

TODO List Manager on Steroids

Initial Risk Assessment Document

Team 3.09

1. Introduction

The goal of the project is to extend the existent TODO List Application on Android to a Web application and to provide sync functionalities between the Android and the Web application, thereby enhancing the user-experience.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this risk assessment is to evaluate the adequacy of the program security. This risk assessment provides a structured qualitative assessment of the operational environment. It addresses sensitivity, threats, vulnerabilities, risks and safeguards. The assessment recommends cost-effective safeguards to mitigate threats and associated exploitable vulnerabilities.

3. Risk Assessment Approach

The assessment recommends appropriate security safeguards, allowing development team to make knowledge-based decisions about security-related initiatives. The basic elements of software risk management are goal, uncertainty, loss, time, choice, intelligent decisions, resolving risks and preventing problems.

4. Pre-development Risk Analysis

These risk items are associated with the activities prior to the development and deployment of a software product. These can be categorized broadly into the following three types:

- a. Size factors related to the size and complexity of the project
- b. Structural factors related to the organizational complexity of the project
- c. Technological factors related to the technology components of the system

5. Pre-development Risks

Risk Items	Category	Risk Level	Risk Mitigation Steps
Total development man-hours for the project	Pre-development Size factors	Low(200)	The project members need to adhere with the timelines to minimize risk in this.
Estimated project implementation time	Pre-development Size factors	Low(14 days)	Breaking up the project into smaller deliverables reduces the risk of a total failure. Defining schedule around these usable components is a critical success factor.
Estimated size of program code	Pre-development Size factors	Medium (4000 LOC)	The coders are expected to modulate the program into workable units and testers should test the code thoroughly before delivery.
User organization needs to change to meet requirements of new code	Pre-development Structural factor	Medium	The user accustomed to using the Android app needs to know how to access the same on a web browser.
Technology	Pre-development	Low	The Google App engine is

Availability	Structural factor		readily available to move the app onto the web browser as well.
Reusable software components	Pre-development technology factor	Low	Since the basic Android app has already been made and modifications to the same are required, there is a low risk of messing with the main code.
Adaptability to change	Pre-development technology factor	Low	The system should be able to adapt to changes easily since it is a modification code in the first place.
Margin of Error – the amount of time between the entry of a transaction and the response to the transaction.	Pre-development technology factor	Medium	Install manual checkpoints to verify the results on the application. This can be as simple as cross checks with scheduling, previous day's runs, trend analysis and other historical data.

6. Revision History

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