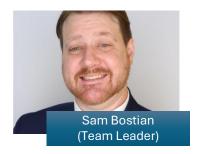
12-T3: GCPS REAL-TIME BUS MONITORING SYSTEM

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PROJECT OVERVIEW / ABSTRACT (RESEARCH):

The project aims to enhance the efficiency and safety of school bus operations for Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) by transitioning from the current Samsara API polling method to a Kafka-based event streaming solution. Currently, GCPS uses Samsara APIs to poll data on school buses, including locations, speeds, and vehicle health, every 5 seconds. However, this method introduces latency and potential bottlenecks.

To address these issues, the project involves developing a stand-alone application on a Linux (Ubuntu) environment that consumes events from the Kafka server, modeled similarly to the Samsara Kafka Connector. The application will process these events, perform data validation, and insert valid records into an SQL server database, where they can be accessed by various applications. Additionally, the solution will be containerized for consistent deployment, with optional monitoring functionality to track performance and manage backlogs.

PROJECT WEBSITE:

Team3-GwinnettBus.github.io

GitHub Pages Deployment (not yet public)

DELIVERABLES:

The project deliverables expected, and their respective due dates are listed below.

PROJECT PLAN

The project plan contains a general outline of the project concept, deliverables, website, milestone events/deadlines, and more.

September 1st, 2024

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICATIONS (SRS)

The Software Requirements Specifications (SRS) document contains a high-level description of the project, as well as specific requirements for platforms, language, and other aspects of the project.

September 1st, 2024

SOFTWARE DESIGN DOCUMENTATION (SDD)

Document detailing the design approach for this project.

September 1st, 2024

PROTOTYPE PRESENTATION

Slide show presentation and demo of the project's main functionality.

October 15th, 2024

DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT

General documentation concerning development, notes on progress, bug reports, etc.

November 10th, 2024

SOFTWARE TEST PLAN (STP)

A plan to thoroughly test and QA this project to find and eliminate bugs before deployment.

November 10th, 2024

REVIEW DRAFT OF FINAL REPORT

Final draft of project report and all supporting documentation.

November 17th, 2024

FINAL REPORT PACKAGE

Final report package including project source code, presentations, documentation, etc.

December 2nd, 2024

MILESTONE EVENTS

The below milestones serve as pacers and give the team a realistic idea of where they should be during each stage of development.

INITIAL DEVELOPMENT

Initial Development of Kafka Consumer, Producer, and Data Processing.

DATABASE AND EVENT LOGGING

Development of database interaction and event logging.

October 14th, 2024

CONTAINERIZATION

Containerization via Docker and deployment.

October 28th, 2024

FINAL DELIVERABLE

Fully functional and tested application with optional monitoring.

December 2nd, 2024

MEETING SCHEDULE DATE/TIME

Meetings are an essential part of communication and are required for information distribution and status updates.

PLATFORM: MICROSOFT TEAMS

Microsoft Teams is the primary communication platform for team-sponsor communication and meetings.

PROJECT SPONSOR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday: 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm

COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION PLAN

The plan for communication scheduling and meeting platforms are below.

INTRA-TEAM MEETINGS

Intrateam meetings are scheduled on a weekly basis, depending on factors such as team availability, project due dates, and milestones. Multiple meetings may occur within the span of any given week.

A weekly 'Status Update' meeting with the capstone coordinator will occur.

COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS

DISCORD

Discord is the primary communication platform for intra-team communication and meetings.

MICROSOFT TEAMS / OUTLOOK

Microsoft Teams is the primary communication platform for communication with the project coordinator. Outlook will also be employed for direct messaging.

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND TASK PLANNING

See the Project Work Plan (Gantt chart) file attached.

VERSION CONTROL PLAN

Platform: Github

Repository Link: https://github.com/Team3-GwinnettBus/Gwinnett-Bus