

TQS: Product specification report

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview of the project

This project assignment has as its main goal to implement a medium-sized project developing a Minimum viable product (MVP) with functional specification, system architecture and the project implementation.

The project should be implemented in partnership with a Software Quality Assurance (SQA) strategy. With this, the project itself should all be tested to ensure its quality and should also apply engineering practices of Continuous Testing, Continuous Integration and Continuous Delivery.

With this in mind we are developing and testing the Airport Organizer, a system that allows the management of an airport from the ticket reservation process to the boarding.

This assignment and the intended approach is the appliance of the knowledge acquired in TQS classes during the semester. The importance of testing while developing a product, in its different phases is the main idea of that knowledge.

1.2 Limitations

For now the limitations are mainly the early development phase of the project, the planning.

2 Product concept and requirements

2.1 Vision statement

The Airport Organizer is a digital system that implements a solution to handle flight reservations, the clients check-in at the airline companies so they catch their flight and to give useful information to guide the clients during their stay at the airport.

The main focus are the flight reservations by an user and administration services that check-in a passenger and change the state of a flight in the boards.

To address all these questions, the platform must include three main services. The first one is a personal portal in which users can reserve a flight, check their reservations and search for different flights with different prices.

The second service should be developed for the administration staff and staff that verifies the passengers and their luggage. This one needs to handle the registration of flight passengers, their luggage and their check-in. Staff can access waiting lines, access delayed or canceled flights and call for passengers to check luggage or to board a flight.

The last service is a simple digital signage solution to handle the call screens at the airport. The calls will translate the boarding calls for the flights.

2.2 Actors and Use cases

As actors interacting with this system we have passengers, who want to travel, the administration staff and the check-in staff.

The passengers should be able to register, log in and log out at the personal platform. The passengers should be able to search for a flight and reserve his seat and the flight. The passenger should be able to pay for his flight through the application. The passenger should be able to check-in before he enters his flight. The passenger should be able to have informations about his flight while at the airport.

The administration staff should be able to register the flight passengers and their luggage. The administration staff should be able to access waiting lines and delayed or canceled flights. The administration staff should also be able to call for passengers to check their luggage. The administration staff should be able to call the passengers to board their flight.

The check-in staff or the flight attendants, should be able to verify the passenger before they enter their flights. The check-in staff should be able to check-in the passengers.

2.3 Personas and Main Scenarios

Personas

Passengers:

- Marie



Marie is a twenty five year old business woman. She is a content creator who travels a lot to meet new cities and new brands. Marie is a famous content creator and for that reason many brands look for her and invite her for many events around the world. Marie loves this life and loves music, fashion and all sports involving water and sea.

During the initial phase of being a content creator, Marie always took care of herself including all the preparation to attempt all these events and for that reason she continued to take care of her flights

reservations, luggage and hotel reservations.

To simplify all the preparations, Marie wants a user-friendly platform where she can easily search for flights based on her preferences such as dates, times, and prices. She also wants the ability to manage her reservations and make changes if necessary due to his busy life. She needs a seamless booking experience with clear information about available flights, including prices and schedules. She appreciates features like seat selection.

Marie becomes frustrated when the booking process is complicated or when it takes a lot of time to book a flight since her life is extremely busy and unstable.

- Peter



Peter is a twenty one year old student that never traveled alone. This summer he decided to do an interrail and the first stop was in his country's airport. Peter loves the beach, sports and adventure and is studying biology at Aveiro's University. As he never traveled alone he was extremely lost at the airport and

didn't know where his flight was and at what time he should be on the plane.

Peter's objective is to navigate through the airport and find the departure gate for his flight. As a first-time solo traveler, he seeks guidance and assistance to ensure a smooth and stress-free journey. Peter needs clear and easily accessible information to help him navigate the airport and locate his departure gate. He requires a system, in this case a digital signage, that provides real-time updates on flight departures and gate assignments.

One of Peter's pain points is feeling overwhelmed and lost in the airport environment, especially as a first-time solo traveler. He may experience anxiety and uncertainty about where to go and how to reach his destination within the terminal. Without clear signage and guidance, he may struggle to find his way and risk missing his flight.

Peter is motivated to use the digital signage system because it offers him the guidance and direction he needs to navigate the airport effectively. The system's ability to display real-time flight information, including departure times and gate assignments, provides Peter with the assurance that he's heading in the right direction. By relying on the digital signage, Peter can focus on enjoying his travel experience and successfully reaching his destination.

Administration Staff :

- Mark



Mark is a thirty year old experienced airline employee who works in the administration department. He loves classic music, organization and loves his jog. He's responsible for managing passenger registrations, luggage, and ensuring smooth operations at the airport, accessing waiting lines and exposing information like delayed or canceled flights.

Mark's primary goal is to efficiently handle passengers traffic inside the airport and luggage procedures while adhering to safety and security protocols. He needs to manage flight manifests, handle changes to flight statuses, and communicate effectively with passengers. Mark requires a robust system that allows him to access flight information in real-time, manage passenger lists, and handle unexpected situations such as flight delays or cancellations. He also needs tools to communicate with passengers and coordinate boarding procedures.

Mark faces challenges when dealing with outdated or inefficient systems that slow down the check-in process. He also finds it difficult to manage communication with passengers during busy periods or emergencies without adequate tools or support like digital signage.

Check-in Staff:

- Sophie



Sophie worked as a flight attendant for five years at an international airline before transitioning to customer service in a busy airport. She is familiar with check-in, security, and boarding procedures. Sophie is 35 years old and holds a degree in Tourism and Hospitality with a specialization in Aviation. She likes books, animals and to know more about the countries around the world. Furthermore, Sophie has excellent communication skills, she is fluent in Portuguese, English, Spanish and French, enabling her to effectively interact with

passengers from different nationalities. She is adept at handling challenging situations and resolving issues efficiently, ensuring customer satisfaction. Sophie puts passengers' needs first and strives to provide a pleasant and smooth travel experience and has familiarity with technology so she is comfortable with electronic check-in systems and other technologies used in the aviation industry.

Sophie's objective is to efficiently verify passengers and facilitate the check-in process to ensure smooth and timely departures for flights. She needs a reliable system that enables her to quickly and accurately verify passengers' identities, check them in for their flights, and handle any special requests or situations that may arise.

One of Sophie's pain points is dealing with long queues and delays during the check-in process, especially during peak travel times. This can lead to frustrated passengers, increased stress levels for staff, and potential disruptions to flight schedules. Additionally, manual verification procedures can be time-consuming and prone to errors, resulting in inefficiencies and customer dissatisfaction.

Sophie is motivated to use the system because it offers a solution to her pain points by automating and expediting the check-in process. The system's ability to quickly verify passengers, handle special requests efficiently, and reduce wait times aligns with her goal of providing exceptional customer service and ensuring on-time departures.

Main Scenarios

Scenario: Flight Reservation

Marie accesses the Airport Organizer system to make a flight reservation for a fashion event in Chaves. She uses the platform to browse flights, filtering by dates, times, and prices. After finding the ideal option for her schedule, she selects it and proceeds to confirm her preference. At the end of the booking process, she securely makes the payment.

Scenario: Passenger Baggage Management

Mark starts his shift at the airport and accesses the Airport Organizer system to check the day's flights. He updates the passenger list and their respective baggage, ensuring that everything is in its proper place and secure. During a delayed flight, he uses the system to inform passengers about the new flight schedule and organizes the waiting queue to be more efficient.

Scenario: Check-in Process

Sophie at the check-in counter uses the system to quickly verify the identity of all passengers and process their data, ensuring that they receive the necessary assistance and support for their boarding.

Scenario: Airport Navigation

Peter, lost and alone on his first airplane trip, observes the digital signs that show real-time information about flights and boarding gates. By following clear and updated instructions, Peter easily finds his boarding gate to check-in and feels more confident about his trip.

2.4 Project epics and priorities

To develop our solution to the assigned project we will use the agile method with iterations of one week, with a total of 5 iterations.

Week 2 (25/04 to 09/05)

1. Backend Configuration and Modeling:

- Configure the backend data model to support flight reservations, baggage management, and check-in functionalities.
- Create initial endpoints for key operations such as flight search and check-in processing.

2. Prototype Development:

- Develop prototypes of the web and mobile applications, focusing on the user interface for flight search and reservation, and user profile access.

Week 3 (09/05 to 16/05)

3. (Epic) Flight Reservation:

- Implement the flight search and reservation functionality, allowing users to filter by dates, times, and prices.

4. (Epic) Check-in Process:

- Implement the check-in process, including passenger identity verification and data processing.

Week 4 (16/05 to 23/05)

5. (Epic) Airport Navigation:

- Develop a digital signage system to provide real-time flight and boarding gate information.

6. (Epic) Passenger Experience Enhancement:

- Implement additional features such as seat selection and reservation management to enhance the user experience.

Week 5 (23/05 to 30/05)

7. (Epic) Airport Operations Management:

- Implement additional functionalities for staff to manage operations.

8. (Epic) System Reliability Assurance:

- Finalize development, ensuring the system is reliable and secure for all users, including security checks.

3 Domain model

<which information concepts will be managed in this domain? How are they related?>

<use a logical model (UML classes) to explain the concepts of the domain and their attributes>

4 Architecture notebook

4.1 Key requirements and constrains

<Identify issues that will drive the choices for the architecture such as: Will the system be driven by complex deployment concerns, adapting to legacy systems, or performance issues? Does it need to be robust for long-term maintenance?

Identify critical issues that must be addressed by the architecture, such as: Are there hardware dependencies that should be isolated from the rest of the system? Does the system need to function efficiently under unusual conditions? Are there integrations with external systems? Is the system to be offered in different user-interfacing platforms (web, mobile devices, big screens,...)?

E.g.: (the references cited in [XX] would be hypothetical links to previous specification documents/deliverables)

There are some key requirements and system constraints that have a significant bearing on the architecture. They are:

- The existing legacy Course Catalog System at Wylie College must be accessed to retrieve all course information for the current semester. The C-Registration System must support the data formats and DBMS of the legacy Course Catalog System [E2].
- The existing legacy Billing System at Wylie College must be interfaced with to support billing of students. This interface is defined in the Course Billing Interface Specification [E1].
- All student, professor, and Registrar functionality must be available from both local campus PCs and remote PCs with internet dial up connections.
- The C-Registration System must ensure complete protection of data from unauthorized access. All remote accesses are subject to user identification and password control.
- The C-Registration System will be implemented as a client-server system. The client portion resides on PCs and the server portion must operate on the Wylie College UNIX Server. [E2]
- All performance and loading requirements, as stipulated in the Vision Document [E2] and the Supplementary Specification [15], must be taken into consideration as the architecture is being developed.>

4.2 Architecture view

→ Discuss architecture planned for the software solution.

→ include a diagram (a package or block diagram)

→ explain how the identified modules will interact. Use sequence diagrams to clarify the interactions along time, when needed

→ discuss more advanced app design issues: integration with Internet-based external services, data synchronization strategy, distributed workflows, push notifications mechanism, distribution of updates to distributed devices, etc.>

4.3 Deployment architecture

[Explicar a organização prevista da solução em termos configuração de produção (*deployment*).

Anotar, no diagrama, as tecnologias de implementação, e.g.: colo aro simbolo do PostgreSQL na Base de dados,...]

5 API for developers

[Explicar a organização da API. Os detalhes detalhes/documentação dos métodos devem ficar numa solução *hosted* de documentação de APIs, como o [Swagger](#), Postman documentation, ou incluída no próprio desenvolvimento (e.g.: maven site)

<what services/resources can a developer obtain from your REST-API?>

<document the support endpoints>

[Base URL: localhost:8080/weather]

client Regular user of the weather forecast API

GET /now/{latitude},{longitude} get weather forecast of the current day for the given coordinates

GET /recent/{latitude},{longitude}/{days} get weather forecast of the next days starting from today until the given number of days for the given coordinates

GET /period/{latitude},{longitude}/{start},{end} get weather forecast of the given time period for the given coordinates

GET /cached get weather forecasts previously requested and still present in cache

6 References and resources

<document the key components (e.g.: libraries, web services) or key references (e.g.: blog post) used that were really helpful and certainly would help other students pursuing a similar work>