## COMP4 Coursework

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## Chapter 1

## Analysis

### 1.1 Introduction

#### 1.1.1 Client Identification

My client is Josh Campbell, he is 24 years old. He uses computers regularly for deisgn work, so has experience of computer systems. He uses his computer to design flyers, handouts, banners and visual graphics for projection, as well as surfing the web, email and various social media networks. He rarely uses hard copies other than to preview hes work before sending it off to print. Josh uses a 2012 Mac Pro with the latest version of Apple's operating system, OS X (10.9).

Josh is the head of the media department for Cambridge Community Church. This involves being responsible for the large amount of Audio and Visual equipment used on the churches Sunday services. This currently invloves spreadsheet with limited info on each item.

Josh would like to have a database management system to be able to hold information about each item and their various attributes. He would likke this database to be lovated on the churches central server so that it can be accessed by all staff if it it deemed necessary. He would use this database to store location, value and insurance details incase of damage or theft.he would like all of the information kept as a virtual copy as well as a hard copy to kept as a visual backup in case of harddrive failure or corruption.

He would also like to keep the location of each item as up to date as possible and if the location changes, he would like to be notified by email when it is entered/updated in the system.

#### 1.1.2 Define the current system

The current system consists of multiple excel spreed sheets. There is one spread sheet for each of three locations; main office, main church building, and storage. Each spreedsheet consists of items located there as well as information on the value of each item, the quantity and the total value for the items with multiple entries. Each spreedsheet is divided up into equipment type (i.e Cableing, lighting, audio, visual/camera's)

#### 1.1.3 Describe the problems

There are a number of problems with the current system. One of the problems is that there is no notification system to tell you when information is getting outdated or something is changed. For example, if an item is bought or sold, the total costings for that item will be updated and no-one will be notified. Another problem is that the current system doesn't show the PAT testings for all the items, these tests go out of date every 6 months and there is no way of being notified when a new PAT test is needed on an item.

## 1.1.4 Section appendix

Below are the questions that I asked my client at the interview and the answers he gave to me. I have typed up the questions and answers in markdown format then imported it as a pdf document so that it is easier to read.

Figure 1.1: Interview Questions (pg 1)

## **Interview Questions**

- 1. What does the current system do?
  - o Multiple excel spreadsheets that list all the AV equipment
- 2. What are the problems or drawbacks of the current system?
  - o There is no notification system
  - o Data is easily out of date.
- 3. How much data is currently recorded?
  - Current data stored is the item name, its location, the quantity and it's value
- 4. What extra data will need to be included?
  - o PAT testing's
  - Current location
  - The item's usable state (working, in need of repair, being repaired etc)
- 5. How frequently will the data need to be updated?
  - $\circ$  The data will need to be updated a few times a month or so
  - Whenever the location changes.
- 6. Will new records need to be added or deleted? If so, how often?
  - New records will need to be entered, or some deleted every couple of months.
  - Whenever new equipment is bought or if an item is sold
- 7. How important is the data or information that is to be recorded?
  - Data is of high importance as it will be kept as a record for insurance in case of theft or damage
- 8. Are there any algorithms that are going to need to be implemented?
  - The number of a single item there is at a particular location
  - $\circ~$  The total number of that item altogether  $\,$
  - The sum of the values those individual items (value per unit \* quantity)
- 9. When are the algorithms going to be run?
  - These will need to be run when there are new items added/removed to a group of the same item
  - o If the value of an item changes

#### Figure 1.2: Interview Questions (pg 2)

- 10. What inputs are required for the proposed system?
  - o Inputs are likely to be text, numbers and currency
- 11. What outputs are required for the proposed system?
  - o Outputs are likely to be the same as the inputs
  - Notifications of when PAT tests are in need or reissue
  - o Notifications when an items location or quantity is changed
  - · A print function would be necessary
- 12. Are hard copies required?
  - Yes, hard copies would be required a visual backup.
- 13. Are back dated records required?
  - Yes, for insurance purposes
- 14. How long are these records going to be kept?
  - · We will keep back dated records for a year
- 15. How are these records going to be stored?
  - We will store them electronically on the file server
- 16. How often will outputs be required?
  - o Outputs will be required whenever possible
- 17. What computing resources do you currently possess to aid the new system's operation?
  - We currently have a Mac Pro that we use as a file server. This is where the database system will be placed.
- 18. Is security an issue?
  - No, security is not an issue, although the data would need to be backed up.
- 19. Should there be restricted access to certain areas?
  - o No, restricted access is not needed.
- 20. What errors and exceptions will need to be reported in the new system?
  - o I'm not 100% until we start testing the system.
- 21. How should these errors and exceptions be reported?
  - Errors should be reported to you either via email or another notification

Figure 1.3: Interview Questions (pg 3)

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- 22. Are there any constraints on hardware, software, data, cost or time?
  - No budget, time deadline is flexible and we'll adapt to whatever software/hardware resource available.

#### 1.1.5 The current system

#### Data sources and destinations

In the current system, there are multiple data sources. The client and his colleagues as well as members of the AV crew for the church can enter data into the spreadsheet by using a computer in the office and accessing the on the server.

#### Algorithms

In the current system, there are only a few algorithms in place.

#### **Algorithm 1** Algorithm 1, When new item is bought:

- 1: **IF** Item = NewItem **THEN**
- 2: **SET** Action **TO** EnterNewItem
- 3: ELSE IF Item = ItemMatch THEN
- 4: **SET** Action **TO** UpdateItem
- 5: **END IF**

#### Algorithm 2 Algorithm 2, When an item is sold or replaced:

- 1: IF Item = Sold THEN
- 2: **SET** Action **TO** UpdateQuantity
- 3: ELSE IF Item = Damaged THEN
- 4: **SET** Action **TO** UpdateQuantity
- 5: **SET** Action **TO** FileInsuranceClaim
- 6: ELSE IF Item = Stolen THEN
- 7: **SET** Action **TO** FileInsuranceClaim
- 8: **END IF**

#### Data flow diagrams



Figure 1.4: Flow Diagram Key.



Figure 1.5: Entering a new item.



Figure 1.6: Updating an item that already exists in the table.



Figure 1.7: Creating and sending the initial quote for a loan.



Figure 1.8: Creating and sending the final invoice for a loan.

#### Input Forms, Output Forms, Report Formats

Josh has provided me with a screenshot of him entering some data into his current system. I have boxed out confidential information such as item values and their respective sub-total values:



Figure 1.9: Josh Entering Item Name.

Here is an screen shot showing the calculation used to get the Sub-Total Value:



Figure 1.10: Sub-Total Calculation.

## 1.1.6 The proposed system

#### Data sources and destinations

The Following table shows the proposed data and their respective sources and destinations.

Source	Data	Data Type	Destination
Generated	ItemTypeID	Integer	Database - Item-
			Type Table
User	ItemType	Text	Database - Item-
			Type Table
-	-	-	-
Generated	LocationID	Integer	Database - Loca-
			tion Table
User	Location	Text	Database - Loca-
			tion Table
-	-	-	-
Generated	ItemID	Integer	Database - Item
			Records
Database -	ItemTypeID	Integer	Database - Item
ItemType			Table
Table			
Database	LocationID	Integer	Database - Item
- Location			Table
Table			
User	ItemName	Text	Database - Item
			Table
User	Value	Real	Database - Item
			Table
User	ItemQuantity	Integer	Database - Item
			Table
User	SubTotal	Real	Database - Item
			Table
User	OnLoan	Boolean	Database - Item
			Table

Source	Data	Data Type	Destination
Generated	LoanListingID	Integer	Database -
			LoanListing
			Table
Database -	ItemID	Integer	Database -
Item Table			LoanListing
100111 10010			Table
User	LoanQuantity	Integer	Database -
		111100001	LoanListing
			Table
_	_	_	-
Generated	CustomerLoanI	<b>D</b> nteger	Database - Loan
Generated			Table
Database -	CustomerID	Integer	Database - Loan
Customer	Castomerib	Integer	Table
Table			Table
User	LoanRate	Real	Database - Loan
OSCI		1 tear	Table
User	LoanLength(Days	Integer	Database - Loan
OSCI	LoanLength(Days		Table
Calculated	LoanCost	Real	Database - Loan
Calculated	Loancost	Iteai	Table
			Table
Generated	CustomerID	Integer	Database - Cus-
Generated	Customerib	Integer	tomer Table
User	Forename	Text	Database - Cus-
OBCI	Torchame	TCAU	tomer Table
User	Lastname	Text	Database - Cus-
CBCI	12as cirarire	1020	tomer Table
User	Company	Text	Database - Cus-
CBCI	Company	TON	tomer Table
User	Street	Text	Database - Cus-
		2010	tomer Table
User	Town	Text	Database - Cus-
	101111	10110	tomer Table
User	County	Text	Database - Cus-
	Country	IOAU	tomer Table
User	PostCode	Text	Database - Cus-
	1 3500000	LONG	tomer Table
User	MobileNumber	Text	Database - Cus-
	1.1001101 (4111001	2010	tomer Table
User	LandLine	Ţext	Database - Cus-
		16	tomer Table
User	Email	Text	Database - Cus-
	2111011	10110	tomer Table
			Table 1

Source	Data	Data Type	Destination
Generated	ItemTestID	Integer	Database -
			ItemTest Table
Database	PATtestID	Integer	Database -
- PATtest			ItemTest Table
Records			
User	ItemDescription	Text	Database -
			ItemTest Table
User	ItemClass	Integer	Database -
			ItemTest Table
User	FuseRating	Text	Database -
			ItemTest Table
User	TestUsed	Text	Database -
			ItemTest Table
User	ProtectiveCondTe	sInteger	Database -
			ItemTest Table
User	InsulationTest	Text	Database -
			ItemTest Table
User	Leakage	Float	Database -
			ItemTest Table
User	TestResult	Boolean	Database -
			ItemTest Table
-	-	-	-
Generated	PATtestID	Integer	Database - PAT-
			test Table
User	TestDate	Date	Database - PAT-
			test Table

### Data flow diagram



Figure 1.11: Flow Diagram Key.

Figure 1.12: Enter New Item.





Figure 1.13: Enter New Item.

## Data dictionary

## Data dictionary

Name	Data	Length	Validation	Example	Comment
	Type			Data	
ItemTypeID	Integer	1-435	Range	253	This is the <b>Primary Key</b>
					for the ItemType class, and
					foreign key for the Item
					class
ItemType	Text	5-40 Characters	Length	Arkaos	This holds the description of
				Server	each type of Item.
LocationID	Integer	1-3 Figures	Range	1,300	This is the <b>Primary Key</b>
					for the Location class and
					a Foreign Key for the Item
					class
Location	Text	1-30 Characters	Length	Main	This holds the name of the
				Offices	locations

Name	Data	Length	Validation	<del>*</del>	Comment
	Type			Data	
ItemID	Integer	1-435	Range	253	This is the <b>Primary Key</b>
					for the Item class, and for-
					eign key for the Loan and
					PATtest classes
ItemName	Text	5-40 Characters	Length	Arkaos	This gives the name of each
				Server	item entered
Value	Real	2-5 Figures	Range	1,300	This holds the data for
					the monetary value for each
					item
ItemQuantity	Integer	0-100	Range	35	This holds the data for the
					number of each item owned
SubTotal	Real	2-8 Figures	Range	250	This is calculated for each
					item by multiplying the
					value by the quantity
OnLoan	Boolean	True/False	Status	True	This holds the data of
			Check		whether an item is on loan
					or not. Will be displayed as
					"Yes" or "No"
	1	1	1	1	

Name	Data	Length	Validation	Example	Comment
	Type			Data	
LoanListingID	Integer	1-435	Range	56	This is the <b>Primary Key</b>
					for the LoanListing class
ListingQuantity	Integer	1-35	Range	4	This holds the data for how
					many of an item has been
					loaned out
CustomerLoanID	Integer	1-435	Range	21	This is the <b>Primary Key</b>
					for the Loan class
LoanRate	Real	1-5 Figures	Range	75	Holds data for how much is
					charged per day for the loan
					of an item
LoanLength	Integer	1-3 Figures	Range	7	Holds the data for the
					length of the loan
LoanCost	Real	1-4 Integers	Range	250	Holds the data for the
					amount to charge before the
					loan

Name	Data	Length	Validation	Example Data	Comment
	Type				
CustomerID	Integer	1-255	Range	52	This is the <b>Primary</b>
					<b>Key</b> for the Customer
					class
Forename	Text	3-20 Characters	Length	John	A field for the cus-
					tomers forename
Lastname	Text	3-20 Characters	Length	Smith	A field for the cus-
					tomers surname
Company	Text	3-20 Characters	Length	Digital Lighting Cambs	A field for the com-
					pany's name
Street	Text	3-30 Characters	Length	129 Cedar Crescent	A field for the com-
					pany's Street address
Town	Text	3-30 Characters	Length	Sawston	A field for the com-
					pany's Town
County	Text	3-20 Characters	Length	Cambs	A field for the com-
					pany's County
PostCode	Text	6-7 Characters	Format	CB22 7RX	A field for the com-
					pany's Postcode
MobileNumbe	er Text	11 Characters	Format	07891234567	A field for the cus-
					tomers mobile number
LandLine	Text	11 Characters	Format	01234567890	A field for the cus-
					tomers landline phone
Email	Text	7 - 30 Characters	Length	john.smith@example.com	A field for the cus-
					tomers email address

Name	Data	Length	Validation	Example Data	Comment
	$\mathbf{Type}$				
ItemTestID	Integer	1-255	Range	52	This is the <b>Primary Key</b>
					for the ItemTest class
ItemDescription	Text	3-400	Length	Waltham portable TV	A field that describes the
		Characters			item to be tested
ItemClass	Integer	1 Charac-	Length	2	A field to show what class
		ter			of electrical equipment the
					item is
FuseRating	Text	1-3 Char-	Length	5A	A field which displays the
		acters			fuse rating
TestUsed	Text	1-10 Char-	Length	II	A field to show what test
		acters			was used on the item
ProtectiveCondTest	Float	4 Charac-	Length	-	A field displaying the resis-
		ters			tance of an item, in Ohms,
					to a 200mA current
InsulationTest	Text	3 Charac-	Length	¿20	A field displaying the Insu-
		ters			lation of an item, in Ohms,
					$\mid$ to a 250V or 500V Potential $\mid$
					Difference
Leakage	Float	4 Charac-	Format	0.03	A field that shows the cur-
		ters			rent not obtained by the
					item, in milliamperes
TestResult	Boolean	-	Presence	True	A field to show if an item
			Check		Passed or not
	·		·		

Name	Data	Length	Validation	Example Data	Comment
	Type				
PATtestID	Integer	1-255	Range	52	This is the <b>Primary</b>
					<b>Key</b> for the PATtest
					class
TestDate	Date	10 Characters	Format	01/12/2014	A field that displays
					the date of the PAT
					test

#### Volumetrics

I have chosen to start off with only 20 Item Records along with 20 Loan Records and 20 PAT Test Records. In total there will be 60 Records. I have chosen this number of records as my Client and I had previously agreed that this would be a suitable number of records to start with in order for him to get used to the system and train up other colleagues to know how to use it also. This can be increased as time goes by.

The Item Records Database, Loan Records Database and the PAT Test Records Database will store 18 fields of combined data. Each field should take up 1KB of hard disk space. With this the required initial storage space will be:

18KB \* 60 = 1080KB

1080KB / 1024 = 1.05MB

If the rest of database management system took up 28MB, the client would need 19.05MB of space for 60 records, with 18 fields of data

## 1.2 Objectives

## 1.2.1 General Objectives

- Easily understandable layout and structure for records.
- Data is easy to enter and edit
- Viewing of records is structured and well presented

## 1.2.2 Specific Objectives

Record viewing:

- Clear labels for data attributes.
- Next and Previous record buttons.
- Edit button so data cannot be changed accidentally.
- Submit button to save data changes (if any) to the current record.

• First and Last record buttons to jump to respective record.

#### Data input:

- Data fields become editable
- Drop down selection for location selection
- Changes saved immediately after editing has finished (i.e. submit button pressed)

#### Data output:

- Print button and functionality
- Export records to PDF
- Print/Export a batch of records to PDF
- Email notifications when new item is entered into database or an item is updated, the details and who entered/updated.

## 1.2.3 Core Objectives

- Viewing of Item/Loan/PAT-test Records
- Item/Loan/PAT-test data input
- Item/Loan/PAT-test data editing
- Sending of Loan Invoices

## 1.2.4 Other Objectives

- Generating and exporting of quote sheets to PDF
- Generating and exporting of invoices to PDF
- Printing and Exporting records to PDF
- Enable Full screen application on OS X

## 1.3 ER Diagrams and Descriptions

## 1.3.1 ER Diagram



Figure 1.14: Loan Item ER Diagrams.



Figure 1.15: PAT Test ER Diagrams.

### 1.3.2 Entity Descriptions

ItemType(ItemTypeID, ItemType)

Location(LocationID, Location)

**Item**(<u>ItemID</u>, *ItemTypeID*, *LocationID*, Name, Location, Value, ItemQuantity, SubTotal, OnLoan,)

**LoanListing**(LoanListingID, *ItemID*, ListingQuantity)

Loan(LoanID, CustomerID, LoanRate, LoanLength, LoanCost)

Customer(<u>CustomerID</u>, Forename, Lastname, Company, Street, Town, County, PostCode, MobileNumber, LandLine, Email)

PATtest(PATtestID, TestDate)

**ItemTest**(<u>ItemTestID</u>, <u>PATTestID</u>, ItemDescription, ItemClass, FuseRating, TestUsed, ProtectiveCondTest, InsulationTest, Leakage, TestResult)

## 1.4 Object Analysis

## 1.4.1 Object Listing

- Client
- Item
- Location

## 1.4.2 Relationship diagrams



Figure 1.16: Relatioship Diagram.

## 1.4.3 Class definitions



Figure 1.17: Class Diagram Key.

ItemType

ItemTypeID
ItemType

GetItemType

Location

LocationID
Location

GetLocation

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Item <u>ItemID</u> [ItemTypeID] [LocationID] ItemName Value ItemQuantity SubTotal OnLoan GetItemName Get ItemDescription GetItemType GetLocation GetValue GetItemQuantity CalculateSubTotal GetIsOnLoan

LoanListing

LoanListingID
[ItemID]
[LoanID]
ListingQuantity

GetListingQuantity

ItemTest

ItemTestID
[PATTestID]
ItemDescription
ItemClass
FuseRating

Item TestID
[PATTestID]
ItemDescription
ItemClass
FuseRating
TestUsed
ProtectiveCondTest
InsulationTest
Leakage
TestResult

GetTestResult

CustomerLoanID
[CustomerID]
LoanRate
LoanLength
LoanCost

GetLoanLength
GetLoanCost

PATTest

PATTestID
TestDate

GetTestDate

Customer CustomerID Forename Lastname Company Street Town PostCode MobileNumber LandLine Email GetForename GetLastname GetCompany GetStreet GetTown GetPostCode GetMobile GetLandLine

GetEmail

Figure 1.18: Class Diagrams.

## 1.5 Other Abstractions and Graphs

### 1.6 Constraints

#### 1.6.1 Hardware

Presently, Josh uses a custom built, 2008 MacPro Desktop Computer. This is primarily used as a file server for images, audio and video files a well as a backup for his current work desktop. My system will need to be compatible with this system.

#### Computer Specifications:

- 2x 2.8 GHz Quad-Core Intel®Xeon<sup>TM</sup>Processor
- ATI Radeon HD 2600 XT 256MB Graphics Card
- 661-4449 Apple Mac Pro A1186 Motherboard
- 16.00GB DDR3 RAM
- 1TB SATA Disk-Drive
- 6TB RAID Storage
- Apple SuperDrive
- 15" LG E1942 LCD Display. 1280 x 720 pixels

The proposed system should have little to no impact on this machine as the processing power and memory that can be dissipated by the computer, greatly exceeds the requirements for the proposed system.

One other constraint of the computer to be used is that it is a desktop computer. This means that the system is only accessible where Josh chooses to have the computer based in his place of work, as the computer is not portable. In addition to this, the computer requires a constant supply of power in order to operate as there is not internal battery.

One other constraint of the computer to be used is that it is a desktop computer. This means that the system is only accessible where Josh chooses to have the computer based in his place of work, as the computer is not

portable. In addition to this, the computer requires a constant supply of power in order to opperate as there is not internal battery.

#### 1.6.2 Software

Josh has told me that he is able to adapt to the software that is required to run the system. The current operating system in place is Apples OSX 10.8 (Mountain Lion). Josh wishes to update the software sometime in the near future to OSX 10.9 (Mavericks) and possibly update to OSX 10.10 (Yosemite). This could prove to be constraint because OSX 10.10 (Yosemite) isn't yet fully supported by some applications.

#### 1.6.3 Time

Josh has said that there is no deadline requirement for the proposed system to be in place and doesn't need it until I have finished implementing it. The only deadline I need to meet is the project deadline set by my Computing course leader. This is Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2014.

## 1.6.4 User Knowledge

Josh posses a qualification in A level Media studies as well as 2 years use of computers during his degree. He has substantial understanding of how to use computers as his job requires he uses one most of the time. Josh also has required knowledge of how to use many varieties of applications. He uses Adobe Creative Suite for most of his job as he designs various forms of media. He also has knowledge of Apple's Final Cut Pro application as well as many others.

When designing and implementing the proposed system, Josh's experience with computers will have to be considered. Josh tends to use the internet browser Google Chrome for all his web-browsing and research as well as a third party mail application called. By designing the system similarly to these applications, it should make it easier to understand how the system works and get used to using it a lot faster than it would if the system had a

primitive design.

There will also be a full manual included to aid Josh with learning and understanding the familiar interface, the functionality of the new system and how to use certain features.

#### 1.6.5 Access restrictions

The proposed system is primarily to be accessed by Josh himself. However, he can see it being an advantage if other people had access to the system.

For this reason, we have agreed that having the database password protected is the best way for Josh to control who can access the data. He will be able to distribute the passwords to other colleagues who he feels should have access to the database management system. This reduces the risk of records being changed or deleted by people who shouldn't need to use the system.

### 1.7 Limitations

# 1.7.1 Areas which will not be included in computerisation

Initial buying of new items will not be included in the computerisation as this is still done either in person or over the world wide web. Similarly, initial sales of items will not be included in the computerisation, it will only be once the item has been bought/sold that the data will be updated to coincide with the quantity changes and/or addition to or deduction or equipment.

## 1.7.2 Areas considered for future computerisation

When a customer loans out equipment, Josh sends out an initial quote, either as an email format or on paper. This could be included in the system by selecting the items the customer wants to high out, and draft a quote form for Josh. Similarly, Josh sends out an emailed invoice to the client, he does this manually by hand. It would be advantageous to include this into the system, by generating an invoice based on the attributes in Loan Records

and export it as a PDF for email or printing. These could be implemented in addition to the current database design at the end, if I have enough time to learn and understand how to enter this functionality it into the system

#### 1.8 Solutions

#### 1.8.1 Alternative solutions

Alternative	Advantages	Disadvantages
solution		
Custom made database	• No need to install additional software, only a simple database management system such as "Microsoft Access" or "Filemaker".	• Database management systems often cost a substantial amount of money for a license.
Web based application	<ul> <li>Easily accessible by other users. Doesn't rely on one machine.</li> <li>Can have 'Cloud based' storage of files.</li> <li>More than one user can be logged on at a time.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Website or server hosting can be expensive.</li> <li>More advanced security methods will be required due to the system being constantly online and therefore vulnerable to attack.</li> <li>Better networking knowledge required to compensate for the security implications and risks.</li> </ul>

Alternative	Advantages	Disadvantages
solution		
Terminal or Command based application	<ul> <li>More power efficient as it isn't graphics heavy, much easier to design as the interface is just text.</li> <li>Fast efficient operation provided the client has knowledge of terminal and shell commands.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Careful error handling needed as the user could enter any known/valid command.</li> <li>Training is required so that the client knows what commands to use when.</li> <li>There are often commands that the client don't know about that could potentially corrupt his computer.</li> </ul>
Python desktop application with a GUI	<ul> <li>Designed and layout can be client specific.</li> <li>Minimal error with radio buttons and other widgets.</li> <li>Easy to understand layout as data can be formatted to fit the clients requirements.</li> <li>Easy to visualise what is happening with graphs and tables.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More time needed to build the interface and sql database compared to a command based application.</li> <li>More resources needed from the computer for graphical visualisation and database storage</li> <li>Programming the graphical interface could prove a difficult task.</li> </ul>

#### 1.8.2 Justification of chosen solution

I have chosen to use the 'Python Desktop Application with a GUI' solution.

These are my reasons:

- The application takes up no physical space apart from the computer it is installed on.
- I already have the required language knowledge needed to program a

database and a GUI in Python

- Using a custom made desktop application is faster for Josh to manage his inventory than the current spreadsheet based system.
- Backup can be made and data can be restored easily in the event of corruption or unresolvable data loss

# Design

- 2.1 Overall System Design
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- 2.1.2 System flowcharts showing an overview of the complete system
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#### ER Diagrams

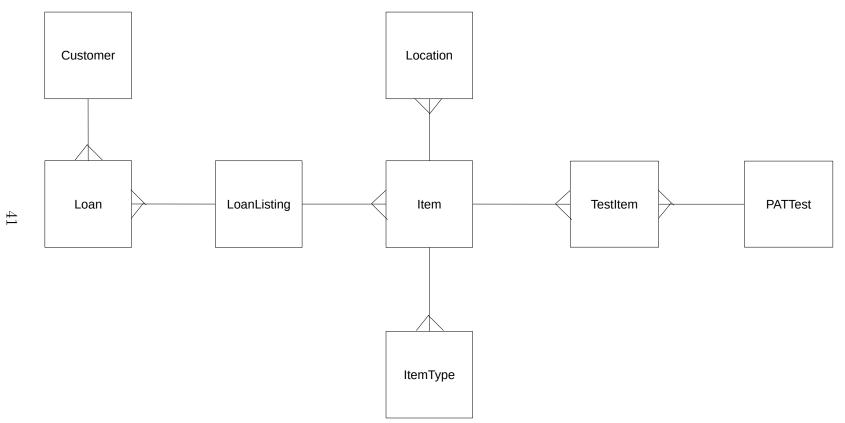


Figure 2.1: ER Diagrams.

#### **Entity Descriptions**

# $\frac{\text{Un-Normalised Form(UNF)}}{\underset{\text{ItemName}}{\underline{\text{ItemID}}}}$

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ItemType

Location

Value

ItemQuantity

SubTotal

OnLoan

LoanID

LoanQuantity

Loan Rate

LoanLength

LoanCost

CustomerID

Forename

Lastname

Company

Street

Town

PostCode

MobileNumber

LandLine

Email

PATtestID

TestResult

TestDate

ItemDescription

Item Class

FuseRating

TestUsed

 ${\bf Protective Cond Test}$ 

InsulationTest

Leakage

#### 1NF to 3NF

Non-Repeating	Repeating				
<u>ItemID</u>	LoanID				
ItemName	ItemID				
ItemType	LoanQuantity				
ItemLocation	LoanRate				
Value	LoanLength				
ItemQuantity	LoanCost				
SubTotalValue	CustomerID				
OnLoan	Forename				
	Lastname				
	Company				
	Street				
	Town				
	PostCode				
	MobileNumber				
	Landline				
	Email				
	PATtestID				
	TestDate				
	ItemDescription				
	ItemClass				
	FuseRating				
	TestUsed				
	ProtectiveCondTest				
	InsulationTest				
	Leakage				
	TestResult				

Second-Normalised Form(2NF)			
Non-Repeating	Repeating		

# 2.7 Security and Integrity of the System and Data

- 2.7.1 Security and Integrity of Data
- 2.7.2 System Security
- 2.8 Validation
- 2.9 Testing

#### 2.9.1 Outline Plan

Test Se- ries	Purpose of Test Series	Testing Strategy	Strategy Rationale
Example	Example	Example	Example

#### 2.9.2 Detailed Plan

Test	Purpose	of	Test 1	De-	Test Data	Test	Expected	Actual	Evidence
Series	Test		scription			Data	Result	Result	
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						(Normal/			
						Erro-			
						neous/			
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Example	Example		Example		Example	Example	Example	Example	Example

# Testing

3.1 Test Plan

#### 3.1.1 Original Outline Plan

Test Se	Purpose of Test Series	Testing Strategy	Strategy Rationale
ries			
Example	Example	Example	Example

#### 3.1.2 Changes to Outline Plan

	Test Se-	Purpose of Test Series	Testing Strategy	Strategy Rationale
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#### 3.1.3 Original Detailed Plan

Test	Purpose o	f Test	De-	Test Data	Test	Expected	Actual	Evidence
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Example	Example	Example		Example	Example	Example	Example	Example

## 3.1.4 Changes to Detailed Plan

Test	Purpose of	f Test	De-	Test Data	Test	Expected	Actual	Evidence
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Example	Example	Exampl	e	Example	Example	Example	Example	Example

- 3.2 Test Data
- 3.2.1 Original Test Data
- 3.2.2 Changes to Test Data
- 3.3 Annotated Samples
- 3.3.1 Actual Results
- 3.3.2 Evidence

#### 3.4 Evaluation

- 3.4.1 Approach to Testing
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- 3.4.3 Strengths of Testing
- 3.4.4 Weaknesses of Testing
- 3.4.5 Reliability of Application
- 3.4.6 Robustness of Application

# System Maintenance

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- 4.1.1 Software
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- 4.1.3 Features Used
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- 4.2.1 System Component
- 4.3 Code Structure
- 4.3.1 Particular Code Section
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- 4.5.4 Database SQL

### 4.10.1 Module 1

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#### 5.2 Installation

#### 5.2.1 Prerequisite Installation

**Installing Python** 

Installing PyQt

Etc.

- 5.2.2 System Installation
- 5.2.3 Running the System
- 5.3 Tutorial
- 5.3.1 Introduction
- 5.3.2 Assumptions
- 5.3.3 Tutorial Questions

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**5.3.4** Saving

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- 6.2.1 Objective Evaluation
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