Deliverable #2 – High-Level Architectural Design Document

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1 Introduction

The following section provides a brief overview of the entire document.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to lay out the high level architectural design of the "BEER'D" application. It will first give a description of the system and a general overview of what it is for, how it is expected to be used, and why it is being developed. It also contains information about the variety of use cases for the application, an analysis class diagram, a breakdown of the intended architecture design, and finally a class responsibility collaboration breakdown. This document is intended primarily for the developers of the application, the professor, and the teaching assistants.

1.2 System Description

The "BEER'D" system is a mobile application that aims to solve the question: "What beer is this?" This application is primarily being developed as a project for the third year Software Architecture class (course code SE 3A04) taught at McMaster University. A team of 6 students will design, develop, and create the application.

The "BEER'D" application will take specific inputs from a user. Based on these inputs, varying "experts" will attempt to analyse and come up with their best prediction (based on data provided by publicly available API's) as to which beer the inputs may be identifying. The application will return and display a list of possible answers in a forum. Within this forum, users will also be able to share their answers on popular social media networks or find local stores which sell the beers referred to in the answers - based on their current location in an map.

1.3 Overview

The rest of the document is split up into four main sections:

- The first section, Use Case Diagram, will contain each use case associated with the application.
- The second section, Analysis Class Diagram, will contain the analysis class diagram for the application based upon the use case diagram.
- The third section, Architectural Design, will provide an overview of the overall architectural design for the application. It will first identify and provide reasoning for the chosen software architecture. Then, it explain the division of the system into subsystems and describe each subsystem.
- The fourth and final section, Class Responsibility Collaboration, will contain the "CRC Cards" of the application.

2 Use Case Diagram

The following section provides a use case diagram for the application.

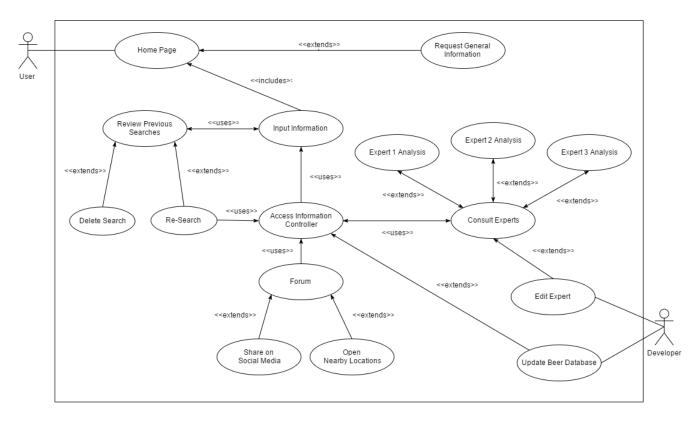


Figure 1: Use Case Diagram for the BEER'D Application

Home Page The Home Page use case will generally be the one encountered the most, due to

the nature of mobile applications. When a user starts the application, they will be directed to the home page, where they will begin interacting with the application.

Request General Information When a customer is curious and wishes to obtain general information about a

beer, such as the different types, tastes, colors, etc. they can open this page which will display such information

will display such information.

Input Information The Input Information use case is included in the Home Page use case. The user will be asked to select several different inputs for the experts to analyse.

Review Previous Searches When the user wishes to review their previous searches (i.e. the results to their inputs from searches they had in the past) they will be able to view them.

Delete Search The user deletes a a search in their search history.

Re-Search The user searches again from a specific search in their history, using the same input

data saved in the search. This use case will use the Access Information Controller to

perform the search.

Access Information Controller This use case is an abstract use case. It is used by many other use cases. It uses the Input Information use case. It coordinates the use cases of taking input,

consulting experts to analyse the input, accessing the database, and displaying the

result to the forum.

Consult Experts

When the user has input their information for a desired search, the Access Information Controller will use this use case to analyse the inputs. This is where the experts will predict which beer the user's inputs are describing. It will use up to 3 experts to come up with the prediction. It will then return this information back to the controller.

Expert 1/2/3 Analysis These use cases will analyse the user's input that is specific to them, respectively. It will then come up with their best prediction(s) based on the input.

Forum

When the search has been completed and the application is ready to display it's predictions, it will display them in this use case. The Forum use case uses the results from the Access Information Controller use case.

Share on Social Media When the user wants to share their results on social media, they log in (or sync their social media accounts, encrypted by the application) and post them.

Open Nearby Locations When the application displays it's predicted results, it will display a map based on the user's current location and mark nearby beer retailers which sell the beers listed in the results.

Edit Expert

This use case includes one of the primary functional requirements. The developer may deem it necessary to swap, add, or remove an existing expert. This use case extends Consult Experts since any modifications to the experts must be considered when consulting experts. In other words, the application should be using the must recently existing experts.

Update Beer Database When a new beer comes to the market, the developer may need to update the database to include information about this beer for the experts to be able to analyse and include in their predictions. This extends the Access Information Controller because any additions (or modifications in general) must be accessible to the controller.

3 Analysis Class Diagram

This section should provide an analysis class diagram for your application.

4 Architectural Design

This section should provide an overview of the overall architectural design of your application. You overall architecture should show the division of the system into subsystems with high cohesion and low coupling.

4.1 System Architecture

- a) Identify and explain the overall architecture of your system
- b) Be sure to clearly state the name of the architecture
- c) Provide the reasoning and justification of the choice
- d) Provide a structural architecture diagram showing the relationship among the subsystems (if appropriate)

4.2 Subsystems

a) Provide a brief description of each subsystem. Be sure to document its purpose and relationship to other subsystems.

5 Class Responsibility Collaboration (CRC) Cards

This section should contain all of your CRC cards.

- a) Provide a CRC Card for each identified class
- b) Please use the format outlined in tutorial, i.e.,

Class Name:	Name:		
Responsibility:	Collaborators:		

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