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**GBL**

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# 1 Problem Description

When 2020 started I had a new year resolution: to read more! I was not very found of reading but I picked up an incredible book *Atomic Habits* by James Clear.

Since then, I have read other books such as *Brave New World* and *Clockwork Orange* and plan on picking up other ones like *Last Night On Earth Poems* by Charles Bukowski.

The problem is: my memory is very bad! So i need to keep track of what I'm reading, what I want to read, reviews for my books and other things!

Around 2015 I stumbled across *GoodReads*, even though I did not use it at the time (because I was not reading anything) I thought about using it now. I was surprised to see that in 6 years the *UI* has not changed a bit! It is still very confusing and unfriendly, almost feeling like it is bloated.

For that reason I am proposing a new web-application: *GBL* (Glorified Book List).

# 2 Target Users

The identified target users would be anyone interested in keeping track of their reading habits, discover new books and connect with peers.

Initially I thought about creating a more broad application, where you could keep track of, not only the books, but also the movies, tv-shows, video-games and albums. However, I think it is better to make a more narrow application, aimed for only of this forms of media.

### 3 Project Goal

When thinking about GoodReads I don't see a problem in the platform as a service, or in other words, the back-end itself, but rather, the user interface and experience.

For my application I was actually thinking about using the GoodReads *API* as their library is very good and there is no need to implement everything from scratch.