DC4400 Project Report

Processing of schedule updates/changes

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1 Executive Summary

2 Introduction

The BBC is now over 100 years old [1] and is well known for it's TV channels and radio stations that are broadcast over the airwaves [2] to peoples homes across the UK. However this old way of broadcasting, sending out airwaves on a certain frequency to an antenna, is becoming less popular in the modern age of the internet. A study done by Ofcom [3] showed that people 'watched on average about 16% less broadcast TV between 2019 ... and 2022' [4], with viewing 'decreasing by 47%' [4] between ages 16-24. In addition to this another study carried out by media analyst firm Ampere found that in 2021 37% of people claimed to watch no linear TV, this increased to 45% by 2023 [5].

This fall correlates with the significant rise in internet enabled TVs in the home, with statista finding that 'In 2014 just 11 percent of households in the UK owned a Smart TV, whereas, in 2023, nearly 74 percent of households reported owning a Smart TV.' [6]. Some of these devices still support OTA broadcasts, however devices like the Amazon Fire TV stick and Googles Chromecast, are purely internet based; However they do offer a 'guide/epg' section with Amazon having a development guide [7] on how to integrate with it. Director general of the BBC, Tim Davie, in a 2022 stated 'The vision is simple: from today we are going to move decisively to a digital-first BBC' [8], giving more priority on these new forms of media.

This report will discuss an upgrade carried out to the BBCs 'off-product' schedules system, responsible for delivering up to date schedules to companies such as Freeview, Amazon and more. First I will give some background on the project, this will include research done, the starting architecture of the system and how it aligns with the BBCs and teams OKRs [9]. Following that, I will discuss the work that was done, this will include the planning, writing, testing and deployment stages of the project, discussing findings along the way. Then a short section on the final product that has been produced followed by a final discussion of future upgrades to the system that could be carried out.

3 Background

4 Work Done



- 4.1 Investigation and Spike
- 4.2 Slicing and ticket creation
- 4.3 Build software
- 4.4 Release

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6 Future Work

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