
Vision and Scope Document

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1. Business Requirements

1.1. Background

Managing, calculating and monitoring grades is a time consuming and tedious task for any **Teacher**, especially if the **Course** is large. Numerous calculations must be carried out to set a grade. If variables such as different assignment weights and dynamic grading scales are to be taken into account these calculations become very tedious. **Teachers** have a stressful schedule as it is and should spend as much time as possible to prepare lectures and to do what they do best, teach!

Students want to be able to monitor their progress in a **Course**. Students also want to figure out what scores they need to achieve a desired grade. Depending on their own attitude towards the **Course** some **Students** wish to have opportunity to know their **Course** rank and how well they are doing compared to other students. Being able to do all of this from home saves both the **Teacher** and **Student** time and adds extra detail and attention to their **Course** experience.

1.2. Business Opportunity

There is a high market demand for a quality grading tool that will save time and effort for the **Teacher** by keeping track of and calculating grades for a large number of assignments and **Students**. The concept behind GooGrade is to simplify grade management at zero cost to the user.

GooGrade will be competing with other tools of similar nature, containing a variety of similar and different features.* GooGrade contains more features than other grading tools in the market at zero cost to the **Teacher** or academic institution. GooGrade will have a Desired Grade Calculator, which none of the competition offers. Moodle is the only other tool that can compete with GooGrade but lacks attendance keeping, desired grade calculator, and **Email** notifications. Coursemate is a higher priced tool with few features and Blackboard offers a good set of features with a cost that no individual **Teacher** can afford on their own without the support of an academic institution.

* based on comparative feature matrix (see Appendix A)

1.3. Business Objectives and Success Criteria

Objectives

- BO-1 Reduce grade management time for a **Teacher** by 50% of previous time spent managing grades within one week of using application
- BO-2 Increase access speed of grade viewing for a **Student** by 20% within one week of using application.
- BO-3 Provide free web based grade management application. **
- BO-5 Shows distinct grading breakdowns for every assignment.
- BO-6 A graphical user interface (GUI) that takes less four intermediate pages to navigate to desired page. **

- BO-7 A graphical user interface that does not use more than two fonts or font colors to display text paragraphs. **
- BO-8 Supported by the following web browsers: Firefox 3, Safari 3, or Internet Explorer 7. **

Success

- S-1 Measured by user positive and negative feedback.
The user experience is measured using survey analysis on a one to ten scale.
Success will be based on an average increases in ratings of 0.5 within three months of the initial release and 1.0 within twelve months of initial release.
- S-2 Increase in application use over a period of time.
If two or more **Teachers** choose GooGrade over competing software we will consider the project a success.

** based on information from customer Lauren Tsung

1.4. Customer or Market Needs

Teachers need a way to **ManageGrades**. **Teachers** also need to look at various metrics for the **Course** such as mean, median and mode for different sets of grades. The application will be web based, and thus accessible through a supported web browser. Because of this, the application will be operating system independent.

1.5. Business Risks

- RI-1 A University may be under contract to use one of GooGrade's competitor's applications, preventing GooGrade from even being considered for use.
- RI-2 A **Teacher** may not use the application since many other grading tools exist. Time and money may be spent developing an unused piece of software.

2. Vision of the Solution

2.1 Vision Statement

This grading application will provide a **Student** the ability to view their grades from the Internet without the need to visit the office hours of a **Teacher** on campus, and it provides a **Teacher** with an application that helps calculate grades, modify grading curves, and enables freedom of time for **Teacher** and **Student**. The grading application also includes a desired grade calculator that will notify **Student** what grades are needed to achieve a desired final grade.

2.2 Business Rules

- BR-1 The system must support a maximum of 200 **Student** per **Course**. The typical **Course** size is 40 but larger **Course(s)** exist.
- BR-2 A **Teacher** instructs a maximum of five **Course(s)**. Each **Course** may have one **TeacherAssistant**.
- BR-3 A **Teacher** has the option to add and drop any **Student** from a **Course** within the given university allowance time period. .

2.3 Major Features

There will be a hierarchy of **Permissions**. **Permissions** exclude certain system features from users who do not have **Permissions**. A **Teacher** will have the most **Permissions** and the **Student** will have the fewest.

A **Teacher** will always be able to:

- FE-1 Add, modify, and remove **Course(s)**
- FE-2 Add, modify, and remove users
- FE-3 Add, modify, and remove **Assignment(s)**
- FE-4 Add, modify, and remove **Announcement(s)**
- FE-5 View and modify **Course** grades and metrics
- FE-6 Communicate with **Student(s)** through email
- FE-7 Manage rosters and attendance
- FE-8 Import and export data
- FE-9 Upload and download a **File**
- FE-10 Print page
- FE-11 Reset **Password**

A **TeacherAssistant Permission(s)** are up to the discretion of a **Teacher** and can include any of the **Teacher's Permission(s)**.

A **Student** will always be able to:

- FE-9 Upload and download a **File**
- FE-10 Print page
- FE-11 Reset **Password**

- FE-12 View **Announcements**
- FE-13 View grades and **Course** standing
- FE-14 Calculate metrics to achieve desired grades
- FE-15 Add **Assignment**

2.3 Assumptions and Dependencies

Assumptions:

- AS-1 The storage space of information will be accessible to users at all times regardless of high volume loads.
- AS-2 **Course** prerequisites are met by enrolled **Student(s)**.
- AS-3 All **Student(s)** are enrolled in the **Course**.
- AS-4 All changes made to the storage space of the application take effect immediately.

Dependencies

- DE-1 The system will need to be hosted at an address on the Internet with secure data encryption.
- DE-2 The system depends on the **Teacher** and **TeacherAssistant** keeping **Course** rosters and any **Assignment** accurate and up to date.

3. Scope and Limitations

3.1 Scope of Initial Release

User	Feature	Release 1	Release 2
Teacher	FE-1: Add, modify, and remove Course(s)	Fully Implemented	
Teacher	FE-2: Add, modify, and remove users	Fully Implemented	
Teacher	FE-3: Add, modify, and remove Assignment(s)	Fully Implemented	
Teacher	FE-4: Add, modify, and remove Announcement(s)	Fully Implemented	
Teacher	FE-5 : View and modify Course grades and metrics	Fully Implemented	
Teacher	FE-6: Communicate with Student(s) through email	Not Implemented	Fully Implemented
Teacher	FE-7: Manage rosters and attendance	Fully Implemented	
Teacher	FE-8: Import and export data	Not Implemented	Fully Implemented
Teacher	FE-9 :Upload and download a File	Not Implemented	Fully Implemented
Teacher and Student	FE-10: Print page	Fully Implemented	
Teacher and Student	FE-11: Reset Password	Fully implemented	
Student	FE-12: View Announcement(s)	Fully Implemented	Fully Implemented
Student	FE-13: View grades and Course standing	Fully Implemented	
Student	FE-14: Calculate metrics to achieve desired grades	Not Implemented	Fully Implemented

3.2 Limitations and Exclusions

- LI-1: Users who operate the GooGrade application with an unsupported browser may not be able to access desired information.
- LI-2: The GooGrade application may have wrong information (grades, dates) due to user error. Final grades are always based on the discretion of the teacher, not GooGrade.

4. Business Context

4.1 Stakeholder Profiles

<i>Stakeholder</i>	<i>Stakeholder Profile</i>	<i>Major Benefits</i>	<i>Likely Attitudes Towards the Application</i>	<i>Key Application Features of Interest</i>
Teacher	A Teacher will create Course(es) , ManageStudents and ManageGrades .	Reduction of time spent calculating grades and metrics. Less time spent in office hours. A new way to store and manage assignments digitally.	The Teacher may be skeptical because blackboard is already a reliable and widely used tool. GooGrade will provide graphical and statistical features superior to those of blackboard.	The statistics features give the Teacher an incentive to upload grades. Accessible from any computer with access to the Internet and a supported web browser.
Student	A Student will be able to view their grades and see details about Assignment(s) and Course progress.	Access to their grades and Course metrics from supported web browser.	A Student will embrace whatever the Teacher uses. A Student will want to view up to date grades with a desired grade calculator.	A Student will be able to view their grades. They will also know how they match up against the Course average for each Assignment .
<i>Lauren Tsung</i> <i>Customer and Corporation Manager</i>	Customer will market application to Teachers	Will build relations with Teacher(s)	The customer will see a good opportunity to help a Teacher manage metrics and grading.	The final working application.
<i>Professor Clark Turner</i> <i>Upper Management</i>	Upper management in charge of ensuring timely delivery of application.	Gets credit in creation of grading application.	Upper management must be on board with development team to ensure a successful application.	A completed application with the least amount of bugs.

4.2 Project Priorities

<i>Dimension</i>	<i>Driver (state objective)</i>	<i>Constraint (state limits)</i>	<i>Degree of Freedom (state allowable range)</i>
<i>Schedule</i>	To have a successful release before end of CPE309	No Constraint	Preferably a 2 nd release by the designated deadline but due to unforeseen consequences a patched 1 st release would be satisfactory.
<i>Features</i>	None	No Constraint	70-80% of high priority features must be included in 1 st release
<i>Quality</i>	None	Application must pass all required security test.	>90% of user acceptance tests must pass for 1 st release, >95% for 1 st patch
<i>Staff</i>	None	Maximum team size is 7	By 309 team size may have 1-7 different members
<i>Cost</i>	None	All software used will be freely available or open source	None

4.3 Operating Environment

The GooGrade software will have a web based graphical user interface. This will allow operation at both personal computers at a home environment as well as from a local terminal in a computer laboratory. As long as the computer can access the Internet with use of a supported web browser, it will be able to work with a GooGrade interface.

Providing a web based interface allows for a **Student** enrolled in a **Course** to gain information about their grade without direct contact with the **Teacher**. It also allows a **Teacher** to communicate important information to any **Student** without being in **Course** or at office hours.

Appendix A - Comparative Feature Matrix

Grading Tool Reviewed	GooGrade	Blackboard	Class Mate	Moodle	eGrader	RealGrade
User Types						
Student	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Teacher's Assistant	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Teacher	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Additional Admin	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Features						
Course Statistics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Student Statistics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Desired Grade Calculator	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Attendance Record Keeping	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Uploadable Assignment Key	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Automated E-mail Notifications	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Course News Bulliten	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Forums	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Webbased?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Cost	Free	\$259,000	\$300	Free	\$8	Free