# **Software Design Document**

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## 1. System Vision

## 1.1 Problem Background

- 1. Problem Identification:
- 1. **System Benefits:** This system is used for analyzing and visualizing nutritional data from various food items. It helps the users in the following ways:
- 2. Food Search: Enables consumers to obtain comprehensive nutritional data regarding certain meals swiftly.
- 3. **Visualizing Nutrient Breakdown**: Visual representations such as pie charts and bar graphs are provided to help people better comprehend the nutritional makeup of certain meals.
- 4. **Filtering by Nutrition Ranges**: This feature helps with diet planning and health management by allowing users to find items that fit within a given range of nutrients.
- 5. **Nutritional Level Categorization**: This feature makes it simpler for users to find foods that fall into particular dietary categories (low, mid, or high) by allowing them to filter items based on their levels of nutritional content.

Furthermore, the tool known as Nutrient Correlation Analysis provides a more in-depth understanding of the connections among distinct nutrients, assisting users in comprehending the possible links between different nutrients and their availability in different diets.

#### 2. Dataset:

The Nutritional\_Food\_Database.csv dataset, which includes comprehensive nutritional data for a variety of food products, is the one that was utilized. The following columns are part of the dataset:

- Food: The food item's name or kind.
- Caloric Value: The total energy contained in food, expressed as kilocalories (kcal) per 100 grams, is known as its
  calorie value.
- Fat (in g): Total fat content in grams, broken down into monounsaturated, polyunsaturated, and saturated fats.
- carbs (in g): Total carbs (including sugars) in 100 grams.
- Protein: The total amount of proteins in 100 grams.
- Nutritional Fibre (g): The amount of fiber in 100 grams.
- Cholesterol (in mg): The amount of cholesterol in milligrams, or mg/100 grammes.
- Sodium (in g): The amount of sodium in 100 grams.
- Water (q): The amount of water in 100 grammes.
- Vitamins: Different vitamins per 100 grammes (A, B1, B11, B12, B2, B3, B5, B6, C, D, E, and K in mg).
- **Minerals:** Different minerals per 100 grammes (Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, Manganese, Phosphorus, Potassium, Selenium, Zinc in mg).
- Nutrition Density:\* A measure of a food's nutritious content per calorie.

#### 3. Data Input:

These are the data input types that the system needs:

1. Food Name Enter: Users may search for and obtain nutritional information about an item by entering its name.

- 2. Input for Nutrient Visual breakdown: To get a visual representation of a specific food item, a user selects their food choice from an input selection field.
- 3. Input for Nutrition Range Filter: Users may filter food items according to their nutritional composition by choosing certain nutrients (such as fat, protein, and carbs) and entering the minimum and maximum values to see the food items that fall within the range of the specified values.
- **4. Choosing Nutrient Levels:** Foods may be filtered by the user according to the levels of fat, protein, carbs, and other nutrients (low, mid, and high).
- 5. Input for Nutrient Density Visualizer (for the extra feature): In order to create a bar graph to visualize the selected compared food items, users can choose a nutrition and three food items to visualize their comparison of the chosen nutrition.

#### 4. Data Output:

The following categories of data output are offered by the system:

- **1. Display of Nutritional Data:** The system provides all of the nutritional data, including calories, fats, carbs, proteins, vitamins, and minerals, for the food item that is being searched.
- **2. Illustrations:** The system produces visuals that break down various nutrients (such as fat, protein, and carbs) for specific foods, such as pie charts and bar graphs.
- **3. Food List Filtered:** meals that meet certain dietary criteria may be easily identified by the system, which provides a list of meals that match the user's selected nutritional range or level.
- **4. Analysis of Nutrient Correlation (for the extra feature):** Scatter plots illustrating the link between certain nutrients produced by the system, together with trend lines and correlation coefficients that shed light on how these nutrients relate to one another in various diets.

#### **Target Users:**

**1. Nutritionists and dietitians:** This data is being used by the nutritionists and dietitians, because of the following reasons:

#### Reasons:

To provide their clients with customized meal plans, they must examine and display the nutritional value of different foods. With this application, individuals may more easily create customized nutrition plans by searching for items, seeing comprehensive nutritional breakdowns, and filtering possibilities according to certain dietary requirements.

**2. Health-Conscious Individuals:** This data is being used by health-conscious people, because of the following reasons:

#### Reasons:

Those committed to controlling their diet, level of exercise, or health may utilize the system to help them make well-informed food choices. They can do food searches, view nutritional analyses, and identify items that fit their dietary requirements: for example, balanced, high-protein, low-fat, or both.

**3. Fitness enthusiasts and athletes:** This data is being used by fitness enthusiasts and athletes, because of the following reasons:

#### Reasons:

People who are committed to fitness and athletes frequently keep a careful eye on their food consumption. They can quickly identify foods that contain the proper ratios of macronutrients (fats, proteins, and carbs) and evaluate nutritional density to maximize performance thanks to this approach.

4. Researchers in Medicine: This data is being used by researchers in medicine, because of the following reasons:

#### Reasons:

By using the method, nutrition and health researchers may examine the relationships between various nutrients and dietary outcomes. For their study, the nutritional correlation analysis function and the visualizations offer insightful information.

**5. Producers and Developers of Food:** This data is being used by producers and developers of food, because of the following reasons:

#### Reasons:

Food product developers may use the system to compare their goods to others on the market and to identify nutritional trends. This aids in their ability to properly sell their products and fulfill nutritional guidelines.

**6. Academic Institutions (Professors & Students):** This data is being used by academic institutions, because of the following reasons:

#### Reasons:

This tool may be used for instructional reasons by professors and students studying food science, nutrition, and health. It offers a useful, interactive method for investigating nutritional information, spotting patterns, and learning more about the nutrient makeup of different meals.

#### 7. Providers of Healthcare:

#### Reasons:

For managing chronic disorders like diabetes or heart disease, doctors and other healthcare practitioners may utilize the system to help patients choose meals that match certain dietary criteria, such as low cholesterol or low salt.

## 1.1 System overview

## **System Functionality:**

The technology will give users access to an extensive interface for analyzing and visualizing nutritional information from an extensive food database. Users of the system may see nutritional breakdowns, filter items according to nutrient levels and ranges, search for certain foods, and visualize data using graphs and charts. Users may also investigate relationships between various nutrients using the system, which can assist in identifying trends and patterns in eating habits.

#### **Features and Functionalities:**

#### 1. Food Search:

Functionality: Any food item may be searched for by name by users.

**Output:** It shows all of the nutritional data, including calories, fats, carbs, proteins, vitamins, and minerals, for the meal that was searched for.

#### 2. Nutritional Breakdown Visualization:

Functionality: Lets users choose a food and see the nutritional analysis breakdown of that item.

**Output:** It produces a pie chart that illustrate the ratios of different nutrients (such as Calorie value, proteins, and Saturated fats) in the selected food item.

#### 3. Filter for Nutrition Range:

**Functionality:** By entering minimum and maximum values for nutrients like fat, protein, carbs, etc., users may filter items based on given nutritional ranges.

**Output:** It provides a list of meals that are within the designated range of nutrients, making it easier for users to choose alternatives that satisfy their dietary needs.

#### 4. Filter for Nutrition Level:

**Functionality:** Foods may be filtered by users according to three levels of nutritional content (low, mid, and high) for nutritional values including fat, protein, carbs, sugar, and nutritional density etc.

**Output:** Assists users with locating foods that meet particular dietary requirements by classifying items as low, mid, or high for the selected nutrient.

#### 5. Analysis of Nutrient Density Visualizer (Additional Feature):

**Functionality:** Users may examine how three nutrients vary in range of the selected nutrient, for example, how fats or how vitamins range in the selected foods differ.

**Output:** To assist users in better visualizing to understand the relationships between various food items, though a generated bar graph clearly showing the ranges in values as heights of the bar graph.

#### 6. Easily navigable graphical interface:

**Functionality:** The system offers a graphical user interface that is simple to use and intuitive for smooth data processing and visualization.

**Output:** A user-friendly, aesthetically pleasing interface that leads non-technical people through the process of exploring data.

## 7. Options for Sorting and Filtering Data:

**Functionality:** The food list may be sorted by the user according to various parameters (e.g., foods with a specific range of the nutrient value.

Output: To facilitate decision-making, lists are sorted according to user-selected filters or sorting choices.

## 1.2 Benefit Analysis

There are several important domains in which the suggested data analysis and visualization system would be extremely valuable.

- 1. Enhanced Nutritional Awareness: The technology will assist consumers in comprehending the nutritional value of the foods they eat on a deeper level. Users are provided with comprehensive statistics and graphical displays, such as pie charts and bar graphs, to enable them to observe the distribution of various nutrients, including proteins, carbs, and fats, in their diet. Making educated food choices is made simpler and healthy eating habits are encouraged by this realization.
- 2. Personalized Dietary Planning: Users may choose foods with low fat or high protein content by filtering items according to their dietary requirements or preferences. This makes it possible to plan meals in a more individualized and customized way, which aids in the achievement of certain health objectives including blood sugar regulation, muscular growth, and weight loss.
- **3. Time Efficiency for Healthcare Professionals:** By eliminating the need to laboriously go through big datasets, nutritionists, dietitians, and other healthcare workers may swiftly evaluate nutritional data. Professionals will be able to concentrate more on giving their patients and clients tailored advice and treatment plans thanks to this time-saving feature.
- **4. Data-Driven Food Research and Development:** The system will be a useful resource for specialists in the food sector in assessing patterns in nutritional content and pinpointing chances for the creation of new food products. Food producers may provide healthier food alternatives that satisfy consumer desires by utilizing the information.
- **5. Simple Food Comparison:** By comparing the nutritional values of various foods side by side, users may choose healthier options with more ease. People who are trying to increase their total nutritional intake or who have dietary limitations may find this option especially helpful.
- **6. Visual Nutritional Breakdown:** Users can more easily understand and interact with complicated nutritional data thanks to the system's visualization tools, which include pie charts and bar graphs. As a result, the user experience is enhanced overall and a larger audience, including those lacking technical or nutritional expertise can more easily obtain nutritional data.
- **7. Support for Health and Wellness Goals:** By allowing users to filter meals based on their nutritional value, the system will assist them in matching the foods they eat to certain health and wellness objectives, such as controlling cholesterol levels, cutting back on sugar intake, or upping protein intake.
- **8. Educational Resource:** By using the method, educators, students, and medical professionals may have a better understanding of how certain nutrients affect general health. It offers an experiential learning opportunity with nutritional data and may be utilized for both academic and self-directed learning.
- **9. Enhanced Nutritional Openness:** More transparency about food composition is encouraged by the system's provision of precise and comprehensive nutritional information. Customers may use this to make more moral and

health-conscious selections regarding the goods they purchase and eat.

## 2. Requirements

## 2.1 User Requirements

A wide range of people, including professionals, are expected to utilize this system as they need quick access to comprehensive nutritional data. Key user personas and the interactions they require are listed below.

#### Fictional User Persona 1:

#### Sarah, a Health-Conscious Customer:

Sarah is a thirty-year-old working woman who values leading a healthy lifestyle. She keeps a careful eye on her nutrition to make sure she gets the proper ratio of nutrients to keep her healthy and full of energy.

#### **User Requirements:**

- **1. Search by Food Name:** In order to obtain comprehensive nutritional data fast, Sarah needs to be able to search for items by name.
- **2. See Nutritional Breakdown:** She would want to quickly view a visual breakdown of the main macronutrients: fats, proteins, and carbohydrates as well as other important nutrients, such as minerals and vitamins.
- **3. Filter by Nutrition Ranges:** To make better dietary decisions, Sarah would want to filter items based on particular nutritional values (such as low-fat, high-protein meals).
- 4. Compare Foods: To improve meal planning, she must be able to compare various food products side by side.
- **5. Compare the nutritional values between 3 food choices:** To find foods that offer more nutrients per calorie out of 3 options, Sarah can be interested in the any food nutrition or even the nutritional density option.

#### **Fictional User Persona 2:**

#### Profile of Dr. Mike, a Nutritionist:

Dr. Mike is a forty-five-year-old nutritionist who helps patients with high cholesterol and diabetes by offering dietary advice.

#### **User Requirements:**

- **1. Examine Nutritional Data for Clients:** Dr. Mike must enter client-specific specifications (such as minimal salt or sugar content) and obtain dietary suggestions by those specifications.
- **2. Visualize Nutritional Breakdown:** To show customers how nutrients are broken down graphically during consultations, he needs tools like pie charts and bar graphs.
- **3. Filter by Nutritional Levels:** For dietary planning tailored to each client, the system must enable Dr. Mike to filter meals by high, mid, and low nutritional content (e.g., high protein, low fat).

#### Fictional User Persona 3:

#### Profile of a Food Researcher, Rachel:

Rachel is a 38-year-old food researcher employed at a business that creates novel food items. She studies dietary patterns and searches for chances to provide better options.

#### **User Requirements:**

- **1. Obtain Complete Nutritional Information:** Rachel needs thorough access to a variety of food products and the nutrients, such as lipids, vitamins, and minerals that go along with them.
- **2. Compare Various Nutritional Values:** To identify possible components for new goods, she has to compare foods from different categories (such as low-calorie, and high-vitamin foods).
- **3. Filter by Nutritional Ranges:** For her research and product development, Rachel needs to be able to filter meals depending on particular nutritional levels (e.g., rich in Vitamin D, low in cholesterol).
- **4. Provide Visual Data Insights:** To share findings with her colleagues, she must provide visual data insights, such as nutritional comparison charts.

#### **Functionalities from the End-User Perspective:**

- **1. Food Search by Name:** To swiftly search any food item by name and obtain its whole nutritional profile, which includes calories, macronutrients (fat, carbs, and protein), and micronutrients (vitamins and minerals), users require a straightforward search bar.
- **2. Comprehensive Nutritional Analysis:** The breakdown of lipids, carbs, proteins, and other important nutrients should be shown in a pie chart, that allow users to pick any item and examine its top nutritional information.
- **3. Filter for Nutritional Range:** For low-sodium foods, for instance. the system should allow users to enter the lowest and maximum values for each nutrient and provide a list of items that fit within that range.
- **4. Filter for Nutritional Levels:** Foods should be able to be filtered by three nutritional levels (low, mid, and high) for important nutrients such as protein, carbs, fats, and sugars. This aids in locating meals that meet particular dietary requirements.
- **5. Comparing Foods:** To help users make educated decisions, the system should allow them to compare **three** items at once and display their nutritional values side by side.
- **6. Visual Guide to Nutrition:** To facilitate comprehension and improve decision-making, users need tools that allow them to create visual representations of nutritional data, such as pie charts and bar graphs.

## 2.2 Software Requirements

The functional criteria that the system has to meet are listed in this section. For the purpose of ensuring clarity in system design and execution, each need is officially articulated.

## R1: Food Search

R1.1 Users will be able to look for food items by name using the system.

- R1.2 Following the search, the system will show all of the nutritional details for the food item that was chosen.
- R1.3 The search results will be shown by the system as a list with a scrollable interface to view additional results beyond the first page
- **R2: Nutrition Breakdown**
- R2.1 Users will be able to choose a food item and view a graphical nutritional breakdown of that food.
- **R2.2** The nutritional breakdown will be shown by the system utilizing pie charts for macronutrients (Caloric value, protein, and fats).
- **R2.3** In addition to the graphical depiction, the system will show the precise values of each nutrient in percentage relevant to its entire composition

#### **R3: Filter for Nutritional Range**

- **R3.1** Users will be able to enter the minimum and maximum amounts of a certain nutrient (such as protein or fat) into the system.
- R3.2 For the chosen nutrient, the system will show a list of foods that are within the designated range.
- R3.3 The food's nutritional value will be shown by the system in the result list.
- **R4: Filter for Nutritional Level**
- R4.1 Foods may be filtered by users according to three different nutritional levels: low, mid, and high.
- R4.2 The system will classify the following nutritional levels:
- Low: A figure that is under 33% of the maximum.
- Mid: From 33% to 66% of the maximum amount.
- High: Exceeding 66% of the maximum amount.
- R4.3 Users will be able to filter the system based on several nutrient categories, including protein, sugar, fat, and carbs.
- **R5: Extra Functionality Nutritional Comparison Visualizer**
- **R5.1** Users will be able to compare the values of a specific nutrient across three different food items.
- R5.2 After selecting the nutrition to investigate, a user selects the two or three food items from a drop down.
- **R6: Interface with Users**
- **R6.1** The system must include a graphical user interface that is easy to use for conducting searches, seeing breakdowns, and applying filters.
- R6.2 The system must guarantee that the interface is responsive and provides easy access to all of the capabilities.

**R6.3** To assist users in navigating the features, the system will include labeled information of the features and labeled buttons.

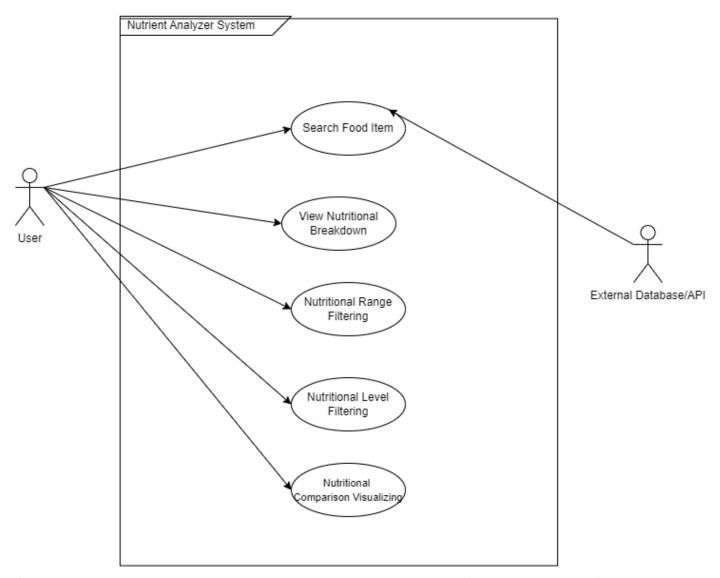
#### **R7: Information Retrieval**

R7.1 A CSV file named Nutritional Food Database.csv will be loaded by the system with nutritional data.

R7.2 If new data is added to the CSV file, the system must be able to update the database.

## 2.3 Use Case Diagram

The Use Case diagram of "Nutrient Analyzer" is as follows:



Changed made to the use case diagram were omitting the user authentication feature, making the software accessible openly to any user.

#### 2.4 Use Cases

These five usage scenarios each illustrates a crucial system function:

Use Case ID	UC - 01
Use Case Name	Food Search
Actors	User
Description	When a user enters the name of a food, the system will show all of the food's nutritional details.
Flow of Events	<ol> <li>The user types a food item's name into the search field.</li> <li>The food products that match are retrieved from the database by the system.</li> <li>The food products and their nutritional information are shown by the system.</li> </ol>
Alternate Flow	If no food is found, the system doesn't process the blank data to be searched.

Use Case ID	UC - 02
Use Case Name	Nutritional Analysis
Actors	User
Description	Pie charts and bar graphs are used to provide users with a comprehensive nutritional analysis of the food item they have selected.
Flow of Events	<ol> <li>A food item is chosen by the user from the search results.</li> <li>The chosen food's nutritional information is retrieved by the system.</li> <li>The system creates and showsa pie chart that shows how nutrients are distributed.</li> </ol>
Alternate Flow	The system waits for a user to make a selection of any food item.

Use Case ID	UC - 03
Use Case Name	Nutrition Range Filtering
Actors	User
Description	Foods that meet the requirements are filtered after users enter a nutritional type and a range of minimum and maximum values.
Flow of Events	<ol> <li>The user chooses a type of nutrient (fat, protein, etc.).</li> <li>A minimum and maximum range are specified by the user.</li> <li>Foods that fall within the designated range are filtered by the system and displayed.</li> </ol>

Use Case ID	UC - 03
Alternate Flow	Clicking the filter button without any food or range selected, the system simply shows all the food records and their nutritional information from the database for the user to view which one they would like to begin with.

Use Case ID	UC - 04
Use Case Name	Nutrition Level Filtering
Actors	User
Description	According to the proportion of nutrient values, users may filter items by their nutritional levels (low, mid, or high).
Flow of Events	<ol> <li>The user chooses a level (low, mid, or high) and a nutritional type.</li> <li>The meal is categorized by the system and shown according to the chosen level.</li> </ol>
Alternate Flow	The system waits for a user to complete the selection of all required fields.

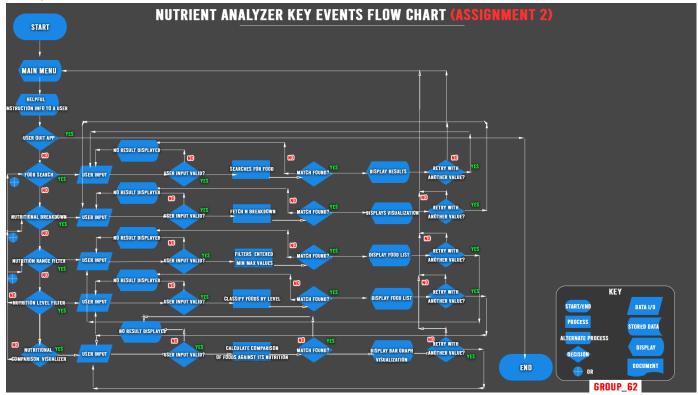
Use Case ID	UC - 05
Use Case Name	Additional Feature
Actors	User
Description	Using an extra functionTaking in a nutritional value from the drop down and any of the two or three food choices to compare with, then generates a bar graph showing their visual differences.
Flow of Events	<ol> <li>The user can select any nutrient from the drop down</li> <li>The user selects between two or three food items from the drop downs.</li> <li>The system does the analysis and visualizes the data.</li> </ol>
Alternate Flow	The system waits for a user to select at least a nutrient and a minimum of two food items before processing the data.

# 3. Software Design and System Components

## 3.1 Software Design

In the Nutrient Analyzer System software's design, the below flowchart comprehensively and clearly outlines a sequential progression of the steps and operations in the software from start to end.

All Key Events Flowchart:



## **Changes to Flow Chart Diagram:**

Added the final feature number 5 that is the Nutritional Comparison Filter, which takes in the nutrition name, and
the input of the two or three food names that will be processed to generate a bar graph showing a visual
comparison of the two or three.

## 3.2 System Components

The system components of the Nutrient Analyzer system covered in this section are:

- The programming functions used to return a desired and expected result from a user input when interacting with the system according to its design.
- The data structures used in this software during initialization to store properties of a function, addressing its type, where it has been used, and a list of functions that have used these data structures.
- A detailed design of the functions mentioned according to their usages, outlined in a flowchart to demonstrate how they work by making use of the data structures.

## 3.2.1 Functions

Below is a list and explanations of the key functions necessary to get the software functional in interacting with the database, the user and the functions to display the expected results. In each function, there is:

- · A description of the purpose of declaring the function,
- The input parameters taken by the function which should be of a specific data type to prevent errors,
- The resulting value to be returned after the function has completed processing the input, and
- · Any side effects that the function may have to other elements in the software in any way.

## 1. Function 1 searching for a food by its name:

Function name: search\_food\_by\_its\_name() in run\_template, function named: "on\_search\_click"

- Function's purpose: The above function takes in a value entered by a user and searches for a matching record
  against the food column in the database, then collects all the corresponding nutritional information of the entered
  food name.
- 2. Input parameters of the function: The function will take in the name of the food (food\_name) With the text name in GUI as "m\_textCtrl1" of data type string, which will contain the name of the food to be searched. e.g ('peas canned') or ('cassava').
- 3. Returned value: After taking in the parameter into the function, the returned value will be of data type dictionary, which will contain all the values of the food nutritional information. food\_dictionary = {"food":"cassava", "caloric value": "51"}
- 4. Side Effects: No any side affects

# 2. Function 2 displays a visual representation of a selected food's nutritional breakdown:

display\_all\_nutritional\_breakdown() in run\_template function named: "on\_food\_selected"

- 1. Function's purpose: To take in the previously gathered nutritional information belonging to a specific food and returning a visual representation of its nutritional breakdown using a bar graph.
- 2. The function will take in the dictionary data type from the preceding function search\_food\_by\_its\_name(), of example food\_dictionary = {"food":"cassava", "caloric value": "51"} process it by reading the dictionary properties and returning a visualized overview of the gathered values.
- 3. Return Value: Returns a pie chart to give a visual representation of the nutritional properties of the specific food.
- 4. Side Effects: No side effects.

# 3. Function 3 filters foods based on a selected nutrient value range (min-max)

- filter\_foods\_by\_nutrient\_range() in run\_template function named: "on\_filter"
- 1. Function's purpose: To filter foods after a user makes a selection of a specific nutrient property of the food, and some value within a range.
- 2. The function will only take in values of data type string, which will be from a drop down which is a selection option list of values from the database, while also providing an input field on the interface with a string data type restriction to narrow down the options from the drop down selection list. The second input parameter will be of a pair of float, which will be the minimum and maximum values (minimum\_value) and (maximum\_value). For example the first input will be "protein" and the second pair of input float types would be "7.8" and "30".
- 3. The return value will be of a list data type that is now a filtered listing of only values that meet the above criteria.
- 4. Side Effects: No side effects.

# 4. Function 4 Calculates nutritional level in a nutritional property (low, mid, high)

calculate\_nutrient\_level() in run\_template function named: "filter\_nutrition\_level"

- 1. Function's purpose: This function will take in all the numeric values from a specific column and using this key:
- low: less than 33% of the highest value,
- mid: between 33% and 66% of the highest value,
- · high: greater than 66% of the highest value,

will then determine whether to classify a food item's nutrition to either being one and only one of the three options.

- 2. Input parameters: The function will take in a specific nutrient\_name of type string, and all its numeric values in type float from the database, to determine the highest value, then use it to classify whether the nutritional value of a specific food is either low, mid or high which will be returned in a tuple.
- 3. This will work by taking in all the name of the food from the user, and the nutritional content level of type string (low, mid or high) which can be provided by a dropdown select option on the filter page.
- 3. The function will work on the input (low, mid, high) which each represents the threshold category a food falls within and return a list of the food items falling in that level category.
- 4. No side effects.

## 5. Function 5 Nutritional Comparison visualizer

## nutritional\_comparison\_visualizer()

- 1. Function's purpose: to take in a single nutrient from a user in a drop down, and two or three food items from a user, check them in the database, calculate and display a visual representation of the comparison between the food items on their ranges of the selected nutrient.
- This function will operate using a closely similar function as the function 5's purpose of doing the calculations. The
  user inputs 3 food names, and the nutrition type to compare its nutritional values. Then will return a bar graph
  showing the visual comparison of the 3 nutrition density ranges against the other 2.
- E.g: A user selects goat cheese, fruit jam and corn rice as the 3 foods, then selects to compare the nutritional value "sugars".

The respective values of the three food items and a nutrition are taken and a bar graph is generated to visualize the value differences.

- 2. The function will take in a dictionary type for the food items, and their nutrition values from all the other columns apart from the food name which is a string, and proceed to take the values of the other columns from the database as a float.
- 3. The returned result will be of a visual representation of the entered food name items, against each other's nutritional property value on a bar-graph.
- 4. No side effects.

## 3.2.2 Data Structures Used

The section below contains a list of all the data structures to be used in the software, that correspond to support the functions defined in section 3.2.1 of the document. In each data structure, we outline the type, all its planned usages and defined functions that use the data structure.

# 1. Data Structure name (food\_name\_and\_its\_data): for (Food name and its nutritional information)

- · Data structure type: List of dictionaries
- Usage: This list holds each food item and its corresponding nutritional information.
- Each dictionary type has been used to define a food item, with its properties from all other database columns such as "Saturated Fats, Caloric Value, Fat, Sugars, Carbohydrates".
- · All defined functions using the dictionary data type:
- search\_food\_by\_name()
- o filter\_foods\_by\_nutrient\_range()
- o filter\_foods\_by\_nutrient\_level()

- calculate\_nutrient\_level()
- o nutritional\_density\_visualizer()

# 2. Data Structure name (selected\_food) for: (Food selected and its nutritional information)

- · Data structure type: a dictionary
- Usage: When a user selects a specific food item, all the nutritional information is stored here.
- All functions using dictionary data type:
- o display\_all\_nutritional\_breakdown()

# 3. Data Structure name (calculated\_nutrient\_levels) for: (storing already calculated nutrient threshold)

- Data structure type: Tuple
- Usage: It has been used to store the levels of a food nutrient level (which can either be low, mid or high)
- · All functions using tuple data type:
- calculate\_nutrient\_level()
- o filter\_foods\_by\_nutrient\_level()

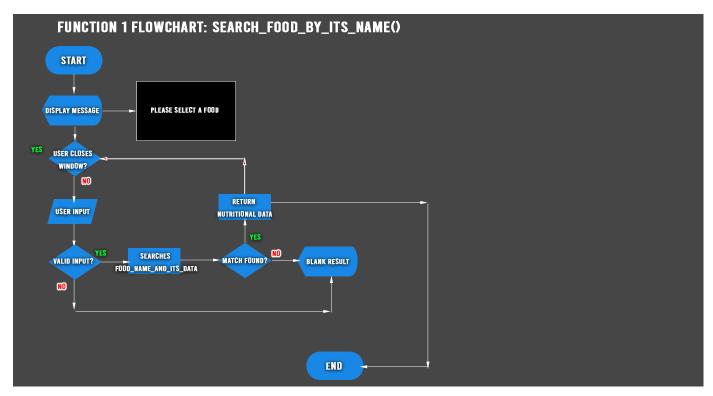
# 4. Data Structure name (calculated\_nutrient\_range) for: (storing already calculated min or max value of a calculated nutrient range)

- Data structure type: Tuple
- Usage: It has been used to store the levels of a food nutrient level (which can either be low, mid or high)
- Functions Using It:
- o filter\_foods\_by\_nutrient\_range()

## 3.2.3 Detailed Design

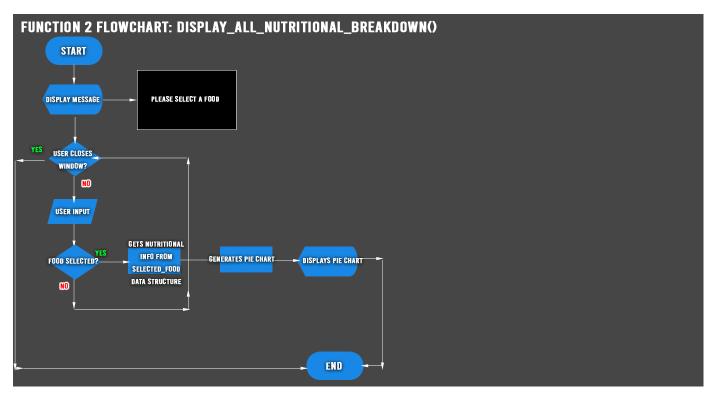
Below is a flowchart to expound more on the functional process of each function we have outlined above in 3.2.1

1. Function 1 Detailed design: search\_food\_by\_its\_name()



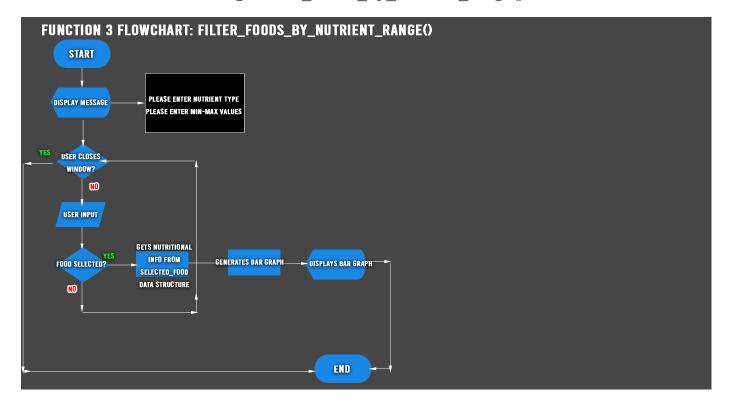
In the search\_food\_by\_its\_name() function, it begins by displaying a message to a user to enter a food item they would like to search. In the event that a user does not close the window and enters an input, it is checked if it matches the data type and a feedback is given if a user inputs an invalid data type. If the input is valid, the input is checked against the stored data structure 'food\_name\_and\_its\_data' that contains a list of dictionaries. If a match is found, the function returns the data.

## 2. Function 2 Detailed design: display\_all\_nutritional\_breakdown()



The function to display\_all\_nutritional\_breakdown() would make use of the data structure food\_name\_and\_its\_data containing a list of dictionaries by finding the selected food result inside it and using it to generate a visual bar graph to

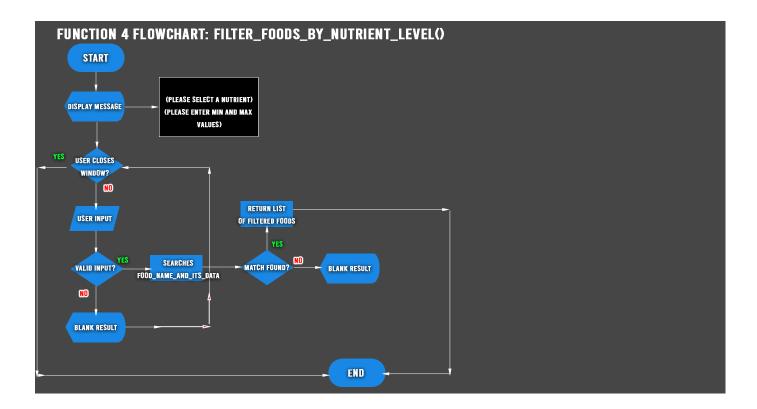
## 3. Function 3 Detailed design: filter\_foods\_by\_nutrient\_range()



## • Changes made to the flowchart:

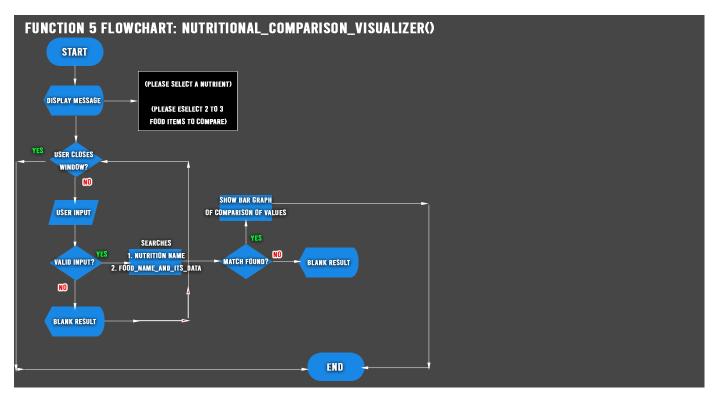
The function filter\_foods\_by\_nutrient\_range() uses the data structure food\_name\_and\_its\_data containing the list of dictionaries, to find a valid nutrient range property input by a user, and returns a list of only food items fitting the specified parameters.

## 4. Function 4 Detailed design: filter\_foods\_by\_nutrient\_level()



- Changes made to the flowchart:
- Removed Display messages upon entering of an invalid input
- After getting the levels category of a nutrient from the function calculate\_nutrient\_level(), and data structure
  food\_name\_and\_its\_data() this function then takes the user selection of a nutrient, level selected and returns food
  items falling in within either of the 3 levels. then storing the values in the data structure
  filter\_foods\_by\_nutrient\_level.

## 5. Function 5 Detailed design: nutritional\_comparison\_visualizer()



- · Changes made to the flowchart:
- Added new flow chart to support our new additional feature.

The function nutritional\_comparison\_visualizer() takes in a single nutritional value to base the comparison on for the two to three food items a user will select from the drop down, processes it upon a user clicking the visualize button and then generate a bar graph below it showing the visual comparison of the values.

## 4. User Interface Design

## 4.1 Structural Design

Present a structural design, a hierarchy chart, showing the overall interface's structure. Address:

- Structure: How will the software be structured?
- Information Grouping: How will information be organized?
- Navigation: How will users navigate through the software?
- Design Choices: Explain why these design choices were made.

#### 4.1.1 Structure

Using wxForm Builder for our user interface design, we will utilize the event driven approach while having our backend functions run by python. For further simplicity, each feature in the software will be carried out in their own frames designed in wxForm builder.

## Planned structure of the application frames in wxForm builder:

- 1. Main home screen: will serve as the main welcome page that contains the main menu to access any other windows. A short information will be included in the home screen to serve as an education purpose for users new to the software.
- 2. Food search screen This screen will contain a search bar to take user input of a food item and display its nutritional details
- 3. Nutritional breakdown screen This screen will contain a list for a user to select a food items and a display area for pie charts.
- 4. Nutritional range filter screen This screen will contain a dropdown to select a nutrient, take a pair of minimum and maximum values, contain a "filter" button and a display area containing a grid table field to show the filtered food item results
- 5. Nutrition level filter screen This screen structure will contain a dropdown to select nutrients, buttons to select either low, medium or high nutrient levels, a submit button labeled: "Filter Food Items for that Level" to call the filtering function, static texts to guide a user on how to use the dialog box page, and a display area to show resulting food items
- 6. Nutrition comparison visualizer screen This screen takes in a nutrition name from a drop down, multiple food items from a user, then returns a visual representation of a comparison between the nutritional values of the two or three food items in the display area field.

## 4.1.2 Information Grouping

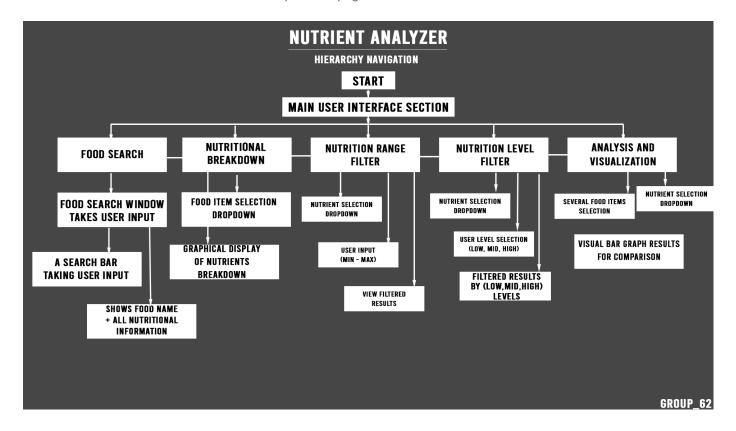
To ensure that we maintain a user friendly interface that is free from clutter, we will need to group our components inside wxForm builder. We can utilise this feature to group our elements by specific windows.

For instance, in our main home page screen, when making our main menu, we will group our buttons:

- · food search button, nutritional breakdown, nutrition range filter, nutrition level filter, analysis and visualization
- 1. In our window 'food search' we will group the elements such that the search bar, the 'submit' button and results display area will be contained in the same window.
- 2. In the nutritional breakdown window, we group the dropdown menu section and the visual element display area which will contain either a pie chart or a bar graph.
- 3. Nutrition range filter screen Being the page that takes in a set of input from a user, we group the nutrient dropdown, the pair of input fields, the submit button to filter and the display panel that shows the results of the filtered values.
- 4. Nutrition level filter screen On the nutrition level filter screen, we group the elements drop down that selects a specific nutrient, one of three nutrition level low, medium or high, the submit button and results display area.
- 5. For the additional function, the nutritional comparison visualizer will take in a maximum of three drop down properties as input from a user, which are the food item names and we will group that with its submit button and the display area that shows a bar graph of the data comparison.

## 4.1.3 Navigation

In our navigation design, we implemented consistency in visual and structural design, such that a common menu will be pinned at the top of the frame and provides access to all functional windows in the software. Besides that, each window visited will have a back button, so that if a user is not able to recall which page they were previously on, simply clicking on the back button would return them to their previous page.



- Changes made to the design image:
- Added a dropdown selection for the 5th additional feature.

#### 4.1.3.1 Navigation Logic

1. The main home screen user interface will provide a possibility to navigate to any other page by clicking of buttons on the top of the screen. This navigation template is reused in all other pages since it does not collide with the functional pages content, and enhances consistency for a users familiarization of the interface. This transition logic where users do not necessarily have to revisit the home page again to navigate to other modules is helpful to maintain ease of screen navigation.

## 4.1.4 Design Choices

- 1. wxForm Builder: Due to its design simplicity of creating a user interface through the use of a visual user interface, wxForm builder is our go to option since it consequently makes it easier to connect our events from the interface to python backend functions. In the event that we need to make changes to our design, we simply make the update in wxForm builder then paste the new generated template code to link to our python backend functions.
- 2. Centralised navigation from all pages. Providing a pinned common menu accessible from all pages ensures users always have an easy way to switch between pages without necessarily having to go to the main home page once again.
- 3. Splitting different features into different frames. This contributes to the overall orderliness in the software, providing that users will now only view what is relevant to their current function or what they want to achieve.
- 4. Usage of graphs and charts for graphical data visualization. Other than the raw information being accessible to users, presenting a visual version of the data allows users to experience a better way of interpreting data that could otherwise be difficult to tell apart significant differences.

## 4.2 Visual Design

## **Nutrient Analyzer Wireframes**

#### 1. Main Home Screen

This will be the main starting point of the software, where access points to any other location within the program will start from.

#### **Components of Home Screen:**

- · The Title: Nutrient Analyzer
- · Menu comprising of:
- Home
- Food Search
- Nutrition Breakdown
- Nutrition Range Filter
- Nutrition Level Filter
- Nutritional Comparison Visualizer
- Close
- Welcome message and a brief introduction



Renamed the last menu item to match the name of the feature

## Justification of the Home screen design:

- This design is meant to provide a familiar interface that is similar to other already existing applications, leading to an intuitive experience where a user can easily point out the location of a feature they are after. Including a grouped menu also simplifies navigation since all the main functions of Nutrient Analyzer are included here.
- The menu on the top of the home page will be consistent throughout the user interaction with the software, for a simplified and straight forward user navigation.

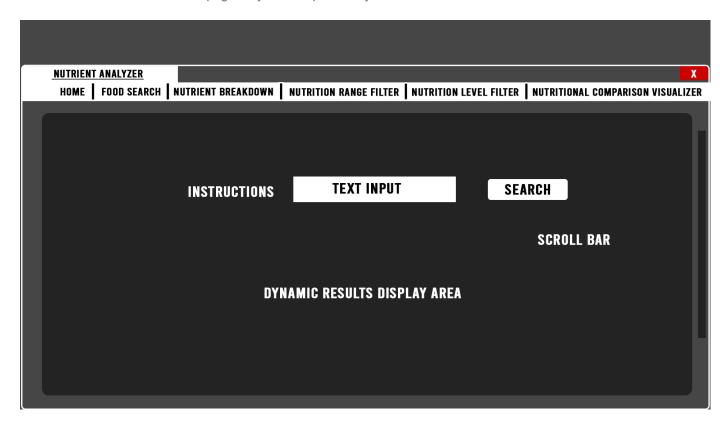
#### 2. Food Search Screen

This being the first function of the software, allows a user to enter a food item which will then output all its nutritional information.

#### **Components of the Food Search Screen:**

- Menu
- Search bar
- This provides the input field for a user to enter a desired food item of string data type.
- · Search button
- After typing a desired food item entry, the submit button will send a request to search from the food column of the database and list its relative data.
- · Results/Message display.
- This display field will show the results of the user search value in form of a list, or if the user entered an invalid input it would display in this dynamic field.

- -Since the record from the database is large, we want to support a scroll functionality to view more overflowing results.
- · Back button to return to the page they were in previously.



· Restructured the layout of the components in the view

## Justification of Food Search Screen design

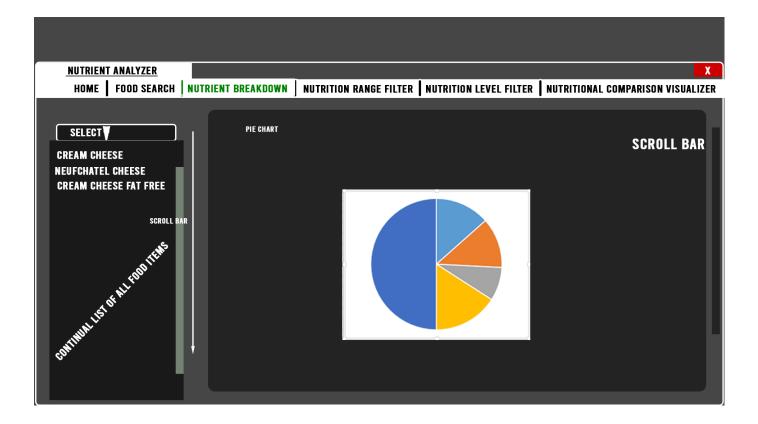
Ensuring we have enough space to comfortably view the results, the scroll bar enables more data to load in the view. By fixing the search panel on a different section, we ensure a clean interface design that separated the user input section and results section.

### 3. Nutritional Breakdown Screen

This screen will display a visual pie charts and bar graphs to show the nutrients of a food item selected by a user.

## **Components of the Nutritional Breakdown Screen:**

- Menu
- · Dropdown to select one food item
- · Instructional text label to "Select a food item"
- Graphs and Charts Display area at center of the screen.
- Checkbox to change visual layout between a pie chart and a graph.
- · Back button to take user to previous page.



Renamed the last menu item to match the feature name

## Justification of Nutritional Breakdown Screen design

- The importance of having a visual representation of the nutritional breakdown structure is to present a visually appealing translation of data for better perception of users. Adding a function to switch between either styling of chart presentation would be accommodating for different audience needs.
- Including a dropdown instead of users having to type in the names of the food item makes it easier to access records from the database compared to having a normal manual search.

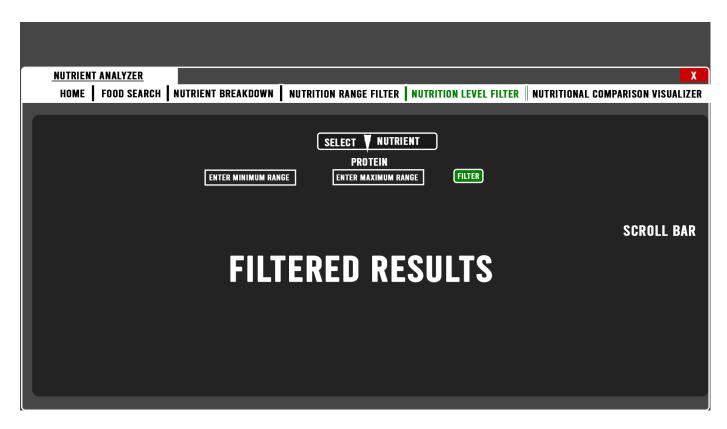
## 4. Nutrition Range Filter Screen

• This screen allows users to select a nutrient from a dropdown, then a minimum and maximum input of a value pair to display any results falling within the parameters.

#### **Components of the Nutrition Range Filter Screen:**

- Menu
- Nutrient dropdown selection
- An instructional label telling a user to enter a (minimum and maximum value)
- Inputs
- o input for minimum
- o input for maximum
- Apply filter button
- · Filtered results display area
- · Scroll bar for large data results beyond the first page view

Close button to the user's main home screen



## Changes made to the image:

 Restructured the layout of the page to suit the justification of the design, renamed the last menu item to suit the feature name.

## Justification of Nutrition Range Filter design

- Providing a separated section for user input only and for data display provides a cleaner and an orderly interface.
- Providing a user with an option to filer results especially if the data being dealt with is of large amounts can be overwhelming simplifies the approach and user interaction on the software.

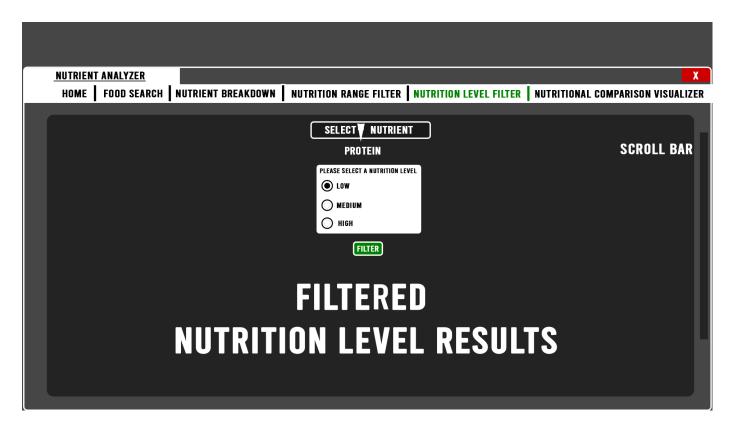
#### 5. Nutrition Level Filter Screen

The nutrition level filter screen corresponds to the function of allowing a user to view filtered food items based on the level of their nutrient content level which can either be low, medium or high

#### Components of the Nutrition Level Filter Screen:

- Dropdown to select a specific nutrient type
- Informative label placeholder to ask a user to select a nutrient type
- Informative label to ask a user to select the nutrition level they want
- Nutrient level selection option (Radio buttons will be used because of their property of selecting only one value in a group)
- · Button to apply filter
- · Filtered results display section in the screen
- · scroll bar in the display section

Close button to the user's main home screen



## Changes made to the image:

Renamed the last menu item, restructured the layout of the page components to better suit the justification.

## **Justification of Nutrition Level Filter design**

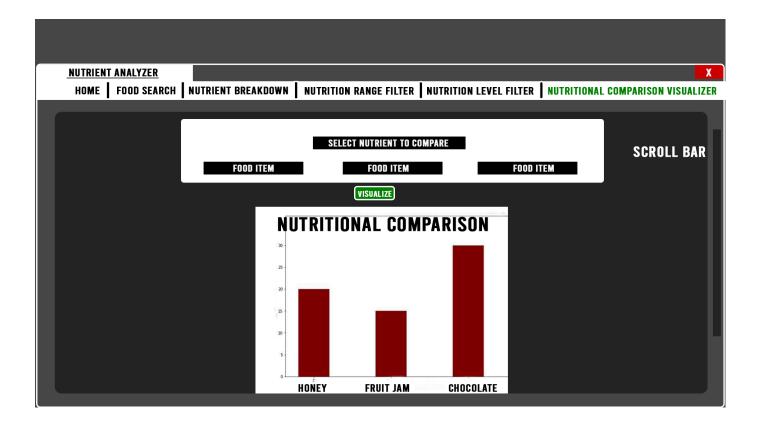
When it comes to making a selection to apply a filter, we want to make it as easy as possible for the user. Hence the use of radio buttons in the nutrition level group which only takes one option. This way a user knows they are supposed to only pick one option.

## 5. Nutrition Comparison Visualizer Screen

This will be the last option on the pinned menu on the user interface, and once on this page, a user can enter several food items to compare their nutritional density, getting a visual representation of the comparison. For ease of use of this analysis feature, we limit the food selection options to three food items.

#### **Components of the Nutrition Comparison Visualizer Screen:**

- · A maximum of three food item selection list
- An informative label to ask a user to select up to three food items from the drop-down options.
- Compare button
- Display panel to show a bar graph that compares the nutritional density levels of the selected food items.



Restructured and re-organized the page layout to suit the justification, renamed the last menu item component.

## **Justification of Density Visualizer Screen design**

- With this additional feature, we need to compare and get a better representation of the nutritional density of several food items, hence the need to take in multiple selection options of the food items.
- With this implementation, we restrict a user from selecting the same food item more than once as this will have no comparison value as a duplicate.

## Overall screen navigation and design logic

• The consistency employed in the design of all the screens is so that it can give users a familiarized user interface, and the pinned menu at the top ensures a user can freely navigate to a screen of their choice if they do not wish to return to the previous screen.