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*Piece of Eden Rentals*

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**1. Introduction**

***1.1 Purpose of This Document***

The purpose of this document is to describe the design of the Piece of Eden Rentals

application. Key topics covered in this document include the high level system

architecture, lower level class designs, and the persistent data design Piece of Eden Rentals.

***1.2 References***

Throughout this document references will be made to: (none at this time)

**2. System Architecture**

***2.1 Architectural Design***

The Piece of Eden Rentals application will be built and finally deployed using the Amazon Web Services framework (AWS). The core components are built using the Django framework and a SQLlite database within AWS or any other deployment platform. Initially the product was going to be built with Mongo DB, but in effort to improve useability for our customer we changed to SQLlite to make deployment an easier process. (UPDATE THIS DIAGRAM)

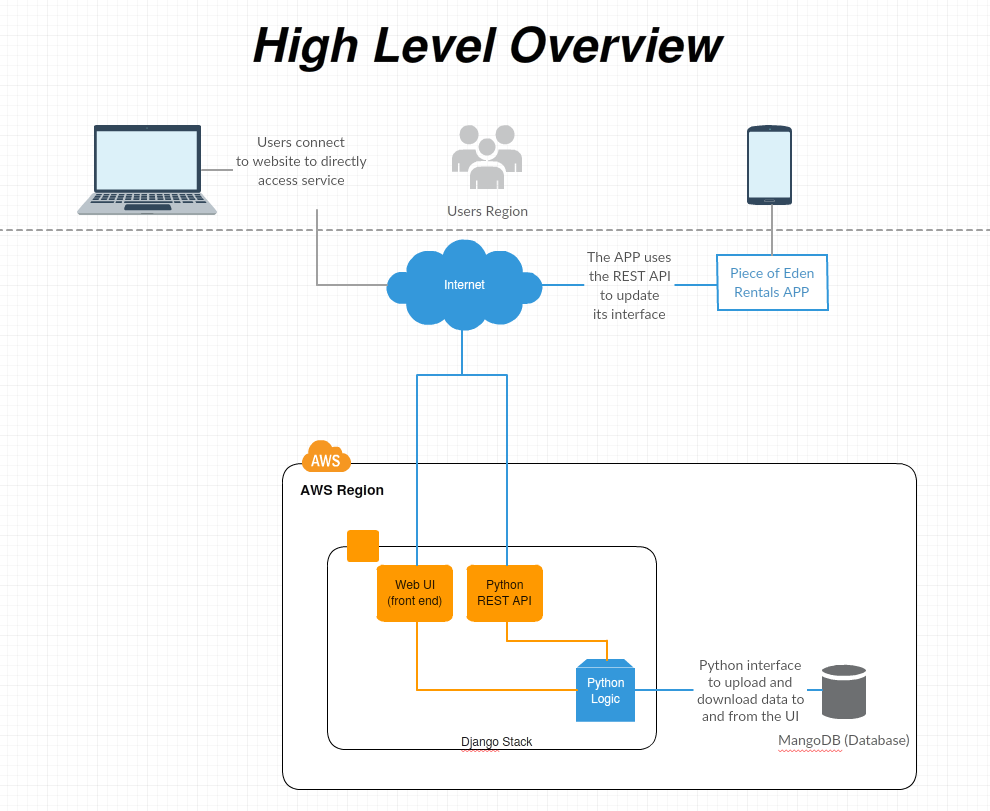


Figure 1.1

(UPDATE THIS SENTENCE)As shown in figure 1.1, users can either connect to the Piece of Eden Rental service directly through the web interface (PieceOfEdenRentals.com) or on a mobile device through the APP. Initially, The APP was going to use a Python REST API integrated into the Django framework to communicate with the database to obtain new information to display in its UI. However, this feature was dropped and moved to a stretch goal as the customer would rather have the development team spend time on making the product easier to deploy and the UI more appealing. The web application uses a direct connection to the database through the Django python interface. The database is also integrated directly with the Django python interface and both interactions are described in the figure below.

Django Stack Decomposition Diagram (figure 1.2)

The Django stack uses core components such as Models, Views, and Templates which follows a Model View Controller architecture(MVC). The model layer is used for managing the database, consisting of various classes the correspond to tables in the SQLlite database. These models are used to handle both user data and property data providing flexibility in their access. The views layer is used to manage, abstract, and display standard(HTML,CSS, PHP, and JS) web templates which make up the template layer. The views act as the controller in Django’s MVC as they manage the data flow to and from the user. Additionally, they contain python logic that can manipulate Templates or Models dynamically per user request. What is displayed to the user is the content fetched from the Models and put into templates that are then modified as the situation demands. This allows for features such as browsing, viewing details about a property, and other which will be more fully described later in the document.

***2.2 Decomposition Description***

***(Add web page break down diagram)***

The front end web UI will be separated into 4 main pages, a homepage, a user page, a rental submission page, and a rental browsing page. Greater detail as to the design of these pages is on the User Interface Design document; however, the UI will utilize a hybrid of object-oriented and procedural architecture. Each property itself will be a python object that gets stored in the database with specific variables such as location of the house, picture links, rating of the house,etc… Each specific page displaying a house will be procedurally generated from the ID of the house the user requested. The generic page will act like a container that gets filled with the responses from the database as to the specific house the user selected. This work flow is shown below:

INSET WORK-FLOW DIAGRAM FOR CODE

(remove this)The REST API will work with the Piece of Eden Rentals APP similarly, as the API will serve the requested user information to the APP which will display it in a mobile friendly view similar to the original web application. However, the APP can not work on its own and must have access to the API in order to function properly.

The Python backend will maintain the logic to properly assign the procedurally generated elements of the application to the specific variables that should contain the information to display it properly. Furthermore, it will update the information in the database as necessary using the Django MongoDB Engine’s direct integration tools.

**3. Persistent Data Design**

***3.1 Database Descriptions***

The database itself is separated into two parts, a property database which is publicly viewable, and a user database which has security restrictions. The user database information will not be available unless the user is logged in. Furthermore, the user’s themselves are only able to edit their own information. However, the admin user can edit both the user and the property database.

**4. Requirements Matrix**

Please refer to the System Requirements Specification for details regarding the

corresponding use cases.

(ADD DIAGRAMS FOR USE CASES)

**5. Appendix A – Agreement Between Customer and**

**Contractor**

The customer agrees to a *Luxury Rental Network* system with searching, browsing and

detailed meta-data capabilities. See System Requirements Specification for more

information. Additional features will be provided in further development spirals.

When and if future changes to this document occur a drafted new document will be

created. Both a hard and electronic copy of both versions will be presented to the client for

review. Upon approval, the draft will be finalized and signed off by both parties.

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**6. Appendix B – Team Review Sign-off**

This document has been collaboratively written by all members the team.

Additionally, all team members have reviewed this document and agree on both

the content and the format. Any disagreements or concerns are addressed in

team comments below.

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**7. Appendix C – Document Contributions**

Eric Forte is the owner of this document and, as of this version, is the sole contributor.