System and Software Architecture Description (SSAD)

We Are Trojans (WAT) Network

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			Add hardware component class diagrams	
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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the SSAD

- The report demonstrates the whole picture of the project, which includes a synopsis of the key features and people who will be involved in the "WAT" Network.
- The report summarizes the architectures, both software and hardware, used in the project.
- The report presents essential details about the system to be developed, and avoids the generic introduction relating to our project.
- The SSAD presents the system structure independent of the implementation technology, and provides a clear picture of what needs to be done rather than how things need to be done.

1.2 Status of the SSAD

Currently, we have updated the SSAD report to include the System Context diagram, Use Case diagram, and the some essential processes of the system in accordance with to our project "WAT" Network.

2. System Analysis

2.1 System Analysis Overview

The primary purpose of "We Are Trojans" Network is to provide a platform where students can interact with fellow Trojans. The system provides users with an online forum, where users can interact via posting on the forum. The forum allows the users to comment on threads, like posts, and dislike posts. To encourage more and more people to join the forum, the system uses a WAT Points. The WAT Points are awarded to a particular user when other users like his post on the forum. The points can be earned to gain recognition on the leaderboard as well as can be used to redeem USC items/ USC Bookstore gift cards via the website.

2.1.1 System Context

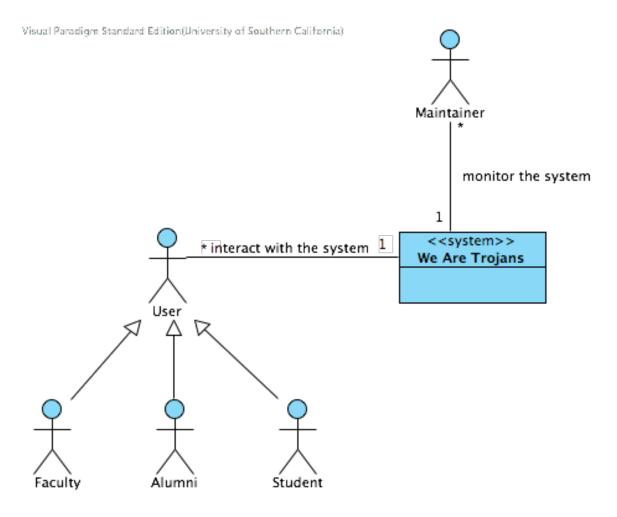


Figure 1: System Context Diagram

Table 1: Actors Summary

Actor	Description	Responsibilities
User	USC students, faculty, and	Start a thread and post on a thread.
(Student, Faculty, Alumni)	alumni who participate in the Trojan network	 Like, dislike a post/thread in the system to give credibility of the post and thread. Redeem gift cards and/or items from points earned in the system Update their own profiles reflecting
		their personal information

Actor	Description	Responsibilities
Maintainer	Selected personnel to maintain	Review and delete rule-violating posts
	the system	Pin important posts
		 Create categories for the threads
		 Arrange posts to a categories
		Manage users' accounts

2.1.2 Artifacts & Information

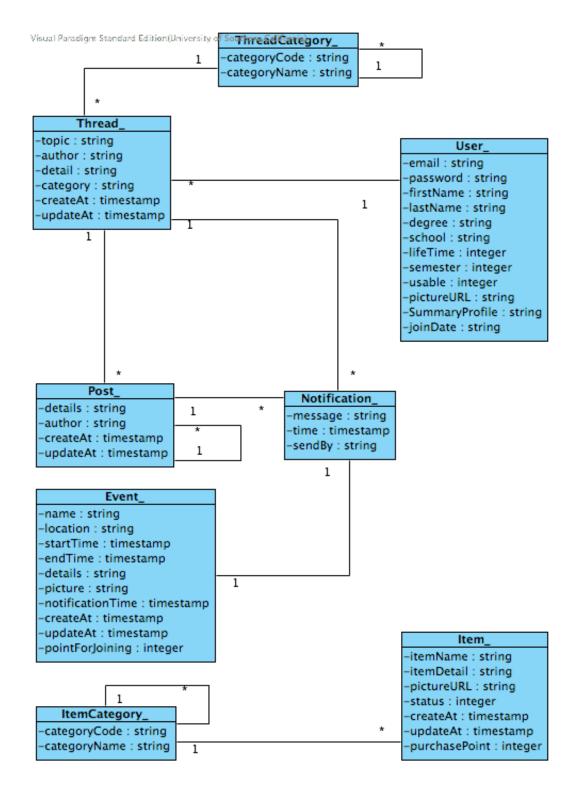


Figure 2: Artifacts and Information Diagram

Table 2: Artifacts and Information Summary

Artifact	Purpose	
Thread Category	Group of related threads that will help user find information that related to their interest easier.	
Thread	Threads posted by users. This includes a posting time, a title, and details of a particular thread.	
User	User information. Storing all user information that need for the system.	
Post	Answer of a thread by various users. It also includes time and author of the post.	
Notification	This includes notification to a user from threads, special events, and other possible notifications such as some users like the user thread/post. It will notify the user with information of what is happening.	
Event	This is an announcement from maintainer. It can award some points to a group of users that fulfill the event.	
Item Category	This is similar to Thread Category except this is a group of items, which help users find an item that related to their interest easier.	
Item	Items that user can redeem using their points in our system. It contains picture, price, and status of the items.	

2.1.3 Behavior

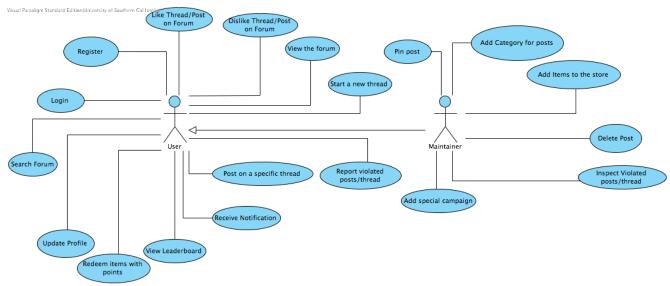


Figure 3: Use-Case Diagram for "We Are Trojans" Network System

2.1.3.1 Capability We Are Trojans (WAT) Network

2.1.3.1.1 Process of We Are Trojans (WAT) Network

1. User can start a thread

User can start a thread				
Actor	User	User		
Identifier	UC01-	User can start a thread		
Purpose		er starts a new thread on the system for n this thread.	other users to view, like, dislike, and	
Development Risks	The in	terface designed for the purpose might b	be complicated for the user to use.	
Preconditions	The us	er is logged in the system and chooses t	to start a new thread on the forum	
Flow of Events		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	The user enters texts to be posted on the forum.		
	2	The user clicks the post button on the forum.		
	3		The system checks the contents of the thread whether there are some words violating the rules of the forum or any system restricted statements, such as SQL injections or not.	
	4		The system posts the thread on the forum.	
	5		The system shows thread was posted successfully feedback message to the user.	
Post-conditions	The thread is posted on the forum for other users to view, like, dislike and post comments.			
Alternate course of action		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	The user enters texts to be posted on the forum.		
	2	The user clicks the post button on the forum.		
	3		The system does not display the new thread on the forum.	
Alternate course of action 2		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	The user enters texts to be posted on the forum.		
	2	The user clicks the post button on		

		the forum.	
	3		The system finds some words violating the rules of the forum.
	4		The system rejects the thread and displays errors.
Alternate course of action 3		Actor Input	System Response
	1	The user enters texts to be posted on the forum.	
	2	The user clicks the post button on the forum.	
	3		The system finds some statements which can cause harm to the system.
	4		The system rejects the thread and displays errors.

2. User can search the forum

User can search the forum				
Actor	User	User		
Identifier	UC02-	User can search the forum		
Purpose	User c	an search the forum for particular thread	d they are interested in.	
Development Risk	The in	terface designed may not allow user to 1	navigate through easily.	
Preconditions	User is registered to WAT point system User is logged in to the WAT system			
Flow of Events		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	User enter data specific to their search in the search text-area		
	2	User clicks the search button on the page		
	3		System searches for the relevant posts and display the result in the page in sorted format based on certain criterion.	
Post-conditions	The list of posts that is relevant to the search keywords is shown and sorted by relevance.			
Alternate course of action		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	User enter data specific to their search in the search text-area		
	2	User clicks the search button on		

		the page	
	3		System can not find the relevant posts to the keywords. the system shows the "There is no relevance post" error
Alternate course of action 2		Actor Input	System Response
	1	User enter data specific to their search in the search text-area	
	2		System does not allow user to click on the search button, the search button is disables even when user has entered some text in the search text-area.

3. User can like a thread or a post.

User can like a thread or a	post			
Actor	User	User		
Identifier	UC03-	UC03- User can like a thread or a post		
Purpose	the three	By liking a thread and comment, the user would give WAT points to the author of the threads and posts, and increase credibility of the user and the thread and comment. It is also an important part to create a competitive environment among peers. Posts with more likes will be presented on top.		
Development Risks		This functionality will be merged with the WAT point system. The development risk will mainly come from the WAT point system.		
Preconditions	User enters the forum page and wants to give a like to the thread or a post he/she sees.			
Flow of Events		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	User clicks the like button		
	2		The system makes the like button greyed	
	3		The system makes the number of like in that thread/post goes up by one.	
	4		The system calculates points of the owner of the thread or post.	
Post-conditions	1. Afte	r clicking a like button, the like button	will be greyed out.	
	2. The number of likes in that thread/post goes up by one. 3. Semester points and total points of the owner of the thread or post calculated. If the the post is less than one month old, the point will be in its pending period.			
Alternate course of action		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	User clicks the dislike button		
	2		The system makes the does not	

	grey out the dislike button, allows user to still click dislike
3	Correspondingly the points get deducted from the user of the specific thread.

4. User can dislike a thread or a post

User can dislike a thread o	r post		
Actor	User		
Identifier	UC04-User can dislike a thread or post		
Purpose	The dislike functionality is important to avoid users from randomly making any post on the forum. As dislike will reduce user WAT point. With reduction in WAT point he will loose his chance to use the online store redemption functionality. Increase credibility of information, as more dislike means information not true.		
Development Risks	This functionality will be merged with the WAT point system. The development risk will mainly come from the WAT point system.		
Preconditions		nters the forum page and wants to give a is not appropriate.	a dislike to the thread or a post he
Flow of Events		Actor Input	System Response
	1	User clicks the dislike button	
	2		The system makes the dislike button greyed out
	3		The system makes the number of dislike in that post/thread goes up by 1
	4		The system calculates points of the owner of the thread by subtracting point of the dislike.
Post-conditions		licking a dislike button, the dislike button will be greyember of dislikes in that thread/post goes up by one. 3.	
Alternate course of action		Actor Input	System Response
	1	User clicks the dislike button	
	2		The system greys out the dislike button
	3		The system does not decrease the point for the user of the thread (or)
			Decrease points for the points making it go below 0

5. User can view the forum

User can View the Forum				
Actor	User			
Identifier	UC05	UC05- User can view the Forum		
Purpose		The forum consists of thread posted by users, the user based on his interest read specific thread/posts on forum to get information		
Developmental Risks	•	 Realization that it would have been easier and faster to built the forum from scratch rather than using COTS. However, to implement all functionality of the forum requires a lot of effort. 		
Preconditions	The us	ser is on the forum page		
Flow of Events		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	The user is on the forum page		
	2		The system displays all the thread in a sorted format based on likes	
	3	The user is able to view the threads		
Post-conditions	•	The user is able to see all the threads. On selection of specific thread user is that thread.	able to see all the post relating to	
Alternate course of action		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	The user is on the forum page		
	2		The user is unable to see any thread (or)	
			A feedback message saying there are no thread please be the first one to start a thread.	

6. User can post

User can post to a specific thread on forum				
Actor	User	User		
Identifier	UC06-	User can post to a specific thread on for	um	
Purpose		To establish communication among Trojans, our system provides the user with the functionality of posting comments on a thread on forum.		
Development Risk	The NDI/NCS used would not have inbuilt functionality to allow user to post on threads.			
Preconditions	The user is on the forum page, where he will be able to see all the threads			
Flow of Events		Actor Input	System Response	

	1	User visit the forum	
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	2	Select a specific thread	
	3	Wants to post on the specific thread, and write the data to be posted	
	4	Click post	
	5		The post is posted on the forum under the specific thread
Post-conditions	•	User selects the option of comment fo comment and hit post.	r a specific thread, write the
	•	The post is posted on the forum under	the specific thread.
Alternate course of action		Actor Input	System Response
	1	User visit the forum	
	2	Select a specific thread	
	3	Wants to post on the specific thread, and write the data to be posted	
	4	Click post	
	5		The post is not visible on the forum

7. User can redeem points.

User can use points to redeem gift items and gift cards				
Actor	User	User		
Identifier	UC07-	UC07- User can use points to redeem gift items or gift cards		
Purpose		The users will be able to use their usable points to redeem items. This will serve as an incentive for user to participate in our system and earn more points for good gifts.		
Developmental Risk	The clients' requirements for the redemption are not very clear. Not clear how both gift card redemption and online store should be included in our system.			
Preconditions	User enters the redemption page and is able to view the option of either use points for a gift or get a gift card.			
Flow of Events		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	User clicks the redeem gift option		
	2		The system directs the user to the online store page	

	3		The page loads the details from the database and displays it on the online store page.
	4	User selects an item he is interested in and clicks the option to redeem my points	
	5		The system checks if the user has enough points to redeem the item selected by the user.
	6		The system decreases the usable points for the specific user.
	7		The system decreases or update information of specific item on the online store.
	8	The user receives feedback that his item is redeemed and details relating to next step	
Post-conditions	2. The	r clicks on Redeem gift option and is di page displays all the available items the ty the details about each item and list he	at the user can redeem. The page
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8. User can view the leaderboard

User can view the leaderboard		
Actor	User	
Identifier	UC08: User can view the leaderboard	

Purpose	To establish a competition among trojans and an incentive to encourage trojans to participate more on our system.			
Developmental Risk	The lea	The leaderboard should have search functionality, for user to find specific friends.		
Preconditions	The user has entered the url for our web-application			
Flow of Events		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	The user enters the url of our web- page		
	2		The system displays the homepage	
	3		There is a leaderboard on our homepage for user to view the participants ranking and points	
Post-conditions	The user	is on the system homepage, and is able to view the lead	derboard.	
Alternate course of action		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	The user enters the url of our web- page		
	2		The system displays the homepage	
	3		There is no leaderboard on homepage	
Alternate course of action 2		Actor Input	System Response	
	1	The user enters the url of our web- page		
	2		The system is unable to load the homepage for the WAT network	

9. User can update his/her profile

User can update his/her pr	ofile		
Actor	User		
Identifier	UC09-	User can update his/her profile	
Purpose	•	This allows user to choose what info our system for fellow trojans to view	
	•	Information about specific school of know other people in their school Increase camaraderie among users	USC would enable unknown people
Developmental Risk	•	User will enter large file like image need a caching mechanism for our sy	
Preconditions	•	The user clicks the option of edit pro	ofile from profile page
Flow of Events		Actor Input	System Response
	1	The user clicks on profile option	

		on homepage	
	2		System loads the profile page
	3		There is an edit option on profile page
	4	User clicks the edit option	
	5		The system directs user to the profile edit page
	6	User enters data he wish to edit/update on his profile	
	7	Clicks make changes button	
	8		System update user profile information in database System gives user the feedback
			that your profile is updated
	9	User clicks ok button on the feedback message	
	10		The system directs user to the profile page where user is able to view the updates
Post-conditions			
Alternate course of action		Actor Input	System Response
	1	The user clicks on profile option on homepage	
	2		System loads the profile page
	3		There is an edit option on profile page
	4	User clicks the edit option	
	5		The system directs user to the profile edit page
	6	User enters data he wish to edit/update on his profile	
	7	Clicks make changes button	
	8	Clicks make changes button	System update user profile information in database
		Clicks make changes button	
	8	User clicks ok button on the feedback message	information in database System gives user the feedback
	8	User clicks ok button on the	information in database System gives user the feedback

1	The user clicks on profile option on homepage	
2		System loads the profile page
3		There is no edit option on profile page for the user

2.1.4 Modes of Operation

The system will not have multiple modes. Therefore, no description could be stated in this section.

2.2 System Analysis Rationale

The major operational stakeholders of the system are the USC students, USC faculty and USC alumni. These are the users who will become the members of the system. The users will be authenticated by the system via USC email. The "WAT" Network profile would be created once the user is validated.

The points system is a critical feature of the system. It serves as the base for the development of other features of the system such as the leaderboard and the like/dislike functionality for a post. The user's actions in our system are associated with earning points. The more the users participate with the system the more points they can earn and gain recognition on leaderboard or redeem items for store or redeem a gift card.

3. Technology-Specific System Design

3.1 Design Overview

3.1.1 System Structure

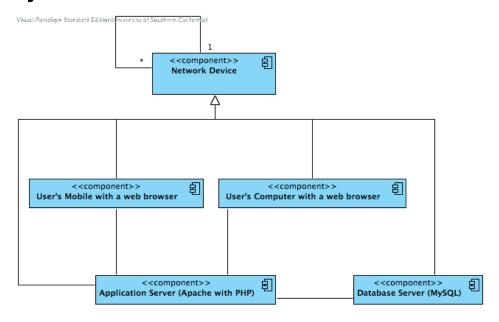


Figure 4: Hardware Component Class Diagram

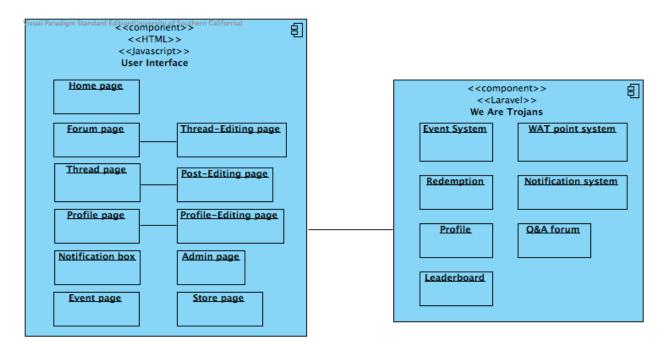


Figure 5: Software Component Class Diagram

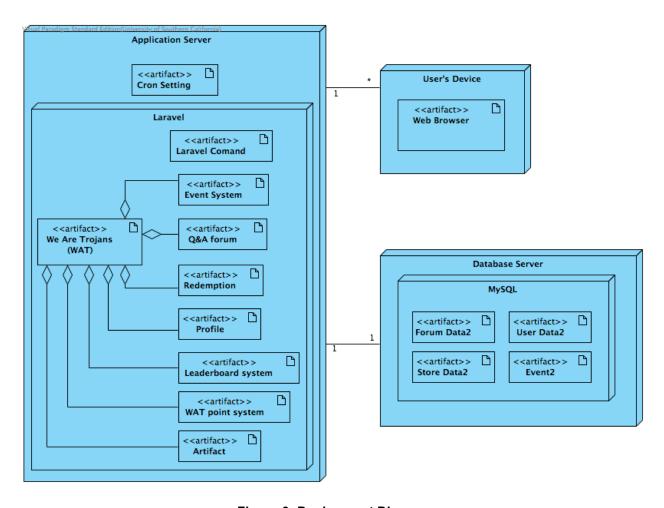


Figure 6: Deployment Diagram

Table 3: Hardware Component Description

Hardware Component	Description	
Trojans' Computer	User computer with a web browser	
Trojans' Mobile	User mobile device with a web browser	
Application server	Server used to host the web application with PHP configuration	

Table 4: Software Component Description

(These components and descriptions are the same as the technology-independent section except that all components in interface will be developed with HTML and JavaScript and all components in "We are Trojans" will be developed based on the Laravel framework)

Software Component	Description
Event System	The system handles both adding special events by the maintainers and
	showing events to users
WAT point system	The system handles giving points, deducting points for the users.
Redemption	The system handles using points to redeem items in the store.

Notification system	The system handles notification of both events and situation in the	
	thread and posts of the users.	
Profile	The system handles adding/editing/showing users' profile.	
Q&A forum	The forum system handle all starting thread/posting/liking/disliking in	
	the system	
Leaderboard	The leaderboard shows list of the users ordered by their scores	
Home page	Home page consists of hot thread from the forum, users' brief profile, and leaderboard	
Forum page	Forum page consists of pinned thread and all threads separated by their categories.	
Thread page	Thread page shows a specific thread's information including posts and their authors' information.	
Profile page	Profile page allows users' to share their information and show their information to other users.	
Notification box	Notification box shows what happened with a specific threads and posts of the users.	
Event page	Event consists of all events posted by the maintainers.	
Thread-editing page	This page is used to modify thread by users	
Post-editing page	This page is used to modify post by users	
Profile-editing page	This page is used to modify profile of the users	
Admin page	The Admin page allows maintainers to manage threads, posts, and	
	events in the system	
Store	Store consists of available items for the users to redeem.	

3.1.2 Design Classes

3.1.2.1 We Are Trojans (WAT) Network Classes

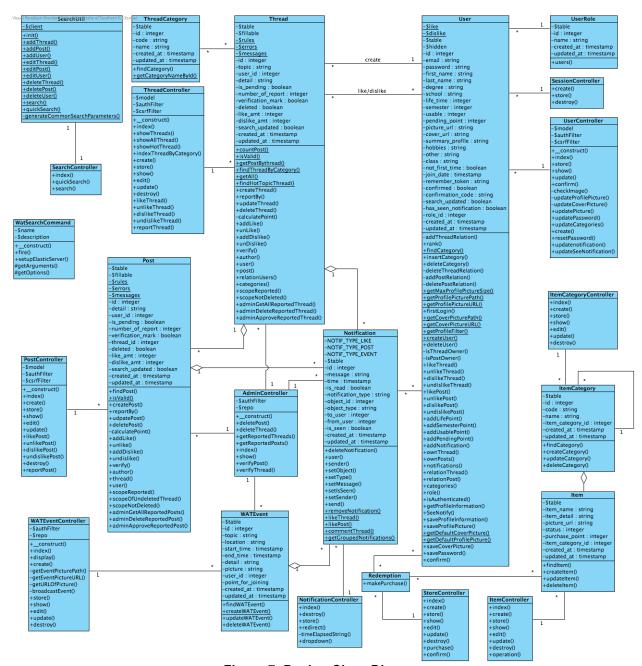


Figure 7: Design Class Diagram

Table 5: Design Class Description

Class	Type	Description
ThreadCategory	Model	This model extending Eloquent class from the Laravel framework consists threads' category data and its business logics.
Thread	Model	This model extending Eloquent class from the Laravel framework consists thread data and its business logics.
Post	Model	This model extending Eloquent class from the Laravel framework consists post data and its business logics.
WATEvent	Model	This model extending Eloquent class from the Laravel framework consists event data and its business logics.
ItemCategory	Model	This model extending Eloquent class from the Laravel framework consists items' category data that can be nested and its business logics.
Item	Model	This model extending Eloquent class from the Laravel framework consists item data and its business logics.
SearchUtil	Logical Class	This utility class provides a method to search users, thread/posts. The logical methods in this class are separated from other to provide changeability.
User	Model	This model extending Eloquent class from the Laravel framework consists users' data and its business logics.
Notification	Model	This model extending Eloquent class from the Laravel framework consists notification data and its business logics.
Redemption	Logical Class	This model extending Eloquent class from the Laravel framework consists redemption data and its business logics.
WATSearchCommand	Logical Class	This class is used as a utility command to setup all elasticsearch settings
UserRole	Model	This class is used to identify the role of users in the system
SearchController	Controller	This controller extending BaseController class from the Laravel framework handles all searching functionalities in the forum.
ThreadController	Controller	This controller extending BaseController class from the Laravel framework handles all requests regarding thread functionalities in the forum.
PostController	Controller	This controller extending BaseController class from the Laravel framework extending BaseController class from the Laravel framework handles all requests regarding post functionalities in the forum.
WATEventController	Controller	This controller extending BaseController class

		from the Laravel framework handles all requests
T. G. 11	G . 11	regarding event functionalities.
ItemCategoryController	Controller	This controller extending BaseController class
		from the Laravel framework handles all requests
		regarding event functionalities.
ItemController	Controller	This controller extending BaseController class
		from the Laravel framework handles all requests
		regarding item functionalities in the store.
UserController	Controller	This controller extending BaseController class
		from the Laravel framework handles all requests
		regarding user functionalities in the store.
StoreController	Controller	This controller extending BaseController class
		from the Laravel framework handles all requests
		regarding purchase functionality in the store.
NotificationController	Controller	This controller extending BaseController class
		from the Laravel framework handles all requests
		regarding notification functionalities.
AdminController	Controller	This controller is used to provide all connections
		from front-end to back-end used by the
		moderators of the system.
ReminderController	Controller	This controller is used to handle redirection users
		thorough out procedures when they forget their
		passwords.
SessionController	Controller	This controller is used to handle login and logout
		(create sessions).

3.1.3 Process Realization

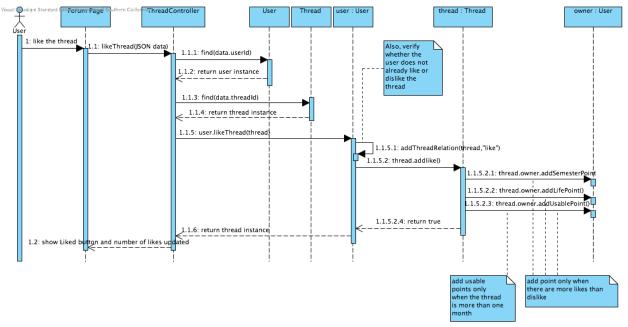


Figure 8: Process Realization Diagram

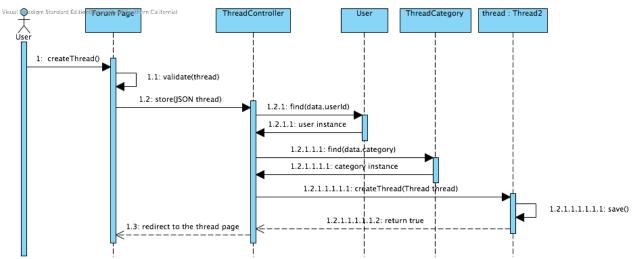


Figure 9: Process Realization Diagram

3.2 Design Rationale

As shown on Figure 14, design class diagram is similar to design class diagram in section 3.2. In order to implement Model-View-Controller architecture, Laravel was chosen as a framework. According to that, in technology dependent design class diagram, all controllers extend the BaseController Class, which is provided by the framework, and models extend Eloquent Class, which is also provided by the Laravel framework.

4. Architectural Styles, Patterns, and

Frameworks

Table 6: Architectural Styles, Patterns, and Frameworks

Name	Description	Benefits, Costs, and Limitations
3-tier	Separate 3 the application to be 3 tiers: a	- Using web browser allows the user to use
architecture	presentation tier using with a web	any devices that they want, resulting in no
	browser, a logic tier with a PHP server,	need to maintain users' devices.
	and a data tier with MySQL.	- Any change made in the application in the
		server will be automatically presented to the
		users.
		- There is no cost for adopting the
		architecture.
		- Need to acquire servers for application and
MVC	Madala Wisses and Controller nottons	database.
MVC	Models, Views, and Controller pattern	- MVC has separate layers for each specific
		responsibility, resulting in great structures
		and ease of modifying There are no costs for the pattern.
		- If the application is complex, the model
		layer will be very complicated.
Laravel	Laravel is a PHP web application	- Laravel has very good knowledge
Duraver	framework	documents, tutorials, and community.
		- Laravel is open source and free for using.
		- The team needs to study the framework and
		good practice before developing the
		application.