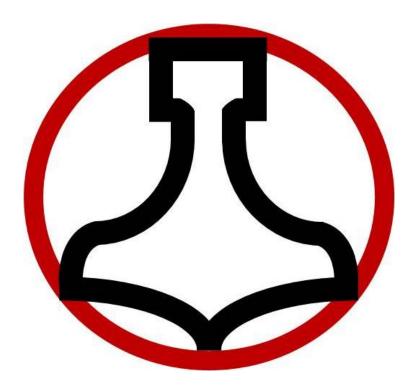


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# Strength Hub Statement of Work Report

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# **Executive Summary**

StrengthHub is a digital platform with an intuitive interface, both smartphone based and laptop based, to enhance training and programming techniques of strength and barbell athletes. The application that we are designing not only provides a convenient method to create, log and track progress, it also connects coaches and athletes to advance strength and barbell sports. This document summarizes the StrengthHub's goal, design choices, and the schedule that we have put in place for ourselves.

StrengthHub's goal is to create an application for powerlifters that will replace any other methods that are currently used by powerlifters to keep track of their workouts. If this goal is met within the 15 week time table, then StrengthHub will begin development of a website that will be able to connect athletes with trainers to further enhance their workout routines.

The current budget for this project is \$1000. Currently, the team is having some difficulties finding ways to spend this budget. At the moment the budget is only being used to pay for google apps for work. This comes out to cost about \$120, which is a very small sliver of what needs to be spent by the end of the semester.

Lastly, the communication between StrengthHub and the development team will be upheld with weekly meetings via Skype conference calls. During these meetings both the business team and technical team will discuss what tasks have been accomplished and whether or not there are any setbacks to deal with.

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## 1.0 Introduction

StrengthHub is a startup company that has recently entered the market for fitness application development. Our goal here at StrengthHub is to provide a mobile application that is designed specifically with powerlifters in mind.

## 1.1 Initial Problem Statement

The general fitness community is large. However within that general market segment there are small communities of people with very specific goals to improve strength performance by specific measurable amounts. This includes powerlifters, Olympic lifters, strongmen, and CrossFit participants. A uniting characteristic is these athletes set specific measurable goals and track progress on a daily basis by recording workouts and results. Thorough research and interviews substantiated that there is no good way to create strength programs and log performance and results using and laptop or smartphone.

Additionally there is a set of people who use virtual coaching to reach peak performance. The athlete will send the coach money via popular methods such as Venmo, PayPal, or even mail a check. The coach will email a workout plan to the athlete. The athlete will record of their performance as well as write down results of the workout. The athlete will send this to the coach and the coach will update the program.

In summary, there is no successful digital workout log or platform for coach and athlete relationships.

# 1.2 Objectives

Our short term goals for this project will be directed toward the iPhone market for the majority of the weeks to come. By the end of the fifteen weeks that was allotted to us, we plan to at least have a fully functioning iPhone application for powerlifters. By narrowing our scope of the project, we are all able to focus on making a quality application. However, if we are able to get ahead of schedule, then we will get an android app in development that will contain most of the features in the iPhone app. It is more than unlikely that we will be able to get a website done as well, so we have all decided that, for the time being, the website will be put aside.

# 2.0 Customer Needs Assessment

# 2.1 Gathering Customer Input

Initial customer input has been gathered by two primary methods: prior knowledge from the StrengthHub founders and a preliminary meeting with two members of the Penn State Powerlifting team.

StrengthHub founders Andrew and Brandon both have years of experience with strength training, which gives them an understanding of the needs of strength athletes as well as the organization, market, and culture of the strength training community. Their input and initial concepts were strongly considered when designing mockups for the application, and their athletic experience formed the basis for the beginning of the design process.

Additionally, Andrew and our team organized a meeting with two members of the PSU Powerlifting team, Renee and Erik, on Sept. 11 to begin acquiring an understanding of the potential value of a strength training app. Both athletes were able to describe and clarify a variety of aspects of their strength training routines, and also answered a series of questions designed to gather input and opinions regarding the design and implementation of the app and associated web and coaching services.

In addition to the increased understanding of the needs of the powerlifting market, this meeting also established a point-of-contact for StrengthHub to gather input from strength athletes regarding potential concepts and app designs. As the design process progresses, iterative stages and changes in the design can be demonstrated to these athletes and their team for rapid feedback.

## 2.2 Weighting of Customer Needs

Below is a simple Pairwise chart that has four criterion that we will be using to determine the importance of future tasks to come. For the least important we have cost. Since we have a budget of \$1000 and are having a difficult time finding a way to spend the money, we have decided that this project is not necessarily limited by its cost. This at least holds true for the technical team.

The efficiency of the application, is what we will all be focusing on. The software we are creating needs to outdo the standard paper and pencil methods of writing down personal records of exercises done during a workout. In a sense ease of use could also be linked with efficiency, since the customer needs the application to be extremely easy to use if it is to replace the current standards.

Table 1. AHP Pairwise Comparison Chart to Determine Weighting for Main Objective Categories

	Ease	Ease of			
	of Use	Mfg	Cost	Eff.	Total
Ease of Use	1.00	1.00	0.33	1.00	3.33
Ease of Mfg	1.00	1.00	0.50	.50	3.00
Cost	0.33	0.33	1.00	.20	1.83
Efficient	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00

## Table 2. Weighted Hierarchal Customer Needs List

- 1. Ease of Use (3.33)
  - 2.1 Simple one button presses to record data
  - 2.2 Easy to add workouts
  - 2.3 simple transitions to data and workouts
  - C.1 Work with IOS features
- 2. Ease of Manufacturing (3.00)
  - 3.1 Swift for coding
  - 3.2 Parse for the backend of the application
  - C.2 Need Macs for programming
  - C.3 Must learn many things (Languages, Apple App Dev, Etc) before programming begins
- 4. Cost (1.83)

- 4.1 Most software is already owned
- 4.2 Services used are cheap
- 5. Efficient (4.00)
  - 5.1 Keep track of reps and sets
  - 5.2 Allow for graphical data
  - 5.3 Video recording capabilities
- C. 4 Maximum Budget is \$1000

## 3.0 External Search

Since StrengthHub is developing a means for powerlifters to track their workouts, there will be no patents that would affect our design choices and/or the functionality of our applications. Fitness cannot have a patent associated with it and since we will being creating an ios application, we are able to take many liberties with the functionality of our application as long as we do not give any medical advice.

## **3.1 Existing Products**

StrengthHub's main competition in the department of fitness applications is Gain Fitness. Gain Fitness does most of the functions that StrengthHub hopes to accomplish. They have a website where the user can connect with a physical trainer, an exercise tracker, and detailed instructions on how to do the exercises.

# 4.0 Engineering Specifications

## 4.1 Establishing Target Specifications

This app being created is being designed by powerlifters, for powerlifters. With that in mind, the app is meant to be simple and intuitive to hit the powerlifting market. From there, we can expand the market to target other branches such as general lifting.

# **5.0 Concept Generation**

# **5.1 Concept Generation**

The mockup/wireframing tool Balsamiq was used to rapidly prototype aspects of the appearance and functionality of the application.



# **5.2 Concept Selection**

Our design for this app is fairly simple. The user will be asked to sign in with their username and password. If they are a new user, then they will be asked some questions that will determine their fitness expertise. From there, they will be able to continue their workout or start a new one. Workouts will alternate days and will give an overview of what exercises are to be done that day.

Right from the beginning, we knew we didn't want the user to mess with typing in number on their phone to track their workout. That's why we decided to implement a "knob" that will allow for quick picking and choosing of number of reps done in a set and weight chosen for their lift. The idea of having a knob complements this idea of simplicity that we are going for. We want all of our function to be just one click away no matter "where" the user is in the app. Once again, we favor the idea of simplicity and ease of use because that is what our customers will be looking for.

# **6.0 Special Topics**

# **6.1 Budget and Vendor Purchase Information**

• \$120 Google Apps Account

# **6.2 Project Management**

Below is a Gantt chart that demonstrates the general schedule that StrengthHub plans to stick to in the weeks to come. The actually programming cannot take place until the storyboard was set up. We needed to understand what the application would look like and what sort of function we were going to add.

	Weeks							
<u>Milestones</u>	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15
Coming soon webpage								
Learn Swift and Parse								
Set up Google apps for work								
Storyboard								
Backend of app								
Program app								
Present project								

# 6.3 Risk Plan and Safety

There are not too many risks that we foresee happening with this project. As of right now all of the major things that could have gone wrong, have passed and all that remains is to finally start programming.

Table 3. Risk Plan

Risk	Level	Actions to Minimize	Fall Back Strategy
Change in customer specification	Moderate	<ul> <li>-Involve customer in process of refining specifications</li> <li>-Work with customer to estimate time and cost penalties of changes</li> </ul>	-Add time to schedule for that particular task -Additional budget required
Schedule delays	High	-Constantly track project progress -Look for ways to accelerate activities -Identify critical path and tasks	-Build in safety time -Re-allocate resources or staff
Product does not function as predicted	Low	-Test early and often -Be aware of risks of new technology	-Alternative design
Customer not satisfied	Moderate	-Understand the customer's needs (voiced and non-voiced)	-Discuss ways to fix the problem

# 6.4 Communication and Coordination with Sponsor

Meetings with the sponsor are held every Thursday night to discuss project status on both ends. Occasionally our sponsors will bring with them guest speakers who give insight on useful topics related to both the technical side, and the business side of work.

An in-person meeting with Andrew from StrengthHub was also held on Sept. 12 in order to begin designing concepts and mockups for the functionality and appearance of the mobile application.

**Appendix A: Resumes** 

## Matt Fink's Resume

## Matthew Fink

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#### Objective

To obtain a summer internship that will challenge my programming skills and build upon my current knowledge base while allowing me to utilize my strong interpersonal skills and ambition to assist my employer.

## **Education**

Pennsylvania State University Expected Graduation year: 2016

University Park, PA

Bachelor of Science: Computer Science GPA: 3.62

#### **Current Courses**

Systems Programming - Created a C program for a Jumbotron display of information

- Computer Organization and Design
- Game Development Project leader for a JavaScript game (ongoing)

### Core Qualifications

- Cooperative team member
- Computer proficient
- Excellent analytical skills
- Quick learner
- Collaborative team member
- Attention to detail

### Experience and Technical Skills

- C/C++ Programming
- Debugging
- Java Programming

- Design Patterns
- OOP
- Android App development

#### Work History

Peter Becker community Harleysville, PA

August 2009 to August 2012

#### Dietary aide

- . Managed the Cafe for independent living community members
- · Communicated with other staff members in order to provide the best service to the community
- · Organized Cafe services which included opening and closing responsibilities

### Personal Interests

- Taekwon Do
  - o Held a leadership position on the Demonstration team (2003-2009): Included demonstrations within the community and training future students
  - Third degree black belt
- Building computers

## Clubs and Competitions

- Penn State ACM (Association of Computing Machinery)
- HackPSU (2015 Competition)

# Alex Nagl's Resume

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#### EXPERIENCE

## DISNEY ABC TELEVISION GROUP, Burbank, CA & Remotely

Associate iOS Software Engineer, January 2014 - Present

- Partake in the creation, maintenance, and design of a consumer facing application that uses in app purchases (Disney Jr Appisodes, tinyurl.com/ng6uy7d)
- Participate in multiple strategical business and development meetings
- Architect, update, and develop an internal game engine written in Objective-C using the Cocos2d framework
- Perform code reviews to ensure high quality software

#### APPLIED RESEARCH LABORATORY, State College, PA

Intern, August 2013 - December 2013

- Participated on a DARPA funded project (iFab, <u>tinyurl.com/q32d4kz</u>)
- Created and developed an iOS application using Apple's frameworks Integrated secure information and databases into the application

#### PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Reading, PA

Research Assistant - Engineering Department, September 2011 - June 2013

- Published a paper at an international engineering conference that was presented June 2013 (tinyurl.com/lkszk56)
- Programmed and developed an iOS applications that employ the gyroscope and accelerometer sensors on iOS devices to simulate and generate experimental data for use in engineering classes
- · Conducted tests to determine the accuracy of the measurements made by the hardware used in such experiments

#### KENEXA, INC., Wayne, PA

Intern - Information Technology Department, February 2011 - August 2011

- Prepared desktop and laptop computers for use by employees with Altiris imaging software
- Managed and organized technology inventory and oversaw recycling and reuse of electronic equipment
- Provided regular technological support to company personnel
- Designed, constructed and maintained a server room for use by Kenexa software developers

#### AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLE'S WWDC 2015 Scholarship Recipient, June 2015 (tinyurl.com/7jh2h8w)

JP Morgan Code For Good Delaware Challenge Winner, November 2013 (tinyurl.com/k8ajft5)

# Matthew M. Dixon

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### Education

The Pennsylvania State University – University Park, PA

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science Expected Graduation – May 2016 GPA – 3/75, Dean's List – All semesters

Relevant Coursework

Object-Oriented Programming Introduction to Systems Programming Operating Systems Design Computer Organization and Design Communication Networks Data Structures and Algorithms

### Work Experience

Lutron Electronics Company, Inc. - Coopersburg, PA

May 2015 - August 2015

Software Engineering Intern

Prototyped, designed, and implemented enhancements to a desktop design tool utilized by internal and external users in the process of designing lighting control solutions.

- Collaborated with internal users and software engineers to conceptualize and design product enhancements
- Implemented extensive and constructive user experience improvements utilizing Windows Presentation Foundation and SQL Server in an object-oriented setting
- Engaged in code reviews and testing as part of an Agile process to ensure quality software was delivered on a consistent basis

## Express Factory Outlets - Washington, PA

July 2014 - August 2014

Sales Associate

- Assisted 100 or more customers per shift with merchandise location and sizing
- Provided customers with an efficient checkout experience, handling \$2,000 or more per day
- Promoted and enrolled customers in store rewards credit card

#### Activities

## Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon

October 2013 - Present

Boulevard - Community Service Organization

- Collaborated with fellow organization members to raise approximately seventy-five thousand dollars during 2014-2015
- Attended weekly meetings and participated in canning fundraising trip
- Supported organization's dancers by attending dance marathon

#### Penn State Association for Computing Machinery

August 2012 - Present

Participated in weekly organization meetings

### **Academic Projects**

- Created a virtual multi-screen video display driver using C in a Linux environment
- Designed a basic MIPS 32-bit CPU using procedural Verilog
- · Implemented process scheduling and memory allocation systems algorithms in C

## **Brandon Vergara's Resume**

## Brandon H. Vergara

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#### EDUCATION:

The Pennsylvania State University – University Park, PA Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Minor in Mathematics Anticipated Graduation - May 2016

#### RELEVANT COURSEWORK:

Programming languages: C, C++, Java, Assembly (MIPS ISA), Scheme Software: Linux, Windows OS, Microsoft Office

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Systems Engineering Intern, Gannet Fleming Inc.

Summer 2014 and 2015

Camp Hill, PA

Global infrastructure firm that provides planning, design, technology, and construction management services for a diverse range of markets and disciplines.

- · Used programmable logic controllers to assist in small projects
- Managed legacy hardware and software

Capstone Project, Strength Hub

Fall 2015 - Present

University Park, PA

Start-up which aims to connect strength athletes with strength coaches in a convenient and easy-to-use manner.

- Designing and developing an IOS mobile app using Swift, as well as other software tools
- Creating a back-end database for use in conjunction with the app

#### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Martial Arts Instructor, West Shore Academy of Martial Arts Camp Hill, PA

May 2007 – August 2012

Martial arts school teaching Jung Sim Do, self-defense, and cardio kickboxing.

- Provided expert instruction in martial arts and self-defense to the Academy's young student base
- Served as Team Coach of the Academy's junior demonstration team
- Represented as Team Captain of Academy's competition team

Vice President, Penn State Dance Dance Maniacs

August 2014 - Present

University Park, PA

A club that is dévoted to rhythm games, particularly ones that involve exercise such as Dance Dance Revolution.

- Organized group events
- Managed club funds

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

National Honors Society

2010 - 2012

Penn State ACM

2014 – Present

Penn State Game Design Club

2014 - Present

### COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS:

- HackPSU
- CodePSU
- Penn State Game Jam
- Microsoft College Code Competition