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API (Application Programming Interface)

An interface that allows different programs or machines to communicate with each other and send data, for instance an endpoint on a server.

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HTTP

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MVC

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Framework

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Web server

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The world of a software developer is one of ever-changing variables. Even when the project requirements are as clear as the developers' knowledge is vast, there are times when one has to stop to think. While working on a software project, one may think that they could have chosen more appropriate technologies for it, or they simply find a particular solution to be insufficient. Frankly, a lot of it comes down to lack of experience in a specific area and can be solved by proper planning. That's when the understanding of different technologies and techniques comes to play.

When developing a web service, there are several important things to consider. First of all, there are multiple types of databases for different purposes as well as techniques to use them. TODO On top of that, there are various ways to handle security and user rights including authenticators, firewalls, user roles and access control. TODO

1.2 Project Premise

The goal of the project was to a develop work safety familiarization software which includes a front-end web application and a back-end web service. In a nutshell, the application should allow client companies to create "courses" which are essentially quizzes used to test their employees' knowledge of various topics. The system has to support large organizations that have subsidiaries and subcontractors with a substantial amount of employees. Not only that, but there have to be different user roles and rights for each role, with a single user being allowed to be a part of multiple companies with multiple different roles. A more detailed description of the requirements is specified in chapter TODO.

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1.3 Protacon Solutions Ltd

The project was assigned by Protacon Solutions Ltd, a subsidiary of Protacon Group. Protacon Solutions is a software development company based in Jyväskylä, Finland with multiple offices around the country. It focuses on digitalization and software development including creating web applications and services as well as mobile applications. The project in question, accronymized TyPe, was one of Protacon Solutions' many original systems.

The project was developed by a small team of software developers employed by Protacon Solutions at their office in Jyväskylä. The development started in early 2018 and was still in progress at the end of the year.

1.4 Objective of the Thesis

Naturally, the main goal of the project was to create a functioning system that fills the requirements set by Protacon Solutions Ltd and its clients. TODO It was difficult at times due to the complex nature of the requirement specifications as well as lack of resources in general.

In addition, the thesis aims to shed light on some of the design choices made by the developers and to spread knowledge about the associated techniques and technologies. TODO

The thesis also served as a method of self-learning. Learning about different development options is highly useful since there is not enough time to study them deeply in normal day-to-day work. Not only that, but there are countless critical aspects of server-side programming that are often ignored or hastily presented in school curriculums resulting in low proficiency and experience when it comes to using those tools in a workplace environment.

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