

Team Hobby

Tech Specification

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1.Introduction

1.1 Abstract

“Hobby Project Generator ” is a web application that supports browsers that runs .NET framework 5 and the upcoming .NET 6. The application finds and recommends projects based on the users’ available tools and preferences.

1.3 Scope

“Hobby Project Generator” is a web application that is intended to recommend physical projects to hobbyists based on the available tools as well as their preferences. In addition, the application serves as a place for users to post personal projects with step by step guidance for others to follow.

Our web application is currently limited to the North America region only with language support only for English.

1.4 Technical requirements

1.4.1 Operating Systems

Operating system to run our web application with normal behavior:

- + Windows 8, 10 64-bits
- + Linux distribution: Ubuntu, Kali, Debian 64-bits

1.4.2 Web browsers:

“Hobby Project Generators” require Chrome browser version **94.0.4606.61** and latest version of Chrome as of **05/20/22**

1.4.3 Hardware requirements:

Minimum hardware requirements:

- CPU: Intel Pentium or AMD FX Series
- 3GB Ram
- Graphics: Intel HD graphic

Recommend hardware requirement:

- CPU: Intel 7th generation or AMD Zen 2 architecture

- RAM: 8GB
- Graphics: Intel HD graphic

1.5 Non-goal

- We will not be supporting a mobile application to access the website

1.6 Future goals

The addition of software projects along with the addition in the set of user's preferences and skill sets to accommodate software projects. The web application also recommends projects to users based on programming languages they know such as Python, C++, C, Java,

Product recommendation feature where users will be presented with links to third party sites to buy tools that are required for projects.

1.7 Assumptions and Dependencies:

The operating system is assumed to be functional and stable internet connection

2. Technology Stack

2.1 C# Programming Language

2.1.1 Why use C#

- Most web application is developed using C# due to its compatibility with the .NET framework developed by Microsoft which our team is using for our "Hobby Project Generator"
- Faster development time with a large library and high scaling capability
- Reduce problems involving memory management like memory leak through the use of automatic garbage collection.

2.2 ECMAScript 11+ / TypeScript 4+ Language

2.2.1 Why use ECMA 11+ / Typescript4+

- Support compatibility across different web browsers and web applications.
- Enhance IDE support using static typing from Typescript to help spot common errors through Intellisense.

- Safely refactoring and renaming files.
- TypeScript is compatible with ECMAScript and allows any .js file to be renamed to “.ts” file and run through the compiler.
- ECMAScript supports backward compatibility so that JavaScript code and syntax will also run on it.

2.3 HTML5

- Used to create pages and layout of our web application including the headers, paragraph, and infographics of our web application.
- Can be combine with with CSS and Javascript technology to format the appearance of our web application
- Standard language for building the web.
- Low security issue unlike its predecessor Adobe Flash Player

2.4 CSS

- Format the appearance of our web application “Hobby Project Generator” along with HTML.

2.5 Front End Language:

2.5.1 Why use React?

React is a Javascript Library that is used to develop graphical user interface (GUI) of web applications.

Pro:

- High scalability
- Large library maintained by Facebook corporation
- On par in term of speed compare to Vue
- Can be used for rendering on server side
- Supported by many platforms

2.6 Backend Framework .Net 5+ / 6+

2.6.1 Why use .Net Framework?

- Increase compatibility between old and new applications
- .Net Framework is language dependence by supporting all data types and constructs available in other languages.
- Free the programmer from memory management tasks by taking care of garbage collection on the heap using a garbage collector.

- .Net framework supports languages with static typing such as languages like C, C++, C#, Java, ... as well as dynamic typing languages where the data type is inferred such as Python.

2.7 Data Store

2.7.1 Why use SQL server 2019 Dev/Express Edition?

- SQL Server 2019 can be installed just by running an executable making the installation process simple and convenient.
- Has many different versions designed for different product scales such as enterprise, home use,
- Support data encryption using symmetric or asymmetric keys to increase security.
- Most robust and vetted database system.

2.7.2 What is SQL Server Management Studio?

SQL Server Management Studio is a software application with graphical user interface design to interact with the servers that run SQL. It is used to access data that is stored within the server. Configure the server as well as providing other administrating tools.

2.7.3 Why use SQL Server Management Studio?

- High compatibility with SQL Server
- Ability to access data, configure server settings, administrating tools are available within SQL Server Management Studio

2.8 IDE

2.8.1 Visual Studio Code 1.59+

Visual studio code is a code editor designed for windows, linux, and MacOS. It is optimized for debugging and building web or cloud applications.

2.8.2 Why use Visual Studio Code 1.59+

- Many plugins that support different languages such as C family codes, Java, Python, Haskell, SQL. Programmers don't have to switch between different IDEs to edit code.
- Built in version control support which is compatible with Git and Github.
- Support code completion to save time from typing whole functions, variables, class names.
- Strong community support ensures compatibility.

2.8.3 Visual Studio 2019 Community Edition

Visual studio community edition is a robust IDE designed by Microsoft. The IDE contains a code editor, debugger, compiler, and a wide array of tools to assist in software development.

2.8.4 Why use Visual Studio 2019 Community Edition

- Built-in support for C family languages compared to other IDE.

2.9 Web Server

2.9.1 What is IIS 10+?

IIS is web server software to provide interaction and configuration with the server developed by Microsoft. IIS supports many different connection protocols including HTTP, HTTPS, SSL connection that use asymmetric encryption. IIS provides the basic functionality that is expected of a web server such as handling requests, authorization and authentication, ...

2.9.2 Why use IIS 10+?

- Support .NET application
- Easy to update to install. IIS can be updated along with Windows update.

2.9.3 What is Apache HTTP Server 2.4+?

- Apache is an open-source web server software maintained under the name of Apache Software Foundation(ASF). The ASF consists of a group of contributors that go by the name of “Apache HTTP Project Management”(PMC). The PMC now determines the direction of the project. Apache is cross-platform and has support for many protocols such as HTTP, HTTP/2, and HTTP with OpenSSL certification(HTTPS). It also is able to handle everything that a web server should be able to do such as handling requests, authorization and authentication. The latest stable revision **2.4.49** was released on 09/16/21.

2.9.4 Why use Apache HTTP Server 2.4+?

- No cost association with the use of the web server.
- Supports all of the industry standard web protocols.
- Cross-platform ensures that the web server will work on the three main Operating Systems(Linux, Windows, MacOS).
- Easily deploy static websites when using technologies such as TypeScript 4+ with HTML.
- Allows for connection through a proxy where guidelines of who can connect to the server can be set.

2.9.5 Analysis between IIS and Apache and Conclusion

Although both IIS and Apache can be used for our project “Hobby Project Generator”, there are certain features that Apache has that will satisfy our requirements. As mentioned in the scope section of our project, we will only be supporting the North America region which will require the use of a proxy. Currently, only Apache web server software supports proxy and IIS does not which is a crucial part of our web application.

In addition, Apache is designed and developed by a dedicated community that respects free and open source which means that it will have a tendency of staying as a free software. On the other hand, IIS is developed by Microsoft corporation which tends to have a tendency to monetize their product. This means that our project is safe from monetization if Microsoft decides to charge for their web server software.

In conclusion, we chose Apache because we need the ability to use proxy to region lock our web application to limit the scope. With a dedicated community that supports Apache as well as the open source nature of the software which give it the advantage over the IIS.

2.10 Web Browsers

2.10.1 Chrome Internet Browser 94.0.4606.61 and latest version of Chrome as of 05/20/22 (64-bit)

Chrome browser, version 94.0.460661 is required for minimal support with our application.

2.10.2 Why use Chrome?

- Chrome has the most market share in terms of browser.

3. Technology used for Project:

3.1 Version Control:

3.1.1 Github website

- We use Github to store documents and in the future the source code of our project.
- Github allows us to track changes between each version of our files through the use of commits.
- Collaboration and code testing is made easier by branching features and merging them.

3.1.2 Why use Github Desktop Client Version 2.9.3+ (x64)?

- Setting up a local repository to track local changes while being able to send changes to the server at any point.
- Intuitive graphical user interface increases productivity by spending less time struggling with version control when pulling, pushing and committing code.
- Built-in code differential feature allow us to solve merge conflict

3.2 Communication Service:

3.2.1 Gmail

- Gmail is used for written communication between team members mainly using email.
- Sign in to utilize other services provide by Google such as Google Doc, Google Drive,

3.2.2 Microsoft outlook

- Use for written communication between team members and the class instructor.

3.2.3 Discord version 0.0.309+

- Discord is used to increase response time between team members since it is a real time chat service
- Main communication service utilize by the team
- Hold Scrum daily meetings through Discord calls.

3.3 Document editor

3.3.1 Google Doc

- Use to write software documentation
- Record Scrum meeting minute.
- Changes are synchronous and allow multiple editors to work on at the same time.

3.3.2 Google Sheets

- Make an appropriate schedule for daily scrum meetings and deadline tracking.
- Changes are synchronous and allow multiple editors to work on at the same time.

3.3.3 Draw.io

- Used to make diagrams for our High Level Design, Site Map documentation.
- Make illustrations such as decision tree.

3.4 Workflow tools

3.4.1 Jira software

- Keep track of tasks and sprints by setting deadlines for tasks and sprint duration
- Log individual time spent on each tasks

3.4.2 Jira Mobile Application version 81.1.6+

- Convenient tasks and sprint tracking through the mobility of the application on mobile devices.

3.5 Operating System:

3.5.1 Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit)

- What we used to build the project:
 - Windows 10:
 - Version 21H1 build 19043.1237
 - Version 20H2 build 19042.1266
- One of the most popular operating system with intuitive graphical user interface
- High compatibility with desktop applications and web browsers such as Chrome version **94.0.4606.61+**

3.6 Web Browser

3.6.1 Chrome Client version 94.0.4606.61+ (64-bit)

- Used to access web applications that we use for written communication (email service), version control web service, documents editor, and workflow web application Jira.

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