Testing Strategy Document

UI and End to End Testing

Our approach with UI testing is using a combination of Jest and the React testing library. We will particularly make sure that essential UI components (e.g. titles, descriptions, links, etc.) are in place, mainly using the *expect* API from Jest. On later deliverables where we have finished implementing all the features for our UI we would use snapshots to make sure that the visual aspect of the webpage remains as expected.

Regarding end to end testing we will use the Playwright Library. We will navigate through the pages testing the main function of them, for example being able to drop files, click buttons or links and ensuring that these work as expected. In this sense we will test the Beap Engine API, making sure that the data uploaded is transformed correctly into a .csv file and that the user can use the available ML models to get their predicted files.

Logging

This section briefly describes the motivation for logging in our project, our tools used, and recommends common best practices for developers and quality assurers.

Logging will be used in our project to address two primary concerns which are to (1) understand common (intended and unintended) use case scenarios from real users and (2) to record failures and help identify faults.

We plan to use Rollbar and Crashlytics. Rollbar is a multilevel logging framework that provides a familiar logging API for several languages and technologies including Java Spring, React, and Node.js. A different logging framework will be needed for R scripts.
Crashlytics will be used to record program crashes. This can be deployed on Digital Ocean. Crashlytic reports include logging that shows a user's path and stack trace leading up to the point of the crash.

Logging Severity Levels
Logging messages are expected to be written by both the dev team and the QA team.

Debug - These logging messages should be placed in most meaningful function and function calls. It is recommended to write debug messages with the same frequency and in similar places as assertions. The message types are usually only used in failure analysis.

Info - Record user events and API calls. For instance, "a controller of your authorization API may include an INFO log level with information on which user requested authorization if the authorization was successful or not" (Kuc, 2023).

Warning - This message type needs to be used anytime something *unexpected* occurs even if no functionality is impacted.

Error - This message type needs to be used when there is a failure that impedes one or more functionality but does not cause the program to crash.

Critical - This message type is used when there is a failure that causes the system to crash or prevents the system from running.

What work needs to be done:
Assertions and Debug messages need to be able to be written in only one line of code. This will promote logging and assertion use.

References for logging level section:

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Test Coverage Reports

We are using Jest and Playwright, to generate test coverage reports through the CI pipeline. Testing matrix will ensure all features are tested and test coverage reports need to ensure that there is at least 70% statement coverage.

Note on the use of MockUps

Starting from ID 2, we will have some mock up pages where we change some items and basic functionality from the original pages. These pages would also contain introduced errors, to test the robustness and correctness of our tests.

Note on testing of R modules

Since one of the possible features asked to be implemented by the stakeholder was the adding support to upload data from Garmin watches, we may need to test the R module that would interact with this data. This would mainly consist of unit tests done manually. However, this feature would only be done if time allows to develop it.

Note on Spike Prototypes

We would invest in spike prototypes whenever we feel unsure of how the different technologies that we are using would interact between each other. Our first spike prototypes consist of a program that uses React as its frontend component and Java as its backend. For ID 2, we will develop a program that connects a Java Backend with our R module.