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## INTRODUCTION

Asset management is an important area in all organizations and institutions. In this project, I will be looking into a way to use this little talked about section of management to benefit students and put to use the assets of an institution while being able to accurately track them as they are distributed to those that need them for educational purposes.

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

Many students (I included) have had a difficult time trying to install and work with the various technologies taught in the school. These include: oracle databases, Linux/Windows servers among other tools used for learning. This is majorly due to a number of factors which include:

1. **Single Use:** Working with these tools require consistent practice which may include frequent reinstallation that mimics a real world environment. Once an OS is installed on a student’s personal computer it becomes hard to keep practicing installation and setup since there is a risk of data loss
2. **Poor PC Specs:** Not all students will be able to have high performance personal computers to run software such as Oracle Database, SQL Developer and Oracle Forms at the same time since they are quite resource intensive in terms of storage space and processing power usage. This can be very frustrating.
3. **Sandboxes:** Learning requires the constant use of a sandbox in which scripts and concepts can be taught. In my experience, I could not play around with the class provided server since it was being used by other students as well.
4. **Resource constraints:** Some times, not all the computers in the lab were loaded with the required software or some had passwords that locked students out of them. Access to the computer lab is also restrictive during the weekends or evenings which may be when most students are available.
5. **Idle Resources:** There are a number of servers that lay dormant and unused which if well utilized can help many students.

## OBJECTIVES

The objective of this project is quite simple; allow the proper cataloging of the infrastructure that is available within the institution. This will be summed up in the following points:

1. **Inventory:** Make it easier to inventory all the hardware and software that is available in the institution both usable and unusable by students.
2. **Security:** With adequate information on all the infrastructure in the institution, make it easier to secure this infrastructure with VPNs and other kinds digital security features.
3. Make it easier to access information on how students are equipped based on how many actively use their sandboxed environments.
4. Expand the scope of the institution to renting out unused resources to other institutions and even companies as this will be a proof of concept of how well the infrastructure can be managed.
5. Create a system that is easy to use and reduce the effort needed to access information on the go.

## SCOPE

This Software Design Document will cover the basic but critical parts of the system hence acting as a proof of concept that it is feasible for largescale use with emphasis being on data collection, manipulating and storage of information. The system will be used in conjunction with existing systems if there is one in existence.

This document contains a complete description of the design of the Infrawalk. Its basic structure is a Client-Server paradigm. Basic forms will be created and coded in Oracle Forms. An out dated Technology but it will serve the purpose for this proof of concept before exploration of better and simpler tools for this project.

Staff that will be designated to use the system will be able to make changes to the data that has already been entered into the system as well as use some basic tools built into the system to create reports.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

The development of this project should not take more than three months. This includes the various steps followed during the development of software and finally testing and rolling out of the software. Below is a chart to describe the timelines that will be followed.

# CHAPTER TWO

## LITERATURE REVIEW

Asset management software has been in existence for a long time. Some popular ones include: inflow, LightSpeed Retail and Upserve. Generally, they are all build to perform very well and ensure top notch asset tracking for their users. However, even with the advantages they provide: there are several pitfalls that they face which include:

1. System hacks due to most being accessible over the internet and hence cannot be housed within the organization
2. A large learning curve as they are built for general use, not a specific use case like Infrawlk.
3. Inability to confirm inventory as all rely only on the data that has been keyed in. Infrawalk will provide real-time confirmation of it’s inventory.
4. Recurrent costs of renting the software and slow evolution.

# CHAPTER THREE

## METHODOLOGY

Software development can be done using several methodologies which shall be discussed in this section.

1. **Data Collection:**
2. **Development Methodology:**
3. **Tools for system implementation:**
4. **Time Schedule and cost:**

Each of the above items will be handled in one way or another below. This is just the structure of the thing I am making.

# CHAPTER FOUR

## SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND REQUIREMENT MODELLING

Software development can be done using.

# CHAPTER FIVE

## SYSTEM DESIGN

Software development can be done using

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## SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

Software development can be done using

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## LIMITATIONS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During the development of this system, there are a number of problems that I encountered and I have classified them into a few major categories

### LIMITATIONS

1. **Research:** The major problem was how little information was available on setting up the development environment that was intended for the project. The difference in technology of how 10g Forms and Reports work with 12c Oracle Databases. I feel that Oracle Forms and Reports are an outdated technology and the use of either ADF of pure Java will make it easier to develop this kind of system with Oracle running as the Database.
2. **Development:** PL/SQL was a major challenge to put together on forms and run so I decided to run all the operations on the server side. This relieved the client computer.
3. **Time:** The time allocated to the project was mainly used up in setting the environment of development. It would have gone to more meaningful research and development if a better technology like ADF for the user interface was used.
4. **Running:** As the Database and system were running on two different operating systems namely Oracle Linux 7.9 and Windows 10 respectfully. This was not much of an issue except for the fact that ensuring that the two modules were communicating was a bit of a challenge.

### CONCLUSIONS

### RECOMMENDATIONS