Software Design Document

<Victorian Crash Sight>

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# System Vision

## Problem Background

In the context of road safety in Victoria, the reduction of road-related fatalities over the past decade is encouraging (~10%). However, the improvements are not seen between motorists and vulnerable road users like pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, as they face much higher risks. These groups make up a disproportionate amount of low-speed injuries, particularly within densely populated areas such as major cities. This continuing vulnerability highlights the need for a focused approach to improving road safety strategies. The introduction of a tool which can provide a comprehensive understanding of accident patterns, will aid legislators by providing actionable information to identify then improve safety for these parties within at-risk areas.

## System Overview

The proposed system is an interactive visualisation tool designed to provide a user-friendly platform for analysing and understanding road accident data in Victoria. The proof-of-concept build will be a self-contained system, using provided datasets for comprehensive data analysis and visualisation. The core system is an intuitive user interface with sorting features such as filtering, interactive maps, and graphs to present data by the user’s specification. This system will be specifically designed to utilise road accident data and will not be operable when using other datasets.

When the user opens the application they will have options to filter the dataset to their requirements. They will have options to filter by selected time period, hour, localisation, and alcohol influence. This data will be searched for in the dataset and presented to the user via multiple tools such as graphs or tabulated data. This data can be sorted in ascending orders depending on the users preference.

The system will be designed specifically for computer usage. The system will not be compatible with mobile devices, but will work across operating systems (windows and iOS). The basic hardware requirements to run this program will be minimal. The system should have a i5 processor, which is the most common kind of processor in modern computers. A visual display and a keyboard will be required to search and analyse the data.

## Potential Benefits

There are multiple benefits to this new system. It offers a user-friendly platform to analyse road accident data in Victoria. By providing comprehensive insights into accident patterns through intuitive graphs, maps, and other filters, policymakers can focus on vulnerable road users and extract relevant data to better road safety for these people. Its information leads to evidence-based decision-making, identification of high-risk areas, efficient resource allocation and long-term trend analysis. The benefits of this system can be a better informed public and safer roads for those who use them.

# Requirements

## User Requirements \*\* more here (functional/non-functional requirements)

The system is being designed as a proof-of-concept for legislators and manufacturers. These clients would not necessarily be interested in a large amount of the data but will need specifics when it comes to the context clues given in the data, they are more interested in the most pertinent information. For these clients there are a set of details that they will need, which are listed below. Depending on the client, some of these requirements are not as pertinent and are reflected in the use cases in 2.3.1 & 2.3.2.

* Accident date
* Accident time
* Alcohol Influence
* Accident Type
* Severity
* Speed Zones
* Location
* Involved Party Keywords (Pedestrian, Bicycle, etc)

The filtered data here will be best used to give the interested stakeholders context clues around what happened. As an assistance tool it has great value in data analytics alongside user stories. These should be intuitive to gain access to and present itself in a visually appealing and easy to understand way. If successful the system should be able to utilise this information for better legislative practice.

## Software Requirements

The purpose of this project is to allow a client / user to interact with the given data set and analyse the pertinent data. For our project to be effective, we need to meet a certain set of functional requirements, these functionalities are listed below.

R1.1 The program will read from a CSV file of a defined name within the program files.

R1.2 The program will store the data in a dataframe which can be created & filtered efficiently via the pandas python package.

R1.3 The program will filter the dataframe to the users specification - most commonly to the below list.

* Selected time period
* Alcohol Influence
* Accident Keywords
* Location
* Average Accident Hour
* Severity

R1.4 The program will filter the dataframe to any combination of the before mentioned list.

R1.5 The program will be completely unit and user tested, ensuring that the same data is returned on multiple re-queries.

R1.6 The program will load within a reasonable time of under 5 seconds from user query.

R2.1 The program will have a user interface which is user-friendly and intuitive. This will have an area which presents tabulated data, and will generate graphical representations on user request.

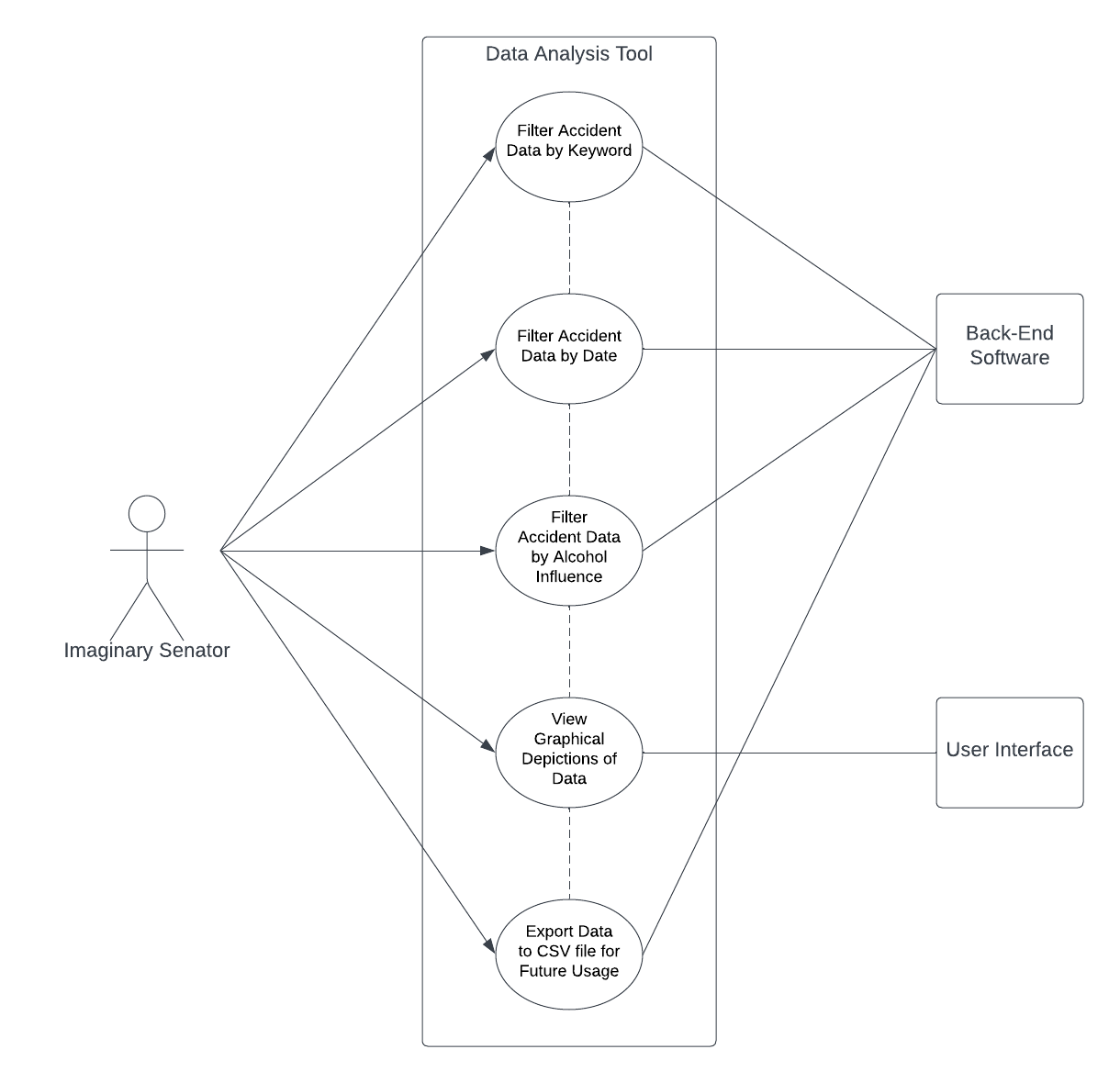
R3.1 The program on user request will produce a map view of victoria showing a heatmap of accidents within that location. The deeper the colour in a region the more accidents present.

## Use Cases & Use Case Diagrams

The primary stakeholders interested in our proof-of-concept project are legislators and manufacturers, but a secondary potential user could be vulnerable commuters. Legislators and manufacturers are policy makers in a sense but with vastly different levels of lawful influence. Conveniently, both of their interactions will be similar, being interested in slightly different information so having slightly different use cases. The vulnerable commuters would be interested in location and severity information, so they know what areas to avoid while commuting.

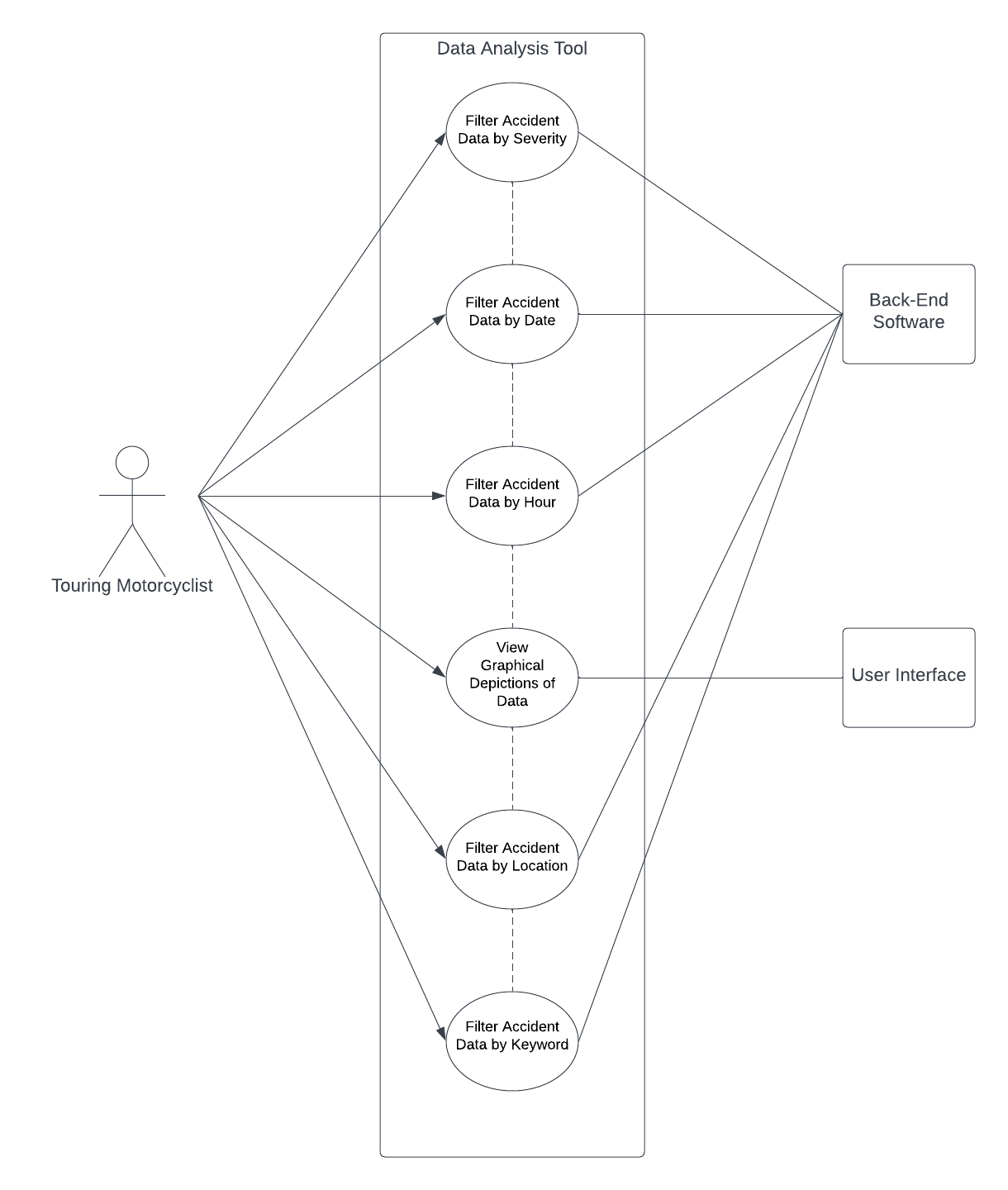
### 2.3.1 Use Case 1: Senator looking to Improve Local Road Safety.

An imaginary senator within Victoria wants to improve the road safety in their area. They need actionable information to bring to a hearing and to be the basis of their arguments. They want a strong grasp on the relevant information, and need visual tools to better aid their understanding. The breakdown of use-cases for this person are below. Notably there is some information that the senator would not be interested in such as hourly data or a full city breakdown. They are interested in general data for their location.



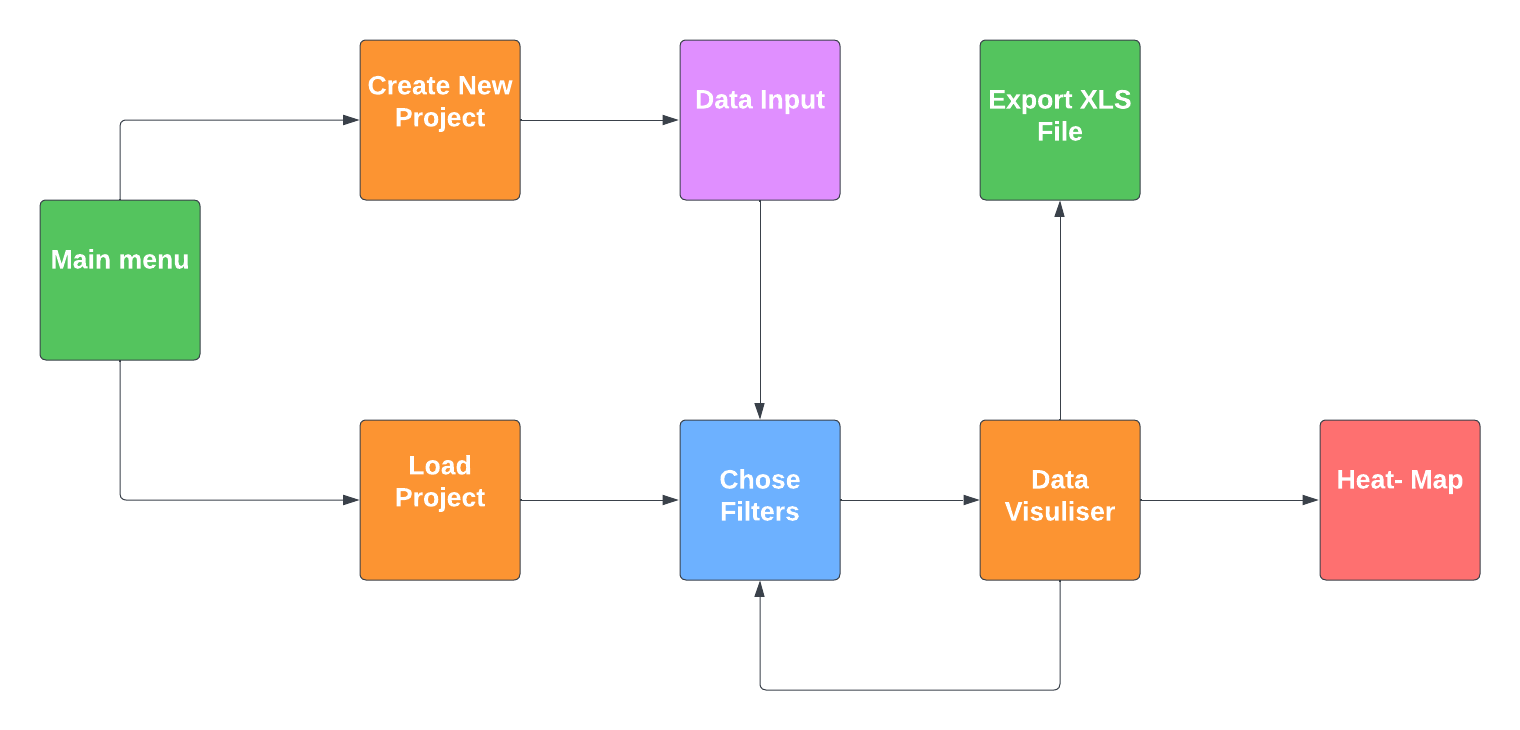
### 2.3.2 Use Case 2: Motorcyclist Travelling Across Victoria

A motorcyclist is on a tour across Victoria and intends to pass through much of its local regions. They are worried about their safety in general since they believe drivers are not vigilant the closer they are into the city. They want to understand what areas they should avoid. They’ll be interested in data such as accident severity, specifically motorcycle accidents, locations they’ll be passing through, hours they should avoid on the road, and they will need a graphical representation of the data to better help their understanding.



# Software Design and System Components

## Software Design



A block diagram/flowchart of how your software might work

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## System Components

### Functions

Preliminary list of all functions in the software. For each function in the list the following information is provided:

* a brief description of what it does  (1 or 2 sentences);
* a list of the input parameters, and their data types, and what they are used for;
* a list of any side effects caused by the function (ie change global or member variables, changes data passed by reference from calling function etc)
* a description of the function’s return value

### Data Structures / Data Sources

List of all data structures in the software (eg linked lists, trees, arrays etc) or eternal data sources. For each data structure in the list the following information is provided:

* Type of structure (tree, list etc),
* Description of where and how it is used
* List of data members, and what each one is for do
* List of functions that use it

### Detailed Design

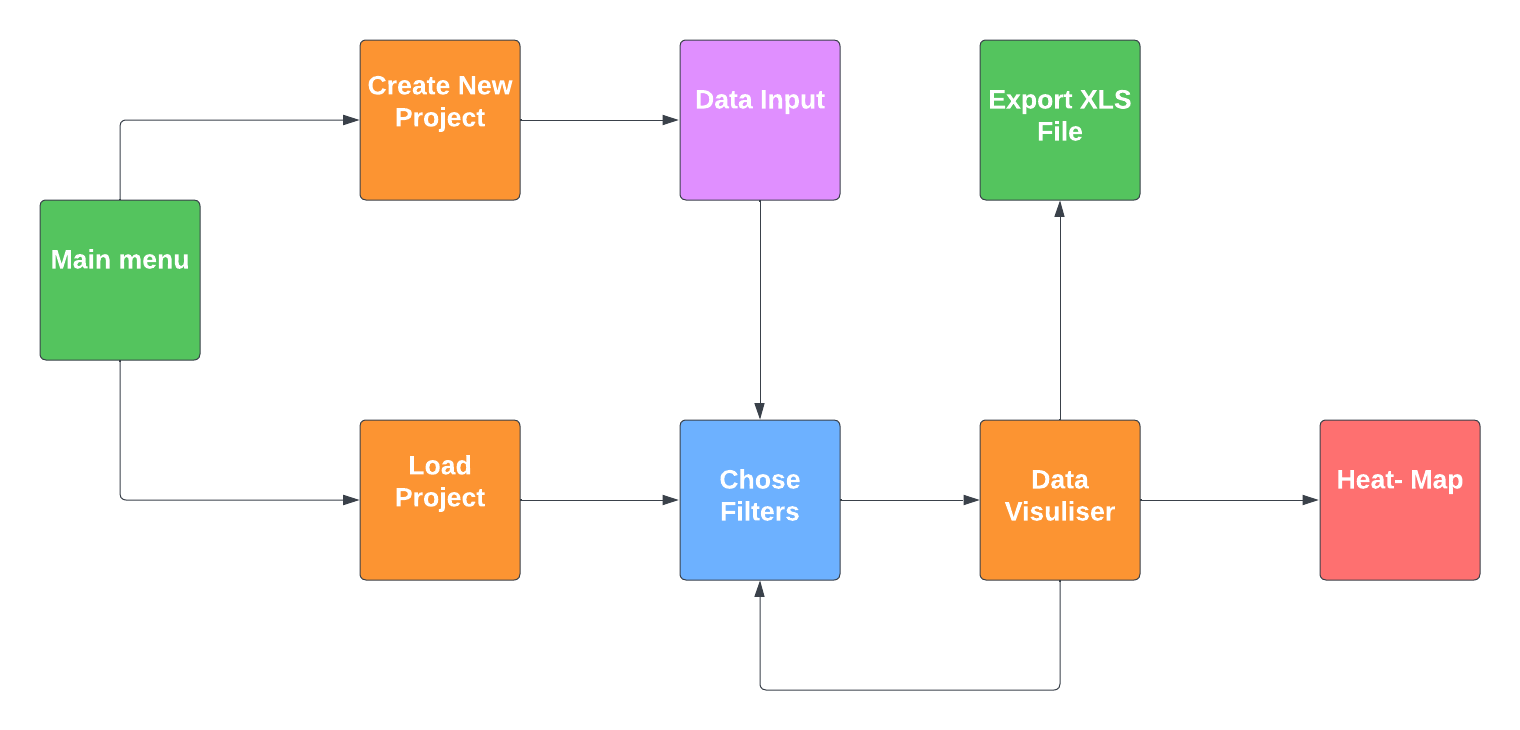
Pseudocode for all non-standard / non-trivial algorithms that operate on data structures

# User Interface Design

This is your initial interface design. Describe the tools you used for this design stage and any key findings that informed your design.  This introduction is descriptive and should explain what you have completed for the actual design work you will present in the sub-sections below.

The tools used for the initial design phase of the program were python library tkinter, this was used to get a rough idea of the structure of how we would like the program to operate. Mockup Ui were brainstormed using figma

## Structural Design and Visual Design

A sequential ordering of menus was the original concept of the team to approach this project, this was because the program we are designing is a tool used to convey data. So the steps to display the data should be simple and straightforward for the end user to follow. The original concept is as follows. 

This structure is very simplistic and allows the team to focus on how the data is displayed, rather than complex UI functions. The user will navigate through the data presented to them in the data visualiser screen, this will include toggles for certain statistics involved in crashes such as public car involvement or if the person was harmed. Then the program will display what the end user has selected, sometimes this will include a heatmap of where those incidents with matching details occur. the UI will have to display this information to them and this will be handled when we design the wireframe.

Next we needed to design the look of the Interface this was done with Figma a web based wireframe designer. We kept the colours to simple blues and greys to allow for ease readability. A simple mockup of the main menu was designed as shown here.



The main menu will not display as non-functional interactions for the end user at this point because this is the initialisation and setup stage.

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