Project Proposal - Tertúlias

# Project Title

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| Project title | “Tertúlias” | | | |
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# Project Goals

The project goal is to build a software application that helps people scheduling and managing “tertúlias”.

# Introduction

“A tertúlia is a social gathering with literary or artistic overtones, especially in Iberia or in Latin America. Tertúlia also means an informal meeting of people to talk about current affairs, arts, etc. The word is originally Spanish (borrowed by Catalan and Portuguese), but it has only moderate currency in English, used mainly in describing Latin cultural contexts.”

*(Wikipedia – the free encyclopedia. Available at: <*[*https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tertúlia*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tertulia)*>. Accessed on: March 21th, 2016)*

The main motivation for the project is two folded:

* On one side, irrespective of the number of applications in the market targeting activity scheduling, I haven’t found one targeting this specific important social and cultural habit which is has been cherished by communities for centuries.
* On the other side, we have a great interest in the domain of technology applications to enable social interaction and crowd mobilization, taking advantage of the latest mobilization context built around affordable mobile devices, data communications and cloud storage and notification services.

# Competitive landscape

To determine the competitive landscape for the proposed project, we performed a traditional SWOT analysis on a short list of applications that we selected from a market search on applications able to fulfill the question: What application shall we use to manage our own tertúlias?

The analysis is presented in table 3 on Annex 1 to the current proposal.

# Requirements

The project requirements are formulated as User Stories; The most relevant User Stories are presented in table 1.

Table : Most relevant User Stories

| **ID** | **As a …** | **I want …** | **so that …** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | user | to create a public or private tertúlia | I can try to build a community or a group around a subject |
| 2 | tertúlia member | to view tertúlia details (name, owner, description, rec. schedule, etc.) | I can check next gathering |
| 3 | tertúlia member | to view details of all tertúlias I am in (name, recurring schedule, etc.) | I can decide if I will participate or not |
| 4 | tertúlia owner | to update this tertúlia data (name, description, recurring schedule, etc.) | I can update tertúlia information |
| 5 | tertúlia owner | to setup a suspension period | all member get notified about it |
| 6 | tertúlia member | to invite a user to join in | tertúlia's interest grows |
| 7 | tertúlia member | to register for next tertúlia gathering | the organization counts me in |
| 8 | tertúlia member | to propose a change for next tertúlia (date, location) | it gets in line with my needs |
| 9 | tertúlia member | to vote on proposed changes for next tertúlia | it gets in line with my needs |
| 10 | tertúlia member | to mute/unmute tertúlia notifications | I can tune the level of awareness |
| 11 | tertúlia member | to see a map route to the tertúlia location | I can get hints on driving options |
| 12 | tertúlia member | to receive a tertúlia reminder in advance | I don’t forget to include it in my agenda |
| 19 | tertúlia manager | to publish a shopping list for a tertúlia | I can manage tertúlia logistics |
| 20 | tertúlia member | To choose tertúlia shopping list items | I can select my contribution |

# Deliverables and Results

The following proposed deliverables are be delivered according to the schedule presented in table 2:

* Proposal delivery: This document
* Server technology selection document delivery: A document with the evaluation of different technologies to be used as the backend for the project.
* Individual presentation: A presentation on a theme in the scope of this UC
* Progress report: A document that reports the intermediate project status
* Alpha version: A version of the project aiming at features validation and mentor’s comments
* Beta version: A full working version to start live testing with selected users
* Final version: Final version deployed in the App store

# Schedule

The current project proposal is from the proposal delivery date.

Table : Project schedule

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| **W** | **Fri** | **Tasks** | **M** |
| 1 | 4 Mar | * Proposal draft | Mar 28th: **Proposal delivery** |
| 2 | 11 Mar |
| 3 | 18 Mar |
| 4 | 25 Mar | * Proposal delivery |
| 5 | 1 Apr | * Android dev. setup / users / tertúlia / gathering modeling | May 2nd:  **Progress report and Individual presentation delivery** |
| 6 | 8 Apr | * Android UI; **Server technology selection document delivery** |
| 7 | 15 Apr | * Server setup / Android server interface * Individual presentation preparation |
| 8 | 22 Apr |
| 9 | 29 Apr | * Server push notifications / Android notifications * **Progress report finish and delivery** |
| 10 | 6 May | * Server functionality / console | Jun 13th:  **Poster and Beta version delivery** |
| 11 | 13 May | * Server component development * **Alpha version delivery** |
| 12 | 20 May |
| 13 | 27 May | * User management |
| 14 | 3 Jun | * Server component UI * Poster delivery |
| 15 | 10 Jun | * Android / server final integration * **Beta version delivery** |
| 16 | 17 Jun | * Report finish | Jul 23rd:  **Final version** |
| 17 | 24 Jun | * Final tweaks and tests * **Report Delivery** * **Final version delivery** |
| 18 | 1 Jul |
| 19 | 8 Jul |
| 20 | 15 Jul |
| 21 | 22 Jul |

This document includes the following annexes:

* Annex 1: Competitive landscape SWOT analysis

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# Annexes

## Annex 1: Competitive landscape SWOT analysis

Table : Competitive landscape SWOT analysis

| **Application** | **Strengths** | **Weaknesses** | **Opportunities[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Threads[[2]](#footnote-2)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Email | * Available * Universal * Agnostic to technology * Mobility * Push notification | * Messages flood * No push-button reply * Hard to build enhanced feats * Hard to manage large user groups * Mail black lists * Hard to manage multiple tertúlias * No tertúlia management | * Can be used for notification | * Users fall back to email in any case of dissatisfaction |
| WhatsUp | * Large user base * User awareness * User trust * Every platform * Ecosystem * Presence * Notifications * Groups setup * Well defined privacy policies * Easy to use | * No repetitive scheduling * No good for public tertúlias * No tertúlia management | * Can be used for notification | * Users fall back to whatsup in any case of dissatisfaction |
| Msft Link | * IT enabled on businesses * Presence * Flexibility * Hype * API | * Setup of private tertúlias * Specific context of tertúlias |  |  |
| Forums (Google Groups, etc.) | * Sophisticated user management | * Specific tuning for tertúlias (mainly UI) | * Post integration to capture users |  |
| Facebook | * Large user base * User awareness * User trust * Every platform * Ecosystem * Presence * Notifications * Well defined public/privacy policies * Strong event management * API | * Complex to tune for tertúlias * Complex management for multiple tertúlias * Generic app | * Can be used for notification * Can be used for authentication delegation * Can be used for new users discovery | * Users fall back to fb in any case of dissatisfaction |
| Slack | * IT enabled on businesses * Every platform * Presence * Flexibility * Hype * API * Well defined public/privacy policies * Integration public/privacy | * Generic issues * Tech skills required to tune to tertúlias * Specific tuning for tertúlias (mainly UI) * Geek stuff | * Can be used as extension | * Some users might prefer lock in |

1. Opportunities leveraged by the use of this app in the context of our own app. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Threads originated in case we make use of this app somehow and our users become unsatisfied with our own app. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)