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SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICATION

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Requirements Document

This document explains the functional and non-functional requirements for creating a Backup System for Web Applications. It serves as a binding agreement between the development team and the customer, ensuring that the system is developed in accordance with the client's needs and expectations. This document is intended for developers and administrators working on the project.

1.2 Scope of the Product

The backup system will automate and manage the process of backing up web applications running on different servers. It will include full and incremental backups, provide easy restoration in case of failure, and manage storage efficiently. The system is designed to work primarily in a Linux environment.

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

- **Full Backup**: A complete copy of all data.
- **Incremental Backup**: A backup that only saves new or changed data since the last backup.
- **Administrator**: A user responsible for configuring and managing the backup system.
- **End User**: Users who rely on the web applications but do not directly interact with the backup system.
- **SFTP**: Secure File Transfer Protocol.

1.4 References

- IEEE/ISO/IEC 29148 Standard
- Client will provide documentation and data files.

1.5 Overview of the Remainder of the Document

The rest of this document provides a general description of the product, functional and non-functional requirements, specific use cases, and other relevant information pertaining to the backup system.

2. General Description

2.1 Product Perspective

This system is designed to manage backups for standalone web applications. It automates the backup process and allows flexible scheduling to ensure important data is always saved and easily restored if something goes wrong. The system works well with the client's current setup, providing backup and recovery features without slowing down the web applications.

2.2 Product Functions

The Backup System will be able to back up and restore data to keep it safe and accessible. It can perform full backups of all data and databases, capturing everything about the web applications at times set by the administrator. It also supports incremental backups, saving only new or changed data since the last backup to save storage space.

Administrators can schedule backups based on each web application's needs, allowing flexible timing for full and incremental backups. They can perform selective backups by specifying files or folders to exclude, similar to how a (.gitignore) file works in Git.

The system supports both automatic and manual backups. Administrators can set up pre-backup and post-backup scripts that run before and after the backup process.

Backups are saved in common formats like zip, tar, or 7z, so other tools can read them. The system handles symbolic links correctly by storing them in the archive instead of following them during backup.

The system can store backup files on remote servers using SFTP. Users can enter remote server details like domain name or IP address, username, and target folder. Administrators can view backup statuses, including when each server was last backed up fully or incrementally, and see all stored backups for a server.

The system lets you set up servers for backup but keep them "disabled" until the administrator wants to start backups. It lets the administrator specifies in a settings file how many full backups to keep before old ones are automatically deleted, helping manage storage space.

2.3 User Characteristics

- **Administrator**: Manages the backup process, configures schedules, and restores data as needed.
- **End User**: Does not interact with the backup system but relies on its functionality to ensure the availability and integrity of web application data.

2.4 General Constraints

- The system must keep backups secure.
- Backups should not slow down the web applications.
- Only important data should be backed up to save storage space.
- The system is expected to work in a Linux environment

2.5 Assumptions and Dependencies

- The system will run on the existing server.
- Administrators have the necessary permissions and access to configure the backup system.
- Remote servers for storing backups are accessible via SFTP.

3. Specific Requirements

3.1 Functional Requirements

FR1. Full Backup
The system will be able to perform a complete backup of all data and databases periodically (e.g., weekly or monthly) as configured by the administrator.

FR2. Incremental Backup
The system will be able to perform incremental backups that save only the new or changed data since the last backup, optimizing storage space.

FR3. Backup Scheduling
The system must allow scheduling of full and incremental backups based on the needs of individual web applications as configured by the administrator.

FR4. Selective Backup
The system will allow administrators to specify a list of files or directories to exclude from backups, similar to the **.gitignore** file in Git, ensuring that only essential data is backed up.

FR5. Automated Backups
Backups must occur automatically based on the configured schedule set by the administrator, while also providing the option for manual initiation of backups when desired.

FR6. Data Restoration
The system should allow for easy restoration of backed-up data to the last saved state in the event of a failure.

FR7. Pre-Backup and Post-Backup Scripts
The system will provide the ability to specify pre-backup and post-backup scripts, which will be automatically executed before the backup starts and after it completes, respectively.

FR8. Backup Storage Format
Backups will be saved in formats that can be read by other tools, such as zip, tar, or 7z.

FR9. Handling of Symbolic Links
The system should be able to cope with symbolic links by storing or recovering them in/from the archive instead of following them while backing up.

FR10. Remote Backup Storage
The system will be able to store backup files on a remote server using protocols such as SFTP. Users will be able to specify the domain name or IP address of the server, username, and target path (folder).

FR11. Backup Status Display
The system will provide administrators with the ability to display the status of backups for all servers, including the last time each was backed up fully and incrementally, as well as a list of all currently stored backups for a particular server.

FR12. Manual Backup
Administrators will have the option to perform backups manually, in addition to the automated scheduled backups.

FR13. Configurable Backup Targets

Administrators can set up servers for backup but keep them "disabled." This means the backup settings are saved, but the backups won't actually run until the administrator decides to turn them on.

FR14. Configuring How Many Backups to Keep

The system will let administrators specify in a settings file how many full backups to keep. Once this number is reached, old backups will be automatically deleted. This helps manage storage space effectively.

FR15. Operating System Compatibility
The system is expected to work in a Linux environment.

3.2 Non-Functional Requirements

NFR1. Storage Efficiency
The system must manage storage space effectively by retaining only necessary backups. It should allow administrators to specify in a configuration file how many full backups are kept before they are automatically deleted. Old incremental backups should be deleted after a full backup is completed to optimize storage usage.

NFR2. Performance
Backup operations must not interfere with the normal operation of web applications, ensuring minimal impact on system resources.

NFR3. Reliability
The system must consistently perform backups without failure and ensure accurate data restoration.

NFR4. Usability
The backup system should have a user-friendly interface that allows administrators to easily configure schedules, manage backup settings, and restore data.

NFR6. Scalability
The system should be able to support backups for multiple web applications and servers without performance degradation.

NFR7. Compatibility
The system is expected to work in a Linux environment.