

System Verification and Validation Plan for Plutos

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1 Symbols, Abbreviations, and Acronyms

Refer to Section 1.3 of the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) document for the list of symbols, abbreviations, and acronyms.

In addition, the following abbreviations are used in this document:

symbol	description
T	Test
V&V	Verification and Validation

This document will provide a detailed plan for the Verification and Validation (V&V) of Plutos. Below is an overview of what will be covered in this document:

- [2 General Information](#): This section will provide a brief overview of the software being tested, its objectives, challenge level, and extras.
- [3 Plan](#): This section will outline the V&V team roles, the delegation of roles to team members, and the V&V plan.
- [4 System Tests](#): This section will detail the system tests for functional and nonfunctional requirements, and traceability between test cases and requirements.
- [5 Unit Test Description](#): This section will provide an overview of the unit testing scope, unit tests for functional and nonfunctional requirements, and traceability between unit tests and modules.

2 General Information

This section will outline the summary of the V&V document, the objectives of the process, the challenge level and extras of the project, and the relevant external documentation that will be referenced in this document.

2.1 Summary

This V&V document outlines the testing approach for Plutos to ensure the application meets the functional and non-functional requirements outlined in the SRS document. The verification process will confirm the functionality of components such as receipt scanning, item recognition, and categorization function as intended, while validation efforts will focus on ensuring usability, performance, and security standards are met for an optimal user experience.

2.2 Objectives

This subsection will provide an overview of the V&V objectives that are in-scope and out-of-scope for the Plutos application.

2.2.1 In-Scope V&V Objectives

The following are the V&V objectives, outlining what is intended to be verified or validated as part of the V&V process:

- **Accurate Data Extraction and Categorization:** Ensure that the machine learning (ML) model accurately extracts key information from receipts and correctly categorizes it by expense type. This is critical to providing users with precise budgeting insights. The accuracy requirements are denoted in the Software Requirements Specification (SRS).
- **Seamless User Experience:** Prioritize usability by designing an intuitive and responsive interface that simplifies the process of scanning and categorizing receipts. The app should be easy to navigate, allowing users to view spending summaries effortlessly.
- **Real-Time Budgeting Feedback** Provide timely updates on spending habits to make users aware of their financial status. This feature will empower users to make informed spending decisions based on real-time data.

- **Security and Privacy** Securely handle all user data, with particular attention to sensitive financial information. This objective includes encrypting stored data and ensuring compliance with relevant data protection regulations.

2.2.2 Out-of-Scope V&V Objectives

The following are the V&V objectives that are out-of-scope due to time or resource constraints:

- **In-Depth Usability Testing with All User Types** While basic usability will be validated, comprehensive testing with diverse user demographics and accessibility concerns is out of scope due to resource limitations. Feedback gathered post-launch may help inform future usability improvements.
- **Verification of External Libraries** The application will use external libraries for image processing and data handling, assuming these libraries have been rigorously tested by their developers. We will prioritize testing our AI model and app functionality rather than the underlying libraries to focus resources on core functionality.
- **Accuracy for Poor-Quality Receipts and Non-Common Items:** Currently, the receipt scanner focuses on high-quality receipts containing commonly purchased items for students. While expanding the application to support lower-quality receipts and less common items is planned for future phases, this enhancement is out of scope for now due to the complexity of training the ML model during our timeline.

2.3 Challenge Level and Extras

The challenge level for the project is **general**. The extras that will be included are:

- **Requirements elicitation:** Surveys and interviews have been conducted as part of developing our Software Requirements Specification (SRS).
- **Usability testing:** As part of our validation plan, we will conduct usability testing in which users will interact with the Plutos application and evaluate their experience.

2.4 Relevant Documentation

The following documents are relevant to the V&V of Plutos:

- **Problem Statement and Goals document:** This document outlines the problem statement and goals of the Plutos application, which will be considered to ensure the V&V process aligns with the project's purpose and objectives.
- **Software Requirements Specification (SRS) document:** This document outlines the functional and non-functional requirements of the Plutos application, serving as the basis for all testing activities.
- **Hazard Analysis document:** This document outlines potential hazards and risks associated with the Plutos application, which will be considered during V&V to ensure effective risk mitigation.
- **Module Interface Specification (MIS) document:** This document provides a detailed design of the Plutos application, which will be used to inform the development of unit tests for each module. *Note: This document is yet to be completed as of the time of writing this initial V&V plan.*
- **Module Guide (MG) document:** This document provides a detailed description of the software architecture and modules of Plutos, which will guide the development of unit tests for each module. *Note: This document is yet to be completed as of the time of writing this initial V&V plan.*

3 Plan

This section introduce the team members involved in the V&V process and describe the V&V plan for the following components:

- The SRS
- The design
- The V&V
- The implementation

Following this, there will be a subsections detailing the automated testing and verification tools, as well as the software validation plan.

3.1 Verification and Validation Team

There will be a total of 7 distinct roles when it comes to our verification and validation team. These roles will be split amongst team members and members may share the same secondary roles to facilitate a broader range of tests without overwhelming one person. This division allows each team member to specialize in a certain aspect of our app when it comes to verification and validation. Attached below is a list of roles available in our V&V group along with the descriptions of what each role entails.

V&V Roles

- Test Case Designer
 - Develops detailed test cases for functional requirements, focusing on different aspects such as image quality, data parsing accuracy, and categorization correctness.
 - Works closely with the other developers to understand key components of the app and to ensure that test cases cover all scenarios, including edge cases.
- Quality Assurance Engineer
 - Ensures overall quality of the app by performing functional, integration, and system tests.
 - Coordinates end-to-end testing for receipt scanning and expense categorization workflows.
 - Collaborates with the Test Case Designer to verify that all test cases have been executed and outcomes meet expected results.
- Ai Model Validator
 - Focuses on testing the AI model specifically, evaluating its accuracy in parsing text and categorizing expenses.
 - Conducts model performance assessments under various conditions, such as diverse receipt layouts, lighting conditions, and languages if applicable.
 - Continuously monitors for model drift and helps recalibrate the model if accuracy degrades over time.

- Usability Tester
 - Evaluates the app’s user interface and user experience for intuitiveness and ease of use.
 - Conducts usability testing sessions with other students or users in the target demographic (e.g., university students).
 - Provides feedback on the app’s functionality and ensures that user feedback is incorporated into iterative improvements.
- Data Integrity Specialist
 - Ensures the accuracy and security of the data collected, especially sensitive information such as financial data on receipts.
 - Verifies that the app correctly anonymizes data if required and that categorization matches expected outputs based on provided datasets.
 - Works closely with the AI Model Validator to confirm data handling complies with privacy regulations and standards.
- Automation Engineer
 - Develops automated testing scripts to streamline regression testing and ensure the app functions consistently across different updates.
 - Automates repetitive tests, especially those related to scanning, categorization, and UI testing, to save time during development sprints.
 - Coordinates with the Test Case Designer to convert key test cases into automated tests for efficient reuse.
- Performance Tester
 - Measures and optimizes app’s performance, focusing on response time, load time, and battery usage (important for a mobile app).
 - Conducts stress tests to determine the app’s behavior under heavy usage (e.g., scanning multiple receipts in a short period).
 - Collaborates with developers to troubleshoot and resolve performance bottlenecks.

The following section delegates the roles above to each team member. Note that each team member has a secondary role which may be repeated amongst other members. The secondary role is to provide additional assistance when it comes to verification and validation and also serves to bring additional confidence that the system is working as it should.

Delegation of V&V Roles

Eric Chen

- Role(s)
 1. Test Case Designer
 2. Quality Assurance Engineer
 - Responsibilities
 1. Creates comprehensive test cases for functional requirements.
 2. Executes tests to ensure all functionalities are covered.
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Angela Wang

- Role(s)
 1. AI Model Validator
 2. Data Integrity Specialist
 - Responsibilities
 1. Tests the AI model's accuracy in parsing receipts.
 2. Ensures data handling complies with security and privacy standards.
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Fondson Lu

- Role(s)
 1. Usability Tester
 2. Quality Assurance Engineer
- Responsibilities
 1. Conducts usability tests and collects user feedback.
 2. Supports quality assurance by testing overall workflows and integration.

Jason Tan

- Role(s)
 1. Automation Engineer
 2. Performance Tester
- Responsibilities
 1. Develops automated test scripts for repetitive testing.
 2. Measures app performance under different conditions to optimize speed and efficiency.

Payton Chan

- Role(s)
 1. Quality Assurance Engineer
 2. Performance Tester
 - Responsibilities
 1. Coordinates end-to-end testing and verifies the app's functionality.
 2. Focuses on maintaining consistent performance across updates.
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3.2 SRS Verification Plan

3.2.1 Approaches for SRS Verifiatiion

- Peer Review Feedback:
 - Each team member will review the SRS individually and provide ad hoc feedback. They will focus on identifying ambiguous language, incomplete requirements, and inconsistencies.
 - Each reviewer will log feedback in a shared document, categorizing issues by priority (e.g., high, medium, low).
- Primary Reviewer Session:
 - A primary reviewer from the team, ideally someone with experience in requirements verification, will perform a detailed examination. They will document findings, focusing on critical areas such as requirement clarity, feasibility, and completeness.
- External Peer Feedback:
 - If possible, solicit feedback from classmates or others familiar with requirements engineering. They can offer objective insights and identify issues that may have been overlooked internally.

3.2.2 Structured Internal Review Process

- Initial Team Meeting:
 - Hold a structured review meeting where team members present and discuss major sections of the SRS. Key points of focus should include functional requirements, assumptions, and constraints.
 - Prepare a set of questions to guide the discussion, such as:
 - * "Are the requirements unambiguous and complete?"
 - * "Is each requirement feasible and realistic?"
 - * "Do the requirements adequately represent the user's needs?"
 - * "Are there any areas that might be challenging to test or verify?"
- Task-Based Inspection:
 - Team members can take turns as "inspectors," responsible for a task-based evaluation of key areas:
 - * Ensuring requirements align with project goals.
 - * Verifying each requirement's testability and clarity.
 - * Checking that the document is organized and easy to navigate.
- Issue Tracker:
 - Use an issue tracker or a collaborative tool to manage findings and resolutions. Each issue should include:
 - * A summary of the issue.
 - * Priority level (e.g., high, medium, low).
 - * Suggested resolution steps.
 - * A status field for tracking progress until resolved.

3.2.3 SRS Quality Checklist for Verification

Checklist Item	Description	Pass/Fail
Requirements Clarity	All requirements are clear, unambiguous, and written in active voice.	
Completeness	The SRS includes all functional and non-functional requirements, assumptions, and constraints.	
Consistency	Requirements are consistent across the document, with no contradictory statements.	
Testability	Each requirement is formulated so that it can be tested through measurable criteria.	
Feasibility	All requirements are realistic and achievable within the project's scope and resources.	
Traceability	Each requirement is traceable to a higher-level objective or user need.	
Maintainability	The document is well-organized, with clear headings and numbered requirements for easy referencing.	
Priority and Dependencies	Requirements are prioritized, and dependencies are explicitly stated where applicable.	
User-Centered Language	Requirements reflect user needs and use terminology consistent with user and stakeholder language.	
Compliance with Standards	The SRS complies with any applicable standards or best practices in software requirements engineering.	

3.3 Design Verification Plan

3.3.1 Specification Verification

Checklist Items	Description	Verification Method	Pass /Fail	Comments
Requirements Completeness	Ensure all system and user requirements are addressed in the design.	Requirements Traceability Matrix		
System Requirements Compliance	Verify that design conforms to software/system specifications.	Specification Review		
Compliance with Standards	Ensure compliance with coding standards, industry best practices, and regulatory guidelines.	Code Review, Standards Checklist		
Security Requirements	Confirm that the security design follows the requirements, especially for data privacy and user information.	Security Audit		

3.3.2 Functional Verification

Checklist Items	Description	Verification Method	Pass /Fail	Comments
Receipt Scanning Capability	Verify that receipt scanning feature works as expected with various image qualities.	Functional Testing		
Expense Categorization Accuracy	Confirm that expenses are correctly categorized by the AI model.	Model Accuracy Testing		
User Interface (UI) Responsiveness	Ensure that UI elements are responsive across devices and screen sizes.	UI Testing		
Error Handling and Recovery	Verify that the app gracefully handles errors, such as scanning failures or incorrect categorizations.	Error Simulation		
Integration with External Services	Confirm integration with any third-party services (e.g., cloud storage or payment platforms).	Integration Testing		

3.3.3 Performance Validation

Checklist Items	Description	Verification Method	Pass /Fail	Comments
System Performance Under Load	Test app performance with simultaneous receipt scans to assess system stability and responsiveness.	Load Testing		
AI Model Processing Time	Measure the average processing time for receipt categorization.	Model Timing Analysis		
Battery and Resource Consumption	Verify that app resource usage is within acceptable limits to preserve device performance and battery life.	Resource Monitoring		
Network Efficiency	Ensure the app handles network limitations (e.g., slow or intermittent connections) without data loss.	Network Simulation		
Latency for Real-Time Features	Measure latency in real-time features, ensuring a smooth user experience.	Latency Testing		

3.3.4 Document Validation

Checklist Items	Description	Verification Method	Pass /Fail	Comments
User Documentation Completeness	Verify that user manuals, installation guides, and support documentation are complete and accurate.	Documentation Review		
Developer Documentation Completeness	Ensure all developer-focused documentation (e.g., API docs, setup instructions) is detailed and up to date.	Documentation Review		
Code Documentation	Confirm that all code modules and functions are documented according to guidelines.	Code Review		
Test Plans and Results	Verify the completeness of test plans and that test results meet required standards.	Test Report Review		
Change Log and Version History	Ensure that the change log and version history are comprehensive and well-documented.	Change Log Review		

3.4 Verification and Validation Plan Verification Plan

Creating a Verification and Validation (V&V) plan for a smart AI budgeting app requires a structured and systematic approach to confirm that the application operates accurately, efficiently, and reliably under real-world conditions. This app uses advanced AI to parse receipt images, extract relevant information, and categorize expenses, which presents additional challenges for the V&V process. Unlike traditional software applications, an AI-driven app requires validation not only of standard software functionalities but also of the AI model's performance in accurately interpreting various receipt formats, layouts, and data entries. This means that the V&V plan must address both classic software testing elements (such as unit and integration testing) and specific AI model evaluation techniques, like model validation and performance testing, to ensure that the app delivers consistent results.

Given the diverse functionality—spanning expense tracking, budgeting, and financial forecasting—this V&V approach must encompass both software-level testing and user-centric assessments to verify usability and accuracy from an end-user perspective. Below is a comprehensive list of recommended V&V techniques and a corresponding checklist, each tailored to ensure that the budgeting app meets its design specifications and delivers high-quality, reliable outcomes for users.

3.4.1 V&V Techniques for Plutos App

1. **Requirements Review:** Regular reviews of the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) are essential to confirm that all listed requirements align with the project goals. Stakeholders should validate that these requirements meet user needs.
2. **Code Review:** Structured code reviews help to maintain code quality and identify potential issues in the receipt parsing and expense categorization components.
3. **Unit Testing:** Unit tests should cover the core functions, especially those related to parsing and categorizing. Test cases should address a range of inputs, including expected, edge, and invalid cases.

4. **Integration Testing:** Integration testing ensures that the AI model and app components work together seamlessly, verifying the accuracy and consistency of data processing.
5. **System Testing:** System testing is necessary to evaluate the full app functionality, making sure that expense tracking, budgeting, and forecasting features meet the specified requirements.
6. **Acceptance Testing:** End-user testing allows the team to validate that the app performs well in real-world settings, especially in accurately parsing receipts of various formats.
7. **Mutation Testing:** Mutation testing can be used to check the effectiveness of the test cases and to identify any weaknesses in the testing approach.
8. **Regression Testing:** Regression testing is essential to ensure that updates or changes in the AI model or app features do not interfere with existing functionality.
9. **User Interface (UI) Testing:** UI testing helps confirm that the app interface is user-friendly, responsive, and consistent across different devices.
10. **Model Validation:** The AI model should be validated on labeled data to check its performance, especially for accuracy in categorizing expenses based on parsed information.
11. **Performance Testing:** Performance tests can be conducted to measure the app's speed and reliability, especially when processing large receipts or handling multiple users.
12. **Security Testing:** Security testing ensures that financial data is stored and transmitted securely, with protections in place for data encryption and user access.

3.4.2 V&V Plan Checklist (Peer Reviews)

- [] Review and validate all requirements with stakeholders.
- [] Conduct code reviews and log issues or recommendations.
- [] Develop and execute unit tests covering key parsing and categorization functions.
- [] Perform integration testing for model interactions with the app's front and back end.
- [] Complete system testing across all app functionalities (tracking, budgeting, forecasting).
- [] Facilitate acceptance testing sessions with end users to gather real-world feedback.
- [] Implement mutation testing to strengthen the test suite.
- [] Schedule regular regression testing, especially after updates or model retraining.
- [] Conduct comprehensive UI testing for design consistency across devices.
- [] Evaluate AI model performance, retraining if accuracy is below target.
- [] Measure and optimize performance for speed and reliability under heavy usage.
- [] Perform security testing to protect user financial data.
- [] Document and address all V&V findings and updates to maintain a high-quality app.

3.5 Implementation Verification Plan

3.5.1 Verification Techniques

1. Code Walkthroughs:

- **Purpose:** Collaborative sessions where developers explain their code to peers.
- **Focus Area(s):** Core functions like receipt parsing, expense categorization, and AI integration.
- **Goal:** Increase team familiarity with code components and detect early logical or design errors.

2. Code Inspections:

- **Purpose:** Formal, structured code reviews based on a project-specific checklist.
- **Checklist Criteria:**
 - Adherence to coding standards and proper error handling.
 - Efficient use of resources (especially for image processing and AI tasks).
 - Consistent structure, naming conventions, and formatting.
- **Goal:** Enforce best practices, maintain code readability, and ensure alignment with functional requirements.

3. Static Analysis:

- **Tools:** ESLint, Prettier
- **Checks Performed:**
 - Syntax errors, unused code, and code smells.
 - Security vulnerabilities, especially in data handling and storage.
 - Code complexity, duplication, and performance.
 - Maintains a uniform code style so that codebase becomes more readable, navigable and manageable.
- **Goal:** Identify issues automatically, maintain security, and ensure high code quality.

4. Unit Testing:

- **Purpose:** Verify that individual functions and components operate correctly in isolation.
- **Key Functions to Test:** Data extraction from receipts, categorization logic, and budget calculations.
- **Coverage Goal:** Achieve ≥80% coverage on core functions.
- **Goal:** Ensure reliability and accuracy at the component level.

5. Integration Testing:

- **Purpose:** Test interactions between modules to ensure data flows as expected.
- **Key Interactions to Verify:** Data flow between the AI model, backend, and frontend UI.
- **Goal:** Ensure seamless integration of AI functionality with other app components.

6. Regression Testing:

- **Purpose:** Prevent new updates from disrupting existing features.
- **Scope:** Entire application with emphasis on areas impacted by recent changes or updates.
- **Process:** Continuously updated regression suite covering core features and AI updates.
- **Goal:** Maintain stability and functionality across iterative changes.

3.6 Automated Testing and Verification Tools

1. Unit Testing Frameworks

- **Jest:** Jest is the default testing framework for React Native applications. It supports TypeScript, has a rich API for writing unit tests, and comes with built-in mocking capabilities.
- **React Testing Library:** This library works well with Jest for testing React components, focusing on user interactions and component behavior rather than implementation details.

2. Static Analysis Tools

- **ESLint:** ESLint is a powerful linter for JavaScript and TypeScript. It can be configured with TypeScript support to enforce coding standards, detect potential errors, and maintain code quality. It can also be extended with plugins for React and serves as industry best practices for JavaScript/TypeScript related-projects.
- **Prettier:** Integrating Prettier alongside ESLint helps ensure consistent code formatting across the codebase, which helps in improving readability.

3. Continuous Integration (CI) Tools

- **GitHub Actions:** This tool can be set up to run workflows that execute tests, linters, and builds automatically on every pull request or commit, ensuring that code quality is maintained consistently (i.e. Husky).
- **Jenkins:** Jenkins is an open-source automation server that facilitates continuous integration and continuous deployment processes. It can be configured to automatically run tests, linting, and builds every time code is pushed to the repository, ensuring that code quality is maintained consistently.

4. Test Coverage Tools

- **Istanbul (nyc):** Istanbul is a code coverage tool that integrates with Jest, providing detailed reports on which parts of the code-base are covered by tests, helping to identify untested code.
- **Codecov or Coveralls:** These services can be used to visualize and summarize code coverage metrics after each build, providing insights into overall coverage and trends over time.

5. Profiling Tools

- **React Native Performance Monitor::** This built-in tool in React Native helps track performance metrics such as frame rates and memory usage, providing insights into the app's performance.
- **Flipper:** A platform for debugging mobile apps, Flipper offers a variety of plugins that assist in profiling and monitoring app performance.

6. Mutation Testing

- **Stryker:** Stryker is a mutation testing framework for JavaScript and TypeScript. It can help assess the effectiveness of tests by introducing small changes in the code (mutations) and checking if the tests can catch them.

7. Plans for Summarizing Code Coverage Metrics

- **Daily/Weekly Reports::** The CI pipeline can be configured to generate code coverage reports with every build and aggregate these reports weekly. Tools like Codecov can be used to visualize trends over time.
- **Review Meetings:** Regular review meetings can be conducted to discuss coverage metrics with the team, identifying areas needing improvement and setting goals for coverage percentages.
- **Integrate Coverage Reports in PRs:** Coverage reports should be included in pull request reviews, ensuring that any code changes are evaluated in the context of their impact on overall coverage.

For additional information, please consult the [development plan](#).

3.7 Software Validation Plan

1. Objective

- The objective of this software validation plan is to ensure that the Plutos budgeting app meets all specified requirements and user needs for accurately parsing receipts, categorizing expenses, and generating reliable financial insights. The plan aims to validate the app's AI-driven capabilities, functional accuracy, security, and overall user experience.

2. Scope

This validation plan will cover the following main functionalities:

- **Receipt Parsing and Data Extraction:** Ensuring accurate interpretation of various receipt formats.
- **Expense Categorization:** Validating that extracted data is correctly categorized.
- **Expense Tracking and Budgeting:** Verifying that users can effectively track and budget expenses.
- **Forecasting Capabilities:** Ensuring the app provides meaningful insights for future spending.
- **User Interface (UI) and User Experience (UX):** Confirming ease of use, responsiveness, and accessibility across devices.
- **Data Security and Privacy:** Verifying secure data handling, storage, and compliance with privacy standards.

3. **Validation Techniques** The validation process will employ the following techniques to confirm that the software performs as intended and fulfills user requirements.

(a) **Requirements Validation**

- **Purpose:** Ensure that the system requirements, as outlined in the Software Requirements Specification (SRS), reflect user needs.
- **Techniques:** Requirements review, stakeholder validation sessions.
- **Criteria:** All requirements are verified as achievable, necessary, and aligned with end-user expectations.

(b) **Functional Testing**

- **Purpose:** Validate that the app functions correctly and meets the intended use cases.
- **Techniques:**
 - **Unit Testing:** Test each component in isolation (e.g., receipt image processing, data extraction modules).
 - **Integration Testing:** Ensure smooth interaction between AI models and application components.
 - **System Testing:** Test the app end-to-end, covering all functional requirements.
- **Criteria:** All functional test cases pass, with particular attention to accuracy in parsing receipts and categorizing expenses.

(c) **Model Validation and AI Performance Testing**

- **Purpose:** Confirm that the AI model for receipt parsing and categorization meets performance expectations.
- **Techniques:**
 - **Model Evaluation on Labeled Data:** Test the model's accuracy on a labeled dataset of diverse receipts.
 - **Performance Benchmarking:** Measure model accuracy, precision, recall, and latency.
 - **Error Analysis:** Review misclassifications and parsing errors to refine the model.

- **Criteria:** Model meets or exceeds the required performance metrics (e.g., 90%+ accuracy in parsing and categorization).

(d) **Usability Testing**

- **Purpose:** Validate that users can easily interact with the app and achieve their goals without confusion or frustration.
- **Techniques:**
 - **User Surveys and Feedback Sessions:** Gather direct user feedback on the app’s ease of use and intuitiveness.
 - **Task-Based Testing:** Have users complete key tasks (e.g., uploading a receipt, viewing categorized expenses).
- **Criteria:** Positive user feedback, with 80%+ of participants finding the app intuitive and easy to use.

(e) **Security and Privacy Testing**

- **Purpose:** Ensure that user data, especially financial information, is stored and handled securely.
- **Techniques:**
 - **Data Encryption Verification:** Confirm that data is encrypted both in transit and at rest.
 - **Access Control Testing:** Validate that only authorized users can access their data.
 - **Compliance Testing:** Ensure adherence to relevant privacy regulations (e.g., GDPR).
- **Criteria:** All data protection and compliance measures are met; no security vulnerabilities found.

(f) **Performance and Load Testing**

- **Purpose:** Verify the app’s responsiveness and stability under expected usage.
- **Techniques:**
 - **Load Testing:** Simulate high user load to evaluate system performance.
 - **Stress Testing:** Test the app’s behavior under extreme conditions.
- **Criteria:** App remains functional and responsive under high load, with minimal performance degradation.

(g) **Regression Testing**

- **Purpose:** Ensure that new updates or fixes do not break existing functionality.
- **Techniques:** Automated regression test suite that re-tests core functionality after each update.
- **Criteria:** All regression test cases pass, maintaining stability with no loss of functionality.

4. **Validation Schedule**

Phase	Duration	Activities
Requirements Review	1 week	Validate SRS, confirm requirements with stakeholders
Functional Testing	2 weeks	Develop and execute unit, integration, and system test cases
Model Validation	1 week	Evaluate AI model on diverse receipts, measure performance metrics
Usability Testing	1 week	Conduct usability tests with end-users, gather feedback
Security Testing	1 week	Perform security assessments, validate data encryption and compliance
Performance Testing	3 days	Conduct load and stress tests to evaluate system performance under expected load
Regression Testing	Ongoing	Run regression tests after updates to ensure consistent functionality

5. Deliverables

- **Test Case Documentation:** Detailed test cases for all functionalities, covering expected outcomes and pass/fail criteria.
- **Test Execution Report:** Summary of test results, including success rates and any failed test cases.
- **Defect and Issue Log:** Record of identified defects and issues, with resolution status.
- **Usability Feedback Summary:** Report on feedback from usability testing sessions.
- **Validation Summary Report:** Comprehensive report summarizing the validation outcomes, certifying the app's readiness for release.

6. Success Criteria

The app will be considered validated if it meets the following success criteria:

- All functional test cases passes requirements.
- AI model achieves required accuracy in parsing and categorization.
- Usability tests show positive user feedback with minimal issues.
- No high-severity defects in security, performance, or compliance.
- Regression tests show that new updates do not disrupt existing functionality.

For additional information regarding validation, please consult the [Software Requirements Specification \(SRS\)](#) verification section.

4 System Tests

4.1 Tests for Functional Requirements

The following test cases are divided into subsets corresponding to major functional areas in the application, as detailed in the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) document. Each subset addresses a specific functional component, including user account management, receipt scanning and processing, database management, item recognition and categorization, and financial tracking. These tests will help verify the functional requirements outlined in the SRS and will help with the creation of those tests to verify the specified functional requirements.

4.1.1 User Account Management Tests

This subsection covers tests required to verify tests revolving around user account management. The user account manager allows users to create an account, update it, and log in and out.

Functional Requirements: FR1 - FR5

1. test-UAM-1

Description: The user should be able to create an account with specified name, email address and password

Control: Manual

Initial State: The app is on the account creation screen and there is no existing account with the test email

Input: Name, valid email, and password

Output: Account creation is successful, and the user is redirected to the login screen

Test Case Derivation: This test ensures that the application allows users to create an account. The manager expects a valid name with no numbers or special characters, a valid email (existing email of correct email format) and a password that only contains certain characters to prevent SQL injection

How test will be performed: The test will be performed by providing instructions to a user/tester to enter valid name, email and password submissions. They will then determine if the test is successful by verifying that the actual output matches the expected output (as provided in the instructions/referenced in this document)

2. test-UAM-2

Description: The user should be able to login with valid credentials

Control: Manual

Initial State: The app is on the login page and a registered account has been created with the corresponding testing credentials

Input: Email and password

Output: The app is on the login page and a registered account has been created with the corresponding testing credentials

Test Case Derivation: This test ensures that only authenticated users may access the app's functionalities

How test will be performed: The test will be performed by having a user/tester provide valid credentials to the system and verify that the app redirects them to the home page after successful login

3. test-UAM-3

Description: The user should be able to logout of the app

Control: Manual

Initial State: The user is already logged into the app

Input: Logout submission

Output: Account logout is successful, and the user is redirected to the login page

Test Case Derivation: This test verifies that the app terminates the user's session and redirects the user to the login page to protect user's account data

How test will be performed: While logged in, a user/tester will click the logout button and observe that the user is redirected to the

login screen. Verify that no user-specific data is accessible after logging out

4. test-UAM-4

Description: Users should be able to update account information after initial setup

Control: Manual

Initial State: User is logged in and on the account settings screen

Input: Modify fields (e.g., name or password) and save changes

Output: Updated account information is saved and reflected on the profile screen.

Test Case Derivation: The test ensures that users are able to manage and update their account information after initial setup

How test will be performed: A tester/user will modify the account fields, save, and verify that updates are displayed correctly on the profile.

4.1.2 Image Processing Tests

This subsection covers tests required to verify tests revolving around receipt scanning and processing. The receipt scanner allows users to upload and preview images

Functional Requirements: FR8 - FR11

1. test-IP-1

Description: User should be able to upload an image for processing

Control: Manual

Initial State: The application is on the receipt upload screen.

Input: Select and upload a receipt image from the device's file storage

Output: The uploaded image is successfully displayed for preview

Test Case Derivation: The test verifies that users are able to upload images from their device and preview them before receipt scanning

How test will be performed: The user/tester will select an image from storage, upload it, and confirm the image preview correctly displayed

2. test-IP-2

Description: Users should be able to preview an uploaded image before processing and confirm/reupload the image based on preference

Control: Manual

Initial State: Image is uploaded and displayed as a preview.

Input: Confirm or reupload the previewed image

Output: Confirmed image proceeds to processing, or retake restarts the upload process

Test Case Derivation: Ensures users can review and confirm the uploaded image, as required for accuracy before processing.

How test will be performed: The user/tester previews the image, confirms, and observes if it advances to processing. Alternatively, users can retake and verify they are taken back to the image upload process

4.1.3 Manual Expense Input Tests

This subsection covers tests that verify functionality for allowing users to manually input their expenses in the case that their receipt is unable to be processed. The manual input system is responsible for outlining fields that the user must fill out for their expense(s) to be tracked.

Functional Requirements: FR12-13

1. test-MIS-1

Description: Users should be able to manually input expenses

Control: Manual

Initial State: Image captured or uploaded cannot be processed or the user wants to manually input items from their receipt from the expense tracker view

Input: Entered items, item costs, item quantities, categories and receipt date

Output: Items, quantities, costs, categories and receipt date are correctly processed and displayed

Test Case Derivation: Ensures users can manually input their receipt/expense in case their image isn't able to be processed or they want to manually input them. The test verifies that manually inputted expense data is processed correctly

How test will be performed: From the expense tracker page, the user/tester will select the "manually input expenses" option and fill out the corresponding fields for category, item, item cost and date. They will then validate that all manual entries have been processed in the finalized expenses screen and match their inputs.

4.1.4 Database Management Tests

This subsection covers tests required to verify functionality for database management. The database managers securely stores user account information and user receipt information.

Functional Requirements: FR14 - FR15

1. test-DM-1

Description: Account information should be protected and securely stored in the database

Control: Automatic

Initial State: Application database is empty or has only encrypted data.

Input: Create a new user account.

Output: User data is stored securely in the database, encrypted.

Test Case Derivation: The test validates that user account information is protected and verifies that the application securely handles user data

How test will be performed: Check database entries post-account creation to verify data encryption and account information

2. test-DM-2

Description: Receipt data must be securely stored in database

Control: Automatic

Initial State: Application database has no receipt data for the test user.

Input: Upload a receipt image.

Output: Receipt image and extracted data are securely stored in the database.

Test Case Derivation: The test verifies receipt data is securely stored, ensuring data privacy

How test will be performed: Check database entries post-upload to confirm storage security and receipt information

4.1.5 Item Recognition and Categorization

This subsection covers tests required to verify functionality for item recognition and categorization from receipt scanning. The receipt scanner is responsible for recognizing and categorizing items from users' uploaded receipts.

Functional Requirements: FR16 - FR18

1. test-RS-1

Description: Uploaded receipts should be processed and all items, their quantities and prices should all be correctly recognized with an accuracy of TARGET_OCR_MODEL_ACCURACY

Control: Automatic

Initial State: User confirms uploaded receipt is ready to be processed

Input: Run item recognition on a sample receipt

Output: Recognized items, quantities, and prices are displayed accurately

Test Case Derivation: The test verifies the accuracy of the OCR model by identifying items on the inputted receipt

How test will be performed: Process the receipt image and verify recognized details against the original receipt

2. test-RS-2

Description: Uploaded receipts should categorize items on them under common expense categories (i.e. groceries, entertainment, etc..)

Control: Automatic

Initial State: Receipt has been scanned and items are recognized from the receipt

Input: Apply categorization based on item names.

Output: Items are correctly categorized (i.e. milk under "Groceries").

Test Case Derivation: The test validates organized expense tracking accuracy by categorizing items under common expense categories

How test will be performed: Run categorization on a processed receipt and check that items are correctly sorted

4.1.6 Financial Tracking Tests

This subsection verifies the functionality of financial tracking features such as spending history and budget management. The financial tracker is responsible for storing users expenses/spendings, as well as allowing users to set and track budgets.

Functional Requirements: FR19 - FR21

1. test-FT-1

Description: Users should be able view spending their spending history by category and trends

Control: Manual

Initial State: Application has recorded user's past expenses and user is on the expense tracking view

Input: Generate spending history overview

Output: Accurate summary of total spending by category and time period

Test Case Derivation: The test verifies users can monitor their budgets through viewing their spending trends

How test will be performed: The tester/user should be able to trigger spending history generation and verify summaries match expected data upon entering the expense tracker view

2. test-FT-2

Description: Users should be able to set and track their budgets

Control: Manual

Initial State: User is on the budgeting window and no current budget is set for the specified category

Input: Budget limit for a specific category

Output: Budget limit is saved and displayed in tracking

Test Case Derivation: This test confirms the ability for users to set and track budgets

How test will be performed: The tester/user sets a budget for a specific category, then verify it appears and updates as expected in tracking

4.2 Tests for Nonfunctional Requirements

4.2.1 Accuracy Tests

This subsection covers tests required to verify the accuracy of the system in processing various financial data.

Nonfunctional Requirements: NFR1 - NFR6

1. test-ACC-1

Description: The machine learning model must achieve at least 80% accuracy in correctly identifying and extracting key information (i.e., item names, quantities, prices, dates) from receipts.

Type: Manual

Initial State: Machine learning model is ready for testing with a dataset of receipts prepared for evaluation.

Input/Condition: Test receipts containing various sets of key information (item names, quantities, prices, and dates).

Output/Result: Model's accuracy measured by the percentage of key information extracted correctly.

How test will be performed: The output will be compared with the initially inputted test receipts to compare information. The accuracy will be computed by determining the percentage of correctly identified and extracted information and will be determined if it meets the 80% threshold.

2. test-ACC-2

Description: The machine learning model must categorize expenses into predefined categories (e.g., groceries, utilities, entertainment) with at least 90% precision to ensure users' financial data is correctly organized.

Type: Manual

Initial State: Machine learning model is set to have predetermined expense categories.

Input/Condition: A set of receipt transactions with known categories.

Output/Result: The model will output the categories of the given transactions, and the precision will be calculated from this.

How test will be performed: The model will process the set of transactions and compare the assigned categories to the correct ones. Precision will be measured to see if the 90% threshold is met.

3. test-ACC-3

Description: All monetary calculations (e.g., totals, budgets, currency conversions) must maintain a precision of up to two decimal places to ensure accurate financial reporting.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is ready for financial calculations.

Input/Condition: A set of monetary calculations (budget changes, new purchases).

Output/Result: The output should display values rounded to two decimal places.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The system will perform different calculations and verify that all results maintain precision up to two decimal places as specified.

4. test-ACC-4

Description: The OCR model must correctly recognize text from images of receipts with a minimum accuracy rate of 90%, ensuring minimal manual corrections by users.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The OCR model is set to process images of receipts.

Input/Condition: A set of receipt images with known text.

Output/Result: The OCR model's accuracy in recognizing text is calculated.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The OCR model will process the receipt images and compare the recognized text to the actual text, ensuring an accuracy rate of at least 90%.

5. test-ACC-5

Description: The application must guarantee 99% accuracy in summing up expenses, incomes, and savings across different periods and categories, ensuring no rounding or summation errors.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is set to calculate expenses, incomes, and savings.

Input/Condition: A dataset of transactions across different periods and categories.

Output/Result: The application's summation accuracy is assessed.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The system will input the transaction data and verify that the calculated totals are accurate, ensuring the application meets the 99% accuracy requirement in summation.

6. test-ACC-6

Description: If the application syncs data across multiple devices, it should ensure 100% consistency of financial data across all instances.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is synced across multiple devices.

Input/Condition: Financial data entered on one device.

Output/Result: Financial data appears on all devices.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The tester will input financial data on one device, sync, and verify that all other devices show the same data to ensure 100% consistency.

4.2.2 Performance Tests

This subsection covers tests required to assess the performance of the application under various conditions.

Nonfunctional Requirements: NFR7 - NFR9

1. test-PERF-1

Description: The application must load user data within five seconds and respond to user actions (e.g., adding an entry, generating a report) within two seconds to ensure a smooth user experience.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is set to load user data and respond to user actions.

Input/Condition: A user initiates the data loading process and performs user actions simultaneously.

Output/Result: User data should load within five seconds, and all actions should respond within two seconds.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will measure the time taken to load user account data and the response time for various user actions during the same test session, ensuring both criteria are met.

2. test-PERF-2

Description: The system must be able to handle a minimum of 10 concurrent users without significant performance degradation.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is set up to support concurrent users.

Input/Condition: Ten users log into the application simultaneously and perform typical tasks.

Output/Result: The application should maintain performance levels without significant degradation.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The tester will simulate 10 concurrent users accessing the application and monitor performance metrics (e.g., load times, response times) to ensure the application performs adequately under load.

4.2.3 Usability Tests

This subsection covers tests required to evaluate the usability and user experience of the application.

Nonfunctional Requirements: NFR10 - NFR17

1. test-USAB-1

Description: The application must have a clean, intuitive, and easy-to-navigate interface, allowing users to perform common tasks (e.g., adding expenses, viewing budgets) within two to three clicks, and complete tasks such as adding a new receipt or setting a budget limit within 10 seconds on average.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is ready for user interaction.

Input/Condition: A user attempts to perform common tasks such as editing budgets or adding a new receipt using the interface.

Output/Result: Tasks should show completion and result corresponding outputs.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will evaluate the interface by performing tasks and counting the average number of clicks and the duration taken, ensuring the requirements are met.

2. test-USAB-2

Description: New users should be able to complete account setup and understand core application features within five minutes, supported by an introductory tutorial and tooltips. Additionally, the application should provide clear error messages and guide users through corrective actions, allowing them to recover from errors in no more than two steps.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is ready for a new user.

Input/Condition: A new user begins the account setup and interacts with the application, making intentional errors to test error handling.

Output/Result: The user should receive informative error messages and be guided through corrective actions.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will simulate a new user experience, timing the setup and assessing the clarity of tutorials, tooltips, error messages, and corrective guidance.

3. test-USAB-3

Description: Information displayed to users must be concise and relevant, minimizing cognitive effort while ensuring that only essential details are shown on the main dashboard, with advanced options accessible through menus.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is displaying its main dashboard.

Input/Condition: The user/tester reviews the main dashboard and navigates through the menus.

Output/Result: All information is displayed and menus open upon command.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will evaluate the main dashboard and menus for clarity, relevance, and ease of access, ensuring the design aligns with the usability requirements.

4.2.4 Security Tests

This subsection covers tests required to ensure the security and protection of user data within the system.

Nonfunctional Requirements: NFR18 - NFR19

1. test-SEC-1

Description: The system must implement secure password storage and authentication mechanisms, as well as ensure that all data transmitted between the client and server is encrypted to protect user data.

Type: Automatic

Initial State: The system is fully deployed and operational.

Input/Condition: User attempts to create an account and log in, while data transmission occurs between client and server.

Output/Result: The system must confirm successful account creation and authentication with appropriate messages, and all data transmitted must show as encrypted.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will create an account, log in, and monitor the data transmission to verify that passwords are securely stored and that encryption protocols are in place for all data exchanged.

4.2.5 Maintainability Tests

This subsection covers tests required to verify the maintainability and compatibility of the application.

Nonfunctional Requirements: NFR20 - NFR 22

1. test-MTB-1

Description: New releases must maintain backward compatibility with previous versions, ensuring users can seamlessly update the application without experiencing disruptions in their data or workflows. Dependencies must be regularly updated to prevent security vulnerabilities, and at least 80% of the codebase must be covered by automated unit tests to ensure maintainability.

Type: Automatic

Initial State: The application is ready for a new release.

Input/Condition: A new release is applied to the application, along with dependency updates.

Output/Result: The system must output a confirmation message indicating a successful update, and system logs should show no errors or disruptions. Additionally, automated test results must indicate at least 80% code coverage.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will apply the new release, check for compatibility by performing typical user tasks, and run automated tests to verify code coverage, ensuring the requirements are met.

4.2.6 Portability Tests

This subsection covers tests required to assess the portability of the application across different platforms and environments.

Nonfunctional Requirements: NFR23 - NFR 26

1. test-PORT-1

Description: The software shall be compatible with Android and iOS mobile devices running the latest software.

Type: Automatic

Initial State: The application is deployed on Android and iOS devices.

Input/Condition: Users attempt to install and run the application.

Output/Result: The system outputs successful installation messages and the application functions correctly on both platforms.

How the Test Will Be Performed: Automated tests will verify installation and functionality on both devices.

2. test-PORT-2

Description: All data must be stored in platform-independent formats (e.g., JSON, CSV), and any external APIs or third-party services must support cross-platform usage.

Type: Automatic

Initial State: The application has data stored and is integrated with external APIs.

Input/Condition: The user/tester requests data export and initiates API calls.

Output/Result: The system outputs data in specified formats and returns successful responses from APIs on both platforms.

How the Test Will Be Performed: Automated scripts will verify data export formats and API integration on both Android and iOS.

3. test-PORT-3

Description: The system must operate in various network environments, including Wi-Fi, cellular, and offline mode.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is installed and ready for testing.

Input/Condition: The user/tester simulates different network environments.

Output/Result: The system outputs successful operation messages for each network condition.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will manually switch between different network environments (Wi-Fi, cellular, offline) and observe the application's behavior, checking for consistent functionality and performance across each condition.

4.2.7 Reusability Tests

This subsection covers tests required to evaluate the reusability of components and functionalities within the application.

Nonfunctional Requirements: NFR27 - NFR 30

1. test-REUS-1

Description: The application must be developed using reusable components (e.g., UI components, API services) and adhere to the principle of separation of concerns, ensuring that business logic, data access, and presentation layers are kept separate.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is developed and ready for testing.

Input/Condition: The user/tester reviews the codebase and architecture.

Output/Result: The system must show evidence of reusable components and separate layers, with no code duplication.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will conduct a manual code review to assess the architecture for reusable components, ensuring adherence to the principle of separation of concerns. They will document findings regarding code duplication and the organization of business logic, data access, and presentation layers.

2. test-REUS-2

Description: Common functionalities (e.g., receipt parsing, authentication) must be abstracted into reusable libraries, and design elements (e.g., icons, typography) must be created as reusable assets.

Type: Automatic

Initial State: The application is fully developed.

Input/Condition: The user/tester inspects libraries and design assets.

Output/Result: The system must output a report confirming that functionalities are encapsulated in reusable libraries and design assets are consistently applied across the application.

How the Test Will Be Performed: Automated tools will verify the presence of reusable libraries and assets.

4.2.8 Understandability Tests

This subsection covers tests required to assess the understandability and clarity of the application and its documentation.

Nonfunctional Requirements: NFR31 - NFR 39

1. test-UND-1

Description: All source code must be thoroughly documented with inline comments and external documentation, and variables, functions, classes, and modules must follow consistent and meaningful naming conventions.

Type: Static

Initial State: The codebase is complete and ready for review.

Input/Condition: The user/tester reviews the code and associated documentation.

Output/Result: The system must show that code components are well-documented, with meaningful names that describe functionality.

How the Test Will Be Performed: A team of developers will conduct a walkthrough of the codebase, using static analysis tools to check for documentation completeness and adherence to naming conventions. The results will be documented in a compliance report, which will be reviewed by the development team.

2. test-UND-2

Description: The application's UI must be designed with clarity, using clear labels, icons, and tooltips, and the codebase must be organized logically, allowing easy navigation.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is fully developed.

Input/Condition: The user/tester interacts with the UI and examines the code structure.

Output/Result: The system must provide a UI that is easy to navigate, with clear labels and organized code files.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will manually navigate the UI and review the directory structure of the codebase to assess clarity and organization.

3. test-UND-3

Description: The code must follow industry-standard formatting guidelines, and the application must provide clear, descriptive error messages for users and developers.

Type: Static

Initial State: The codebase and application are fully developed.

Input/Condition: The user/tester reviews the code formatting and triggers error messages during testing.

Output/Result: The system must show properly formatted code and clear error messages that explain issues and solutions.

How the Test Will Be Performed: A review team will perform code inspections, using static analysis tools to evaluate code formatting against industry standards. During application testing, users will intentionally trigger errors to assess the clarity and helpfulness of error messages. Feedback will be collected and addressed in subsequent development cycles.

4. test-UND-4

Description: Any APIs must include detailed documentation, and all major changes to the codebase should be accompanied by clear commit messages and changelogs.

Type: Static

Initial State: The APIs and codebase are implemented.

Input/Condition: The user/tester reviews API documentation and commit history.

Output/Result: The system must provide comprehensive API documentation and meaningful commit messages that clarify changes.

How the Test Will Be Performed: A designated reviewer will conduct a walkthrough of the API documentation and commit history, checking for completeness and clarity. Automated documentation generation tools may be used to assist in this process. The findings will be compiled into a report and discussed in a review meeting with the development team.

5. test-UND-5

Description: The language and terminology used throughout the application's UI must align with users' mental models, using familiar terms.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The application is deployed.

Input/Condition: The user/tester evaluates the UI language and terminology.

Output/Result: The system must use non-technical, familiar terms throughout the UI.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will manually navigate the UI to assess the terminology used and provide feedback on its alignment with user expectations.

4.2.9 Regulatory Tests

This subsection covers tests required to ensure compliance with relevant regulations and standards.

Nonfunctional Requirements: NFR40 - NFR 41

1. test-REG-1

Description: The system must comply with Canada's Privacy Act and Financial Administration Act to ensure the privacy and security of user data and the secure handling of financial information.

Type: Manual

Initial State: The system is fully implemented and operational.

Input/Condition: The user/tester reviews the system's data handling policies and financial procedures.

Output/Result: The system must demonstrate adherence to both regulatory acts through documented policies and secure practices.

How the Test Will Be Performed: The user/tester will manually examine relevant documentation, assess data handling procedures, and conduct interviews with compliance and development teams to verify compliance with both the Privacy Act and the Financial Administration Act.

4.3 Traceability Between Test Cases and Requirements

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5 Unit Test Description

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5.1 Unit Testing Scope

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5.2 Tests for Functional Requirements

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5.3 Tests for Nonfunctional Requirements

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5.4 Traceability Between Test Cases and Modules

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References

No references were used for this document.

6 Appendix

6.1 Symbolic Parameters

TARGET_OCR_MODEL_ACCURACY = 90%

Appendix — Reflection

[This section is not required for CAS 741 —SS]

The information in this section will be used to evaluate the team members on the graduate attribute of Lifelong Learning.

The purpose of reflection questions is to give you a chance to assess your own learning and that of your group as a whole, and to find ways to improve in the future. Reflection is an important part of the learning process. Reflection is also an essential component of a successful software development process.

Reflections are most interesting and useful when they're honest, even if the stories they tell are imperfect. You will be marked based on your depth of thought and analysis, and not based on the content of the reflections themselves. Thus, for full marks we encourage you to answer openly and honestly and to avoid simply writing "what you think the evaluator wants to hear."

Please answer the following questions. Some questions can be answered on the team level, but where appropriate, each team member should write their own response:

1. What went well while writing this deliverable?
2. What pain points did you experience during this deliverable, and how did you resolve them?
3. What knowledge and skills will the team collectively need to acquire to successfully complete the verification and validation of your project? Examples of possible knowledge and skills include dynamic testing knowledge, static testing knowledge, specific tool usage, Valgrind etc. You should look to identify at least one item for each team member.
4. For each of the knowledge areas and skills identified in the previous question, what are at least two approaches to acquiring the knowledge or mastering the skill? Of the identified approaches, which will each team member pursue, and why did they make this choice?