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A. Purposes and Goals

A.1. Purpose

Internships provide students with a valuable opportunity to apply their skills in real job environments while enabling companies to connect with fresh talent. However, the process of finding and securing internships can be challenging for both parties.

Students&Companies (S&C) is a platform designed to facilitate this connection throughout the internship process. It allows students to match their preferences with available opportunities, ensuring internships align with their experiences and skills. Companies can specify project requirements to attract suitable candidates.

The platform supports both students and companies in two phases: recommendation and selection. During the recommendation phase, it utilizes keyword searches and statistical analysis to assess internship information. Students can search for internships and receive notifications about appealing opportunities, while companies can publish offers and get alerts when student CVs match their criteria. Once mutual interest is established, the selection phase begins, where the platform assists with interviews and finalizes the process. It also monitors the internship journey, providing feedback and enabling direct communication to address any questions. Additionally, the universities of the students can oversee the process to unsure the process is going smoothly.

A.2. Goals

[G1] All unregistered users must be able to create an account on the platform using their specific email address.

[G2] Students must be able to upload their CVs on the platform.

[G3] Students must be able to search for available internship offers on the platform.

[G4] Companies must be able to publish internship offers on the platform.

[G5] Users must receive notifications about relevant events.

[G6] Students and Companies must receive recommendations based on statistical analyses.

[G7] Students must be able to proactively apply for internships, before the submission deadline.

[G8] Companies must be able to set up the interview process.

[G9] During the interview process, students must be able to respond to the company's questions through questionnaires.

[G10] At the end of the interview process, companies must be able to collect the students' responses.

[G11] Companies must be able to send the results of the interviews to the students.

[G12] Students must be able to accept or reject the offer after receiving the interview results.

[G13] Students and companies must be able to write feedback regarding their internship experiences.

[G14] Students and companies must be able to communicate with each other during internship process.

[G15] Universities must be able to monitor the internship process of their students.

B.   Scope

B.1.   Scope

Students&Companies (S&C) aims to provide the best matching service between students and companies for internships. The platform will be available to students, companies, and universities.

If it is their first time using the platform, Students looking for internships can create an account using their educational institution's email and select their university from a list of the ones that collaborate with the platform. After creating an account, they need to fill out their profiles with keywords that describe their skills, experiences, and preferences. To complete their profiles, they must also upload their CVs. Otherwise they can log in to the platform using their credentials.

The universities associated with the students through their educational emails will be notified about the students' registration on the platform. The system will then add the registered students to the university's list, allowing the universities to monitor their internship activities.

Companies wishing to announce internship opportunities can create an account on the platform, if they do not already have an account. They need to provide the necessary information for the internship announcement such as the job description, requirements, and the number of interns needed etc. Companies can also specify the keywords that describe the skills they are looking for in students.

The platform will use the keywords in the students' profiles and the companies' internship announcements, along with historical feedback and information collected from previous internships, to recommend the best matches for both parties. Students will receive notifications about recommended internships, and companies will be alerted when existing students with matching CVs meet their needs.

Once students apply for the offers they are interested in, the companies will receive the applications and can select the students they wish to interview. The platform will assist companies in setting up the interview process and will allow them to record and store students' responses using the platform. Students will be able to respond to companies' questions through the tools or channels provided.

At the end of the interviews, companies can send the results to the students. Upon receiving the results, students can decide whether to accept or reject the offer, and the companies will be notified of their decisions. If a student accepts the offer and starts

the internship, the platform will update the internship activities about students at their universities. Students and companies can use the channels provided by the platform to communicate with each other during the internship, and at the end, they can provide feedback and suggestions regarding their experiences. Meanwhile, universities can track the internship process and view the messages and information exchanged between students and companies.

B.2.   Phenomena

Referring to the Jackson-Zave distinction between the world and the machine in the context of the S&C platform, the following phenomena are identified, specifying which parts are controlled by the machine and which parts are controlled by the world, shown in table 1.1.

Phenomena based on the Jackson-Zave model

Code	Phenomenon	Shared	Control
P1	**User registration**	Yes	World
P2	**User login**	Yes	World
P3	**Check username and password**	No	Machine
P4	**Student creates CV using text editor**	No	World
P5	**Student uploads CV in profile**	Yes	World
P6	**Student updates profile information**	Yes	World
P7	**Student searches available internships**	Yes	World
P8	**Company publishes internship offers**	Yes	World
P9	**Platform notifies users that a deadline has expired**	Yes	Machine
P10	**Platform suggests recommendations**	Yes	Machine
P11	**Platform adds student to university's list**	No	Machine
P12	**Student applies offer**	Yes	World
P13	**Student rejects or accepts internship**	Yes	World
P14	**Company selects candidates to interview**	Yes	World
P15	**Student participates interview**	Yes	World
P16	**Company sends interview results**	Yes	World
P17	**Stu&Comp write feedback of internship**	Yes	World
P18	**Stu&Comp view feedback of internship**	Yes	World
P19	**Student views the offers' description**	Yes	World
P20	**Company views the students' profile**	Yes	World
P21	**University views the list of its students**	Yes	World
P22	**University tracks the internship process**	Yes	World

Table 1.1: Phenomena in the S&C context

C.   Definitions, Acronyms, Abbreviations

C.1.   Definitions

- **Student:** A person who is looking for internships.

- **Company:** An organization which wants to announce internship opportunities to students.

- **University:** An educational institution that related to students and their internships.

- **User:** A generic term for students, companies, and universities who use the platform.

- **Candidate:** A term for students whose applications are selected and that will take part in the interview process.

- **Internship:** A opportunity offered by companies to students to gain practical experience in a real job environment.

- **CV:** Curriculum Vitae, a document that contains all necessary information about students to able to apply for internships.

- **Recommendation:** A suggestion made by the platform to students and companies based on their statistical analysis and simple keyword searches.

- **Selection:** The process of choosing students and companies to process the interview.

- **Feedback:** Comments and suggestions written by students and companies about their internship experiences.

- **Notification:** A message sent by the platform to inform students and companies about important events, such as new internship offers, matching CVs or interview results etc.

- **Interview:** A meeting between students and companies to decide an assignment of the internship offer.

- **Platform:** The Students&Companies (S&C) system that provides the services to students, companies, and universities about internships.

- **Keyword:** A label or tag that describes the skills, experiences, and preferences of students and companies.

C.2.   Acronyms

- **S&C:** Students&Companies

- **CV:** Curriculum Vitae

- **UI:** User Interface

- **UX:** User Experience

C.3.   Abbreviations

- **[Gn]:** Used to number the goals, where Gn is the n-th goal.

- **Stu&Comp:** students and companies

D.   Revision History

E.   Reference Documents

- " The World and the Machine: A model for the functional architecture " by Michael Jackson and Pamela Zave.

- Assignment RDD AY 2024–2025.

F.   Document Structure

This document is structured as follows:

- **Section 1: Introduction**
  It contains the purpose, goals, scope, and phenomena identified in the context of the S&C project, including the specification of definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations of the terms used in this document. In addition, it notes the revision history for updates to the document and the reference documents that were used during the development of this document.

- **Section 2: Overall Description**

- **Section 3: Specific Requirements**

- **Section 4: Formal Analysis**

- **Section 5: Effort Spent**

- **Section 6: References**

2 | Overall Description

A. Product perspective

A.1. Scenarios

Scenario 1: Mr.Spongebob registers on the platform

Mr.Spongebob, a final-year student at the University of Bikini Bottom, is looking for an internship to practice the knowledge he's gained. To do so, he asks advice from Professor Puff, who suggests using the Students&Companies platform to search for internship opportunities. Following her advice, Mr.Spongebob registers as a student on the platform, selecting the University of Bikini Bottom from the list of universities and verifying his student status with his educational email and password. Then, he fills in all the required personal information, including his name, date of birth, and other details. He also inserts keywords to describe his skills and the job fields he might be interested in. Finally, after uploading his CV, which contains all the necessary information and details, Mr.Spongebob completes his registration and can begin searching for internships. Meanwhile, Professor Puff, who oversees internship activities using the official account of the University of Bikini Bottom, is notified of Mr.Spongebob's registration.

Scenario 2: Mr.Krabs publishes an internship offer

Due to the rapid evolution of Technology, Mr.Krabs decides to collaborate with his competitor Mr.Plankton, on a new project. They plan to develop a "Hamburger super secret formula detector" that can detect what the customer likes by looking at his facial expressions, in order to to create the perfect personalized hamburger! To achieve this, they need to hire students specializing in Computer Vision, Deep Learning and AI to study the visual data. So Mr.Krabs logs into the Students&Companies platform using the official company account and navigates to the "Publish Internship" section to create a new announcement. He fills in all the required information: the title, location, role, application deadline, number of positions, duration, employment type, description, and required skills.

"Computer Vision and AI Intern"

Location: Krusty Krab Technology Lab, Bikini Bottom

Role: Intern

Application Deadline: 25th December 2024

Number of Positions: 2

Duration: 6 months

Employment Type: Full-time

Description: We are looking for students who can contribute to the development of the Hamburger super secret formula detector by developing algorithms that collect and analyze visual data. A love for hamburgers is essential!

Required Skills: Computer Vision, AI, Python, Deep Learning

After that, Mr.Krabs publishes the internship offer, which can be seen in the "Available Internships" section and in the company's profile section. Immediately after the publication, he receives a notification of recommended student profiles that may match the offer requirements.

Scenario 3: Mr.Patrick searches for internships

Mr.Patrick is very worried because he is in the last semester of his master's degree, so he has to find an internship or he won't be able to graduate in Food Engineering. He remembers he has an account on the Students&Companies platform, which he used to find an internship at the beginning of his studies, so he decides to take another look at the platform. He logs in and updates his profile and CV, adding the new skills he has acquired during his master's degree. He navigates to the search bar and types "Hamburger" to look for internships related to hamburger studies. When he doesn't find anything that interests him, he scrolls through the recommended internships list. Finally, he finds Mr.Krabs' posting and becomes very interested in the project, so he applies for the internship and waits for the company's response. After applying, he can check the status of his application in the "Your Applications" section.

Scenario 4: Krusty Krab Technology Lab Interview

After the application deadline, Mr.Krabs and Mr.Plankton review all the applications received for the intern position. They select the candidates by reviewing their profiles and CVs, and then send them an invitation for an interview. For the first round of interviews, Mr.Plankton decides to formulate a set of short questions to know more about the can-

didates' skills and experiences. The candidate will be able to respond to these questions through a form inside the platform. In said form Mr.Plankton also includes the date, time and location of the interview and the necessary information to better prepare the candidates. After sending the invitations, the candidates selected for the interview receive a notification from the platform. At the end of the interview, Mr.Plankton evaluates the candidates and discusses with Mr.Krabs to decide who to hire. Finally, they send an offer to the best candidates and wait for their acceptance to start the internship.

Scenario 5: Mr.Gary's application is rejected

Mr.Gary, an undergraduate student at the University of Bikini Bottom, applied for an internship at the "Krusty Krab Technology Lab" since he was very interested in the internship opportunity. After the application deadline, Mr.Krabs and Mr.Plankton reviewed all the applications received for the intern position. Unfortunately, they do not think Mr.Gary has enough experience for the internship, so they reject his application. Mr.Gary received a notification informing him that his application was not selected and explaining the reason for the decision. He will still be able to see his application in the "Your Applications" section and the status will be marked as "rejected".

Scenario 6: Mr.Squidward goes through the interview phase

Mr.Squidward, a student at the University of Bikini Bottom, was selected for an interview after he applied to the "Krusty Krab Technology Lab" as a data science intern. He goes to the "Your Applications" section and fills the interview form with his answers. Then he checks the details for the live interview and prepares for it. After the interview, he waits for the company's final decision. Finally, if he is selected he will receive a notification with the offer from the company, he can still choose to turn down the offer if he changes his mind or finds a better opportunity, otherwise he can accept the internship offer will start.

Scenario 7: Ms.Sandy starts her internship

Ms.Sandy is very passionate about space and is thrilled to have been selected for an internship at the Underwater Space Agency. She receives and accepts an offer from the company. At the same time, the Bikini Bottom University of Aerospace's professor Manta received the notification about the new activity started by Sandy. However, she is a bit anxious, so she logs into the platform and navigates to the "Your Internship" section to review its details and opens the chat with the company's representative. She then asks

some questions about how she should prepare in the coming days and for any advice that they think should be useful to know to have a good start in the internship.

Scenario 8: Mr.Squidward leaves his feedback

At the end of his internship at the "Krusty Krab Technology Lab" as a data science intern, Mr.Squidward is surprised by the experience he has gained, even though he has several complaints about the heavy workload. He decides to leave a warm message for Mr.Krabs and Mr.Plankton to thank them for the opportunity. After that, he navigates to the "Internship" section to add a review of his internship experience and rate the company. It is also the section where he can check the suggestions left by his mentors regarding his internship, which is only visible to the company and the university.

Scenario 9: Track the internship activities

As the internship period progresses, Professor Puff is responsible for overseeing the students' activities at the University of Bikini Bottom. She is curious to know how the students are doing in their internships, particularly Mr.SpongeBob, who is using the platform for the first time. She logs into the platform with the university credentials and looks at the list of students, searching for SpongeBob's name. She finds, in his active internship section, that he has been selected for an internship at the "Krusty Krab Technology Lab". By reading the feedback left by the company throughout the different stages of the internship, she is very glad to see that SpongeBob is doing well in the field he is passionate about!
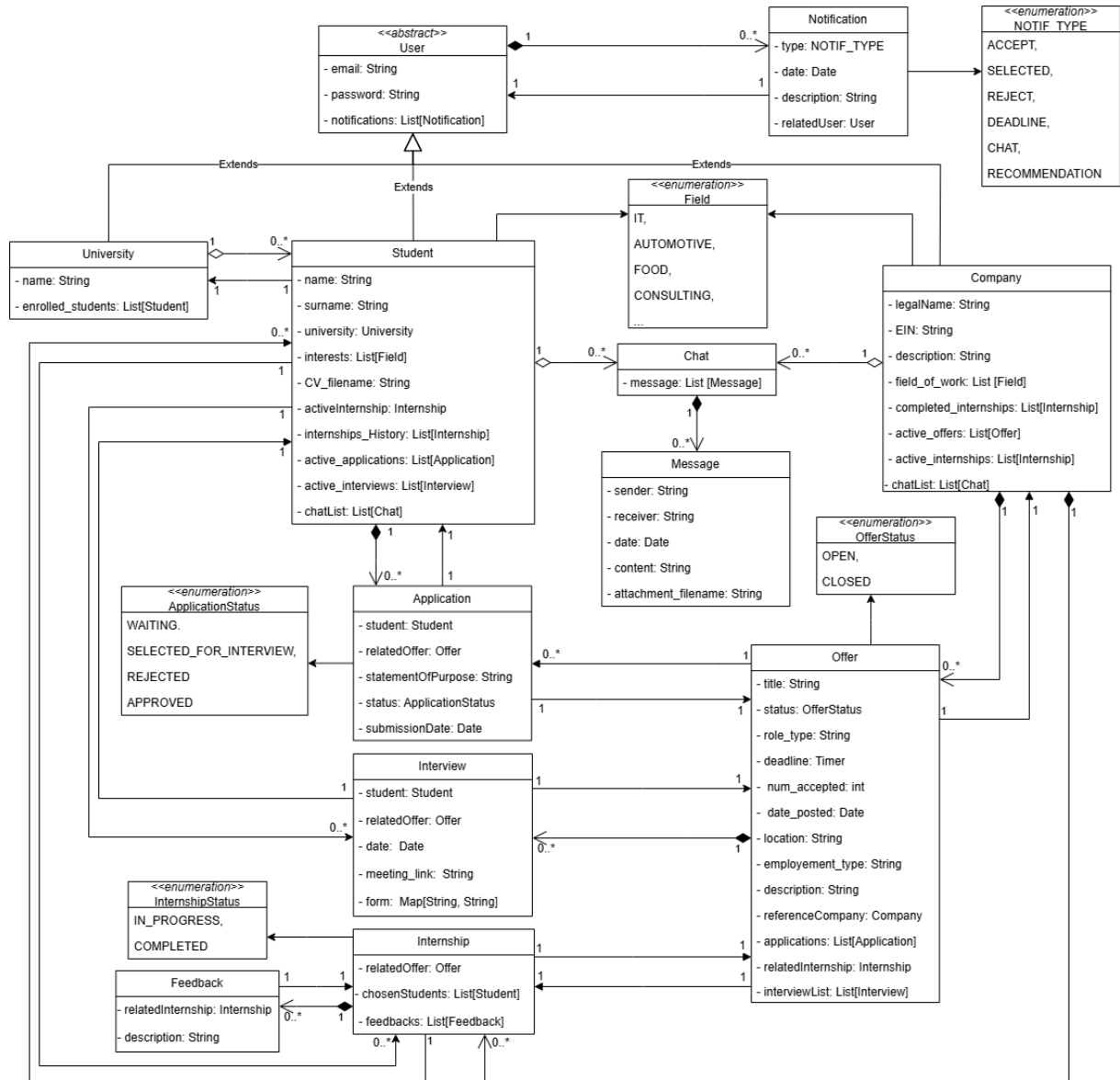
A.2. Domain-level diagram

Figure 2.1: Domain-level diagram

Students, Companies and Universities are implemented by extending the abstract class
User. The User class contains the common attributes: email, password and the list of
notifications. Notifications have a type, description and date and are related to a specific
User. Universities have a name and contain the list of all their enrolled students. The
Student class contains specific attributes to save their profile information (like name,
interests, university, CV) and can create applications for internships that are stored in
a list. They also have references to current interviews for internships, current chats and

ongoing and past internships. Companies contain specific attributes to save their profile information (like legalName, EIN, field of work) and can create internships that are stored in a list. They also have references to ongoing and past internships, currently active offers and current chats.

The chat is a collection of messages between a sender and a receiver.

The Application class contains the information about the student that applied for an internship's offer, their personal statement of purpose and also records the status of the application. The Offer class contains all the information about the internship: the title, location, description, deadline. It also has references to the Company who made the proposal, the Internship itself and maintains a list of all the submitted applications and all the interview sessions.

The Interview class contains the information about the interview session: the date and link to the live session, and the map containing both the questions and the student's answers. The Internship class contains a reference to the related Offer, a list of the students that were chosen for the internship, and a list of the feedbacks left both by the students and the company at the end of it. The Feedback class contains a reference to the related Internship and a description.

There are enumerations to keep track of the state of the Application, Internship and Offer.

A.3.   Statecharts

The following sections present statechart diagrams for the platform's main processes, including internship recommendations, the internship selection process, and internship status tracking.

1. Internship recommendation

Figure 2.2: Statechart diagram for internship recommendation

The recommendation process is a key functionality of the platform. After logging in, both students and companies can use the search system to view recommendations that match

their preferences. Alternatively, they can access suggestions in the notification section, which are generated through a statistical analysis of data from profiles and internship details. As illustrated in the statechart diagram, when users find an interesting recommendation, they can click on it to view more details. At this stage, students can apply for the internship, while companies can decide whether to accept the student profile. If accepted, the student will be notified that a company is interested in their profile for a specific internship. Otherwise the student or the company can close the recommendation after reviewing it.

2. Selection process for internship

Figure 2.3: Statechart diagram for selection process for internship

Through the selection process, that will begin after the application deadline, companies will review all applications received for the intern position and select candidates for the interview stage. Once a decision is made, the company will send an interview invitation to the selected candidates through the platform, while those not selected will receive a notification explaining that, unfortunately, they were not chosen to proceed further. If a candidate does not attend the interview, the company will consider this as a rejection of the invitation. After all interviews are completed, the company will evaluate the candidates and decide whom to hire. The selected candidates will receive an offer, and the company will await their acceptance to confirm the internship role. At the same time, candidates not selected at this stage will receive a rejection notification. Once candidates

respond to the offer, the company will be notified of their decision.
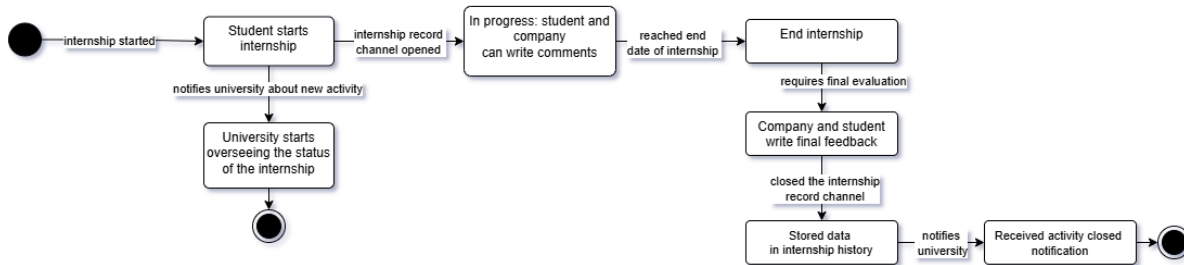
3. Internship status

Figure 2.4: Statechart diagram for internship status

This statechart diagram will illustrate the internship status tracking process. Once the internship begins, the student's university will be notified, allowing the university to monitor the student's activities and ensure the internship is progressing as expected. During the internship, the student can use a chat feature to communicate with the company representative and can provide feedback on their internship experience in the specific internship section. Similarly, the company can use the chat to communicate and leave feedback on the student's performance, offering suggestions for improvement. At the end of the internship, both the student and the company must complete the final evaluation and feedback process, marking the end of the internship phase. The internship will then be officially closed, and all related information will be archived in the database. At this stage, the university will be notified of the internship's completion. The student will find this internship listed as a past activity in their internship history, and the company will have access to this record in their records for future reference.

B. Product functions

Sign up and login

There are three types of users on the platform: students, companies, and universities. The platform allows users to create an account if they do not already have one. In the first step, each user will be prompted to specify whether they are a student, company, or university. All users will need to set up login credentials with an email address and password. For students, the system will ask them to select their university from a list. If their university is not listed, they will be unable to continue with registration. Students must also verify their status by using their

educational email. For companies, multiple accounts can be created under the same organization, with each linked to a different department's unique email address. The company's identity shall be also verified using its unique EIN number and other required details. Once verified, users can access the platform with their email and password. On first login, the system will require users to complete their profile with essential information to finalize registration. Students, in particular, must upload a CV before accessing other features of the platform. After registration, users can log in simply by selecting their user type and entering their credentials.

Data management system

The platform securely stores all user data in a protected database, including personal information, CVs, chat history, and other relevant data. Specifically, the system retains detailed internship information, such as announcements, applications, interview records, internship status, and feedback, which are used to analyze and optimize the matching algorithm. Additionally, other user data is recorded to provide better personalized recommendations and notifications. The system ensures that all data is encrypted and protected from unauthorized access. Furthermore, users have the option to delete their accounts, modify personal information, and, for students, update their CVs as needed.

Search system

This function allows students to search for internships using keywords such as job title, company name, location, and more. Similarly, companies can search for student profiles using criteria like name, university, skills, and other relevant details. Universities, on the other hand, can search a specific student within their student list by name to monitor activities and access the student's profile. The search system will display a list of recommendations based on the user's preferences and search history. Additionally, users can filter the search results by selecting specific categories to refine their search.

Recommendation system

This feature is one of the platform's main functionalities, offering personalized recommendations to students and companies based on their search preferences and the statistical analysis of data from profiles and internship details. Recommendations can be viewed in the search results or in the notification section. The system is designed to continuously improve the accuracy of these recommendations by analyzing user behavior and feedback in real-time, optimizing the quality of the results. Users can click on a recommendation to view more details about the internship posting or student profile.

Internship application

Through this function, students can apply for internships that interest them after viewing the details of the posting. Once the application deadline has passed, the company will review all received applications and select candidates for the interview stage. The platform will notify students of the results at this phase. If a student's application is accepted, they will be invited for an interview. Otherwise, the student will be notified that their application was rejected. However, the student can still apply for other internships, but cannot reapply for the same internship once rejected.

Internship Posting

Companies can publish internship offers on the platform using this function. In the "Publish Internship" section, companies must provide all required details, including the title, location, role, application deadline, number of positions, duration, employment type, description, and required skills. Once the internship offer is published, the company will receive recommendations for student profiles that match the offer's criteria. Additionally, the company can access the "Available Internships" section and select a specific posting to view the list of applications received and select candidates for the interview stage.

Selection phase Assistance

Once the application deadline has passed, the company can use this function to select candidates and send interview notifications. The system will guide the company through the selection process by providing a list of received applications, allowing the company to review each candidate's profile and CVs. Additionally, the system will offer tools such as questionnaire forms to help the company know more about the candidates before the actual interview will take place. The system will also notify students of the results from the selection phase (application or interview result).

Internship Status Tracking

This function allows users to monitor the progress of internships, including the past completed internships and the current active internships. Students can view internship status through their internship history, while companies can access it through their records of the history of their published internships. Universities can monitor student activities through the student list associated with them. The status tracking system is designed to record all important information about the internship and notify the relevant parties of any changes or updates.

Internship Feedback system

This feature is activated when the internship begins. Each specific internship will

have a dedicated area for both the student and the company to provide feedback and evaluations. It allows students and companies to share useful information, such as suggestions, key issues, and ongoing feedback, separate from the chat system. This section is designed to record important highlights throughout the internship process. At the end of the internship, the system will prompt both the student and the company to submit their final evaluations or comments. Once the internship is concluded, this feature will be deactivated, and all related information will be archived in the database. The university will evaluate the student's status based on the information provided by this feature.

Chat system

The chat system is an important feature of the platform that allows users to communicate with each other. Unlike a typical chat system, this function is not always active. It is activated once a company selects a student to be part of one of their internships. It allows both parties to communicate during the internship period and maintain contact afterward for potential future collaboration, such as mentorship or networking. Through the chat system, they can exchange messages and files, while the chat history will be stored in the database for future reference. The activation and deactivation of the chat system ensures privacy and security, preventing unnecessary communication, such as spam or harassment, before real collaboration begins and filtering out unqualified messages. The key difference between the chat system and the feedback system is that the chat system is real-time and private, accessible only to the two parties involved. In contrast, the information collected through the feedback system is more formal and public. The university can access this data when evaluating the student's performance, and other users can read anonymous comments left by students who participated in internships when reviewing a company's reputation.

Notification system

This function creates a channel for the platform to send notifications to users. Notification types include recommendations, application results, interview invitations, interview results, internship status updates, and other important communications from the platform. For example, when a student start an internship, the university will be notified through the notification system.

Acceptance and Rejection

This function allows users to express their decisions: students can accept or reject internship offers, and companies can accept or reject student applications. Once a student accepts an offer, the company is notified, and the internship officially

begins. If a student rejects an offer, the company is notified, and the reserved position is reopened for other candidates. Similarly, if a company rejects a student's application, the student is notified, and the application is marked as rejected. The acceptance and rejection system ensures that both parties are informed of the results and can proceed accordingly. Additionally, this system helps improve the platform's matching algorithm by providing better recommendations in the future, based on the acceptance and rejection rates to better understand user preferences.

C.   User characteristics

This section will examine the needs of the platform's primary users: students, companies, and universities. Each user group has specific requirements, and the platform is designed to meet these needs with various features. Here's an overview of what each group expects from the platform:

C.1.   Students

Students are the primary users of the platform who are looking for suitable internship opportunities to gain practical experience. They need an intuitive and user-friendly interface that makes it easy to search for internships. Since many students are not familiar with the job market, they require a recommendation system that suggests internships match their skills, preferences, and career goals. They also expect through the platform they will be able to apply for internships that are interested in and to update their profile and CV when they gain new skills or experiences. Furthermore, students want to communicate directly with companies once a collaboration is established. They would like to receive feedback from companies about their performance during the internship, as this helps them improve their skills and future careers. Additionally, they want to share their experiences and leave comments to help other students evaluate potential employers before applying. Finally, students need to be able to track the status of their internships and receive timely notifications, allowing them to take informed action.

C.2.   Companies

Companies are the users of the platform that provide internship opportunities to students. They require a platform that allows them to easily publish and manage internship postings, receive applications, and select candidates for interviews. Specifically, companies expect the platform to offer recommendations that match the requirements for the

internships they've posted. This helps them identify the most suitable candidates and streamline the selection process. Companies also need an efficient communication system to interact with students for scheduling interviews and discussing internship details. They expect to receive feedback from students on how to improve the company's internship programs and provide evaluations on student performance. Additionally, companies need access to student profiles and CVs to identify the best candidates for the internships. They require the ability to track the status of internships and receive notifications regarding students' decisions on whether to accept or decline an offer. The platform should allow companies to have multiple accounts, especially if they represent different departments, and manage them separately. Furthermore, companies should be able to select student profiles that interest them and contact students through the notification system to promote their internship offers.

C.3.   Universities

As users who are closely related to the students, universities need to be able to monitor the activities of students who are registered as their students. They need to be able to track students' internship statuses and receive notifications about updates to students' activities. Additionally, they need to be able to view students' profiles and activity histories to evaluate their performance, using the search bar to find a specific student.

D.   Assumptions,dependencies and constraints

D.1.   Domain Assumptions

[A1] The university of the student who want to register on the platform must be listed in the platform's database. If the university is not listed, the student will not be able to complete the registration process.

[A2] The company that wants to register on the platform have a unique EIN number available.

[A3] All students have an educational email that can be used to verify their student status.

[A4] All students should have a CV that contains all the necessary information and details about their experience.

[A5] All university have an official email that can be used to verify their identity.

[A6] Every department of a company has a unique email address that can be used to

verify their identity.

[A7] The platform will be able to communicate correctly with email servers to send notifications to users.

3 | Specific Requirements

A. External Interface Requirements

A.1. User Interfaces

As the users of the platform include students, companies, and universities, the user interface is designed to facilitate interaction with the platform and meet their needs. For instance, many students may be unfamiliar with the internship search process and may lack experience in finding job opportunities, so the user interface should be simple and intuitive to use.

In the following section, the principal Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs) are described within drafts, and this part will be further detailed using refined mockups in the Design Document

- **Welcome page:** The welcome page is the first page users see when they open the platform. It contains the platform's logo and a brief description of its purpose. On this page, users can log in using their credentials or create an account if they are new to Students & Companies.

- **Register Page:** During the registration phase, users will first be asked to select their user type (student, company, or university). Based on the selected user type, the corresponding registration form will be displayed, and users will be prompted to provide the necessary information to create an account. In addition to common data such as name, email, and password, users will need to provide additional information based on their user type. For example, students and companies will be asked to personalize their profiles by adding details such as their field of interest, skills, a short description of themselves, and more to make their profiles more appealing to other users.

- **Notification Page:** It will display various types of notifications received from the platform. For example, students will see notifications about updates on their application status, companies will receive notifications about new applications, and

universities will be notified about new student registrations on the platform.

- **Side Menu:** The side menu is a navigation menu that provides access to the main sections of the platform, depends on the user's type. It will be displayed on the left side of the screen, with different sections available. For example, for students, the side menu will include sections such as Search Internships, Dashboard, My Profile, My Applications, Internship History, Chat.

- **Header Bar:** The header bar is displayed at the top of the screen and includes the platform's logo, a menu icon, a chat icon, a notification icon, and the user's profile icon. It remains visible on all pages once the user has logged in.

- **Chat Interface:** The chat interface is accessible from either the side menu or the header bar of the platform. It allows students and companies to communicate with each other in real-time. They can view a list of available chats, send and receive messages, and access their chat history.

- **Profile Page:** This interface is used by user to view and edit their profile data in case of necessary, in particular the student can update their CV accessing this page.

- **Search page:** This page contains a search bar and displays the results based on the user's search. For example, a student can search for internships, and the platform will return a list of results based on the student's input.

- **Internship evaluation page:** This page is used by both students and companies to evaluate internship performance. Both parties can provide feedback during the internship, and at the end, to complete the evaluation process, they must leave final comments and rate the internship. Students also have the option to leave anonymous reviews about their experience, which can help other students make decisions about internships. These reviews will be visible when user visiting the company's profile.

Since the platform is designed for three types of users, the specialized interfaces for each user type are described in further detail below, considering the characteristics of each user.

- **Student Interface:**

  - **Student Dashboard:** This is the home page that appears once the student logs in. On this page, the student gets an overview of all the main functionalities they can access. The dashboard consists of:

    1. Search Bar with Filter Command: Allows the student to search and filter based on specific criteria.

2. Overview of Suggested Internships: Displays job search keywords and internships recommended by the platform's algorithm.

3. My Applications: Provides a quick overview of the status of the student's applications.

4. Internship History: Displays a record of the internships the student has applied for in the past, including the internship they are currently doing if exist.

– **My applications:** The student can track the status of their applications and view the details of the internships they have applied for. Through this interface, the student can also receive information related to the selection process, such as the interview date, the interview result, and the final decision of the company. Additionally, the student can filter their applications based on their status, such as "waiting".

– **Internship history:** The student can view the internships they have participated in so far, along with the evaluations related to their experiences. The page also allows the student to access the feedback section, where they can leave comments or notes about a specific internship.

• **Company Interface:**

– **Company Dashboard:** It's the home page once the company logs in. On this page, the company gets an overview of all the main functionalities they can access. The dashboard consists of:

1. Search Bar with Filter Command: Allows the company to search and filter results based on specific criteria.

2. Overview of Student Profiles: Displays student profiles suggested by the platform's matching algorithm for different internship announcements.

3. Internship Announcements: A list of internship announcements the company has published, along with the number of the applications received.

– **Publish Internship Page:** This is the main functionality of the company interface. On this page, the company can create a new internship announcement and post it on the platform. The company is required to enter the necessary information, following the guidelines provided by the platform.

– **Internship management page:** This page is divided into several sections:

one for internship announcements that have been published but are still in the
publication phase, one for internships in the selection phase, one for internships
currently in progress, and one for closed internships. From this interface, the
company can manage internships of all phases.

- **University Interface:**

  - **University Dashboard:** The university dashboard displays a list of students
    and their associated activities. The university can view the list of students
    registered on the platform and select a student to see detailed information
    about their profile, activities, and internships they are currently doing or have
    completed in the past.

A.2.   Hardware Interfaces

Students&Companies is a web-based platform, so it can be accessed from any device with
an internet connection. The platform is compatible with all modern web browsers. It is
designed to be responsive and work on different screen sizes, including desktops, laptops,
tablets, and smartphones.
The system will be hosted on multiple server that meet the requirements for web hosting.
They will be responsible for the platform's backend processes, including the reccomenda-
tion algorithm, the data collection and the statistical analyses.

A.3.   Software Interfaces

The system will interact with an emailing system to confirm the registration of new users.
It will also integrate various APIs to provide additional functionalities, for instance an
API for implementing statistical analyses based on collected data that will be used to
improve the recommendation algorithm. Another example would be an API to interact
with the database in order to store and retrieve information.

A.4.   Communication Interfaces

The system will use HTTPS to ensure secure communication between the client and the
server. The platform will also use WebSockets to enable real-time communication between
users, such as chat and notifications functionalities. Since the platform is designed to be
a RESTful web application, it will use JSON as the data interchange format between the
client and the server.
To interact with the mailing system, the platform will use SMTP protocol.

B.   Functional Requirements

B.1.   Functional Requirements

[R1] S&C allows unregistered ST and CO to sign up

[R2] S&C allows registered Users to login

[R3] S&C allows STs to upload their CV in their profile section

[R4] S&C allows STs to search for internships

[R5] S&C allows COs to create internships by compiling all the information

[R6] S&C allows COs to set a deadline for submitting the application to an internship

[R7] S&C allows COs to publish internships

[R8] S&C should notify STs when they are selected by the CO for the interview process

[R9] S&C should notify STs when a CO is interested in their profile

[R10] S&C should notify STs when he is successfully selected for a position

[R11] S&C should notify STs when a CO rejects their application

[R12] S&C should notify STs when a new chat message is available

[R13] S&C should notify STs when an internship who matches their interest is available

[R14] S&C should notify COs when the deadline for a published internship has expired

[R15] S&C should notify COs when the candidate accepts the position

[R16] S&C should notify COs when the candidate refuses the position

[R17] S&C should notify COs when a new chat message is available

[R18] S&C should notify COs when a ST with a CV that corresponds to their needs is available

[R19] S&C should be able to analyze the User's data to provide the recommendations to both STs and COs

[R20] S&C allows STs to submit their application for an internship

[R21] S&C allows STs to visualize information about a published internship

[R22] S&C allows COs to view the list of all applications that were submitted for a specific internship

[R23] S&C allows COs to record STs selection outcomes

[R24] S&C allows COs to create forms to submit to candidates for the interview process

[R25] S&C allows candidates to respond to the received forms

[R26] S&C allows COs to visualize the responses of the STs who have replied to the forms

[R27] S&C allows COs to record the results of the interview

[R28] S&C allows COs to contact the chosen students to offer them the position

[R29] S&C allows STs to accept or reject the offer after receiving the interview results

[R30] S&C allows STs and COs to write feedback and complaints relating to the internship experience

[R31] S&C allows Users to view feedback and complaints relating to the internship experience

[R32] S&C allows STs and COs to exchange information using the chat, only if the ST is participating or has participated in an internship offered by the company

[R33] S&C allows UNIs to monitor their STs and their current internship experiences

[R34] S&C allows UNIs to visualize the profiles of their STs

[R35] S&C allows COs to visualize the profile of a ST

[R36] S&C allows STs to visualize the profile of a CO

[R37] S&C stores the information about the Users

[R38] S&C shall ensure security of data

[R39] S&C shall communicate with the mailing system in order to allow Users to register their account

B.2. Requirement Mapping

B.3. Use Case Diagram

B.4. Traceability Matrix

C.   Performance Requirements

- **Concurrent access of users and resource utilization:** A platform like Students&Companies is expected to have a large number of users, so it must be able to handle multiple requests simultaneously. By searching online for platforms that offer similar services we have found that a good estimate for the number of concurrent users that the platform should be able to manage is roughly a few thousands, peaking at a few tens of thousands during peak internship publishing periods (like at the end of universities semesters).

   The platform should be able to optimixe the resource utilization to ensure that the system can handle the load without any performance issues. This includes optimizing the database queries, caching data, and using load balancing techniques to distribute the load across multiple servers.

- **Data processing and storage:** The system should be able to process and store a large amount of data efficiently. From what we were able to find online, similar platforms estimate that the number of registered users can reach a few hundreds of thousands, and the number of internships published can reach a few tens of thousands. For this reason, the database should be able to easily handle a few terabytes of data.

   The platform should also be able to process data quickly, especially when performing statistical analyses in order to generate recommendations for students and companies. This includes optimizing the queries made by recommendation algorithm to ensure that it can provide recommendations in real-time.

- **Time of Response:** From the users' perspective, the system should be responsive, meaning the response to any of his request should appear instantly. In order to achieve this, the response time for most operations, such as loading a page, submitting an application, or performing a search, should be at most a few seconds during peak usage and in the domain of milliseconds in normal conditions.

   Particular attention should be given to the recommendation algorithm, which should be able to provide recommendations in real-time, to the chat functionality, which should allow users to communicate in real-time, and to the notification system, who must ensure that updates are delivered to the user before relevant deadlines expire. The response time of other operations such as the ones that involve the mailing system cannot be guaranteed by S&C.

D.   Design Constraints

D.1.   Standards Compliance

The platform should comply with the REST API standard in order to correctly process user inputs.

The system must be compliant with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which is a set of regulations that is designed to protect the privacy and personal data of individuals within the European Union. This means that the platform must ensure that user data is collected and processed in a lawful and transparent manner, and that users have the right to access, correct, and delete their data.

The platform should also comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) to ensure that the platform is accessible to users with disabilities. This includes providing alternative text for images and making sure that the platform is compatible with screen readers.

Since the users accessing the platform could be from different countries and timezones, the platform should use a time standard like UTC to ensure that all dates and times are consistent across different regions and that deadlines can be communicated and handled without ambiguity.

D.2.   Hardware Limitations

The platform is a web-based application, so it should be able to run on any device with an internet connection and a compatible web browser. Furthermore, it should not require high level or specific hardware.

D.3.   Any Other Constraint

S&C is intended for students, companies and universities only, so the platform should not be accessible to users who do not belong to these categories.

Since users may speak different languages, it should be designed completely in English, as it is the most widely spoken language and is commonly used in the business and academic world.

E.   Software System Attributes

E.1.   Reliability

The platform should be reliable and ensure that the data is always available and consistent. Particular attention should be given to the recommendation algorithm, which should be programmed with the utmost care so that it is always working properly and recommendations are always accurate. This is because uninteresting and unfit recommendations could lead to a decrease in the platform's popularity and a loss of users.

The system should also be able to cope with partial failures through replication and recover from failures quickly and without data loss. This includes implementing regular backups of the database and state.

E.2.   Availability

The system should have a required uptime of at least 99.8%, which means that the platform should be available 99.8% of the time. This is equivalent to a downtime of less than 18 hours per year. To achieve this, the platform should be designed with fault tolerance in mind to ensure that the system can handle failures without affecting the availability.

During the downtime period, a maintenance page should be displayed to inform users that the platform is being updated or is experiencing technical difficulties and is currently unavailable. In order to avoid the expiration of a deadline during the downtFime, planned maintenance should be scheduled during off-peak hours, such as late at night or early in the morning.

E.3.   Security

In order to guarantee a secure system, the platform should control the access rights of the users, ensuring both authentication, meaning that the identity of users that attempt to login must be verified, and authorization, meaning that the permission of users to perform specific actions must be verified. As an example, a student should not be allowed to create an internship.

To comply with the GDPR, the platform should encrypt all sensitive data, such as passwords and personal information, using secure communication protocols, like HTTPS and TLS, and algorithms.

E.4.   Scalability

The system should be designed to be scalable, meaning that it shouldn't sacrifice performance as the number of concurrent users and stored data grows. This includes the ability to scale horizontally by adding more servers in orderd to distribute the load and the ability to scale vertically by upgrading the backend hardware to increase the system's capacity.

In particular, the recommendation algorithm must be able to scale well. It should be optimized to handle a larger number of users and data, and ensure that it can provide recommendations in real-time.

E.5.   Maintainability

The platform should be easy to maintain and update. This includes writing clean, understandable and well-documented code, using version control systems to track changes, and following best practices for software development, like writing unit tests and using continuous integration and deployment tools.

The platform should also be designed to be modular, meaning that different components should be decoupled and independent from each other, so that they can be updated or replaced by different development teams without affecting the rest of the system.

E.6.   Portability

The system should be compatible with any kind of device that has an internet connection and a compatible web browser. This includes desktops, laptops, tablets, and smartphones.

4 | Formal Analysis Using Alloy

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5 | Effort Spent

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1 - Introduction	TBD	5 hours
2 - Overall Description	TBD	TBD
3 - Specific Requirements	TBD	TBD
4 - Formal Analysis Using Alloy	TBD	TBD

Table 5.1: Effort spent for each section

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