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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Revision History

Version	Date	Authors	Summary
1.0	02-02-2016	Christian Zichichi Luigi Marrocco	First Release (Delivery)

## 1.2 Purpose and Scope

This document contains the project plan for the myTaxiService system. The project team is composed by two people, Christian Zichichi and Luigi Marrocco. Function Points and COCOMO II will be applied to estimate the project size, effort and cost. The project, then, will be divided in tasks and a schedule will be planned for them. The members of the team will be allocated to the tasks taking into account the actual availability for the project. Eventually, project risks will be defined, assessed by relevance and associated to proper recovery actions.

## 1.3 List of Definitions and Abbreviations

- **RASD:** Requirements Analysis and Specification Document
- **DD:** Design Document
- **ITPD:** Integration Test Plan Document
- **PPD:** Project Planning Document
- **API:** Application Programming Interface

## 1.4 List of Reference Documents

This document directly refers to the following documents:

- myTaxiService – **Requirement Analysis and Specification Document; Design Document; Integration Test Plan Document**

## 2. FUNCTION POINTS ANALYSIS

The Function Points (FP) is a technique to assess the effort needed to design and develop custom software applications.

The estimation is based on a combination of program characteristics like:

- **Internal Logic File:** homogeneous set of data used and managed by the application
- **External Interface File:** homogeneous set of data used by the application but generated and maintained by other applications
- **External Input:** elementary operation to elaborate data coming from the external environment
- **External Output:** elementary operation that generates data for the external environment. It usually includes the elaboration of data from logic files
- **External Inquiry:** elementary operation that involves input and output without significant elaboration of data from logic files.

A weight is associated with each of these FP counts. The total is computed by multiplying each raw count by the weight and summing all partial values:

$$UFC = \sum (\text{number of elements of given type}) \times (\text{weight})$$

The following table shows the coefficients to be used in the UFP (Unadjusted Function Points) computations:

Function Type	Complexity		
	Simple	Medium	Complex
Internal Logic File	7	10	15
External Interface File	5	7	10
External Input	3	4	6
External Output	4	5	7
External Inquiry	3	4	6

## INTERNAL LOGIC FILES (ILF)

The system stores the information about:

- **Passengers**
- **Taxi Drivers**
- **Queues**
- **Zones**
- **Locations**
- **Ride Requests / Reservation**

Each of these entities has a simple structure as it is composed of a small number of fields. Thus, we can decide to adopt for all the six the SIMPLE weight.

$$ILF \text{ Function Points} = 6 * 7 = 42$$

## EXTERNAL LOGIC FILES (ELF)

**External GPS data:** this entity could have a structure of average complexity. So, we can decide to adopt the MEDIUM weight.

$$ELF \text{ Function Points} = 1 * 7 = 7$$

## EXTERNAL INPUTS (EI)

The application interacts with the customer to allow him/her to:

- **User Login/Logout:** these are simple operations, so we can adopt the SIMPLE weight for them.
- **User Registration:** this is a simple operation, so we can adopt the SIMPLE weight for it.
- **Ride Request creation:** this is a simple operation, so we can adopt the SIMPLE weight for it.
- **Ride Reservation creation:** this is a simple operation, so we can adopt the SIMPLE weight for it.
- **Ride Reservation cancellation:** this operation involves two entities, the ride and the passenger. It can still be considered simple, so, again we adopt the SIMPLE weight.

- **Taxi Driver ride response:** this is a simple operation, so we can adopt the SIMPLE weight for it.
- **Taxi Driver availability switch:** this is a simple operation, so we can adopt the SIMPLE weight for it.
- **Polling request:** this is a simple operation, but it is periodic and very frequent so we can adopt the MEDIUM weight for it.

$$EI \text{ Function Points} = 7*3 + 1*4 = 25$$

### EXTERNAL OUTPUT (EO)

- **Polling output:** this is a complex operation due to the use of more entities, especially the cronjob, so we can apply the weight for the COMPLEX cases.

$$EO \text{ Function Points} = 1*7 = 7$$

### EXTERNAL INQUIRY (EI)

The application allows customers to request information about:

- **Passenger List of Booked Rides view:** this is an operation of average complexity due to the retrieval of the history of all the rides and the possibility of cancelling the reserved rides up to 10 minutes before, so we can adopt the MEDIUM weight for it.
- **Passenger Notification view:** this is a simple operation, so we can adopt the SIMPLE weight for it.
- **Taxi Driver Notification view:** this is a simple operation, so we can adopt the SIMPLE weight for it.
- **Taxi Driver in-ride view:** this is an operation of average complexity due to the Google Maps APIs invocations that involve this entity, so we can adopt the MEDIUM weight for it.

$$EI \text{ Function Points} = 2*3 + 2*4 = 14$$

$$\textbf{TOTAL FUNCTION POINTS (UFP)} = 42 + 7 + 25 + 7 + 14 = 144$$

### 3. COCOMO II ANALYSIS

The **Constructive Cost Model (COCOMO)** is an algorithmic software cost estimation model developed by Barry W. Boehm. The model uses a basic regression formula with parameters that are derived from historical project data and current as well as future project characteristics.

Elements of the COCOMO II model:

- **Source Lines of Code (SLOC):** The COCOMO II calculations are based on estimates of a project's size in Source Lines of Code (SLOC).
- **Scale Drivers:** In COCOMO II, some of the most important factors contributing to a project's duration and cost are the Scale Drivers (SD). SDs determine the *exponent* used in the Effort Equation. There are 5 Scale Drivers.
- **Cost Drivers:** COCOMO II has 17 Cost Drivers (CD) multiplicative factors that determine the effort required to complete the software project.
- **The Effort Equation:** COCOMO II model makes its estimates of required effort based primarily on the estimate of the software project's size:

$$Effort = 2.94 * EAF * (KSLOC)^E$$

Where *EAF* (Effort Adjustment Factor) is derived from Cost Drivers, while *E* (Exponent) from Scale Drivers.

- **The Schedule Equation:** COCOMO II schedule equation predicts the number of months required to complete a software project. The duration of a project is based on the effort predicted by the effort equation:

$$Duration = 3.67 * (Effort)^{SE}$$

Where *Effort* is the one derived before and *SE* (Schedule Equation exponent) is derived from the five Scale Drivers.

Assuming that the programming language used for our project will be Java EE, the conversion factor between the total Function Point counts (UFP) and the SLOC is 46. Hence, the SLOC number is estimated as:

$$SLOC = 144 * 46 = 6624$$



## COCOMO II - Constructive Cost Model

**Software Size**      Sizing Method **Source Lines of Code ▼**

[SLOC](#)      % Design Modified      % Code Modified      % Integration Required      Assessment and Assimilation (0% - 8%)      Software Understanding (0% - 50%)      Unfamiliarity (0-1)

New

Reused

Modified

**Software Scale Drivers**

Precedentedness **Nominal ▼**      Architecture / Risk Resolution **Low ▼**      Process Maturity **Nominal ▼**

Development Flexibility **Nominal ▼**      Team Cohesion **High ▼**

**Software Cost Drivers**

**Product**      **Personnel**      **Platform**

Required Software Reliability **High ▼**      Analyst Capability **Nominal ▼**      Time Constraint **Very High ▼**

Data Base Size **High ▼**      Programmer Capability **High ▼**      Storage Constraint **Nominal ▼**

Product Complexity **Nominal ▼**      Personnel Continuity **Nominal ▼**      Platform Volatility **Low ▼**

Developed for Reusability **Nominal ▼**      Application Experience **Low ▼**

Documentation Match to Lifecycle Needs **Nominal ▼**      Platform Experience **Low ▼**      **Project**

Language and Toolset Experience **Nominal ▼**      Use of Software Tools **Nominal ▼**

Multisite Development **Low ▼**

Required Development Schedule **Nominal ▼**

**Maintenance** **Off ▼**

**Software Labor Rates**

Cost per Person-Month (Dollars)



## Results

### Software Development (Elaboration and Construction)

Effort = 38.3 Person-months

Schedule = 12.2 Months

Cost = \$76567

Total Equivalent Size = 6624 SLOC

#### Acquisition Phase Distribution

Phase	Effort (Person-months)	Schedule (Months)	Average Staff	Cost (Dollars)
Inception	2.3	1.5	1.5	\$4594
Elaboration	9.2	4.6	2.0	\$18376
Construction	29.1	7.6	3.8	\$58191
Transition	4.6	1.5	3.0	\$9188

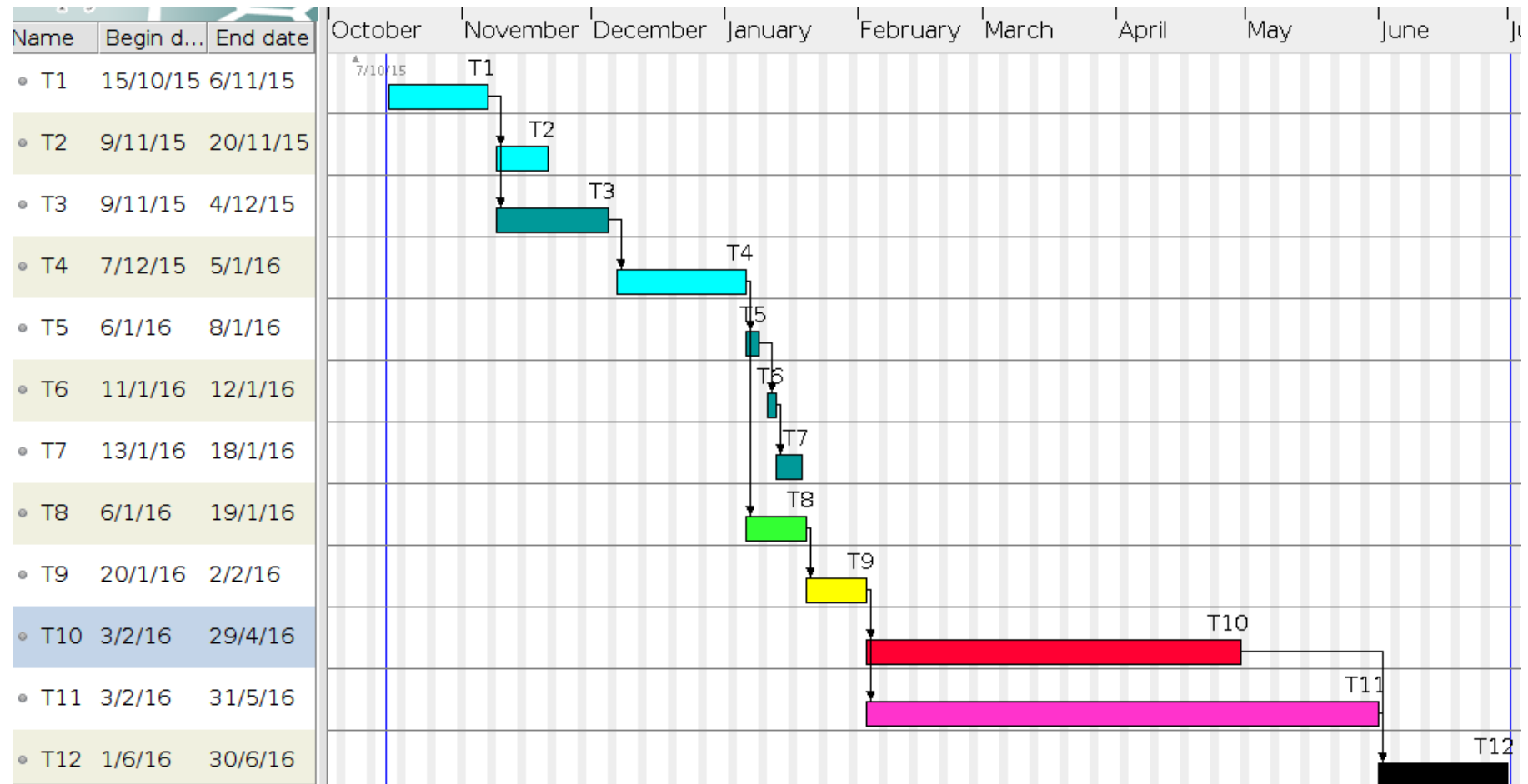


#### Software Effort Distribution for RUP/MBASE (Person-Months)

Phase/Activity	Inception	Elaboration	Construction	Transition
Management	0.3	1.1	2.9	0.6
Environment/CM	0.2	0.7	1.5	0.2
Requirements	0.9	1.7	2.3	0.2
Design	0.4	3.3	4.7	0.2
Implementation	0.2	1.2	9.9	0.9
Assessment	0.2	0.9	7.0	1.1
Deployment	0.1	0.3	0.9	1.4

## 4. TASK SCHEDULE

Here below, a Gantt diagram represents the schedule of the tasks in which the project is divided with the relative duration (weekends are not considered as workdays):



**TASK LEGENDA:**

- **T1:** RASD v1.0
- **T2:** RASD v2.0
- **T3:** DD v1.0
- **T4:** RASD v3.0
- **T5:** DD v2.0
- **T6:** DD v3.0
- **T7:** ITPD v1.0
- **T8:** DD v4.0
- **T9:** PPD v1.0
- **T10:** Front-end development
- **T11:** Back-end development
- **T12:** Acceptance Testing

# 5. RESOURCE ALLOCATION

## 5.1 RASD

Together [20 hours including revision]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Functional Requirements</li><li>• Specifications</li><li>• Use Case description</li></ul>
Christian Zichichi [17 hours including revision]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Actors</li><li>• Non Functional Requirements</li><li>• Use Case diagram</li><li>• State Chart diagrams</li><li>• Class diagram</li></ul>
Luigi Marrocco [18 hours including revision]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scenarios</li><li>• Sequence diagrams</li><li>• Alloy</li></ul>

## 5.2 DD

Christian Zichichi [12 hours including revision]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Overview</li><li>• Deployment view</li><li>• Architectural styles and patterns</li><li>• Other design decision</li><li>• User Interface Design</li></ul>
Luigi Marrocco [11 hours including revision]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Component view</li><li>• Component interfaces</li><li>• Runtime view</li><li>• Algorithm Design</li></ul>
Together [7 hours including revision]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High level components and their interactions</li><li>• Requirements Traceability</li></ul>

## 5.3 ITPD

Christian Zichichi [0.5 hours]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Tools and Test Equipment Required</li></ul>
Luigi Marrocco [0.5 hours]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program Stubs and Test Data Required</li></ul>
Together [8 hours]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integration Strategy</li><li>• Individual Steps and Test Description</li></ul>

## 5.4 PPD

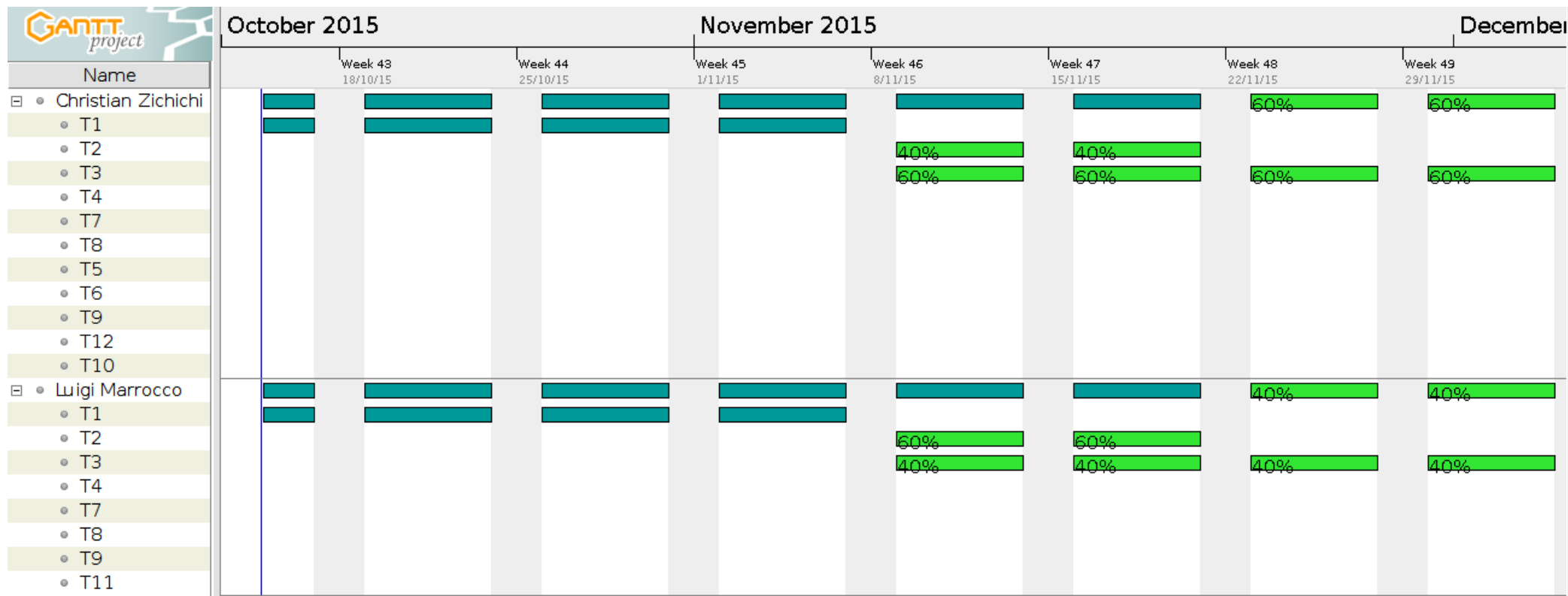
Christian Zichichi [4 hours]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Task Schedule</li><li>• Resource Allocation</li><li>• Risk Management</li></ul>
Luigi Marrocco [3 hours]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Function Points analysis</li><li>• COCOMO II analysis</li></ul>

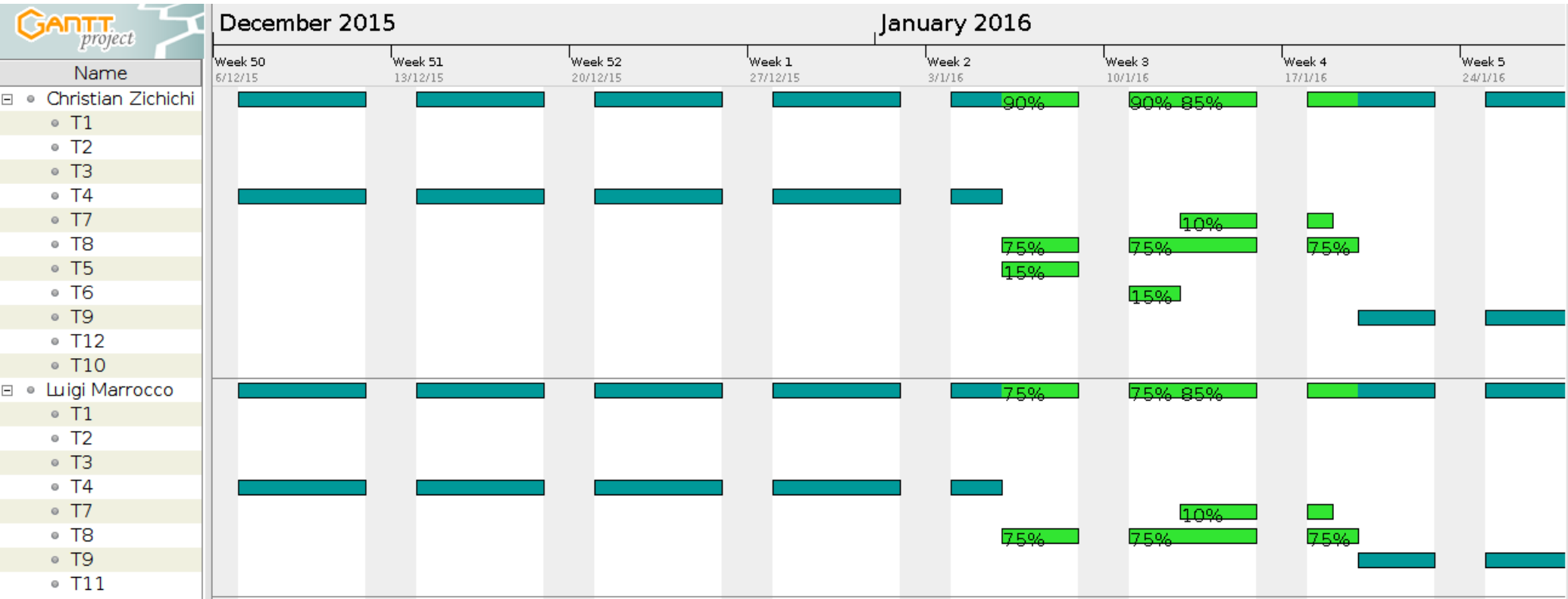
## 5.5 DEVELOPMENT AND ACCEPTANCE TESTING

Christian Zichichi [5 months – ESTIMATION]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Front-end (Web and Mobile) development</li><li>• Acceptance Testing</li></ul>
Luigi Marrocco [5 months – ESTIMATION]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Back-end development</li></ul>

## RESOURCE ALLOCATION DIAGRAM

For each task, the work time allocated to each team member is indicated in percentage with respect to the total amount of work time available (a blue row indicates 100%). For example, at week 46 the 100% of the work time of Christian Zichichi is allocated to myTaxiService project. In particular, 40% of his time is dedicated to task T2, while the remaining 60% to task T3. At week 48, instead, only 60% of the total work time of Christian Zichichi is allocated to myTaxiService project (task T3 in particular), while the remaining 40% is dedicated to other activities (e.g., Code Inspection Document). Tasks T10, T11, T12 (Development and Acceptance Testing phases) are not represented here due to space constraints, but it is assumed that they would occupy the 100% of the work time of each team member.





## 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Here below, a list of possible risks that can occur during the project:

1. *Geolocation system (Google Maps) stops working*

**Probability:** Very Low

**Effect:** Catastrophic

**Recovery Strategy:** If the problem is temporary, use another external service to let the system work again.

2. *Temporary unavailability of personnel involved in critical tasks*

**Probability:** Moderate

**Effect:** Serious

**Recovery Strategy:** Reorganize the resource allocation so that there is more overlap of work and people therefore understand each other's jobs. Another aspect to consider is to select those people that are not already executing other critical activities.

3. *Misunderstanding followed by structural changes to the project's requirements*

**Probability:** Moderate

**Effect:** Critical

**Recovery Strategy:** Redefine the requirements and try to adapt the older ones with the new ones as much as possible.

4. *The database used in the system cannot process as many transactions per second as expected*

**Probability:** Moderate

**Effect:** Serious

**Recovery Strategy:** Investigate the possibility of buying a higher-performance database.

5. *Underestimated development time*

**Probability:** Moderate

**Effect:** Serious

**Recovery Strategy:** Investigate buying-in components; investigate the use of a program generator.



## 7. USED TOOLS

- **LibreOffice Writer 5.0:** to redact and format the document
- **GanttProject:** to draw Task Gantt Diagram and Resource Allocation diagram

## 8. HOURS OF WORK

Since we are neighbors, we have worked **together almost all the time** at each other's home and **equally shared all the tasks and efforts**. We have worked on this document **for a total of 8 hours**.

## 9. REFERENCES

Here is a short list of other references for this document:

- Slides of the Software Engineering 2 course (from the Beep Platform)