

Software Requirements Specification

for

Web Based Personal Journal (JournalJay)

Version 1.2

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# Introduction

This document will specify all the requirements of JournalJay, a web-based personal journaling site. The objective of this journaling site is to give users flexibility to put down their thoughts whenever they like.

## Document Purpose

The product described in this document is the web based personal journal site JournalJay Version 1.2. The purpose of this document is to describe the scope of the JournalJay to users and the development team. Aspects of the system will be described in this document, including but not limited to, user interaction, system constraints, and interfaces.

## Product Scope

JournalJay is web-based journaling application using HTML/CSS and JavaScript. The web journal is a convenient alternative to traditional journaling for users that have electronic devices. The web journal has a unique sign in for each user. Each user can have journal entries up 365 entries that they can review at any time while they are signed in. The website also has a mood tracker. For each user entry, they can assign a mood for the day from a list of presets on the site. A user will also be able to change the entry background from a set of presets. Usernames and passwords are stored on the backend for the prototype, and journal entries on local storage through the browser. The software needs an internet connection to work.

## Intended Audience and Document Overview

This document is intended for CS 320 Professor Brandon Hedden, the developers, and JournalJay users. The Professor will look for the completeness of the entire document. The developers are Laurel Anderson and Irina Bejan; they will use this document to reference the project outline and requirements. The user can use this document to look up definitions used for the software (section 1.4) and the product functionality (section 2.2). This document is organized with the introduction first, which includes the document-specific requirements. The overall description section and the specific requirements section describes the software in its entirety. Section 4 describes the non-functional requirements.

## Definitions, Acronyms and Abbreviations

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| **Term** | **Definition** |
| App | Application |
| CS | Computer science |
| CSS | (Cascading Style Sheets) A programming language used to style HTML. |
| HTML | (Hypertext Markup Language) The standard markup language for documents designed to be displayed in a web browser. |
| HTTPS | (Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure) The data transfer protocol used on the World Wide Web. |
| IEEE | Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. |
| JavaScript | High level programming language used with HTML and CSS on the Internet. |
| UI | User interface |
| User | Someone who interacts with the web application. |

## Document Conventions

This document follows the IEEE formatting requirements. This includes size 11 Arial font for text, single spaces, and 1” margins. Italics are used only for comments.

Sections are labeled by size 18 bolded white text and centered on a dark background. Subtitles are labeled by size 14 bolded text, justified left.

## References and Acknowledgments

We would like to thank God for helping us not lose our minds during this semester.

[1] IEEE Software Engineering Standards Committee, “IEEE Std 830-1998, IEEE Recommended

Practice for Software Requirements Specifications”, October 20, 1998.

# Overall Description

## Product Perspective

JournalJay is an online application that allows users to create personalized journal entries in an easy way. When the user goes to the website, they are prompted to sign in or create username and password. Once signed in, the user will be able to create one journal entry a day. The user will also be able customize their journal entries and pick a mood for the day from a list of presets while they are creating their entry. The user will be able to revisit entries later.

The user will also be able to get help regarding the site from a help button on each screen. The help button will show the user a quick tutorial that describes the different functions of the site. JournalJay is a self-contained product, a digital conversion of a traditional medium. The usernames, passwords, and journal entries are stored on a simple database client side.

Diagram

Description automatically generatedA simple diagram showing the project perspective is as follows:

Figure 1

## Product Functionality

Here is some of the functionality of JournalJay:

* The user can create a username and password for their own account.
* The user can sign into their account.
* The user can create a journal entry every day.
* The user can customize the journal entry while they are creating it.
* The user can review any previously created journal entry while signed in.

## Users and Characteristics

There are two types of users, first time users and returning users. New users will need to create a username and password when they first register. After the initial interaction with JournalJay, new users will not have to create a username and password again. In the prototype, these are the users hard coded into the backend.

The general users will most likely have mid-level to advanced technical experience because they use an online journal instead of a traditional journal medium. Avid users can sign in once a day to put their thoughts down in an entry. They may come back in the same day to review entries and moods from other days. They also may decide to use the entry customization in its entirety. Secondary users may only use the site to make an entry 3 to 5 times a week. They would not use the mood tracker or customization options. They may, however, sign in to review their previous journal entries.

## Operating Environment

On the server side, the components of the application must function within an Ubuntu Linux operating system environment. On the client side, the components of the application must function within common web-browser environments. These browsers will minimally include:

* Diagram

  Description automatically generatedApple Safari 11+

Figure 2

* Google Chrome 86+
* Microsoft Internet Explorer 11+
* Mozilla Firefox 84+

The provided diagram is a simple illustration of the interaction between the components, interface, and database.

## Design and Implementation Constraints

Due to the lack of database experience of the developers of this project, the journal site application will use a static array to store the usernames and passwords and will store journal entries on the browser’s local storage. The application will rely on the user’s browser having JavaScript functionality. The application uses a model view control system to organize the code. The languages used for the application are JavaScript and HTML/CSS. Additional libraries will include Milligram.

## User Documentation

Because the system offers basic functionality, the user documentation component is a simple help button on the right-hand side of the screen available to the user once logged in. Upon clicking the button, the user will see screenshots of how to use the basic web application, and instructions for emailing a specified help account with any outstanding issues, [help@journaljay.com](mailto:help@journaljay.com) (inactive).

## Assumptions and Dependencies

The assumptions and dependencies include:

* The browser the consumer uses has the necessary JavaScript libraries we are using.
* The browser should be able to handle the Milligram framework.
* The user can have up to 365 journal entries.

# Specific Requirements

## External Interface Requirements

### User Interfaces

The user interface of JournalJay has a minimalistic design, with light colors and basic styling to encourage a clean and de-stressed state of mind. A user new to JournalJay will first see the Log-in page (Figure 3). If they are a new user, they can click “Create Account” and a prompt will ask them to confirm.

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Figure 3 - Log-in

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Figure 4 - Registration

When signed in, a user will see the Landing page (Figure 5), where they can choose to create a new journal entry or view an old one. The created entries are displayed in a list with their corresponding title and emoji, and once selected, the full entry (title, mood, date, body) will display beneath the list of entries with the selected background color. The user can press “My Profile” to access their profile page, and they can press “Help” to access the help page.

Every user’s Profile page (Figure 6) will display their username and password, with the options to change them.

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Figure 6 - Profile

Figure 5 - Landing

The New Entry page (Figure 7) is the space for creating a new journal entry. The user can name their journal entry and begin typing the content of the entry. The date is generated by the web app; it will not be edit-able. The user can also select a “mood” as an emoji from a drop-down menu, and a background color for each journal entry. There is a “Save” button for the user to save their work, or “Cancel” to refresh the fields.

Graphical user interface, application

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Figure 7 - New Entry

### Hardware Interfaces

The user must have a computer with a keyboard, mouse, and monitor. The keyboard is used to input journal entries, usernames, and passwords. The mouse is used to validate any fields such as accepting a username and password. The mouse will also be used to choose from any options given to the user such as choosing a mood for the day. The monitor will show the site, any messages from the site to the user, and the journal entries. JournalJay has no effect on the RAM or other hardware of the user system.

### Software Interfaces

The software interface integrates smoothly with the local Linux operating system. The interface is able to manage the local input and output devices as needed. The front-end of the application communicates with the backend in order to get necessary information from the user and update it back to them. The communication between the frontend and backend consists of both reading and modifying the data.

### Communications Interfaces

JournalJay is a web based so the browser will handle encryption (HTTPS). JournalJay will interact with the user though an internet browser, but the stored usernames and passwords is client-side on their computer.

## Functional Requirements

Journal Entry Requirements:

* The user must be able to create one journal entry for each day.
* The user may only input data within the enclosed square.
* While the user is creating the journal entry, they should be able to choose the background of the entry window from a group of presets.
* The user may a mood from a provided mood selection. The chosen mood must display on the corresponding journal entry icon.
* Once an entry is created for the day, the user may only review journal entries.

## Behavior Requirements

### Use Case View

The actors in this use case diagram are the new user and the returning user.

When a new user navigates to JournalJay, they will be prompted to input a username and password or instructed to create a new password. Once a new user creates their username and password, they are considered a returning user.

Returning users can create a journal entry, customize their journal entry, choose a “mood of the day”, submit and review old journal entries.

Diagram

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Figure 8

# Other Non-functional Requirements

## Performance Requirements

Each page should be visible to the user within 5 seconds. Each page should have buttons clearly marked with options for the user. Selecting an option should only take one click. All other performance related to storage, memory, and processing should follow standard practices to ensure requirements are minimized.

## Safety and Security Requirements

No personal information including email address or phone numbers will be stored on the site. Each user will have a unique identifier. Due to the limited scope of this project, the username and password will not be heavily protected. The journal entries, username, and password will be stored locally.

The project does not require for the site to be secure. There will be no personal information about the client on the site except the journal entries. The security requirements will be the following:

* The site will be protected by a user-created password and username.
* The usernames and passwords will be stored locally on the users’ machine.
* JournalJay will use HTTPS; that will take care of the general web security.

## Software Quality Attributes

### Reliability Requirements

The application shall be reliable by fetching the associated account information and journal entries upon correct login credentials. This will be achieved using if-and-only-if logic when communicating with the backend.

### Availability Requirements

The average system availability should be at least 98% of the time. This allows for approximately 3.4 hours of downtime per week. With basic functionality, JournalJay should not require more downtime, especially in this limited scope.

### Security Requirements

Incorrect login credentials should elicit a failure message 100% of the time, not allowing a log-in. When a taken username is attempted for a new account, the user should be asked to select a different username 100% of the time. The software shall not accept duplicate usernames.

### Maintainability Requirements

For application extendibility, the JavaScript, CSS, and HTML files shall be written to seamlessly implement new functions in the future. This includes following standard code conventions and writing generally organized and well-annotated code fragments. The system should also have the capability to host up to 100 users simultaneously. For application testability, test environments should be built to thoroughly test each function. Developers should reference requirements frequently to test against different scenarios.

Appendix A – Data Dictionary

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| **Acronym** | **Full Term** | **Definition** |
| HTTPS | Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure | Common method of secure data transfer on the internet. |
| CS | Computer Science |  |
| HTML | Hypertext Markup Language | Standardized markup language used to tag files to create graphic effects on websites. |
| CSS | Cascading Style Sheets | Style sheet language used to describe the presentation of a file written in a markup language. |
| IEEE | Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers | Professional association for electronic and electrical engineering. |
| App | Application | Software or program developed for users. |
| N/A | User | Someone who interacts with an application in a meaningful way. |

Appendix B - Group Log

10-2-20 10:00am–10:20am Filled out the team agreement form.

10-9-20 9:00am-9:25am Drafted a schedule and rough timeline to complete the SRS document. Discussed concerns and initial ideas in our project requirements.

10-16-20 9:00am-9:45am Sectioned out the SRS document. Set initial deadline of first draft for 10-25-20).

10-30-20 9:45am-10:30am Talked about project specifications and worked on the SRS document.

11-04-20 4:00pm-5:30pm Discussed outstanding changes and set up GitHub repo for teamwork.

11-06-20 12:00pm-1:00pm Made final necessary adjustments.

12-01-20 5:00pm-6:00pm Talked about the project and what framework we were going to use.

12-02-20 4:00pm-4:45pm Talked about who would work on what. Laurel – Sign in. Irina – Journal entries.

12-07-20 2:00pm-2:45pm Checked in and looked at each other’s work. Gave advice and encouragement.

12-11-20 3:00pm-4:30pm Worked on the site together.

12-16-20 10:am-10:45am Discussed the final touches of the report doc.