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# Introduction

## Purpose of the requirements model

The main purpose of this **RASD** (*Requirements Analysis and Specification Document*) is to examine in depth the phases of analysis and specification of the project requirements.

The project name is *myTaxiDriver*, which is the **Software Engineering 2 project** of year 2015/16 at **Politecnico di Milano**.

The reference model used in this project is **IEEE/ANSI 830-1998**. This is one of the most widely known requirements document standard. It is important to underline that the specifications of this document may evolve in the future (this may occurs for several causes).

Anyway, we will try to maintain coherence with this document in the next steps as much as possible.

## RASD Approach: “The world and the machine”

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**Requirements Engineering**

**Software**

**Technologies**

**Real World**

**Demands**

The approach followed in this document is known as “*The world and the machine*”. This one is the approach defined by Michael Jackson and Pamela Dave. There are two main entities in this approach:

* **The World**: part of the real World that interfaces with the software to be and which is influenced by him.
* **The Machine:** part of the software to be. That is the union of the developed software and the hardware where software will be executed.

***D****-omain properties/assumptions*

**Shared phenomena**

***R****-equirements*

***G****-oals*

**The Machine**

**The World**

## myTaxiService: main goals

According to “*The World and The Machine*” model, *myTaxiService* project has the following goals:

* **[G1]** Allow a user to make a taxi reservation using the mobile application.
* **[G2]** Allow a user to make a taxi reservation using the web application.
* **[G3]** Grant the possibility to delete a reservation using the mobile application.
* **[G4]** Grant the possibility to delete a reservation using the web application.
* **[G5]** Reduce costumer waiting time. // revise
* **[G5']** Maximize taxi driver down-time. // revise
* **[G6]** Give the possibility of taxi reservation to the user <<- GOAL //->>SONO REQUISITI, DA GESTIRE LA POSSIBILITA' DI PRENOTARE IN ANTICIPO (feature dei gruppi da 2 persone, come me e te), MA ANCHE @LIVE after the specification of the start and the end of the ride (two hours or more before the ride).
* **[G7]** Allow customer to pay the ride to TAXISPA.
* **[G8]** Allow the taxi driver to reach the right costumer destination.
* **[G9]** Allow the taxi driver to reach the costumer position.
* **[G10]** Notify the taxi driver when there is a ride possiblity.
* **[G11]** Allow the user to check the current price of a ride.
* **[G12]** Allow the taxi driver to see costustumers' requests of ride.
* **[G13]** Notify a costumer with the taxi driver's response.
* **[G14]** Allow a customer to see his/her current position in a ride.

## Current state of the service and future prospect

### SYSTEM AS IS

Taxi drivers are equipped with a cellphone and an earpiece to be able to answer calls during driving.

Taxis are equipped with a proprietary device placed on the cockpit that periodically sends GPS information to TAXISPA using GSM connection and acts as a taximeter.

Currently if a user wants to use a taxi he/her must call TAXISPA phone number and provide his/her position with accuracy, if possible. Every call is redirected from a switchboard system to an available employer that takes care of the customer. The employer watches a computer screen that shows every taxi driver location over a map to decide which one could be available to take the call.

Then the employer puts on hold the customer and calls the driver to check his/her availability and report the response to the customer.

Currently is not possible to reserve a taxi before the very same day.

### SYSTEM TO BE

*myTaxiService* will be built from scratch. This new product is not a specific evolution of the existing system.

*myTaxiService* aim to provide new ways of organizing work efficiently to ensure an always growing customer-base and quality of service, reduce the total operating costs of TAXISPA and put TAXISPA in a stronger competitive position. myTaxiService will use mobile and web technologies and will add new features.

## Definitions, acronyms and abbreviations

* **RSA**: one of the first practical *public-key cryptosystems*. It is widely used for secure data transmission. It takes the name from the algorithm’s inventors (Rivest, Shamir, Adleman).
* **TAXISPA**: big taxi society that wants to develop *myTaxiService*.
* **QoS**: *Quality of Service* is the overall performance of a service (especially from the users’ point of view).
* **2PL**: *Two-Phase Locking* is a concurrency control method used in the most recent databases with transaction processing.
* **Timestamp**: A *timestamp* is a sequence of characters or encoded information identifying when a certain event occurred. It can be used with the 2PL in DBMS to improve the concurrency control efficiency.
* **DBMS**: A *DataBase Management* System is a computer software application that interacts with the user, other applications, and the database itself to capture and analyze data.
* **GSM:** Global System for Mobile Communications, default global standard for mobile communications.
* **GPS:** Global Positioning System, satellite-based navigation system.
* **ADS**: Also known as Advertising is a form of marketing communication used to promote or sell something, usually a business's product or service.
* **Queueing Theory**: is the mathematical study of waiting lines, or queues.
* **M/D/k**: In *Queueing theory*, a discipline within the mathematical theory of probability, an M/D/k queue represents the queue length in a system having k servers, where a Poisson process determines arrivals and job service times are fixed.
* **UI:** User Interface, the space where interactions between humans and machines occur.
* **Internal functionality:** Functionality is not directly available to the final user but only to system administrator.
* **User**: an abstract class of interest with two subclasses: *Customer* and *Taxi Driver*.
* **mTS**: myTaxiService’s acronym.
* **Google Maps**: is a famous mapping service developed by Google.
* **Alloy**: is a declarative specification language for expressing complex structural constraints and behavior in a software system.
* **SAT**: *Boolean Satisfiability Problem* (sometimes called *Propositional Satisfiability Problem* and abbreviated as *SATISFIABILITY* or *SAT*) is the problem of determining if there exists an interpretation that satisfies a given Boolean formula.

## References

This document was produced by faithfully following the directives contained in the **IEEE/ANSII 830-1998** (as we said in the chapter *1.1*), with little adjustments.

It also revealed and very useful to consult some of the RASD presented over the previous academic years, trying to identify critical issues, patterns and isolate sections developed in an accurate, thorough and organic way.

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* *Various projects of the past years (from the* ***Beep*** *platform)*
* *Slides of the course by Prof. Raffaela Mirandola*

# Overall description

## Product perspective

Both the mobile application and the web application of *myTaxiService* will be new products of *TAXISPA*. In fact, there will not be an integration with *TAXISPA*’s legacy systems. There will be two different version of *myTaxiService*: the first one for the user and the other for the taxi driver. These versions will have different features and views, as it is possible to imagine.

*Note*: the taxi driver will only have access to the mobile app service (in his case, the web application version is almost useless) DA SISTEMARE.

## User characteristics

The use of *myTaxiService* will be easy enough to allow a big number of people to use it. In fact, no special skills are requested. Users must be only able to use the service via mobile application or web application. There is not a “target age” of users: everyone is a potential user. Anyway, there is an age limitation for people under 18 years (see also 2.3.1)

## Constraints

### Regulatory policies

People under 18 years cannot use *myTaxiService*.

### Hardware limitations

*myTaxiService* doesn’t have hardware limitations. ?

### Interfaces to other applications

There is only the integration with *Google Maps*. There are not interfaces between *myTaxiService* and other applications.

### Parallel operation

Parallelism is very important for *myTaxiService* service. We attend many requests: so parallel processing and dynamic queue management are crucial.

Because of this fact, the system supports parallelism and simultaneous transactions according to the latest technologies in this field. For example, the **DBMS** uses *2PL + Timestamp* for the concurrency control.

## Assumptions and Dependencies

**Assumptions** and **Dependencies** of *myTaxiService* are in the following list:

* There are only two types of account: standard user (CUSTOMER) account and taxi driver account.
* Now there is not dependency between different users. Otherwise, taxi sharing may be an idea for the future.
* A user can have also access to the web application version using a browser (like *Chrome, Safari, Firefox*…).
* A user can do limitless reservations for future events.
* If the system is down for problems or updates there is a special alert message in the app (WEBSITE WILL SHOW NOT AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW).
* If a user deletes a reservation, he can do again the same reservation in the future if necessary without particular problems.
* There are not ads both in the web and in the mobile application. (SCELTA DI DESIGN?)
* There are not relevant differences from the functional point of view between the mobile application and the web application.
* The queue management model is based on an efficient *M/D/k* application of *Queuing Theory*.
* When a user is in the taxi cannot delete a reservation.
* According to a user request, a taxi driver can change destination while he is driving.
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## Future possible implementations

* At launch mTS mobile application will only be available for iOS and Android. We will try our best to release Windows Phone version before the end of the year.
* Public API will be accessible to the public 2 months after the release of the product. Documentation and SDK/emulator will be available at launch for independent developers.
* mTS mobile application will allow customers to pay through phone credit and In-App Purchase (iOS/Android).
* We will create mobile version of the app to reach old mobile devices which can’t support our app.

## Stakeholders identification

It is possible to distinguish between two categories of stakeholders of *myTaxiService*:

**Internal Stakeholders**

* Taxi drivers of *TAXISPA*
* Mangers of *TAXISPA*
* Employees of *TAXISPA*
* Other personnel of *TAXISPA*
* System Admin (SysAdmin)

**External Stakeholders**

* Costumers
* Sponsors
* Direct Competitors
* Un-direct Competitors
* App developers
* App testers

# Specific requirements

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## External interface requirements

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## Functional Requirements

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### Registration of a user to the system

* The system has to provide sign up functionality to every customer.
* The system has to provide system admins of an internal sign up functionality

to register taxi drivers.

### Login of a user to the system

* The system has to provide a login mechanism for user.
* The system has to provide system admins of an internal login mechanism to

login drivers.

### Make financial transactions

* The system has to provide a mechanism to allow customers to send their money

to TaxiSPA.

### Route taxi driver to certain location

* The system must be able to send driving directions (to a certain location) to taxi drivers.

### Create/delete/update taxi reservations

* The system has to provide a functionality to allow a customer to create a taxi reservation.
* The system has to provide a functionality to allow customer view taxi reservations.
* The system has to provide a functionality to allow a customer to delete taxi reservations.
* The system has to provide a functionality to allow a customer to update taxi reservations.

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### Send information about travels/reservations to a customer

* The system will be able to notify users about their reservations.
* The system will be able to update users during their travels in mTS taxis.

### Accept/Decline system request to take care of a customer

* The system will allow taxi driver to accept a new customer.
* The system will allow taxi driver to decline a new customer.

### Request/acquire user GPS position

* The system will provide a way to acquire periodically taxi drivers GPS position.
* The system will provide a way to request customers GPS position (privacy concerns, user can deny).

## Scenarios

### SCENARIO 1

Sergey Brin is planning to hang out with other colleagues of Google this Friday after work. However, there is a problem: Friday nights are famous for the traffic jams. He is a very precise person and he prefers to book a taxi in advance to reach the destination. Therefore, he decides to login to his account at MyTaxiService website and insert all the data for the taxi reservation. He selects one taxi, only for him, near Google Maps research center in Mountain View at 8.30 pm. After the submission of the data, the system confirms Sergey’s reservation without problems. The request is stored in the system’s database.

RESERVATION

### SCENARIO 2

Mark Zuckerberg is waiting his taxi in front of Facebook Park in the Silicon Valley: he is finally going to meet the famous Russian Professor Markesanskjy. However, while he was attending his guest, he receives a WhatsApp message from the Professor. The Professor is still not available for the meeting… so Mark Zuckerberg can come back in the park. While he is walking, he realizes that has to delete the taxi reservation. Therefore, he immediately opens the mobile app of *myTaxiService* and delete the reservation. The system sends him an acknowledge confirmation.

DELETION

### SCENARIO 3

Bill Gates wants to buy a new big house with many rooms to earn a Guinness World Record award. In order to visit the big house, he is attending his taxi, but in the meantime a crash occurs and his booked taxi cannot reach the location. Fortunately, the system provides Bill an alternative taxi (he is an important and rich client!) and send him a notification with the announcement of the possible delay, of course!

TAXI PROBLEM

### SCENARIO 4

Robert De Niro is a young taxi driver that has just left a passenger in Martin Scorsese Road, the destination place. Therefore, he IL SISTEMA LO FA signals again his availability to the system. The system puts him in the local area queue. While Robert is waiting for another call, he can drink something (non-alcoholic of course!) with his old girlfriend Jodie Foster.

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### SCENARIO 5

Night: 11 pm. Robert De Niro is driving his taxi, carrying two passengers, on the 1st Avenue. He is going to reach the destination in about five minutes. In the meantime, the system signals him another call from the 2nd Avenue (very close to the first one, as it is possible to imagine). He should reach the 2nd Avenue in about ten minutes (é IL SISTEMA CHE LO SEGNALA), because he is a very good and fast taxi driver. Therefore, he confirms with his earphones. The system sends a notification to the client. It seems that Robert is very lucky this night… he will earn a lot of money!

DRIVER ACCEPTS

SCENARIO 6

Marty McFly is a student from California. At 1.30 a.m., he receives a phone call from his friend: the professor Emmet Brown alias “Doc”. The professor wants to see Marty as fast as possible: the question is very important! Thus, Marty immediately picks up his smartphone and opens *myTaxiService* mobile application. Unfortunately, no taxi is currently available in his area. How to solve this problem? Just waiting a few minutes: the service will provide a taxi as soon as possible. No worries Marty, you will see Doc soon!

LIVE RESERVATION

## Non-functional requirements

### 3.4.1 Performance requirements

The system will send the notification of taxi availability time after the user’s reservation almost tree minute after the reservation. The taxi driver on the top of reservation’s queue will have one minute to accept the user reservation. If the taxi driver declines the reservation, the system puts him in the end of the queue and sends the notification to another taxi driver (the following in the queue). The percentage of *crash for usage* in the mobile app will be under 2% for the mobile app and under 1% for the web app.

### Availability

*myTaxiService* motto is “*Opportunity Unlimited*”, so the system will be always 24 hours per day and 7 days a week (*full time*) in standard days. In case of updates, the system will be down only form *3 am* to *5 am* (when the number of users’ requests is small). To guarantee the availability the company will also buy powerful servers (a server farm, in fact).

### Maintainability

The application’s code will follow the principles and standards of “*good programming*” (right commenting, clean and simple coding, design patterns using and so on). The full documentation of *myTaxiService* will be stored in TAXISPA. With these precautions, new developers of the service will know how the system works in detail in order to ensure an optimal maintainability.

### Portability

Thanks to the mobile application support, the service will easily run on millions of devices. In fact, the mobile application will be compatible with a big amount (*>=90%*) of devices with Android and iOS (the most common operative systems in mobile devices, like smartphones and tablets).

### Scalability

It is important to consider the scalability factor. Possibilities of new modules may be:

* *Taxi Sharing Service:* that allows two or more users to share a taxi and save a little amount of money.
* *Ride Review System:* the user has the possibility to evaluate the ride and the taxi driver (like a feedback).
* *Other modules:* to be defined in the future.

### Security

Sensible data will be stored in a database with firewall (in both hardware and software) protection. Another crucial aspect is the payment service via app: this will happen according to an asymmetric *256-bit RSA cryptography system* (in order to gain protection in the transaction).

# Use Case

We describe what could be considered most important use cases. For simplicity, we have decided to omit some use cases because

Please, keep in mind that all references to “pages”, “fields” or “buttons” are only hypothesis to make the situation clearer. With the help of mockups the reader would not find difficult to imagine what we are talking about. A more detailed point of view about actual webpage/application interaction is exposed in *Design Document.*

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**LIST OF POSSIBLE ACTORS:**

* **Visitor**
* **Customer**
* **System Admin (SysAdmin)**
* **Taxi Driver**
* **System**

### Customer Sign Up

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Actors | Visitor, System |
| Goals | ? |
| Input conditions | A visitor wants to sign up to use mTS service |
| Flow of events | 1. A visitor opens the home page of TaxiSPA 2. The visitor selects *“register here”* link 3. The visitor fills in the required fields:  * Name * Surname * Email * Password * Repeat Password * Birthdate  1. The visitor accepts mTS terms of service 2. The visitor picks a payment method from a list of provided ones 3. The visitor clicks the “done” button 4. The system shows the visitor the confirmation page 5. The visitor clicks the “confirm reservation” button 6. The system notify the visitor that he/she has completed the registration |
| Output conditions | A new customer with provided credentials is registered |
| Exceptions | * Malformed mail * Mail is already used * Repeat password field not equal to Password field * Visitor is not at least eighteen * Payment method not accepted WHAT MEANS? * At least one required fields is not filled in |

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### Customer requests a reservation

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| Actors | Customer, System |
| Goals | ? |
| Input conditions | User is already registered on mTS and is already logged in as a Customer |
| Flow of events | 1. Customer clicks “account” link 2. Customer clicks on “new reservation” 3. Customer select starting point 4. Customer select destination 5. Customer select date 6. System shows “confirm reservation” page 7. Customer confirms reservation |
| Output conditions | * A new reservation associated with the customer is saved on mTS system * Reservation is now added to the customer’s reservation list (see “Visualizes reservation”) * The reservation is put in a priority queue associated to the starting zone chosen in the reservation (SPECIFICARE MEGLIO!) |
| Exceptions | * Customer is making his/her reservation less than two hours before the chosen date * Chosen starting point and/or destination doesn’t belong to TaxiSPA area of expertise |

### Customer requests a LiveReservation™

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| --- | --- |
| Actors | Customer, System |
| Goals | ? |
| Input conditions | * User is already registered on mTS and is already logged in (mobile app) as a Customer * mTS mobile app is available to the User * Customer has accepted mTS privacy policy about location sharing * DA SCRIVERE POLICY |
| Flow of events | 1. Costumer opens mTS app 2. Costumer selects the voice “LiveReservation” and his/her GPS 3. Costumer selects the desired destination 4. Costumer confirms the LiveReservation 5. The System receives the LiveRerservation 6. The System sends the information about the LiveReservation to a Taxi Driver in the zone. |
| Output conditions | * A new LiveReservation associated with the customer is saved on mTS system * LiveReservation is now added to the customer’s reservation list (see “Visualizes reservation”) * The reservation is put on top LISTA DI GESTIONE |
| Exceptions | * GPS customer signal is not very accurate DA SPECIFICARE * Chosen starting point and/or destination doesn’t belong to TaxiSPA area of expertise |

### Driver accepts customer’s request

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| --- | --- |
| Actors | System, Taxi Driver |
| Goals | ? |
| Input conditions | * System takes care of a reservation that is one of the first three reservations in a priority queue * Taxi Driver is on top of the queue of the starting area chosen in the reservation |
| Flow of events | 1. System send request to the Taxi Driver 2. Driver receives the request 3. Driver accept/decline request |
| Output conditions | * If the Taxi Driver accept then he/she is moved to the bottom of the destination area queue. * The reservation is moved to the bottom of another queue (CHE è questa another queue?) * If the taxi driver declines the he/she is moved to the bottom of the starting area queue |
| Exceptions | Taxi Driver doesn’t reply to the request in less than 2 minutes |

### Customer visualizes reservations

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Actors | Customer, System |
| Goals | ? |
| Input conditions | The customer must go on the web application page or must open the mobile application. |
| Flow of events | 1. The costumer does the login. 2. The costumers select the voice “Reservations”. 3. The system computes all the costumer’s reservations. 4. The costumer can scroll the list of his reservation(s). |
| Output conditions | The costumer has seen his reservation(s), if any. |
| Exceptions | System down |

### Taxi Driver reaches the destination

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Actors | Taxi Driver, System |
| Goals | ? |
| Input conditions | * Taxi Driver must have his mobile application available. * The GPS (forse meglio che la posizione sia disponibile) must work. |
| Flow of events | 1. Taxi Driver opens his myTaxiService Application. Non doveva essere automatic? 2. He puts the coordinates of the destination. 3. The System sends him the step-to-step instructions to reach the destination through GPS. 4. He continues to drive, following the GPS indications, until he reaches the target position. |
| Output conditions | Taxi Driver reaches the right coordinates of destination. |
| Exceptions | * Invalid coordinates Vedi su * GPS not available * Crash during the ride * Emergency during the ride * Reservation deleted * System down |

### SysAdmin registers a Taxi Driver

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| --- | --- |
| Actors | SysAdmin, System, Taxi Driver |
| Goals | ? |
| Input conditions | * A new Taxi Driver is hired from TAXISPA. * An old Taxi Driver member of TAXISPA wants to join myTaxiService. |
| Flow of events | 1. The new Taxi Driver sends a proposal to the system with the information requested for the registration. 2. The SysAdmin checks if all the data are correct. 3. The SysAdmin insert the new Taxi Driver in the System’s database, with a Taxi Driver account (of course). 4. When the database update is committed, the System sends an acknowledge to the Taxi Driver. |
| Output conditions | The selected Taxi Driver becomes an active and available member of myTaxiService. |
| Exceptions | * Taxi Driver already registered * System down * Missing information |

### Visitor logs-in

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Actors | Visitor, Costumer, System |
| Goals | ? |
| Input conditions | The Visitor has a Costumer Account, but he is not logged yet. |
| Flow of events | 1. The Visitor opens the web application or the mobile app. 2. The Visitor inserts his account’s data (Username and Password). 3. The Visitor clicks on the Login button. 4. The System checks if exists an account with the inserted credentials. |
| Output conditions | The Visitor is formally recognized as Costumer from myTaxiService’s System. |
| Exceptions | * Unregistered User * Wrong Access Credentials * System Down |

### Queue management

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| --- | --- |
| Actors | System, Taxi Driver |
| Goals | ? |
| Input conditions | The current situation of different queues (in different zones). |
| Flow of events | 1. The System periodically analyzes the situation of queues. 2. According to the M/D/k model, the System changes the distribution of Taxi Drivers in the different areas of the city. 3. Taxi Drivers receive the communication of change zone or continue to stay in the same zone. |
| Output conditions | An optimal distribution according to the probabilistic M/D/k model of queue management. |
| Exceptions | * System down * No Taxi Available * Queue Overflow |