Specification Document

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*“As a Full Stack Developer, complete the features of the application by planning the development in terms of sprints and then push the source code to the GitHub repository. As this is a prototyped application, the user interaction will be via a command line.”*

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# Project DMS – Digitization Management System

### Project Objective

Company **Lockers Pvt. Ltd.** hired you as a Full Stack Developer. They aim to digitize their products and chose LockedMe.com as their first project to start with. You’re asked to develop a prototype of the application **DMS, Digitization Management System**. The prototype of the application[[1]](#footnote-1) will be then presented to the relevant stakeholders for the budget approval. Your manager has set up a meeting where you’re asked to present the following in the next 10 calendar days:

* Specification document - Product’s capabilities, appearance, and user interactions
* Number and duration of sprints required
* Setting up Git and GitHub account to store and track your enhancements of the prototype
* Java concepts being used in the project
* Data Structures where sorting and searching techniques are used.
* Generic features and three operations:
  + Retrieving the file names in an ascending order
  + Business-level operations:
    - Option to add a user specified file to the application
    - Option to delete a user specified file from the application
    - Option to search a user specified file from the application
    - Navigation option to close the current execution context and return to the main context
  + Option to close the application

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### Project Application Flow & Features

The flow and features of the application:

* Plan more than two sprints to complete the application
* Document the flow of the application and prepare a flow chart
* List the core concepts and algorithms being used to complete this application
* Code to display the welcome screen. It should display:
  + Application name and the developer details
  + The details of the user interface such as options displaying the user interaction information
  + Features to accept the user input to select one of the options listed
* The first option should return the current file names in ascending order. The root directory can be either empty or contain few files or folders in it
* The second option should return the details of the user interface such as options displaying the following:
  + Add a file to the existing directory list
    - You can ignore the case sensitivity of the file names
  + Delete a user specified file from the existing directory list
    - You can add the case sensitivity on the file name in order to ensure that the right file is deleted from the directory list
    - Return a message if FNF (File not found)
  + Search a user specified file from the main directory
    - You can add the case sensitivity on the file name to retrieve the correct file
    - Display the result upon successful operation
    - Display the result upon unsuccessful operation
  + Option to navigate back to the main context
* There should be a third option to close the application
* Implement the appropriate concepts such as exceptions, collections, and sorting techniques for source code optimization and increased performance

### Project Development Methods & Tools

Following tools should be used:

* Eclipse/IntelliJ: An IDE to code for the application
* Java: A programming language to develop the prototype
* Git: To connect and push files from the local system to GitHub
* GitHub: To store the application code and track its versions
* Scrum: An efficient agile framework to deliver the product incrementally
* Search and Sort techniques: Data structures used for the project
* Specification document: Any open-source document or Google Docs

### Project Application Requirements

Following requirements should be met:

* The source code should be pushed to your GitHub repository. You need to document the steps and write the algorithms in it.
* The submission of your GitHub repository link is mandatory. In order to track your task, you need to share the link of the repository. You can add a section in your document.
* Document the step-by-step process starting from sprint planning to the product release.
* Application should not close, exit, or throw an exception if the user specifies an invalid input.
* You need to submit the final specification document which includes:
  + Project and developer details
  + Sprints planned and the tasks achieved in them
  + Algorithms and flowcharts of the application
  + Core concepts used in the project
  + Links to the GitHub repository to verify the project completion
  + Your conclusion on enhancing the application and defining the USPs (Unique Selling Points)

# Sprints Planned & Tasks Achieved in Each One

### Sprint 1 > Backbone Flow

Implementation of the application backbone flow. That implies the following:

* Relevant main menu displayed
* User choices entered (no exception handling)
* Flow followed **without the relevant functionalities being operational yet**
* Relevant submenu (operations menu) displayed
* Return to main menu occurs
* Exit of the application occurs

Plan/Duration:

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### Sprint 2 > Structures

Implementation of structures. That implies the following:

* Definition/Analysis of the Classes to be used
* Structure of each Class
* Methods & Relations
* Definition/Analysis of the database to be used
* Definition/Analysis of the service layer to be used

Plan/Duration:

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### Sprint 3 > Business Logic for Main Menu

Implementation of the business logic that will be utilized by the Main Menu. That implies the following:

* Implementation of the Main Menu display
* Implementation of functionality “Display File Names”
* Implementation of Database sorting
* Implementation of the File Operations menu
* Implementation of the exit DMS functionality

Plan/Duration:

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### Sprint 4 > Business Logic for File Operations Menu

Implementation of the business logic that will be utilized by the File Operations Menu. That implies the following:

* Implementation of functionality “Add New File”
* Implementation of functionality “Delete Existing File”
* Implementation of functionality “Find Existing File”
* Implementation of the functionality to display File Attributes
* Implementation of the hidden functionality “Display Database Filenames”

Plan/Duration:

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### Sprint 5 > Exception Handling

Implementation of Exception Handling. That implies the following:

* Implementation of validating user choice for the Main Menu
* Implementation of validating user choice for the File Operations Menu
* Implementation of validating user input regarding the filename string

Plan/Duration:

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### Sprint 6 > Testing | Documentation

Implementation of the following:

* Test application via console, by following a smooth DMS flow (for all test cases below store a screenshot[[2]](#footnote-2)):
  + Initialize Database data
  + Load filenames from active folder
  + Display filenames
  + Move to File Operations Menu
  + Find an existing file & display its attributes
  + Delete an existing file
  + Add some new files
  + Check (hidden functionality) that all new files are appended at the end of the Database
  + Return to Main Menu
  + Display files and see that they are now sorted
  + Exit DMS Application.
* Test application via console, by entering invalid data (for all test cases below store a screenshot[[3]](#footnote-3)):
  + Run application and display the Main Menu
  + Enter invalid choices, i.e.
    - any integer except 1, 2, 3
    - any decimal number
    - [Enter]
    - Any string
  + Go to File Operations Menu and enter again invalid choices, i.e.
    - any integer except 1, 2, 3
    - any decimal number
    - [Enter]
    - Any string
* Preparation of the Specifications Document and all the other elements that will be included inside, e.g. flowcharts, diagrams, outlines, etc.

Plan/Duration:

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### Final Delivery

Final delivery will take place in January the 30th, 2023.

# Algorithms & Flowcharts of the Application

### Main Application Flowchart

The main flowchart of the DMS application is the following:

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### Step-By-Step Flow

The following screenshots depict an analytical application flow on a step-by-step approach. The DMS application console is on the left (dark background color) whereas the actual active folder hosting the existing files is on the right (white background color).

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| **STEP-01**: DMS Welcome page & MAIN MENU. In the DMS background the existing files in the active folder have already been loaded onto the java list. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-02**: User Choice = 1 | File names of the java list are displayed on the console (refer also to the Windows folder “LockersDMS” on the right AND the same folder as displayed by Eclipse on the left). vvvvvvvv |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-03**: User Choice = 2 | Display submenu with FILE OPERATIONS. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-04**: User Choice = 3 | User searches for file “News003.pdf” whereas the existing file is named “news003.pdf”. DMS returns a non-found message. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-05**: User Choice = 3 | User searches for file “news003.pdf”. File is found and DMS returns its attributes. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-06**: User Choice = 1 | User adds news file “z\_TEXT.txt”. The file is added in the active folder (check left and right) and is also loaded onto the java list. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-07**: User Choice = 1 | User adds news file “o\_TEXT.TXT”. The file is added in the active folder (check left and right) and is also loaded onto the java list. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-08**: User Choice = 1 | User adds news file “a\_text.xlsx”. The file is added in the active folder (check left and right) and is also loaded onto the java list. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-09:** User Choice = 11 | This is a hidden choice implemented only for controlling purposes. It displays the files in the java list in order to check that the added files are displayed at the end of the java list, i.e. the java list is unsorted. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-10**: User Choice = 4 | Return to the MAIN MENU. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-11**: User Choice = 1 | File names of the java list are now sorted and displayed on the console (refer also to the Windows folder “LockersDMS” on the right AND the same folder as displayed by Eclipse on the left). |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-12**: User Choice = 2 | Display submenu with FILE OPERATIONS. Next User Choice = 2 | Try to delete file “press002.ppTx” instead of file “press002.pptx”. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-13**: User Choice = 2 | Try to delete file “pres002.pptx” instead of file “press002.pptx”. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-14**: User Choice = 2 | Delete file “press002.txt”. Next User Choice = 4 | Return to MAIN MENU. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP-15**: User Choice = 1 | File names of the java are displayed on the console (refer also to the Windows folder “LockersDMS” on the right AND the same folder as displayed by Eclipse on the left). |
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| **STEP-16**: User Choice = 3 | Exit DMS Application. |

### Exception Handling Cases

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| STEP-17: DMS Welcome page. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-18: Main Menu, User Choice = 0, Choice not valid. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-19: Main Menu, User Choice = 1.1, Choice not valid. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-20: Main Menu, User Choice = 4, Choice not valid. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-21: Main Menu, User Choice = [ENTER], Choice not valid. |
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| STEP-22: Main Menu, User Choice = [ANY\_STRING], Choice not valid. In this case there are also preceding and trailing spaces. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-23: Main Menu, User Choice = 2, Display File Operations submenu. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-24: File Operations, User Choice = 0, Choice not valid. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-25: File Operations, User Choice = 4.1, Choice not valid. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-26: File Operations, User Choice = [ENTER], Choice not valid. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-27: File Operations, User Choice = [ANY\_STRING], Choice not valid. Here the string is entered with preceding and trailing spaces. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-28: File Operations, User Choice = 1, Add New File, filename is not valid. Here the string is entered with preceding and trailing spaces. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-29: File Operations, User Choice = 1, Add Another New File, filename is not valid. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-30: File Operations, User Choice = 2, Delete Existing File, filename does not exist. |
| Graphical user interface, text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-31: 031 - File Operations, User Choice = 3, Find Existing File, filename does not exist. Here the string is entered with preceding and trailing spaces. |
| Text  Description automatically generated |
| STEP-32: File Operations, User Choice = 4, Back to MAIN MENU and then User Choice = 3, Exit DMS. |

# Core Concepts Used in the Project

### Entities

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| Class Name | Class Description |
| *FileToDigitize* | It is used to store the ***FileToDigitize*** objects. Contains the file to be digitized in the form of the standard ***File*** type. |
| *Database* | It is used to store the ***FileToDigitize*** objects in the form of an ***ArrayList***. |
| *Service* | It is adapted on the ***Database*** and used for the Business Logic of the project. |
| *UserInterface* | Stores the ***main*** program. |

### Relations

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| Diagram  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |
| Core concepts used (Classes, Lists). |

### Major Loop Structures

There will be two (2) major loop structures in the form of ***while***, one nested into the other (refer also to the application flowchart, presented in the chapter “*Algorithms & Flowcharts of the Application*”). The first one is related to the user choice concerning the MAIN MENU of the application and the second one is related to the user choice concerning the submenu FILE OPERATIONS, as described in the chapter “*Project DMS – Digitization Management System*”.

### Sorting Techniques

Sorting in the ***Database*** *ArrayList* is implemented via the ***Comparator*** interface using the **compareTo** function implemented for the entity ***FileToDigitize***.

### Exception Handling | Validating Menu Choices

The user menu choice is checked in order to be a valid integer number within the set of choices defined and allowed.

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| MAIN MENU has the following three (3) options:   * [1] Display File Names * [2] File Operations * [3] Exit DMS | FILE OPERATIONS submenu has the following four (4) options:   * [1] Add New File * [2] Delete Existing File * [3] Find Existing File * [4] Back to MAIN MENU |

The DMS response to invalid user choices is depicted through the screenshots in chapter “xxxxx”.

Note also that for the FILE OPERATIONS submenu there has been also implemented a “hidden” choice (number 11) only for educational and controlling purposes, as follows: User Choice 11 displays the files as they are currently ordered in the ***Database***. This has been implemented in order to verify that the objects ***FileToDigitize*** are unsorted[[4]](#footnote-4) inside the ***Database***.

### Exception Handling | Validating Filename Strings

While running the function which creates and inserts the file to the ***Database***, the filename string input by user is also checked for filename validity via the standard ***createNewFile*** method.

# Links to the GitHub Repository

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# Conclusion on Enhancing the Application

The DMS Application could be enhanced if instead of console it is implemented on the web having a graphical user interface GUI so that user has full control on the requests.

## APPENDIX I: Assessment Description as Provided by the Training Faculty

Virtual Key for Your Repositories

Course-end Project 1

**DESCRIPTION**

Project objective:

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1. As this is a prototyped application, the user interaction will be via a command line. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. These are the screenshots displayed in the chapter “Algorithms & Flowcharts of the Application”. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. These are the screenshots displayed in the chapter “Algorithms & Flowcharts of the Application”. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. This of course assumes that some additions of new files (FILE OPERATIONS submenu, user choice 1) have taken place before. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)