offices - in the Main Building, in the Ken Andrews Library and in McDonald Wing. Finance, purchasing, enrolment and general inquiries are handled in the main building. Secretarial and network services are the responsibility of the McDonald Wing office. The clients for this project will be Ms Dam, Mr Comben and Dr Jaggar. Ms Dam and Mr Comben moderate the use of the laser cutter machine and are both teachers in the Industrial Arts department with Ms Dam being the head teacher. They are seeking a better system regarding the use of the laser cutter, especially with cutting trophies for their respective sports. Dr Jaggar is the principal of SBHS, who will be financing the project. Additional users include all other staff at SBHS and all current students of SBHS, however only Staff that are MIC of sports and other extracurricular activities will have access to the creation of trophies. Other staff and students will have access to the template creator only.

#### 1.1.2 Current System

In the current system, all laser cutting requests are handled by the IA staff over email or in person. Individuals send their design files into to the IA staff or go in person to cut their objects with supervision. Only limited number of students and teachers have access to the system, and each job must be signed off by someone from the IA staff. Before laser cutting, the file must be checked manually by staff to ensure for correctness, and an often trial-and-error approach is used to ensure the correct settings are applied to each line type. Material is then aligned in the laser cutter, and the piece is cut, a process that can take between 5 minutes to several hours, depending on the complexity and size of the job. Only one job can be cut at once. There is no tracking of jobs, relying on email and paper to track jobs in progress and in queue. Currently, they use a program to help generate one type of template, the school trophy, although this program lacks several features, explored in the interview.

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<sup>1</sup>Client Details by Jack

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## 1.2 Client Needs Research<sup>2</sup>

### 1.2.1 Interview

#### *Interview with Mr Comben (MIC, IA Teacher)*

**Q: How many physical Awards are given out each year**

**A:** The number varies through the years, but for rifle shooting in particular, there are mainly perpetual awards. For these, we would be looking for brass laser cut plaques.

**Q: How much area in the budget is there for extra trophies?**

**A:** Keeping in mind of the cost factor, including the cost for a teacher to operate the laser cutter, as well as the material, there is most likely not that much money available for many of the sports. I know rifle shooting has no area in the budget for extra trophies.

**Q: How can we make the laser cutting process more efficient?**

**A:** Look for vector-based fonts, this would allow faster cutting. You want faster cutting speeds to minimise the time spent waiting at the cutter. Also, try to make a reference-based system, this way the amount of time spent setting up the cutting process.

**Q: What would be some improvements from the previous system that you would recommend?**

**A:** The old system was very good, although due to the time constraint had many flaws. I would recommend an easier GUI. The old GUI was hard to navigate, and I believe there were some areas that were not functional. Also, the system of setting up the laser cutter took up a large bulk of time. If you can find a way to align the cutter easier, that would be good. Also, the workflow from AutoCAD is very unreliable, I would recommend exporting in illustrator

**Q: What were some advantages in terms of resources from the previous system?**

**A:** I can't say for sure about the budgetary resources saved, but I can say for sure that in the long term, the money saved would easily pay off the laser cutter. Also, the program has inspired a great deal of the industrial tech classes, we now have year 8's playing around with the potential of the cutter which is great.

**Q: Do you have anything you want to see from our program?**

**A:** I would like to see a function that would allow the user to nominate a folder of files that are ready to laser cut, and give the user detailed feedback on the user. Such as, this user has 90% black line in his work, and would take a long time to finish. This would allow us to check the jobs, and let it be easier to pass works.

#### *Interview with Ms Dam. (MIC, Supervisor, Head of Industrial Arts)*

**Q: What are the costings of using the laser cutter in reference to the program used last year to create the trophies?**

**A:** Last year, the trophies printed was a great success, especially considering the fact that it was the first year to use the laser cutter. The cost was of course the cost of the trophies from its original source. The profit came from the comparison of the cost of a teacher to be printing

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<sup>2</sup>Interview by Shourov



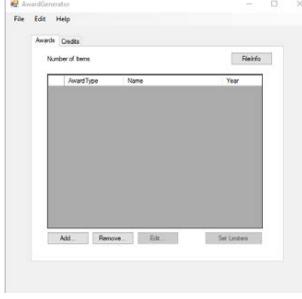
and the cost of printing the trophies elsewhere. The cost of a teacher is around \$400 a day whereas each trophy would cost \$10 elsewhere. Hence, if we could print 40 trophies a day, we would be making a profit, which we easily reached.

**Q: What would you want to see from our program?**

**A:** From your program I'd like to see it be a lot less time consuming. I would like to spend less time setting up the cutter and more time watching it cut. This would be done as Mr Comben said, to use a reference point system. Also, I would like to see a cleaner GUI.

### Needs

Needs	Objectives
Must store > 50 different records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Store &gt; 50 different templates in a database</li> <li>• Store &gt; 50 users, clients</li> <li>• Store fonts and different shapes</li> </ul>
An editor to create templates	<p>A drag and drop interface supporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• text with different fonts</li> <li>• circles</li> <li>• rectangles</li> <li>• lines</li> </ul>
Use a variety of different materials	Program must indicate the material and settings to use on the laser cutter OR setting these values automatically before a job.
Be cost effective (man-power, trophy cost)	<p>The program must be efficient in the usage and process of its materials. For example, when engraving school trophies for Sydney Boys High School.</p> <p>Assuming that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each trophy laser cut saves \$10</li> <li>• A working day is 5 hours long.</li> <li>• The cost of a Teacher is \$400 a day</li> </ul> <p>Then, the program must be optimised such at LEAST 8 trophies can be cut per hour.</p>
Minimum Manual work to save time	Program must assist the user in aligning the job in the laser cutter. Previously this was done manually with callipers.

Improvement on printing capabilities of the last product	To increase efficiency of the cutter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce Raster lines</li> <li>• Increase Vector Lines</li> <li>• No double lines</li> <li>• Vector-based fonts</li> </ul>
Improved GUI usability	Current GUI has many issues, that must be rectified in the solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hard to navigate</li> <li>• Limited Usage</li> <li>• No tutorial</li> <li>• Some functions don't work like keybindings</li> <li>• Hard to line up</li> </ul> 
Export/Import to Illustrator and Autocad	Ability to export/import files compatible with illustrator Illustrator AND/OR AutoCAD or other popular cad programs
Check Illustrator files for efficiency	A process that reads in an Illustrator file and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reads all linetypes in the file</li> <li>• Compiles linetypes in numerical data</li> <li>• Quantitatively assesses linetype data</li> <li>• Provides estimate on print time</li> <li>• Displays linetype data in readable format</li> </ul>



Ability to search and sort templates	<p>Ability to attach a number of tags to each template, which can be filtered by the user</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Template name</li> <li>• Template creator</li> <li>• Date created/Approved</li> <li>• Item ID</li> <li>• Template material</li> <li>• Purpose, e.g. athletics, rifle shooting</li> </ul>
Different levels of access	<p>3 levels of access, with each level having all the permissions of the levels below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student (Lowest): can submit templates to be approved then used by teachers/administrators</li> <li>• Teachers: can also submit jobs to administrators for approval, who run the laser cutter. Can also approve templates.</li> <li>• Administrators: have all permissions, can view all information and approve all jobs/templates, to be cut by the laser cutter.</li> </ul>

## Specifications

The school computers are mostly Dell ThinkCentre machines, with the following specifications

<b>CPU</b>	Intel® Pentium® CPU G3220 @ 3.00 (GHz)
<b>RAM</b>	8192MB (8GB)
<b>Graphics Adapter</b>	Intel® HD Graphics
<b>Operating System</b>	Windows 10 Pro

Therefore, program requirements should include:

	<b>Minimum Requirements</b>	<b>Recommended Requirements</b>
<b>CPU</b>	Dual Core 2 GHz+	Quad Core 3 GHz+
<b>RAM</b>	512 MB	4GB
<b>Operating System (Client)</b>	Windows 7	Windows 7, 8, 10
<b>Dependencies (Client)</b>	NET Framework 4.0	NET Framework 4.0
<b>Operating System (Servier)</b>	Windows 7, MacOSX 4.0, Ubuntu 16.04+	Windows 7+, Ubuntu 16.04+

- We chose to limit the Client Program to the Windows operating system, all the school computers run windows exclusively. However, the server software must be cross platform, as servers are often run from a variety of OS's (Linux, windows etc.)
- The program should run well on school computers, as they meet both the minimum and recommended requirements.

## 1.3 Feasibility Study <sup>3</sup>

### 1.3.1 Market feasibility

The proposed plan is to design a software product that will use the laser cutting machine to produce physical products. The project involves several industries: software design, industrial production / manufacturing and product design.

The low volume and DIY (Do it yourself) manufacturing market has flourished, due to the higher availability and the diminishing costs associated with manufacturing. Flexible Manufacturing Systems (FMS), like the laser cutter or 3D printer allow for arbitrary objects to be created from computer-aided designer (CAD) files.

Currently, solutions on the marketplace include: 2D CAD programs, which although work with the laser cutter, becomes inconvenient and inefficient when producing a large quantity of objects with variations, and complex templating solutions which require a significant amount of programming and technical expertise. The project involves using a program to aid in the generation and production of files that are sent to the laser cutter. There are few or no off-the-shelf type programs that achieve this, as laser cutting is often a specialised and expensive industrial process. It is often cumbersome for students and teachers to create multiple copies of a single object, which the program seeks to automate Conclusion: LAMP focuses on the niche in the market. There are few commercial programs that help with low volume production, a market that has boomed in the last five years. Since the demand for such a software is increasing and there are few competitors, this program will have a well-defined target market, and is market feasible.

### 1.3.2 Technical feasibility

There are many technical components that need to be researched and experimented on beforehand to ensure that the project's success. Fortunately, the laser cutting project developed last year can be used as a proof of concept, with many technical barriers solved which can be ported over to the new program (existing software). Designer Technology: LAMP will include a designer that allows editing of templates dynamically inside the program. It will essentially be a 2D only CAD screen, with options for lines, circles, boxes, shapes and text. Text may be in different sizes and fonts. The designer will allow the three different cutting types to be specified for individual elements (vector cut, vector engrave, raster engrave). This will then be saved in a custom format (.spiff file), which contains all the data required to store the required

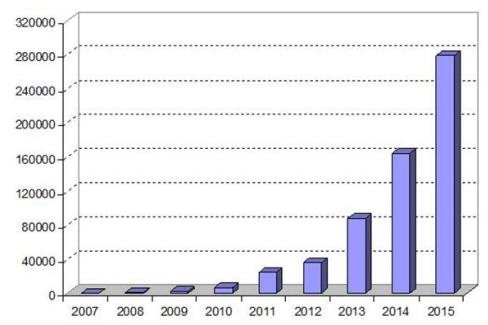


Figure 1.1: Desktop 3D printers sold.

Source: Wohlers Report 2016

<sup>3</sup>Feasibility Study by Jack



template. Placeholder elements can be specified in the .spiff file, so that the template can be filled in automatically through the program with a list of names, or years.

- Basic 2D CAD interface
  - rendering of elements onto screen
  - optimization to run on lower-powered computers
  - real dimensions (cm/mm)
  - zoom
  - different modes (cutting, engraving)
- custom file type
  - .SPF file contains data on placeholder elements (text that needs to be replaced) and also line/box data
  - read and write .SPF files

### 1.3.3 AutoCAD/Illustrator Interoperability

The .SPF file will need to be exported to illustrator (.ai) and/or AutocAD (.dxf) files to be used by the laser cutter. The program will also need to be able to take a list of names/years from a document file, using this data to replace the placeholder elements on a template, and layout the template a variable amount of time in the output file in an optimum matter, taking into account the total space in the laser cutter. Manual alignment will also be possible.

- export to vector format (ai/dxf)
  - writing/reading design files
  - generating different vector lines
  - vector fonts
  - vector lines and curves
- read/write document files (.docx, .xlsx, .csv)
- layout of multiple copies of template

### 1.3.4 Utility and calibration

The program will have error-checking algorithms on .AI files, to ensure it has lines that are compatible with the laser-cutter.

- read/write illustrator files
  - file checking algorithm for illustrator files

### 1.3.5 Laser cutter machine

The laser cutter machine is a complex piece of hardware, capable of cutting thin material via vector lines, and engraving with both vector and raster modes available. The laser bed or cutting space is 450 x 600mm, which will limit the maximum number of trophies cut at once. It uses a 50 watt, 10µm laser, and the materials it can cut are thin woods and plastics, but it can engrave a variety of materials, including plastics, woods and glass.

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- Capabilities of the laser cutter
    - engraves plastics, woods and glass
    - cuts thin woods and plastics
  - Size of the laser cutter (450 x 600mm)
  - Safety of operation

### 1.3.6 School Systems

LAMP stores the approved templates which are available to anyone using the program and the jobs in queue in a server. This may be run locally on the school server, or in a cloud server hosted on SaaS platforms. The files and credentials of users will need to be encrypted, to increase the safety of the system, and some basic measures need to be taken to stop hacking or denial of service (DOS) attempts. This server will come as a separate executable to the client system used by the end user. The client software will need to be able to run on school computers, which mostly have dual-core intel processors with between 8 to 16 gigabytes of ram. Approval from the school's IT staff may be required to install LAMP's client software.

- Server Software (if required)
  - file and credential encryption
  - serve requests to list all approved templates
  - unblocked from school internet
  - needs to be secure and reliable
- Client Software
  - may need administrator permissions to install on school systems (ask IT).
  - will connect to the server through the internet, or the schools internal intranet.
  - optimization to run on school's computers

## Conclusion

There are a large number of technical challenges to solve in order for lamp to succeed. Fortunately, several of these have already been addressed in the previous program, and the Industrial Arts staff at school understand the laser cutting system, providing enough information to explain many of the laser-cutting related problems. Over the holidays and throughout the year, research will need to be done on the schools systems, the designer interface and our custom file type. Thanks to the previous program and our teams previous experience with working on the laser cutter, we will be able to focus on these issues instead, reducing the amount of work needed. Overall, the program will be technically feasible.

### 1.3.7 Financial feasibility

A middle-end laser cutting machine is an expensive instrument, coming around between \$20,000 - \$100,000. There are cheaper alternatives, but they are slower and/or less precise. However, as the school already has bought a laser cutter, the costs are mostly maintenance and teacher time. The original trophy system can be used as a proof of concept, and has proven to be cost effective. Expanding this system to other awards may allow for even more cost saving. Awards for different sports account for a significant savings. Costs can be further reduced

by bulk buying many trophies from overseas. Take for example the previous program, which focused on a particular trophy, the School Trophy. Initially it had cost the school 135\$ per trophy, including raw material and engraving costs. However, a blank trophy can be sourced for 15\$, and engraved on the school's cutter. Given that the hourly rate for teachers is 80\$ per hour, with each school trophy taking approximately 15 minutes of time, and producing a trophy in-house would cost 35\$, or a 75% decrease in cost. LAMP will decrease the time required to setup and cut the trophy, and also allow for other types of trophies to be cut through its templating system, which the old system could not do.

We will require some material and test awards to experiment with the abilities of the laser cutter, which needs to be accounted into our budget. Other costs may include licensing libraries, distribution costs and/or server maintenance. However, even with all these costs factored in, the in-house production of trophies along with other objects will still be cost-effective, saving the school thousands of dollars per annum.

The system will have some server setup and maintenance costs - however, this will be low, as it can be hosted on the school's existing servers or through inexpensive cloud providers. The program will not need much processing power, and will not handle a large amount of data, further reducing the server costs. Other setup costs include install time and storage space for LAMP's client software. A developer may be hired to continue to maintain the program after its release, and to fix any bugs discovered after.

LAMP will require a significant amount of developer time, and falling into the medium range in terms of software, probably costing between \$20,000 - \$60,000, based off several other custom software projects. Developer time costs between 75\$ to 200\$ per hour, and the project overall will take around 200-300 hours. The software will be licensed to the school, and may be licensed to multiple schools and businesses. A fee will be charged per user per year, with business subscriptions including priority tech support and user management features. There will be 3 tiers: individual licence will be between 10-30\$ per year for 1 individual, small business (10-1000 users) for 20-40\$ per year per user, and large businesses negotiated separately. Small and large business are also given a copy of the server software that can be setup on their own servers to serve their organisation's users. This copy will be completely separate from the systems of other businesses, allowing queued jobs and credentials to be kept separately.

## Conclusion

The project's main expenses are developer time, and will cost approximately \$40,000. This will be recouped by licensing the software to multiple business and individuals, and charging a yearly fee, which will also help pay the maintenance developers. For the business, LAMP will decrease operational costs by automating parts of the laser cutting process. Therefore, LAMP is financially feasible.

### 1.3.8 Operational feasibility

#### Users

Users may include teachers and some select students. Teachers will be able to use the program to quickly and easily submit a set of awards for some students. The process should not be changed significantly: the list of students will be sent to the program instead of emailed to an awards seller. The user interface will need to be reliable, consistent and uncomplicated, especially the template designer, which will allow both students and teachers to create the shapes and text without beforehand knowledge of the intricacies of CAD programs and the laser cutter. Little training will be required to use the system for users - pick a template, give some names, submit

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job. This information will be provided by video tutorials, reference manuals and online help. On-call tech support may be available for business users. Users are able to design templates and/or submit jobs, depending on the permissions given to the user by an administrator.

## Administrators

Administrators/IA staff will manage and approve request from the users. This will take a significant amount of time, that would otherwise be spent on teaching. To reduce the impact this has, the program will attempt to automate many of the intermediary steps in setting up the laser cutter, and allow for less time calibrating the machine, a process that takes 10-20 minutes each set of trophies. It will also use more efficient processes to reduce the production time. The program will first be tested on only the industrial arts staff, to ensure the time required to process these trophies will not be an overwhelming amount of work. Administrators have the highest level of access to the program, with permissions to approve both submitted jobs and submitted templates, create and manage users and other administrators, reset passwords etc. This will require a significant amount of training, through video tutorials, reference manuals and online help, with tech support available for businesses. An administrator will require experience with the laser cutter, as they must physically set up the material on the laser cutter in accordance to the current job.

## Conclusion

For users, the program will require very little training. This means that it will be easy to introduce new users to the system. Administrators will require significant training; however, the industrial arts staff are already accustomed to the laser cutter, easing this process. Support will be given in the form of video tutorials, reference manuals, online support, with on-call technical support for businesses. Overall, this system will not require much training.

### 1.3.9 Social and ethical feasibility

The program will handle some sensitive data from users - their full name, email, passwords, secret questions and/or contact information will be required by the program in order to operate. This will be stored on the client's computers, and on LAMP's server software if applicable. Security will need to be kept in mind to prevent unauthorized access to this sensitive data, through extra security measures taken on the client's computers, e.g. anti-virus software, correct user privileges, and in the program, e.g. encryption of database, authentication through passwords. Additional server software provides another vector for attackers, and appropriate security measures, like https will need to be used to ensure communications between the program and the server are safe, and to prevent access from unauthorized users. Care will need to be taken to ensure the privacy of the information given to the program by preventing unauthorized access. The program should be as inclusive as possible: this would require the program work on lower-powered machines, have an easy and under stable user interface, and users with disabilities considered. Copyright and intellectual property is another possible issue, with appropriate credit given and/or licenses obtained from code included from another source. The program may reduce the amount of time spent laser cutting, but since laser cutting is a secondary job to teaching at Sydney Boys High School, its effect will be negligible on the workforce.

### 1.3.10 Conclusion

The privacy of users will need to be considered when developing the solution. Appropriate measures need to be taken to prevent unauthorized access. The software should be inclusive to

all users, by altering the user interface to suit the needs of individuals. Intellectual property rights of others need to be considered in the program.

### 1.3.11 Overall Feasibility

the issues mentioned with this feasibility study will need to be resolved, but all essential components of the program will be met in the time period set in the Gantt chart

### 1.3.12 Possible Solutions

Aim: To better use the laser cutting system by simplifying the process required to design and cut objects, and allowing teachers and students limited access into the system.

#### 1. "Upgrade" Approach

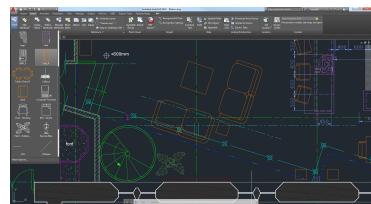
This approach would see the original trophy generation revisited and revamped to fix issues outlined by staff. In addition, new features could be added, like support for different shapes or awards, and improvements could be made to the GUI to increase its useability. This program would only be accessible and usable by IA staff to generate shapes, which can then be rendered by Illustrator a format the laser cutter can use.

- Low cost, complexity and maintenance required
- Code reuse, which decreases development time and cost
- Similar to system already in use, reduceds training required



#### 2. "Designer" Approach

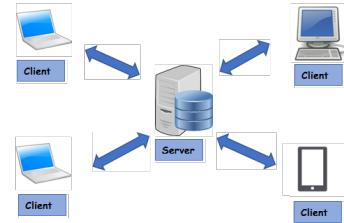
This approach requires a custom piece of software to be created, and is similar to the system already in use in the school. Using a program to generate a known-good file will allow IA staff to skip several steps in the laser cutting process. However, this incurs additional cost, both in development/setup time and cost. Some basic training and documentation will also need to be provided to the industrial arts teachers using the program. This solution does not attempt to track the created files, relying on email or another form of communication to send and receive files.



- Design tool that loads much faster than AutoCAD and uses less resources
- Specialised user interface that contains only the tools required for laser cutting templates
- File checking features to ensure linetypes are correct
- Automates some printing settings to the laser cutter

### 3. “Server-Client” Approach

This approach uses a server to store templates and jobs that users can edit and use. Using a server allows easier communication between the end-users and the IA staff, but incurs additional cost and setup complexity. Using a server also entails an additional, recurring cost of hosting the server. Security over the net could also be an issue, and care will need to be taken to avoid access by unauthorized individuals over the internet. On the other hand, the server-client approach will allow for better tracking of individual jobs, centralization of users to ensure only the correct people have access to the program through user login and server-side checking of files. This system also may allow users/administrators to use the system from multiple places, as long as there is a working internet connection Features:



- Loads much faster than AutoCAD and uses less resources
- Specialised user interface that contains only the tools required for laser cutting templates
- File checking features to ensure linetypes are correct
- Automates some printing settings to the laser cutter
- Templates on server can be accessed from anywhere with an internet connection
- Tracking of jobs that are in queue or complete
- User and Administrator management

**The client has chosen option 3** The client would like to choose Option 3. Option 1 is far too basic and not really an improvement on the current system. Option 2 again is not an improvement on the current system, as we already use a server. Option 3 contains many new features that could help improve the efficiency of laser cutting, despite the extra cost.

## 1.4 Rights Research <sup>4</sup>

A software licence determines the use and redistribution of software. It determines how the software can be used by the purchaser of the software, often called the licensee, and may protect the developer legally from damage caused by the software.

<sup>4</sup>Section by Max



## There are several types of licences:

- Public domain
- Open source (FOSS) licenses
- Freeware / Shareware
- Proprietary

Software licenses and rights granted in context of the copyright according to Mark Webbink. <sup>[1]</sup> Expanded by freeware and sublicensing.						
Rights granted	Public domain	Permissive FOSS license (e.g. BSD license)	Copyleft FOSS license (e.g. GPL)	Freeware/Shareware/Freemium	Proprietary license	Trade secret
Copyright retained	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Right to perform	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Right to display	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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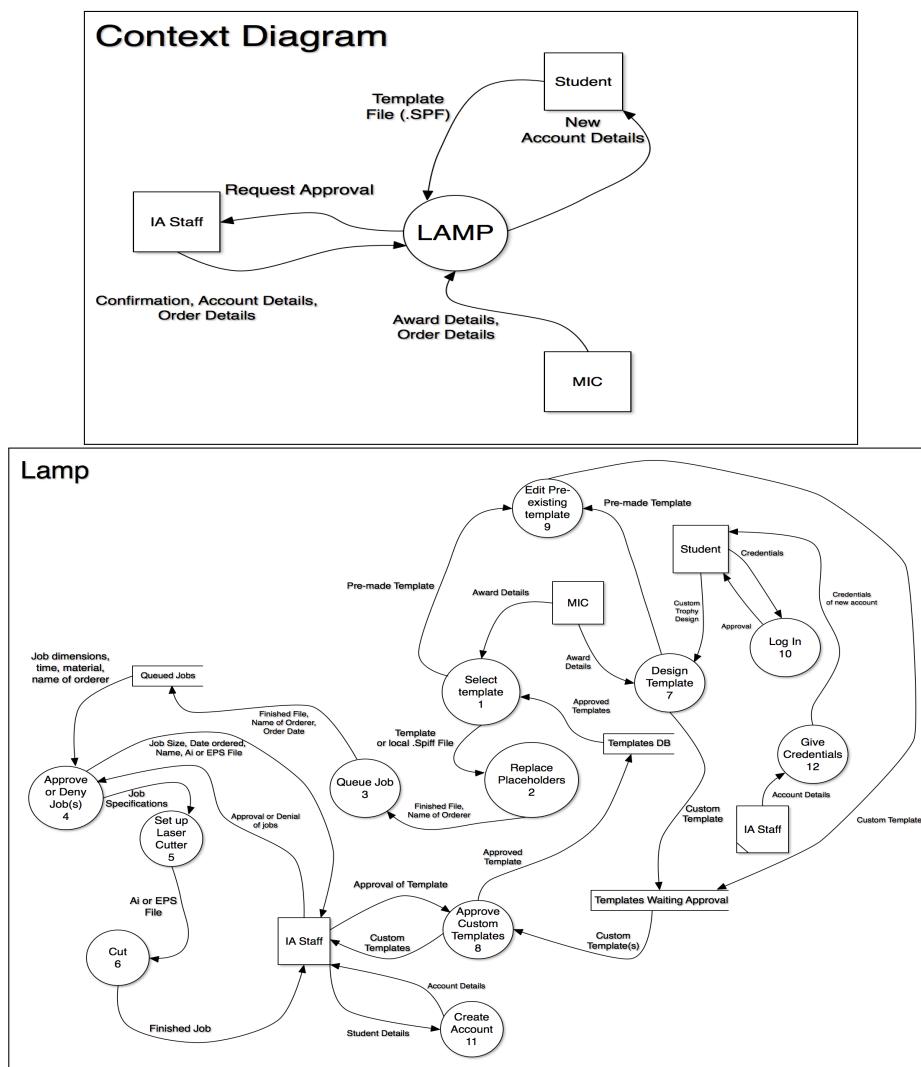
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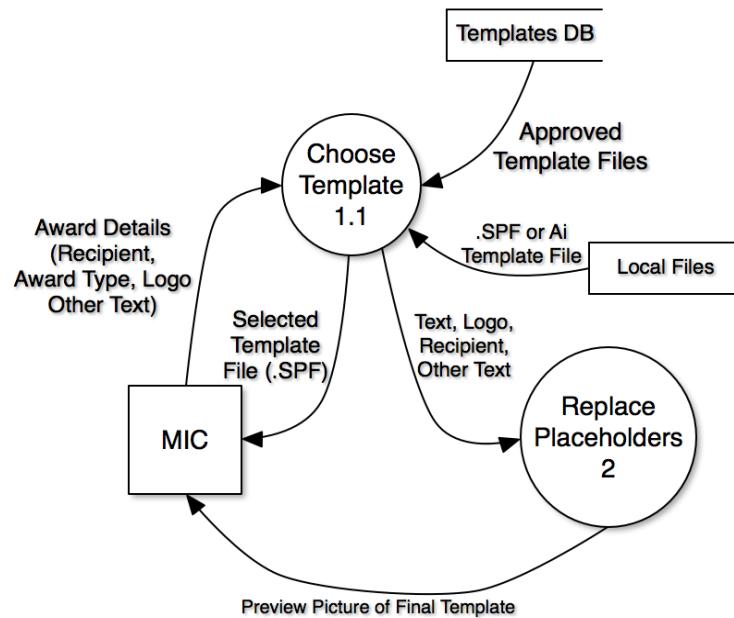
## Planning and Designing

### 2.1 Context Diagram and Data flow diagrams <sup>1</sup>

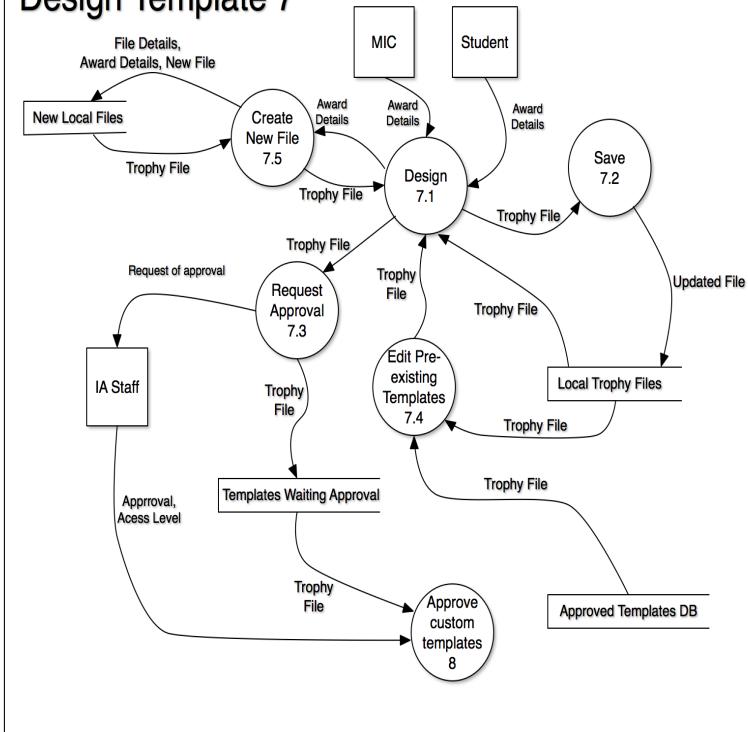


<sup>1</sup> Context and DFD by Max

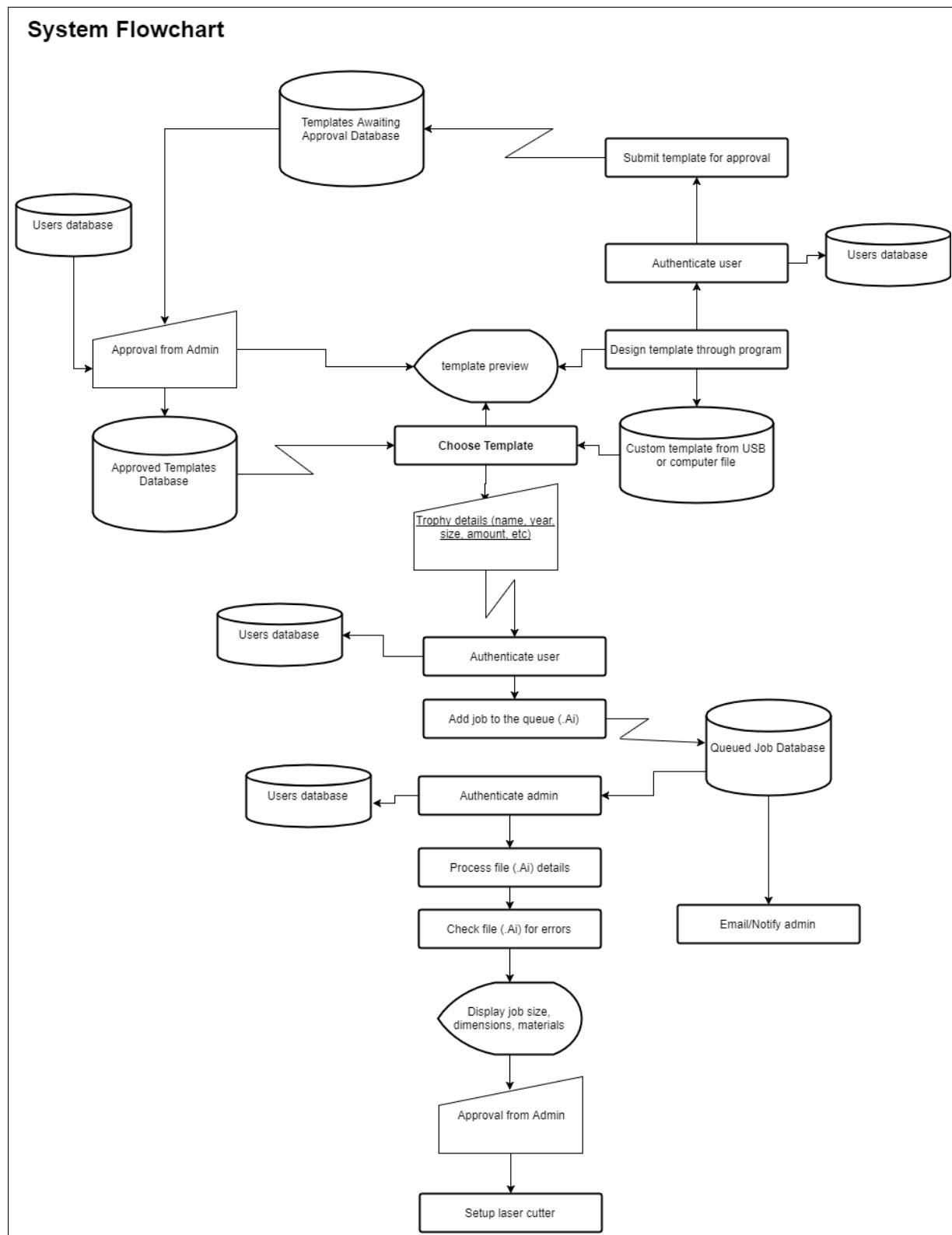
## Select Template 1



## Design Template 7



## 2.2 System Flowchart<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup>System Flowchart By Jack



## 2.3 IPO Chart<sup>3</sup>

### 2.3.1 Select Template

Input	Process	Output
<b>Array of SPF files</b>	<p>Obtains Template From Database</p> <p>Displays all template designs in the template database</p> <p>Client selects appropriate template from the database</p>	Partial SPF File containing data for the template selected
<b>Names (string) Number of Awards (int) Args*(vary)</b>	<p>Adds Data to the SPF file containing the type of template already chosen</p> <p>* based on the template chosen, the user will be prompted for certain data. An example is for a trophy that requires both a name and a score. The user will be prompted to enter the name as well as the score. If left blank, the input will be considered invalid unless otherwise specified.</p>	Complete SPF File containing both the selected template data as well as the variation data specified by the user

### 2.3.2 Design Template

Input	Process	Output
<b>Array of SPF files</b>	<p>Creates Template from Selection</p> <p>Selection From Client</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented as a selection GUI</li> <li>• Displays all template designs in the template data base</li> <li>• Client selects appropriate template from the database</li> </ul>	Partial SPF File containing data for the template selected

<sup>3</sup>IPO Chart by Shourov



<b>Raw AI / EPS Template File</b>	Edits Template with Graphical Editor Graphical Editor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Editor Based off of CAD software</li> <li>• Tools include Line creation</li> <li>• Ability to add images</li> <li>• Ability to add dynamic text <sup>4</sup></li> <li>• Ability to add static text <sup>5</sup></li> <li>• Ability to create CUT lines and ENGRAVE lines</li> </ul>	AI / EPS Template File
<b>Login / Password (string)</b>	Authenticates User	Authentication Level (Admin / Teacher / Student)
<b>AI / EPS Template File Authentication level of Client(integer)</b>	Sends to get verified	None

### 2.3.3 Queue Job

<b>Input</b>	<b>Process</b>	<b>Output</b>
<b>Login / Password (String)</b>	Authentication	Authentication Level (Admin / Teacher / Student)
<b>SPF File containing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Template Selected from Template Database</li> <li>• Variation Data unique to the job required to client</li> <li>• Authentication level of Client</li> <li>• Client Details</li> </ul>	Add to Job Queue Database	Reponse code

### 2.3.4 Approve Job

<b>Input</b>	<b>Process</b>	<b>Output</b>
<b>Login / Password (String)</b>	Authentication	IF Authentication level is not Admin deny Approval ability

<sup>4</sup>Dynamic text is text which is different for each job from the template file. An example of Dynamic text is the name on a trophy

<sup>5</sup>Static text is text which appears on every job from the template file. An example of Static text is the year on a trophy



<b>SPF File from Job Queue DB</b>	<p>Approval Process Admin level client will see</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preview of SPF File</li> <li>• Line weight detail of the SPF file</li> <li>• Authentication level of the user</li> <li>• Client Details</li> </ul>	<p>IF Approved the job is sent to a folder to be laser cut The SPF File is converted to AI / EPS files to match the format of the Laser Cutter. If required, the job is split into multiple files IF Not Approved the job is deleted</p>
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### 2.3.5 Set Up Laser Cutter

<b>Input</b>	<b>Process</b>	<b>Output</b>
<b>Login / Password (String)</b>	Authentication	IF Authentication level is not Admin deny Approval ability
<b>AI / EPS File</b>	<p>Laser Cutter Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Admin must place the resource within the Laser Cutter</li> <li>• Open the files on the Laser Cutter computer</li> <li>• Print via Laser Cutter printer to the Laser Cutter</li> <li>• Remain by the Laser Cutter until the job is finished</li> <li>• Remove finished job and replace material if need be</li> </ul>	Final Job

## 2.4 Gantt Chart<sup>6</sup>

Task Name	Marks	Member	Start Date	End Date	Duration	Complete	Notes
Gantt Chart	5	Shourov	30/10/2017	03/11/2017	4	✓	
Research Client Base	10	Jack	30/10/2017	03/11/2017	4	✓	
Logo and Design	-	Max	30/10/2017	03/11/2017	4	✓	
Interview Potential Clients	10	Shourov	30/10/2017	05/11/2017	6	✓	
Feasibility Study	10	Jack	30/10/2017	12/11/2017	13	✓	
Initial Rights Research	10	Jack	04/12/2017	11/12/2017	7	✓	
Context Diagram AND Data Flow Diagram	10	Max	06/11/2017	12/11/2017	6	✓	
System Flow Chart	5	Jack	13/11/2017	18/11/2017	5	✓	
Structure Chart	10	Shourov	19/11/2017	29/11/2017	10	✓	
IPO Chart	10	Shourov	23/11/2017	29/11/2017	6	✓	Redoing for End Date : 7/02/2018
Data structures	15	Jack	25/11/2017	04/12/2017	9	✓	
Algorithms	20	Everyone	04/12/2017	31/01/2018	58	✓	
Screen Design	15	Max	06/11/2017	31/01/2018	86	✓	
Test Data	10	Max	25/08/2018	12/09/2018	18	✓	
Evaluation of Final Solution	10	Max	01/09/2018	13/09/2018	12	✓	
Create Database	-	Shourov	03/01/2018	07/02/2018	35	✓	
Design Template for Menu	-	Max	03/01/2018	07/02/2018	35	✓	
Develop SPF files	-	Jack	07/02/2018	04/04/2018	56	✓	
Create API for Database	-	Shourov	07/02/2018	04/04/2018	56	✓	
Generate Forms	-	Max	04/04/2018	02/05/2018	28	✓	
Create Editor	-	Jack	04/04/2018	06/06/2018	63	✓	
API for LampTemplate	-	Jack	04/04/2018	02/05/2018	28	✓	
Sort Algorithm for Database	-	Max	02/05/2018	09/05/2018	7	✓	
Fill Database	-	Jack	02/05/2018	09/05/2018	7	✓	
Finish Debug Forms	-	Max	09/05/2018	06/06/2018	28	✓	
Fix LineTypes	-	Jack	09/05/2018	06/06/2018	28	✓	
Approval of Jobs	-	Max	06/06/2018	13/06/2018	7	✓	
DB of users	-	Shourov	27/06/2018	04/07/2018	7	✓	
Approval of Templates	-	Jack	27/06/2018	04/07/2018	7	✓	
Finalise Editor	-	Jack	27/06/2018	04/07/2018	7	✓	
Finalise Forms	-	Max	04/07/2018	08/08/2018	35	✓	
Finalise Database	-	Shourov	04/07/2018	08/08/2018	35	✓	

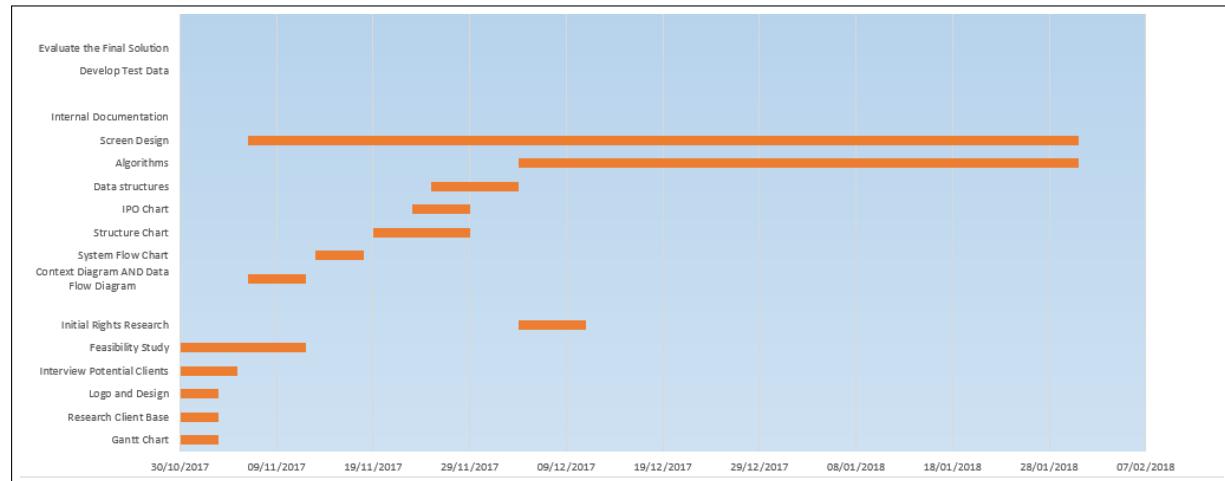


Figure 2.1: Gantt chart showing expected completion dates

## 2.5 Data Dictionary<sup>7</sup>

Data Structure	Data Type	Length <sup>8</sup>	Description
tblTemplates Array (TemplateRecord)	Array(Of Record) Auto.ID (Auto Number) DXF (String) tags (Array(Of String)) material (String) length (real) height (real) thickness (real) preview (Array(Of Image)) creatorId (Integer)	32 10000 20x20 10 8 8 8 3x4MB 4	Contains details about approved templates created using the program. can be saved/loaded as .SPF files Index 0-2147,483,647 (for database). Primary Key Line and text data encoded using the DXF format the criteria that the template meets the material that the template uses the length of each piece, in millimeters the height of each piece, in millimeters the thickness of each piece, in millimeters preview images for each template id of the creator, joined to tblUser.Auto.ID

<sup>6</sup>Gantt Chart by Shourov

<sup>7</sup>Data Dictionary by Jack



	approverId (Integer) dynamicTextList(Array(Of String)) textLocation(Array(Of Point))	4 10x10 10x16	id of the approver, joined to tblUser.Auto_ID Dynamic texts are text labels that are filled in by the user. They describe the name of the label (e.g. year) the location where the dynamic text will be filled
tblSubmittedJobs Array (JobRecord)	Array(Of Record)  Auto.ID (Auto Number) template.ID  submitterId (Integer) approverId (Integer) approved (boolean) submitDate (date)	32 32  4 4 1 32	Contains information about jobs submitted to the IA staff for cutting. Index 0-2147,483,647 (for database). Primary Key the id of the spf file to cut. Joined to tblTemplates.Auto.ID the id of submitter. Joined to tblUser..ID the id of approver. Joined to tblUser..ID whether or not the job is approved the date in which the job is submitted
tblUsers Array (UserRecord)	Array(Of Record)  Auto.ID (Auto Number) email (string) password (string) accesslevel (integer)  name (string)	32 20 20 4  20	Contains information about all the users that are stored in the database Index 0-2147,483,647 (for database). Primary Key the email used to sign up password used to sign in 1=student, 2=teacher, 3=admin. Determines if the user can do certain actions full name of the user
lines Array (new-line)	Array (Of Record)  point1x (real) point1y (real) point2x (real) point2y(real) lineType (string) color (string) lineNumber (integer)	8 8 8 8 20 20 4	Stores data about a shape or line drawn using the template designer. Lines is the array containing all the currently drawn lines start point x co-ordinate start point y co-ordinate end point x co-ordinate end point y co-ordinate the type of shape drawn color of line the index of the line in the array
Point	Record x1 (real) y1 (real)	8 8	Stores data of 1 point in 2d space location on x axis location on y axis
Unapproved Templates	Array (Of JobRecord)	20 x 10MB	Stores all the unapproved Templates

Scope	Identifier	Data Type	Length	Description
Global	running	boolean	1	whether the program is running or not
	userTags	Array (string)	20	Shows the tags that the user currently want to look at
	CurrentUser	UserRecord	1	Stores the currently logged on user
	loggedIn	boolean	1	shows if the user is logged in or not
	dataConnection	OleDbConnection	1	Used to connect to the database
	dataAdapter	OleDbDataAdapter	1	used to read and write data to the database
	tool	string	1	currently selected tool
	linesCollection	Array (Line)	10000	stores all the lines on the screen
	USER	constant integer	1	accesslevel of user=1
	TEACHER	constant integer	1	accesslevel of teacher=2
FilterTemplate	ADMIN	constant integer	1	accesslevel of admin=3
	sortBy	string	1	how to sort the database, either by date or material
FilterTemplate	MatchingTemplate	Array (Template)	100	An array containing the templates that match a user's preferences
Global	prefCount	integer	1	Counter for looping through userpreferences
	tagCount	integer	1	Counter for looping through the tags in a template
SortByDate SortByMaterial SortByName	sortedTillElement	integer	1	The index that the array is sorted up to. Starts at 0 (before the first element)
	largestpos	integer	1	the position of the largest element in the sub-array after index sortedTillElement
	upto	integer	1	the index of the element that the algorithm is currently checking
	nextUnsorted	integer	1	the index of the next unsorted element in the array
checkValidSPF	file	file (SPF)	1	the spf file to check
	lineData	Array (Line)	10000	the lines that the spf file contains

## 2.6 Algorithms

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1 BEGIN MAIN — Jack —
2   running is a boolean = true
3
4   InitializeDatastructures
5   Login
6   LoadTemplates
7
8   WHILE running = true
9     selectModule(Max)
10    END WHILE

```

<sup>8</sup>Length in bytes

<sup>9</sup>Length in elements



```

11 END MAIN
12
13 BEGIN SUB selectModule — Max —
14     Get user selection
15     CASEWHERE user selection
16         Select Template : selectTemplate
17         Design Template : designTemplate
18         Queue Job : queueJob
19         Submit Template : submitTemplate
20         Approve Template : approveTemplate
21         Approve Job(s) : approveJob
22         Set up Laser Cutter : setupLaser
23         Change Settings : changeSetting
24     END CASEWHERE
25 END SUB
26
27 BEGIN SUB passwordIsStrong(password) — Shourov —
28     strong (boolean) = false
29     IF password contains numbers AND password.length >= 8 THEN
30         strong = true
31     END IF
32     RETURN strong
33 END SUB
34
35 BEGIN SUB validEmail(email) — Shourov —
36     IF email contains characters before a "@" symbol AND ends with "sbhs.nsw.edu.au" THEN
37         RETURN true
38     ELSE
39         RETURN false
40     END IF
41 END SUB
42
43 BEGIN SUB IsTeacherEmail(email) — Shourov —
44     IF first character of email is NOT a number THEN
45         RETURN true
46     ELSE
47         RETURN false
48     END IF
49 END SUB
50
51 BEGIN SUB Login — Max —
52     loggedIn = false
53     email = "" (string)
54     password = "" (string)
55     found = false (boolean)
56
57     get email, password
58     IF email = "" AND password = "" THEN
59         print "Please enter a Username and Password."
60         succeeded = false
61     ELSE
62         index = 1
63         WHILE index <= tblUsers.length AND found <> true
64             IF tblUsers(index).email = email THEN
65                 found = true
66                 IF tblUsers(index).password = password THEN
67                     loggedIn = true
68                     print "login successful"
69                 ELSE
70                     loggedIn = false // wrong password!
71                     print "Wrong password!"
72                 END IF
73             END IF
74             index = index + 1
75         END WHILE
76         IF found <> true THEN
77             print "email not found, please sign up"
78         END IF
79     END IF

```



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80      RETURN loggedIn
81
82  END SUB
83
84  BEGIN SUB SortTemplates(type) — Shourov —
85    CASEWHERE type
86      'date ': SortByDate
87      'material ': SortByMaterial
88      'name ': SortByName
89      otherwise : print "Invalid type supplied for sort!"
90  END CASE
91
92  END SUB
93
94  BEGIN SUB SignUp — Max —
95    failed = false (boolean)
96    email = "" (string)
97    password = "" (string)
98    name = "" (string)
99
100   Get email, password, name from user input
101   IF email = "" OR password= "" OR name = "" THEN
102     display "Enter an email, password and name"
103     failed = true
104   END IF
105
106   IF failed <> true THEN
107     IF validEmail(email) = true THEN
108       IF IsTeacherEmail(email) = true THEN
109         accesslevel = 1
110       ELSE
111         accesslevel = 0
112       END IF
113     ELSE
114       failed = true
115     END IF
116   END IF
117
118   IF failed <> true THEN
119     IF passwordIsStrong(password) = true THEN
120       IF CreateUser(email, password, name, accesslevel) = true THEN
121         Login
122       ELSE
123         failed = true
124         print "error creating account"
125       END IF
126     ELSE
127       print "password must be 8 characters or longer, and contain numbers and text"
128       failed = true
129     END IF
130   END IF
131
132   succeed (Boolean) = true
133   IF failed = true THEN
134     succeed = false
135   ELSE
136     RefreshDatabases
137     // Refresh database so new user is added to tblUsers
138   END IF
139
140   RETURN succeed
141
142
143
144  BEGIN SUB CreateUser(email, password, name, accesslevel) — Jack —
145    succeeded = true (boolean)
146    IF SearchForUser(email) = false THEN
147      // check that the user is not in the database already
148      Open UsersDatabase for relative access

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149     Write email to UsersDatabase.email
150
151     Write password UsersDatabase.password
152     Write name to UsersDatabase.name
153     Write accesslevel to UsersDatabase.accesslevel
154
155     Close UsersDatabase
156     RefreshDatabases
157 ELSE
158     succeeded = false
159     print "email already used!"
160 END IF
161     RETURN succeeded
162 END SUB
163
164
165 BEGIN SUB SearchForUser(email) — Jack —
166     index = 1
167     found (boolean) = false
168
169     WHILE index <= tblUsers.length AND found  $\diamond$  true
170         IF tblUsers(index).email = email THEN
171             found = true
172         END IF
173         index = index + 1
174     END WHILE
175     RETURN found
176 END SUB
177
178 BEGIN SUB LoadTemplates — Jack —
179     IF loggedIn  $\diamond$  true THEN
180         Login
181     END IF
182
183     IF loggedIn = true THEN //loggedIn will be set to true of Login is successful
184         RefreshDatabases
185     ELSE
186         Print "You must login to access the templates"
187     END IF
188 END SUB
189
190 BEGIN SUB InitializeDatastructures — Jack —
191     TemplateRecord is a record containing
192         Auto_id (integer)
193         DXF (string) // this contains all the line data on the template
194         tags (Array(string)) //list of categories that apply to the temp
195         material (string) // the material the template is to be cut on
196         length (Integer)
197         height (Integer)
198         thickness (Integer)
199         preview (Array(Image)) // preview images of the template. Optional
200         creatorName (string)
201         creator_id (Integer)
202         approverName (string)
203         approver_id (Integer)
204         complete (boolean)
205         dynamicTextLabel (Array(Of String))
206         textLocation (Array(Of Point))
207     END TemplateRecord
208
209     JobRecord is a record containing
210         Auto_id (integer)
211         template (TemplateRecord)
212         submitterName (string)
213         submitterID (Integer)
214         approverName (string)
215         approverID (Integer)
216         approved (boolean)
217         submitDate (date)
218     END JobRecord

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219
220     UserRecord is a record containing
221         Auto_id (integer)
222         email (string)
223         password (string)
224         accesslevel (string)
225         name (string)
226 END UserRecord
227 // database tables
228     tblTemplates is an array of TemplateRecord indexed from 1 to EOF
229     tblSubmittedJobs is an array of JobRecord indexed from 1 to EOF
230     tblUsers is an array of UserRecord indexed from 1 to EOF
231     tblUnApprovedTemplates is an array of TemplateRecord indexed from 1 to EOF
232 RefreshDatabases
233
234     UserTags is an array of string indexed from 1 to EOF
235     CurrentUser (UserRecord) = null
236     Tool = "" (string) // currently selected tool
237     loggedIn = false (boolean)
238     USER = 0 (constant integer)
239     TEACHER = 1 (constant integer)
240     ADMIN = 2 (constant integer)
241     sortBy = "date" (string)
242 END SUB
243
244 BEGIN SUB RefreshDatabases — Jack —
245     Open AllDatabases for sequential reading
246     Get tblTemplates, tblSubmittedJobs, tblUsers, tblUnApprovedTemplates
247     FilterTemplates
248     SortTemplates(sortBy)
249
250     Close AllDatabases
251 END SUB
252
253 // Templates can be filtered according to criteria, stored in the tags
254 // on the template item
255 BEGIN SUB FilterTemplates — Jack —
256     MatchingTemplates is an array of TemplateRecord indexed from 1 to EOF
257     currentTemplate = null (TemplateRecord)
258     index = 1 (integer)
259
260     WHILE index <= tblTemplates.Length
261         currentTemplate = tblTemplates(index)
262         IF TagIsPresent(currentTemplate) = true THEN
263             Append current to MatchingTemplates
264         END IF
265         index = index + 1
266     END WHILE
267     tblTemplates = MatchingTemplates
268 END SUB
269
270 BEGIN SUB TagIsPresent(template) — Jack —
271     // check if one of the tags in UserPreferences
272     prefCount = 1 (integer)
273     tagCount = 1 (integer)
274     found = false (boolean)
275     userTag = "" (string)
276     currentTag = "" (string)
277     // loop through each element in preferences, and check it with each
278     // tag in the template
279     WHILE prefCount <= UserPreferences.length AND found <> true
280         tagCount = 1
281         userTag = UserPreferences(prefCount)
282         WHILE tagCount <= template.tags.length AND found <> true
283             currentTag = template.tags(tagCount)
284             IF currentTag = userTag THEN
285                 found = true
286             END IF
287             tagCount = tagCount + 1
288     END WHILE

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289     END WHILE
290     RETURN found
291 END SUB
292
293 BEGIN SUB SortByDate — Jack —
294     // sorts tblTemplates by submitted date, from latest to oldest
295     // (descending) how much of the list is sorted, so we don't resort it
296     // as it is already in descending order
297
298     sortedTillElement = 0 (Integer)
299
300     temp = null (TemplateRecord)
301     current = null (TemplateRecord)
302
303     // the location of the largest item in the list
304     largestpos = 1 (integer)
305
306     // what element the sort is at
307     upto = 1 (integer)
308
309     // the next element that is unsorted
310     nextUnsorted = 1 (integer)
311
312     // selection sort : will continually find the largest item in the list
313     // and move it to the right position till the entire list is sorted
314     WHILE sortedTillElement <= tblTemplates.length
315         // set upto to the first element that is not sorted yet
316         upto = sortedTillElement + 1
317
318         // assume largest item is on the first element to be tested
319         largestpos = upto
320
321         WHILE upto <= tblTemplates.length
322             current = tblTemplates(upto)
323
324             IF current.date > tblTemplates(largestpos).date THEN
325                 // found newer largest item!
326                 largestpos = upto
327             END IF
328             upto = upto + 1
329         END WHILE
330
331         // largestpos is now the index of the largest element
332         // swap it with the next unsorted item
333         nextUnsorted = sortedTillElement + 1
334
335         temp = tblTemplates(next)
336         tblTemplates(next) = tblTemplates(largest)
337         tblTemplates(largest) = temp
338         sortedTillElement = sortedTillElement + 1
339     END WHILE
340 END SUB
341
342 BEGIN SUB SortByMaterial — Shourov —
343     // sorts tblTemplates by submitted material
344     // (descending) how much of the list is sorted, so we don't resort it
345     // as it is already in descending order
346
347     sortedTillElement = 0 (Integer)
348
349     temp = null (TemplateRecord)
350     current = null (TemplateRecord)
351
352     // the location of the largest item in the list
353     largestpos = 1 (integer)
354
355     // what element the sort is at
356     upto = 1 (integer)
357

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358 // the next element that is unsorted
359 nextUnsorted = 1 (integer)
360
361 // selection sort : will continually find the largest item in the list
362 // and move it to the right position till the entire list is sorted
363 WHILE sortedTillElement <= tblTemplates.length
364     // set upto to the first element that is not sorted yet
365     upto = sortedTillElement + 1
366
367     // assume largest item is on the first element to be tested
368     largestpos = upto
369
370     WHILE upto <= tblTemplates.length
371         current = tblTemplates(upto)
372
373         IF current.material > tblTemplates(largestpos).material THEN
374             // found newer largest item!
375             largestpos = upto
376         END IF
377         upto = upto + 1
378     END WHILE
379
380     // largestpos is now the index of the largest element
381     // swap it with the next unsorted item
382     nextUnsorted = sortedTillElement + 1
383
384     temp = tblTemplates(next)
385     tblTemplates(next) = tblTemplates(largest)
386     tblTemplates(largest) = temp
387     sortedTillElement = sortedTillElement + 1
388 END WHILE
389 END SUB
390
391 BEGIN SUB SortByName — Shourov —
392     // sorts tblTemplates by submitted tags
393     // (descending) how much of the list is sorted, so we don't resort it
394     // as it is already in descending order
395     sortedTillElement = 0 (Integer)
396
397     temp = null (TemplateRecord)
398     current = null (TemplateRecord)
399
400     // the location of the largest item in the list
401     largestpos = 1 (integer)
402
403     // what element the sort is at
404     upto = 1 (integer)
405
406     // the next element that is unsorted
407     nextUnsorted = 1 (integer)
408
409     // selection sort : will continually find the largest item in the list
410     // and move it to the right position till the entire list is sorted
411     WHILE sortedTillElement <= tblTemplates.length
412         // set upto to the first element that is not sorted yet
413         upto = sortedTillElement + 1
414
415         // assume largest item is on the first element to be tested
416         largestpos = upto
417
418         WHILE upto <= tblTemplates.length
419             current = tblTemplates(upto)
420
421             IF current.tags(1) > tblTemplates(largestpos).tags(1) THEN
422                 // found newer largest item!
423                 largestpos = upto
424             END IF
425             upto = upto + 1
426     END WHILE
427

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428     // largestpos is now the index of the largest element
429     // swap it with the next unsorted item
430     nextUnsorted = sortedTillElement + 1
431
432     temp = tblTemplates(next)
433     tblTemplates(next) = tblTemplates(largest)
434     tblTemplates(largest) = temp
435     sortedTillElement = sortedTillElement + 1
436 END WHILE
437 END SUB
438
439 BEGIN SUB PrintJobDetails(job) — Shourov —
440     Initialize Printer Driver
441     print "Job ID: ", job.id
442     print "Date, time", job.time
443     print "Submitter: ", job.submitter, "Approver:", job.approver
444     print "Dimensions: " job.jobWidth, "x", job.jobHeight
445     Close Printer Driver
446 END SUB
447
448 BEGIN SUB SelectTemplate — Shourov —
449     LoadTemplates
450     Display tblTemplates on GUI
451     selectedTemplate = null (TemplateRecord)
452     get selectedTemplate
453     Display inputForm(size of selectedTemplate.dynamicTextLabel)
454     dynamicText = empty (array(string))
455     dynamicText = data from inputForm
456     selectedTemplate.dynamicTextLabel = dynamicText
457     Send selectedTemplate to queueJob
458 END SUB
459
460 BEGIN SUB inputForm(rows) — Shourov —
461     Display input table with num Rows
462 END SUB
463
464 BEGIN SUB scrollC — Max —
465     Tool = "Move Screen"
466     //Moves the Field of the designer
467     REPEAT
468         CASEWHERE mouse Moves:
469             Increased x: Design Field moves down by the same amount
470             Decreased x: Design Field moves up by the same amount
471             Increased y: Design Field moves left by the same amount
472             Decreased y: Design Field moves right by the same amount
473         END CASE
474         UNTIL user releases middle click
475 END SUB
476
477 BEGIN SUB rightC — Max —
478     IF user clicks Line THEN
479         Ask user for linetype
480         //(Cut, Raster, Vector, Includes descriptions of each)
481         CASEWHERE user selection is
482             Cut: linesCollection(lineNumber).lines.lineType = "Cut"
483             Vector: linesCollection(lineNumber).lines.lineType = "Vector"
484             Raster: linesCollection(lineNumber).lines.lineType = "Raster"
485         END CASEWHERE
486     END IF
487 END SUB
488
489 BEGIN SUB designTemplate — Max —
490     lineIndex is an integer = 1
491     REPEAT
492         lines is a Record containing:
493             x1 (Integer)
494             y1 (Integer)
495             x2 (Integer)
496             y2 (Integer)
497             lineType (string)

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498     color (string)
499     lineNumber (Integer)
500   END lines
501   linesCollection is an Array of lines indexed from 1 to EOF
502   CASEWHERE user selection is
503     Straight line: drawStr
504     Free line: drawFree
505     Edit Logo: editLogo
506     Edit Text: editText
507     New Object: newObj
508     Select Parts: partSelect
509     Line Type: lineType
510     Move: move
511     Left Click: leftC
512     Right Click: rightC
513     Middle Mouse: scrollC
514   END CASEWHERE
515   Tool = ""
516   UNTIL Done = True
517   genImg
518 END SUB
519
520
521 BEGIN SUB moveScreen — Max —
522   Tool = "Move"
523   //Moves the Field of the designer
524   IF left click is pressed THEN
525     REPEAT
526       CASEWHERE mouse Moves:
527         Increased x: Design Field moves down by the same amount
528         Decreased x: Design Field moves up by the same amount
529         Increased y: Design Field moves left by the same amount
530         Decreased y: Design Field moves right by the same amount
531     END CASEWHERE
532     UNTIL user releases left click
533   END IF
534 END SUB
535
536 BEGIN SUB partSelect — Max —
537   Tool = "Select Part"
538   leftC
539 END SUB
540
541 BEGIN SUB leftC — Max —
542   Highlight ends of clicked line
543   WHILE mouse is hovering over line
544     Display co-ordinates of Line ends next to mouse
545   END WHILE
546   IF left click is pressed AND a line is selected THEN
547     // Moves the line
548     REPEAT
549       CASEWHERE mouse Moves:
550         Increased x: Line moves up by the same amount
551         Decreased x: Line moves down by the same amount
552         Increased y: Line moves right by the same amount
553         Decreased y: Line moves left by the same amount
554     END CASEWHERE
555     UNTIL Left click is released
556   END IF
557
558   IF left click is pressed AND a logo is selected THEN
559     // move the logo
560     REPEAT
561       CASEWHERE mouse Moves:
562         Increased x: Logo moves up by the same amount
563         Decreased x: Logo moves down by the same amount
564         Increased y: Logo moves right by the same amount
565         Decreased y : Logo moves left by the same amount
566     END CASEWHERE
567     UNTIL Left click is released

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568 END IF
569
570     IF left click is pressed AND a TextBox is selected THEN
571         // move the logo
572         REPEAT
573             CASEWHERE mouse Moves:
574                 Increased x: TextBox moves up by the same amount
575                 Decreased x: TextBox moves down by the same amount
576                 Increased y: TextBox moves right by the same amount
577                 Decreased y: TextBox moves left by the same amount
578             END CASEWHERE
579             UNTIL Left click is released
580         END IF
581     END SUB
582
583 BEGIN SUB lineType — Max —
584     Tool = "Line Type"
585     IF user left Clicks on a Line Segment THEN
586         CASEWHERE user selection is
587             Cut: linesCollection(lineNumber).lines.lineType = "Cut"
588             Vector: linesCollection(lineNumber).lines.lineType = "Vector"
589             Raster: linesCollection(lineNumber).lines.lineType = "Raster"
590         END CASEWHERE
591     END IF
592 END SUB
593
594 BEGIN SUB newObj — Max —
595     Get user input
596     // Logo, text Box, Line
597     CASEWHERE User selection is
598         Logo: Create a logo in Design Field with center at Mouse coordinates
599         Text Box: Create a Text Box in Design Field with center at mouse coordinates
600         Line: drawStr
601     END CASEWHERE
602 END SUB
603
604 BEGIN SUB editText — Max —
605     IF User left clicks Text box THEN
606         Get user input (String)
607     END IF
608     Textbox.Text = user input
609 END SUB
610
611 BEGIN SUB editLogo — Max —
612     REPEAT
613         Access = "Denied" (String)
614         Ask user for a logo
615         Prompt File viewer
616         IF the File is a PNG OR the file is a JPEG OR the File is a JPG THEN
617             File = "Approved"
618         ELSE
619             Deny
620         END IF
621         UNTIL File = "Approved"
622 END SUB
623
624 BEGIN SUB drawFree — Max —
625     Ask user for linetype
626     //((Cut, Raster, Vector, Includes descriptions of each))
627     Tool = "Free Line"
628     freeTimer = 0 (integer)
629     IF user clicks Left Click THEN
630         REPEAT
631             linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.x1 = mouse position x in Design Field
632             linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.y1 = mouse position y in Design Field
633             freeTimer = freeTimer + 1
634             Wait 0.01 Seconds
635             linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.x2 = mouse position x in Design Field
636             linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.y2 = mouse position y in Design Field
637             lineIndex = lineIndex + 1

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638      UNTIL Left Click is released
639  END IF
640 END SUB
641
642 BEGIN SUB drawStr — Max —
643   Ask user for linetype
644   //((Cut, Raster, Vector, Includes descriptions of each)
645   Tool = "straightLine"
646   IF User clicks left mouse AND Tool = straightLine THEN
647     linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.x1 = mouse position x in Design Field
648     linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.y1 = mouse position y in Design Field
649     IF user clicks left mouse THEN
650       linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.x2 = mouse position x in Design Field
651       linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.y2 = mouse position y in Design Field
652     ELSE
653       linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.x1
654       linesCollection(lineIndex).lines.y1
655       lineIndex = lineIndex - 1
656     END IF
657   END IF
658   lineIndex = lineIndex + 1
659 END SUB
660
661 BEGIN SUB genIMG — Max —
662   Prompt File viewer
663   Load Ai File
664   Take image from Ai Logo
665   Use image as icon for file in file viewer
666 END SUB
667
668 BEGIN SUB checkValidSPF(file) — Shourov —
669   Open file for sequential reading
670   lineData = null (Array of line, from 0 to EOF)
671   get lineData from file
672
673   valid = true
674   index = 1
675   WHILE lineData.Length <= index AND valid <> false
676     IF lineData(index).color <> "RED" AND lineData(index).color <> "BLUE" AND lineData(index).color
677       valid = false
678       print "Lines must be red, black or blue"
679     END IF
680     index = index + 1
681   END WHILE
682   close file
683   RETURN valid
684 END SUB
685
686 BEGIN SUB queueJob — Jack —
687   IF loggedIn = false THEN
688     Login
689   END IF
690   currentDate = null (date)
691   get currentDate
692   IF loggedIn = true AND CurrentUser.accesslevel >= TEACHER THEN
693     // teacher/admin, and logged in
694     Get SPF file
695     IF file.complete = true AND checkValidSPF(file) = true THEN
696       // send it
697       Open JobsDatabase for relative access
698       write file to JobsDatabase.template
699       write CurrentUser.name to JobsDatabase.submitterName
700       write CurrentUser.Auto_ID to JobsDatabase.submitterID
701       write "" to JobsDatabase.approverName
702       write -1 to JobsDatabase.approverID
703       write false to JobsDatabase.approved
704       write currentDate to JobsDatabase.submitDate
705       Close JobsDatabase
706       RefreshDatabases
707     ELSE

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708     print "File is incomplete, or contains errors"
709   END IF
710 ELSE
711   print "Only teachers/administrators can submit jobs"
712 END IF
713 END SUB
714
715 BEGIN SUB submitTemplate — Jack —
716   LoadTemplates\\
717   templatefile = null (SPF file)
718   get templateFile
719   IF loggedIn <> true THEN
720     Login
721   END IF
722   IF loggedIn = true AND CurrentUser.accesslevel >= TEACHER THEN
723     Open unapprovedTemplateDatabase
724     write templateFile to unapprovedTemplateDatabase
725     Close unapprovedTemplateDatabase
726   ELSE
727     print "please login to submit templates"
728   END IF
729 END SUB
730
731 BEGIN SUB approveJob — Jack —
732   IF loggedIn = false THEN
733     Login
734   END IF
735
736   selectedJob = null (JobRecord)
737   confirmation = false (boolean)
738
739   IF loggedIn = true AND CurrentUser.accesslevel >= ADMIN THEN
740     // admin, and logged in
741     display tblSubmittedJobs
742     get selectedJob
743     print "Approve job?"
744     get confirmation
745     IF confirmation = true THEN
746       print "Do you want to print job details to paper?"
747       get confirmation
748       IF confirmation = true THEN
749         PrintJobDetails(selectedJob)
750       END IF
751       selectedJob.approverName = CurrentUser.name
752       selectedJob.approverID = CurrentUser.Auto_ID
753       selectedJob.approved = true
754     ELSE
755       print "Cancelled"
756     END IF
757   ELSE
758     print "Only administrators can approve jobs"
759   END IF
760 END SUB
761
762 BEGIN SUB setupLaser — Shourov —
763   Initialize Laser Driver
764   Process SPF file as DXF file in lasercutter printer
765   Close Laser Driver
766 END SUB
767
768 BEGIN SUB ChangeSort(criteria) — Shourov —
769 CASEWHERE criteria
770   date: sortBy = "date"
771   material: sortBy = "material"
772   name: sortBy = "name"
773   otherwise: print "Invalid criteria"
774 END CASE
775 END SUB
776
777 BEGIN SUB changeSettings — Shourov —

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778 |     CASEWHERE userinput
779 |         add category: AddTag(tag)
780 |         remove category: RemoveTag(tag)
781 |         change sort: ChangeSort(criteria)
782 |         otherwise: print "invalid input"
783 |     END CASE
784 | END SUB
785 |
786 |
787 | BEGIN SUB approveTemplate — Jack —
788 |     IF loggedIn = false
789 |         Login
790 |     END IF
791 |     selectedTemplate = null (JobRecord)
792 |     confirmation = false (boolean)
793 |
794 |     IF loggedIn = true AND CurrentUser.accesslevel >= ADMIN THEN
795 |         // admin, and logged in
796 |         display tblUnapprovedTemplates
797 |         get selectedTemplate
798 |
799 |         print "Approve template?"
800 |         get confirmation
801 |         IF confirmation = true THEN
802 |             delete selectedTemplate from tblUnapprovedTemplates
803 |             append selectedTemplate to tblTemplates
804 |         ELSE
805 |             print " Cancelling"
806 |         END IF
807 |     ELSE
808 |         print "Only administrators can approve templates"
809 |     END IF
810 | END SUB
811 |
812 | BEGIN SUB AddTag(tag) — Shourov —
813 |     // add a category to the user settings
814 |     UserTags(UserTags.length+1) = tag
815 | END SUB
816 |
817 | BEGIN SUB RemoveTag(tag) — Shourov —
818 |     // remove a category to the user settings
819 |     index = 1
820 |     found = false
821 |     WHILE index <= UserTags.length AND found ◊ true THEN
822 |         IF UserTags(count) = tag THEN
823 |             delete index field from UserTags
824 |             found = true
825 |         END IF
826 |         index = index + 1
827 |     END WHILE
828 |     IF found ◊ true THEN
829 |         print "Cannot find tag"
830 |     END IF
831 | END SUB

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## 2.7 Screen Design Principles<sup>10</sup>

Functionality was the main focus of this program, and thus sacrifices were made in terms of the user interface, to accommodate a high number of functions and options per screen.

### Aesthetics and Clarity

- Ensuring information is presented in an organised and predictable manner - using groupings and clear alignments
- As much content on each screen without too much clutter, organised with group boxes
- Easy to read fonts and non-intrusive colour scheme using neutral or cool colours
- Simple colour palettes
- No unnecessarily colourful or large icons in menus

### Consistency

- Persistent navigation menu on the top provides easy access to all functions
- Similar look across all modules, purple/aqua toolbar at top.
- One font is used throughout the interface, Arial. This also ensures clarity between the different elements that are on the screen.

### Control

- Most functions of the program are visible on the toolbar.
- Elements are responsive and actions that take longer than a few seconds present a loading screen or other indication of loading.
- Most elements in the solution can be navigated with the tab key to reduce mouse movement and to speed up tasks such as logging in.
- F pattern design - elements are placed left to right, then top to bottom to maximise visibility of important elements and to highlight more useful or critical controls at the top of the screen.

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<sup>10</sup>Screen Design by Max

## 2.7.1 Storyboard

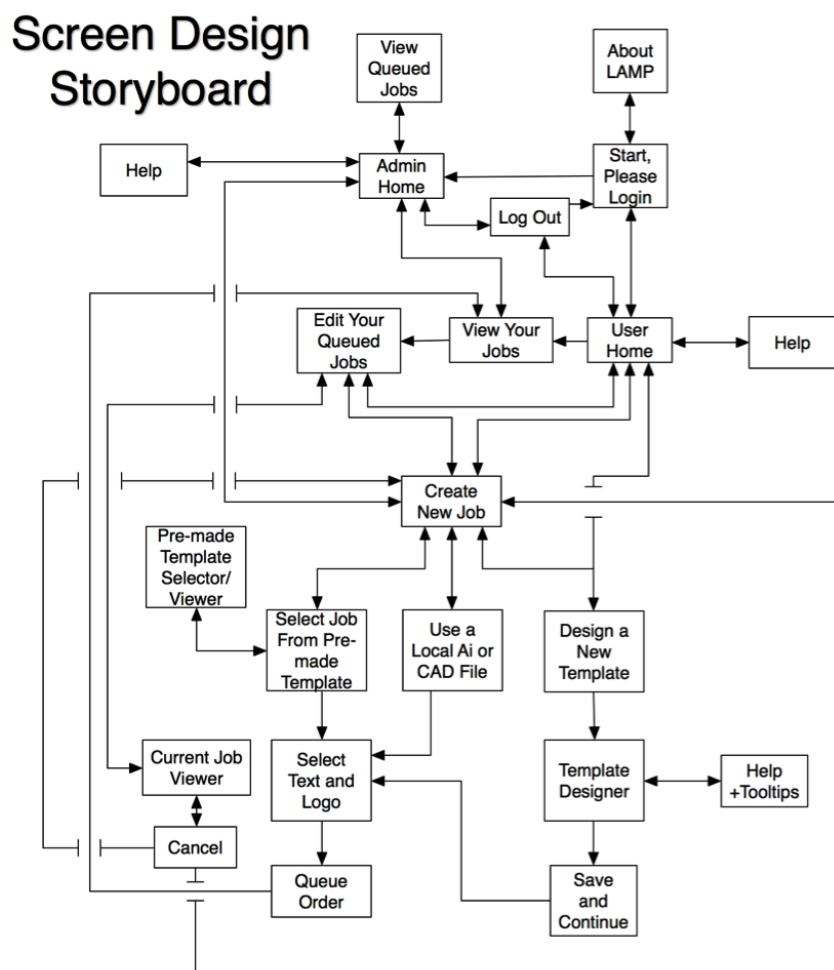


Figure 2.2: The storyboard, showing connected screens



## 2.7.2 Login Screen

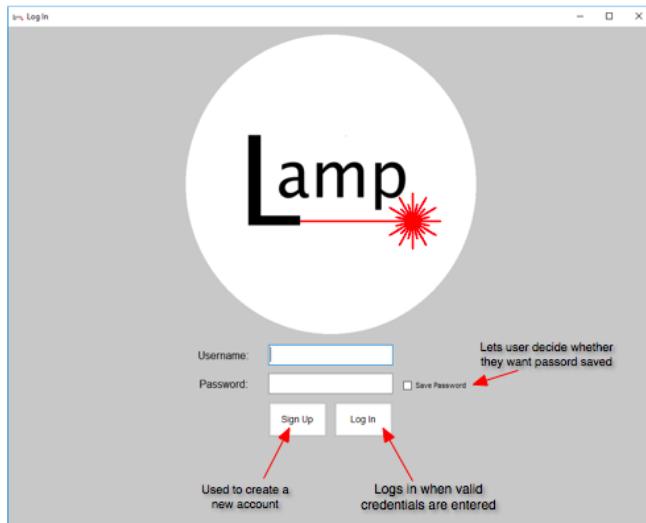


Figure 2.3: The Login Screen was created with simplicity in mind, and so the only things on the screen upon the start-up are the logo and the textboxes that you login with. The form uses a light grey background colour, which is consistent throughout all the forms of the program.

## 2.7.3 Sign Up



Figure 2.4: This screen contains only text boxes and labels to guide the user as to how to sign up and create an account.

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## 2.7.4 Home Screen

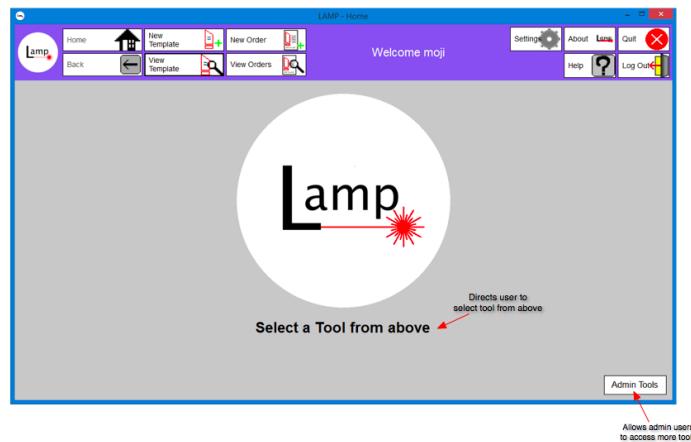


Figure 2.5: This screen has a toolbar which is also consistent throughout the program. It also contains links to the other forms

## 2.7.5 Create New Template

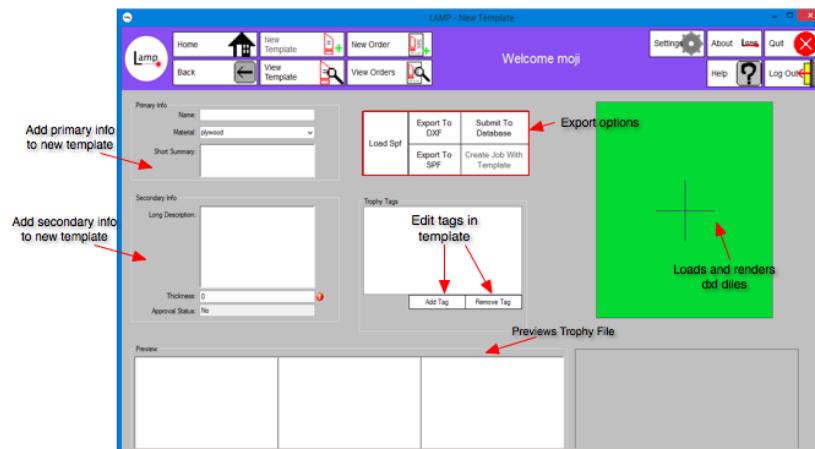


Figure 2.6: This screen allows users to create new templates, which can be stored in a database or exported to a .spf file



## 2.7.6 View Templates

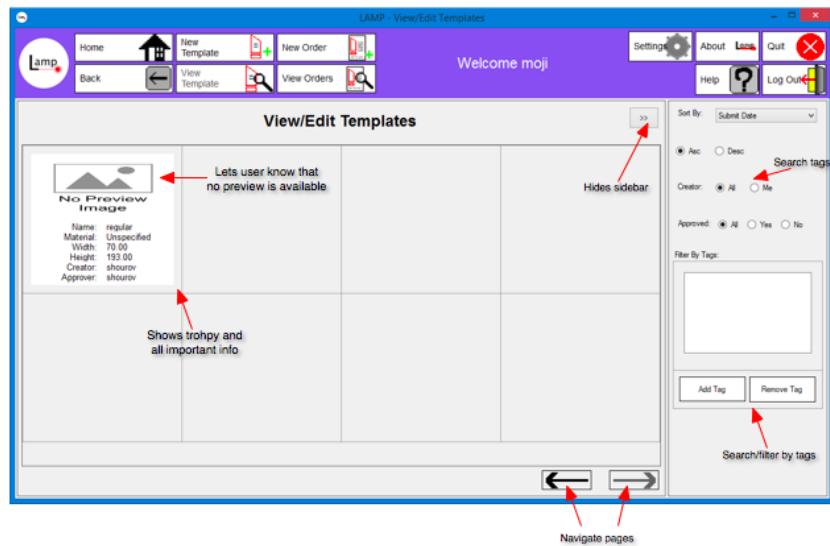


Figure 2.7: This screen allows users to search and sort the database for templates

## 2.7.7 Create Job (1/2)

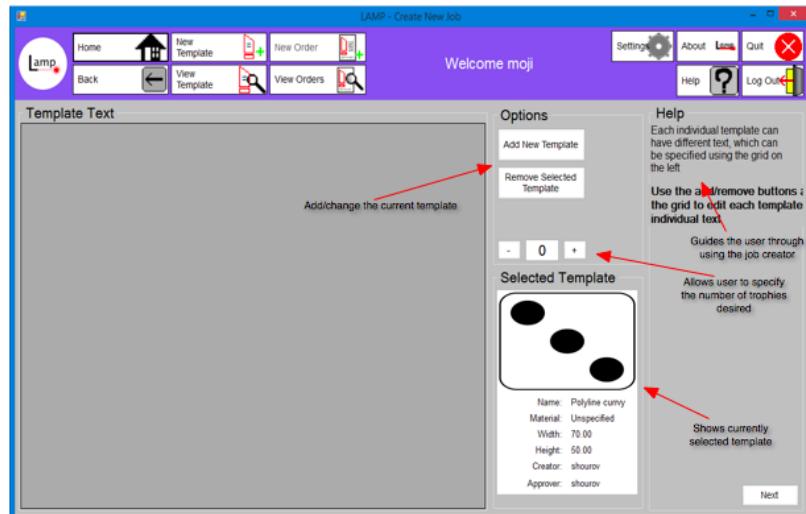


Figure 2.8: Once a template is selected, a user can choose the number of templates required. The grid allows easy manipulation of text that will be placed on the template in the next step



## 2.7.8 Create Job (2/2)

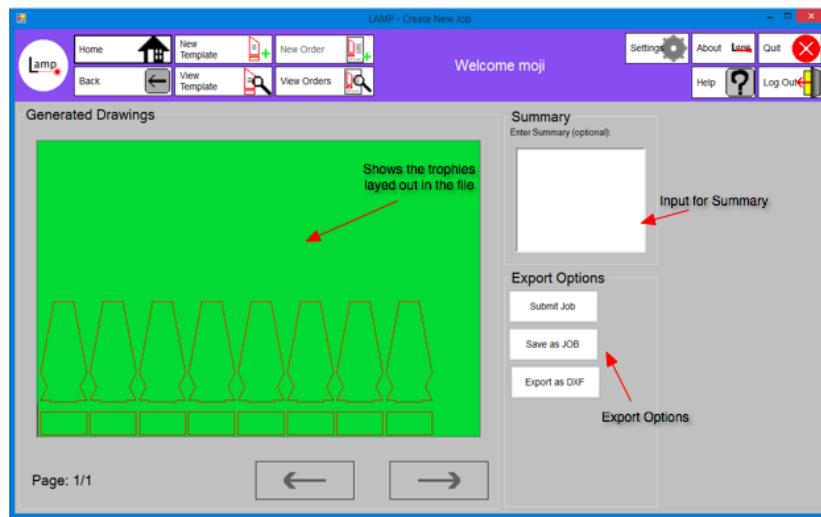


Figure 2.9: The output and number of sheets required are shown on this screen, as well as options to export the job to the database or as a local file

## 2.7.9 View Orders

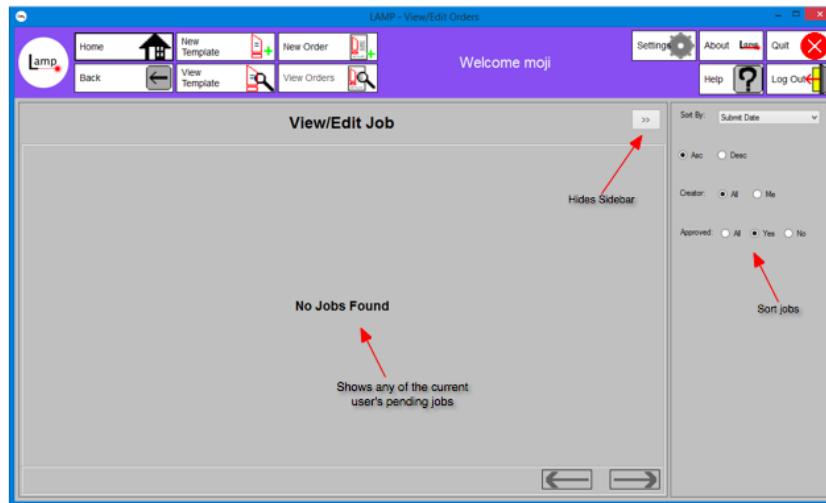


Figure 2.10: Allows user to view the currently available orders

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### 2.7.10 Admin Home



Figure 2.11: This is the home screen for admin tools

### 2.7.11 Admin Toolbar



Figure 2.12: This holds all the buttons for navigation to other admin forms

## 2.7.12 Approve Template

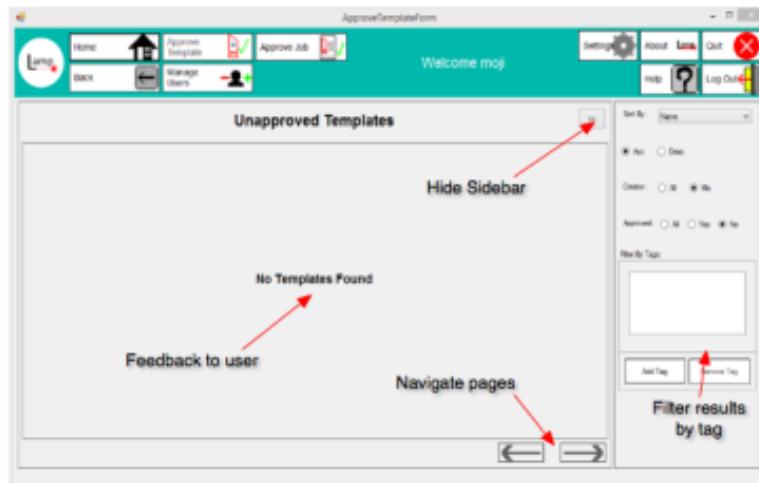


Figure 2.13: This form allows admins to approve templates

## 2.7.13 Approve Job

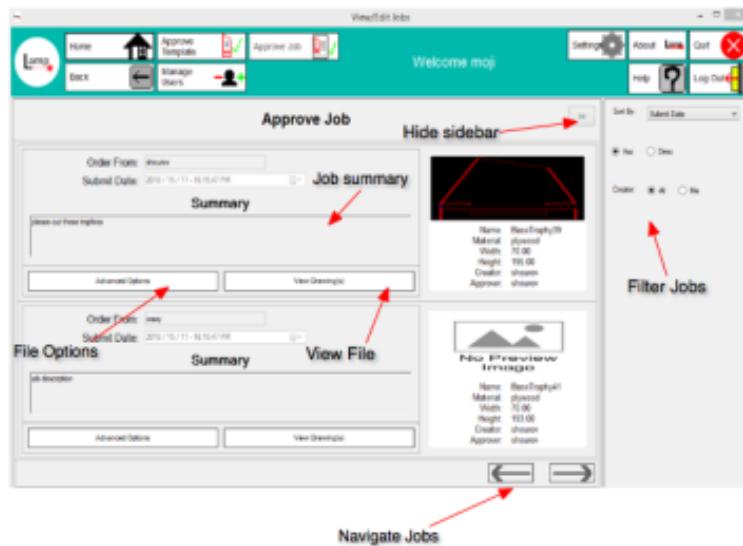


Figure 2.14: This form allows admins to approve and print jobs

## 2.7.14 Manage Users

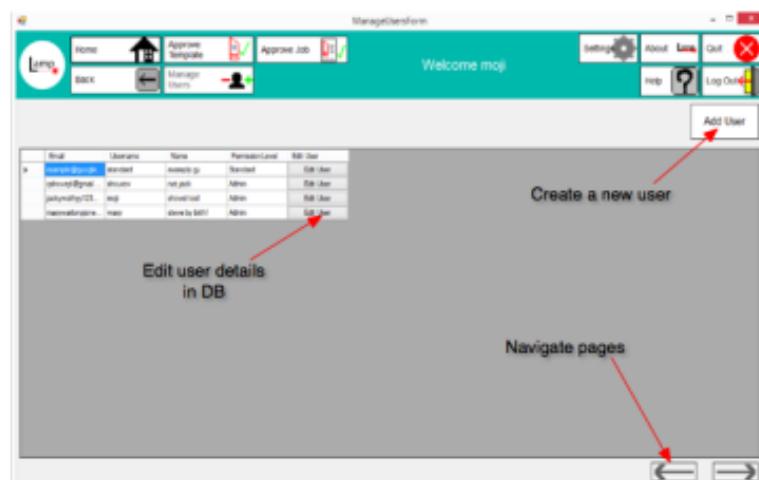


Figure 2.15: This form allows admins to manage user credentials and accounts

## 2.7.15 Dialogs

### Help

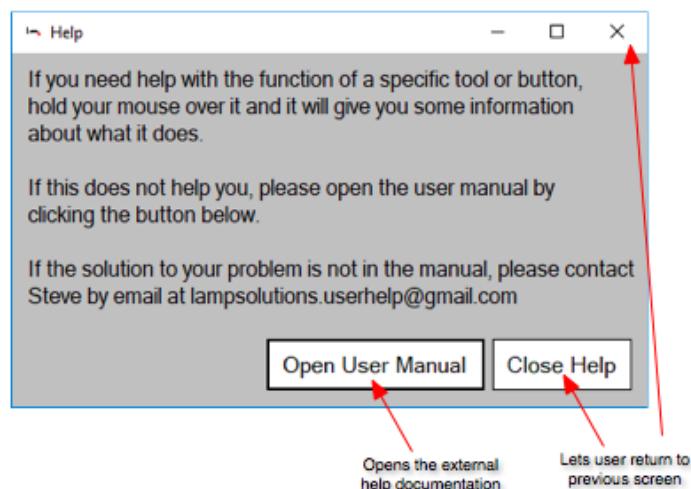


Figure 2.16: The help dialog informs the user how to use LAMP and provides a link to the user manual

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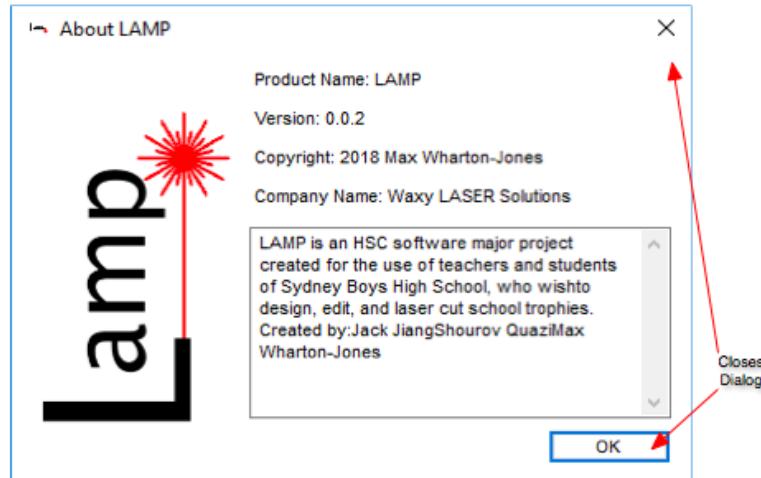


Figure 2.17: The about dialog provides information about the program along with relevant copyright and licensing terms

**Logout**

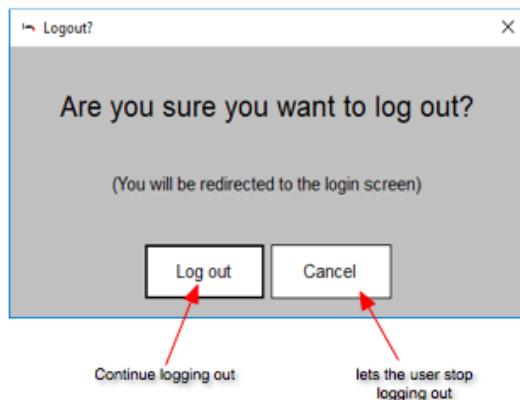


Figure 2.18: This logout box provides feedback to the user when the logout button is pressed

# Chapter 3

## Testing and Evaluating the Solution

### 3.1 Test Data <sup>1</sup>

#### 3.1.1 Boundary Testing

##### Login

Username	Password	Save Details	Expected Results	Reason
Valid Guest Username - “guest0”	Corresponding Password	Yes	Guest logs in and credentials are saved for login next time. Access level 0	Valid credentials were entered and the login details were saved
Valid User Username - “user1”	Corresponding Password	No	Student Logs in and credentials are not saved for login next time. Access level 1	Valid credentials were entered and the login details were not told to be saved
Valid Teacher Username - “teacher1”	Corresponding Password	Yes	Student logs in and credentials are saved for login next time. Access level 2	Valid credentials were entered and the login details were saved
Valid Admin Username	Corresponding Password	No	Admin Logs in and credentials are saved for login next time. Access level 3	Valid credentials were entered and the login details were not told to be saved
Valid Username	Invalid Password	No	Invalid Credentials Error popup	Invalid password was given
Invalid Username “-qeirj92-fikfl”	Invalid Password	No	Invalid Credentials. Error popup	Invalid username was given

<sup>1</sup>Test Data by Max

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[View Template / Add Template](#)

Selected Template	Field	Input	Expected Results	Reason
Template1	Name	Template2	Confirmation box followed by confirmation of change	User has submitted a valid change to the template, hence updating the template in the database
Template1	Name	""	Error message indicating invalid input as well as visual indication of the offending field	User has submitted an invalid change to the template, hence the program will not allow submission until changes are validated
Template1	Thickness	2	Confirmation box followed by confirmation of change	User has submitted a valid change to the template, hence updating the template in the database
Template1	Thickness	two	Error message indicating invalid input as well as visual indication of the offending field	User has submitted an invalid change to the template, hence the program will not allow submission until changes are validated

[View Template / Add Tags AND NewTemplate / Add Tags](#)

Input	Expected Results	Reason
Wood	Tag is added to the template and is seen under the tags table	Tag is valid and is added to the template file
""	Tag is not added to the template and an error message is supplied	Tag is invalid and hence will not be added to the template



### New Order

Field	Input	Expected Results	Reason
Add Tags	Grid Viewer shows all templates with a tag including "Wood" in them	Input tag is valid and hence the database shown is limited to the input tag	
Add Tags	""	Error message is shown indicating tag cannot be empty	Input tag is invalid and hence feedback is given to the user to validate the tag

### New Job

Field	Input	Expected Results	Reason
Number Of Jobs	3	Number is updated to indicate the number of jobs	Input is valid and hence the number of drawings generated in the job is increased to the input amount
Number Of Jobs	100,000	Number is updated to indicate the number of jobs	Input is valid and hence the number of drawings generated in the job is increased to the input amount
Number Of Jobs	three	Visual indicator of invalid input	Input is invalid and hence a visual indication is generated to indicate the corrupting field.

### New Job Boundaries (Optional)

Dynamic Text	Input	Expected Results	Reason
Name	John Doe	Dynamic Text is seen on table	Dynamic Text has been added by the user for the given job

### Add New User / Edit User

Field	Input	Expected Results	Reason
Username	John Doe	Field is updated with input	Input is valid and is added to the user file
Username	""	A red marker is generated to indicate an error.	Input is invalid and a visual error is generated to indicate the offending field
Password	password123	Field is updated with input	Input is valid and is added to the user file

Password	""	A red marker is generated to indicate an error.	Input is invalid and a visual error is generated to indicate the offending field
Name	John	Field is updated with input	Input is valid and is added to the user file
Name	""	A red marker is generated to indicate an error.	Input is invalid and a visual error is generated to indicate the offending field
Email	johndoe@email.com	Field is updated with input	Input is valid and is added to the user file
Email	""	A red marker is generated to indicate an error.	Input is invalid and a visual error is generated to indicate the offending field
Email	johndoeemail	A red marker is generated to indicate an error.	Input is invalid and a visual error is generated to indicate the offending field
Email	johndoe@email	A red marker is generated to indicate an error.	Input is invalid and a visual error is generated to indicate the offending field

### 3.1.2 System Level Testing

#### Hardware

Both the Application and the Server were tested on three different Windows Machines: A Windows 10 PC (i5 6600, 16gb RAM), Windows 7 Laptop (i3, 4gb RAM) and on a School Machine (Pentium, 8gb RAM).

#### Software

L.A.M.P was tested with various different .net framework versions(.net 4.5-7), and with a variety of external CAD programs.

### 3.1.3 Live Data

LAMP was tested with a variety of templates, some of which simulated real test data through dxf files that were then used to cut a trophy on the laser cutter.

### 3.1.4 Volume Testing & Large File sizes

A template containing the maximum amount of images (3), along with a long descriptions was found to be up to 5mb big. A Job containing the maximum amount of data was found to be approximately 20 mb. LAMP was capable of manipulating both files, albeit with longer save and load times .

The database was also loaded with different amounts of data to test the size of the database under heavy use:

## Templates

Files	Database Size
10 templates	6 mb
20 templates	9 mb
30 templates	10 mb
40 templates	12 mb
100 templates	18 mb

Due to SQLITE's automatic compression of dxf files, aided by the similar structure of said files, we found that storing many templates in the database was not a problem

### 3.1.5 Jobs

Files	Database Size
10 jobs	14 mb
20 jobs	20 mb
30 jobs	35 mb
40 jobs	40 mb
100 jobs	80 mb

Similarly, we found that SQLITE's compression helped reduce the storage space of jobs. However, since jobs are larger files, it required more memory than with an equal number of templates.

Despite the large amounts of data stored by LAMP, the database never grew unmanageably big, due to automatic compression. A database containing both 100 jobs and templates will require approximately 100 megabytes of storage.

### Response Times

We tested response times on two different machines, a developer machine (i5, 16gb RAM), and on the school computer (Pentium, 8gb RAM), to the nearest 100 milliseconds (ms).

Task	Time for Developer Machine (ms)	Time for School Machine (ms)
Startup	400	500
Insert Line into Drawing	< 100	< 100
Insert Circle into Drawing	< 100	< 100
Insert Static Text into Drawing	< 100	< 100
Insert Dynamic Text into Drawing	< 100	< 100
Save SPF (varies due to file size differences)	500-1200	600-2000
Save DXF (varies due to file size differences)	200-500	300-700
Get Template List	300-1800	300-1800
Get Job List	400-2000	800-2000
Submit/Edit Template	500-1300	500-1300

Submit/Edit Job	600-1500	600-1600
Delete Template	200-400	200-400
Delete Job	200-400	200-400

These results were collected using Passmark's AppTimer, and with visual studio's Benchmark Test Explorer. There was only a small difference in response time between the school and developer machine, enough though the developer machine had almost twice the computing power. This is likely due to the bottleneck being the hard drive and network speed, since there is little heavy computation required. For tasks longer than a second, a loading screen will need to be provided in order to provide feedback for the user.

### 3.1.6 Beta Testing

Our program was beta tested by two members of our software class and by Ms. Dam

#### Version 0.4

##### Tester: Brian.

Brian remarked that the program's interface did not flow correctly, often requiring the use of the X button in the window bar in order to return to a previous form. This resulted in a non-optimal user experience. One form, DESIGNER FORM was found to be almost unusable due to lack of help and the complexity of form (holding several designing tools that were non uniformly spaced), and needs to be redesigned. However, he was ultimately able to create basic templates after a short learning period using an external CAD program instead of LAMP's inbuilt open. From this, we learnt that the user interface was lacking and needed judicious use of both color and icons to improve its usability. Beta testing also revealed several bugs that caused LAMP to crash, including an error that caused the program to crash when the back button was pressed with no previous form.

#### Version 0.6

##### Tester: Vincent

This version of the program was more polished, with Vincent able to create templates from a provided dxf file, although a detailed walkthrough was required by LAMP employees. However, the program still contained several bugs that caused crashes that needed to be fixed, for example, loading an invalid or incorrect file caused the program to terminate. We also observed that the use of icons allowed Vincent to better navigate the program.

#### Version 1.0.2

##### Tester: Ms Dam

With the program entering 'stable' release, Ms Dam marked our program. However, a few bugs still existed. An incorrect compiler resulted in integer overflow, which resulted in program termination. Ms Dam also noticed that the dynamic text interface was hard to use by a new user, which could be improved in on future iterations. However, the core functionality of the program: generating templates which could be submitted as jobs to the IA staff was successfully used, although many small patches could be applied to greatly improve the experience.

## 3.2 Evaluation of the Final Solution <sup>2</sup>

Needs	Objectives	Evaluation of Objective
Must store > 50 different records	Yes	The program can store well over 50 templates, but as more templates enter the database, the loading and searching/sorting times will slow slightly.
Ability to store many types of users. e.g. clients, users.	Yes	The program currently assigns an access level to each user based on their position at the school. 0: guest, 1: student, 2: teacher, 3: admin, 4: LAMP employees/developers
Store fonts and different shapes	Yes	The program can write and read different fonts and create different shapes in the designer.
A drag-and-drop interface supporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• text with different fonts</li> <li>• circles</li> <li>• rectangles</li> <li>• lines</li> </ul>	Partially	<p>The trophy designer can both take a trophy file and loads it into LAMP, as well as edit the design or create a new one using lines, circles and other tools.</p> <p>While the template editor is functional, it is very limited due to difficulty in manipulating dxf files. Lines do not snap and is for the most part impractical regarding creating a new template, however works nicely for text addition.</p>
Program must indicate the material and settings to use on the laser cutter OR setting these values automatically before a job.	Partially	Using the summary section of the job, the user can specify what settings will need to be applied, but this would be difficult for an average user to do as the settings are quite specific.
The program must be efficient in the usage and process of its materials. For example, when engraving school trophies for Sydney Boys High School	Yes	The program is optimized so that a single job will have the maximum level of efficiency by effectively grouping trophies together using a specialized algorithm, therefore minimizing waste. The jobs are scanned to ensure laser cutting integrity is maintained, this is done by analysing line types and ensuring no erroneous lines or shapes are present in the file. This will increase the speed of laser cutting.
The program must be optimised such at LEAST 8 trophies can be cut per hour.	Yes	Due to the time saving methods listed above, the trophies can be printed more efficiently, saving time and increasing cuts per hour.
Program must assist the user in aligning the job in the laser cutter. Previously this was done manually with callipers.	Yes	Since the program produces a file with multiple trophies lain out in one file, the alignment of trophies is done automatically, thus the operator of the laser cutter will only need to insert a large sheet of material, and press cut.

<sup>2</sup>Evaluation by Max

To increase efficiency of the cutter:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce Raster lines</li> <li>• Increase Vector Lines</li> <li>• No double lines</li> <li>• Vector-based fonts</li> </ul>	Partially	The program filters out some duplicated lines and removes invalid lines. However, improvements can be made in order to further increase efficiency.
Current GUI has many issues, that must be rectified in the solution  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hard to navigate</li> <li>• Limited usage</li> <li>• No tutorial</li> <li>• No colour</li> <li>• Some functions don't work such as key bindings</li> <li>• Hard to line up</li> </ul>	Yes	The GUI has been made more intuitive with the inclusion of on-screen prompts and tooltips, while maintaining a clean, material look to minimize clutter.  The capabilities of the program have been greatly increased, with more tools and functions for the user to use. The program now includes a dedicated help document to guide the user through all aspects of the application.
Ability to export/import files compatible with illustrator AND/OR AutoCAD or other popular cad programs	Yes	Both illustrator and AutoCAD files can be imported into the designer, or straight into the database for personal or public use.
Ability to attach a number of tags to each template, which can be filtered by the user Sort/Search by:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Template name</li> <li>• Template creator</li> <li>• Date created/Approved</li> <li>• Item ID</li> <li>• Template material</li> </ul>	Yes	When uploading a trophy to the database, or editing the database, tags can be added or removed from the database files. The tags are used by the searching and sorting function of the database, allowing users to filter out unwanted specifications such as acrylic or wood.

<p>Three modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut trophy mode, someone manually lines blank trophies up as shown by the program, and a pattern is cut onto it</li> <li>• Cut Plaque mode, a sheet of material is cut using the laser cutter into smaller plaques</li> <li>• Net mode, a net is generated dynamically based on constraints given by the user: e.g. a box can be generated from length, height, width and whether it is closed or open</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>LAMP can be used to not only create trophies and plaques, but to create any file that a user would like to laser cut.</p> <p>We have made the program more generic by not forcing the user to switch between different modes to cut different things.</p>
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<p>3 levels of access, with each level having all the permissions of the levels below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student (Lowest): can submit templates to be approved then used by teachers/administrators</li> <li>• Teachers: can also submit jobs to administrators for approval, who run the laser cutter. Can also approve templates.</li> <li>• Administrators: have all permissions, can view all information and approve all jobs/templates, to be cut by the laser cutter.</li> </ul>	Yes	<p>The access levels have been slightly changed with an inclusion of a guest level (level 0), then all levels proceed as originally planned, with the higher levels possessing all features of the level(s) below.</p> <p>Administrators have access to the admin home, which is used to approve or deny jobs and approve additions to the database.</p>
<p>A process that reads in an Illustrator file and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reads all line-types in the file</li> <li>• Compiles line-types in numerical data</li> <li>• Quantitatively assesses linetype data</li> <li>• Provides estimate on print time</li> <li>• Displays linetype data in readable format</li> </ul>	No	<p>This has now been replaced with a newer method, spf files, which contain the design, as well as tags.</p> <p>Due to the validation of the files, the print time estimation supplied by the laser cutter print driver is more accurate, hence the need for developing our own print time calculator is non-existent.</p>

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The quality of the solution could be improved by making the UI less cluttered, containing more intuitive controls and layouts, as well as more tooltips and prompts. Many quality of life improvements could also be made to the solution including:

- Not resizing a form when a new function is being used and a new form is opened
- Forms appearing in the same location as the previous form
- More tooltips
- Updated help document
- Back button working with multiple screens on the same form
- more up to date help document, with FAQ and more tasks covered