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#### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Revision History

| Version | Date       | Author(s)         | Description                |
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#### 1.2 Purpose and Scope

#### 1.2.1 Purpose

This document describes the plan for all phases of the development of the project "myTaxiService". An estimation of effort shall be executed using both the function points and COCOMO II methods. After that, the project will be divided into tasks and each task will be allocated to one or more members of the development team. Finally, risks for each phase of the development process will be considered.

#### **1.2.2** Scope

The aim of this project is to optimize the taxi service of a large city thanks to the simplification of the access to the service for the users and the fair management of taxi queues.

The registered users will be able to request or book a taxi from either a mobile application or a web site and Taxi drivers will use the mobile application to accept the requests of the users.

The city is divided into zones of approximately 2km<sup>2</sup>, each of these with a different queue of taxis.

The system will choose the taxi from the zone that is nearest to the user that has made the request/reservation. Usually, it is their own zone.

Furthermore, when a taxi becomes available, either because its taxi driver logs into the system or the related taxi driver reports the termination of a ride, its identifier will be added at the end of the queue of the current zone in which he is located.

When the first taxi driver in a queue receives a request, they can freely choose whether to accept it or to refuse it. In the first case, a notification is sent to the client saying that one taxi driver has accepted their request, in the second case the request is sent to the second taxi driver in the queue and so on.

Moreover, there is the possibility to reserve a taxi from a certain origin to a specific destination within two hours before the ride; in this case, 10 minutes before the ride the system will allocate it to the first taxi driver in the queue.

Finally, besides the traditional interfaces, programmatic interfaces are provided in order to enable the development of additional services like the taxi sharing option. This option allows users to share the cost of a ride with other people after specifying the starting point, the destination of the ride, the number of people to carry on and the availability to share the ride.

In any case, the system automatically calculates the route of the taxi toward the destinations using Google Maps and it provides the fee for each person in the taxi and notifies the users and the Taxi driver who has accepted the ride before the departure.

## 1.3 List of Definitions and Abbreviations

#### 1.3.1 Definitions

| Client      | A person that uses the application in order to request rides                    |  |
|-------------|---|--|
| Taxi driver | A person that uses their taxi in order to provide the ride                      |  |
| User        | Both a Client and a Taxi driver   |  |
| Route       | The ride that has been booked by a Client                                       |  |
| Ride        | The ride that has been allocated to a Taxi driver and that can be composed of a |  |
|             | single route or in the case of a shared ride, more than one route               |  |
| Tasks       | Activities which must be completed to achieve the project goal                  |  |
| Milestones  | Points in the schedule against which you can assess progress (e.g. the          |  |
|             | handover of the system to be tested)  |  |
| Risk        | A potential problem that might happen or not                                    |  |

#### 1.3.2 Abbreviations

| UI | User Interface |
|----|----------------|
|----|----------------|

### 1.4 List of Reference Documents

#### 1.4.1 External Documentation

| ID   | Name of the document  | Date         |
|------|---|--------------|
| [A0] | AA 2015-2016 Software Engineering 2 - Project goal, schedule and rules  | October 2015 |
| [A1] | Software Engineering 2 Project, AA 2015-2016 Assignments 1 and 2        | October 2015 |
| [A4] | Software Engineering 2 Project, AA 2015-2016 Assignment 4, Test Plan    | January 2016 |
| [A5] | Software Engineering 2 Project, AA 2015-2016 Assignment 5, Project Plan | January 2016 |

#### 1.4.2 Internal Documentation

| ID     | Name of the document                           | Version | Date          |
|--------|--|---------|---------------|
| [RASD] | myTaxiService - Requirements Analysis and      | 2.0     | December 2015 |
|        | Specification Document                         |         |               |
| [SDD]  | myTaxiService – Software Design Description    | 1.0     | December 2015 |
| [ITPD] | myTaxiService – Integration Test Plan Document | 1.0     | January 2016  |

#### 2 Function points method

#### 2.1 Introduction

A function point is a unit of measurement to express the amount of business functionalities a software application provides to a user. They measure software size and the cost (in dollars or hours) of a single unit that is calculated from past projects.

The approach on which the function points are based consists in summing the number of elements of a given type multiplied by their weights and then summing all the partial values obtained. Note that the function point count is modified by the complexity of the project.

The steps to be executed in the function points approach are:

1. Determine function counts by type.

There are five types of function points on which we will perform the analysis:

- o **Internal Logical File (ILF).** Homogeneous set of data used and managed by the application.
- External Interface File (EIF). Homogeneous set of data used by the application but generated and maintained by other applications.
- External Input. Elementary operation to elaborate data coming from the external environment.
- o **External Inquiry.** Elementary operation that involves input and output. Without significant elaboration of data from logic files.
- o **External Output.** Elementary operation that generates data for the external environment. It usually includes the elaboration of data from logic files.
- 2. Determine complexity levels of each function counts using the following table.

| Table 2.  | FP Coun       | ting Weights    |      |  |
|---|---------------|-----------------|------|--|
| For Internal Logical Files and External Interface Files |               |                 |      |  |
|   | С             | ata Elements    | -    |  |
| Record Elements   | <u>1 - 19</u> | <u> 20 - 50</u> | 51+  |  |
| 1   | Low           | Low             | Avg. |  |
| 2 - 5   | Low           | Avg.            | High |  |
| 6+  | Avg.          | High            | High |  |
| For External Output and External Inquiry                |               |                 |      |  |
|   | I             | Data Elements   | 3    |  |
| File Types  | <u>1 - 5</u>  | <u>6 - 19</u>   | 20+  |  |
| 0 or 1  | Low           | Low             | Avg. |  |
| 2 - 3   | Low           | Avg.            | High |  |
| 4+  | Avg.          | High            | High |  |
| For External Input                                      |               |                 |      |  |
|   | ı             | Data Elements   | ;    |  |
| File Types  | <u>1 - 4</u>  | <u>5 - 15</u>   | 16+  |  |
| 0 or 1  | Low           | Low             | Avg. |  |
| 2 - 3   | Low           | Avg.            | High |  |
| 3+  | Avg.          | High            | High |  |

3. Apply complexity weights using the following table.

Table 3. UFP Complexity Weights

|                           | Complexity-Weight |         |      |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------|------|
| Function Type             | Low               | Average | High |
| Internal Logical Files    | 7                 | 10      | 15   |
| External Interfaces Files | 5                 | 7       | 10   |
| External Inputs           | 3                 | 4       | 6    |
| External Outputs          | 4                 | 5       | 7    |
| External Inquiries        | 3                 | 4       | 6    |

4. Compute Unadjusted Function Points (UFPs) summing all the weighted functions counts.

All the tables above are taken from *COCOMO II*, *Model Definition Manual*: <a href="http://csse.usc.edu/csse/research/COCOMOII/cocomo2000.0/CII\_modelman2000.0.pdf">http://csse.usc.edu/csse/research/COCOMOII/cocomo2000.0/CII\_modelman2000.0.pdf</a>

#### 2.2 Function points estimation

#### 2.2.1 Internal Logical Files (ILFs)

The application includes a number of ILFs that we will use to store information about:

- **Clients.** The system saves a lot of information about clients (i.e. email, password, name, surname, gender, address and date of birth).
- **Taxi drivers.** The system saves a lot of information about taxi drivers (i.e. email, password, name, surname, gender, address, date of birth, taxi license, personal license and IBAN).
- **Routes.** Since they are the core object of the system, a very large amount of data will be saved about routes (i.e. origin, destination, time of reservation, time of departure, date of departure, date of arrival, km, price, number of people, current status of the route, shared route or not).
- **Rides.** They represent a collection of routes for the same taxi and they are characterized by an origin and a destination.
- **Taxis.** The system saves information about plate and the number of seats.
- **Credit cards.** The system saves information about the number of credit cards, the owner name and surname and the expiry date.

From the description above, the resulting complexity and function points for each ILF are:

| Internal Logical File (ILF) | Complexity | <b>Function points</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Clients                     | Average    | 10                     |
| Taxi driver                 | Average    | 10                     |
| Routes                      | High       | 15                     |
| Rides                       | Low        | 7                      |
| Taxis                       | Low        | 7                      |
| Credit cards                | Low        | 7                      |
| Total                       |            | 56                     |

#### 2.2.2 External Interface Files (EIFs)

The application manages the interaction with external entities for acquiring information about:

- Geographical information for the position of taxi drivers and the calculation of the routes. It is acquired from Google Maps APIs using the current and the destinations position in coordinates or addresses.
- A public authority (e.g. *Ministero delle Infrastrutture e dei Trasporti*) allows to verify the existence and validity of the data inserted by a taxi driver relative to their taxis information.
- Public authorities that manages taxi licenses and their owners allow to verify the correctness of the data about taxi licenses inserted by taxi drivers.
- **Credit cards' companies** to verify correctness of credit cards' data inserted by clients and that provide the support for the payments of the rides to the taxi drivers.

The system will convert all the received information in a correct format in order to be able to elaborate them.

From the description above, the resulting complexity and function points for each EIF are:

| <b>External Interface File (EIF)</b> | Complexity | <b>Function points</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Google maps                          | Low        | 5                      |
| Ministero delle Infrastrutture e     | Low        | 5                      |

| dei Trasporti                   |     |    |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| Public authorities that manages | Low | 5  |
| taxi licenses and their owners  |     |    |
| Credit cards' companies         | Low | 5  |
| Total                           |     | 20 |

#### 2.2.3 External Inputs

The application interacts with clients and taxi drivers to allow the following operations:

- **Registration.** A simple operation involving the insertion in the system of the data related to the new user.
- **Login/Logout.** Simple operations that need only to create/close a session.
- **Password recovery.** A very simple operation that consists of sending an email to the user that has requested a new password after they have inserted their email. It involves only the entity related to the current specific kind of user.
- **Modification of personal information.** It is a simple operation because it consists only of the insertion of some new data that replace the older data in a single entity (Taxi driver or Client). For example, a Taxi driver can modify their driving license and IBAN.
- **Addition/deletion of a credit card.** They are operations of average complexity. Clients can add more than one credit card to their account and delete a credit card when they want. These operations use the Client and the Credit cards entities.
- **Addition/modification/deletion of a taxi.** They are activities of average complexity because they involve the taxi and the taxi driver entities.
- Taxi driver working-state modification. It is an activity of average complexity because it
  involves operations like zone identification or the insertion in/removal from a queue of taxi
  drivers.
- Ride request/modification/cancelation/interruption (both shared and not shared). It is an operation of average complexity because it involves client, rides, routes and taxi driver.
- **Ride payment.** A complex operation that involves the management of security and client, taxi driver, credit cards and route entities.
- Conclusion of a ride. When a taxi driver inserts the input data that allow the conclusion of a ride, this operation involves the taxi driver, client, route, ride entities: therefore, its complexity has to be considered high.

In the following table the results of the above analysis are summarized.

| External input                                | Complexity | <b>Function points</b> |
|---|------------|------------------------|
| Registration                                  | Low        | 3                      |
| Login/Logout                                  | Low        | 2 x 3                  |
| Password recovery                             | Low        | 3                      |
| Modification of personal information          | Low        | 3                      |
| Addition/deletion of a credit card            | Average    | 2 x 4                  |
| Addition/modification/deletion of a taxi      | Average    | 3 x 4                  |
| Taxi driver working-state modification        | Average    | 4                      |
| Ride  | High       | 4 x 6                  |
| request/modification/cancelation/interruption |            |                        |
| (both shared and not shared)                  |            |                        |
| Ride payment                                  | High       | 6                      |

| Conclusion of a ride | High | 6  |
|----------------------|------|----|
| Total                |      | 75 |

#### 2.2.4 External Inquiries

The application allows taxi drivers and clients to requests these pieces of information:

- **User profile information.** They can see their profile information and this is a simple activity that involves the usage of a single entity.
- **List of their pending/concluded rides.** It is an operation of average complexity because it involves the usage of entities like Taxi Driver/Client, Rides and Routes.
- **List of shared rides available.** This is a very complex activity because it involves the research of a large amount of data in the system to find compatible routes with that of the client who is searching and the communication with external interfaces (Google Maps).

In the following table the results of the above analysis are summarized.

| External inquiry                | Complexity   | <b>Function points</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| User profile information        | Low          | 3                      |
| List of their pending/concluded | Average      | 2 x 4                  |
| rides                           |              |                        |
| List of shared rides available  | High         | 6                      |
| Total                           | <del>-</del> | 17                     |

#### 2.2.5 External Outputs

The application will notify the users with a push notification on their smartphones in the following main cases:

- Acceptance/Refusal of a taxi request (push notification for the taxi driver). This is received by the Taxi driver and sent from the system after it has elaborated a new client request. This request involves the Taxi Driver, Client and Route and Ride entities and is to be considered of high complexity.
- Acceptance of a taxi request (push notification for the client). This notification is sent to the client when their ride has been accepted by a Taxi driver. It involves Client, Taxi Driver and Route entities and has an average complexity.
- **Interruption of a ride** (**push notification for the client**). It is sent to the clients of the interrupted ride for some problems on a taxi or other reasons. The complexity is high and it involves the Client, Taxi Driver, Ride and Route entities.
- **Successful payment with credit card (push notification).** It is sent to the client and the taxi driver when a payment is executed. The complexity is average and involves Client, Taxi driver and Route entities.

In the following table the results of the above analysis are summarized.

| External output   | Complexity | <b>Function points</b> |
|---|------------|------------------------|
| Acceptance/Refusal of a taxi request (push notification for the | Ç          | 7                      |
| taxi driver)  |            |                        |
| Acceptance of a taxi request (push notification for the client) | Average    | 5                      |

| Interruption of a ride (push   | High    | 7  |
|--------------------------------|---------|----|
| notification for the client)   |         |    |
| Successful payment with credit | Average | 5  |
| card (push notification)       |         |    |
| Total                          |         | 24 |

#### 2.2.6 Total number of Function Points (UFPs)

By summing all the numerical total values obtained from the 5 types of function points that we have considered above, we obtain an estimation of the number of UFPs.

In COCOMO II we will use this value to obtain the estimation of the source lines of code (SLOC). In the following table our estimations are summarized.

| <b>Function type</b>            | Value |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Internal Logical Files (ILFs)   | 56    |
| External Interface Files (EIFs) | 20    |
| External inputs                 | 75    |
| External inquiries              | 17    |
| External outputs                | 24    |
| Total                           | 192   |

#### 3 COCOMO II method

#### 3.1 Introduction

The COCOMO II method is an algorithmic method used to estimate the effort required for the development of a software. The effort PM is calculated in person-months using the following formula:

$$PM = A * EAF * KSLOC^{E}$$

where the parameters have the following values:

- A = 2.94, as determined in COCOMO II Model Definition Manual;
- EAF = Effort Adjustment Factor, obtained as

$$EAF = \prod_{i=1}^{n} EM_i$$

where EM<sub>i</sub> are the Effort Multipliers corresponding to each Cost Driver (see section 3.2 below);

- KSLOC = thousands of Source Lines Of Code, estimated using the Function Points method;
- E = Exponential obtained using the following formula:

$$E = B + 0.01 * \sum_{j=1}^{5} SF_j$$

where B=0.91, as determined in COCOMO II Model Definition Manual and  $SF_j$  are the Scale Factors determined in section 3.3.

Using the value of PM, the amount of calendar time for the development of the software TDEV can be estimated using the following formula:

$$TDEV = C * PM^F$$

where the parameters have the following values:

- C = 3.67, as determined in COCOMO II Model Definition Manual;
- PM = the value calculated at the previous step;
- F = determined using the formula

$$F = D + 0.2 * (E - B)$$

where D = 0.28, as determined in COCOMO II Model Definition Manual.

Finally, the average number of staff NS required for the development of the project will be estimated using the following formula:

$$NS = \left[\frac{PM}{TDEV}\right]$$

In the following sections, all parameters will be estimated referencing to the tables taken from

COCOMO II, Model Definition Manual: <a href="http://csse.usc.edu/csse/research/COCOMOII/cocomo2000.0/CII">http://csse.usc.edu/csse/research/COCOMOII/cocomo2000.0/CII</a> modelman2000.0.pdf

#### 3.2 Source Lines of Code

The source lines of code can be simply estimated multiplying the function points calculated in factor calculated for J2EE in the table found here: Chapter by the http://www.gsm.com/resources/function-point-languages-table

The average factor for J2EE is 46, therefore the estimated number of SLOC is

$$SLOC = UFP * FPL = 168 * 46 = 7728 \cong 7.7 KSLOC$$

#### 3.3 Cost Drivers

For the evaluation of the Cost Drivers, we will apply the Post-Architecture Model. This decision was made since it is the most detailed model and can be applied using the SLOC that we have estimated in Chapter 3.2, and when a software life-cycle architecture has been developed, which is our case.

#### 3.3.1 Product Factors

#### 3.3.1.1 Required Software Reliability (RELY)

This is the measure of the extent to which the software must perform its intended function over a period of time. In [RASD, Chapter 3] we have stated that it shall have a reliability of 99.99%, therefore it is set to High.

RELY risk to slight low, easily moderate, high Descriptors: inconvenrecoverable easily financial human life ience losses recoverable loss losses Very High Rating Levels Very Low Low Nominal High Extra High Effort Multipliers 0.82 0.92 1.00 1.10 1.26 n/a

Table 17. RELY Cost Driver

#### 3.3.1.2 Data Base Size (DATA)

This is the measure of the effect large test data requirements have on product development using the ratio D/P, where D is the size (in bytes) of the testing database and P is the number of SLOC. We do not have the exact value of D, but we can imagine that the ratio will be between 10 and 100, therefore its value will be set to Nominal.

Table 18. DATA Cost Driver

| DATA*              |          | Testing DB | 10 ≤ D/P < | 100 ≤ D/P < | D/P ≥ 1000 |            |
|--------------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Descriptors        |          | bytes/Pgm  | 100        | 1000        |            |            |
|                    |          | SLOC < 10  |            |             |            |            |
| Rating Levels      | Very Low | Low        | Nominal    | High        | Very High  | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers | n/a      | 0.90       | 1.00       | 1.14        | 1.28       | n/a        |

DATA is rated as Low if D/P is less than 10 and it is very high if it is greater than 1000. P is measured in equivalent source lines of code (SLOC), which may involve function point or reuse conversions.

#### 3.3.1.3 Product Complexity (CPLX)

This is the measure of the complexity of the final product, divided into five areas: control operations, computational operations, device-dependent operations, data management operations, and user interface management operations. The average complexity can be considered High.

#### Table 20. CPLX Cost Driver

| Rating Levels      | Very Low | Low  | Nominal | High | Very High | Extra High |
|--------------------|----------|------|---------|------|-----------|------------|
| Effort Multipliers | 0.73     | 0.87 | 1.00    | 1.17 | 1.34      | 1.74       |

#### 3.3.1.4 Developed for Reusability (RUSE)

This is the measure of the additional effort needed to construct components intended for reuse on current or future projects. As stated in [RASD, Chapter 3], few modules will be developed to be reused, therefore its value will be set to Nominal.

Table 21. RUSE Cost Driver

| RUSE<br>Descriptors: |          | none | across<br>project | across<br>program | across<br>product line | across<br>multiple<br>product<br>lines |
|----------------------|----------|------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|
| Rating Levels        | Very Low | Low  | Nominal           | High              | Very High              | Extra High                             |
| Effort Multipliers   | n/a      | 0.95 | 1.00              | 1.07              | 1.15                   | 1.24                                   |

#### 3.3.1.5 Documentation Match to Life-Cycle Needs (DOCU)

This is the measure of the level of required documentation. It must be extremely thorough in order to avoid additional costs in a future maintenance scenario; therefore its value will be set to High.

Table 22. DOCU Cost Driver

| DOCU               | Many life-               | Some life-             | Right-sized            | Excessive               | Very                                 |            |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Descriptors:       | cycle needs<br>uncovered | cycle needs uncovered. | to life-cycle<br>needs | for life-cycle<br>needs | excessive<br>for life-cycle<br>needs |            |
| Rating Levels      | Very Low                 | Low                    | Nominal                | High                    | Very High                            | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers | 0.81                     | 0.91                   | 1.00                   | 1.11                    | 1.23                                 | n/a        |

#### 3.3.2 Platform Factors

#### 3.3.2.1 Execution Time Constraint (TIME)

This is the measure of the degree of execution time constraint imposed upon a software product. The rating is expressed in terms of available execution time expected to be used. It will usually be less than 50%, therefore its value will be set to Nominal.

Table 23. TIME Cost Driver

| TIME<br>Descriptors: |          |     | ≤ 50% use<br>of available<br>execution<br>time | 70% use of available execution time | 85% use of<br>available<br>execution<br>time | 95% use of<br>available<br>execution<br>time |
|----------------------|----------|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Rating Levels        | Very Low | Low | Nominal  | High                                | Very High                                    | Extra High                                   |
| Effort Multipliers   | n/a      | n/a | 1.00   | 1.11                                | 1.29   | 1.63   |

#### 3.3.2.2 Main Storage Constraint (STOR)

This is the measure of main storage constraint imposed on a software system or subsystem. It will usually be less than 50%, therefore its value will be set to Nominal.

Table 24. STOR Cost Driver

| STOR<br>Descriptors: |          |     | ≤ 50% use<br>of available<br>storage | 70% use of<br>available<br>storage | 85% use of available storage | 95% use of<br>available<br>storage |
|----------------------|----------|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Rating Levels        | Very Low | Low | Nominal                              | High                               | Very High                    | Extra High                         |
| Effort Multipliers   | n/a      | n/a | 1.00                                 | 1.05                               | 1.17                         | 1.46                               |

#### 3.3.2.3 Platform Volatility (PVOL)

This is the measure of the number and level of changes that will be applied to the platform (e.g. hardware, software...). Since our system will be deployed mostly on Amazon Web Services, we do not expect an elevated number of changes, therefore its value will be set to Low.

Table 25. PVOL Cost Driver

| PVOL<br>Descriptors: |          | Major<br>change<br>every 12<br>mo.; Minor<br>change<br>every 1 mo. | Major: 6<br>mo.; Minor:<br>2 wk. | Major: 2<br>mo.;Minor:<br>1 wk. | Major: 2<br>wk.;Minor: 2<br>days |            |
|----------------------|----------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Rating Levels        | Very Low | Low  | Nominal                          | High                            | Very High                        | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers   | n/a      | 0.87   | 1.00                             | 1.15                            | 1.30                             | n/a        |

#### 3.3.3 Personnel Factors

#### 3.3.3.1 Analyst Capability (ACAP)

This is the measure of analysis and design ability, efficiency and thoroughness, and the ability to communicate and cooperate of the analysts. Its value will be set to High.

Table 26. ACAP Cost Driver

| ACAP               | 15th       | 35th       | 55th       | 75th       | 90th       |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Descriptors:       | percentile | percentile | percentile | percentile | percentile |            |
| Rating Levels      | Very Low   | Low        | Nominal    | High       | Very High  | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers | 1.42       | 1.19       | 1.00       | 0.85       | 0.71       | n/a        |

#### 3.3.3.2 Programmer Capability (PCAP)

This is the measure of ability, efficiency and thoroughness, and the ability to communicate and cooperate of the programmers, seen as a team. Its value will be set to High.

Table 27. PCAP Cost Driver

| PCAP               | 15th       | 35th       | 55th       | 75th       | 90th       |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Descriptors        | percentile | percentile | percentile | percentile | percentile |            |
| Rating Levels      | Very Low   | Low        | Nominal    | High       | Very High  | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers | 1.34       | 1.15       | 1.00       | 0.88       | 0.76       | n/a        |

#### 3.3.3.3 Personnel Continuity (PCON)

This is the measure of the project's annual personnel turnover: since it will not change its value can be set to Very High.

Table 28. PCON Cost Driver

| PCON Descriptors:  | 48% / year | 24% / year | 12% / year | 6% / year | 3% / year |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Rating Levels      | Very Low   | Low        | Nominal    | High      | Very High | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers | 1.29       | 1.12       | 1.00       | 0.90      | 0.81      |            |

#### 3.3.3.4 Applications Experience (APEX)

This is the measure of the level of experience of the project team in developing this type of application. Since we have very few previous experiences in the development of such an application, its value will be set to Low.

Table 29. APEX Cost Driver

| APEX Descriptors:  | ≤ 2 months | 6 months | 1 year  | 3 years | 6 years   |            |
|--------------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Rating Levels      | Very Low   | Low      | Nominal | High    | Very High | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers | 1.22       | 1.10     | 1.00    | 0.88    | 0.81      | n/a        |

#### 3.3.3.5 Platform Experience (PLEX)

This is the measure of understanding the use of more powerful platforms, such as more graphic user interface, database, networking, and distributed middleware capabilities. We have been studying these kinds of platforms for about a year, therefore its value will be set to Nominal.

Table 30. PLEX Cost Driver

| PLEX Descriptors:  | ≤ 2 months | 6 months | 1 year  | 3 years | 6 year    |            |
|--------------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Rating Levels      | Very Low   | Low      | Nominal | High    | Very High | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers | 1.19       | 1.09     | 1.00    | 0.91    | 0.85      | n/a        |

#### 3.3.3.6 Language and Tool Experience (LTEX)

This is the measure of the knowledge of the used programming language and tools. The project will be developed using Java Enterprise Edition using NetBeans as IDE, tools that we have been studying for less than 6 months, therefore its value will be set to Low.

Table 31. LTEX Cost Driver

| LTEX Descriptors:  | ≤ 2 months | 6 months | 1 year  | 3 years | 6 year    |            |
|--------------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Rating Levels      | Very Low   | Low      | Nominal | High    | Very High | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers | 1.20       | 1.09     | 1.00    | 0.91    | 0.84      |            |

#### 3.3.4 Project Factors

#### 3.3.4.1 Use of Software Tools (TOOL)

This is the measure of the level of the used software tools. The tools we have used have been on the market for a long time, therefore its value will be set to High.

Table 32. TOOL Cost Driver

| TOOL<br>Descriptors | edit, code,<br>debug | simple,<br>frontend,<br>backend<br>CASE, little<br>integration | basic life-<br>cycle tools,<br>moderately<br>integrated | strong,<br>mature life-<br>cycle tools,<br>moderately<br>integrated | strong,<br>mature,<br>proactive<br>life-cycle<br>tools, well<br>integrated<br>with<br>processes,<br>methods,<br>reuse |            |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|---|---|---|------------|
| Rating Levels       | Very Low             | Low  | Nominal   | High  | Very High   | Extra High |
| Effort Multipliers  | 1.17                 | 1.09   | 1.00  | 0.90  | 0.78  | n/a        |

#### 3.3.4.2 Multisite Development (SITE)

This is the measure of the physical distance among the members of the team. Although we live in

the same city (and have been able to work in the same room), sometimes we had to use instant messaging applications and occasional Skype calls in order to coordinate our work, therefore its value will be set to High.

Table 33. SITE Cost Driver

| SITE:              | Inter-      | Multi-city | Multi-city or | Same city  | Same        | Fully       |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Collocation        | national    | and Multi- | Multi-        | or metro.  | building or | collocated  |
| Descriptors:       |             | company    | company       | area       | complex     |             |
| SITE:              | Some        | Individual | Narrow        | Wideband   | Wideband    | Interactive |
| Communications     | phone, mail | phone, FAX | band email    | electronic | elect.      | multimedia  |
| Descriptors:       |             |            |               | communicat | comm.,      |             |
|                    |             |            |               | ion.       | occasional  |             |
|                    |             |            |               |            | video conf. |             |
| Rating Levels      | Very Low    | Low        | Nominal       | High       | Very High   | Extra High  |
| Effort Multipliers | 1.22        | 1.09       | 1.00          | 0.93       | 0.86        | 0.80        |

#### 3.3.4.3 Required Development Schedule (SCED)

This is the measure of the schedule constraint imposed on the project team. We have always been able to respect the deadline but using more than the expected time, therefore its value will be set to High.

Table 34. SCED Cost Driver

| SCED              | 75%        | 85%        | 100%       | 130%       | 160%       |            |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Descriptors       | of nominal |            |
| Rating Level      | Very Low   | Low        | Nominal    | High       | Very High  | Extra High |
| Effort Multiplier | 1.43       | 1.14       | 1.00       | 1.00       | 1.00       | n/a        |

#### 3.4 Scale Drivers

Table 10. Scale Factor Values, SFi, for COCOMO II Models

|                   |                                 |                                   | , 22 ,, 20                               | 1 0000                 |                       |                          |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Scale<br>Factors  | Very Low                        | Low                               | Nominal                                  | High                   | Very High             | Extra High               |
|                   | thoroughly<br>unpreceden<br>ted | largely<br>unpreceden<br>ted      | somewhat<br>unpreceden<br>ted            | generally<br>familiar  | largely<br>familiar   | thoroughly<br>familiar   |
| PREC              |                                 |                                   |  |                        |                       |                          |
| SF <sub>j</sub> : | 6.20                            | 4.96                              | 3.72                                     | 2.48                   | 1.24                  | 0.00                     |
| FLEX              | rigorous                        | occasional<br>relaxation          | some relaxation                          | general<br>conformity  | some conformity       | general<br>goals         |
| SF <sub>j</sub> : | 5.07                            | 4.05                              | 3.04                                     | 2.03                   | 1.01                  | 0.00                     |
| RESL              | little (20%)                    | some (40%)                        | often (60%)                              | generally<br>(75%)     | mostly<br>(90%)       | full (100%)              |
| SF <sub>j</sub> : | 7.07                            | 5.65                              | 4.24                                     | 2.83                   | 1.41                  | 0.00                     |
|                   | very difficult interactions     | some<br>difficult<br>interactions | basically<br>cooperative<br>interactions | largely<br>cooperative | highly<br>cooperative | seamless<br>interactions |
| TEAM              |                                 | interactions                      | interactions                             |                        |                       |                          |
| SF <sub>j</sub> : | 5.48                            | 4.38                              | 3.29                                     | 2.19                   | 1.10                  | 0.00                     |
|                   |                                 |                                   |  | Level (EPML)           |                       |                          |
| PMAT              | SW-CMM<br>Level 1               | SW-CMM<br>Level 1                 | SW-CMM<br>Level 2                        | SW-CMM<br>Level 3      | SW-CMM<br>Level 4     | SW-CMM<br>Level 5        |
| SF <sub>j</sub> : | Lower<br>7.80                   | Upper<br>6.24                     | 4.68                                     | 3.12                   | 1.56                  | 0.00                     |
|                   |                                 |                                   |  |                        |                       |                          |

#### 3.4.1 Precedentedness (PREC)

It expresses the similarity to projects previously developed by the team. Since it is the first time we have worked on such a project, its value will be set to Low.

#### 3.4.2 Development Flexibility (FLEX)

It expresses the flexibility of the requirements and usage of external interfaces. Since the specifications were not excessively detailed and we did not have any restriction in the choice of technologies, its value will be set to Very High.

#### 3.4.3 Architecture / Risk Resolution (RESL)

It expresses the thoroughness in the analysis of risks and definition of the software architecture. Since both processes were extremely thorough, its value will be set to Very High.

#### 3.4.4 Team Cohesion (TEAM)

It expresses the sources of project turbulence and entropy because of difficulties in synchronizing the project stakeholders' activities. Since we did not face particular problems in the synchronization of our activities, its value will be set to Very High.

#### 3.4.5 Process Maturity (PMAT)

It expresses the maturity of the development process and it is calculated from the following 18 Key Process Areas (KPAs):

| KPA                                     | Factor         | Value |
|---|----------------|-------|
| Requirements Management                 | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Software Project Planning               | About Half     | 50%   |
| Software Project Tracking and Oversight | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Software Subcontract Management         | About Half     | 50%   |
| Software Quality Assurance (SQA)        | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Software Configuration Management (SCM) | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Organization Process Focus              | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Organization Process Definition         | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Training Program                        | Rarely if Ever | 1%    |
| Integrated Software Management          | About Half     | 50%   |
| Software Product Engineering            | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Intergroup Coordination                 | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Peer Reviews                            | Almost Always  | 100%  |
| Quantitative Process Management         | About Half     | 50%   |
| Software Quality Management             | About Half     | 50%   |
| Defect Prevention                       | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Technology Change Management            | Frequently     | 75%   |
| Process Change Management               | Frequently     | 75%   |

Using the following formula, we can calculate the value of the equivalent process maturity level EMPL, which can be linked to PMAT:

$$EMPL = 5 * \frac{1}{n} * \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{KPA \%_{i}}{100} = 3.2\overline{6}$$

which is equivalent to High.

#### 3.5 Final count

| Scale Driver                          | Factor    | Value |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Precedentedness (PREC)                | Low       | 4.96  |
| Development Flexibility (FLEX)        | Very High | 1.01  |
| Architecture / Risk Resolution (RESL) | Very High | 1.41  |
| Team Cohesion (TEAM)                  | Very High | 1.10  |
| Process Maturity (PMAT)               | High      | 3.12  |
| Total:                                |           | 11.6  |

Therefore, the value of E will be 1.026.

| Cost Driver                                    | Factor    | Value |
|--|-----------|-------|
| Required Software Reliability (RELY)           | High      | 1.10  |
| Data Base Size (DATA)                          | Nominal   | 1.00  |
| Product Complexity (CPLX)                      | High      | 1.17  |
| Developed for Reusability (RUSE)               | Nominal   | 1.00  |
| Documentation Match to Life-Cycle Needs (DOCU) | High      | 1.11  |
| Execution Time Constraint (TIME)               | Nominal   | 1.00  |
| Main Storage Constraint (STOR)                 | Nominal   | 1.00  |
| Platform Volatility (PVOL)                     | Low       | 0.87  |
| Analyst Capability (ACAP)                      | High      | 0.85  |
| Programmer Capability (PCAP)                   | High      | 0.88  |
| Personnel Continuity (PCON)                    | Very High | 0.81  |
| Applications Experience (APEX)                 | Low       | 1.10  |
| Platform Experience (PLEX)                     | Nominal   | 1.00  |
| Language and Tool Experience (LTEX)            | Low       | 1.09  |
| Use of Software Tools (TOOL)                   | High      | 0.90  |
| Multisite Development (SITE)                   | High      | 0.93  |
| Required Development Schedule (SCED)           | High      | 1.00  |
| Product:                                       |           | 0.76  |

Applying the formulas described in Chapter 3.1, we obtain the following results:

$$PM = A * EAF * KSLOC^{E} = 2.94 * 0.76 * 7.7^{1.026} = 18.14 \ person \ months$$

$$TDEV = C * PM^{F} = 3.67 * 18.14^{0.3032} = 8.84 \ months \cong 9 \ months$$

$$NS = \left[\frac{PM}{TDEV}\right] = \left[\frac{18.14}{8.84}\right] = 3 \ persons$$

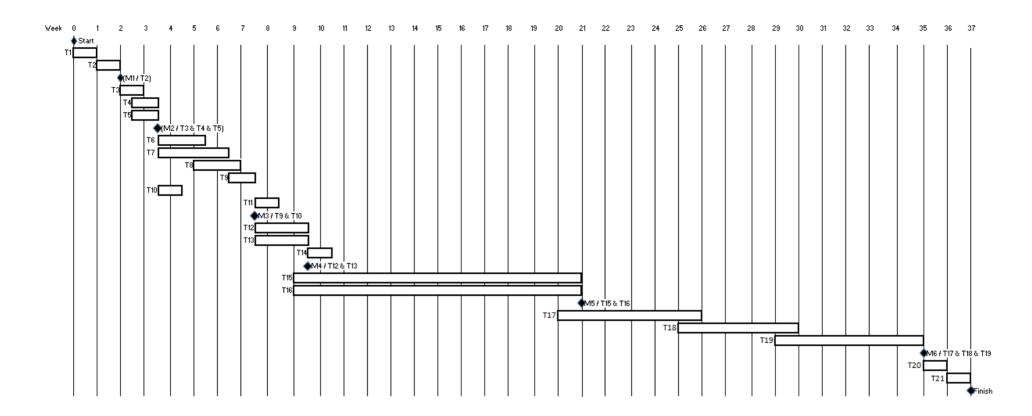
#### 4 Tasks and schedule

The following table shows how the project has been divided into tasks and the dependencies among different tasks.

In most cases, dependencies are weak precedencies where only part of the "entry" tasks must have been completed in order to execute the current one.

For each task we have also specified the estimated time and resources needed to accomplish it; in order to be as precise as possible we did these estimation considering the actual availability of the team members, that is **3 hours per day**, **5 days per week**.

|     | Tasks                                    | Effort (person- | Duration | Dependencies  |
|-----|--|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| ID  | Name                                     | days)           | (days)   | Dependencies  |
|     | Requirements analysis and specification  |                 |          |               |
| T1  | Meetings with the client                 | 3               | 5        |               |
| T2  | Feasibility analysis                     | 12              | 5        | T1            |
| T3  | Functional requirements definition       | 4               | 5        | T2            |
| T4  | Non-functional requirements definition   | 4               | 5        | T2            |
| T5  | Interfaces definition                    | 8               | 5        | T2            |
| T6  | System test plan                         | 18              | 10       | T3, T4, T5    |
|     | Architectural design                     |                 |          |               |
| T7  | Deployment architecture design           | 20              | 15       | T3, T4, T5    |
| T8  | High level components design             | 8               | 10       | T7            |
| T9  | High level components interaction design | 5               | 5        |               |
| T10 | Data base design                         | 6               | 5        | T3, T4, T5    |
| T11 | Integration test planning                | 13              | 5        | T8, T9        |
|     | Detailed design                          |                 |          |               |
| T12 | Detailed front-end components design     | 8               | 10       | T9, T10       |
| T13 | Detailed back-end components design      | 18              | 10       | T9, T10       |
| T14 | Unit test planning                       | 7               | 5        | T12, T13      |
|     | Coding                                   |                 |          |               |
| T15 | Front-end components implementation      | 50              | 60       | T12, T13      |
| T16 | Back-end components implementation       | 100             | 60       | T12, T13      |
|     | Testing                                  |                 |          |               |
| T17 | Unit testing                             | 70              | 30       | T14, T15, T16 |
| T18 | Integration testing                      | 60              | 25       | T11, T17      |
| T19 | System testing                           | 70              | 30       | T6, T18       |
|     | Delivery                                 |                 |          |               |
| T20 | Installation                             | 15              | 5        | T19           |
| T21 | Acceptance testing                       | 15              | 5        | T20           |



♦: is the graphical representation of a milestone

M1: the project plan has been completed

M2: the domain and the requirements have been defined

M3: the architecture has been designed

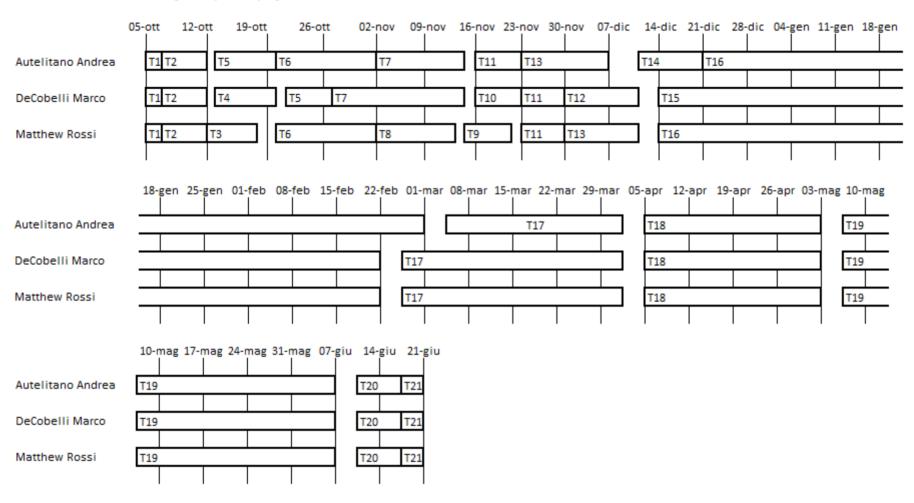
M4: the components have been designed in details

M5: software development has been completed

M6: unit, integration and system testing have been completed successfully

#### 5 Resource allocation

The following bar charts show the team members' allocation to the tasks defined at paragraph 4 considering the actual availability of the team members, that is 3 hours per day, 5 days per week.



### 6 Risk assessment

The following table lists the possible identified risks, the estimate of the probability that it will occur and the impact (i.e., damage) it will have if it does occur.

| Risk  | Probability | Effects       |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| Executive turnover disrupts project                                   |             |               |
| A key executive leaves the company, the resulting disruption          | Low         | Catastrophic  |
| becomes a project issue.  |             |               |
| Gold plating inflates scope   |             |               |
| The project team add their own product features that aren't in        | Moderate    | Marginal      |
| requirements or change requests.                                      |             |               |
| Estimates are inaccurate  | High        | Serious       |
| Inaccurate estimates is a common project risk.                        | High        | Serious       |
| Change management overload  |             |               |
| A large number of change requests dramatically raises the complexity  | Low         | Catastrophic  |
| of the project and distracts key resources.                           |             |               |
| Project team misunderstand requirements                               |             |               |
| When requirements are misinterpreted by the project team a gap        | Moderate    | Serious       |
| develops between expectations, requirements and work packages.        |             |               |
| Under communication   |             |               |
| Communication is a challenge that's not to be underestimated. You     | Moderate    | Marginal      |
| may need to communicate the same idea many times in different         | Moderate    | Wangman       |
| ways before people remember it.                                       |             |               |
| Resource shortfalls   | Moderate    | Serious       |
| Inability to secure sufficient resources for the project.             | Wioderate   | Scrious       |
| Resources are inexperienced   |             |               |
| Resources who are just out of school or who are new to your industry  | High        | Marginal      |
| or profession tend to make more mistakes and be less productive.      |             |               |
| Team members with negative attitudes towards the project              |             |               |
| Resources who are negative towards the project may actively or        | Low         | Catastrophic  |
| passively sabotage project efforts.                                   |             |               |
| Resource turnover   | Low         | Serious       |
| Resource turnover leads to delays and cost overrun.                   | Low         | Serious       |
| Architecture lacks flexibility  |             |               |
| The architecture is incapable of supporting change requests and needs | Moderate    | Serious       |
| to be reworked.   |             |               |
| Architecture is not fit for purpose                                   | Low         | Catastrophia  |
| The architecture is low quality.                                      | Low         | Catastrophic  |
| Design lacks flexibility  | Moderate    | Serious       |
| A poor design makes change requests difficult and costly.             | Moderate    | Serious       |
| Design is not fit for purpose   | T           | Cotootiisiisi |
| The design is low quality.  | Low         | Catastrophic  |
| Technology components aren't fit for purpose                          | _           |               |
| Technology components are low quality.                                | Low         | Serious       |
|   |             |               |
| Technology components have security vulnerabilities                   | Moderate    | Catastrophic  |
| Security vulnerabilities are key technology risks.                    |             | _             |

| Technology components lack stability Components that crash.   | Low      | Serious      |
|---|----------|--------------|
| Failure to integrate with systems  The risk that your product will fail to integrate with existing systems.   | Moderate | Serious      |
| Failure to integrate components  The risk that product components will fail to integrate with each other.   | Low      | Serious      |
| Requirements are ambiguous Requirements are unclear and open to interpretation.   | Moderate | Serious      |
| Requirements are low quality Requirements aren't fit for purpose.   | Low      | Serious      |
| Requirements are incomplete You can spot obvious holes in the requirements.   | Moderate | Serious      |
| Legal & regulatory change impacts project If your project spans areas that are compliance-sensitive you may want to list regulatory change as a risk. | Low      | Catastrophic |
| User interface doesn't allow users to complete tasks  The risk that the user interface doesn't allow users to complete end- to-end tasks.             | Low      | Catastrophic |
| User interface is low quality The user interface is buggy, slow or difficult to use.  | Low      | Serious      |
| Users reject the product The general risk that users will reject your product.  | Low      | Catastrophic |

The following table shows the contingency plan to handle risks in a controlled and effective manner.

| Risk  | Strategy   |
|---|--|
| Executive turnover disrupts project   |  |
| A key executive leaves the company, the resulting disruption becomes a project issue.   | Reorganize team so that there is more overlap of work and therefore people understand each other's jobs.         |
| Gold plating inflates scope The project team add their own product features that aren't in requirements or change requests.   | Change in the requirements can be apply only to satisfy clients' needs.  |
| Estimates are inaccurate Inaccurate estimates is a common project risk.   | Investigate buying-in components; investigate use of a program generator.  |
| Change management overload A large number of change requests dramatically raises the complexity of the project and distracts key resources.                           | Derive traceability information to assess requirements change impact; maximize information hiding in the design. |
| Project team misunderstand requirements When requirements are misinterpreted by the project team a gap develops between expectations, requirements and work packages. | Any requirement has to be explained so that the whole project team is on the same page.                          |

| Under communication Communication is a challenge that's not to be underestimated. You may need to communicate the same idea many times in different ways before people remember it. | Any common information that has to be communicated to other team members must be written in shared resources in the most clear way, so that no time is wasted for repeating same ideas.           |
|---|---|
| Resource shortfalls Inability to secure sufficient resources for the project.   | Reorganize team so that there is more overlap of work and people therefore understand each other's jobs.  |
| Resources are inexperienced Resources who are just out of school or who are new to your industry or profession tend to make more mistakes and be less productive.                   | In the time estimation take into account a lower productivity of the team members and a longer testing phase.   |
| Team members with negative attitudes towards the project Resources who are negative towards the project may actively or passively sabotage project efforts.                         | Keep the team members attitudes as positive as possible by avoiding the enforcement of impossible deadlines, too much effort and competition into the team.                                       |
| Resource turnover Resource turnover leads to delays and cost overrun.   | Reorganize team so that there is more overlap of work and people therefore understand each other's jobs.  |
| Architecture lacks flexibility The architecture is incapable of supporting change requests and needs to be reworked.  | Use as much as possible architectural patterns of known flexibility.  |
| Architecture is not fit for purpose The architecture is low quality.  | Make sure that in the defined architecture all the requirements are satisfied, by taking them into account in each architectural choice.  |
| Design lacks flexibility A poor design makes change requests difficult and costly.  | Use as much as possible design patterns of known flexibility.   |
| Design is not fit for purpose The design is low quality.  | Make sure that the design is consistent with respect to<br>the defined architecture and detailed components can<br>offer all functionalities.   |
| Technology components aren't fit for purpose Technology components are low quality.   | Investigate buying-in components.   |
| Technology components have security vulnerabilities Security vulnerabilities are key technology risks.  | Replace potentially insecure components with bought-<br>in components of known security.  |
| Technology components lack stability Components that crash.   | Replace potentially defective components with bought-in components of known stability.  |
| Failure to integrate with systems The risk that your product will fail to integrate with existing systems.  | Develop components that corresponds to the architecture description so that the integration phase will not be a problem; anyway the integration testing is there to handle this kind of problems. |

| Failure to integrate components The risk that product components will fail to integrate with each other.  | Develop components that corresponds to the architecture description so that the integration phase will not be a problem; anyway the integration testing is there to handle this kind of problems. |
|---|---|
| Requirements are ambiguous Requirements are unclear and open to interpretation.   | Do further meetings with the client in order to resolve ambiguity.  |
| Requirements are low quality Requirements aren't fit for purpose.   | Reorganize team so that more time will be devoted to the requirements definition.   |
| Requirements are incomplete You can spot obvious holes in the requirements.   | Do further meetings with the client in order to capture requirements that has not been identified in the previous ones.   |
| Legal & regulatory change impacts project If your project spans areas that are compliance-sensitive you may want to list regulatory change as a risk. | Derive traceability information to assess requirements change impact; develop a system as flexible as possible so that if changes are needed those can be applied in time.                        |
| User interface doesn't allow users to complete tasks The risk that the user interface doesn't allow users to complete end-to-end tasks.               | In the interface definition task stay focused on the functionalities that the system has to guarantee to the users.   |
| User interface is low quality The user interface is buggy, slow or difficult to use.  | Reorganize team so that more time will be devoted to the user interface definition.   |
| Users reject the product The general risk that users will reject your product.  | Minimize overall changes deriving traceability information to assess change impact; change the product coherently to user directives.   |

# 7 Appendix

#### 7.1 Used tools

- Microsoft Word 2013 to write this document
- Microsoft Visio 2013 to create UML diagrams
- Microsoft Excel 2013 to create the graphs

#### 7.2 Hours of work

Each member of the group has worked on this document for 18 hours.