

Best Bike Paths (BBP)

Requirement Analysis and Specification Document

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a Requirement Analysis and Specification for the Best Bike Paths (BBP) system.

BBP is a software system designed to support cyclists in recording their personal biking activities and in managing the route information about bike paths. The system allows users to manually insert information about bike paths, such as their status and the presence of obstacles, and to visualize possible bike paths between a origin starting point and a destination on a map.

This document defines the goals, assumptions, and requirements of the BBP system. It serves as a contractual reference between stakeholders and developers and as a baseline for subsequent design and implementation activities.

1.1.1 Goals

G1: The user wants to record a biking trip, in order to keep track of personal biking activities.

G2: The user wants to review previously recorded biking trips, in order to recall and organize past experiences.

G3: The user wants to visualize possible biking paths between a specified origin and destination, in order to support route selection.

G4: The user wants to manually add information about a bike path based on personal experience, in order to document relevant conditions and obstacles.

G5: The user wants to decide whether the information added about a bike path should be made visible to other users, in order to control its sharing.

1.2 Scope

The scope of the document is limited to the functionalitiThis section describes the application domain of the Best Bike Paths (BBP) system by distinguishing between phenomena that occur in the real world and those that are shared between the system and its users.

The scope of this document is limited to the functionalities assigned to single-student groups, namely the recording of personal biking trips, the manual insertion of information about bike paths, and the visualization of bike paths between a specified origin and destination. Advanced functionalities such as automatic data collection, aggregation of reports from multiple users, and conflict resolution are explicitly excluded from the scope.

1.2.1 World Phenomena

World phenomena are events and conditions that occur independently of the BBP system and are not directly controlled by it. These phenomena belong to the environment in which the system operates.

- WP1: The user starting and stopping the recording of a biking trip through the system[cite: 1441].
- WP2: The user manually inserting information about a bike path, including its status and possible obstacles[cite: 1447].
- WP3: The system storing recorded biking trips[cite: 1441].
- WP4: The system displaying recorded trips and bike paths on a map[cite: 1455].
- WP5: The user specifying an origin and a destination to visualize possible biking paths[cite: 1455].

- WP6: The user deciding whether the information added about a bike path is visible to other users[cite: 1453].

1.2.2 Shared Phenomena

Shared phenomena are events and information that are observable and managed both by the users and the BBP system. These phenomena define the interaction between the system and its environment.

- SP1: The user signals the system to start and stop the recording of a trip.
- SP2: The system retrieves meteorological data from an external weather service to enrich trip records.
- SP3: The user manually inputs street names, path status, and obstacle descriptions into the system.
- SP4: The user sets a specific trip or path report as "publishable" or "private" within the application.
- SP5: The system provides the user with trip statistics, including total distance and average speed.
- SP6: The user inputs an origin and a destination to request path options.
- SP7: The system visualizes bike paths on a map, displaying their computed scores to the user.
- SP8: The system provides a list/inventory of the user's previously recorded trips for review.

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, Abbreviations

- BBP: Best Bike Paths.
- User: An individual who interacts with the BBP system to record biking activities and manage bike path information.
- Trip: A biking performed by a user and recorded through the BBP system.
- Bike Path: A designated route for biking, which can be recorded and managed within the BBP system.
- Publishable Information: Information about bike paths that users can choose to share with others through the BBP system.

1.4 Revision History

Version	Date	Description
1.0	December 21, 2025	Initial version

1.5 Reference Documents

- Software Engineering 2 - Requirement Engineering and Design Assignment Description
- IEEE/ISO/IEC 29148-2018 - Systems and software engineering – Life cycle processes – Requirements engineering

1.6 Document Structure

This document is organized as follows.

Section 2 provides an overall description of the BBP system, including scenarios, user characteristics, and domain assumptions.

Section 3 details the functional and non-functional requirements of the system.

Section 4 presents a formal analysis of selected aspects of the system using Alloy.

Section 5 reports the effort spent on this document.

2 Overall Description

2.1 Product Perspective

2.1.1 Scenarios

Scenario 1: User records a personal biking trip User Alice is about to start her daily commute to work and wants to track her performance. She opens the Best Bike Paths (BBP) application on her smartphone and logs in. She navigates to the "My Trips" section and taps the "Start Recording" button. As she cycles, the system tracks her location via GPS. Once she arrives at her office, she taps "Stop Recording". The system automatically retrieves the current weather conditions (e.g., temperature and wind speed) from an external service and saves the trip [cite: 1441-1443]. Alice can now view the summary of her ride, including total distance and average speed, stored in her personal history.

Scenario 2: User manually inserts path information User Bob is riding through "Oak Street" and notices that the bike lane is full of potholes, making it dangerous. Later, when he is safe at home, he decides to report this to the community. He logs into BBP and selects the "Add Path Info" feature. He manually enters the street name "Oak Street" and sets the status to "Requires Maintenance" [cite: 1444, 1447]. He also adds a note specifying "Deep potholes near the intersection." He decides to make this information public so other cyclists can be warned, toggling the "Publishable" option [cite: 1453]. The system saves this report and associates it with the specific path location.

Scenario 3: User visualizes bike paths between origin and destination User Charlie wants to bike from his home to the central train station but is unsure of the safest route. He opens the BBP application and enters his home address as the "Origin" and the station address as the "Destination" [cite: 1455]. The system searches for existing bike paths connecting these two points. It finds two possible routes and displays them on a map. The system highlights the first route as the recommended option because it has a higher score, calculated based on recent user reports indicating "Optimal" status [cite: 1456-1457]. Charlie selects this route to view the details before starting his ride.

2.1.2 Domain Model

The domain model describes the main concepts involved in the Best Bike Paths (BBP) application domain and the relationships among them.

A *User* represents a person interacting with the system to record biking trips and to manage information about bike paths.

A *Trip* represents a biking activity performed by a user and recorded through the system. Each trip is associated with exactly one user and refers to a specific bike path.

A *BikePath* represents a sequence of streets or tracks suitable for biking, possibly identified by an origin and a destination. A bike path may be associated with multiple trips and may be described by multiple pieces of information.

PathInformation represents information manually provided by a user about a bike path, such as its general condition or the presence of obstacles. Each piece of path information is associated with exactly one bike path and is created by a user.

Figure X illustrates the domain model and the relationships among these concepts.

2.2 Product Functions

The BBP system provides a set of functionalities aimed at supporting individual cyclists in managing their biking activities and route-related information.

The main functions of the system include:

- Recording personal biking trips initiated and terminated by the user.
- Storing recorded trips and associating them with the user profile.
- Allowing users to manually insert information about bike paths based on personal experience.
- Managing the visibility of inserted bike path information according to user preferences.
- Visualizing possible biking paths between a specified origin and destination on a map.

The BBP system does not perform automatic data collection, route optimization, or aggregation of information from multiple users, as these functionalities are outside the scope of the current system.

2.3 User Characteristics

The intended users of the BBP system are individual cyclists with basic familiarity with mobile or web-based applications.

Users are expected to:

- Be able to interact with graphical user interfaces.
- Manually provide information related to bike paths based on personal experience.
- Understand basic map representations, including origin and destination points.

No advanced technical skills are required. The system is designed for occasional and personal use rather than professional or large-scale data analysis.

2.4 Assumptions, Dependencies and Constraints

The BBP system relies on the following assumptions:

- Users provide accurate and truthful information when recording trips or adding path information.
- The device used by the user is capable of displaying map-based information.
- Network connectivity is available when accessing functionalities that require data storage or visualization.

The system depends on external map services for the visualization of bike paths.

Constraints include:

- The system supports only single-user interaction.
- All path information is manually inserted by users.
- Advanced analytics, automatic route computation, and collaborative features are excluded.

3 Specific Requirements

3.1 External Interface Requirements

3.1.1 User Interfaces

3.1.2 Hardware Interfaces

3.1.3 Software Interfaces

3.1.4 Communication Interfaces

3.2 Functional Requirements

3.2.1 Use Cases

Name	UC1: Record a Biking Trip
Actors	Registered User, External Weather Service
Entry Condition	The user is logged into the BBP application, and the device's GPS is active.
Event Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The User navigates to the "Trip" section and presses "Start Recording".2. The System begins tracking the user's location and duration.3. The User rides their bike to the destination.4. The User presses "Stop Recording".5. The System calculates trip statistics (distance, average speed)[cite: 1442].6. The System requests current weather data from the External Weather Service.7. The System saves the trip with statistics and weather data to the user's history.8. The System displays the trip summary to the User.
Exit Condition	The trip is successfully stored in the database and visible in the user's history.
Exceptions	(6) Weather Service Unavailable: If the external service does not respond, the System saves the trip without weather data and notifies the user. (2) GPS Signal Lost: If GPS is lost during the ride, the System pauses recording and prompts the user.

Name	UC2: Insert Path Information (Manual)
Actors	Registered User
Entry Condition	The user is logged into the BBP application.

Event Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The User selects "Add Path Info". 2. The User manually enters the name of the street(s) included in the path[cite: 1447]. 3. The User selects the status of the path (e.g., optimal, sufficient, requires maintenance)[cite: 1444]. 4. The User optionally describes obstacles (e.g., potholes)[cite: 1444]. 5. The User toggles the visibility setting (Publishable or Private)[cite: 1453]. 6. The User confirms the submission. 7. The System validates the input and stores the information.
Exit Condition	The path information is stored. If marked "Publishable", it becomes available for system-wide path scoring.
Exceptions	(2) Invalid Street Name: The System cannot verify the street name against the map database and asks the User to correct it.

Name	UC3: Visualize Bike Paths
Actors	User (Registered or Unregistered) [cite: 1454]
Entry Condition	The user has the application open on the map view.
Event Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The User specifies an "Origin" and a "Destination"[cite: 1455]. 2. The User requests to visualize paths. 3. The System computes available paths between the points. 4. The System calculates a score for each path based on path status and effectiveness[cite: 1457]. 5. The System displays the paths on the map, highlighting the one with the highest score. 6. The User browses the path details.
Exit Condition	The best available bike paths are visualized on the map.
Exceptions	(3) No Path Found: The System cannot find a viable bike path between the points and notifies the User.

Name	UC4: User Registration
Actors	Unregistered User
Entry Condition	The user has installed the application but does not have an account.
Event Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The User launches the application and selects "Sign Up". 2. The User enters required details (email, password, username). 3. The System validates the input format. 4. The System creates a new account in the database. 5. The System confirms successful registration and logs the user in.
Exit Condition	A new user profile is created, and the user is authenticated.
Exceptions	(3) Email Already Exists: The System notifies the user that the email is already in use.

Name	UC5: User Login
Actors	User
Entry Condition	The user opens the application and is not authenticated.
Event Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The User enters email and password. 2. The User presses the "Login" button. 3. The System verifies the credentials against the database. 4. The System grants access and redirects the User to the main dashboard.
Exit Condition	The User is authenticated and can access restricted features (e.g., Record Trip).
Exceptions	(3) Invalid Credentials: The System displays an error message ("Incorrect email or password") and asks the user to retry.

Name	UC6: View Trip History
Actors	Registered User
Entry Condition	The user is logged in and has previously recorded at least one trip.
Event Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The User navigates to the "My Trips" (History) section. 2. The System retrieves the list of past trips associated with the user account. 3. The System displays the list, showing summary data (date, distance) for each trip. 4. The User selects a specific trip to view details. 5. The System displays detailed statistics (average speed, duration, weather conditions) for the selected trip.
Exit Condition	The User successfully reviews their past cycling activities.
Exceptions	(2) No History Available: If the user has no recorded trips, the System displays a "No trips recorded yet" message.

3.3 Performance Requirements

The BBP system shall provide responses to user interactions within a reasonable time frame.

In particular:

- Trip recording activation and termination shall be acknowledged within a few seconds.
- Visualization of bike paths shall be completed within an acceptable delay, depending on network conditions.

3.4 Design Constraints

3.4.1 Standards Compliance

3.4.2 Hardware Limitations

3.4.3 Other Constraints

3.5 Software System Attributes

3.5.1 Reliability

The BBP system shall ensure that recorded trips and inserted path information are not lost once confirmed by the user.

3.5.2 Availability

The system shall be available during normal operation times, subject to network connectivity and external service availability.

3.5.3 Security

The system shall restrict access to personal data and ensure that only authenticated users can access their recorded trips and private path information.

3.5.4 Maintainability

The BBP system shall be designed to allow future extensions, such as additional path attributes or enhanced visualization features.

3.5.5 Portability

The system shall be deployable on commonly used platforms supporting web or mobile applications.

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3.5.10 Portability

4 Formal Analysis Using Alloy

Formal analysis was conducted using the Alloy modeling language to validate critical aspects of the BBP system requirements.

In particular, the lifecycle of a *Trip* was modeled using a discrete time abstraction. The states *Idle*, *Recording*, and *Recorded* were defined, together with constraints restricting allowed state transitions.

An assertion was introduced to verify that a trip cannot reach the *Recorded* state without previously being in the *Recording* state. The assertion was checked using Alloy within a bounded scope, and no counterexample was found, indicating that the specified lifecycle constraints are consistent.

Figure Y illustrates an instance generated by Alloy that represents a valid execution trace of a trip lifecycle.

5 Effort Spent

Name	Task	Hours
Your Name	RASD preparation	–

6 References