Software Requirements Specification

for

UPOD - Web Design

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# Introduction

## Product Scope

UPOD’s Web Design promotes positive user experience. Current physics resources such as HyperPhysics feature poorly designed content that is difficult to navigate. As such, the front end of UPOD will be the main area in which it stands out from similar resources. A description of UPOD’s general purpose has been outlined in section 1 of the general System Requirements Specifications Document.

## Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

* Administrator: an individual with unrestricted access to the UPOD site
* Moderator: an individual with permission to add/delete/edit content of the UPOD site
* User: an individual who can only view content of the site
* UPOD: Undergraduate Physics Online Database
* Web Design/Front End: pages, features, and functions that users will interact with and make use of while navigating the UPOD site.

## References

IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Requirements Specifications (IEEE Std. 830-1998)

WLU CP317 Class of Spring 2013: Pong Tracker Requirements used as example

## Overview

The Web Design requirements document outlines the following:

* Interfaces and Constraints of the UPOD Front End
* Functions of the UPOD Front End
* Front End Performance Requirements
* Features of the UPOD Front End

# Overall Description

## Product Perspective

Web Design relates to the front end of the UPOD system – the components that users will interact with. Since the front end is only a part of the entire system, some features supported by the site will be outlined in a different requirement document. Interfacing between the various sections of the project will be outlined in section 2.1.3 of this requirement document. More detail will be added during the analysis phase.

## System Interfaces

UPOD content operates on modern and standard browsers.

* Google Chrome
* Mozilla Firefox
* Internet Explorer (as well as Microsoft Edge)
* Safari

## User Interfaces

Users are expected to interact with UPOD with a mouse and keyboard, and priority will be given to ensuring proper interaction via this method. Interaction with UPOD by touchscreen may be considered if time allows.

## Software Interfaces

The front end will contain information contained in a database. Animations and graphics displaying physics content will be created using animation software.

## Communication Interfaces

UPOD will remain responsive across internet service providers. More detail to be added later with respect to Laurier network restrictions and accessible ports.

## Memory Constraints

No memory constraints identified at this point for the front end. Expected memory constraints for back end and graphics/animation content can be found in their respective requirement documents.

## Constraints

UPOD Web Design must be implemented by the end of the 2016 Spring Term (July 26, 2016). The UPOD budget is $0, so any software/frameworks must be free to use.

## Specific Requirements

## External Interfaces

None identified at this point.

## Product Functions

* UPOD must be searchable by text, as well as support navigation through site content by physics discipline/specialized area of study.
* UPOD’s web interface will contain interactive graphics and animations that users can use to improve their understanding of concepts.
* UPOD will allow for moderators and site administrators to add, delete, and modify pages and categories when required.
  + To accommodate for this, UPOD just support a login process for site admins and moderators in order to prevent unauthorized edits.
* UPOD will allow site administrators to create and delete moderator accounts, as well as access moderator lists.

## Performance Requirements

Searches should be satisfied within a reasonable time of searching. More detail will be added at a later date. Details concerning performance of the site under heavy user load will be added as well.

## Logical Database Requirements

All physics content and graphics will be stored in a relational database. More information pertaining to database structure can be found in the Back End requirement document.

## Software System Attributes

## Reliability

UPOD is expected to be available as a permanent reference tool. Maintenance windows will be announced prior to making UPOD unavailable.

## Availability

Software used in UPOD’s front end must be supported across the previously listed browsers, and commonly available for users to set up if required.

## Security

All physics content on UPOD is free for all to use, and therefore there are no major security constraints. Administrator login information must remain inaccessible, and reasonable care must be exercised in order to prevent attacks on the Hopper server.

## Maintainability

Code should be built following standard protocols and should be well documented in order for future maintainability. UPOD is assumed to be available for the foreseeable future, therefore the set of individuals in charge of maintenance will not be constant.

## Portability

Development will take place on a Unix based server, so no portability concerns are currently identified. Any reasonable requirements for software to be installed on Hopper will be communicated to David Brown as soon as they are identified and validated.

## Organizing Specific Requirements

## System Modes

UPOD’s functionality will be the same for all users, however, there will be an additional administrator mode wherein content can be added, removed, or edited.

## User Classes

* Administrator:
  + Create/Delete Account
  + Access Admin/Moderator List
  + Login/Logout
  + Update Account
  + Add/Delete/Modify Pages and Categories
  + Search for Pages/Categories
  + View Pages/Categories
  + Interact with Graphics/Animations
* Moderator
  + Login/Logout
  + Update Account
  + Add/Delete/Modify Pages and Categories
  + Search for Pages/Categories
  + View Pages/Categories
  + Interact with Graphics/Animations
* User
  + Search for Pages/Categories
  + View Pages/Categories
  + Interact with Graphics/Animations

## Objects

To be completed in the analysis phase.

## Features

## Landing Page

The UPOD landing page is the first thing students will see when accessing UPOD. The UPOD design philosophy will encourage users to search the site quickly - the focus on and size of the search bar on the landing page will promote a quick search to whatever term the student is looking for. Think of the Google Search page for a similar product.

## Portal Page

The portal page will act as a template for the splash page of each physics discipline. Each discipline will be displayed on its own Portal Page, which will display a summary of the physics discipline as well as contain a list of all Single Entry Pages that fall under that discipline.

## Single Entry Page

The single entry page will act as a template for creation of the majority of UPOD’s content. Each concept or law will be displayed on its own Single Entry page, which will display background info, important formulas, and link users to relevant information. Relevant links will be displayed at the bottom of the page, similar to the “See Also” section near the bottom of Wikipedia pages.

## About UPOD Page

This page will outline the purpose of UPOD: making accurate and easy to understand physics content accessible to undergraduate students. It will also contain a section to give credit to those who contributed to the creation of the site.

This is also where users will be able to contact UPOD administration by email to report missing, incorrect, or broken content.

## Admin Login Page

Site admins will need to enter credentials on this page to gain administrator access to the site’s edit mode – URL for this page will only be given to admins/moderators (i.e. no direct link to Admin portal.)

## Search Results Page

Topic searches should contain enough relevant information to satisfy the user’s search. Since some information can apply to many different disciplines, (i.e. Speed of Light would be found in both Classical Mechanics as well as Optics) a search for terms should list all Single Entry Pages that refer to that term. Results should be displayed with a Page Heading as well as a brief preview of the info contained on the linked page. (Similar to a general Google Search)

## Stimulus

To be completed in the analysis phase.

## Response

To be completed in the analysis phase.

## Functional Hierarchy

To be completed in the analysis phase.

## Supporting Information

Requirements Documents for other aspects of UPOD can be found in the GitHub repository. The other aspects are:

* Back End/Database
* Graphics/Animations
* Physics Content