System Requirements Specifications
Agar.io for SE 3XA3

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1 Project Drivers

1.1 Purpose of the Project

The purpose of Agar.io is to reinvent the way simple multiplayer games work and provide inspiration to the open source game development community. Most multiplayer games nowadays whether they are web-based, desktop, console or mobile, require signups. This is meant to be extremely easy to jump into while still providing a competitive and challenging environment to keep the user engaged and addicted.

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1.2 The Client, the Customer and other Stakeholders

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1.3 Users of the Product

Hands-On Users

The initial users of the product will be limited to our team and the students enrolled in the 3XA3 course.

Once the project goes live on a public domain, the users will be anyone with access to the website from a Windows, Mac OSX or mobile OS platform like iOS or Android.

All users are assumed to have some experience with games and how they work.

Priorities Assigned to Users

Key Users: General Public (Windows, Mac OSX, iOS Android) Secondary Users: Professor, Developers and Testers

User Participation

Users playing the game are prompted to use an anonymous name that they can create. No credentials are needed or stored. No user data is stored. Every session requires a new name to be created by the user. Maintenance Users and Service Technicians

These are the developers. (Our team)

2   Project Constraints

2.1   Mandated Constraints

Solution Constraints

The most important mandated constraint is the server. We will be hosting the game on our own server which means the game can only support a certain number of concurrent players before reaching a performance threshold. This also means latency will differ greatly based on where the game is accessed from.

Implementation Environment

The coding languages used will be web technologies such as HTML5, CSS3 and Javascript. Frameworks such as Socket.io, jQuery, Fabric.js, Paper.js, Create.js and Bootstrap will also be utilized. Node.js is a javascript runtime environment that will be used along with Socket.io to create the server and host the game. The development will utilize code editors such as Brackets or Sublime Text. We will also be using Bash or Windows PowerShell to commit push and run appropriate documentation tools. Partner or Collaborative Applications

not applicable

Off-the-shelf Software

not applicable

Anticipated Workplace Environment

This game will be mostly used at home and on the move.

Schedule Constraints

The deadline for the project is around mid-December, which gives our team around 3 months of development time.

Final Demo: Week of November 30th, 2015 Final Documentation: December 8th, 2015 Budget Constraints

not applicable

2.2 Naming Conventions Terminology

- Port: The Node.js server will run on a certain network location also known as the port.

- Ping: The latency between the client playing the game and the server.

- Web socket: Allows a persistent connection between the client and the server which means both parties can start sending data at any time without requiring an HTTP connection or long polling.

2.3 Relevant Facts Assumptions

Facts

People love games. A simple, fast-paced and challenging game that users can play anywhere, anytime with no time commitment is most likely to be highly successful.

Assumptions

The game will only run well on the future-friendly browsers such as Google Chrome, Safari and Mozilla Firefox. Thus we are assuming the game will mostly be played on these browsers whether on desktop or mobile.

3 Functional Requirements

3.1 The Scope of the Work

a) The Current Situation

A very basic Node.js server application exists and can be deployed from any modern Windows, OS X, or Linux environment.

b) The Context of the Work
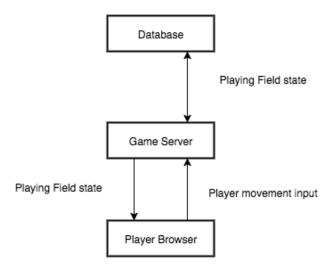
c) Work Partitioning

Figure 1: Context diagram

Event Name	input/output	Summary
1. User Enters game	User ID (IN) User Position + Field state (OUT)	User chooses name and is placed in the live game.

3.2 The Scope of the Product

9. Functional and Data Requirements
   a) Functional Requirements

Requirement #: 1   **Requirement Type:** 9   **Event/Use case #:** ?
Description: The game must be accessible online.
Rationale: It is an online, multiplayer game.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: The game is accessed via URL through a web browser that is connected to the internet.
Customer Satisfaction: 5   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: High   **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 2　**Requirement Type:** 9　**Event/Use case #:**
Description: The user must be able to join the online game at any time.
Rationale: There is one instance of the game that is ongoing.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: The user successfully joins the game.
Customer Satisfaction: 5　**Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: High　**Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 3　**Requirement Type:** 9　**Event/Use case #:**
Description: The user must be able to exit the game at any time.
Rationale: The user will want to exit eventually.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: User successfully exits game.
Customer Satisfaction: 5　**Customer Dissatisfaction:**
Priority: High　**Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 4　**Requirement Type:** 9　**Event/Use case #:**
Description: All online players must exist simultaneously on the same game-field.
Rationale: The game requires players to interact.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: The game successfully keeps track of all online players.
Customer Satisfaction: 5　**Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: High　**Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 5 **Requirement Type:** 9 **Event/Use case #:**
Description: The user must be able to move their character around the game-field.
Rationale: It is essential to the objective of the game that characters can move.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: User-input is output into viewable motion by the game.
Customer Satisfaction: 5 **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: High **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 6 **Requirement Type:** 9 **Event/Use case #:**
Description: The user's character must grow in weight but decrease in speed when they collide with objects or players smaller than them, essentially consuming them.
Rationale: This is the core game-mechanic.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: A character consumes another character and the game registers their increase in weight.
Customer Satisfaction: 5 **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: High **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 7 **Requirement Type:** 9 **Event/Use case #:**
Description: The user's game must end when they are consumed.
Rationale: This is how the consumption mechanic works.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: A larger character collides with the user's character, and they are returned to the start screen.
Customer Satisfaction: 5 **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: High **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 8   **Requirement Type:** 9   **Event/Use case #:**
Description: The game must keep track of character weights and collisions.
Rationale: This data is necessary in order to keep the game going.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: A user's weight is consistent with the amount they have consumed.
Customer Satisfaction: 5   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: High   **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 9   **Requirement Type:** 9   **Event/Use case #:**
Description: When the user starts the game, their character's weight is set to the default minimum.
Rationale: Fairness and consistency.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: The weight of a character when entering a game is the same as the weight of any other character when they entered the game.
Customer Satisfaction: 4   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 4
Priority: High   **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 10   **Requirement Type:** 9   **Event/Use case #:**
Description: The game must periodically add new objects to the board where they have been consumed.
Rationale: In order for the game to continue, there must always be a way for characters to grow in weight.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: A character consumes an object, then it reappears after some amount of time.
Customer Satisfaction: 4   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: High   **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

b) Data Requirements
Not applicable to this project.

4 Non-functional Requirements

a) Appearance Requirements

Requirement #: 11 **Requirement Type:** 10 **Event/Use case #:**
Description: The game must display characters as circles whose sizes correspond to their weights.
Rationale: Allows users to distinguish the weights of characters easily.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion:
Customer Satisfaction: 5 **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 12 **Requirement Type:** 10 **Event/Use case #:**
Description: The game must display characters in various colours.
Rationale: Colours make it easier for users to distinguish between characters.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion:
Customer Satisfaction: 4 **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 3
Priority: **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

Requirement #: 13 **Requirement Type:** 10 **Event/Use case #:**
Description: The game must display the user's chosen player-name over top of their character.
Rationale: Names allow even further distinguishing between characters.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion:
Customer Satisfaction: 4 **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 3
Priority: **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

b) Style Requirements
Not applicable to this project.

11. Usability and Humanity Requirements

a) Ease of Use Requirements

> **Requirement #:** 14   **Requirement Type:** 11   **Event/Use case #:**
> **Description:** The game must be easy to use by the average internet-user.
> **Rationale:** The target audience is internet-users.
> **Originator:** Vicky Bilbily
> **Fit Criterion:** An internet-user of any age or background is able to start and play the game without assistance.
> **Customer Satisfaction:** 5   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 4
> **Priority:** High   **Conflicts:** None
> **Supporting Material:** None
> **History:** Created October 10, 2015

b) Personalization and Internationalization Requirements

Not applicable to this project.

c) Learning Requirements

> **Requirement #:** 15   **Requirement Type:** 11   **Event/Use case #:**
> **Description:** An instructions page will be accessible to the user.
> **Rationale:** The user may need a reference to learn the controls.
> **Originator:** Vicky Bilbily
> **Fit Criterion:**
> **Customer Satisfaction:** 5   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 4
> **Priority:** Medium   **Conflicts:** None
> **Supporting Material:** None
> **History:** Created October 10, 2015

d) Understandability and Politeness Requirements

Not applicable to this project.

e) Accessibility Requirements

Not applicable to this project.

12. Performance Requirements

a) Speed and Latency Requirements

> **Requirement #:** 16   **Requirement Type:** 12   **Event/Use case #:**
> **Description:** The game must be sufficiently responsive.
> **Rationale:** The game requires real-time interactions between characters.
> **Originator:** Vicky Bilbily
> **Fit Criterion:** Actions of all characters are immediately displayed to the user.
> **Customer Satisfaction:** 5   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
> **Priority:** High   **Conflicts:** None
> **Supporting Material:** None
> **History:** Created October 10, 2015

b) Safety Critical Requirements

Not applicable to this project.

c) Precision of Accuracy Requirements

Not applicable to this project.

d) Reliability and Availability Requirements

> **Requirement #:** 17   **Requirement Type:** 12   **Event/Use case #:**
> **Description:** The game server must be running 24/7.
> **Rationale:** Users must always be able to access the ongoing, single instance of the game.
> **Originator:** Vicky Bilbily
> **Fit Criterion:** The user is able to begin the game at any time.
> **Customer Satisfaction:** 5   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
> **Priority:** High   **Conflicts:** None
> **Supporting Material:** None
> **History:** Created October 10, 2015

e) Robustness or Fault Tolerance Requirements

> **Requirement #:** 18   **Requirement Type:** 12   **Event/Use case #:**
> **Description:** The game must handle player-names that are not supported.
> **Rationale:** Names that are too long will be too large to display.
> **Originator:** Vicky Bilbily
> **Fit Criterion:** A user inputs a 40 character-long name and the game informs the user that they must choose a shorter name.
> **Customer Satisfaction:** 4   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 3
> **Priority:** Low   **Conflicts:** None
> **Supporting Material:** None
> **History:** Created October 10, 2015

f) Capacity Requirements

Requirement #: 19 **Requirement Type:** 12 **Event/Use case #:**	
Description: The game must be able to handle up to 500 players at once on its server.	
Rationale: If the game is as popular as hoped, we want it to stay running as much as possible.	
Originator: Vicky Bilbily	
Fit Criterion: The game does not lag or crash when 499 users are online.	
Customer Satisfaction: 4 **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5	
Priority: High **Conflicts:** None	
Supporting Material: None	
History: Created October 10, 2015	

g) Scalability Requirements
Not applicable to this project.

h) Longevity Requirements
Not applicable to this project.

13. Operational and Environmental Requirements
a) Expected Physical Environment

Requirement #: 20 **Requirement Type:** 13 **Event/Use case #:**	
Description: The game must be runnable on the most recent versions of Safari, Chrome, and Internet Explorer.	
Rationale: These are the most popular browsers on which to play online games.	
Originator: Vicky Bilbily	
Fit Criterion: The user is able to successfully start and play the game from these aforementioned browsers with internet connection.	
Customer Satisfaction: 5 **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5	
Priority: High **Conflicts:** None	
Supporting Material: None	
History: Created October 10, 2015	

b) Requirements for Interfacing with Adjacent Systems
Not applicable to this project.

c) Productization Requirements
Not applicable to this project.

d) Release Requirements
Not applicable to this project.

14. Maintanability and Support Requirements
a) Maintenance Requirements

Requirement #: 21   **Requirement Type:** 14   **Event/Use case #:** **Description:** The code must be written according to proper OOP standards such that it is easy to maintain and change. **Rationale:** The requirements may change in the future. **Originator:** Vicky Bilbily **Fit Criterion:** Qualities of the game may be altered by changing minimal lines of code. **Customer Satisfaction:** 4   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 3 **Priority:** High   **Conflicts:** None **Supporting Material:** None **History:** Created October 10, 2015

b) Supportability Requirements
Not applicable to this product.

c) Adaptability Requirements
Not applicable to this project.

15. Security Requirements
a) Access Requirements
Not applicable to this project.

b) Integrity Requirements
Not applicable to this project

c) Privacy Requirements

> **Requirement #:** 22   **Requirement Type:** 15   **Event/Use case #:**
> **Description:** The server must be secure.
> **Rationale:** Avoid hijacking and hacking of the game.
> **Originator:** Vicky Bilbily
> **Fit Criterion:** Nobody but the administrator is able to access the server.
> **Customer Satisfaction:** 5   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
> **Priority:** High   **Conflicts:** None
> **Supporting Material:** None
> **History:** Created October 10, 2015

d) Audit Requirements
Not applicable to this project

e) Immunity Requirements
Not applicable to this project

16. Cultural and Political Requirements
a) Cultural Requirements

> **Requirement #:** 23   **Requirement Type:** 16   **Event/Use case #:**
> **Description:** The game instructions must be written in English.
> **Rationale:** English is a popular language on the internet, and the language of we game creators.
> **Originator:** Vicky Bilbily
> **Fit Criterion:** English-speakers can read the game instructions.
> **Customer Satisfaction:** 3   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 3
> **Priority:** Low   **Conflicts:** None
> **Supporting Material:** None
> **History:** Created October 10, 2015

b) Political Requirements
Not applicable to this project.

17. Legal Requirements
a) Compliance Requirements
Not applicable to this project

b) Standards Requirements

Requirement #: 24   **Requirement Type:** 17   **Event/Use case #:**
Description: The game must comply with legal internet standards.
Rationale: The game is run on the internet.
Originator: Vicky Bilbily
Fit Criterion: The game does not break any rules of –name some internet standards act??–
Customer Satisfaction: 5   **Customer Dissatisfaction:** 5
Priority: High   **Conflicts:** None
Supporting Material: None
History: Created October 10, 2015

5   Project Issues

5.1   Open Issues

Currently our team has minimal experience with web socketing, servers and Node.js, thus development of the back-end of the game will take the most time and we expect to face many hurdles and roadblocks.

5.2   Off-the-Shelf Solutions

not applicable

5.3   New Problems

Potential User Problems

We need to take care in setting the colors for the blobs so we can keep the color-blind in mind. We also need to meticulously design any animations so they dont induce any seizures.

Follow-up Problems

Need to look into how many concurrent players a Node.js and Socket.io server can handle at once. Also need to look into how to handle player disconnections.

5.4   Tasks

1. Work on the proof of concept

2. Get game ready for revision 0 project demonstration

3. Create a user guide for the project

4. Write up a test report

5. Demonstrate Final Project

6. Finalize Documentation

5.5   Migration to the New Product

not applicable

5.6   Risks

There are no risks associated with this game.

5.7   Costs

not applicable

5.8   User Documentation and Training

Users will be given a short tutorial if requested before the game begins. The help option for commands will always be present on the game screen. Other than that, no documentation is required since it will be a fairly simple game.

5.9   Waiting Room

In the future, this can be ported to be an iOS or android app with more intuitive controls than a keyboard and mouse.

5.10   Ideas for Solutions

not applicable at the moment