

RecyPy:

Software Requirements Specification

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Introduction

RecyPy is a web application used for sharing recipes. Similar to a cross between a social media app and a recipe database, in this system users will be able to create an account. Using this account, they will be able to post their own recipes, as well as “follow” other users or “star” their recipes. This creates a personalized experience for each user, as well as a foundation for further implementations, such as a rating system for individual recipes and the ability to categorize them. Users will be able to view a feed of recipes from the people they follow, as well as search new recipes in the search bar.

This document will provide a broad overview of the current vision of the system and list the specific requirements of the system. These are broken down into two broad categories - functional and non-functional requirements - as well as a number of subcategories.

System Objectives

If properly implemented, this system should provide a more personal recipe finding/sharing experience for its users. It should provide a platform for people to find exactly the food they are looking for along a number of different axes, and it should lay the groundwork for a sense of community among the users.

Our primary goal is to provide a good experience for our users. Advertising functionality is a minor requirement of the system, but profit is not the main goal. RecyPy is meant to be a fun place for food enthusiasts to share their recipe journey with others. In order to facilitate this, it is important that the system is approachable and easy to use. There shouldn't be a significant learning curve for any features of the system, and it should be as visually appealing as possible. Further, the system should be reliable - when a user expects something to happen, it should happen.

With these very broad objectives in mind, we have developed the following requirements.

Requirements

Functional

Posting Recipes

- The system shall allow users to post their own recipes.
- The system shall allow users to post images with their recipes.
- The system shall allow users to post tutorial videos with their recipes.
- The system shall track which user posted each recipe.
- The system shall allow users to see ratings from recipes they posted.
- The system shall allow users to see comments from recipes they posted.
- The system shall allow users to see how many people have viewed recipes they posted.
- The system shall track how many users view a recipe.
- The system shall allow users to add nutrition facts to their recipes.
- The system shall allow recipes to specify the brand of ingredients.
- The system shall allow ingredients to link to external store pages.
- The system shall allow users to tag their recipes with a portion size.
- The system shall allow users to tag their recipes with an estimated preparation time.
- The system shall allow users to tag their recipes with whether they are vegan or not.
- The system shall allow users to tag their recipes with the recipe's country of origin.
- The system shall allow users to tag their recipes with whether they are pet friendly.
- The system shall allow users to tag their recipes with the recipe's difficulty.
- The system shall allow users to tag their recipes with dietary restrictions they meet.

Viewing Recipes

- The system shall allow users to comment on recipes.
- The system shall allow users to rate recipes.
- The system shall allow users to save recipes they find such that they can navigate to them from the home page within 10 seconds 95% of the time.

Finding Recipes

- The system shall allow users to search recipes by name.
- The system shall allow users to filter recipes by portion size.
- The system shall allow users to filter recipes by their estimated preparation time.
- The system shall allow users to filter recipes by whether they are vegan or not.
- The system shall allow users to filter recipes by the number of ingredients required.
- The system shall allow users to filter recipes by whether they involve specific ingredients.
- The system shall allow users to filter recipes by the recipe's country of origin.
- The system shall allow users to filter recipes by the user who posted the recipe.
- The system shall allow users to filter recipes by whether they are pet friendly.

The system shall allow users to filter recipes by the recipe's difficulty.
The system shall allow users to filter recipes by dietary restrictions they meet.
The system shall allow users to sort recipes by average rating.
The system shall allow users to sort recipes by how recently they were posted.
The system shall allow users to sort recipes by the number of ingredients required.
The system shall allow users to sort recipes by the recipe name.
The system shall allow users to sort recipes by the recipe's difficulty.

Shopping Lists

The system shall allow users to create shopping lists.
The system shall allow users to add individual ingredients to their shopping lists from a recipe.
The system shall allow users to add all ingredients from a recipe to their shopping list.
The system shall allow advertisers to see users' shopping lists.

Other

The system shall allow advertisers to show ads to users.
The system shall allow users to log into accounts.
The system shall allow users to register for accounts.

Non-Functional

Security

The system shall use HTTPS to communicate between components and the user.

The system shall prevent unauthorized users from seeing other users' data 99% of the time.

The system shall hash and salt passwords when storing them.

Efficiency

The system shall be able to handle 1,000 simultaneous inquiries 95% of the time.

The system shall load any given page within 5 seconds of a user navigating to it 95% of the time.

The system shall complete recipe post requests within 30 seconds of submission at least 98% of the time.

The system shall respond to recipe filtering requests within 5 second 99% of the time.

Reliability

The system shall backup all data such that at least 95% of content is preserved if the original database is wiped 99% of the time.

The system shall be compatible with the three most recent versions of Chrome, IE, Firefox, and Safari.

Size

The system shall enforce that posted images be at least 124 x 124 in resolution.

The system shall enforce that posted videos be at least 160 x 120 in resolution.

The system shall enforce that posted videos be no more than 250MB in size.

The system shall store images such that each takes less than 5 MB.

Ease of Use

The system shall be intuitive enough that new users can accomplish any goal possible in the system within 3 minutes of navigating to the website 90% of the time.

The system shall enable users to find a recipe meeting any 2 criteria within 10 minutes 95% of the time.

The system shall alert users if they attempt to post a recipe violating any size requirements.

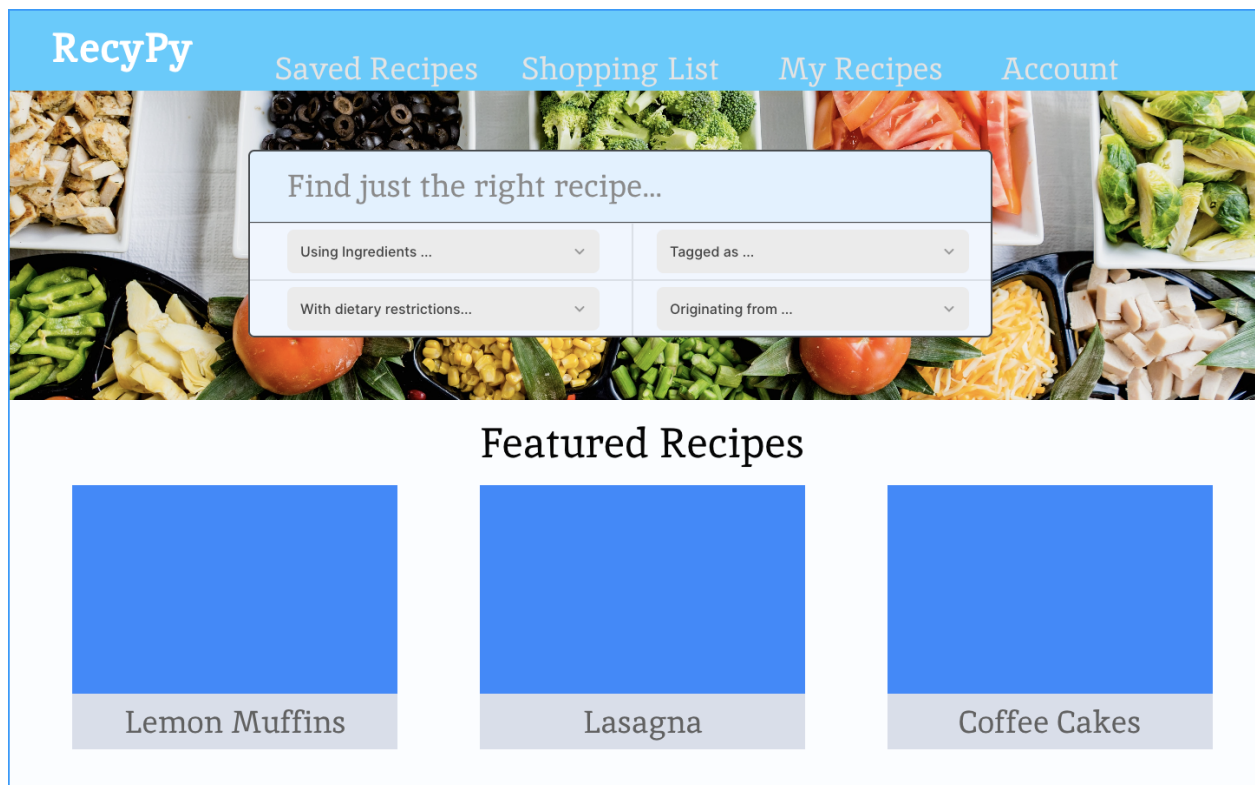
Use Cases

- As a college student with one roommate, I want to find cheap recipes with small portion sizes so that I can eat home cooked meals on a budget without always having leftovers.
- As an experimental home chef, I want to get feedback on my recipes so that I can improve.
- As somebody on a tight schedule, I want to find recipes that I can make quickly so that I can get on with my day.
- As a poor planner, I want to find recipes I can make with the ingredients I have so that I don't have to plan my meals in advance.
- As somebody who cares about my health, I want to make sure I have nutrition facts about recipes I make so that I can eat healthier.
- As a picky eater, I want to save recipes I like for later so I can make them again.
- As a vegan, I want to find only recipes that fit my dietary needs so that I can save time.
- As a professional chef, I want to see new and creative recipes so that I can keep trying new things.
- As a professional chef, I want to share my recipes so I can share my work with others.
- As somebody stranded at home from COVID, I want to find baked goods I can make with minimal ingredients so I can kill some time.
- As a parent to a picky eater, I want creative ways to sneak vegetables into meals so I can make my kid eat healthier.
- As an intense competitor, I want to see how my recipes stack up against other similar ones to validate myself as a chef.
- As somebody who recently lost their grandma, I want to share her recipes with the world to help keep her memory alive.
- As a food company, I want to slip branded ingredients into recipes so I can sell more of my product.
- As an adventurous eater, I want help finding the ingredients needed to make unfamiliar recipes so I can try foods that I wouldn't normally come across.
- As an exchange student, I want to find recipes from my home country so I can make myself comfort food.
- As a fan of cooking shows, I want to find recipes from my favorite celebrity chefs so I can cook along with my favorite shows.
- As a pet owner, I would like to find recipes so that I can put my pets on a raw diet or give them homemade treats.
- As somebody with a birthday coming up, I would like to find recipes for different kinds of cakes so I can make some treats.
- As somebody with a friend from a different culture, I would like to try to make a dish they're familiar with so I can make them feel comfortable.
- As a traveler, I would like to learn how to make dishes that I've tasted before so I can expand my repertoire.

- As a mother or father, I would like to learn how to cook homemade meals for our family so we don't have to eat out.
- As someone who doesn't have the time to cook everyday, I would like to find recipes that will give me leftovers so I can get more out of one meal.
- As a child whose parents work a lot, I would like to find simple recipes that will teach me how to cook for myself so I can be somewhat self sufficient.
- As an ER worker, I would like to find recipes for food that tastes ok warmed up so that it's ok if I get interrupted mid meal.
- As someone who packs lunches for others, I would like to find recipes that other users say will keep well throughout the day.
- As someone who takes care of children, I would like to find recipes for healthy snacks so I can make the children treats.
- As someone with an allergy or intolerance, I would like to find recipes that other people with my intolerance approve of so I know they will not upset my stomach.
- As a meal planner, I want to save a list of recipes so I can plot out my meals for the week.
- As a meal planner, I would like to make a shopping list of the ingredients I need to make recipes I've saved so I can get all my shopping for a week done in one trip.
- As a grocery store, I would like to show ads for foods at my store based on what ingredients are on somebody's shopping list so I can sell more food.

Mockups

Home Page



* Inspired by <https://www.bigoven.com/>

** Interactive Framer available at <https://framer.com/share/z5g0rhZVhFGptfua1hI5/viPxRAzBf>