

# Jadcup Digital Twin: Factory Automation

PROJECT PROPOSAL V4

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Scope:** The project scope focuses on integrating Internet of Things (IoT) technology, cloud computing, and the development of a factory simulation for Jadcup's manufacturing process. These key elements will be used to connect machines, optimize production, and provide efficient data storage and management. The factory simulation will be done via a digital twin to replicate the manufacturing process, allowing the team to test potential enhancements before implementation. This project will deliver a functional prototype of a user-friendly Jadcup monitoring application that centralizes PLC data and promotes horizontal scaling in the manufacturing process. The goal is to modernize Jadcup's operations and usher in Industry 4.0 capabilities, elevating the company's position within the sustainable cup manufacturing sector.

**Method:** The chosen methodology for this project is Agile, specifically Kanban. Kanban is a well-suited methodology as we currently have unclear requirements that will become evident as development goes on. *For Further details, refer to Section 6: Project Management Methodology.*

**Risks:**

- Unclear Requirements
- Incorrect work performed.
- Scope Creep
- Mismanaged feature prioritization.
- Poor product design.
- Poor communication with the client.
- Poor time management.
- Workplace injury (Health and Safety).
- Poor communication with other members of the team.
- Team member unavailability.
- Lockdown.
- Loss of data.
- Out of scope requirements.

**Cost:** \$13,241.41

## SECTION 1: TERMS OF REFERENCE

Jadcup is a major manufacturer of sustainable and compostable disposable cups in New Zealand. Daniel Li, the founder of Jadcup, has identified that the current manufacturing process has room for improvement. In the existing process of cup manufacturing, raw materials such as cardboard are fed into the machines, which then produce the finished cups through a series of automated steps, such as moulding, trimming, and printing. While the process of cup manufacturing is currently automated, the monitoring and adjusting of the process can only be done using a built-in monitor connected to the machines. This limits the ability to monitor and optimize the process in real time, which can lead to inefficiencies, production downtime, and potential quality issues. This production process is known as Industry 3.0. In Industry 3.0, the process is automated using Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) and information technology. This process can often operate largely without human interference, but a human aspect is still required to repeat manual labour and change parameters through the machines interface. In response to the need for a more efficient and modernized approach to the cup manufacturing process, Daniel has reached out to our team for assistance in addressing the gap for improvement and exploring the possibilities of incorporating advanced monitoring and control systems, such as Industry 4.0 solutions. Our team consists of:

- Joshua Ladowsky (Service request manager/developer)
- Myles Hosken (Service delivery manager/developer)
- Jane Jung (Developer)
- Yeran Edmonds (Developer)
- Harshil Patel (Developer)

We are supported by the guidance and mentorship of:

- Matthew Kuo (Mentor)
- Tony Clear (Moderator)
- Professor Jacqui Whalley (Course leader)
- Dr Ramesh Lal (Course leader)

Together, we aim to develop and implement a remote monitoring system for the manufacturing process that will facilitate real-time monitoring, data analysis, and optimization. This system will enhance productivity, reduce downtime, and uphold high-quality standards in the production of sustainable and compostable disposable cups. By enabling Jadcup to promptly adjust parameters and detect potential issues, the remote monitoring system will help prevent major problems. The implementation of this system will elevate Jadcup's standing to Industry 4.0, also known as the fourth industrial revolution (Schwab, 2016). In Industry 4.0, processes are automated based on data rather than human input. To achieve this advancement, Jadcup will incorporate various technologies in conjunction with the remote monitoring system.

- **Internet of things (IoT):**

The Internet of things has been recognized as a key component in smart factories. Each machine can be installed with a low-cost sensor that houses an IP address. This address allows the machines to connect to internet-enabled devices. This connectivity allows large amounts of data and analytics to be collected and analysed. (IBM, n.d.).

- **Cloud Computing:**

Cloud computing is a key component for an Industry 4.0 strategy. Cloud computing makes it possible to store large amounts of data to be processed more efficiently and cost-effectively. To unlock the full capabilities that smart manufacturing has to offer, it is necessary to connect aspects of the business such as, engineering, supply chain, production, sales, and distribution. The use of cloud computing can facilitate this integration. Jadcup will use cloud computing to host a server which will allow machines to talk to one another within the network, along with having a database to store login credentials.

- **Digital Twin:**

In this project we will implement a digital twin of Jadcup's manufacturing process. A digital twin is created by simulating a factory floor and pulling data from sensors, devices, and the current PLCs. Using factory simulation software such as Factory I/O, we can simulate the production process to create workflows and test changes to improve capacity and minimize downtime.

Within the project scope, the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technology, cloud computing, and the development of a digital twin for Jadcup's manufacturing process will play key roles. IoT will be used to connect machines, enabling the collection and analysis of extensive data, which will help identify areas for improvement and optimize the production process. Cloud computing will be employed to provide efficient and economical data storage and management, allowing for seamless data access and processing across different aspects of the project. The digital twin, constructed using 3D modelling software, will be utilized to simulate the production process. This simulation will enable the team to test potential enhancements, such as increasing capacity and reducing downtime, before implementing them in the real-world manufacturing environment.

The project will not involve a complete overhaul of the manufacturing process or the replacement of existing machinery. Instead, the focus will be on leveraging these key technologies to augment the current system, improving monitoring and control mechanisms such as running speed, inching speed, actual speed, and temperatures. Enhancing control over these parameters will guide Jadcup's transition toward Industry 4.0. *See appendix 1.1 for the current PLC display at Jadcup.*

## SECTION 2: PROJECT RATIONALE

By investing in this project, Daniel Li and Jadcup are demonstrating their commitment to continuously improving their product quality, enhancing customer satisfaction, and maintaining their position as a leader in sustainable and compostable disposable cups in New Zealand. The transition from Industry 3.0 to Industry 4.0 is a significant advancement for Jadcup and will provide a several benefits for the business:

- **Efficiency and productivity:**  
Data-driven automation through the Internet of Things will allow Jadcup to streamline its operations, automate repetitive tasks, and fully optimize its processes.
- **Improved Quality:**  
Industry 4.0 technologies can detect and resolve quality issues in real-time, resulting in higher production quality by detecting issues before they become a problem.
- **Cost saving:**  
Automating processes under Industry 4.0 can allow Jadcup to reduce labour costs, minimize production downtime, and reduce waste all leading to cost savings. With data driving the production process, there will be less need for workers to be in the factory.
- **Enhanced Flexibility:**  
Having access to Industry 4.0 technologies will ensure that Jadcup can respond quickly to changing market demands and customer needs by having the capability to change input and output production streams along with reconfiguration and customization faster.
- **Increased Safety:**  
A higher stand of automation can help reduce the risk of workplace accidents ensuring the safety of employees.
- **Enhanced Data Collection:**  
Jadcup under Industry 4.0 will have access to real-time data on their operations, giving them control and information to analyse performance and make informed decisions to improve their process.
- **Scalability:**  
Once the remote monitoring system works for one machine, with the use of the Digital Twin and Industry 4.0, when the time comes for Jadcup to expand, the system will be modular and decoupled. Allowing Jadcup to expand effectively without many blockers.
- **Custom Manufacturing:**  
A big part of the transition from Industry 3.0 to Industry 4.0 is the removal of "minimum batch requirements". Industry 3.0 is all about mass production, utilizing the Digital Twin, Jadcup can easily create small batches of specialized orders for customers. Reducing waste and meeting customer needs in a modern way.

The key contribution of this project is to enhance Jadcup's dedication to continuous improvement, customer satisfaction, and leadership in sustainable and disposable cup production within New Zealand. The introduction of the remote monitoring system and Industry 4.0 technologies will play key roles in realizing these advantages. The transition to Industry 4.0 will enable Jadcup to efficiently monitor the manufacturing process and respond to any issues or faults in real-time. This will drive faster production and minimize material wastage by reducing downtime and manufacturing errors. In addition to real-time monitoring, the incorporation of Industry 4.0 technologies offers other significant benefits. Cloud computing will facilitate the

monitoring of the production line in any locale, and the modular decoupled design of the system guarantees scalability, meaning Jadcup can grow effectively without hitting significant roadblocks. To further enhance Jadcup's manufacturing capabilities, the Industry 4.0 Digital Twin will enable Jadcup to test and safely prototype along with optimizing key manufacturing processes before implementing them in the factory. Furthermore, the shift to Industry 4.0 will equip Jadcup with the tools to respond to the changing needs of their customers and solidify their place as a leader in the field.

## SECTION 3: PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

### Project Objective & Purpose

The objective of this project is to develop a prototype for a remote monitoring system that allows Jadcup to connect and interact with programmable logic controllers (PLCs).

The purpose of this prototype is to determine the viability of a monitoring interface to manage PLCs on the Jadcup factory floor.

### Project Scope

The Jadcup monitoring application is a limited, functional prototype to read and control PLC data through a user-friendly application. Local cup manufacturer Jadcup seeks to modernize their business by integrating their PLCs into a single, secure interface for easy access to their factory floor. By bringing industrial IoT to the company, they hope to bring horizontal production scaling to their cup manufacturing process and launch their business into Industry 4. The proposed dashboard will take the form of a web application to allow viewing on several different devices.

### Functional Requirements

- The application must allow users to connect & control PLCs.
- The application must show data managed by PLCs.
- The application must be modular enough to support multiple, different PLCs.
- The application must provide secure user authentication and authorization.
- The application must have a simple interface designed with large buttons and easy-to-read data.
- The application must be paired with a working factory simulation that demonstrates the monitoring application's functionality.

### Non-functional requirements

- The application must be responsive and have a fast load time, with a maximum response time of 100 milliseconds.
- The application must be functional and user-friendly when run on a PC.
- The application must be accessible on a machine within the office intranet, with a connection to the internet to interface with cloud services necessary to run the application.
- The application must be secure and follow the three information security pillars of CIA (confidentiality, integrity, availability).

*Further reading: See 3.1 Scope Statement document in the appendix.*

### Key stakeholders

- The primary stakeholder for this project is Jadcup who will use the monitoring application to connect and interact with PLCs.

- The project team, team mentor, team mediator and paper leads are also stakeholders in this project.

*Further reading: See 3.2 Stakeholder Management Strategy in the appendix.*

### Key risks and mitigation strategies

- **Technical upskilling redundancy:** To mitigate the risk of team members unable to participate or unable to progress, each skill required for the prototype is being upskilled by two developers.
- **Managed time efficiency:** To mitigate time scheduling constraints, the team have concise meeting agendas and action items with set deadlines. Communication is also strong within the team in the case that an item cannot be completed.
- **Minimum-viable product:** To mitigate risks with unclear feature requirements & 'scope creep', the team have collaborated with the client and the mentor to identify minimum specifications to deliver an accurate prototype.

*Further reading: See Appendix 9.1 Risk Register, 9.2 Issue Log and 9.3, Quality Assurance Plan*

## SECTION 4: PROJECT TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

### Project Technology Architecture

The baseline software infrastructure for the monitoring application prototype will need to be supported by PCs and have the capability to connect to PLCs.

#### Options Considered:

- **FERN Stack** (Firebase, ExpressJS, ReactJS, NodeJS)  
A modern tech stack that uses industry technologies like React to deploy a single-page web application. Provides support for authentication but would require upskilling in technologies less familiar to the team and implementing a server and web API.
- **Java Desktop Application**  
A simple application that would leverage the team's prior knowledge in Java and Swing libraries. Limited in support for web applications, interfacing with PLCs and would need to be compiled and run on individual machines – not very accessible.
- **LAMP Stack** (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP)  
The classic technology stack for building dynamic websites. Proven, widely used technology that would suit an always-online application that would require upskilling in Linux hosting and server cybersecurity.
- **MEAN stack** (MongoDB, ExpressJS, AngularJS, NodeJS)  
Popular modern tech stack like FERN that uses a full-stack JavaScript framework. Would require similar upskilling to FERN but Firebase has better support for authentication and Angular is becoming phased out.

*Further reading: See 3.3 Identified Technical Architecture in the Appendix.*

### Project Technology – Selection & Rationale

Given the requirements, technical capability, and team interest, we have chosen to use the **FERN** stack for our application. FERN provides a database layer, server-side layer, front-end layer, and scripting stack that work together to provide an efficient development environment for a local web application.



- **Single-language tech stack**  
With Javascript as the sole language for the application, developers can more easily switch between the different application layers for rapid implementation. This also provides redundancy should one developer be unable to participate or want a second opinion and reduces our upskilling time.
- **Flexibility**  
ReactJS is a flexible framework with multiple components and libraries allows for a highly customizable interface to suit the client's needs. In addition, there are Javascript libraries like NodeRED that exist to support PLC configuration.
- **Community Support**  
Javascript and React have large active developer communities that provide a wealth of resources for upskilling. This also supports app flexibility in the case that libraries or components we require don't meet our expected needs.
- **Cost-Effective**  
FERN stack is open-source and free, making it cost-effective for a university project. The scripting and server layers are completely free, and our database layer has free read/write access up to a specific number of records, which will be more than enough for this prototype.

#### Limitations & Constraints:

It is currently beyond-scope for our MVP to directly interface with Jadcup's PLCs while hooked into their cup-manufacturing machines. While this will allow for rapid iteration, it is possible that the prototype will need post-project support to work with Jadcup devices.

Technology provided by AUT:

- FactoryIO service keys
- Schneider Modicon M221

## SECTION 5: SKILLS ANALYSIS

The development of the project deliverables requires the combination of several components, each of which involves knowledge and skills from different fields of software development.

The table below identifies the skills required for the project, as well as the skills missing that members of the team need to upskill before the development stage of the project can begin.

*For details of individual skill levels see Appendix 5.1: Skill Matrix.*

| Required Skills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Missing Skills                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Server <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Online Servers</li> <li>○ Server Administration</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Component Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PLC</li> <li>○ Factory I/O</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NoSQL</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Language/Development tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ C#</li> <li>○ Git</li> <li>○ HTML/CSS</li> <li>○ Java</li> <li>○ NodeRED</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JavaScript/React</li> <li>• PLC</li> <li>• Factory I/O</li> <li>• Web API (Factory I/O)</li> <li>• NodeRED/SCADA</li> <li>• Databases</li> </ul> |

- Multimedia
  - UI Design
  - UX Design
- Project Management
  - Agile Methodology
  - Client Management
- Project Management tools
  - Github
  - Teams
  - Trello
- QA Expertise
  - QA Tools
  - Unit Testing
- Web Technology
  - Javascript
  - NodeJS
  - PHP
  - React
  - Visual Studio
  - VS Code
  - Web APIs

The upskilling phase for missing skills will commence immediately after the presentation of the proposal (at latest 7<sup>th</sup> of April) and will be no longer than 2 weeks. During this time, everyone in the team will be researching and familiarizing themselves with the relevant skills and tools. Once the upskilling phase is finished, team members are expected to have gained the relevant skills and abilities which can be applied to efficiently develop high-quality outcomes for the project.

*For details on the Training Plan see Appendix 5.3*

*For details on Scheduled Upskilling see Appendix 5.3*

## SECTION 6: PROJECT MANAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

### PROJECT METHODOLOGY

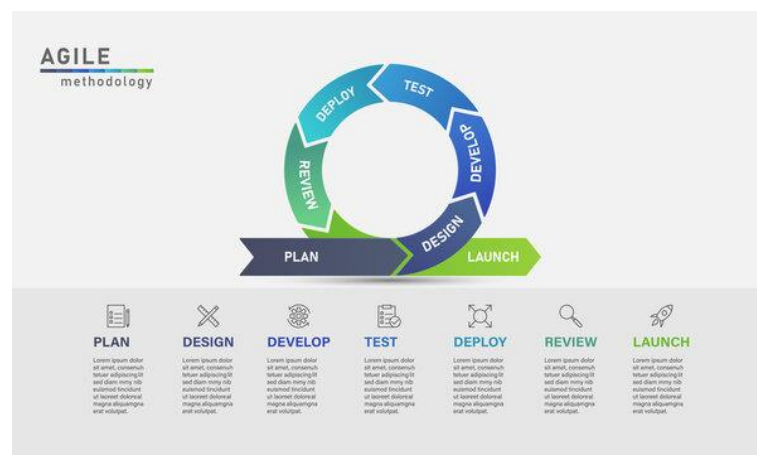


Figure 1. (Ztaro, 2020)

We have decided to adopt the Agile methodology when we develop our project. Agile is an iterative approach to project development that involves breaking down tasks into subtasks and completing them in short, rapid phases (atlassian, n.d.). This framework is highly flexible and enables us to make changes to the project as needed without causing major disruptions to the overall

schedule.

We chose Agile over more traditional methods such as Waterfall as waterfall relies on a sequential process for completing tasks, where project phases can only begin after the previous phase ends (Communications Adobe Team, 2018). The phases are also identified and pre-planned, which requires the knowledge of the project scope and team skills to set reasonable deadlines for the phases.

Advantageous characteristics of agile:

- Flexible Development**  
 Our team and our client are continuing to discover the design intention of the Digital Twin prototype as we develop. While we have functional requirements, we're still unclear on technical design and lack team knowledge both in design and technology stack. Because of this, we need rapid iteration through numerous meetings and highly visible iterations. For this reason, Agile's focus on user stories as well as its prioritization of task progress identification over task deadlines will be invaluable for development.
- Visual Approach**  
 Agile's iterative approach allows us to easily identify the current stage of progression a task is on. Compared to a procedural approach of waterfall, this approach allows us to observe the progression stages of multiple tasks at once and is much easier to distinguish which task needs work, who oversees the task and any additional notes made on the task. For our project, this is much more favourable as there are a lot of different tasks that need to be completed together.
- Non-hierarchical team structure**  
 Waterfall requires a leader to decide the project hierarchy and approve tasks before they can be completed. This strategy increases the cohesiveness of the overall deliverables, but none of the team members possess the information required of the leader, nor do we have time to constantly be checking up with someone before acting. Therefore, to accommodate our project characteristics and to better align with our team's philosophy of shared responsibility and minimize any stress related to hierarchy, we have decided that the roles provided by Kanban are more suitable for us.

Agile's iterative approach allows us to work collaboratively, visually plan and prioritize tasks, and deliver outcomes quickly. By working in short iterations where we can develop and test deliverables together, we can get feedback from stakeholders and adjust our approach as needed, which helps us deliver better outcomes that meet the changing needs of the project. Overall, Agile provides us with a flexible and adaptable framework that is ideal for our project's evolving requirements and constraints.

Within Agile there are a lot of frameworks that adopt the key concepts and make modifications to suit different teams. An example of this would be SCRUM, which is primarily known for its use of "sprints", which is used by teams to regularly deliver results when developing outcomes. Scrum also establishes key roles, such as the product owner, scrum master and development team to assign different responsibilities to members and establish a leadership within the team.

## The Waterfall Method



Figure 2. (Communications Adobe Team, 2022)

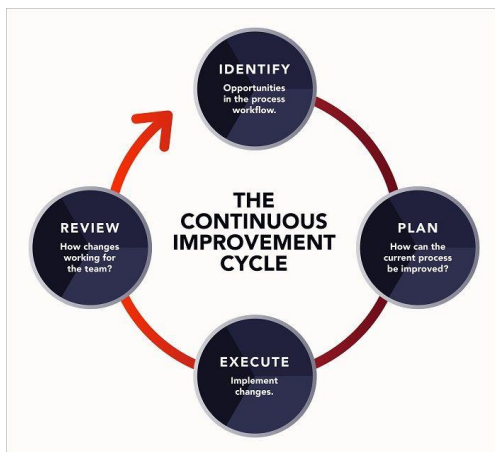


Figure 3 (Lynn, n.d.)

Lean is another agile methodology that prioritizes identifying the value of the outcome that to be delivered to the customer, and establishing a process that brings the highest value to the customer (Kanbanize, n.d.). During this process, activities that are decided to not bring value are discarded to focus team effort onto more important tasks. Tasks are completed by using a pull method, which means they are only completed if there is demand for their value.

Another example is Kanban, which uses a visual approach when planning a project. Kanban converts tasks into independent cards that can be placed in different columns to represent its status of completion, as shown below. Rather than using sprints to set goals of progression for outcomes, Kanban focuses more on the continuous flow of progress in tasks using cycles (Atlassian, n.d.). There are roles such as service request manager and service delivery manager, but there are no set roles that establish leaderships within a team.

## Kanban board

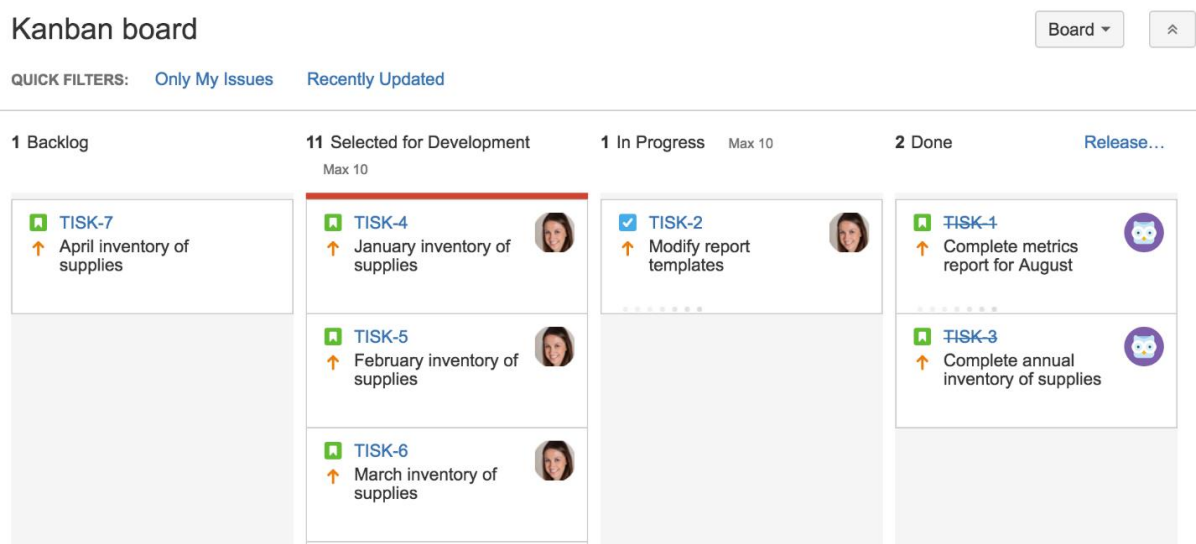


Figure 4. (DX Heros, 2019)

Our team decided to use Kanban for the following reasons:

- **Change Philosophy**

Our project is exploratory/ research orientated, which means that there are some aspects of our project that we do not yet have a clear solution for. Kanban's flexible structure allows for changes in the workflow to occur without derailing the entire project schedule, which is much more advantageous to our team than using scrum or lean.

- **Flow Method**

Kanban focuses on the flow of work for the project, rather than establishing goals to finish a task within a sprint (like scrum) or reducing waste and efficiency (like lean). As mentioned before, currently our project has a lot of outcomes where we cannot give an accurate estimation of the workload involved or the time required. Due to this, SCRUM sprints would be difficult to plan for in advance, and we cannot use lean methods and establish activities that can be discarded.

- **Visual Management**

Out of all 3 methods, Kanban's visual management structure employs the use of visual structures (such as labels) in workflow, which can make it easier to identify a task's status or the member assigned to the task easier. Our project is predicted to have a lot of tasks developed at once, and with kanban the progress of each task is clearly visible to everyone and is more advantageous for our project than SCRUM's sprint review or lean's value assignments.

- **Flow Limit**

Kanban's flow limit ensures that the work done by the team is at an optimal pace without exceeding the work capacity by ensuring some tasks can start once current ones are completed (Kanbanize, n.d.). Although other methods can also limit work, Kanban's visual approach makes identifying and preventing potential bottlenecks easier. For example, our project has a flow limit of 5, which means that there can be only up to 5 tasks in a column at any time excluding certain exception cases (kanbanize, n.d.).

## WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

The work breakdown structure (WBS) is used to break down the key tasks required for our project's success into smaller and more manageable subtasks for our team to complete. By identifying all the tasks required and organizing them into a hierarchal structure it improves visibility of our project scope and the progress made.

- The key tasks in the WBS were established by identifying the deliverables requested by the client as well as the assessment requirements established by AUT.
- Phases were established by modifying the basic agile structure (projectmanager.com, n.d.) to better accommodate the project characteristics. The WBS uses the phases to group together relevant key tasks.
  - The initiation phase of this project was undertaken prior to our team being tasked with the project. As such it has not been included in the structure
  - An Additional Phase was added for upskilling, this phase was added into the project under advisement from the AUT teaching staff to assist in ensuring our team has the necessary skills to achieve our outlined outcomes.

### Phase 1- Planning

During the planning phase, we lay out the foundations for our project development and start gathering information on the project's requirements, the tech stack, and the methods we will use to develop a healthy and productive working strategy. This involves:

- Meeting and becoming acquainted with team members through initial team meeting.
- Initial team meeting with mentor to familiarize ourselves with the project and client background.
- Discovering and researching requirements for project.
- Meeting with client to establish details of project, identify project scope and gain insight on factory layout.
- Breaking down project into tasks and establishing user stories.
- Completing appropriate project plans.
- Completing and presenting project proposal.

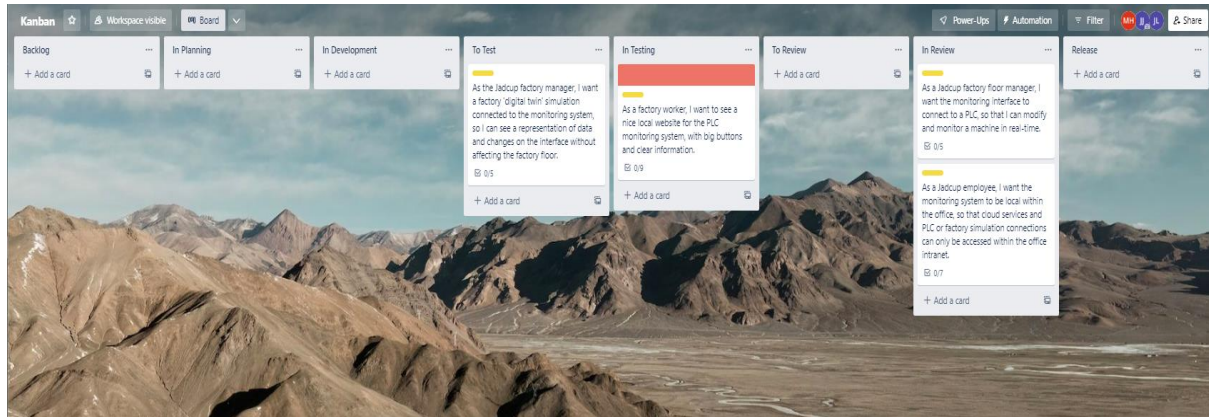
### Phase 2- Upskilling

Due to the wide range of skills required for the project, we require some time to analyse further project requirements and ensure that we have the skills and knowledge necessary to efficiently provide the stakeholders with a high-quality outcome. During this phase, we will be following the upskilling schedule and

will be individually upskilling on different fields depending on the tasks we are responsible for, as well as fields that require the proficiency for all team members (e.g., GitHub, Quality assurance strategies, Kanban).

*For details on the Upskilling Plan see Appendix 5.2- Upskilling schedule.*

### Phase 3- Development/Monitoring



Because the requirements for this project involve creating a network of several independent components (e.g., Web Application, Factory IO simulation) each with many subtasks to be completed, we decided that it would be beneficial to develop them simultaneously. Due to this, we combined the development and monitoring phases into one so that we can monitor the component's functionality alone and with other components as we develop them. Additionally, as we have not started the development process, it is highly likely that there will be more subtasks discovered as we develop, at which time we can leverage kanban's focus over continuous work over achievement of pre-established task goals.

As part of the monitoring and development phase, we used Trello, which provides a structure that accommodates for Kanban's visual structure to lay out our tasks. The board as shown above has the following phases:

- Backlog
- In Planning
- In Development
- To Test
- In Testing
- To Review
- In Review
- Release

These phases on our Kanban board allow our team members to see exactly what work is needed for each story as well as what work needs to be done. The subtasks are split into each of these phases and are represented as checklists on the user story card. All subtasks in each phase must be completed before the story is ready to move to the next phase. Utilising Trello's tools we can add comments, documents, checklists, and much more to better visualise and unify our document spread during the development phase.

*For further details on our implementation of kanban with Trello and the Release phase, refer to Appendix 6.2 Implementation of Kanban.*

Note that because Kanban allows developers to add and modify user story subtasks as they go, we expect to update our subtask checklists for each phase before moving forward, so that all work is clear and understandable before progressing to the next phase.

*For an outline of our Quality Assurance procedure refer to Section 9 – Risk and Issue Management Subsection 4: Quality Assurance.*

#### **Phase 4- Closing**

This phase is used to prepare for the completion and handover of the project deliverables. During this time the team will be completing the final release of the project deliverables and the handover to client and start reviewing the project documentation to prepare for the review of the project.

#### **Phase 5- Project Review**

The final phase of the project outlines the assessments for the team project post-handover, and marks estimated deadlines for all requirements of the project. During this time the team will be finalizing the project portfolio, as well as the individual reflective reports.

We decided to add a separate phase for upskilling, as our team had a lot of required skills and we wanted to ensure that every member of the team had the adequate skill levels to be able to complete their assigned tasks. The key tasks would be the tasks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> column.

*For a detailed diagram of the Work Breakdown Structure see appendix 6.1 Work Breakdown diagram.*

## **SECTION 7: TEAM ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Service Request Manager/ Developer: Josh Ladowsky**

- Managing the team
- Organizing team meetings
- Managing team schedules
- Delegating tasks between team members
- Communicating with mentor
- Resolving conflicts
- Delivering project requirements
- Completing delegated tasks
- Attending and actively contributing to meetings
- Communicating any issues/problems
- Documenting project processes

#### **Service Delivery Manager/ Developer: Myles Hosken**

- Representative of the team when communicating with client (e.g., email)
- Organizing client meetings
- Delivering team opinions to client during meetings or via online communication
- Answering client's questions
- Delivering project requirements
- Completing delegated tasks
- Attending and actively contributing to meetings
- Communicating any issues/problems
- Documenting project processes



**Developer:** Harshil Patel

- Delivering project requirements
- Completing delegated tasks
- Attending and actively contributing to meetings
- Communicating any issues/problems
- Documenting project processes

**Developer:** Jane Jung

- Delivering project requirements
- Completing delegated tasks
- Attending and actively contributing to meetings
- Communicating any issues/problems
- Documenting project processes

**Developer:** Yeran Edmonds

- Delivering project requirements
- Completing delegated tasks
- Attending and actively contributing to meetings
- Communicating any issues/problems
- Documenting project processes

Every individual in the team is responsible ensuring that they follow the rules of the team contract to maintain a healthy working environment for the duration of this project.

*For details on the Team Contract see Appendix 7.1 Team Contract*

## SECTION 8: PROJECT SCHEDULE

### MILESTONE REPORT

For the milestone report we used assessment and breaks dates as key achievements and accomplishments that have been used up for the proposal presentation. We are using these milestones to help prioritize tasks and ensure that we are working effectively and efficiently through our project. Furthermore, we are using milestones to set realistic goals and objectives for the project.

*For further information on milestones, see Appendix 8.1 Milestone Report*

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

The project schedule follows the WBS and uses the project milestones to establish the estimated start and end of each phase. Note that due to the nature of the kanban framework, excluding the deadlines written in the milestone report, the durations of all items can be modified dynamically.



Our project schedule is split into the following:

|                                 | Start    | End      |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Phase 1- Planning               | 06/03/23 | 07/04/23 |
| Phase 2- Upskilling             | 10/04/23 | 23/04/23 |
| Phase 3- Development/Monitoring | 24/04/23 | 24/09/23 |
| Phase 4- Closing                | 25/09/23 | 06/10/23 |
| Phase 5- Project Review         | 09/10/23 | 27/10/23 |

Because we had a large chunk of time dedicated to developing/monitoring, we decided to further plan out iterations so that it would be easier for us to identify the tasks we needed to complete during each week. As shown in the project schedule, each iteration has a planning phase, where we have time allocated to get together as a group and analyse the user stories we need to complete and assign members/discuss details. At the end of each iteration, there is also a review/update session, in which the team will gather and update each other on the work done that iteration, as well as take feedback from each other to further develop the assigned tasks until the start of the next iteration.

*For further details of project timeline as well as more details of each iteration phase see: Appendix 8.2 Project Schedule*

#### TEAM SCHEDULE FOR PART 1

Part 1 involves the planning and upskilling phases as well as the start of the development phase. Below are the details for weekly scheduling as well as the established meeting times agreed upon by all participants.

#### Semester 1 availability

|       | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 6:00  |     |     |     |     |     |
| 7:00  |     |     |     |     |     |
| 8:00  |     |     |     |     |     |
| 9:00  |     |     |     |     |     |
| 10:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 11:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 12:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 13:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 14:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 15:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 16:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 17:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 18:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 19:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 20:00 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 21:00 |     |     |     |     |     |

Harshil unavailable

Jane unavailable

Joshua unavailable

Myles unavailable

Yeran unavailable

offsite

workshop

## Meeting schedule

|                | Frequency | Date/Time                  | Location            |
|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Offsite hours  | Weekly    | Tuesday 8am-2pm            |                     |
| Team meeting   | Weekly    | Tuesday 12pm               | WZ701               |
| Makeup meeting |           | Saturday 9am               | Online              |
| Mentor meeting | Weekly    | Tuesday 10am               | WZ1101              |
| Client meeting | One-off   | 16 <sup>th</sup> March 1pm | Jadcup headquarters |

Due to the conflicting schedules between team members, we decided that we would hold the team meetings during offsite hours, and when required we would have a makeup meeting in the weekends.

*For further information on meetings see 8.3 Meeting Minutes*

## SECTION 9: RISK/ISSUE MANAGEMENT

### RISKS

Potential project risks that could pose a threat during the project development were identified and evaluated, as well as the potential responses that could be made by the team to prevent the risks from happening or reduce the damage as much as possible.

The threat levels of the risks were based on the probability of the risk occurring, as well as the impact of the risk if it were to occur. The team members assigned on risk documentation will be regularly updating the risk register during team stand-up meetings.

We have added a Risk Register to our appendix that specifies our risks, but a particularly strong risk worth mentioning is the communication and review plans with our client, Jadcup. As AUT approached Jadcup with this project, the client has less buy-in and vested interest in the project and is less beholden to communication and reviewing of the product. Additionally, because they didn't conceive the idea, they have less clear requirements or ideas of what they want. Our current risk mitigation strategy is to keep the client informed, and bake any feedback into our change management strategy.

*For details see Appendix 8.1: Risk Register*

### ISSUE LOG

The issue log shows records of unexpected problems the team has faced so far during the project, and the potential solutions to mitigate the issues, as well as the measures taken to prevent reoccurrence of similar issues in the future. The issues are prioritized between low/medium/high threat levels, which corresponds to how soon we attempt to find a solution.

*For details see Appendix 8.2: Issue Log*

### CHANGE MANAGEMENT

According to (Ramesh Lal, 2021), Kanban frameworks prioritize value and flow over-time-based milestones, this allows for project changes to be easily integrated into the project's lifecycle. We have adapted the same approach by breaking down the project schedule into 3 sections:

**High-level:** High-level planning is the process of the team setting overall goals and objectives according to the project's requirements. A work breakdown structure has been created by identifying key milestones and deliverables that needed to be achieved.

**Design phase:** The design phase breaks down the high-level plan into more specific features, user stories and requirements that needed to be implemented to the achieve the goals and objectives set in the high-level plan.

**Iteration planning:** Iteration planning is utilized to break down the design plan into smaller and more manageable tasks that can be completed in a set period. Iteration planning assigns tasks to individual team members and focuses on short term goals and priorities, and allows the team to use the milestones established earlier as a baseline to structure their work for the week as well as giving freedom for teams to dynamically change the tasks depending on the current task progress and the value/priority of the task at the current stage.

The advantage of using Kanban is that changes are managed dynamically during Iteration planning. Changes can be identified in conjunction are identified continuously during the planning and the review/update phases of the current iteration.

The impact of the change is measured based on its impact to the flow of the following iteration and project. The team will calculate the changes and how much work needs to be done to effectively make the change. After review, should implementation have a minor effect on the flow of the project then the change will be implemented during the update phase. If the change disrupts the flow, further identification of the changes will be divided into several cards/tasks and implemented onto the Kanban board as necessary. During the planning phase of the following iteration, the changes will be moved into the priority swim lane on the Kanban Board.

If a change is requested directly by the client, the same process will be followed. The impact and value of the change will be considered and worked into the planning and review/update phase of the iteration. If a change is identified to be too large or out of scope, the team will discuss a compromise and come to a solution. If the change can be broken down and worked into the current iteration without disrupting the flow, new cards will be created and placed onto the Kanban board. If the current amount of in development cards will be exceeded, then achievable changes will be worked into the backlog and reviewed during the next review/update phase.

The change management strategy is in place to ensure that current tasks and development are kept relevant. Before every iteration and at each stand-up (Saturday meeting) and mentor meeting (Tuesday), a change review may take place to ensure that the team is on track and understands their current tasks and requirements. If a change is required, the Product Delivery Manager will be responsible for updating the change and implementing the update within the Kanban board. If the client requires documentation of the change, it will be produced and sent.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

Kanban's methodology divides the progression of a task into phases of planning, analysis, development, review, and release. During the review phase, we will be applying the outlined procedures in the Quality Assurance plan to ensure that our outcomes are robust.

Using our Quality Assurance Plan, we will be able to minimise our outlined risks and produce a project of higher quality that will have a reduced risk of damaging the client's equipment. This is done by ensuring any all code developed is tested.

To ensure the quality of our tests we will utilise a variety of metrics measuring our overall testing and bug distribution. As well as designing systems for reporting false QA test outcomes and non-compliance of test outcomes.

Should non-compliance or false QA testing be discovered then the Audit and review procedures are outlined to ensure any testing done is to a professional standard.

*For Details about Q.A. procedures see Appendix 9.3: Quality Assurance Plan*

## SECTION 10: COST

The following outlines the estimated costs of the project from now till the end of the project due to further research is required to find pricing of Database and Dashboard hosting as many services such as firebase (Google Developers, n.d.) and AWS (Amazon Web Services, n.d.) use systems to pay as you use so precise estimations can only be made when the system is in further development as such an estimate has been made based on a low price system averaged from both of these.

Furthermore, currently it is expected that Jadcup's existing hardware is adequate for the systems to be developed and no additional modifications or modules will need to be added into the environment.

Senior Management costs are based on AUT's estimated hourly pay for one academic hour, while the Development Team's wage is based on the lower end of a junior developer's hourly wage. Trainee cost is assumed from the average warehouse worker wage in NZ.

| WBS items                                         | # Units/Hrs | Cost/Unit/Hr | Subtotals  | WBS Level 1 Totals \$ of Total | % of Total |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>1. Project Management</b>                      |             |              |            | \$9,699.00                     | 73.25%     |
| 1.1 Senior Management                             | 30          | \$163.30     | \$4,899.00 |                                |            |
| <b>1.2. Development Team</b>                      | 150         | \$32.00      | \$4,800.00 |                                |            |
| <b>3. Software</b>                                |             |              |            | \$1,052.28                     | 7.95%      |
| 3.1 Factory I/O                                   | 7,333.33    | \$0.08       | \$550.00   |                                |            |
| <b>3.2 DB/ Dashboard hosting (Estimated cost)</b> | 3,666.67    | \$0.14       | \$502.28   |                                |            |
| <b>4. Testing (10% of software)</b>               |             |              |            | \$105.23                       | 0.79%      |
| 5. Training                                       |             |              |            | \$178.00                       | 1.34%      |
| 5.1 Trainee cost                                  | 2           | \$25.00      | \$50.00    |                                |            |
| <b>5.3 Project team members</b>                   | 4           | \$32.00      | \$128.00   |                                |            |

|                                      |  |  |  |             |        |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------|--------|
| 6. Reserves (20% of total estimates) |  |  |  | \$2,206.90  | 16.67% |
| Total project cost estimate          |  |  |  | \$13,241.41 |        |

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## PROJECT CHARTER

**Project Title:** Jadcup Digital Twin Factory Management

**Project Objectives:**

Provide Jadcup with a prototype for a user-friendly interface to connect and control PLCs remotely.

**Main Project Success Criteria:**

- The application must be delivered by the end of October 2023.
- The application must be fully functional and meet all the functional and non-functional requirements.
- The application must have a high level of user satisfaction, as measured by feedback received from the client.

**Approach:**

Develop a web-based FERN application that can connect and interact with programmable logic controllers (PLC) and a simulation that can demonstrate communication via remote control.

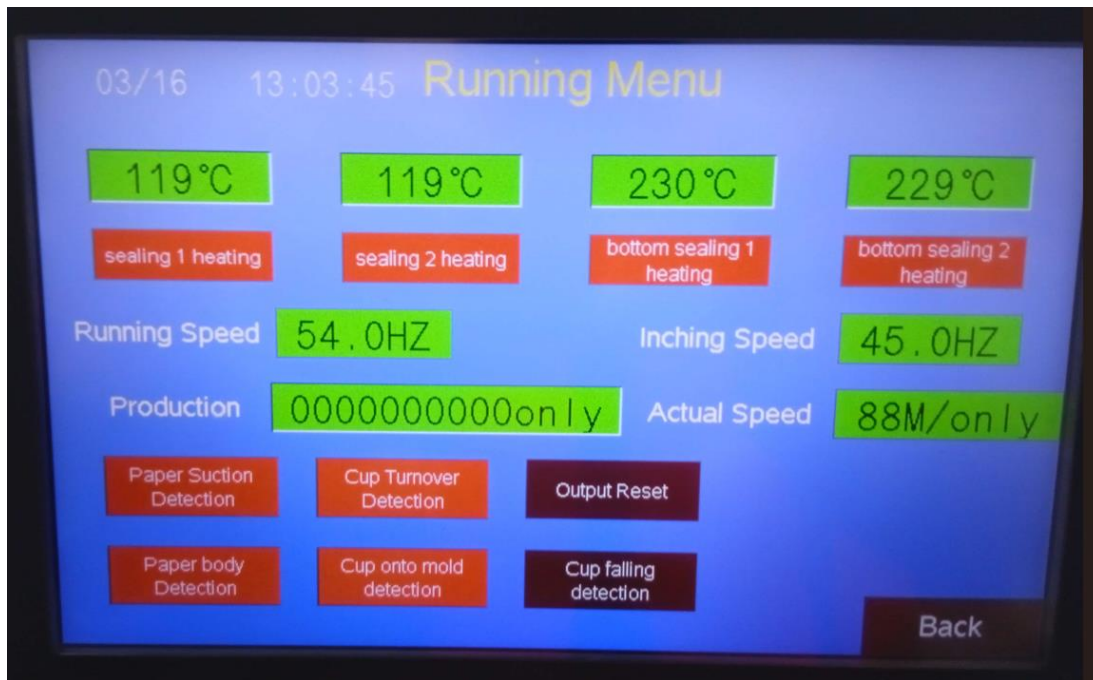
**Roles and Responsibilities**

| Role                          | Name            | Organization/<br>Position           | Contact Information          |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Team Member                   | Harshil Patel   | Development Team                    | dtm3080@autuni.ac.nz         |
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| Client                        | Daniel Li       | Jadcup Founder                      | daniel@jadcup.co.nz          |
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## 1.1 EXISTING PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLER INTERFACE



### 3.1 SCOPE STATEMENT

**Project Title:** Jadcup Digital Twin

**Date:** 08/03/2023

#### **Project Justification:**

Jadcup wants to modernize their factory processes and pull their production into Industry 4.

This project is a prototype to determine the viability of an interface to manage PLCs on the Jadcup factory floor.

#### **Purpose and Objectives:**

The purpose of this project is to develop a web-based FERN (Firebase, Express.js, React.js, Node.js) application that allows Jadcup to connect and interact with programmable logic controllers (PLCs).

The objective of this project is to provide Jadcup with a prototype for a user-friendly interface to connect and control PLCs remotely.

#### **Product Characteristics and Requirements:**

1. Web interface
2. Factory I/O Simulation (strictly for the purposes of this prototype)
3. Read/Modify PLC Data

#### **Functional Requirements:**

- The application must allow users to connect & control PLCs.
- The application must show data managed by PLCs.
- The application must be modular enough to support multiple, different PLCs.

- The application must provide secure user authentication and authorization.

**Non-Functional Requirements:**

- The application must be responsive and have a fast load time.
- The application must be functional and user-friendly when run on a PC.

**Summary of Project Deliverables**

1. A functioning FERN web application prototype for interfacing with PLCs
2. A design document for the application
3. A presentation for the web application

**Assumptions & Constraints:**

- The application will be developed using Kanban methodology.
- The development team will consist of five developers, one of which is a service delivery manager, and one of which is a service request manager.
- The team will be managed & report to a Team Mentor and a Client
- The application will be hosted on a cloud-based platform.
- The development will be completed by the end of October, 2023.
- The application will be a prototype.

**Stakeholders:**

- The primary stakeholder for this project is Jadcup who will use the FERN application to connect and interact with PLCs.
- The project team, team mentor, team mediator and paper leads are also stakeholders in this project.

**Project Success Criteria:**

- The application must be delivered by the end of October, 2023.
- The application must be fully functional and meet all the functional and non-functional requirements.
- The application must have a high level of user satisfaction, as measured by feedback received from the client.

### 3.2 STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REGISTER

| Name            | Position               | Project Role  | Level of Interest | Level of Influence | Potential Management Strategies                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Matthew Kuo     | AUT Lecturer           | Team Mentor   | Medium            | Medium             | Keep informed, do his clear requirements. He likes seeing work done and his team keeping ahead and on-schedule. Has a preference for strong technical knowledge. |
| Yeran Edmonds   | AUT Student            | Team Member   | High              | High               | Prefers clear tasks. Can be bribed with snacks.                                                                                                                  |
| Harshil Patel   | AUT Student            | Team Member   | High              | High               | Keep informed, get opinion on development. Prefers to be directly given tasks.                                                                                   |
| Jane Jung       | AUT Student            | Team Member   | High              | High               | Keep informed. Likes to keep on top of work and stay ahead.                                                                                                      |
| Myles Hosken    | AUT Student            | Team Member   | High              | High               | Prefers to get work done asap to not work weekends. Likes to stay ahead as much as possible.                                                                     |
| Joshua Ladowsky | AUT Student            | Team Member   | High              | High               | Prioritizes Factory IO development and managing the PLCs. Strong technical background.                                                                           |
| Tony Clear      | AUT Lecturer           | Team Mediator | Medium            | Medium             | Likes Agile practices and clear, readable documentation.                                                                                                         |
| Ramesh          | AUT Lecturer           | Paper Leader  | Low               | Medium             | Very low communication/influence but prefers Agile and nicely presented information (coloured documents).                                                        |
| Jacqui          | AUT Lecturer           | Paper Leader  | Low               | Medium             | Very low communication/influence.                                                                                                                                |
| Client          | Jadcup Project Manager | Team Client   | Medium            | High               | Very busy. Prefers to keep informed via email                                                                                                                    |

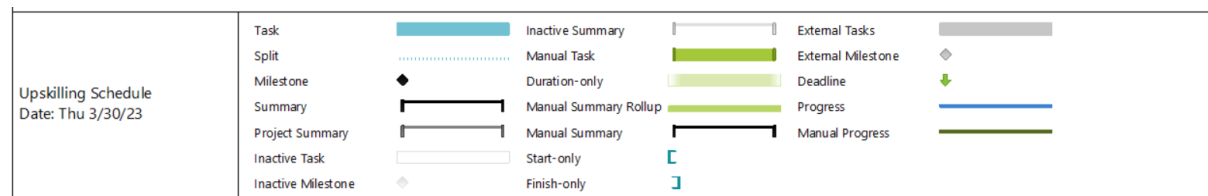
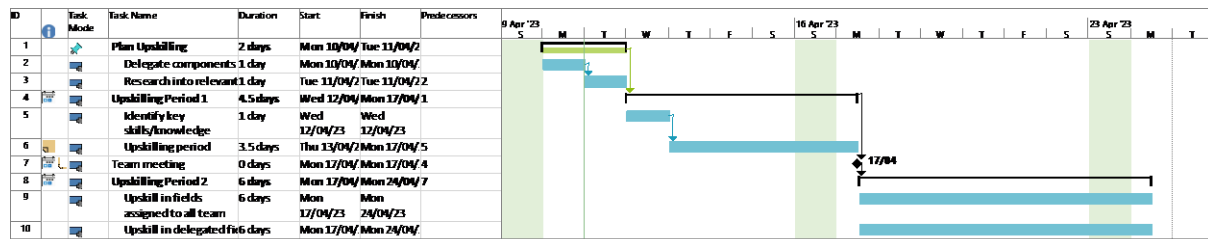
### 4.3 IDENTIFIED TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE

| Technology                            | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Git                                   | Industry standard version control and code management tool for collaboration. We will use Git in combination with Fork, a Github extension for visualizing branches and merging, to keep track of changes and version history.                                                                                                            |
| JavaScript / React                    | Dynamic and responsive user interface capability for the web dashboard that can be customized according to the client's needs. Third-party libraries can facilitate communication between the factory's Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) and the dashboard.                                                                          |
| Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) | Industry standard for machine programming and automation, used to control the factory machinery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| FactoryIO                             | Simulation software to replicate the factory environment. It will allow us to create a prototype factory and begin reading data from the simulated PLC.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Web API's                             | Application Programming Interface (API) for real-time communication between the factory and dashboard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| NodeRED                               | Open-source flow-based programming tool built on top of Node.js. Used to create a workflow for the PLC and facilitate direct communication with the dashboard within the same tech stack.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Online Database                       | Online database to store information securely and reliably, such as client login credentials. Firebase has been considered as it offers 1GB of data transfer per month, which should be sufficient for the MVP and the client's needs.                                                                                                    |
| Online Server                         | Hosts the web dashboard. Selection of hosting provider, operating system, and necessary software is required. Reliable free services may not be available, and the cost of the server may need to be factored into the project budget.                                                                                                    |
| IDE                                   | An Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for JavaScript development, such as Visual Studio Code or WebStorm, would be suitable for developing the web dashboard using JavaScript/React. Additionally, an IDE or development environment for programming the PLCs may be required depending on the specific hardware and software used. |

## 5.1 SKILLS MATRIX

| Group                      | Skill                       | Harshil ISTP-A |   |   |   |   | Jane-ESTP-A |   |   |   |   | Josh - INTP-T |   |   |   |   | Myles - ISFJ-T |   |   |   |   | Yeran - ISFJ-A |   |   |   |   | Total |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|---------------|---|---|---|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|-------|
|                            |                             | 1              | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1           | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1             | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1              | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1              | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |       |
| Application Server         | Online Servers              | 1              |   |   |   |   |             |   | 3 |   |   |               | 2 |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 10    |
|                            | Server Administration       | 1              |   |   |   |   |             | 2 |   |   |   | 1             |   |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 8     |
| Component Technology       | PLC                         |                | 2 |   |   |   | 1           |   |   |   |   |               | 2 |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 7     |
|                            | Factory I/O                 | 1              |   |   |   |   | 1           |   |   |   |   |               |   | 3 |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 7     |
| Database                   | NoSQL                       |                | 2 |   |   |   |             | 2 |   |   |   | 1             |   |   |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   |                |   |   | 4 |   | 11    |
|                            | SQL                         |                |   | 3 |   |   |             |   | 3 |   |   |               | 2 |   |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 13    |
|                            | Online Database             |                | 2 |   |   |   |             |   | 3 |   |   | 1             |   |   |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 11    |
|                            | C#                          |                |   |   | 4 |   |             |   |   |   | 5 |               |   |   |   | 5 |                |   | 3 |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 20    |
| Language/Development Tools | Git                         |                |   | 3 |   |   |             |   |   | 4 |   |               |   |   | 4 |   |                |   | 3 |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 17    |
|                            | HTML/CSS                    |                |   | 3 |   |   |             |   |   |   | 5 |               |   | 3 |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   | 16    |
|                            | IDEs                        |                |   | 3 |   |   |             |   |   | 4 |   |               |   | 3 |   |   |                |   |   | 4 |   |                |   |   | 4 |   | 18    |
|                            | Java                        |                |   | 3 |   |   |             |   |   |   | 5 |               | 2 |   |   |   |                |   |   | 4 |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 17    |
|                            | NodeRed/SCADA               | 1              |   |   |   |   | 1           |   |   |   |   | 1             |   |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 5     |
|                            | Visual Studio               |                |   |   |   | 5 |             |   |   |   | 5 |               |   |   | 4 |   |                |   | 4 |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 21    |
|                            | Vs Code                     |                | 2 |   |   |   |             |   |   |   | 5 |               |   |   |   | 5 |                | 2 |   |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 17    |
|                            | Adobe Illustrator           |                | 2 |   |   |   |             |   | 3 |   |   |               |   | 3 |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 10    |
|                            | UI Design                   |                |   | 3 |   |   |             |   |   | 4 |   | 1             |   |   |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 11    |
|                            | UX Design                   |                | 2 |   |   |   |             |   |   | 4 |   | 1             |   |   |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 10    |
| Project Management         | Agile Methodology Knowledge |                |   | 3 |   |   |             |   | 3 |   |   |               |   | 3 |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 15    |
|                            | Client Management           |                | 2 |   |   |   |             |   | 3 |   |   |               | 2 |   |   |   |                |   |   | 4 |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 14    |
| Project Management Tools   | Github                      |                |   |   | 4 |   |             |   |   | 4 |   |               |   | 3 |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   |                |   |   | 4 |   | 18    |
|                            | Teams                       |                |   |   |   | 5 |             |   |   |   | 5 |               |   | 3 |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   | 18    |
|                            | Trello                      |                |   |   |   | 5 |             |   |   |   | 5 |               |   |   |   | 4 |                | 2 |   |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 19    |
| QA Expertise               | QA Tools                    | 1              |   |   |   |   | 1           |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   | 4 |                | 2 |   |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   | 10    |
|                            | JavaScript                  |                |   | 3 |   |   |             |   |   | 4 |   |               | 2 |   |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   |                |   |   | 4 |   | 16    |
| Web Technology             | Node.js                     |                | 2 |   |   |   | 1           |   |   |   |   |               | 2 |   |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   | 10    |
|                            | PHP                         | 1              |   |   |   |   |             | 2 |   |   |   |               | 2 |   |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   | 8     |
|                            | React                       | 1              |   |   |   |   |             | 2 |   |   |   | 1             |   |   |   |   |                |   | 3 |   |   |                | 2 |   |   |   | 9     |
|                            | Web APIs                    |                | 2 |   |   |   |             |   | 3 |   |   |               | 2 |   |   |   | 1              |   |   |   |   |                |   |   | 4 |   | 12    |

## 5.2 UPSKILLING SCHEDULE



Note: Upskilling phase 1 is individual commenced by all team members independently, Upskilling phase 2 will involve team members collaborating to unify skill application strategies for different platforms.

## 5.3 TRAINING PLAN

The below is a training plan targeted towards industrial automation in conjunction with a web dashboard. The identified skills are generalized as some members skills are higher in some areas than others.

1. **Kanban Methodology.** Kanban is the chosen methodology for the project members will need to be familiar and up to date with:
  - The principles of Kanban. Workflow, visualization, learning how to prioritize and limit work in progress (WIP).
  - Understanding of the Kanban board.
  - Introducing Kanban into the project.
  - Utilizing Kanban alongside a visual board such as Jira or Trello.
2. **JavaScript / React.** As the main deliverable is a web dashboard that is responsible for reading and controlling Programmable Logic Controllers, we have identified that JavaScript / React will be a suitable language for this.
  - Transferring existing programming knowledge into JavaScript. Basics and advanced programming techniques.
  - If react is needed, then understanding react architecture, react components, events, built-in hooks, and using in-built libraries.
  - Implementing a simple React application.
3. **Factory I/O.** As professionally suggested, FactoryIO has been decided as the 3D simulation tool to replicate a factory.
  - Familiarity with FactoryIO and what it is capable of.
  - Factory simulation and creation as best as can be replicated to the client's factory.
  - Connecting FactoryIO to a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC).
  - Simulating a production line according to the client's requirements.
4. **Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs).** PLCs are a new area of upskilling that the team will need to be familiar and capable of working with.
  - Being familiar with common industrial protocols such as Ethernet/IP, OPC UA and Modbus.
  - Configuring PLCs to communicate and transfer data with other devices.
  - Familiarity with common debugging and troubleshooting techniques and issues.

- Coding PLCs to read and write data using a protocol.
5. **Factory I/O Web APIs.** Connecting FactoryIO with a web dashboard is going to require communication over an API to read and write data.
- Understanding how to connect FactoryIO with a web socket and web API.
  - Creating and sending HTTP requests which may read and write data to either Factory I/O and the dashboard.
6. **NodeRED and SCADA.** NodeRED and SCADA are common tools used in industrial settings. To simulate a factory alongside PLCs, knowledge for NodeRED and SCADA may need to be investigated. SCADA systems consist of hardware and software which analyse and collect data from sensors. This data is processed and sent to control devices.
- NodeRED and SCADA familiarity
  - Understanding, creating, and managing flows.
  - Integration with SCADA and NodeRED.
- <https://www.allaboutcircuits.com/technical-articles/an-introduction-to-scada-systems/>
7. **Databases.** A database may be needed to hold and store machine and user login information.
- Recap on Database syntax.
  - Understanding database schemas.
  - Connecting the database to the web dashboard and PLC/computer.
  - Hosting a database either locally or cloud based.

This training plan encompasses a diverse range of topics that are pertinent to a research and development project in industrial automation. It offers a thorough comprehension of crucial areas including Kanban methodology, Javascript / React, PLC protocols, Factory I/O, Factory I/O Web API's, NodeRED and SCADA, and databases. Upon finishing the training, participants will possess the requisite abilities and expertise to build a virtual factory, manipulate it using various software tools, and manage and archive data associated with the factory.

## 6.1 WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

### 1. Planning

- a. Discover Requirements
  - i. Functional
  - ii. Non-functional
- b. Research Tech Stack
- c. Complete Proposal
  - i. Terms of Reference
    1. Project Charter
  - ii. Project Rationale
    1. Project Scope
  - iii. Objective/Scope
    1. Scope Statement
    2. Stakeholder management
    3. Identified Technical Infrastructure
  - iv. Skill Analysis
    1. Skill Matrix
    2. Training Plan
  - v. Team Roles
    1. Team Contract
  - vi. Team Schedule for part 1
    1. Meeting minutes



- vii. Project Management Methodology
  - 1. WBS
- viii. Risk and Issues Management
  - 1. Risk Register
  - 2. Issue Log
  - 3. Change Management
  - 4. Quality Assurance form
- ix. Project Schedule
  - 1. Milestone Report
  - 2. Gantt Chart
- x. Cost Estimate

## **2. Upskilling**

- a. Analyse Project Requirements
- b. Delegate Tasks

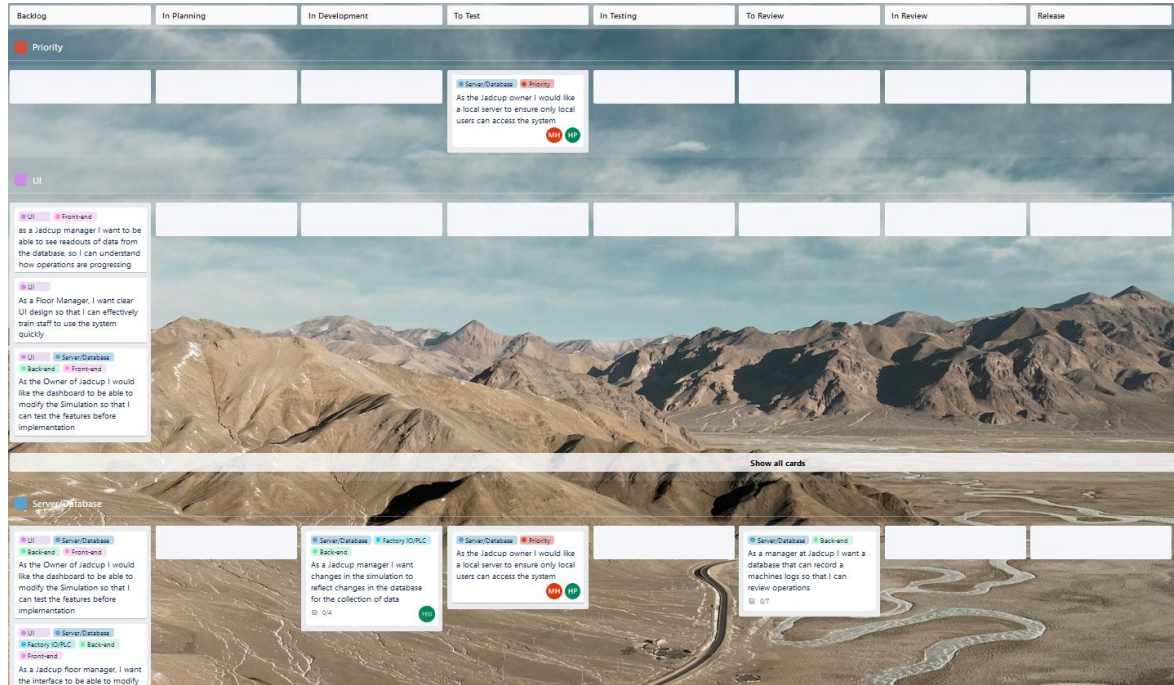
## **3. Development and Monitoring**

- a. Iteration 1
  - i. milestones
    - 1. Server Host Online
    - 2. Website hosted.
  - ii. Planning
    - 1. Develop user stories.
    - 2. Plan Factory IO
  - iii. Implementation
    - 1. Create GIT repo and branching strategy.
    - 2. Create Server Host
    - 3. Connect Website to Server
  - iv. Review/Update
- b. Iteration 2
  - i. milestones
    - 1. Factory IO prototype working.
    - 2. UI Design mock-up is designed and approved.
  - ii. Planning
    - 1. Analyse User Stories.
    - 2. Plan firebase connection.
    - 3. Plan website design.
  - iii. Implementation
    - 1. Develop Factory IO prototype.
    - 2. Develop backend server.
  - iv. Review/Update
- c. Iteration 3
  - i. milestones
    - 1. Prepare for Stakeholder Demo One.
    - 2. Mid-term Review.
    - 3. Web API connects to database.
  - ii. Planning
    - 1. Analyse User Stories.
    - 2. Plan Factory IO Backend Connection.
  - iii. Implementation
    - 1. Develop Factory IO prototype features
    - 2. Develop Website prototype
    - 3. Develop Firebase Connection
  - iv. Review/Update
- d. Iteration 4
  - i. milestones

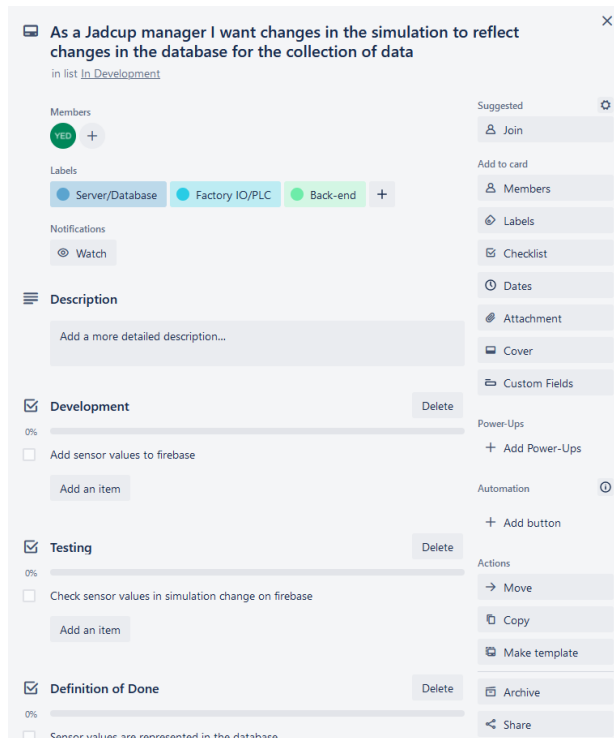
1. Web API connects to database
- ii. Planning
  1. Analyse User Stories
  2. Plan Website UI design
  3. Research PLC Connections
- iii. Implementation
  1. Develop Factory IO prototype features.
  2. Develop Firebase Connection
- iv. Review/Update
- e. Iteration 5
  - i. Milestones
    1. UI Design implemented onto web host.
  - ii. Planning
    1. Analyse User Stories
  - iii. Implementation
    1. Develop Factory IO prototype features.
    2. Develop Website UI
  - iv. Review/Update
- f. Iteration 6
  - i. Milestones
    1. Web API Connects to Factory IO/ PLC
- g. Iteration 7
  - i. Milestones
    1. Prepare for Stakeholder Demo Two
    2. Database Connects to Website
- h. Iteration 8
  - i. Milestones
    1. Website can modify Factory IO/ PLC
- i. Iteration 9
  - i. Milestones
    1. Website meets speed requirements.
- j. Iteration 10
  - i. Milestones
    1. Prepare for Stakeholder Demo Three
- k. Iteration 11
  - i. Milestones
    1. Optimizing & Testing
- 4. Closing**
  - a. Final Release
  - b. Project Deliverables Handover
- 5. Project Review**
  - a. Client Feedback
  - b. Mentor Feedback
  - c. Team Poster
  - d. Final Project Presentation
  - e. Team Portfolio
  - f. Reflective Report

## 6.2 IMPLEMENTATION OF KANBAN

- The kanban board is represented digitally via a Trello board. Using a swimlanes powerup we can use our tags to generate swimlanes for our cards

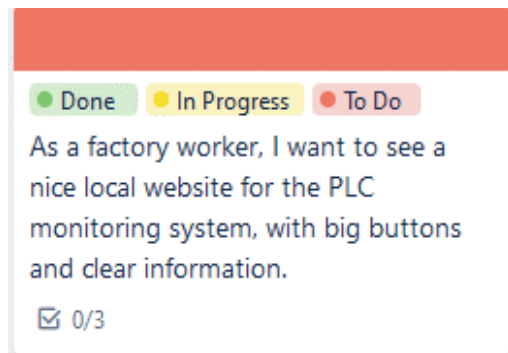


- The key tasks are identified and formatted into user stories. Each user story the contains a list of acceptance tests (can also be identified as subtasks to complete) that the task must pass before it can be marked as completed).



- User stories (tasks) are placed in the product backlog column as cards and can be moved between columns depending on the level of progression.

- If a card becomes expedited, it will be tagged with priority. Occasionally during a project there becomes a card that blocks the flow of production, when this occurs this can ripple into other cards and cause holding patterns on other cards until this one is completed. A card may need to be expedited due to failures in testing/ reviewing or because it is holding other cards that need to be done. To reduce this risk and limit these consequences we can expedite a card, this means that it becomes the priority in being tested, reviewed, or otherwise worked on. Cards that are expedited ignore the flow limit of a given column.



## 7.1 TEAM CONTRACT

### 1. Working online

The team has recognized due to schedule timings we will not have much time outside of Monday-Friday to work collaboratively as a team. To combat this the team has agreed to meet on Saturdays 9:30am-12pm online via Discord.

### 2. Commitments

As a team we will:

- Agree to attempt work that we have the ability for.
- Be realistic when planning and making schedules.
- Highlight any potential problems and work to fix them before they happen.
- Keep other team members informed and communicate effectively.
- Keep information regarding the client confidential.
- Focus on the project.
- Proceed to see the project through to its completion.

### 3. Team meetings

As a team we will:

- Meet at the agreed scheduled time.
- Notify team members if you will be absent with adequate notice.
- Give every member the opportunity to contribute.
- Be open and listen to all ideas that people present.
- Not place blame on any single member of the team.
- Keep meeting conversation to the topic at hand, further clarification can be taken offline.

### 4. Problem Solving

As a team we will:

- Encourage all team member's input.
- Use each other's ideas and build off them.

## 5. Conflicts

As a team we will:

- View any conflicts as part of working in a team and an opportunity to grow as a team.
- Seek to understand each other's opinions.
- Clarify with each other what we understand and communicate if it is correct.
- Acknowledge valid points that the other person has made.
- Points of view will be stated in a non-judgemental and non-attacking manner.
- Seek to find common ground.
- If a resolution cannot be found, third party support can step in.

## 6. Meeting Guidelines

- The allocated offsite hours on **Tuesday 8am-2pm** will stay and be reserved for the project meetings and work the team needs to complete.
- Team members will attend meetings prepared.
- Meeting discussions will stay on topic.
- A brief for the next week's meeting will be discussed or planned throughout the week before the meeting.

## 7. Documentation

- Use OneDrive to host final submission.
- Keep working documents on Teams for mentor visibility.
- Use Trello to organize work required and work results.

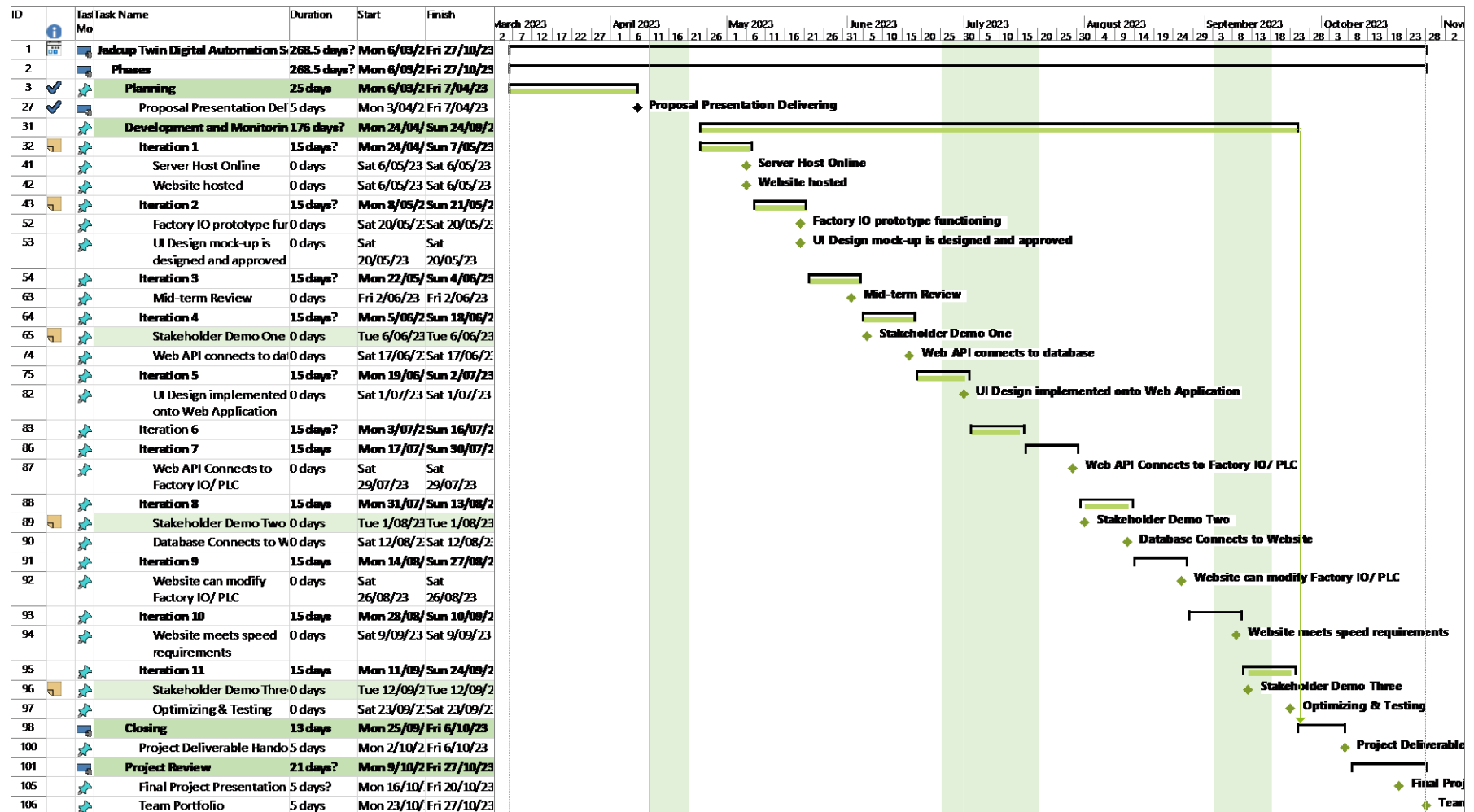
## 8.1 MILESTONE REPORT

| Milestone                                  | Iteration | Date              | Status    | Issues/Comments                                  |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Project Proposal Deadline                  |           | 31/03/2023        | Completed |                                                  |
| Proposal Presentation                      |           | 07/04/2023        | Completed |                                                  |
| Upskilling completed                       |           | 23/04/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| Server Host Online                         | 1         | 06/05/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| Website hosted                             | 1         | 06/05/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| UI Design mock-up is designed and approved | 2         | 20/05/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| Factory IO prototype working               | 2         | 20/05/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| Stakeholder Demo one                       |           | After Iteration 3 |           | Specific date to be scheduled with stakeholders. |
| Mid-term Review                            | 3         | 02/06/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| Web API connects to database               | 4         | 17/06/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| UI Design implemented onto web host        | 5         | 1/07/2023         | Running   |                                                  |
| Web API Connects to Factory IO/ PLC        | 7         | 29/07/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| Stakeholder Demo Two                       |           | After Iteration 7 |           | Specific date to be scheduled with stakeholders. |
| Database Connects to Website               | 8         | 12/08/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| Website can modify Factory IO/ PLC         | 9         | 26/08/2023        | Running   |                                                  |
| Website meets speed requirements           | 10        | 9/09/2023         | Running   |                                                  |

|                              |    |                    |         |                                                  |
|------------------------------|----|--------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Stakeholder Demo Three       |    | After Iteration 10 |         | Specific date to be scheduled with stakeholders. |
| Optimization & Testing       | 11 | 23/09/2023         | Running |                                                  |
| Project Deliverable Handover |    | S2 Week 11         | Running | Exact deadline unspecified                       |
| Client Feedback              |    | S2 Week 12         | Running | Exact deadline unspecified                       |
| Mentor Feedback              |    | S2 Week 13         | Running | Exact deadline unspecified                       |
| Team Poster                  |    | S2 Week 13         | Running | Exact deadline unspecified                       |
| Team Portfolio               |    | S2 Week 14         | Running | Exact deadline unspecified                       |
| Reflective Report            |    | S2 Week 14         | Running | Exact deadline unspecified                       |

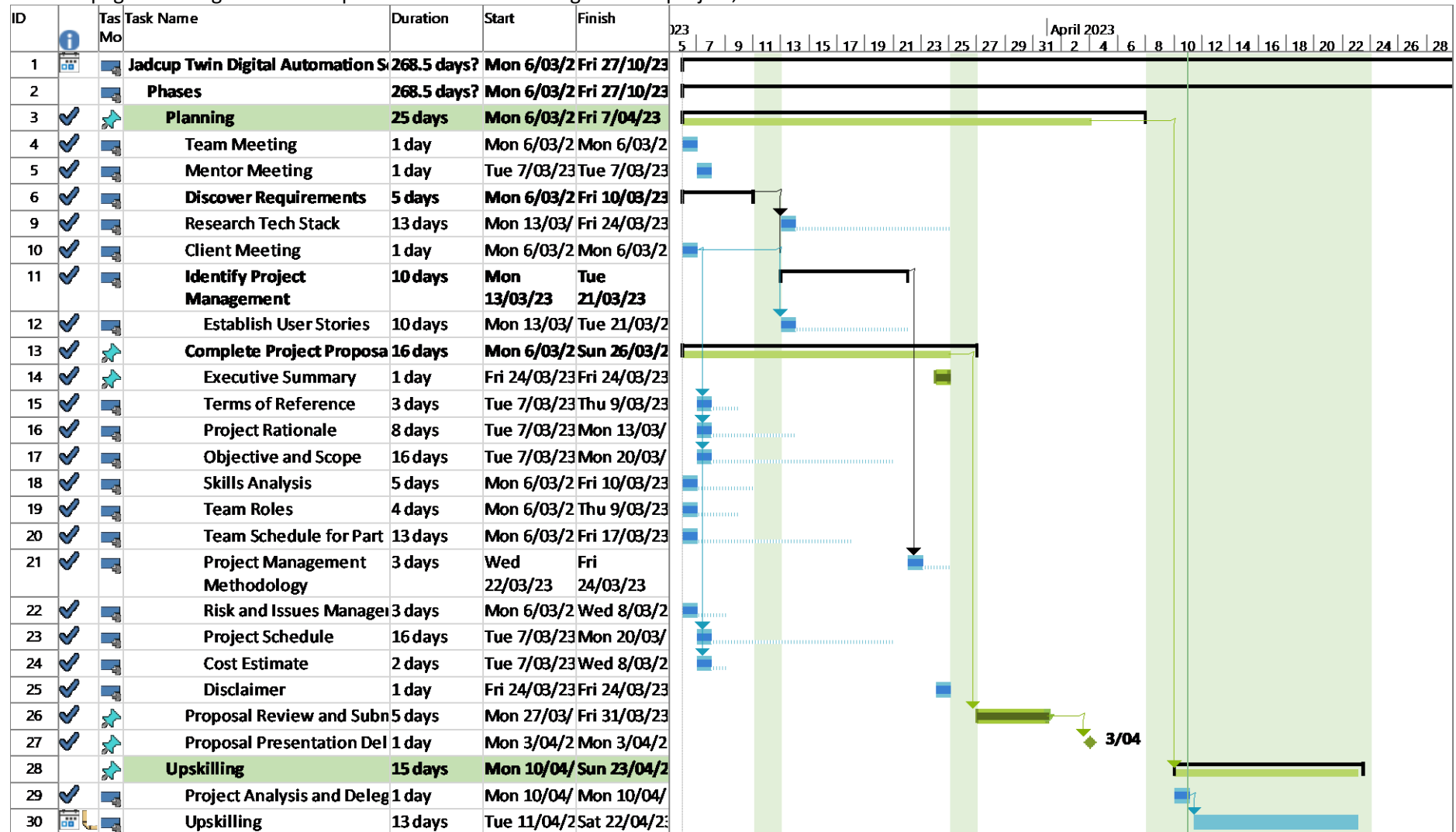
## 8.2 PROJECT SCHEDULE

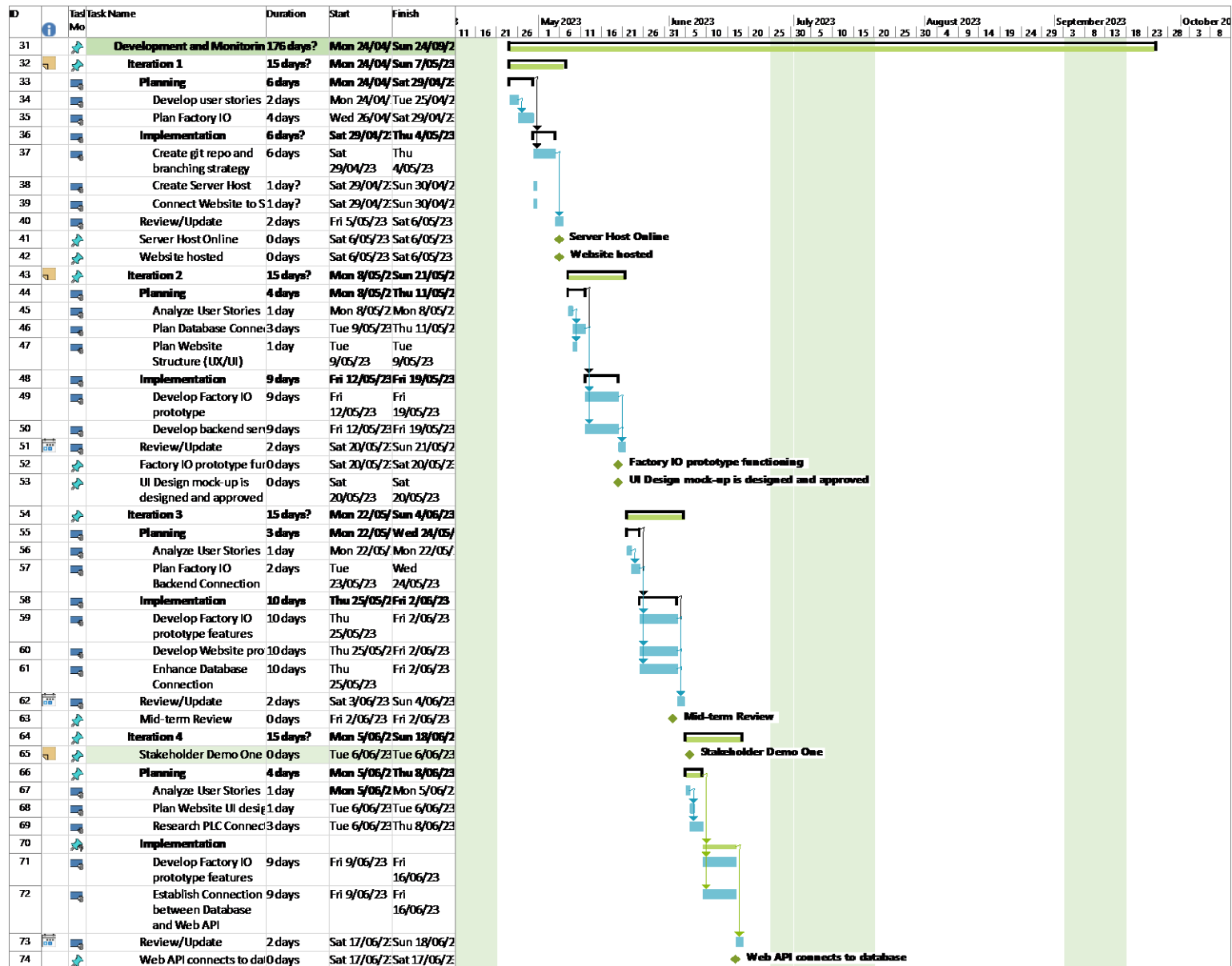
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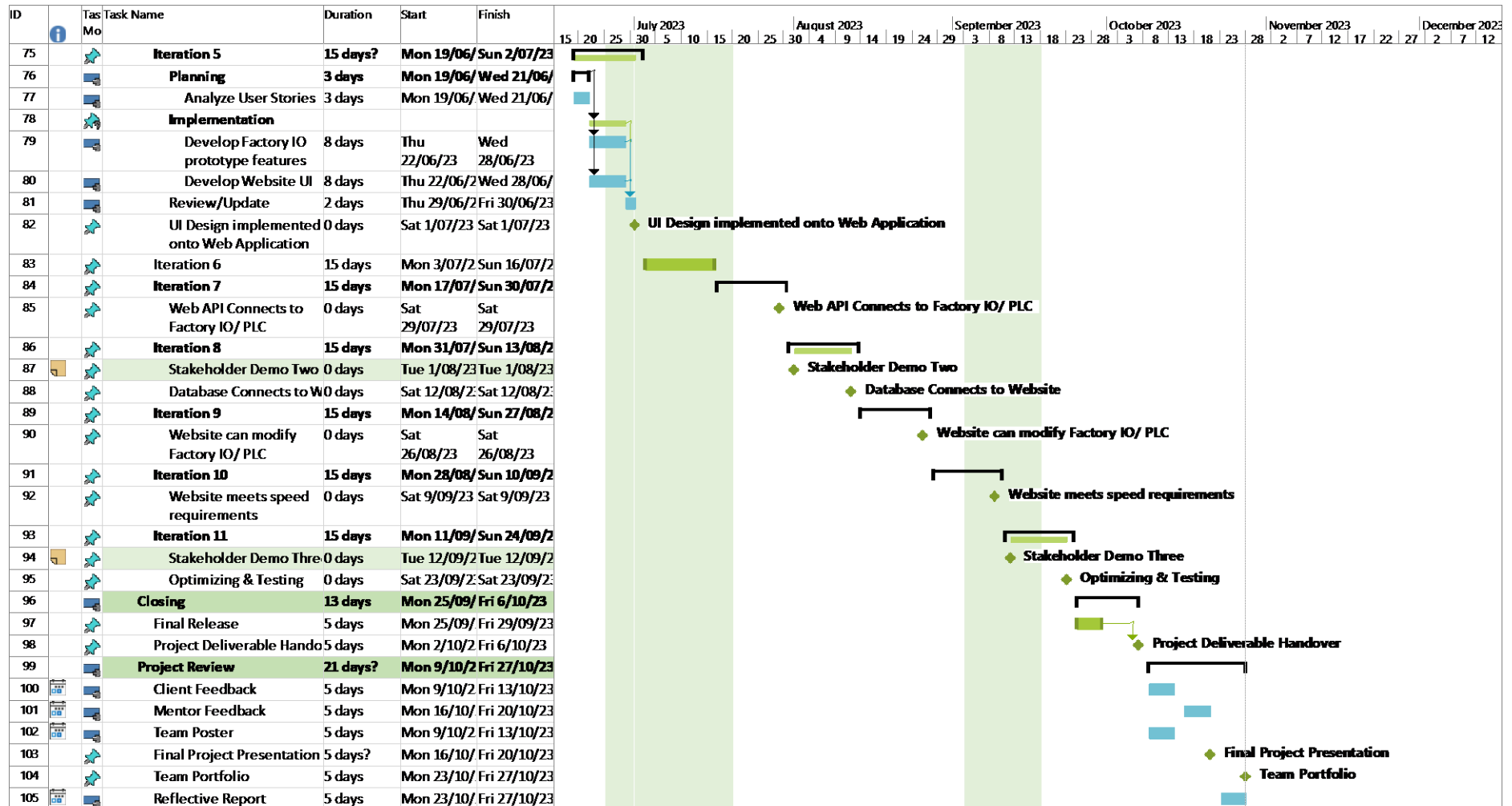


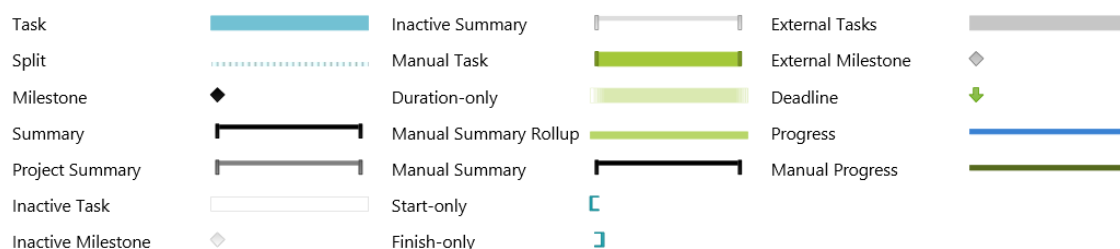


The two pages below go more in-depth into the different stages of the project, shown below.









Note: each iteration contains phases for planning, implementation, review and updating, and can be assigned dynamically every week as we progress. The iterations do not set restrictions or deadlines and focuses on creating a reliable structure the team can plan with to complete milestones. Additionally, the tasks identified so far are hypothetical suggestions based on the milestones, and are flexible for change during the development of the project.

Iteration planning phase:

Discuss standup meetings, and how they impact upcoming iteration  
Discuss how we pull cards out of backlog based from decisions made from the standup meetings

Implementation phase:

Complete the cards we pulled out from standup meetings, or start working

Review phase:

We confirm with the client or mentor that they are happy with the progress made, and check if there are any changes required before marking card as complete/continuing development

Update phase:

If applicable, the changes requested in the review phase are implemented during this short phase before continuing to next iteration. If the change scope is out of reach to complete within this phase, the change is converted into a new card which is set to be the highest priority to complete in the next iteration.

### 8.3 MEETING MINUTES

| Meeting type   | Date                            | Time   | Location            |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Team meeting   | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March    | 6pm    | WZ701               |
| Mentor meeting | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March   | 11am   | WZ1101              |
| Mentor meeting | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March  | 10am   | WZ1101              |
| Team meeting   | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March  | 11am   | WZ601               |
| Client meeting | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March | 1pm    | Jadcup headquarters |
| Team meeting   | Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March | 9am    | Online              |
| Team meeting   | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March  | 9.30am | WZ701               |
| Mentor meeting | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March  | 10am   | WZ1101              |
| Team meeting   | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March  | 11am   | WZ1101              |
| Team meeting   | Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March | 9am    | Online              |
| Mentor meeting | Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March  | 10am   | WZ1101              |

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| Team meeting | Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March | 11am | WZ701 |
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## Risk Register for Jadcup Digital Factory Automation

Date: 13-Mar

| No. | Threat     | Risk                              | Description                                                                            | Root Cause                                                               | Triggers | Potential Responses                                              | Risk Owner     | Probability | Impact | Status     |
|-----|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| 1   | Medium     | Unclear Requirements              | The design and necessary features of the project may be unclear throughout the project | The project is as new for the client as it is for the team               |          | Keep open and clear communication with the client's requirements | Client Liaison | Medium      | High   | Watching   |
| 2   | Low-Medium | Incorrect work performed          | With uncertainty of outcomes or requirements, work may be wasted in unnecessary areas  | Unclear, undocumented team direction                                     |          | Clarify work with the team, mentor, and client regularly         | Team Manager   | Low         | Medium | Unresolved |
| 3   | Medium     | Scope Creep                       | The work required for the project may gradually increase and overwhelm the team        | Designing or discussing features that don't align with the prototype MVP |          | Check each feature aligns with the MVP                           | Whole Team     | High        | High   | Unresolved |
| 4   | Low-Medium | Mismanaged feature prioritization | Features incorrectly prioritized may result in delays                                  | Poorly managed and discussed features. Improper                          |          | Weekly meetings to discuss                                       | Whole Team     | Medium      | Low    | Unresolved |

|   |            |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |      |        |            |
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|   |            |                                    | if one system requires on another, undelivered system (AKA, the web frontend relying on the backend & database)                                                      | discussion on slow-to-implement systems                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                              | prioritization and delays                                                                                                                                                                                                   |            |      |        |            |
| 5 | Low-Medium | Poor product design                | The tech stack or user design may be irrelevant to the prototype's end goals                                                                                         | Research and discussion not properly performed between the team and client                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                              | Be as thorough as the team can be with tech stack research and keep discussion open with the team.                                                                                                                          | Whole Team | Low  | Medium | Watching   |
| 6 | High       | Poor communication with the client | Poor communication with clients can impact on the final project as well as the team, which can lead to problems like dissatisfied clients and pressure for the team. | The client's naive language might not be English, which can lead to difficulties in understanding what the clients wants and does not want as well as the team not able to give an answer or question related to the project.<br><br>Additionally, client | If the client gets back to us with a slew of changes, we know this risk has become an issue. | Send demos and reviews to the client for them to get back to us. Any feedback from the client can be baked into our change management through iteration or design planning. In the meantime, get assistance from our mentor | Whole Team | High | High   | Unresolved |

|   |            |                                      |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                           |              |      |        |          |
|---|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------|--------|----------|
|   |            |                                      |                                                                                                                          | communication is minimal and client meetings are very infrequent, lacking feedback or discussion about the project. |  | regarding requirements and feedback as part of our change management.     |              |      |        |          |
| 7 | Medium     | poor time-management                 | The standard and quality of the prototype could be impacted by improper time management for the entire project.          | Not finishing task on schedule can lead to more time catching up                                                    |  | Finish your work and task on schedule. Stay focus.                        | Whole Team   | High | Medium | Watching |
| 8 | Low-Medium | Workplace injury (Health and Safety) | Not knowing the health and safety hazards of the environment                                                             | The project in a factory environment is a first for most of the team                                                |  | Researching and learning the basic health and safety rule of the workshop | Whole Team   | Low  | High   | Watching |
| 9 | High       | Legal Issue                          | The clients need to tell the team their legal or regulation requirements, so that we don't break the client requirements | By not knowing the client's legal or regulation requirements                                                        |  | Ask the client if there is any legal or regulation requirements           | Team Manager | Low  | High   | Watching |



|    |             |                                                   |                                                                                                              |                                                                                 |  |                                                                              |              |        |        |          |
|----|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|----------|
| 10 | high        | Poor communication with other members of the team | Not letting your team members know about problems or struggles that you are having.                          | Trying to solve issue/problem yourself, or struggling in finishing up your task |  | Letting the team know your issue or problems that you may been having.       | Whole Team   | Medium | Medium | Watching |
| 11 | high        | team member unavailable to participate            | Someone might have had an issue come up or some sort of personal reason that is preventing them from coming. | Overwhelmed with everyday problem/obstacle                                      |  | Let the team and mentor know about the situation.                            | Team Members | Medium | Low    | Watching |
| 12 | Medium-high | lockdown happening again                          | Another global pandemic issue according                                                                      | Not caring about yourself or others during pandemic                             |  | Staying home when you are not feeling well                                   | Whole Team   | Low    | High   | Watching |
| 13 | high        | data loss                                         | Not being able to save or back up the data from PCLs                                                         | PCs we store information break, we lose power, etc.                             |  | Test and trial before implementing it into the prototype                     | Whole Team   | Medium | Medium | Watching |
| 14 | high        | Requirement beyond scope                          | Trying to implement a key feature which will take more time to build than what the team                      | client negotiation, work delegation, or change management plans.                |  | Breaking down the feature to thorough analysis the difficulty of the project | Whole team   | high   | high   | watching |

|    |        |                   |                                                         |                                   |  |  |            |        |        |          |
|----|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------|--------|--------|----------|
| 15 | Medium | Data availability | Docs that we requested from the client in risk register | Might be due to the client policy |  |  | Whole team | Medium | Medium | watching |
|----|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------|--------|--------|----------|

## 9.2 ISSUE LOG

| # | Issue Description         | Impact on Project                                                                        | Report date | Reported by | Assigned To | Priority (M/H/L) | Resolve date | Status | Comments                                                                                                                           |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Late team formation       | Reduced amount of time for the project by a week                                         | 27/3/23     | Jane        | Jane        | High             |              | Active | Will be working during weekends if necessary                                                                                       |
| 2 | Scheduling issue          | Everyone's timetables during the week clash which prevents the team from having meetings | 27/3/23     | Jane        | Everyone    | High             | 13/3/23      | Closed | Everyone agreed to meet during the weekend (Saturday)                                                                              |
| 3 | Communication with client | Client prefers Mandarin over English which none of us can speak                          | 28/3/23     | Matthew     | Matthew     | Medium           | 16/3/23      | Closed | Matthew acted as the translator during the meeting, and the client agreed to give us his email if we needed further clarifications |
| 4 | Behind schedule           | Lack of information of the project delayed the start of the proposal                     | 14/3/23     | Matthew     | Jane        | High             | 15/3/23      | Active | Wrote out the proposal's template, will be updating regularly with completed plans                                                 |
| 5 | Lots of requirements      | The project requires lots of different components that all require different skillsets   | 16/3/23     | Jane        | Everyone    | High             | 20/4/23      | Active | Will designate tasks between members based on their skills, as we                                                                  |

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|   |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |                |                |             |         |          | <p>may start upskilling before submitting proposal.</p> <p>Will designate tasks between members based on their skills, as we will start upskilling before submitting proposal.</p> |
| 6 | Insufficient amount of work being completed | Saturday meetings aren't enough for us to be productive as meeting online during the weekend reduces motivation                                                                                                         | 29/4/23 | Myles          | Everyone       | High        | 29/4/23 | Resolved | Additional meeting on Tuesday                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7 | Yeran got into accident                     | Yeran got into an accident on the motorway this meeting, and he had the prototype we were supposed to show Matthew                                                                                                      | 9/5/23  | Yeran          | Yeran          | Medium-High | 9/5/23  | Resolved | He's fine                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8 | Daniel isn't responding                     | We wanted to get the source code of the machines but Daniel hasn't replied even after we sent him several emails, which caused us to start worrying whether we would be able to receive proper feedback from him at all | 25/5/23 | Myles          | Daniel & Team  | High        |         | Active   | He's still not responding                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9 | Incorrect FactoryIO licenses                | We were initially provided with starter edition FactoryIO licenses which only provided drivers for control i/o, proprietary software for interfacing with the factory scenes. It                                        | 25/5/23 | Yeran & Joshua | Team & Matthew | High        | 11/5/23 | Resolved | We have been provided a Factory I/O Ultimate Edition license by AUT, which means we can play around with the factory scenes using whatever library and unblocks future work.       |

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|    |                        | meant we didn't have a way to interface with factory scenes with javascript modbus library. We used trial accounts but these are locked after one month, and locked to hardware. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Tonys ghosting as well |                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 9.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

#### 1. Abstract

##### 1.1. Introduction

While developing a dashboard for integration in industrial settings, it is vital that we ensure that there are no issues that could cause damage to the product, environment, or equipment involved. To prevent this, we must implement a consistent process of testing and review that we'll ensure we detect potential issues before they are introduced into a production environment.

##### 1.2. Purpose

The follow is a plan to establish guidelines to Assure the quality of any code developed for this project. Defining the expectations for the testing of any developed feature or code will assist in ensuring that any problems that are found will be consistent and efficient.

##### 1.3. Scope

The Quality Assurance Plan focuses on the testing of features as they are developed along with the documentation of those tests along with the process and documentation of code reviews and Q.A. Evaluation.

This plan is necessary to ensure that no feature we develop will cause damage to the warehouse environment that the system is to be deployed into and the machinery that it is implemented with.

##### 1.4. Policy Statement

We will strive to produce an effective and quality product that will modernize Jadcup's production line.  
In our endeavor to achieve this we will:

- Nurture a team culture that strives for quality.
- Ensure internal testing standards.
- Create an environment where feedback is encouraged.

- Record testing results for internal evaluation of current Q.A. procedures.
- Review of QA Metric results to identify common issues in development.
- Ensure that any requirements proved by the client are fulfilled.

## **2. Management**

### **2.1. Organizational Structure**

Members of the Quality Assurance and Technical Team report to Senior Management who further reports to the client. However, it is the responsibility of the Q.A./ Technical Team to develop, plan, and execute Testing and Reviews as they occur.

Because we are utilizing a Kanban methodology we will not be utilizing a QA Manager who would focus on developing acceptance tests and test code. Instead a member of the QA team will take on that role for a specific card on our Kanban board.

### **2.2. Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **2.2.1. Senior Management**

Matthew Kuo will act as Senior Management for Quality Assurance, however in this role his main responsibilities will be acting as a third party for any issues that could arise in the process of Q.A. disputes.

#### **2.2.2. Task Lead**

Any task listed on the Kanban board will be assigned a task leader who is responsible for delivering the item for testing and review, this member will not be able to act as a member of the QA Team for that specific item.

#### **2.2.3. Quality Assurance/ Technical Team**

The Q.A. and Technical Team will be a single team made up of the Development team.

##### **2.2.3.1. Quality Assurance Team**

Quality Assurance Team members are responsible for the testing of cards and recording the results.

##### **2.2.3.2. Technical Team**

Technical Team members undertake the process of code walkthroughs and review the tests that have been done.

## **3. Q.A. procedure**

The Key to Ensuring our Q.A. Procedures are moving smoothly is using our Kanban Board on Trello to visualize the process and make it easy to detect at a glance what should be prioritized. Utilizing the Trello environment, we are able to assign developers and add reports and other documents for ease of communication as well as allowing us to work remotely.

While typically the Q.A. process is underdone when members of the respective teams are available, should a test need to be expedited then the card can be colored red so it is visually marked as urgent additionally members of the team will be alerted by the Task Lead that this card must be done

quickly. A card may require an expedited timeline due to its importance to the stability of the project or because it is holding up further development of other cards. Any card that is marked to be expedited will not be counted against the flow rate of the systems.

### 3.1. Testing

Once a developer has finished working on a given card the developer utilizes the Kanban Board to move the card from the *In Development* column to the *Waiting for Testing* column, adding a link to the corresponding push request through Github. Once the card has been moved to the new column a member of the Q.A. Team can be added to create unit tests, integration tests, and/or, Functional tests depending on the requirements of a given card. Any test that is used should be run several times to ensure consistency.

Should the tests fail, the card will be moved back into the In Development Column, the push request will be declined, and the Task Lead will be notified. Should the Testing succeed, the card will be moved into the *In Review* column.

Once testing has concluded then a Testing Results matrix will be attached to the card as outlined in 4.1 *Testing Matrices*. And records any applicable data into the Metric Record as outlined in 4.3. *Q.A. Metric Record*.

### 3.2. Code Walkthrough

The Code walkthrough is key in ensuring that testing and coding standards are being upheld but also can act as a teaching tool where members of the development team they are less knowledgeable about a topic can learn.

When a Card has been tested and has moved into the *In Review* Column then a review of both the card and code is undertaken, the review process is underdone by members of the technical team that did not work on developing the card, this includes the member of the Q.A. team that produced the tests.

In the case where there are no eligible members of the technical team remaining, the walkthrough will be done with a selection of the Developer team that feels they did not work on enough amount of the feature to be biased in any way.

During the Walkthrough process the Technical Team will review both the code of the feature and testing that has been done. Should the team find that more tests are required then the card will return to the *In Testing* Column. If the team determines that the code overreaches the scope of a given card, then they will reach out to the Task Lead for justification. If this Justification is not sufficient then the card will be moved back to the *In Development* column. Otherwise once review is completed the Technical Team will move the card to the *Release* column.

Once the code walkthrough has concluded for any of the above reasons a Code Review document will be attached to the given card as outlined in 4.2. Code Review Reports.

### 3.3. Q.A. Evaluations

Evaluations are the processes we utilize to ensure the products overall health, through the review of the Q.A. Metric Record as an overview of testing results and any key or repeating issues can be found and a discussion on possible changes can be undertaken.

Evaluation reviews of the Metric Record, along with any key issues that are detected and collated into an Evaluation Report such that it can be used as evidence and or justification in a change request.

## 4. Required Documentation

### 4.1. Testing Matrices

Testing Matrices are utilized to record and display the testing that has occurred on a given card. These matrices are designed so that anyone who views them can quickly review the tests that have occurred, test description, the expected outcomes, and the actual outcome. Along with dates and who developed the tests.

| Test type | Test # | Test Description                           | Expected outcome | Actual Outcome | Test Pass |
|-----------|--------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Unit Test |        | Testing for correct read of machine output |                  |                | Test fail |
|           | 1      |                                            | 159              | 28             | Fail      |
|           | 2      |                                            | 159              | 28             | Fail      |
|           | 3      |                                            | 159              | 28             | Fail      |

### 4.2. Code Review Reports

Code Review Documents are used to identify issues and determine any weak points in our testing and development cycles. The document records any notes that the Technical Team has regarding any aspect of either tests used or code written. The document is key in detailing any reason that a card has failed the walkthrough and may be shorter if there are no such issues.

### 4.3. Q.A. Metric Record.

The Metric Record is used to collate and record results from Testing matrices and Review Reports. The document acts as a living document that allows us to at a glance determine any issues that occur. The metrics recorded and the reasons for them can be found in *6.0 Quality Assurance Metrics*.

#### **4.4. Evaluation Reports**

Evaluation Reports are Documents that record evaluation sessions and document what metrics and reoccurring issues have been detected, detailing specific instances if required. The document is detailed just that it can be used as evidence in a Change Request Form and should be comprehensive enough to not require someone to review individual Review Reports and Test Matrices.

### **5. Problem Reporting Procedures**

#### **5.1. Noncompliance Reporting procedure**

Should a member of the Q.A. Team or Technical Team find that cards are being repeatedly submitted without the required changes having been resolved then that member should bring this to attention in the following meeting and a discussion must be made regarding why the changes are not being made.

Should this become a recurring issue the problem will be escalated to Senior Management members for assistance in finding an amicable resolution.

### **6. Quality Assurance Metrics**

The following Section outlines what Metrics we will use to gage the effectiveness of our QA process and assist in identifying repeating issues.

#### **6.1. Test Coverage**

##### **6.1.1. Test Execution**

Test Execution measures the number of tests we run and their results. Results are classified as pass or fail. Can be used alongside other metrics or alone.

##### **6.1.2. Tests Per Card**

TPC Measures how many tests we are running on a given card, this metric allows us to identify if we are under/over testing our cards. Can be used with other metrics or alone.

##### **6.1.3. Bug per card**

This metric allows us to find how effective our methods are at detecting bugs in a system. It is important to know that this metric does not need to be high but should act as a tool alongside other metrics such as test Execution and TPC to measure quality in our testing.

#### **6.2. Bug distribution**

Bug Distribution Allows us to identify common sources of issues such as integration, performance, security, unit level, eta. By measuring this distribution, we can identify weak points in our skills and determine where we should be putting extra focus during our testing.



## 7. Quality Standards

### 7.1. Definition of Ready (DoR)

The Definition of Ready defines how we decide if a user story is viable to start developing on. By using this metric, we can guarantee that we are not starting work that we cannot finish. For example, if a user story requires a database to be running and the story that develops the database has not been finished, then that user story should not start.

### 7.2. Definition of Done (DoD)

The Definition of Done is a metric used to ensure that all developers understand what an outcome should look like when deciding if their systems are ready to be considered finalized. By using this metric, we can standardize the both the testing and review stages to ensure that there are no discrepancies between user stories as well as ensure that user stories are not entering testing and review stages before they should.

When considering if a user story meets the DoD, then we must consider the following for the following stages:

- Development:
  - The code only affects necessary systems.
  - Developers have reasonable expectations that the code will pass testing and review.
  - Code achieves user story.
- Testing:
  - The code passes unit tests.
  - The code passes integration tests.
  - Test matrix filled and attached to card.
  - Matrix added to metric record.
- Review:
  - Code fulfills programming standards.
  - The code is well documented.
  - Testing done is relevant and effective.
  - Evaluation report written and attached to card.