

21 Questions - Requirements Specification

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Abstract

Requirements Specification for the 21 Questions phenomenon identifier project in SFWR ENG 3A04 at McMaster University.

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1 Introduction

This section of the SRS should provide an overview of the entire SRS.

1.1 Purpose

- a) Delineate the purpose of the SRS
- b) Specify the intended audience for the SRS

1.2 Scope

- a) Identify the software product(s) to be produced by name (e.g., Host DBMS, Report Generator, etc.)
- b) Explain what the software product(s) will, and, if necessary, will not do
- c) Describe the application of the software being specified, including relevant benefits, objectives, and goals
- d) Be consistent with similar statements in higher-level specifications (e.g., the system requirements specification), if they exist

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

- **Area of Interest** - The phenomenon initially unknown to the system but known to the user. Throughout this document it will be referred to as the **AOI**.
- **API** - Short form for application programming interface.
- **Questions** - The method by which each expert receives information for analysis. These *questions* will be answered primarily with yes or no answers.
- **SRS** - Short form for Software Requirements Specification, refers to this document.
- **IT** - Short form for information technology.

1.4 References

- a) Provide a complete list of all documents referenced elsewhere in the SRS
- b) Identify each document by title, report number (if applicable), date, and publishing organization
- c) Specify the sources from which the references can be obtained

1.5 Overview

- a) Describe what the rest of the SRS contains
- b) Explain how the SRS is organized

2 Overall Description

This section of the SRS should describe the general factors that affect the product and its requirements. It does not state specific requirements; it provides a background for those requirements and makes them easier to understand.

2.1 Product Perspective

- a) Put the product into perspective with other related products, i.e., context

21 Questions is simple location identification application which asks the user a total of 21 questions to try and identify the AOI. 21 Questions is very similar to other identification applications such as Akinator or the game 20Q. Akinator is a web based program where the user thinks of a character and answers a series of questions, leading to the program guessing the character the user has thought of. 20Q or 20 Questions is the original inspiration for our program, like Akinator, the user thinks of something but in this case it can be any person, place or thing. The game would then ask the user a total of 20 questions to try and guess what the user is thinking of. To differentiate our application with 20Q, 21 Questions focuses on locations only with an end goal of outputting the result through Google maps.

- b) If the product is independent and totally self-contained, it should be stated here
- c) If the SRS defines a product that is a component of a larger system, as frequently occurs, then this subsection should relate the requirements of that larger system to functionality of the software and should identify interfaces between that system and the software.
- d) A block diagram showing the major components of the larger system, interconnections, and external interfaces can be helpful

2.2 Product Functions

- a) Provide a summary of the major functions that the software will perform.
- **Example:** An SRS for an accounting program may use this part to address customer account maintenance, customer statement, and invoice preparation without mentioning the vast amount of detail that each of those functions requires.
- b) Functions should be organized in a way that makes the list of functions understandable to the customer or to anyone else reading the document for the first time
- c) Textual or graphical methods can be used to show the different functions and their relationships
- Such a diagram is not intended to show a design of a product, but simply shows the logical relationships among variables

2.3 User Characteristics

- a) General Characteristics of Intended Users

- 21 Questions is a location identifier application whose intended use is for any user above the age of ten. The application requires little education, experience or technical expertise to use, and can be easily picked up and used by anyone. 21 Questions can be used as a game where users select a location and see if the software can identify it based on the user's answers to preset questions. The application can also be used to identify a location, structure, or establishment as answering the questions will output the result via Google maps.

- b) Reasoning for Requirements

- As later stated in the non-functional requirements, any user can easily learn how to use the application. With game like aspects, 21 questions is meant for users of all ages and thus it should be simple enough to be used by younger users while still appealing to an older audience.
- The application targets a wide variety of users of different ethnicities and thus must be respectful of other peoples' cultures.

2.4 Constraints

The following constraints are to limit the design of the software to be:

- a) The system must have three experts modules in which will determine an aspect about the location to identify.
- b) The systems software experts are not able to communicate between each other.
- c) The system should use the Google maps API.
- d) The should must be designed so that one could swap out any expert for another.
- e) The system must have access to the Internet.
- f) The system must encrypt all transmitted messages.
- g) The system must abide to all the Canadian laws.
- h) The system must abide to all terms and conditions set by the Google maps API.

2.5 Assumptions and Dependencies

a) Assumptions

- The system can only find locations within the set domain.
- The user will only use the system to identify real locations.

b) Dependencies

- The system is dependent on the functionality the Google Maps API.
- The system's performance is dependent on the speed and quality of the user's Internet.
- The system's performance is dependent on the operating systems overhead.

2.6 Apportioning of Requirements

- a) Letting the user add locations to the existing set of locations.
- b) Using social media to allow the user to share the location that the system predicted.
- c) Suggest locations based off of interest and large news stories through social media.

3 Functional Requirements

The system will react to a set of key stimuli based on the interests of a set of people. The system will provide output based on the following requirements:

BE1. User enters new search.

VP1.1 Users

- i. The system shall be able to display the resulting locations on a map.
- ii. The system shall be able to ask the user questions.
- iii. The system shall allow the user to answer yes or no to questions.
- iv. The system shall determine the closest locations, environment and place.
- v. The system shall allow each expert to determine the answer given the set of questions and their answers.

VP1.1 Establishments

- i. Not Applicable

VP1.1 TA/Prof (Management role)

- i. Not Applicable

VP1.1 IT Maintenance

- i. Not Applicable

VP1.1 Front End Developers

- i. Not Applicable

VP1.1 Back End Developers

- i. Not Applicable

BE1. A business requests to be added to the database.

VP2.1 Users

- i. Not Applicable

VP2.1 Establishments

- i. The system shall be able to display the resulting locations on a map.

VP2.1 TA/Prof (Management role)

- i. The system shall allow developers to easily add or remove questions or locations.

VP2.1 IT Maintenance

- i. The system shall allow developers to easily add or remove questions or locations.

VP2.1 Front End Developers

- i. The system shall be able to display the resulting locations on a map.

VP2.1 Back End Developers

- i. The system shall allow developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.

BE1. Updates or maintenance of the app is required.

VP3.1 Users

- i. The system shall inform the user if an update or maintenance is required.

VP3.1 Establishments

- i. Not Applicable

VP3.1 TA/Prof (Management role)

- i. The system shall allow the user to flag or report any inappropriate answers or questions.

VP3.1 IT Maintenance

- i. The system shall developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.

VP3.1 Front End Developers

- i. The system shall developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.
- ii. The system shall have 3 experts that will be able to be easily swapped out.

VP3.1 Back End Developers

- i. The system shall developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.

BE1. Adding and Removing Functionality

VP4.1 Users

- i. Not Applicable

VP4.1 Establishments

- i. Not Applicable

VP4.1 TA/Prof (Management role)

- i. Not Applicable

VP4.1 IT Maintenance

- i. The system shall developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.
- ii. The system shall not effect the integrity of the existing information.

VP4.1 Front End Developers

- i. The system shall developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.
- ii. The system shall not effect the integrity of the existing information.

VP4.1 Back End Developers

- i. The system shall developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.
- ii. The system shall not effect the integrity of the existing information.

BE1. User flags an incorrect or inappropriate search or result.

VP5.1 Users

- i. The system shall allow the user to flag or report any inappropriate answers or questions.

VP5.1 Establishments

- i. Not Applicable

VP5.1 TA/Prof (Management role)

- i. The system shall allow the user to flag or report any inappropriate answers or questions.

VP5.1 IT Maintenance

- i. The system shall developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.

VP5.1 Front End Developers

- i. The system shall developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.

VP5.1 Back End Developers

- i. The system shall developers to easily add or remove questions and locations.

4 Non-Functional Requirements

4.1 Look and Feel Requirements

1. The system shall be usable on the first use by any user over the age of ten.
2. The system shall display any information in a visual way.
3. The system shall show a graphical view of locations and **AOIs**.
4. The system shall include a tutorial to teach new users correct usage of the application.

4.1.1 Appearance Requirements

LF1. The game will appear in a pleasant manner suitable for all demographics.

LF2. The game will appear innovative, and it should be apparent that the application was developed in 2016.

4.1.2 Style Requirements

- LF1. The style of the game's GUI will not distract from the essence of the game.
- LF2. The game will be playable by people affected by colour vision deficiencies.
- LF3. The game will be playable by people affected by hearing deficiencies.

4.2 Usability and Humanity Requirements

4.2.1 Ease of Use Requirements

- UH1. The system shall provide questions that are easy to understand.
- UH2. The system shall be easy to navigate and understand the layout.

4.2.2 Personalization and Internationalization Requirements

- UH1. The system should be able to present information in a variety of languages.
- UH2. The system shall be able to set fonts and colours to the users preference.

4.2.3 Learning Requirements

- UH1. The system will provide a method of learning the game's rules and objectives.

4.2.4 Understandability and Politeness Requirements

- UH1. The questions asked in the game will be simple and focus on one specific point.
- UH2. The questions asked in the game will not include offensive, insensitive or immature remarks.

4.2.5 Accessibility Requirements

- UH1. The game will be playable by people affected by colour vision deficiencies.
- UH2. The game will be playable by people affected by hearing deficiencies.
- UH3. The system will be able to read questions aloud to the user.

4.3 Performance Requirements

4.3.1 Speed and Latency Requirements

1. Any operation that does not require use of the internet will respond within 2 seconds.
2. Any operation that does require use of the internet will respond within 30 seconds.

4.3.2 Safety-Critical Requirements

There are no safety critical requirements for this application.

4.3.3 Precision or Accuracy Requirements

1. The system shall predict the correct location with 75% accuracy.
2. The system shall predict the user's environment 90% of the time.
3. The system shall predict landmarks 80% of the time.

4.3.4 Reliability and Availability Requirements

PR1. The game will require internet access to play.

4.3.5 Robustness or Fault-Tolerance Requirements

PR1. The system shall include a wide variety of locations.

4.3.6 Capacity Requirements

PR1. The system should be able to respond to at least 20 client queries at a time.

4.3.7 Scalability or Extensibility Requirements

1. The system should be able to add new **AOIs** easily.
2. The system should be able to be implemented on new operating systems without change.

4.3.8 Longevity Requirements

PR1. Not Applicable

4.4 Operational and Environmental Requirements

1. The system shall check to ensure that there is a sufficient internet connection.
2. The system shall ensure that any servers are up for 80% of the time.

4.4.1 Expected Physical Environment

The application's expected physical environment will be anywhere that a mobile phone can operate. Typically users will not interact with the system in an emergency or other circumstantial event.

4.4.2 Requirements for Interfacing with Adjacent Systems

OE1. The system should provide an interface to connect with adjacent systems.

4.4.3 Productization Requirements

OE1. Not Applicable

4.4.4 Release Requirements

OE1.

4.5 Maintainability and Support Requirements

4.5.1 Maintenance Requirements

1. The system shall be easy to update.
2. The system shall be able to easily swap out modules.

4.5.2 Supportability Requirements

1. The system shall be able to run on at least 90% of Android devices.

4.5.3 Adaptability Requirements

1. The system shall be CURTIS!!!!

4.6 Security Requirements

1. Any information that enters or exits the system shall be encrypted.
2. The system will not store or transmit information related to the user's location.
3. The system will not store usernames or passwords.

4.6.1 Access Requirements

SR1. The system should be able to operate anywhere that a data or wifi connection is available.

4.6.2 Integrity Requirements

SR1. The system shall not allow any data to be modified by any algorithms.

4.6.3 Privacy Requirements

SR1. The system shall not store any user's location data.

SR2. The system shall not store any user passwords.

SR3. The system shall not release information to outside parties about a specific business.

4.6.4 Audit Requirements

SR1. Following a security audit at least 80% of the changes necessary shall be implemented.

4.6.5 Immunity Requirements

SR1. The system shall not lend itself vulnerable to hackers.

SR2. The system shall only allow those with certain clearances to modify the data.

4.7 Cultural and Political Requirements

4.7.1 Cultural Requirements

1. The system shall ensure that culturally significant **AOIs** are presented in a respectful manner.

4.7.2 Political Requirements

1. The system shall show no bias towards any political party or related organization.
2. The system will not endorse or associate with any political group or government.

4.8 Legal Requirements

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4.8.1 Compliance Requirements

LR1. The system shall operate within the laws of Canada and the United States of America.

LR2. The system shall comply with any libraries offered by Google Maps.

4.8.2 Standards Requirements

LR1. The system shall meet the standards set by Management *Professor and TAs*.

LR2. The system shall meet the standards set by Canadian BLAH BLAH BLAH.

A Division of Labour

Include a Division of Labour sheet which indicates the contributions of each team member. This sheet must be signed by all team members.