

Requirements

Group 12

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Initial user requirements were elicited from the brief. These were initially very simple and just focused on the core mechanics of the game. From this gaps in our understanding of the problem were identified and a list of topics / questions to ask the customer were formed. The meeting in which this was undertaken followed a use-case approach[1] where we discussed how the user would move through the game, what they would see, what they would encounter, and how they would interact with the game and whenever we arrived at a question we couldn't answer this was noted down to be asked in the interview with the customer. The interview was a mixture of the two types of interviews as explained by Sommerville in chapter 4 [2] where we sought answers to our list of questions as well as gaining an understanding of the customers vision of the game by asking more general open ending questions such as "How does each action affect the final score and do some affect it more than others?" as opposed to a question with a discrete answer such as "Should movement be done with the WASD keys or the mouse?" Each of these elicited user requirements were assigned a priority based on how critical achieving them was to producing the game.

From this we derived further user requirements and could then move forward with the system requirements. We further categorised our system requirements into functional and non-functional requirements [2]. Most of our functional requirements map directly to how the customer wants certain features implemented. We chose to split the requirements into user and system. With user being the high level requirements of what the customer wants the game to achieve and system being the low level requirements to achieve each user requirement; low level meaning what the system should actually do to achieve a given requirement. Non-functional requirements refer to constraints imposed on the system by the customer such as play-through time and the platform the application is on. The constraints table is team specific constraints and not necessarily specific to the game in question, they were recorded for clarity among the team to help us tackle the problem.

We sorted our requirements into tables and established a naming convention as described in the figure below, this was a crucial step as it enabled us to reference the concerned user requirements next to our non-functional/functional requirements.

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| RequirementType <i>AppropriateNameForRequirement</i> EG UR_CHARACTER |
| Abbreviations for types being: UR, CR, FR & NF. User requirements, Constraints, Functional requirements & Non-functional requirements respectively. |

User requirements

| ID | Description | Priority |
|-----------------------|--|----------|
| UR_CHARACTER | User can choose the character they play as | Shall |
| UR_SCORE | User receives a score at the end of the game based their performance | Should |
| UR_PLAYABLE | The game should be playable by our cohort | May |
| UR_ENJOYABLE | The game should be enjoyable | May |
| UR_SINGLE_PLAYER | The game is played by one player. | Should |
| UR_BUILDINGS | There should exits buildings in the game where the player can sleep, eat and study | Should |
| UR_REAL_TIME_DURATION | The game should last 5-10 minutes for the typical player | Shall |
| UR_IN_GAME_DURATION | The game lasts 7 'in-game' days | Should |
| UR_IN_GAME_TIME | Each day lasts 16 hours, different activities take up | Should |
| UR_MAP | In-game map that the player can traverse | Should |
| UR_SLEEP | The player must sleep at the end of each day | Should |
| UR_ACTION_TIME | performing an action takes in-game time | May |
| UR_ACTION_ENERGY | performing an action consumes the player character's energy | Should |
| UR_STUDY_LOC | There is a building on the map where the player can study | Should |
| UR_SLEEP_LOC | There is a building on the map where the player can sleep | Should |
| UR_RECREATIONAL_LOC | There is a building on the map where the player can sleep | May |
| UR_EAT_LOC | There is one place on the map where a student can eat | Should |
| UR_PAUSE | The player should be able to pause the game | Should |

System requirements

Functional requirements

| ID | Description | User Requirements |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| FR_MOVEMENT | The play shall be able to move by using keyboard controls | UR_MAP |
| FR_SCORE | The score shall be calculated at the end based on the users actions throughout the game | UR_SCORE |
| FR_IN_GAME_DURATION | The gamme must keep track of the in-game time that passes | UR_IN_GAME_TIME |
| FR_INTERACTIONS | User must be able to interact with buildings on the map so they can eat, sleep, study or do recreational activi | UR_BUILDINGS |
| FR_ACTION_TIME | Performing an action will cause the clock to change by X hours | UR_ACTION_TIME |
| FR_ACTION_ENERGY | Performing an action will cause the users energy to change by x % | UR_ACTION_ENERGY |
| FR_TIME_IN_DAY | Once the time unit gets to 16 hours the user must sleep | UR_TIME_IN_DAY |
| FR_SLEEP | Once the day ends the player goes to sleep, which starts a new day | UR_SLEEP |
| FR_MAP_DISPLAY | A map should be displayed to the screen | UR_MAP |
| FR_MAP_MOVEMENT | The player character can use arrow keys/wasd to move around the map | UR_MAP |
| FR_INTERACTIONS | | |
| FR_ENERGY | The player must have a value attributed to them keeping track of their energy | UR_ENERGY |
| FR_TIME | The game must have a value attributed to it keeping track of the time passed | UR_TIME |
| FR_CLOCK | The game must have a clock to show the player how much time has passed | UR_TIME |
| | | |
| FR_STUDY_LOC | Player must be able to complete an interaction in a specific location on the map that increases their 'study' | UR_STUDY_LOC |
| FR_SLEEP_LOC | Player must be able to complete an interaction in a specific location on the map that increases their 'sleep' | UR_SLEEP_LOC |
| FR_RECREATIONAL_LOC | Player must be able to complete an interaction in a specific location on the map that | UR_RECREATIONAL_LOCS |
| FR_EAT_LOC | Player must be able to complete an interaction in a specific location on the map that increases their 'eat' | UR_EAT_LOC |
| FR_TOOLTIPS | The game shall provide useful explanations of each feature. | UR_PLAYABLE |

Non-functional requirements

| ID | Description | User Requirements | Fit Criteria |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| NF_TIME_TAKEN | Playing the game as intended should take between 5 and 10 minutes | UR_REAL_TIME_DURATION | 70% of times played |
| NF_ACCESSIBILITY | The game shall be usable by players who can't discern colours | UR_PLAYABLE | All Objects |
| NF_TESTABILITY | The code of the game should be testable | UR_PLAYABLE | The code should pass all the tests |
| NF_RESPONSIVE | The system should be highly responsive | UR_ENJOYABLE | The game should be able to end within 5-10min |
| NF_MAINTAINABILITY | The system should be easy to maintain | UR_PLAYABLE | The game should not crash till the end of the semester |
| NF_PORTABILITY | The game should be able to work on different operating systems | UR_PLAYABLE | The game should be able to run on different PCs with different operating systems |
| NF_EXTENSIBILITY | The system should be designed in such way that is easy to extend for the group that is picking it | | |
| NF_USABILITY | The game should be easy to play | UR_PLAYABLE | A player should understand how to play the game without external help or instructions |
| NF_PERFORMANCE | The game should be able to end smoothly without encountering any errors | UR_PLAYABLE | Run the game for 5-10 times without encountering any errors |

| ID | Description | | | | | |
|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| CR_PLATFORM | Desktop game | | | | | |
| CR_TIME | Development activity is limited to 6 weeks | | | | | |
| CR_EXPERIENCE | The experience of our team is indirect in relation to the product and limited. | | | | | |
| CR_STAFF | Maximum of 6 people working on all deliverables | | | | | |
| CR_QUALITY | Always have at least 2 team members on programming and is to be reviewed by the other 4 members of the team periodically | | | | | |
| CR_BUDGET | There is no budget from the team or the customer | | | | | |
| CR_SCOPE | Develop 4 actions the player can do and different UIs to interact with based on game states | | | | | |
| CR_RESOURCES | LIBgdx, IntelliJ, Notion, GoogleDocs and various assets | | | | | |
| CR_RISK | Limited by the risks determined and listed in the risk register | | | | | |

Constraints

References

- [1] I. Jacobson, M. Christerson, P. Jonsson and G. Overgaard, *Object-Oriented Software Engineering : a Use Case Driven Approach*. New York: ACM Press, 1992.
- [2] I. Sommerville, *Software Engineering*. 10th ed. Essex: Pearsons Education Ltd, 2016.