Background

For the past decade or so, CCHR Sacramento has used software to evaluate bills that are before the California legislature. There have been three versions of this software – Coyote, Circus and Scout.

Coyote was designed for use by someone other than the developer. Circus was not and the first version of Scout was not.

Scout2 is intended to

* be usable by someone other than the developer, and
* be extensible/repairable by someone other than the current developer.

This bill-evaluation facility is being prepared for eventual hand-off.

Goals & Objectives

There are two roles with needs to be addressed. Those roles are user and developer.

User needs:

* The software must be easily accessible. This may mean that it is available on AWS or another platform. It may mean that it is available for download or other distribution. It may mean both. That needs to be established.
* The software should automate as much of the process as possible.
* A user’s guide
* A guide on evaluating legislative bills

Developer needs:

* These requirements
* Design documentation
* Test cases
* Source code

Business Case

I won’t be here forever.

Assumptions

In Scope

* Platform: Windows or AWS, depending on survey results
* Language: C# because that’s what Scout1 is written in and because it is well known
* Reports: On demand, creates canonical individual report for bill, allows editing
* Reports: On demand, generates weekly report from database and individual bill reports

Out of Scope

* Platform: Linux, Azure, etc.
* Language: C++, Rust, Python, etc.

Constraints

Constraints such as time, budget, resources, tools and environments

Functional Requirements

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| ID: F0001 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: Sequence | | Extends: | |
| Scout implements a sequence of actions which are   1. Download the appropriate data from the legislature site. 2. Organize that data for processing 3. Compute scores for each downloaded bill. 4. Bring existing bill reports up to date, consistent with the downloaded data. 5. Give the user an opportunity to update any bill reports that changed when bills were updated. 6. Give the user an opportunity to create new bill reports 7. Generate the weekly report. | | | |

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| ID: NF0002 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: Download zip file | | Extends: NF0001 | |
| Scout downloads the latest zip file from the legislative site http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/. | | | |

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| ID: NF0003 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: Organize for processing | | Extends: NF0001 | |
| Scout some of the table data files and the latest text files from the downloaded zip file. | | | |

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| ID: NF0004 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: Scores | | Extends: NF0001 | |
| Scout computes scores for each downloaded bill. | | | |

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| ID: NF0005 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: Update Bill Reports | | Extends: NF0001 | |
| Scout brings existing bill reports up to date, consistent with the downloaded data. | | | |

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| ID: NF0006 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: User Update Reports | | Extends: NF0001 | |
| Scout gives the user an opportunity to update any bill reports that changed when bills were updated. | | | |

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| ID: NF0007 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: User Create Reports | | Extends: NF0001 | |
| Scout gives the user an opportunity to create new bill reports. | | | |

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| ID: NF0008 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: Weekly Reports | | Extends: NF0001 | |
| Scout generates the weekly report. | | | |

Non-Functional Requirements

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| ID: NF0001 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: BillRows | | Extends: | |
| Scout maintains a database table where each row describes a bill. | | | |

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| ID: NF0002 | Last Edit: 26 Jan 2020 | | Status: Proposed |
| Name: BillRows Persistence | | Extends: | |
| The table described in NF0001 persists between Scout runs. | | | |

Glossary of Terms

<https://simplicable.com/new/requirements>

Behavioral Requirements

User Interfaces

Business Requirements

User Stories

As a type-of-user, I want function so that goal.

Business Rules

If X happens then do Y

Functional Requirements

Consistent, cohesive, complete, atomic, verifiable

Business Rules

Calculations

Process Flows

Use Cases

Non-Functional Requirements

Qualities and characteristics

Performance Requirements

Operational Requirements