Master DOcumentation

Sprint Two

Team F

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# Source Control

# Software Review Plan

# Performance Report

Introduction/Purpose

This report provides a performance-based perspective into the development process for Sprint Two by identifying appropriate code optimizers and performance tools that could benefit this project such as IDEs for development and libraries for code implementation. A recommendation is also provided based on the teams review of the options included in this report, this recommendation is in the form of a table, the summary concludes by outlining the tools chosen by the programmer for implementing this sprint’s requirements.

Candidate Tools and Software

### IDEs/Editors

1. **Atom**

A free and open source text editor for Linux, Mac or Windows it supports plugins that runtime via JavaScript Node.js, a runtime environment that allows command line tools and server-side scripting. Atom feature auto completing and suggestions while writing any language which it supports (list of languages supported [here](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atom_(text_editor)#Programming_language_support)) these include HTML, PHP, JavaScript and even SQL.

1. **NetBeans**

A full IDE (Integrated Development Environment) which means that it has extensive and intelligent development features, such as seamless software modularization, language extensions and easier ways to integrate libraries into a project. NetBeans offers IDE Bundles for 3 development pathways these are:

* NetBeans IDE Bundle for Web and Java EE

Complete tools for all latest Java EE 6 standards.

* NetBeans IDE Bundle for PHP

Supports PHP 6.5+, includes code completion, highlighting and php code debugging.

* NetBeans IDE Complete Bundle

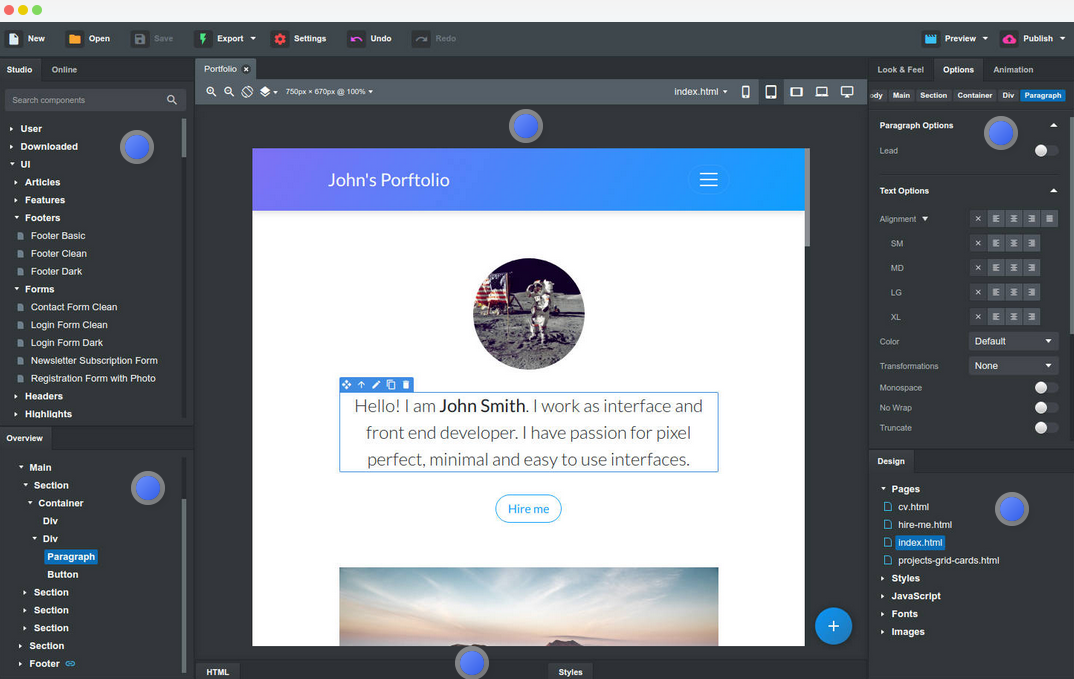
Includes both the bundles defined above in one complete package, includes other packages like JavaFX.

NetBeans also has a wide array of generic debugging features such as the profiler and debugger which can keep track of parameter values while stepping through debugging lines of code.

1. **Bootstrap Studio**

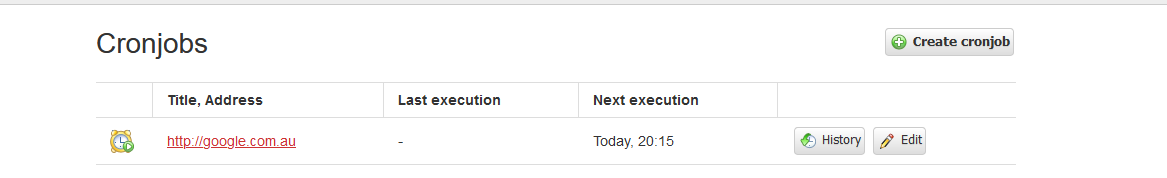
A very popular and powerful but proprietary development application with many components for building responsive paged including headers, footers, galleries, slideshows etc.

Intelligently component driven, this development application allows for a ‘workshop-type’ solution where the developer can build on an interactive prototype with an immense amount of modularized working components available in the ‘studio’. Example image provided below from <https://bootstrapstudio.io/>.



Scheduled Script Execution

1. **Cron-Job.org**

Call scripts attached to a link from a browser-based free service.  


1. **PHP Cron Scheduler**

A php library which allows developers to instantiate a scheduler interface that is run every minute by a local systems crontab (task scheduler for Windows). The developer can then go to said php script and set scheduled time by using set methods of the library, e.g. $scheduler->php('script.php')->december(31);

<https://github.com/peppeocchi/php-cron-scheduler>

1. **Windows scheduler**UI by windows for scheduling scripts  
   Provided by default with every windows operating system, this application allows setting ‘triggers’ to executable files as dates and times. Using this application one can attach scripts to a bash file and set them to execute at any time throughout the year.
2. **Mail Chimp**  
   Create forms which you can link on your website or embed in your html files. Let Mail Chimp do the service of the newsletter by designing the emails and appointing them to which subscriber forms they will belong to. Very user friendly to do, simple to start by creating a campaign with an automated email service. A quality option however with a free account limit of 2000 subscribers, unless the client is willing to pay for subscription this is not a viable option.

<https://mailchimp.com/>

Emailing

1. **PHP Mail ()**

This is built-in to php, it’s a very simple method for sending emails, no use of email template or SMTP setup, start using it by applying the strings you wish to set as the email text like this example taken from <https://www.tutorialrepublic.com/php-tutorial/php-send-email.php>. Does not provide advanced emailing features such as adding attachments.



1. **PHP Mailer ()**

An external library for advanced email options in PHP requires using composer or similar installer to configure the library with a project. This library allows for sending advanced email e.g. emails with attachments and html elements with alternative plain text versions attached, more importantly allowing to set up a SMTP server for mailing uses, SMTP servers are useful to us because they allow emails to by-pass default spam filters; this is because if the server is sending an email from a remote SMTP server the other server to which it sends the emails will recognize the email came from the sender rather than including an intermediary party, if we just used mail() and set an email in from parameter that email will vary from our server’s host name thus defaulting that email to spam in most email services.

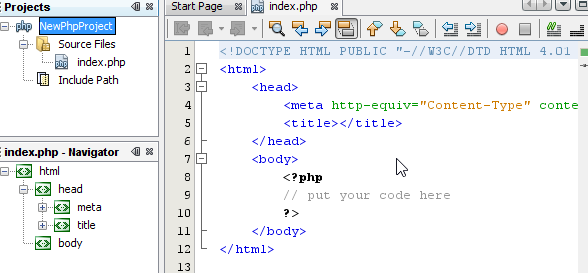
How to setup (with composer) and send emails with PHP Mailer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtNraQxUTM0&t=44s>

Recommended Tools and Software

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| **Tool/Software type** | **IDE** | **Emailing Library** | **Script Scheduling Solution** |
| **Name** | NetBeans | PHP Mailer () | Windows Scheduler |
| **Description** | Open-source IDE | An external library for simplifying advanced email options such as SMTP. | Included with every windows installation, very user friendly and intuitive to use. |
| **Download** | [NetBeans Download](https://netbeans.org/downloads/6.1/index.html) | [Instruction and Download](https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer) | Available with windows install |
| **Reason for recommendation** | Code suggestions, ide features, used to develop original prototype. | Can create an SMTP server to avoid default spam filter being applied by receiving email services. | I have had much experience in task scheduler with windows it is very easy to use, there is a lot of information online for setting up schedules via PowerShell, command prompt and through the admin UI. |

### Usage examples

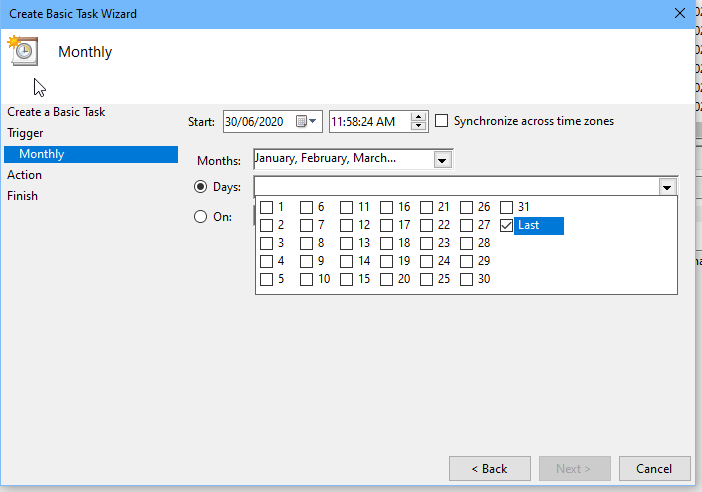
* **NetBeans** (extract from <https://netbeans.org/kb/docs/php/quickstart.html>)

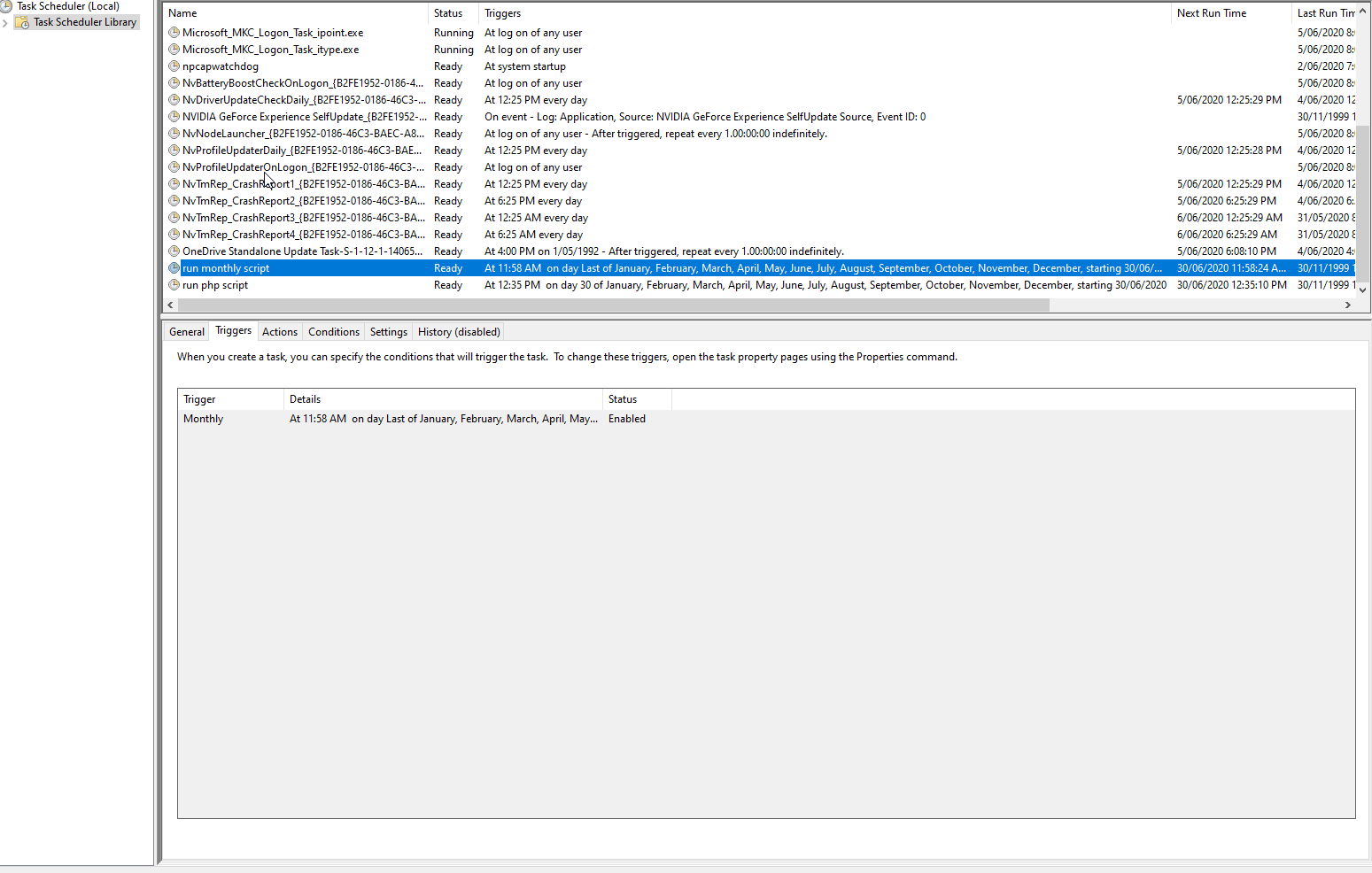


* **PHP Mailer** () (extract from <https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer/blob/master/examples/smtp.phps>)



* **Windows Task Scheduler** (extract from writer’s Windows PC)





# Summary/Decision

The appointed programmer has decided to follow recommendations using NetBeans, PHPMailer and Windows Scheduler, additionally implemented is an alternative SMTP host to SendGrid services, this is because Google Gmail has a limitation to free accounts of up to 500 emails per day, whereas SendGrid’s trial account will allow for 40, 000 emails for a duration of 30 days, It is in the interest of the Acme Corporation (the client) to either set up a local mailing server SMTP or pay for SendGrid or Google Services; which type of service subscription will depend on the future expansions the client is seeking to pursue, if SMTP is not implemented in newsletters it is highly likely that outgoing emails will be defaulted to the recipient’s spam folders.

End of Performance Report

# Project Management Plan

# Software Testing Plan