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## **ABSTRACT**

Within this thesis, we have developed a backend for a web application, using an agile development approach. This backend allows students to release their house- and study work within a smartphone app to the public, after it has been corrected by the supervisor. Besides the actual development of the application, which is based on 2.0 Play and AngularJS, a part of the topic of this thesis is the methodology within an agile approach itself.

## ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Innerhalb dieser Masterarbeit haben wir mit einem agilen Entwicklungsansatz ein Backend für eine Webanwendung entwickelt, die es Studierendenen ermöglicht z.B. ihre Haus- und Studienarbeiten später innerhalb einer Smartphone app für die Öffentlichkeit freizugeben, nachdem diese durch die Betreuer korrigiert worden sind. Neben der eigentlichen Entwicklung der Anwendung, die sich auf Play 2.0 und AngularJS stützt, behandelt ein Teil der Arbeit das methodische Vorgehen in einem agilen Ansatz selbst.

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Liberter homines id, quod volunt, credunt.

Gaius Iulius Cäsar (100 - 44 v. Chr.)

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ABBR	EVIATIONS
AJAX	Asynchronous JavaScript and XML
API	Application Programming Interface
AR	Augmented Reality
AREL	Augmented Reality Experience Language
BDD	Behavior Driven Development
BSON	Binary JSON
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CD Continuous Delivery

CMMI Capability Maturity Model Integration

CMS Content Management System

CPU Central Processing Unit
CSS Cascading Style Sheets
DOM Document Object Model
GPS Global Positioning System
GUI Graphical User Interface
HiP History in Paderborn

HMAC Hash-based message authentication code

HTML Hypertext Markup Language

HTML5 Hypertext Markup Language V5

HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol

IDE Integrated Development Environment

JS Javascript

JSON JavaScript Object Notation

JWS JSON Web Signature
JWT JSON Web Token
KVS Key Value Store

MVC Model-View-Controller
MVVM Model View ViewModel

NCSU North Carolina State University

NPM Node Package Manager

OSM Open Street Map

OsmAnd Open Street Map Android

PaaS Platform as a service

PDF Portable Document Format
RAM Random-access memory

REST Representational State Transfer
SHA256 SOAP Simple Object Access Protocol

SPA Single Page Application

TDD Test-Driven Development

UI User Interface

UML Unified Modeling LanguageUML2 Unified Modeling Language 2URI Uniform Resource Identifier

WebGL Web Graphics Library

WSDL Web Services Description Language

XML Extensible Markup Language

## INTRODUCTION IN THE THESIS

This first chapter will introduce the benefits of the system that we will develope within this thesis and will explain the current situation without the system.

# 1.1 WHAT IS THE CURRENT SITUATION WITHOUT THE TOOL/APP

At the present point in time, guests of the city Paderborn has to look up information about the city in a tedious way, for example using Wikipedia or other existing platforms. On the other hand, people, who want to provide information about the city (e.g., university employees or students), have to provide these information in a general accessible way, again like Wikipedia. Thus, they are limited to the features that are provided by these platforms. Since Wikipedia has been founded in 2004 by the Wikimedia foundation (Wikimedia-Foundation (2014)), most of the used technologies of the web application are nowadays outdated and very general. So, there is a rising need for a new technological updated approach, which is more focused on the specific topic of the city Paderborn and its history.

Especially the use of mobile devices has been risen in this time, which is easily recognizable at the number of sales of the Apple iPhone. The iPhone has been sold 0.27 million times in Q3 2007 and 51.03 million times in Q1 2014 (Statista (2014)). Of course, this shift from the device side (i.e., hardware) includes a major shift in (software-) technology as well. Technologies like the nowadays well known Augmented Reality (AR) would not be possible in 2004. Of course, this new technology includes a lot of new opportunities to transfer knowledge between people and cultures. AR is a great example to show how *the real world* is blended more and more with artificial information; for example in form of call-outs and layers. AR is a technology that displays virtual (i.e., digital)

information on top of a real object or location using the camera of a mobile device as input for the real objects. So, it ends up to be a combination of both worlds; the real and the digital one. Azuma et. al. has shown a lot of possible fields where the usage of AR would be a great improvement, which includes the field of annotation and visualization (Azuma (1997)). Furthermore, path finding and navigation are fields that could be revolutionized by using AR on mobile devices.

With a simple information providing website or app like Wikipedia, we include the tedious situation that the person that wants to get to the place he just read about needs to input the address into another app to navigate him to the position. After he have arrived, he need to switch back to, for example, Wikipedia to manual compare the written information with the object or place he sees in front of him. If the person wants to change the shown information on his mobile device, he does this in general by using the touchscreen of the device. Nevertheless, he is comparing and looking at something that is placed in front of him. This leads to a break within the action and perception space (Hampel (2001)) and is a bad example with respect to the locality of the information (Bondo et al. (2010)). As we will see, AR is a tool that we can use to remove this problem and join the action and perception space while keeping the locality of the information in mind. Furthermore, at the moment we have a lot of unnecessary overhead due to the needed app switching between the information app and the navigation app.

Now, even if somebody wants to publish information about Paderborn on Wikipedia to enable guests of the city to get knowledge about the environment, it is only possible to publish the information as static content (that includes text, graphics, audio and video). On top of that, it is not possible to review the information privately and in enough detail to create university courses that do not include a written paper as the final exam but an entry within such an information system. So, if we would have private annotations within a system that is owned by the university, it would enable the university employees to offer courses that fill the database about Paderborn with high quality content by students.

This leads us to the application that should be prototypical developed within this master thesis, which will be described in the next section.

#### WHAT WOULD THE SYSTEM LOOK LIKE (BRIEFLY) 1.2

As we will see in chapter 3, the system will be divided in two big parts. One part is the web-backend, which is connected to an MongoDB to store and retrieve the needed information. This backend will provide a Representational State Transfer (REST) interface, which enables it to be connected two different kind of frontends.

These frontends create the second big part of the system. The first prototype of the system will include a web-frontend to access the backend for administrative purposes (e.g., including new data by students, creating groups, review data, etc.) and will be driven by the play framework in combination with AngularJS.

The second kind of frontend, which will be sketched within this thesis, will be the smartphone frontend. With this frontend, the end-users (i.e., everybody who downloads the app from the app-store) are able access the information, which are included in the backend. Furthermore, the smartphone frontend will make use of AR features to show the information that is stored in the backend.

After we have now seen, how the system will look like, we will now take a short look at the question, who will actually benefit of such a system.

## WHAT WOULD BE BETTER IF THE APP WOULD EXIT? 1.3 WHO WOULD BENEFIT?

On the one hand, users would benefit from the app by having a neat tool to discover the history of the city paderborn. It will be a great experience to be guided trough the city and learn a lot of important and interesting facts about the environment.

On the other hand, the system will be a nice variation for the students, which may be bored from the typical send in a homework to pass the exam cycle and can include the information directly into the backend and are able to see their work some time later via the app in the frontend. So, they are actually able to **do** something, which is used in the future.

## 1.4 OUTLINE

This master thesis contains six chapters. The first chapter contained an introduction and ends with this outline.

The second chapter will explain all needed fundamentals of this Master thesis in detail and will show the used frameworks and tools.

The third chapter will outline the application design and describe some general design decisions.

The fourth chapter will show important parts of the actual implementation, used tools and the final Unified Modeling Language (UML) diagrams of the application.

The fifth chapter will show unit tests and the results of a survey that was used to evaluate usability of the system.

The sixth and last chapter will deal with arisen problems and will discuss the development for future work.

## TECHNICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

All the revision in the world will not save a bad first draft: for the architecture of the thing comes, or fails to come, in the first conception, and revision only affects the detail and ornament, alas!

(T. E. Lawrence (1931))

The following two chapters will contain details about the planned system because an idea about the system, its behavior and the background of the used technologies is very important (just like the quotation above shows).

In general, the planned application should be able to handle the complete workflow for a university course situation. So, the backend should offer features that offer groups of students the work on specific topics. The domain model showing this situation for a general university course is shown in Figure 1.

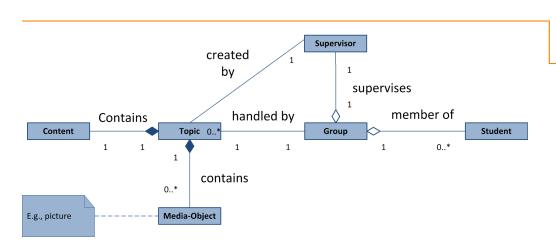


Figure 1: The domain model of the university courses

But before we come into more detail about the software itself, we will now get an insight into the used technical frameworks respectively tools and methodmodel is wrong, describe the correct model more in the text ological concepts, which are used during the development process. Note that we will focus on the frameworks and plugins that are needed to understand the details of the implementation in chapter 4. Although, the whole system uses a lot more of them.

The first thing, which is important to notice, is that the system will be developed with an agile software development method, which will be based on Scrum. Because of that, we will start by explaining the Scrum development method.

## 2.1 AGILE DEVELOPMENT - SCRUM

The main idea of agile development is described within the agile manifesto Beck et al. (2001)<sup>1</sup>. Within agile development, the focus is set to frequent software delivery and close customer relationship. Because Scrum is such an agile development method, we find similar ideas in the Scrum development process.

A big problem within the software industry is that projects take longer than expected and the expectation of the customer differs more and more from the view of the development team because doing a 6 month part of requirements engineering, followed by an 18-month development period lets one finish a product that is already obsolete at the day it gets published.

Similarly, the HiP-application will be developed in a Scrum-like fashion to achieve a high efficiency in the small timeframe. However, a full Scrum approach is not possible because the development team is very small. Nonetheless, we will include the ideas and concepts of the Scrum process but will, for example, combine different roles in one person. But to get a first intuition about the Scrum process itself, we will now describe the main ideas of Scrum and agile development in general.

Using Scrum means, the application will be developed within autonomous short *sprints* with a length between 1 up to 4 weeks. However, Berczuk (2007) points out that a four week sprint is in many cases problematic because a lot of customer requests have to be included into currently running sprints and so the backlog becomes more and more useless; he suggests sprints with a length of about 2 weeks. In any case, after every sprint the product should be more refined (Schwaber and Beedle (2002)). Of course, it should be possible to execute the application at the end of any given sprint, which will result in a fast and stable development process. The general development process is also shown

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<sup>1</sup> The whole manifesto can be found here: http://agilemanifesto.org

in Figure 2. The Product-Backlog is the foundation of every sprint-backlog because it contains every feature that will be needed in the product at some time. So, one derives the sprint-backlog, which includes every feature that should be added in a specific sprint, from the product-backlog for every new sprint. In addition to that, daily Scrum meetings should ensure that the whole team is up-to-date and as efficient as possible. In more detail, Scrum is known to reduce every category of work (i.e., defects, rework, total work required, and process overhead) within a Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) compliant development process by almost 50% (Sutherland (2009)), which is also great for development in the short timeframe of the master thesis. The close customer relationship can for example be found in the fact the the customer is often invited in meetings after the sprints to see the progress on the product and, more important, to be able to influence the development process. However, Paulk (2002) claims that customers may also create a threat to finish agile development successful if they are not able or willing to maintain such a close relationship with the development team.

We will use a Test-Driven Development (TDD)-like approach within every sprint (where possible) because we will need to adapt and refactor existing code often. So, we will at first create needed test cases and afterwards implement against these test cases. This approach will prevent that testing of the application will be shifted into the last week(s) of the development process and done in a superficial way. In addition to that, a comprehensive test suite is a great basis for further development (Maximilien (2003)).

Now, after we have seen the general concept of Scrum, we will now take a look at methods for cost estimation.

#### METHODS FOR COST ESTIMATION 2.2

To get a feasible estimation of the workload of a given backlog, as it has been described in section 2.1, we need some methods to create a good work- respectively cost-estimation. This is important to be able to choose a fitting amount of work per sprint.

As Keaveney (2011) points out, one of the main principles of agile methods is to have meetings with the customer within the development phase to adapt the requirements if needed (?). However, changing requirements within a currently running software development are a common cause of problems with respect to software cost estimating (Jones (2003)). So, our methods for cost-estimation

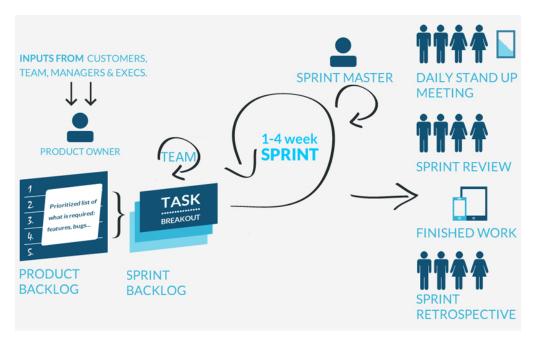


Figure 2: The Scrum development process (Simplified, original work from Maxxor (2015)).

has to be able to handle changing requirements in short time-frames. Similarly, surveys have shown that in real life scenarios, the techniques used to estimate costs in agile development projects are in general based on the expertise of the team-members (Ceschi et al. (2005)). So, the developers look to past iterations (or even past projects) to produce estimates about the costs of the current project respectively sprint (Ceschi et al. (2005)).

To be able to formalize knowledge about past iterations and to be able to compare the data with the current iteration, one can use diagrams like burndown charts.

#### 2.2.1 Burn-down charts

To get the idea of burn-down charts, we need a first intuition about story points. Story points correspond to a specific estimated time-frame, like one story point per 30 minutes - Story points will be explained in the next section. For now, see them as a unit of needed time - .

A burn-down chart shows the amount of remaining story points on the y-axis and the days of the sprint on the x-axis. With such a chart, one can estimate the remaining time and can derive if the sprint can be finished in the given

time-frame by looking at the *slope* of the graph. Figure 3 shows an example burn down chart over 8 days. The OPT line shows the optimal slope that ends up on o remaining story points on the last day. If the sprint curve is above the OPT line, the developers are to slow in the current sprint and in the case the sprint curve is below the OPT line, the developers are ahead of the time.

Obviously, burn-down charts do not have problems with changing requirements outside of the current sprint. But, in addition to that, we can also include new tasks to a running sprint and can simply adapt the OPT line with its slope to track the new added tasks within the active sprint. With this knowledge about the management of tasks and time estimation, we can take a closer look at story points.

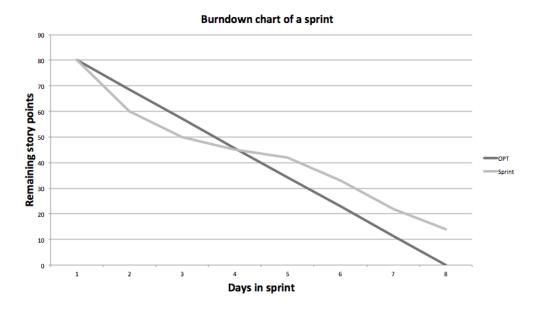


Figure 3: A burn-down diagram showing an example sprint.

#### Story points 2.2.2

In the previous section we have implicitly used the unit story points. Story points are tightly coupled with the idea of agile development because they represent an unit of needed time that takes the team members effort and the subjective degree of difficulty into account (Danube (2014)). This cannot be done by a manager, who is estimating the time and assigning tasks based on conjectures about the performance of the team. The main idea about story points is that the actual amount of time, which is expressed by a story point, does not matter. The important thing is that the collaborating teams share a common understanding of its scale. So, every team-member should be comfortable with the represented time.

Another idea is that you can easily imagine the analogy 'this story is like that story, so it well take about the same time', which tries to improve the quality of time estimations (Cohn (2004)).

Now, as we have seen how to manage the reduction of requirements with burndown charts and story points, we will take a look at the way we can specify user requirements in the first place; by using user stories.

## 2.2.3 User stories

As Pichler (2010) describes, a user story explains how a customer or a user uses the final the product in a short story. To create respectively discover these stories, one can use personas. Such a persona is a fictional character that represents a specific user type that might use a website or a product. A persona for our HiP backend could for example be Steve, the 24 year old student of english history that needs to create his homework with the backend. Obviously, Steve would represent the role *student* from the view of the backend.

Another important fact about user stories is that they are closely related to agile development. This relation can, for example, be seen at the fact that each user story is expected to result in a contribution to the value of the general product. This contribution should be added regardless of the order of the actual implementation (Alliance (2013)). Of course, this is a necessary condition for a user story, if one thinks about the way the development team works on the backlog of the product. The entries within the backlog are sorted into sprints and each entry within a sprint can be implemented as an autonomous unit by the development team. So, in general, one do not have any dependencies on entries within the sprint backlog.

#### 2.3 **DEVOPS**

Besides the cost estimation and requirement engineering, the deployment process is an important detail within the software development process. It determines the speed in which new features are shipped to the customer (respectively released to an online service, which is in general the same).

Now, the term *DevOps* can be seen as the practice of *operations* and *development* (-engineers) participating together in the entire service lifecycle, from design through the development process to production support (Mueller et al. (2011)). This approach is, for example, used by Netflix, Amazon and Etsy to deliver their new features in a fast way to the enduser (Duvall (2012)).

Using a DevOps approach results in a couple of benefits like the fact that one learns about the induced problems much faster because one gets much faster feedback from the enduser. Obviously, it is easier to fix a bug in such a situation, as in the case that the customer detects a bug in a 'new' release, which is four month old on the development machines. This results also in the benefit that the problems are much smaller and need less time to be fixed (Duvall (2012)). Furthermore, the focus on DevOps leads to the usage of tools that offer the possibility for new ways of structuring the architecture of the system (Cukier (2013)). One of these approaches is the fact that, as soon as one starts thinking in much smaller autonomous chunks, it becomes much easier to migrate the developed system into a cloud service in a Platform as a service (PaaS) like fashion (Cukier (2013)).

One of the tools you need to create a DevOps process (respectively a DevOps culture), is Continuous Delivery.

# 2.3.1 Continuous Delivery and Continuous deployment

Continuous Delivery (CD) is the automated implementation of the build, deploy, test and release process. A CD process runs the software tests on every version that is committed to the version-control system and provides a quick automated feedback on the test result. By using a CD process, the release of a new software version becomes easy and fast.

Thus, CD is the needed brick for creating a continuous deployment process. Within such a process every commit that is done by the developer and send to the code-versioning software becomes automatically shipped to the enduser (or at least parts of them - like only in North America for a specified time) by the CD system. However, a continuous deployment process cannot be used in every situation but can be a very important thing for fast paced companies like Netflix or Flickr. The complete process is also shown in Figure 4. As one can see within this figure, the process is quite straight forward and can easily be automated by using tools and platforms like Bamboo and GitHub.

Now, after we have gained some insights about the process itself, we will take a look at the frameworks that will be used in the development process.

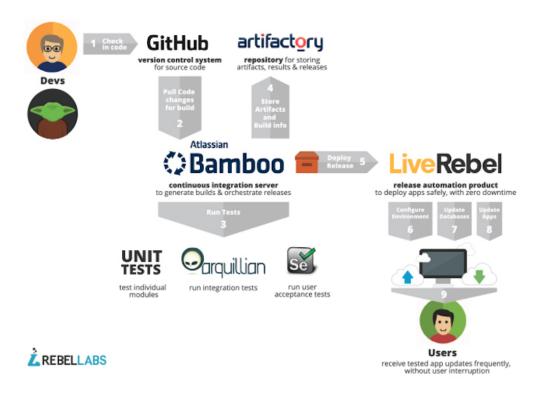


Figure 4: The CD process showing some tools that can be used to create a CD pipeline (taken from Wattson (2013))

#### **USED FRAMEWORKS** 2.4

Because the time frame for the project is quite small, it is not possible to create the whole application from scratch and, thus, we need a couple of frameworks to accelerate the process. We will use the Play-Framework in the backend, which offers a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)-interface and handles the routing from HTTP-requests to application code. On the frontend-side, AngularJS will be used to create a fast and responsive web-interface and Junaio will be used to include the AR-functionality on the smartphone application.

## 2.4.1 Play Framework

We will use the Play framework for the backend of the application because Play is an open source web application framework, which is written in Scala and Java, follows the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architectural pattern and handles the routing from HTTP-requests to application code.

A simple example for the routing configuration file is shown in Listing 2.1. In this file, each documented route consists of an HTTP method and an Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) pattern that is linked to a call of a, so called, action method within the Java respectively Scala code.

As one can easily see in line 9, it is quite easy to pass parameters to the application code. Furthermore, one can see that the parameters are type-safe. Thus, for example, a String passed in as an Integer would result in a compilation error.

Listing 2.1: Simple routing configuration file within the Play Framework

```
# Routes
 1
   # This file defines all application routes (Higher priority
2
       routes first)
3
4
   # Home page
5
   GET /
                         controllers. Application.index()
6
7
8
   # Usage of parameter
                         controllers. Application.exp(grade: Integer)
   GET /thesis/:grade
9
10
   # Map static resources from /public to the /assets URL path
11
   GET /assets/*file
                         controllers. Assets. at (path="/public", file)
```

Very briefly, the Play framework includes three different parts:

1) Java code that implements the controllers. The controllers are used to handle requests that get routed to them via HTTP. A simple controller is shown in Listing 2.2. As one can see within line 10 of Listing 2.2 the String "Your new application is ready" gets passed to the render function of the class index and returned as a parameter within the ok function, which creates a simple HTTP header with return-code 200. The index class is a Scala class that gets automatically created from the Scala/HTML template called *index.scala.html*. We will see this in more detail within point 3 of this list.

**Listing 2.2:** Simple Java-controller within the Play Framework

```
package controllers;
1
2
  import play . *;
3
  import play.mvc.*;
4
  import views.html.*;
5
6
  public class Application extends Controller {
7
8
```

```
public static Result index() {
9
            return ok(index.render("Your new application is ready."
10
               ));
11
12
```

- 2) Java code that implements the model entities. The model in Play 2.0 is used to do the data handling, which is quite easy because the Play framework maps automatically the documents in the MongoDB to concrete Scala ojects.
- 3) Scala templates that are used as *views*. As a return value of the controllers, they pass data to a fitting template and return a corresponding Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)-view. However, we may also skip the template engine sometimes to directly return JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)-documents, which can be used to provide a Application Programming Interface (API). Listing 2.3 shows the used *index.scala.html* template used in Listing 2.2. In line 1 of Listing 2.3, we declare the used parameters (i.e., a String variable) that we have used to pass the String "Your new application is ready". The @main command in line 3 calls another template, which includes everything besides the HTML body. The body of the file is now included in line 4 by calling another framework specific method, which includes a welcome and documentation message and renders our passed String variable.

Listing 2.3: Simple Scala template within the Play Framework

```
@(message: String)
1
2
  @main("Welcome to Play") {
3
       @play20.welcome(message, style = "Java")
4
5
```

Besides the templating feature, Play can be augmented with Plugins that handle specific behavior. For example, the Plugin SecureSocial 2 is able to handle the whole user registration and login process. In more detail, it offers an interface to get the data from users, who are currently logged into the system. Furthermore, it offers out of the box support for web-services like Twitter, Facebook, Google, LinkedIn and GitHub. If one do not want to rely on external services, SecureSocial 2 provides a Username/Password mechanism with signup, login and reset password functionality. We will use this last technique within the HiP backend.

As another important fact, Play emphasizes the usage of the REST principle, as it can be seen within the routing configuration file. We can easily and directly make use of the different HTTP commands and use them to structure our API accordingly. In general, Representational State Transfer (REST) is a style of software architecture that is used to build distributed systems and has been introduced in the dissertation of Fielding (2000). As Rodriguez et. al. point out, REST based web services are easier to use than Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) and Web Services Description Language (WSDL)-based ones and getting more and more importance since mainstream web 2.0 service providers are taking up on REST (Rodriguez (2008)). Furthermore, the Play-framework comes with integrated unit testing and full support of asynchronous I/O. So, all in all, Play will noticeably enhance the development speed of the backend.

what is rest?

## 2.4.2 MongoDB

As Trelle (2014) describes, data entries within a MongoDB are called documents and are in essence ordered sets of key-value pairs. However, values can also be complete documents and arrays. So, one can store complex hierarchical structures within a MongoDB. Similarly, binary data (e.g., pictures) gets stored in a Binary JSON (BSON)-format. This format is a binary JSON format that includes datatypes and better traversability.

These documents are stored in *collections*, which are in general comparable to the tables in a relational database, like MySQL.

Every document within the database needs to include a field called \_id, which contains the primary key of the document. Of course, this primary key has to be unique within the collection that contains the document. If an document is stored within the database without an \_id field, the field gets automatically generated.

An insert into a MongoDB is easily done and shown in Listing 2.4.

**Listing 2.4:** Inserting into a MongoDB

```
var db = \dots // contains the connection to the database
1
2
  var object = {
3
     firstname: 'John',
4
     lastname : 'Doe'
5
   };
6
  db. hipUsers.insert(object);
```

Similarly one can read documents from the database by creating a document that is matched against the collection. For example, to retrieve the user John Introduction

Doe that has been included within Listing 2.4 by matching against his lastname, one would need to do the steps shown in Listing 2.5. The object that is used to match the query is created in line 3. The query itself is started in line 7 of Listing 2.5.

Listing 2.5: Reading documents from a MongoDB

```
var db = \dots // contains the connection to the database
1
2
   var object = {
3
     lastname : 'Doe'
4
5
   };
6
  db. hipUsers. find (object);
```

Within the following section, we will take a look at the frontend technologies.

## 2.4.3 AngularJS

After we have now seen the basics of the Play framework and the MongoDB, which will handle the backend functionality, we will now take a look at Angular IS, which will provide needed features to create a fast and responsive frontend. The frontend will be designed as a Single Page Application (SPA). A SPA is an orthogonal approach to the common way of creating websites as a set of linked pages. A SPA is a composition of individual components which can be updated respectively replaced independently of the complete site and, thus, without any reload after the actions of the user. This results in a couple of benefits, like improved interactivity, responsiveness and user satisfaction (Mesbah and van Deursen (2007)). Another important fact with respect to the system performance is that AngularJS offers functions (as we will see: directives) to circumvent the need for changing the Document Object Model (DOM)-Tree directly. AngularJS relies on a Model View ViewModel (MVVM) architecture and tries to create the same behavior by doing changes to the ViewModel. The ViewModel sits behind the concrete User Interface (UI) layer and exposes data needed by a View from a Model. Because of that, the ViewModel can be viewed as the source of data for the Views to get data and call functions.

Listing 2.6: Simple example that shows the use of an AJAX request that shows the response text within a specific div container

```
xmlhttp.onreadystatechange=function(){
  if (xmlhttp.readyState==4 && xmlhttp.status==200){
```

```
document.getElementById("myDiv").innerHTML=xmlhttp.
3
          responseText;
4
5
6
  xmlhttp.open("GET", "ajax_info.txt", true);
  xmlhttp.send();
```

Obviously, creating a SPA implicitly forces the usage of some kind of request mechanism to get the data that the user needs without reloading the site. This could for example be done with an Asynchronous JavaScript and XML (AJAX) request like the one that is show in Listing 2.6. The listing shows how the request is being made in line 6 and 7. Line 3 shows the exchange of the content of the div container with the id myDiv. However, using AJAX is cumbersome and can nowadays easily be hidden in very sophisticated frameworks, like AngularJS.

The AngularJS framework will be explained briefly in the following. AngularJS makes heavy use of expressions and directives. While directives in AngularJS are functions that get run when the DOM is compiled by the compiler and are shown as simple tags or attributes, an expression is a term that is encapsulated by { { ... } } and gets evaluated while the page gets loaded. Listing 2.7 shows a simple example, where an expression is used to call a method of a controller object.

**Listing 2.7:** Simple example that shows the use of expressions

```
<div class="panel-heading">
2
     {{ lc.getTerm('system_group_navigation')}}
  </div>
3
```

As soon as the page gets rendered, the DOM-tree will be loaded with the result value of the given javascript function called getTerm(String). Another major feature of AngularJS is the, so called, two-way data binding. This feature is closely coupled to expressions. The two-way data binding ensures that the rendered value of the function getTerm(String) gets automatically updated, as soon as the function returns a different value. This creates a source-code that includes less unnecessary lines of code for updating the values in the view.

Furthermore, AngularJS offers directives like ng-class which adds dynamically a specific class to a DOM-element if a given expression evaluates to true.

Listing 2.8: Simple example that shows the ng-class directive to change the style respectivly color of an alert depending on its type

```
<div ng-class="{'alert-warning' : alert.type == 'warning',</pre>
```

```
'alert-danger' : alert.type == 'danger
2
                              'alert-info' : alert.type == 'info',
3
                              'alert-success' : alert.type ==
4
                                 success'}"
        role="alert">
5
6
7
     {{ alert.msg}}
  </div>
```

Listing 2.8 shows how the ng-class directive exchanges the used style of the alert depending on the boolean expression that is places behind the ':'. So, the syntax of the attribute value is { class : expression }.

Of course, one can also create own directives to get a much cleaner code. For example, it is possible to create a directive called *chat-box* that can directly be included within the DOM-tree. Thus, the usage of the created chat element folds down to the code that is shown in Listing 2.9. The same can be achieved by using web components or Google Polymer, which is in essence an extension of the web-components technology. However both technologies are, at the present point in time, only fully compatible to Google Chrome. Because of that, we will use custom AngularJS directives to create clean and maintainable code.

**Listing 2.9:** Simple example that shows the usage of a custom directive

```
<!-- some code up here -->
1
2
  <chat-box> </chat-box>
3
4
  <!-- some code down here -->
```

Besides AngularJS, Twitter Bootstrap will also play an major role in the frontend development process.

#### Twitter Bootstrap 2.4.4

Twitter Bootstrap<sup>2</sup> is an open and freely available collection of tools on the basis of the HTML, Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) and Javascript (JS) and can be used to support and accelerate the creation of web applications. We will use Twitter Bootstrap inside the user front-end of our web application because

<sup>2</sup> Twitter Bootstrap is hosted on GitHub and can be downloaded here: https://github.com/ twitter/bootstrap

it works nicely together with AngularJS and can for example be used to create tabs and alerts. Furthermore, Twitter Bootstrap is nowadays used by a lot of common web-applications. Thus, we enhance the external consistency of the HiP-application in respect of other web-applications (Lidwell et al. (2010)), which may be well known to the user.

Twitter Bootstrap is licensed under the terms of the Apache License v2.0<sup>3</sup>.

Furthermore, Twitter Bootstrap can be used with Bootstrap UI, which are Bootstrap components that have been written in AngularJS and can easily be reused. Examples for these components are tooltips, datepickers, timepickers, etc. So, this is also a great repository for components to accelerate the development process. 4

```
2.4.5 Junaio - Metaio
```

The AR-functionality will be offered by the framework Junaio. The company Metaio, which runs Junaio, offers a developer program to develop own applications on the basis of the Junaio (eco-)system. Moreover, it is completely free of charge for the developers (Junaio (2014)). However, deployed apps will be shipped with a Metaio watermark inside as long as you do not buy a specific license.

Furthermore, Metaio has developed a JavaScript binding of the SDK used for AR-applications called Augmented Reality Experience Language (AREL), which can be used as a platform to write your AR apps without writing platform specific code of the mobile operating system Dev.metaio.com (2015). Figure 5 shows the placement of the AREL interpreter within the platform stack.

To use AREL, we need three different parts that that get combined to an AREL application.

**Listing 2.10:** Example for the HTML5 AREL layer

```
<head>
1
     <!-- Integrates the arel javascript bridge -->
2
     <script type="text/javascript" src="http://dev.junaio.com/</pre>
3
         arel/js/arel.js"></script>
4
     <!-- Includes application logic -->
5
```

<sup>3</sup> The terms of the license can be found here: http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0

UI can be downloaded here: http://angular-ui.github.io/bootstrap/ MIT https://github.com/angulardistributed under the license ui/bootstrap/blob/master/LICENSE

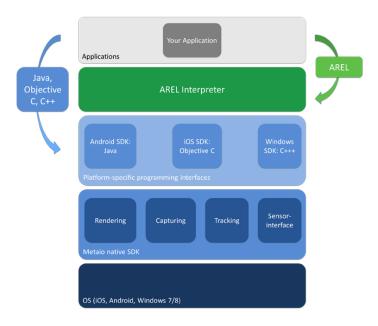


Figure 5: The figure shows the placement of the AREL interpreter within the platform stack. (Taken from Dev.metaio.com (2015))

```
6
     <script
               type="text/javascript" src="logic.js"></script>
  </head>
```

First of all, we need a static content definition, which is an Extensible Markup Language (XML) document that references the models and graphics that will be loaded when we start the AREL application. The second part is the Hypertext Markup Language V<sub>5</sub> (HTML<sub>5</sub>) layer, which is also addressed in the static content definition. The HTML5 binds the static content definition to the application logic and may also add additional Graphical User Interface (GUI) functionality. An example for such an HTML5 layer is shown in 2.10. The last part, the application logic is written in JS and loads objects that are afterwords tracked by patterns.

So, AREL allows scripting of AR-applications on mobile operating systems like iOS or Android based on common web technologies such as HTML5, XML and JavaScript.

## 2.4.6 WebGL

Last but not least, we will need Web Graphics Library (WebGL) to create a possibility to render and manipulate the 3D-point clouds, of the scanned objects, right within the browser.

#### 2.5 TESTING TECHNIQUES AND TOOLS

Because we use an agile development approach, testing becomes an important aspect even in the development process itself. This founds on the core aspect of agile development that even in early stages of the development process the requirements are going to slightly change and, thus, we need to adapt the existing code. This leads us to TDD, which is a developing technique that relies on the heavy use of tests. TDD will be explained in the following section.

#### TDD 2.5.1

The main idea of TDD is that one develops the test cases upfront and implements the needed functions afterwards. This is a major shift in the way software gets developed as, traditionally, unit testing has been done on exiting code, after it has been implemented. According to Nerur et al. (2005), this TDD approach leads to code that is more understandable and maintainable. However, TDD is not only a different testing technique. As the definition of the Agile Alliance (Alliance (2015)) states "Test-driven development" refers to a style of programming in which three activities are tightly interwoven: coding, testing (in the form of writing unit tests) and design (in the form of refactoring).

So, TDD is not only a testing technique, it is a programming technique which follows a couple of rules to achieve a tight coupling of coding, testing and design. While the two parts coding and testing are easy to grasp, the relation between writing test cases and designing a system seems to be a bit odd. However, as Janzen and Saiedian (2005) point out, while writing a test one is deciding what the program should do, which is an analysis step. This is how analysis gets coupled with testing.

Furthermore, Janzen and Saiedian (2005) state that the positive aspects of the usage of TDD has also been shown in studies of the North Carolina State University (NCSU), which has performed a couple of empirical studies (George and

Williams (2004), Maximilien (2003), Williams et al. (2003)) on TDD in industry settings. These studies showed that programmers, who used TDD to produce code, created 18 up to 50 percent more external test cases than code that has been produced by corresponding control groups. The studies also reported that the TDD developers spent less time while debugging their code. Nevertheless, they reported also that the TDD project took up to 16 percent longer. But, in the case that took 16 percent more time, researchers noted that the control group without TDD wrote far fewer tests than the TDD group.

According to Alliance (2015) the TDD process can be expressed with the following set of steps:

- 1. write a single unit test describing an aspect of the program
- 2. run the test, which should fail because the program lacks that feature
- 3. write *just enough* code, the simplest possible, to make the test pass
- 4. refactor the code until it conforms to the simplicity criteria
- 5. repeat, accumulating unit tests over time

Note that the simplicity criteria within step 4 of the procedure has been defined by Beck (1999) as: At every moment, the design runs all the tests, communicates everything the programmers want to communicate, contains no duplicate code, and has the fewest possible classes and methods. This rule can be summarized as, "Say everything once and only once.".

So, all in all, the TDD process relies on writing unit test before writing the application code itself and use them as tests in the developing phase to check if the currently written code is able to fulfill the requirement. Step 5 shows, that the sum of all test cases is then also used in a traditional way to find bugs in the existing application-code.

## 2.5.2 Jasmine and Karma

As we have seen in the last section, testing will be a major part of the development process. Thus, the chose of a good test environment is important. Karma is a test runner, which can be extended with a couple of plugins (e.g., codecoverage, more available browsers, etc.) that allows you to execute JavaScript code in multiple real browsers. The tool has been created by the team that has created AngularJS and is, thus, suggested as the main test runner within an AngularJS environment (AngularJS (2015b)).

Furthermore, Karma can be used with an extension called Karma-jasmine to run Jasmine test cases. Jasmine is a behavior-driven testing framework that can be used to test JavaScript code. As a brief explanation, Behavior Driven Development (BDD) is a development method that has been evolved from TDD to get the idea to a bigger audience and to shorten the gap between behavior (which can easily be explained to the customer) and code (North (2012)). Thus, we will use Karma with the Jasmine extension to run our Jasmine test case for the application.

#### 2.6 **TOOLING**

A couple of frameworks and techniques is a good start for creating such a sophisticated system. However, we will also need fitting tooling to support the development. These tools will be described in the following section.

### 2.6.1 Git

We will use Git, which is a commonly used distributed revision control and source code management system, for the versioning of our source-code. Git is free software distributed under the terms of the GNU General Public License version 2.

The service GitHub offers his users the possibility to maintain public and private Git repositories. The usage of GitHub is free, if the user uses public repositories only. We will use GitHub to host our source-code.

### 2.6.2 Jira

Jira is a proprietary software for project tracking purposes, which has been developed by the company Atlassian. It has support for agile development methods like Scrum or Kanban and offers a couple of features for bug tracking and time respectively cost estimation, like burn-down charts, which has been explained in section 2.2.

We will use Jira to track the status of the HiP application.

# 2.6.3 IntelliJ IDEA

IntelliJ IDEA is a Java Integrated Development Environment (IDE) by the company JetBrains.

The current version offers support for Java 8, UI designer for Android development, Play 2.0 and Scala and is, thus, a good choice to work with because all of these features will be used in our development process.

The IDE is available as an Apache 2 Licensed community edition and a commercial edition. The commercial edition can also be downloaded for free for educational purposes.

After we have now seen all needed fundamentals to grasp the main idea of the application, we will take a look at the draft of the application.

### DRAFT OF THE APPLICATION

Within this thesis, we will develop an application (with focus on the backend system) to handle all these problems that have been described above within the section about the current situation. This master thesis will handle the planning respectively cost estimation of the different parts/features of the general system and will, after the needed technologies respectively frameworks are elaborated and evaluated, include a prototypical implementation of the needed components of the backend system.

But at first, we will start with the first step within each development process; the requirements engineering.

# 3.1 REQUIREMENTS ENGINEERING

First of all, a requirement is defined as "[...]A condition or capability that must be met or possessed by a system or system component to satisfy a contract, standard, specification, or other formally imposed documents[...]" (IEEE (1990)).

We started the development of the application with a requirements engineering meeting together with our *customer*. Within this meeting, we talked about the main ideas of the application and tried to grasp the needed functionality. In the end, we ended up with a couple of cards with written user stories. Some of these cards are shown in Figure 6.

After this meeting, these stories got refined to concrete high level requirements, which are measurable and prioritized. A complete list of all requirements, which were derived from these user stories, can be found within the appendix in tables 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. These requirements can directly be used to derive some the needed test cases for the TDD approach.



Figure 6: Some of the requirement cards, which has been sorted.

One of these main features that has been elaborated in this meeting, was the need for four different roles within the complete system. We will now take a more detailed look at these roles within the following section.

#### 3.2 **USE CASES**

The system on its whole will have four different kinds of users, which correspond to four different roles within the system. The roles are briefly described in the following:

- 1. Supervisors: Supervisors work at the university and create groups, topics and are able to review the information of their groups. The main goal of a supervisor is the supervision of groups.
- 2. Students: Students are placed in groups by their supervisor and work on a specific topic. They are able to hand in their work for review by the supervisor.
- 3. Admin: The admins are able to assign users to specific roles and edit the system itself (e.g., edit translations, etc.).

4. Master: People, who have the role *Master*, are able to accept respectively reject topics for the front-end application

These four different roles are also shown in Figure 18 as an UML2 use case diagram, which is placed in the appendix. Figure shows the roles together with the functionality that gets invoked by these roles.

After we have now seen the different roles that are involved in this system, we will include two use case tables as an example for the usage of the system here. However, a complete list of use case scenarios would be to large for this thesis.

Table 1: Use Case Scenario: Student changes content of a topic

Step:	Involved:	Description of the activity:
0	Student	logs into the system
1	Student	navigates to the correct group
2	Student	navigates to the topic he wants to work on
3	Student	changes content on the topic
4	Student	saves the changes
5	Student	logs out

Table 1 shows that when a student wants to change the content of a topic he is working on, he needs to log into the system, navigate to the group and topic and is then able to change the content.

Table 2: Use Case Scenario: Supervisor creates a new group

Step:	Involved:	Description of the activity:
0	Supervisor	logs into the system
1	Supervisor	navigates to create group view
2	Supervisor	inputs name, member, topics, etc.
3	Supervisor	saves the group
4	Supervisor	logs out

The second use case scenario is shown within Table 2. It shows that it will be quite easy for a supervisor to create a new group. The only steps he needs to take is to log into the system, open the correct view and input all needed information (e.g., members of the group).

Now, after we have seen what the application is about, we will now take a closer look at the planned architecture.

include simple sequence diagrams

#### ARCHITECTURE OF THE APPLICATION 3.3

The architecture design within agile projects is slightly different from the design in common respectively classical development projects. Within a classical development process, one would design the architecture of the system on its whole, before the actual programming phase is started. This is, obviously, not applicable within an agile development approach. As Mast (2013) points out, agile architecture design has the following important attributes:

- 1. At the beginning, one has only an idea about the architecture, which describes the most important constraints. However, there has to be enough space to be able to adapt the architecture to new or changing requirements within the development process.
- 2. This enables the developer to be able to use an iterative development style and to postpone important development choices to the Least Responsible Moment. The Least Responsible Moment is the latest possible point in time, where you can implement an architecture decision.
- 3. This way, detailed structures and technical concepts are created on-thefly, while the application gets developed.

That said, we will choose a 3-tier architecture for the development for the application. This is, according to Eckerson (1995), a quite common architecture for Client/Server respectively web applications. Within our application, the 3-tier architecture is nice because it enables us to exchange the presentation tier easily, which is a feature that we will need to support the web-backend and a smartphone front-end. The main idea about the architecture is shown in Figure 7. The figure shows also the storage tier, which will be driven by a MongoDB. The data that will be stored in the MongoDB gets prepared by the Play-Framework, which will create the foundation for the application tier. Nevertheless, we want to build a fast and application that is able to give instant feedback to the user within the UI. Because of that, some parts of the application tier need to be included on the client side within the presentation tier. Because of that, the presentation tier will be much more complex as it is shown in this brief draft since AngularJS, which is used in this tier, relies on a MVVM architecture on its own. However, more detailed decisions about the architecture design are postponed to the least responsible moment, as it has been suggested by Mast (2013).

Now, we have an idea about the general architecture. Nevertheless, we need to take a look at the usage of the different components (e.g., frameworks, libraries and tools) and how they will work together.

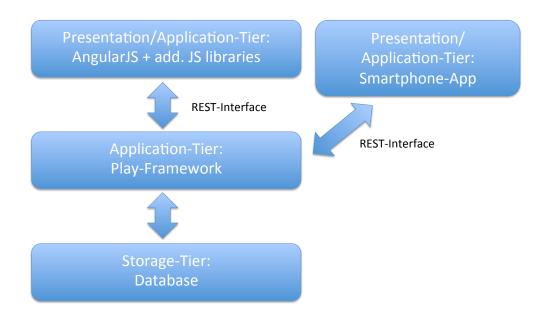


Figure 7: The general 3-tier architecture of the HiP-application with both presentation tiers

#### USAGE OF THE COMPONENTS 3.4

As we have seen in section 3.3 a lot of application logic will be included in the first tier (i.e., presentation tier). To offer all needed features of the backend in this short time frame, we will need to include a couple of frameworks and libraries. A brief overview about the components and how they work together is shown in Figure 8.

The figure shows that the backend system will make use of AngularJS and Bootstrap UI to create the UI itself. Furthermore, these two components will be supported by a couple of smaller JS libraries for highlighting (i.e., Annotator JS) or word processing environments (i.e., textAngular). To create highlighting with AnnotatorJS that is persistent, we need to send the information via another REST interface to storage service. However, this creates the need for the user of the HiP application to register on this backend service, which is not acceptable. This is why the authentication of the user can be pushed from the HiP backend to the storage service (i.e., AnnotateIt) with a JSON Web Token (JWT). This

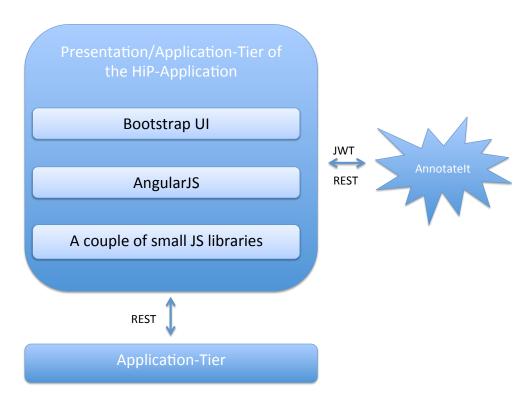


Figure 8: The usage of the different components and how they work together

JWT is a digital claim encoded as a JSON object that is digitally signed using a JSON Web Signature (JWS). It offers a possibility to represent claims that can be transferred between two parties in a safe way. More details about this authentication process will be shown in chapter 4.

After we have now seen the general architecture and the used frameworks, we will take a look at the different part of the system in more detail.

#### BACKEND (WEB-SERVER) 3.5

The most important part of the system for this thesis is contained within the backend-web-server. The backend should contain the whole data handling and assessment. The students should be able to add data to the system (e.g., a textual article, graphics, AR-data, etc.) and to modify existing data via a Content Management System (CMS). These entries get reviewed, for example by the course supervisor and unlocked for the frontend application by an user, who represents the master role. To do this, the backend needs features like annotations and highlighting, which should be private for a specific user. By using this, the supervisor can evaluate the given texts right within the CMS and give his final judgement. If the supervisor is not satisfied with the quality of the given text, he should be able to send the document back to the student to get a revised and updated version of the document. If the supervisor is satisfied, he can unlock the information for showing in the frontend application. The whole process is also shown in Figure 17, which can be found in the appendix. The figure shows the complete workflow within the backend system as a flowchart.

The data (i.e., topics, graphics, etc.) should be stored in a way that it can be shown within an AR-environment in the smartphone application. Of course, we will need some mechanism to structure the data, for example tags or stored categories. This kind of information (especially tags) are also very important for the described filtering techniques on the client side.

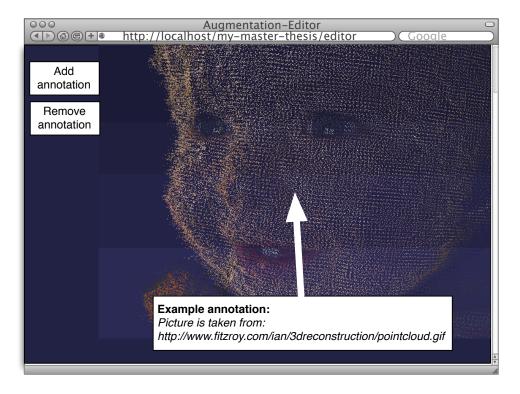


Figure 9: A mockup showing the augmentation editor that will be included in the web-application. The editor will be used to edit the point-clouds, which have been added with the help of the smartphone-application

Furthermore, the backend should include a way to modify the point-clouds of the objects that has been scanned with the smartphone application. It will need features to add annotations directly to these point-clouds to show them afterwards within the AR-environment. This editor will be created on the basis of HTML5 and WebGL. A mockup of this site is shown in Figure 9. These annotations should also be assessable and (un-)lockable for the supervisor.

#### Input data/content via CMS in the system 3.5.1

The storage of the data respectively content of the topics and groups will be mainly done by using the MongoDB. For example, a topic will be an object with information like version number, content, etc.

So, when an user changes something at a topic, the data is changed on the model in the view and send back to the model in the backend. This can be done quite easy with AngularJS because it provides a HTTP module that can send HTTP requests with a simple call like http.post(destination, data) to update the model with values from the view-model. Furthermore, the status of the topics should be reflected by constraints (e.g., maximal or minimal characters in the topic) about the topic that get automatically evaluated while the students are working on the topic.

However, to handle the organization of these topics, we will need to implement groups and their relation to users in the system. So, we will have group documents in the MongoDB, which are linked to the user objects that get returned by the SecureSocial 2 plugin, which has been explained in section 2.4.1.

#### 3.5.2 Manage content as a reviewer

The reviewer should be able to review the content that gets send in by the students. In this process, he should be able to attach comments to the topic itself and send feedback to the students. After that, the supervisor can mark the topic as 'ready for publish' if he is satisfied with the given quality.

technical details

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#### Including a 3D-Tooling system for point-clouds (WebGL) 3.5.3

The augmentation editor will be needed to edit the objects (i.e., point clouds) that have been scanned with a smartphone by a student. The editor should be able to show the stored point-clouds and attach objets (for example images) to

it. These images can, for example, contain annotations and/or further information. Figure 9 shows a mockup of such a system.

technical details

#### Cost estimation of the backend 3.5.4

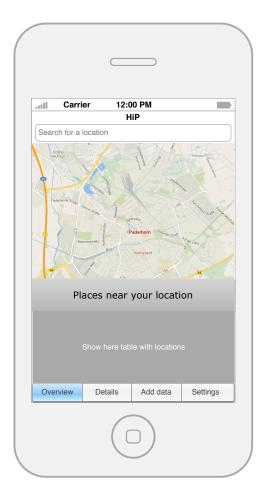
Now, as we have seen the major ideas about the backend, we will try to create a rough cost-estimation about the backend. The story points have been explained in section 2.2.2 and should represent 6 hours per point. This way, we get only a rough estimation. Nonetheless, this rough estimation should be sufficient to get an idea about the needed time. However, note that some parts of the system could be subject for change because we are using an agile approach and some new requirements may come up within the development process.

Table 3: A brief cost-estimation about the backend

Name	Description	Story points
Create login system	Login needed for right/role management	2
Create language system	The system should be able to handle multiple languages	2
Create chat system	Chats are needed for (group-) communication between users of the system	1
Create message system	Messages are needed for direct communication between users of the system	1
Create group system	Groups will be needed for organization of students	2
Create topic system	Topics will be the main objects, which can be changed	10
	by students	
Create constraint system	Constrains should be created by supervisors and are automatically evaluated	4
Create annotation system	Content of topics should be able to be annotated by students (e.g., highlighted)	3
Create AR - editing system	The 3D objects should be editable by the students	4
Add tooltips	The main features should be explained with tooltips	1
Media upload	The user should be able to upload multiple media formats	1
	like pictures, 3D objects, etc.	
Create version system	One should be able to restore/compare different versions of a topic	4
	•	∑ 35

Table 3 shows that the backend system needs a lot of typical CMS functions, which sum up to 35 story points. So, the backend system should cost about 210 hours to create a prototypical but running system.

# 3.6 FRONTEND (APP)



**Figure 10:** A mockup showing the main page of the frontend application showing a map of paderborn and a general overview about the UI-elements

The smartphone application is the part of the system that gets shipped to the end-user (respectively downloaded via an App-Store like Google-Play). The user can use the app to find interesting places respectively objects in Paderborn and is able to start a navigation to the place/object easily. Furthermore, the user can get an overview about all places in Paderborn by activating a map that shows all entries within the system. A mockup of this view is shown in Figure 10. Of course, the user will be able to set up specific filters like 'show only art', 'show only historic buildings' or 'use simplified language' to adapt the system to his own experiences and educational qualifications. Moreover, if

the university courses would add information over years, the system will need filtering features like this to handle the complexity of the data.

After an user has reached an interesting place, he can use the details tab to switch into the AR-mode. With this view, the user can use the smartphonecamera to embed information, which has been added via the backend, right into the picture of the object. An mockup of this view is shown in Figure 11. To create a feasible input for the AR system, the user should be able to scan objects in 3D directly with his smartphone and send the data (i.e., a pointcloud of the scanned object), back to the web-server. Afterwards, the user can add annotations to the point-cloud via the web-backend of the system.

In the following, we will focus on the planning and cost estimations off the frontend applications because our actual prototypical implementation contains only the backend system. However, code examples (for Android) and ideas will be included within the draft.

Input data into the system (scan objects and annotate them)

With the Junaio eco-system of the company Metaio it is quite easy to scan objects and store them as point clouds that can be used to track the object with Junaio. The scanning process itself is done by the Metaio Toolbox. A screenshot of the *Metaio Toolbox* is shown Figure 12.

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Data format for AR files

The scanned objects are saved within the 3dmap and creator3dmap format. To create a web editor, asked for a specification for the file format by the company Metaio. However, we never received an answer.

3.6.2 Show close "interesting places" within a map

In the end, every topic will contain Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates for exhibits and locations, which has been added by students. We can make use of this information to get a location specific map and navigation features on the smartphone.

Listing 3.1: Example for using the GPS coordinates within an Android application

```
import com.google.android.gms.maps.*;
import com.google.android.gms.maps.model.*;
```

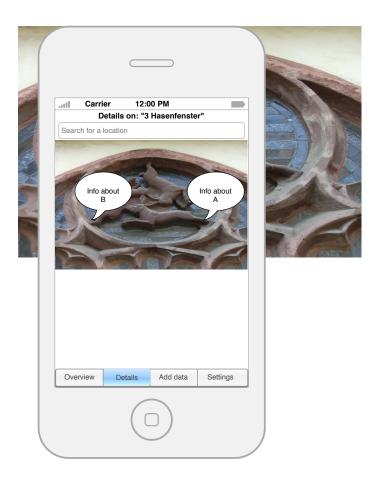


Figure 11: A mockup showing the details page of the "Dreihasenfenster" while the camera of the smartphone is pointing to the window itself

```
import android.app.Activity;
   import android.os.Bundle;
4
5
   public class MapPane extends Activity implements
6
      OnMapReadyCallback {
7
8
       @Override
       protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
9
            /* some initialization data */
10
11
12
       @Override
13
       public void onMapReady(GoogleMap map) {
14
           LatLng paderbornDom = new LatLng(51.718889, 8.755278);
15
16
```

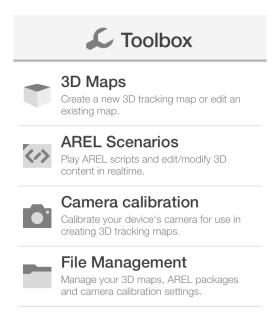


Figure 12: The main menu of the *Metaio Toolbox* showing the main features of the app

```
map.setMyLocationEnabled(true);
17
18
           map.moveCamera(CameraUpdateFactory.newLatLngZoom(
               paderbornDom, 13));
19
           map.addMarker(new MarkerOptions()
20
                    .title("Paderborner Dom")
21
                    .snippet("The cathedral of the Catholic
22
                        Archdiocese of Paderborn")
23
                    . position(paderbornDom));
24
25
```

The usage of the GPS information is quite easy within Android because we can make use of the Google Maps API. As Listing 3.1 shows, we can directly manipulate the Google Maps view by using the LatLng object. Line 18 shows the movement of the camera (i.e., the excerpt of the map) and line 20 the creation of a marker on the map.

## 3.6.3 Navigation to "interesting places"

An easy way to create a navigation feature would be the usage of the Google directions service (Google (2014)). However, this service runs not natively on Android, so we would need a wrapper to access the HTML and JS based source code in our Android application.

Listing 3.2: Example for construction of the DirectionsRequest JSON object that is needed to use the directions service

```
1
2
      origin: LatLng | String,
      destination: LatLng | String,
3
      travelMode: TravelMode,
4
      transitOptions: TransitOptions,
 5
6
     unitSystem: UnitSystem,
     waypoints[]: DirectionsWaypoint,
7
     optimizeWaypoints: Boolean,
8
      provideRouteAlternatives: Boolean,
9
     avoidHighways: Boolean,
10
      avoidTolls: Boolean
11
     region: String
12
13
```

After doing that, we can access the direction service by posting a JSON object to the Google service and use the returned data to render the navigation path within our application. The construction of such a JSON object is shown in Listing 3.2.

As we can see, this object include information like the position of the navigation origin, the position of the destination and specific travel options (e.g., using train, car, etc.). After we have send this object, we need to render the returned data. This is, for example, possible by drawing lines on the map using the google.maps.Polyline class. This is shown in Listing 3.3.

Listing 3.3: Example for writing a poly line on the google map

```
function initialize() {
    var mapOptions = {
2
            /* positioning of the map */
3
4
5
    var map = new google.maps.Map(document.getElementById('map-
        canvas'),
        mapOptions);
7
8
```

```
/* array with the coordinates */
9
     var flightPlanCoordinates = [
10
       new google.maps.LatLng(37.772323, -122.214897),
11
12
      ];
13
     var flightPath = new google.maps.Polyline({
14
        path: flightPlanCoordinates,
15
16
        [...] // options for the rendering of the polyline
       strokeColor: '#FF0000'
17
18
      });
19
      flightPath.setMap(map);
20
21
22
   google.maps.event.addDomListener(window, 'load', initialize);
23
```

As we can see in Listing 3.3, we can directly draw on the map, which is really fast. The listing shows the code in Javascript. The Polyline class can, however, be accessed natively with the Android SDK (Google (2015)). Furthermore, the simplicity of the usage of the Google Maps API is a good foundation for more complex functionality, like the treasure hunt respectively geocaching functionality, which has been expressed within the first requirements meeting. One just needs to create an array of LatLng objects from the locations that should be used as waypoints, the remaining work is done from the Google directions service.

Another, more complex but more powerful, approach would be to fork the Open Street Map Android (OsmAnd) project and use the code as a basis for the HiP-Navigation feature. OsmAnd is a map and navigation application that uses the Open Street Map (OSM) data. The application offers routing with optical and voice guidance and navigation for car, bike, and pedestrian (OpenSource (2012)). Furthermore, all main functionalities can be used online and offline, which is nice, because we can directly include the needed maps for the area of paderborn. This would reduce the load on the internet connection of the mobile device (i.e., smartphone). Another great feature of OsmAnd is that it is capable of using different map overlays. An example for such an overlay is one for touring features. These functions could be modified within the HiP-Application to render different city plans (e.g., from different epochs). Last but not least, OsmAnd supports intermediate points on your route, which can be modified for the treasure hunt functionality.

describe listing

IBeacon support for indoor navigation

But, as we have stated before, forking this project to create the HiP-navigation application results in much more work but we end up with a complete navigation application with every common function.

## 3.6.4 Fetching topics and PDF export

As soon as an user arrives at a specific location, he is able to gather data about the object and collect the information he wants. On a technical level, this is a simple HTTP GET request to our backend to download the information.

Listing 3.4: Creation and usage of an Android HTTP client

```
/* init variables */
1
   [\ldots]
2
3
   /* create HTTP client */
 4
   HttpClient httpclient = new DefaultHttpClient();
5
6
   HttpGet request = new HttpGet();
7
   URI url = new URI("http://yourHipServer/topics/uIDOfATopic");
8
   request.setURI(url);
9
10
   /* send request and get response*/
11
   HttpResponse response = httpclient.execute(request);
12
13
   /* read response */
14
   in = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(response.
15
       getEntity().getContent()));
   String line = in.readLine();
16
   textv.append(" First line: " + line);
```

As Listing 3.4 shows, it is only a matter of a couple of lines to create a HTTP client for Android. Line 5 shows the creation of a HttpClient object, which is used in line 12 to send the GET request.

Another important thing is the Portable Document Format (PDF) export functionality of the data that we have just downloaded from our backend server. Because there is no out-of-the-box way on Android to create PDF documents, we need to make use of an external library. One choice for such a library is iText. This is a PDF library for Android that offers features to create, adapt and maintain PDF document (iText Software Corp (2015)). With this library, it is quite easy to export the downloaded data to a PDF file because we can directly create chapters and section with content within our PDF file. For doing this, we

can make use of classes like chapter, Paragraph and similar environments (Vogel (2010)). The creation of a new paragraph could for example look like: myCategory.add(new Paragraph("This is a very important message")); All in all, PDF export can be included fast and easy within the smartphone application.

# 3.6.5 Rendering AR-data with Junaio

The rendering of the AR data is another very important part of the HiP frontend. As it has been explained in section 2.4.5, we need to create a static content definition, a HTML5 layer and the application logic. While the application logic can be general for the whole application, we need to generate the static content definition and the HTML5 layer for every topic because the shown objects are changed, as soon as we change a topic.

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# Cost estimation of the frontend

Now, after we have seen the technical details about the different parts of the frontend, we can create our cost estimation. One problem is that the cost estimation of the frontend is quite complex and depends heavily on the choice of the basis for the navigation feature. Thus, we assume in the following that we use the OsmAnd project as the basis for the HiP-navigation features. Like in section 3.5.4, one story point should represent 6 hours.

Table 4 shows the minimal features of the smartphone frontend, which sum up to 34 story points. So, the frontend system should cost about 204 hours to create a prototypical but running system.

Table 4: A brief cost-estimation about the frontend

Name	Description	Story points
Create running prototype	We need to set up a running Android application that can be used as a starting point for the HiP frontend	5
Showing locations on map	The exhibits and locations should be shown on the map	3
Download data and PDF	More information should be downloaded as soon as the user	4
export	arrives at the position. After that, he is able to export the data	
	to a PDF document	
Include treasure hunts, etc.	The user should be able to join treasure hunts within Paderborn	2
Include the Junaio framework	The user should be able to render AR-information, as soon as he arrives at a specific position	6
Fork and understand OsmAnd	We need to find the important parts of OsmAnd for the HiP application. To find out, what we need to include and how this is possible	6
Include needed parts of OsmAnd	Include the needed parts of OsmAnd in the HiP application	8
	-	∑ 34

### IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

This chapter will show details about the implementation. However, note that the application is too complex to be explained in full detail in this chapter. Because of that, we will pick only specific parts, which are important within the system and show these parts within this chapter.

Furthermore, we will show things that has been changed from the draft because the requirements came up within the implementation phase in the agile process. These changes are mostly features, which are not included in the general list of requirements (tables 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9), because they were added afterwards as a result of discussions within the biweekly meetings with our *customers*.

### 4.1 GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE SYSTEM

As it has been explained in the previous chapter, the third tier (i.e., the storage/database tier) of the application is driven by a MongoDB. The connection to the MongoDB is done by the Play framework with a single line within the configuration file of the play framework (i.e., application.conf):

```
mongodb.uri = "mongodb://localhost:27017/hip"
```

Note that one can easily connect to a remove database with a similar configuration line:

```
mongodb.uri = "mongodb://user:pass@yourDomain:Port/hip"
```

After Play 2.0 has created the connection to the MongoDB we can use it within the framework by extending a controller with the MongoController trait (a Scala trait is similar to an interface in Java). By doing this, we have created a couple of Scala Controllers that form the second tier of the application. The main function of these controllers is the handling of data on the way to the database. Nevertheless, as we will see, the second tier includes also functions for creating thumbnails and the creation of JWT.

However, the most application logic is included on the client side within the AngularJS framework. Here, we have four main points were we include the application-logic and GUI parts:

partials: Partials are small HTML snippets that get loaded as soon as the AngularJS router gets a HTTP request to the corresponding HTML page. Afterwards, the fitting partial gets loaded at a predefined position within the DOM tree. Thus, one can see a partial as a part of a view of the system that contains GUI elements and their connections to the controllers. The complete HiP backend consists of 22 different partials.

controllers: The 16 controllers, which have been created for the HiP backend, are getting commands and events from the user as he is browsing on the partials. These controllers are able to fetch data from the MongoDB and respond to the actions of the user. To offer the needed functionality, they make use of the next building block: services.

services: The services encapsulate application logic. They can be created by controllers and are working completely autonomous. For the HiP backend, we are using 4 different services.

directives: Last but not least, we are using directives to encapsulate application logic and GUI data that are used in a component. For example, the Media-Gallery directive can be used like a usual HTML tag and contains the complete logic for a media gallery including meta data for pictures, etc. However, we will take a closer look at the used directives in section 4.4.

#### 4.2 SCALA: HIGHLIGHTING AND ANNOTATION WITH AN-NOTATORIS

The highlighting of the content of topics itself is handled by the JS library AnnotatorJS. Technically, the plugin creates <span> HTML tags with the (css) class annotator-hl and adds them to the DOM-tree at the same position were the original text was placed. So, the creation of the highlighting itself is quite simple. However, we wanted to attach the information to a given topic and store it in some way.

Annotator IS supports storing data on an external storage system that needs to be addressable by a specific REST API. We decided to use the external storage system AnnotateIt, which accepts the requests from the AnnotatorJS library and stores the data on their server. However, this created a major problem: The user needed to login into the AnnotateIt website to be able to store highlights within the HiP backend. To prevent this problem, AnnotateIt accepts remote accounts to use the storage system if they are certified with a JWT. To get a better understanding of this process, look at the following description:

- 1. Alice registers the HiP backend by AnnotateIt, and receives a consumer key/secret key pair.
- 2. Bob (an user the HiP backend) logs into the HiP backend and receives an authentication token in the JWT format, which is a cryptographic combination of some details about this user and the consumer secret of the HiP backend.
- 3. Bob's browser sends requests to AnnotateIt to save annotations, including the authentication token as part of the payload.
- 4. AnnotateIt can verify that Bob is a real user from HiP. Thus, it stores his annotation.

An example for such an JWT authentication token is shown in Figure 13.

```
ENCODED
                                                    DECODED
 eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJpc3N1ZWRBdCI6IjIwMTIt\\
                                                       "alg": "HS256"
 MDMtMjNUMTA6NTE6MThaIiwiY29uc3VtZXJLZX
 kiOiJlZDgzZGE2MGFlNWU0ZDE1OTcyOWVlZjE2
 YTIwNzUyNSIsInVzZXJJZCI6ImphbWVsdW54Iiwid
 HRsIjoiODY0MDAifQ.6OKv1cN3yQZNB9aATa5RU
                                                       "issuedAt": "2012-03-23T10:51:18Z",
 H6puMu1j-sUH 80ERZjT6Y
                                                       "consumer Key": "ed83 da60 ae5 e4 d159729 eef16 a207525",\\
                                                       "userId": "jamelunx"
                                                       "tt1": "86400"
                                                      HMACSHA256(
                                                       base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +
                                                       base64UrlEncode(payload),
                                                       ) secret base64 encoded
```

**Figure 13:** An example for a JWT authentication token. On the left side: The JWT in Base64 encoding. On the right side: JWT as the decoded token.

As one can see, the token contains a header, which specifies the used algorithm, a body, which contains the payload and an authenticator, which is a Hashbased message authentication code (HMAC) based on Secure Hash Algorithm

256 (SHA256). The payload contains mainly the userID and consumer key of the application. So, this token proves that the request comes from an authenticated user of the HiP backend.

The creation of these tokens is done by the part of the backend that is included into the Play 2.0 framework. The action that generates such a token is shown in Listing 4.1.

Listing 4.1: Generation of JWT tokens within the backend

```
def getToken = UserAwareAction { implicit request =>
1
2
       request.user match {
          case Some(user) => {
3
            /* prepare secret */
4
            val sharedSecret = "9043aa09-e8c1-46b3-b570-2
5
               da27a018ac3" getBytes
6
            // Create HMAC signer
7
8
            val signer = new MACSigner(sharedSecret)
9
            // get current time
10
            [...]
11
12
            // Prepare JWT with claims set
13
            val claimsSet = new JWTClaimsSet()
14
            claimsSet setCustomClaim("consumerKey",
15
               ed83da60ae5e4d159729eef16a207525")
            claimsSet setCustomClaim("userId", [...]);
16
            claimsSet setCustomClaim("issuedAt", nowAsISO)
17
            claimsSet setCustomClaim("ttl", "86400")
18
19
            var signedJWT = new SignedJWT(new JWSHeader(
20
               JWSAlgorithm. HS256), claimsSet)
21
            // Apply the HMAC
22
            signedJWT.sign(signer)
23
24
            val s = signedJWT.serialize
25
26
            Ok(s)
27
28
          case _ => {
29
            Ok(views.html.loginplease())
30
31
32
33
```

Line 14-18 in Listing 4.1 shows the preparation of the JWT's body and in line 20, we create the concrete JWT with the header and the already created body. The signing, which is used in the authenticator, is done in line 23.

Note, that we do not use a general Action but an UserAwareAction (line 1). The UserAwareAction is provided by SecureSocial2 and checks the session of the current user. The user object is afterwards checked in line 4. If the user is not logged in but tried to gain a JWT access token, he is send to the loginplease.html page that contains the needed information for logging into the system. If the user is logged into the system, the JWT creation process is started.

After we have now seen the creation of JWT tokens, we will now take a look at something else, which is also mainly handled by an Action within the Play 2.0 framework; the upload process of media files.

### SCALA: PICTURE UPLOAD AND THE CREATION OF THUMB-4.3 NAILS

The upload of a picture is handled on the client side by dropzone.js, which is a small JS library that offers functionality for the easy upload of files to remote servers. On its core, dropzone.js uses the HTML5 upload mechanism to stay browser independent. After the file has been send, a controller called FileController accepts the connection and parses a multiFormData request. Listing 4.2 shows the Scala code of that part of the Action.

Listing 4.2: Snippet of the upload Action of the FileController for uploading pictures

```
def upload(topicID: String) = Action(parse.multipartFormData) {
 1
        request =>
        request.body.file("file") match {
2
          case Some(photo) =>
3
            [\ldots]
 4
            val newFile = new File("/tmp/picture/uploaded")
 5
6
            photo.ref.moveTo(newFile)
 7
8
            val gridFS = new GridFS(db, "media")
9
10
            val fileToSave = DefaultFileToSave(filename,
               contentType)
11
            [...]
12
13
```

```
/* write file */
14
            gridFS.writeFromInputStream(fileToSave, new
15
                FileInputStream (newFile))
16
17
            /* store meta data of that picture */
18
            metaCollection.insert(Json.obj(
19
              "uID"
                     -> cleanedID,
20
              "topic" -> topicID,
21
              "thumbnailID" -> cleanedIDThumb,
22
              "kvStore" -> "-1"
23
            ))
24
25
            Ok("File uploaded")
26
          case None => BadRequest("no media file")
27
28
        }
29
```

As one can see in line 9 from Listing 4.2 we are using GridFS to store binary data within the MongoDB. GridFS exceed the BSON document size limit of 16MB because it divides a file into parts and stores each of those parts as a separate document within the MongoDB (MongoDB-Inc. (2015)). The picture gets inserted into the MongoDB in line 15 and the meta data is written in line 19. However, by only using this code, we would need to download the complete full-size picture, even in cases where this would not be needed. Because of that, the upload Action creates thumbnails of the uploaded pictures while the picture gets inserted into the database. The code for creating the thumbnails is shown in Listing 4.3.

Listing 4.3: Snippet of the upload Action of the FileController for creating thumbnails

```
2
   val TARGET_W = 64; // width of the thumbnail
   val TARGET_H = 64; // height of the thumbnail
3
   val filename = photo.filename
5
   val contentType = photo.contentType
7
   [\ldots]
8
   /* create thumbnail */
   val fileToSaveThumb = DefaultFileToSave("thumb_"+filename,
       contentType)
   [\ldots]
11
12
/* load image for scaling (needed to derive thumbnail) */
```

```
var before = ImageIO.read(newFile)
14
15
   /* create scale operation */
16
   val wScale = TARGET_W / before.getWidth().asInstanceOf[Double]
17
   val hScale = TARGET_H / before.getHeight().asInstanceOf[Double]
18
19
   var at = new AffineTransform()
20
   at.scale(wScale, hScale)
21
   var scaleOp = new AffineTransformOp(at, AffineTransformOp.
22
      TYPE_BILINEAR)
23
   /* create object that will contain the scaled image */
24
   [...]
25
26
   /* use scale operation */
27
   scaleOp.filter(before, after)
28
29
   /* write image to output stream and to DB afterwards*/
30
   ImageIO.write(after,"png", os)
31
   val fis = new ByteArrayInputStream(os.toByteArray())
32
33 | gridFS.writeFromInputStream(fileToSaveThumb, fis)
34 [...]
```

At this point, we have seen both parts of the upload Action independently. To get a full view of the Action and a better understanding about how both parts work together the complete Action is shown in Listing A.1.

After we have now seen a couple of important Actions within the Scala controllers, we will start to look at the code on the client side. To do this, we will start by taking a closer look at important directives that are used on the client side.

#### IMPORTANT DIRECTIVES USED IN THE SYSTEM 4.4

In the following, we want to outline two important directives that have been created for the client side. Although the system contains a lot more directives, showing all of them would be to large for this thesis. Both directives consists of three different parts that need to be combined to create the actual directive:

template: The template is a piece of HTML code that is inserted at the position where the directive is used.

constructor: The constructor registers the directive at the AngularJS framework and is able to modify the scope of the template.

controller: The controller is used within the template to create the needed functionality.

For the following two example directives, we will show screenshots to represent the template, show JS code for the constructor and give some brief ideas for the controller because the controllers are too big to be shown in detail within this written thesis.

## 4.4.1 A media gallery with the media-gallery directive

The media gallery directive can easily be used within the HTML code by using the tag shown in Listing 4.4. As the listing shows, we need to insert a couple of parameters for the directive to work correctly. However, the most important attribute is the files attribute. This attribute expects a list of media file objects that are shown within the gallery.

Listing 4.4: The listing shows the usage of the media gallery directive

```
<media-gallery files="tc.media"</pre>
1
2
                picturetooltip="lc.getTerm('tooltip_img_use')"
                deletetext="lc.getTerm('tooltip_img_delete')"
3
                opentext="lc.getTerm('open_image_meta')"
4
                sendmetadata="lc.getTerm('send_metadata')"
5
6
                copyto="tc"
                currenttype="lc.getTerm('current_type')"
7
8
                updatetype="lc.getTerm('update_type')"
9
                languagecontroller="lc"></media-gallery>
```

To get a better idea about how the media gallery looks like, we can see an example in Figure 14. This example shows a media gallery that contains two images. So the list of media file objects that we have send to the files attribute contains these two objects.



Click here to upload a picture

Figure 14: An example media gallery with two pictures

### Directive definition

Now, we can take a closer look at how the directive is working. The configuration is done within the constructor that is shown in Listing 4.5.

Listing 4.5: The listing shows the initialisation of the media gallery directive

```
controllersModule.directive('mediaGallery', function()
1
2
        return {
            restrict: 'E',
3
            scope: {
 4
                files: '=files',
5
                picturetooltip: '=picturetooltip',
6
                deletetext: '=deletetext',
7
8
                copyto: '=copyto',
9
                opentext: '=opentext',
                sendmetadata: '=sendmetadata',
10
                currentType: '=currenttype',
11
                updatetype: '=updatetype',
12
                lc: '=languagecontroller'
13
14
            templateUrl: '/assets/directives/mediaGallery.html'
15
        };
16
   });
17
```

There are three major parts within the return object of this constructor (i.e., the Directive Definition Object (AngularJS (2015a))), the restrict attribute, the scope attribute and the templateURL attribute.

The restrict attribute contains a String, which is a subset of the String EACM, and restricts the directive to a specific directive declaration style. So, it modifies the way the directive is used within the HTML code. These styles are:

- E: Element name (default): <my-directive></my-directive>
- A: Attribute (default): <div my-directive="exp"></div>
- C: Class: <div class="my-directive: exp;"></div>
- M: Comment: <!- directive: my-directive exp ->

The scope attribute creates a new scope. If the attribute contains a new JSON object, then a new scope is created with these values. With other words, the new isolated scope does not inherit from the parent scope but uses the given data in the scope attribute. This is useful for the creation of reusable components because such components should not read or modify data in the parent scope, as they are used in different contexts.

The last attribute, the templateUrl specified the location of the the template that is asynchronously loaded, when the directive is used.

# Controller of the media gallery directive

The controller is used for the whole data handling that is needed to offer the functionality of the media gallery. For example, the controller contains a function called openMetaData, which is shown in Listing 4.6, to download and prepare the meta data of the given picture. As one can see in that listing, the controller makes heavy use of the keyValueService. This service will be explained in more detail in section 4.5. However, for the moment take it as a provider for typical key/value containers. So, a container is a JS-object that contains a list of keys and values; however, the needed keys depend on the type of the currently loaded container.

Listing 4.6: The listing shows the openMetaData function

```
this.openMetaData = function(uIDOfThePicture,
 1
           uIDOfTheKeyValueStore) {
            if (uIDOfTheKeyValueStore != "-1") {
 2
                /* load it */
 3
                keyValueService.getKVStore(uIDOfTheKeyValueStore,
4
                    function(store){
                     /* use store */
 5
6
                     that.store = store;
                });
7
            }else{
8
                /* create it */
9
                var store = keyValueService.
10
                    createEmptyStoreAccordingToType('img');
11
                /* modify picture kvStore */
12
                $http.put('/admin/picturekv/'+uIDOfThePicture+'/'+
13
                    store.uID);
14
                /* use store */
15
                that.store = store;
16
17
18
19
            /* trigger view */
            $scope.collapse[uIDOfThePicture] = !$scope.collapse[
20
                uIDOfThePicture];
        };
21
```

The function expects the uID of the picture and the uID of the key / value store and loads resp. creates the store for the type img.

Within this section, we have seen the main parts of a directive in AngularJS and, to underline the theoretical background, an example for such an directive. The files used within the second directive, the template box, are quite similar but we will now take a closer look.

# Template handling with the templates-box directive

The template box is used for creating new templates, sharing templates and using templates within topics. The UI elements that are shown are dependent on the user that is currently logged in. For example, a student who takes a look at the template box has no buttons for sharing a specific template.

A typical example of the template box is shown in Figure 15. The figure shows a template box from the view of a supervisor.

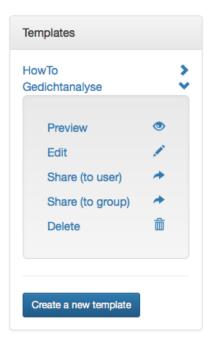


Figure 15: An example template box with two templates. The menu of the lower template has been opened by using the triangle on the right side.

The Directive Definition Object for this directive looks quite similar to the one from the media gallery directive and is shown in Listing 4.7. Because we have seen the theoretical background in the last section, we will explain this directive only briefly. Like in the last case, we restrict the usage to the element name with the restrict attribute, create a new isolated scope with the scope attribute and set the templateURL of the HTML code that is send back as soon as the directive is used.

It is noticeable within the *Directive Definition Object* shown in Listing 4.7 that it needs a lot more controllers as the Directive Definition Object in section 4.4. This results from the fact that the template box has a lot more functionality that needs to communicate with different aspects of the system, like the sharing from templates with groups and users.

**Listing 4.7:** The listing shows the initialisation of the template box directive

```
controllersModule.directive('templatesBox', function() {
 1
2
        return {
            restrict: 'E',
 3
            scope: {
4
                lc: '=languagecontroller',
 5
                uc: '=usercontroller',
6
7
                gc: '=groupcontroller',
8
                showcondition: '=showcondition',
                tc: '=append',
9
                directconnect: '@directconnect'
10
11
            templateUrl: '/assets/directives/templatesBox.html'
12
        };
13
   });
14
```

This increased complexity is also recognizable within the TemplateController, which is the controller that drives the template box directive. The controller offers functions for fetching templates, transfer templates from one key/value store to another, transfer keys to groups, etc. These functions remain manageable because we use, again, the key-value service to handle most of the data management.

After we have now seen these two directives that make use of the key-value service, we will now take a look at the service itself.

#### ANGULARIS: KEY/VALUE STORES 4.5

The key-value service is a small but mighty service that is used at multiple places within the HiP backend. A brief overview about the functionality is shown in Figure 16.

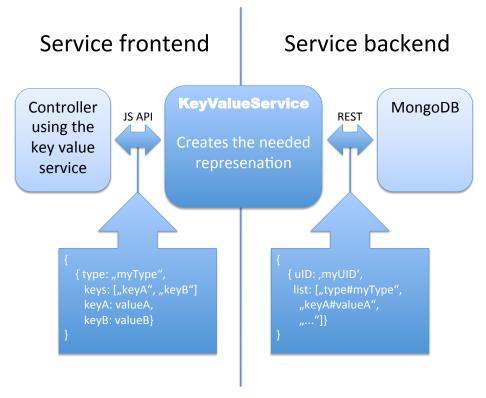


Figure 16: The frontend and backend of the key value service with the two different data formats

As one can see in the figure, the key-value service can be accessed via a JS API within AngularJS to load and modify key value stores. These stores can afterwards been pushed to the MongoDB in a small and compact serialized data format. The main idea behind the serialization process is that we do not need any information about the used keys and we can create and use as many keys as we want but the database schema within the MongoDB stays the same. Every added key will end up as one new entry in the list array within the JS object that will be pushed to the MongoDB. This makes the key-value service extremely adaptable to new situations and can also be seen in the fact that the service is used within the HiP backend to store textual templates and meta-data for pictures. So, it is used in very different situations for very different things but it can be adapted to every of these use cases by using different keys. But we will get more into details about the keys in section 4.5.1 as we will need the typing to completely understand the topic.

All in all, the key-value service offers functions for downloading key-value stores from the backend database, delete stores, create new stores (empty and according to specific types), modify stores, transfer keys from one store to another, etc. However, a crucial part of the program logic is encapsulated within the function that translates the data format because we need to change the data format after we downloaded a store from the backend. The translation function is shown in Listing 4.8.

Listing 4.8: The translation from the backend data format to the frontend data format within the key value service

```
1
       function serializedFormToJSON(uID, listOfKeysAndValues) {
2
            var ISON = \{\};
            var keys = [];
 3
            listOfKeysAndValues.forEach(function(item) {
4
5
                 var token = item.split("#");
6
                 // add key and value to JSON object
7
8
                 if (token[0] != "type"){
9
                     JSON[token[o]] = token[1];
10
                     // add to key list
11
                     keys.push(token[o]);
12
                 } else {
13
                     JSON.type = token[1];
14
15
16
            });
17
            JSON.uID = uID;
18
            JSON.keys = keys;
19
            JSON.length = keys.length;
20
            return JSON;
21
        }
22
```

The code in that function is straightforward. We iterate over every entry of the list array in line 4, split the key and value in line 5 and store the resulting array in the variable token. After that, we add the key with its value to the variable called JSON, which ends up to be the frontend format representation (line 11-14). If the key has the name type, we copy the value directly to the frontend representation (shown in line 9). At last, we can return the variable JSON, which will be used within the service and by the controller that uses the service.

## 4.5.1 Typing of stores

One of the features that make the Key Value Store (KVS) so reusable is the idea of typed key-value stores. A type specifies the keys that need to be included within a specific key-value store. Of course, every store that is used within the system has a specific type and every type is a child of another one. If we create a new child that does not need to be derived from a specific type then we say that its parent type is root. On the other hand, if we have a type A with the keys key1 and key2 and create a new type B that is a child of type A than B will derive the keys key1 and key2 automatically because it is a subtype of A.

So, for every new situation were we want to use the KVS, we just need to create a new storage type and the remaining work is done by the service. The editing of types (e.g., adding keys or even complete types) can be done from every controller within AngularJS by using the *TypeService*. This service encapsulates all needed functionality to modify types and is used within the HiP backend to create a type modify interface for the admins of the HiP backend. However, we will not get into more details about this service or the type modify interface within this thesis.

After we have now seen some of the details of the implementation, we will now come to the testing chapter.

## TESTING THE APPLICATION

Although the section called *testing* is the second last of this thesis, testing was a major force within the whole development process. We had to do changes on existing code parts often, which was the main reason for the TDD development approach. So, the following section will contain the results of the final test suites for the current version of the HiP application. Thus, this summary does not cope with the importance of testing within the development process but it cannot be shown or expressed in a better way within this written thesis.

As we have described in chapter 2, the tests have been developed with the help of the Jasmine framework.

# 5.1 TEST ENVIRONMENT

The Jasmine test suites were run within Karma on Mac OSX operating system with Google Chrome. The hardware configuration was a dual core Central Processing Unit (CPU) and 8096MB Random-access memory (RAM).

# 5.2 TESTING RESULTS

A typical test case within our test suites looks like the test case shown in Listing 5.1.

Listing 5.1: Simple test case for the type service

```
it('is able to fetch all types', function () {
    var check = function(type){
        expect(type.length).toBe(2);
};
```

```
service.getTypes(check);
5
6
           $httpBackend.expect("GET","/admin/types").respond(200,
7
               typeList);
8
           $httpBackend.flush();
       });
```

As one can see, this is a unit test case written for the Jasmine framework. Line 1 shows the header of the test case, which can be read like a typical english sentence. The body of the test case contains the call of the actual function (line 5) and the matching against the expected value (line 3). Furthermore, one can easily check the commands that have been send via the REST interface with the mockup of the HTTP module of AngularJS, which is called httpBackend in the listing.

Because we restricted ourselves to unit tests and did not create any integration tests, we were not able to reach every line of code within our controllers and services within the unit test cases (a lot of code is only for handling events and user input). However, we ended up with XXtest cases with a coverage of YY.

Besides unit testing, we created a simple acceptance test that will be handled in the next section.

#### ACCEPTANCE TEST OF THE PROTOTYPE 5.3

Besides the technical testing of the application, we created an acceptance test for the smartphone-frontend-application and the web-backend-application.

- Small usablity study of the app 5.3.1
- Small usability study of the backend / CMS 5.3.2

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## DISCUSSION AND FUTURE WORK

This chapter will begin with a short explanation about the future development (respectively a transition to a project group) of the HiP system and will close this thesis with a conclusion and a brief view into the future, afterwards.

# 6.1 HANDING OF THE PROJECT

The fact that the backend has been developed in an agile fashion has a major impact on the way we are able to create a transition to a new development 'team'. The transition is quite easy in this case because there are open problems/feature requests within the product backlog, which can easily be solved in small pieces by other developers. To accelerate the learning process for the members of the upcoming project group, we gave a short introduction talk and prepared installation instructions. This offers the members the opportunity to gain some insights into the current version of the HiP backend. More ideas about future work will be briefly explained in section 6.3.2.

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# 6.2 ARISEN PROBLEMS WITHIN THIS THESIS

Since this master thesis included two different aspects of the actual development process (i.e., the agile process and the actual development of the backend), we want to adress the problems separately.

## 6.2.1 The agile process

To develop an application with an agile process was a great experience. It was really nice to get a biweekly feedback about the functions and more ideas about the further development process. This is especially important because if one creates an application for a foreign field (which was partially the case in this development) the development team is unsure about the importance of specific features and problems (e.g., the needed keys for meta-data of pictures). But this information can easily gathered within the meetings to create an application that fits the customer needs.

However, we found one drawback of these meetings, which was the problem that a lot of new requirements and feature request was created within these meetings, which makes time-planning really hard. For example, two meetings created that much new requirements that we needed the whole two weeks to implement the newly requested features. Thus, we did not reduce the amount of story points within the actual backlog. This could result in problems for real industrial projects because some features are needed at specific deadlines.

After we now have taken a look at the agile process, we will now take a look at the development of the application.

# The development of the application

On the other side, the development of the HiP-application was fine and AngularJS was definitely a great choice as a basis framework. However, sometimes the usage of AngularJS enforces the need for little work-arounds. For example, the simple call to the Google Maps API v3 for rendering a map resulted in a map that contained grey little boxes and the whole map needed to be resized again (Although, we decided to use HereMaps within the final product instead of Google Maps, anyway). Nevertheless, such bugs were rare and, thus, AngularJS worked great.

Another problem was the complexity of the application. Especially in the last few weeks of the development process the complexity resulted in a lot more development effort in the case that code 'at the core of the system' (i.e., code parts that are used a lot by other functions) needed to be changed because of new requirements that came up in the biweekly meetings. Thus, we cannot directly confirm the observation of Kent Beck that the curve, which represents the cost of changes within an agile process, is more or less flat (Beck (2003)). However, even changes at code parts with a lot of dependencies were quite good

possible because the whole development was done with the idea of changing requirements in mind.

#### 6.3 DISCUSSION AND FUTURE WORK

This last section of this master thesis will draw a conclusion and take a loot at possible future work.

# 6.3.1 Results / Conclusion

We think that we have created a great system within this master thesis, which is a good foundation for following project groups and/or bachelor and master thesis's. We started with the idea in mind that we would need a system that works on the one hand as a working environment for students and, on the other hand, as a CMS backend for a smartphone application that presents the data that has been created by the students.

With a lot of feedback within the biweekly meetings this goal has been achieved and the application is able to handle even complex editing, reviewing and organization of information. So, all in all, we achieved a lot more, as it has been specified within the first draft respectively within the first requirements engineering meeting that was used to create the story cards.

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# 6.3.2 Future work

Although we have implemented a lot of functions within the backend, there is a lot more functionality open within our Scrum backlog. In general, future work can be done on two major areas, the smartphone application (which gets at the moment developed by a bachelor student), which has been sketched within this thesis, and the remaining functions of the backend.

The smartphone application will need sophisticated 3D-rendering functionality as well as navigation functions. The backend, on the other side, needs more functions for editing the point clouds that have been imported by the students. Furthermore, the backend should be configured in a way to support continuos delivery as it has been explained within this thesis. This will be a major improvement for the delivery speed and reduce the needed effort within every release. Such an improvement is especially important for a small project

group, which tends to lack of free time. Another possible improvement would be the implementation of some of the roughly described patterns for DevOps architectures (Cukier (2013)).

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### **APPENDIX**

The appendix contains diagrams and tables that were to big to put them into the continuous text. Furthermore, it contains a small installation manual for the HiP backend.

### A.1 INSTALLATION MANUAL

The installation process of the HiP backend is quite simple. In general, you need to install 3 different things: The Play 2.0 framework, the MongoDB and Node Package Manager (NPM). In more detail, the process looks like this:

- Get your Play 2.0 framework instance from https://www.playframework. com/download
- 2. Install Play 2.0 (do NOT run it at this point in time)
- 3. Go to your HiP root folder
- 4. Switch to %hipRoot/public
- 5. Run npm link on your command line
- 6. Download MongoDB from http://www.mongodb.org/downloads
- 7. Run the MongoDB with the provided default database (this can be done on a Windows PC with the following command: mongod --dbpath \$<<\$PATH TO THE PROVIDED DB\$>>\$)
- 8. Again: Go to your HiP root folder
- 9. Start the HiP backend by using the command: activator run

Your HiP server is now running. After you have installed all the needed components you can easily run the test cases for the controllers with the following commands:

- 1. Switch to %hipRoot/public
- 2. Start the HiP test cases by using the command: karma start karma.conf

After we have now seen how we can start the application and the provided test cases, the remaining part of the appendix will contain bigger figures and tables.

## A.2 FIGURES AND TABLES

Figure 17 shows the work-flow within the backend system as a flow diagram. Furthermore, Figure 18 shows an UML2 use case diagram showing the different users (i.e., user roles) of the application.

The IDs of the list, which are written in bold letters, will be done within the master-thesis itself. The remaining parts can be done via, for example, project-groups, etc.

# **Backend workflow**

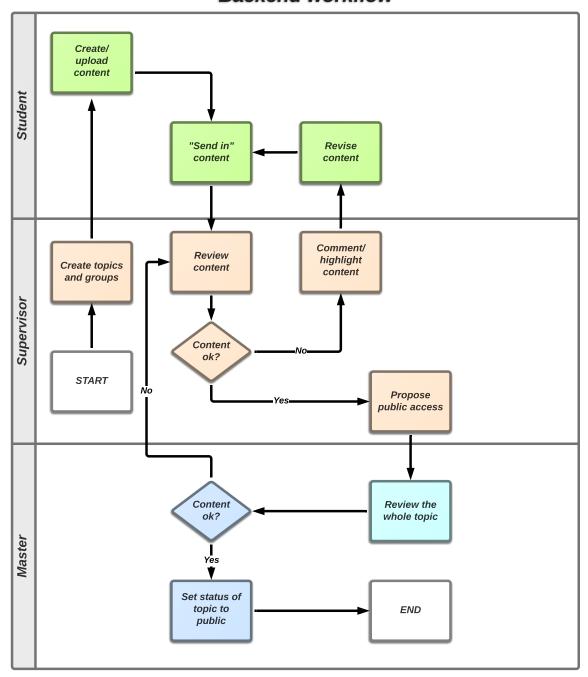


Figure 17: The diagram shows the work-flow within the backend system with the three roles that are involved in the work-flow

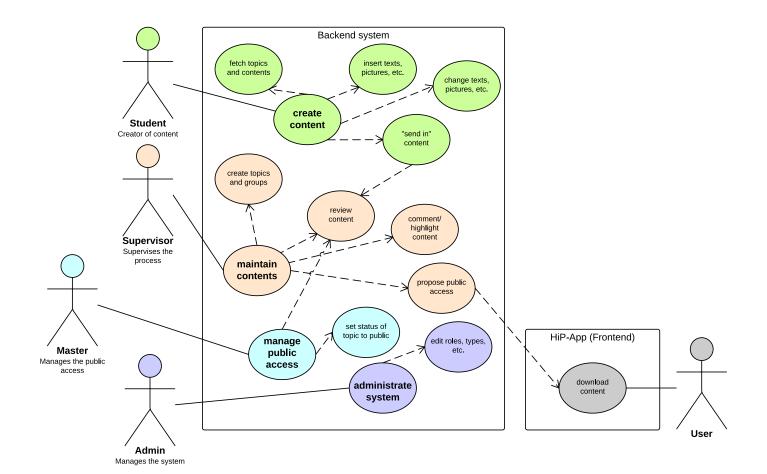


Figure 18: An UML2 use case diagram showing the different users of the HiP system

Table 5: Showing the derived requirements of the backend for the supervisor role, which are sorted by priority

ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority
BS <sub>1</sub>	The supervisor should draft guidelines	- At least one information resp. help	1
	and assistance (e.g., Button with question-mark)	function per functionality	
BS <sub>2</sub>	The supervisor should be able to see	- The feedback should be visual	1
	which data is missing	- The feedback should be transparent to	
		upper layers of the UI	
BS <sub>3</sub>	The supervisor should be able to see	- Try without content that is ready	1
	data that is ready for review	for review	
		- Try with content that is ready	
		for review	
BS <sub>4</sub>	The supervisor should be able to assign	- Try assigning an exhibit to one	1
	exhibits to students	student	
		- Try assigning an exhibit to more	
		than one student	
BS <sub>5</sub>	The supervisor should be able to <b>trace</b>	- Show visual connection between	1
	content back to specific students	student and content	
BS6	The supervisor should be able to <b>define</b>	- Try defining a topic more than once	1
	topics and exhibits		
BS <sub>7</sub>	The supervisor should be able to <b>comment</b>	- Try commenting empty content	1
	and discuss the given content of the students	- Try commenting a lot of content	
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ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority
BS8	The supervisor should be able to mark	- Try marking an error twice	1
	errors in the content		
BS9	The supervisor should get e-mail notifications	- The message should leave the system	1
	about new content handed in by students	in less than 2 minutes in 90% of the time	
BS10	The supervisor should be able to <b>copy topics</b>	- Try copy an empty topic	2
	and categories (e.g., usage of templates	- The copied topic should be easily	
	for different typical cases, duplication, etc.)	changeable to adapt it to the new usage	
BS11	The supervisor should be able to define	- Try with error within the validation	2
	validation-constraints (e.g., character	constraints	
	limitation)		
BS12	The supervisor is able to see the <b>amount</b>	- Try without any content included	2
	of texts and pictures in a hidden topic	- Try with a lot of content included	
BS13	The supervisor should be able to work offline	- Try disconnecting a running session	3

Table 6: Showing the derived requirements of the Backend for the student role, which are sorted by priority

ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority
BSt <sub>1</sub>	The students are only able to <b>send in</b>	- Try sending content to another topic	1
	specific content (field / topic)		
BSt <sub>2</sub>	The students should get an e-mail noti-	- The e-mail should be received in less	1
	fiation about new content in their topic	than 2 minutes in 90% of the time	
	(e.g., send in via fellow students)		
BSt <sub>3</sub>	The students should be able to send in	- Try with errors within the meta-data	1
	metadata		
BSt <sub>4</sub>	The students should be able to <b>overview</b>	- Try without any links	1
	the <b>possible links</b> within their topic	- Try with a lot of links	
	(e.g., GPS-information)		
BSt <sub>5</sub>	The students should be able to <b>send in</b>	- Try sending empty content	1
	content	- Try sending a lot of content	
BSt6	The students should be able to <b>propose</b>	- Try proposing an existing topic	1
	topics and content		
BSt7	The students should only have access	- Try logging in after the temporary	1
	to the backend for a specific time	account has been deleted	
BSt8	The students should have access to all	- Try accessing currently empty content	1
	temporary content (i.e., not reviewed		
	content)		
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ID	D : ::		D : '
ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority
BSt9	The students should be able to create	- Try creating a group without users	1
	interdisciplinary groups and communicate	- Try to send an empty message to	
	within these	the group	
		- Try to send a very long message to	
		the group	
BSt10	The students should be able to see their	- Try showing an empty topic	2
	content in a <b>preview mode</b> that simulates	- Try showing a huge topic	
	the frontend		
BSt11	The students should be able to see content	- Try showing an empty topic	2
	of other groups in a preview mode that	- Try showing a huge topic	
	simulates the frontend		
BSt12	The students should be able to comment	- Try to send an empty comment	2
	and discuss the content of their group	- Try to send a huge comment	
	or other groups		
BSt13	The students should be able to <b>hide</b> their	- Try hiding without having any content	2
	unfinished work to the supervisor		

Table 7: Showing the derived requirements of the Backend for the master role, which are sorted by priority

ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority
BM1	The master should be able to recover data	- The recovery should not take	1
	by using a back-up system	longer than one hour	
BM <sub>2</sub>	The master role can be assigned to	- Try to assign the master role to nobody	2
	a couple of users at the same time		
BM <sub>3</sub>	The master is able to do the final	- Try to accept an empty topic	2
	acceptance	- Try to accept a huge topic	

Table 8: Showing the derived requirements of the Backend, which are sorted by priority

ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority
BMi1	The data of the system is <b>stored</b> on IMT-	- The data should be easily transferable	1
	Server		
BMi2	The system can be <b>updated</b> and		1
	maintained in the future		
	(e.g., project-groups, SHK, etc.)		
BMi <sub>3</sub>	The content should not be limited to		1
	specific layouts, views (e.g., languages)		
	and templates		
BMi4	The system should be <b>expandable</b>		1
	(e.g., new content, filters, etc.)		
BMi5	The system should be <b>safe</b> with respect	-The system should be safe with	1
	to hackers resp. data manipulation	respect to the economic view/	
		definition of safety	
BMi6	The system offers features to <b>manage</b>	- Try managing a group with an empty name	2
	groups		

Table 9: Showing the derived requirements of the Frontend, which are sorted by priority

ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority
F1	The user should be able to navigate	- The navigation should response fast	1
	to the different locations shown in the	- Try navigating to the current position	
	HiP-application		
F1.A	The user should be able to navigate	See F1	1
	to the different locations and discover		
	these locations on his own		
F1.B	The user should be able to navigate	See F1	1
	to the different locations and use		
	round tour information of the application		
F1.B	The user should be able to navigate	See F1	1
	to the different locations while using		
	filters (e.g., epochs)		
F2	The user should be able to create <b>thematic</b>	- Try creating a route without assigning	1
	routes	a theme	
F3	The user should get a list of locations/exhibits	- Try opening an empty list	1
	in Paderborn		
F4	The user should <b>see linkings</b> within an exhibit	- Try opening a topic without links	1
	different exhibits (e.g., Liborischrein -> Hle ->	- Try opening a topic with a lot of links	
	Scriptorium)		
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ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority	
F <sub>5</sub>	The user should be able to <b>deselect</b> specific	- Try deselect only one	1	
	categories	- Try deselect many		
F6	The user should be able to <b>filter</b> exhibits on	- Try using multiple filters	1	
	the map (e.g., locations, historical figures,			
	etc.)			
F7	The user is able to <b>overlay</b> the current map	- Try overlay one map with a hist. one	1	
	of the city with historical maps	- Try overlay a couple of maps		
F8	The user is able to <b>see himself and historical</b>	- Try in an area without hist. places	1	
	places on the map	- Try in an area with a lot of hist. places		
F9	The user should not exceed his storage	- Clear cache should be possible	1	
	on the smartphone			
F10	The user should not exceed his data-volume	- Pictures and videos have to be	1	
	on the smartphone	small		
F11	The user should be able to use the	- Interface should not include too many	1	
	application easily (good usability)	functions per view		
F12	The user should be able to switch between	- At most two clicks/touches between	1	
	different contents (e.g., Video, 3D, etc.)	the different contents		
	fast			
F13	The user should be able to see <i>invisible</i>	- Try with more than one invisible	1	
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ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority
	objects within the details-tab (e.g., something	object at the same time	
	placed inside an altar)		
F14	The user should be able to use tablets and	- The UI should adapt to the screen size	1
	smartphones	resp. resolution	
F15	The user should only get details about an	- Try to get details beforehand	1
	exhibit while he is <b>next to it or afterwards</b>		
F16	The user should be able to get texts, graphics/	- Try without any texts, etc.	1
	pictures and links about an exhibit	- Try with a lot of texts, etc.	
F17	The user should be able to get audio, video	- Try without any videos, etc.	2
	and 3D-views/models about an exhibit	- Try with a lot of videos, etc.	
F18	The user can create and join treasure hunts	- Try join an treasure hunt without a name	2
	respectively geo-caching features		
F19	The user should get informed about <b>exhibits</b>	- The information should be send immediately	2
	and locations that are next to him	as the user arrives at the position	
F20	The user should be able to get navigated	See F1	2
	with AR-rabbits		
F21	The user should be able to get navigated	- The navigation should be accurate	2
	inside of a <b>building</b>		
F22	The user should be able to choose between		2
		Continued on next page	

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	Table 9 – continued from previous page			
ID	Description	Acceptance criteria	Priority	
	different starting possibilities (i.e., tour,			
	discovery and historical topics)			
F23	The user should be able to <b>hear the content</b>	- The audio files should be small	2	
	via an audio-guide	(see, F9, F10)		
F24	The user should be able to get exhibits as	- Try opening more than one exhibit as	2	
	comparison by using AR	comparison		
F25	The user should be able to <b>create own</b>	- Try creating an empty note/comment	2	
	notes and comments	- Try creating a huge note/comment		
F26	The user should be able to <b>share content</b>	- Sharing should not need more than two clicks	2	
	via social media			
F27	The user should be able to <b>export content</b>	- The export should not take longer than	2	
	as PDF and create book-marks	30 sec in 90% of the time		
F28	The user should be able to get the content	- Adding new languages should be easy	2	
	in different languages (i.e., english, french,			
	turkish)			
F29	The user should be able to choose between	- Try selecting one criterion	2	
	different criteria with respect to the audience	- Try selecting more than one criterion		
	(e.g., different ages of people)			

Listing A.1: Complete upload Action of the FileController

```
def upload(topicID: String) = Action(parse.multipartFormData) {
        request =>
        request.body.file("file") match {
2
          case Some(photo) =>
3
            val TARGET_W = 64; // width of the thumbnail
4
            val TARGET_H = 64; // height of the thumbnail
 5
6
            val filename = photo.filename
7
8
            val contentType = photo.contentType
9
            val newFile = new File("/tmp/picture/uploaded")
10
11
            if (newFile.exists())
12
              newFile.delete()
13
14
           photo.ref.moveTo(newFile)
15
16
            val gridFS = new GridFS(db, "media")
17
            val fileToSave = DefaultFileToSave(filename,
18
               contentType)
19
20
            /* create thumbnail */
            val fileToSaveThumb = DefaultFileToSave("thumb_"+
21
               filename, contentType)
22
            val os = new ByteArrayOutputStream()
23
            /* load image for scaling operation (needed to derive
25
               thumbnail) */
            var before = ImageIO.read(newFile)
26
27
28
            /* create scale operation */
            val wScale = TARGET_W / before.getWidth().asInstanceOf
29
               [Double]
            val hScale = TARGET_H / before.getHeight().
30
               asInstanceOf[Double]
31
            var at = new AffineTransform()
32
            at.scale(wScale, hScale)
33
            var scaleOp = new AffineTransformOp(at,
34
               AffineTransformOp . TYPE_BILINEAR)
35
36
            /* create object that will contain the scaled image */
            val w = (before.getWidth() * wScale).asInstanceOf[Int]
37
            val h = (before.getHeight() * hScale).asInstanceOf[Int]
38
            var after = new BufferedImage(w, h, BufferedImage.
39
               TYPE_INT_ARGB)
40
```

```
/* use scale operation */
41
            scaleOp.filter(before, after)
42
43
            /* write image to output stream */
44
            ImageIO.write(after,"png", os)
45
46
            /* derive FileInputStream */
47
            val fis = new ByteArrayInputStream(os.toByteArray())
48
49
            /* write both files */
50
            gridFS.writeFromInputStream(fileToSave, new
51
               FileInputStream (newFile))
            gridFS.writeFromInputStream(fileToSaveThumb, fis)
52
53
            /* include the additional data */
54
            val cleanedID = fileToSave.id.toString.split('"')(1)
55
56
            val cleanedIDThumb = fileToSaveThumb.id.toString.split(
               '"')(1)
57
58
            metaCollection.insert(Json.obj(
              "uID" -> cleanedID,
59
              "topic" -> topicID,
60
              "thumbnailID" -> cleanedIDThumb,
61
              "kvStore" -> "-1"
62
63
            ))
64
           Ok("File uploaded")
65
66
          case None => BadRequest("no media file")
67
68
```

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