

Team 18: Project Backlog

CorkBoard

CS408

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Problem Statement

Students living in Purdue dorms don't have access to at-a-glance information useful to the entire floor. Weekly newsletters exist, but that information can become quickly outdated. Our program, CorkBoard, provides an information dashboard display that can be displayed near a floor's elevator or common area, with information dynamically updated from multiple sources, at the Floor RA's prerogative.

Background Information

Getting information out to residents on a dorm floor is often a patchwork of weekly newsletters, wall posters/notices, and GroupMe announcements. With residents coming and going at all hours, and GroupMe not the most stable messaging application, it can be difficult for important information about upcoming events to be disseminated in an effective way. The solution we propose is for a digital signage board intended for placement near elevators or stairs, with constantly updating weather, news, and floor information. This provides residents a useful source of information that is up to date and relevant, available for perusal while waiting for the elevator or before going downstairs. A digital signboard at these bottlenecks through which every student in the hall regularly goes provides the greatest chance of them actually reading it.

Environment

We intend to use the Visual Studio IDE, with C# as our programming language. The UI will be made using .NET WPF libraries. Weather information will use the API from the national weather service. Information that does not originate from the internet will be stored locally as a configuration file that is read from on startup.

Functional Requirements

Backlog ID	Functional Requirement	Hours	Status
1	As a user, I want to be able to view announcements.	5	Planned for Sprint 2

2	As an RA, I want to be able to add announcements.	6	Planned for Sprint 2
3	As a user, I want announcements to be updated frequently.	3	Planned for Sprint 2
4	As a user I want to be able to view the CityBus schedule.	4	Planned for Sprint 2
5	As a user, I want to be able to view the temperature for the day.	3	Planned for Sprint 1
6	As a user, I want to be able to view the weather for the day.	3	Planned for Sprint 1
7	As the application, I want the weather information to update periodically.	4	Planned for Sprint 1
8	As the application, I want the CityBus schedule to update periodically.	3	Planned for Sprint 2
9	As a user, I want all information to display on a single screen.	5	Planned for Sprint 1
10	As a user, I want the current time at a glance.	2	Planned for Sprint 1
11	As a user, I want the current date at a glance	2	Planned for Sprint 1
12	As a user, I want to see the top news headlines.	4	Planned for Sprint 2
13	As the application, I want to be able to be self sustaining and not crash after long periods of time..	5	Planned for Sprint 1
14	As an RA, I want some level of customization over the dashboard's layout.	4	Planned for Sprint 1
15	As an RA, I want an obvious error message display if any information cannot be updated.	2	Planned for Sprint 1
16	As an RA, I want to remove old announcements	3	Planned for Sprint 2
17	As an RA, I want to edit announcements	3	Planned for Sprint 2
18	As the application, I will update the news periodically	4	Planned for Sprint 2
19	As an RA, I want to choose the color of the board	3	Planned for Sprint 1

20	As an RA, I want to be able to import/export settings	5	Planned for Sprint 2
21	As a user I want to be able to see the most recent tweets from the Purdue Alerts Twitter account	5	Planned for Sprint 2
22	As a user I want to view an image displayed on the board.	2	Planned for Sprint 1
23	As an RA I want to be able to choose an image to be visible on the board	3	Planned for Sprint 1
24	As the application, I will get active weather alerts.	3	Planned for Sprint 1
25	As an RA, I want to change the refresh rate	3	Planned for Sprint 1
26	As an RA, I want to add a URL to get announcements from.	2	Planned for Sprint 2
27	As an RA, I want to change the location weather information is pulled from	2	Planned for Sprint 1
28	As an RA, I want to set the twitter feed	3	Planned for Sprint 2
29	As an RA, I want to set the bus schedule	2	Planned for Sprint 2

Non-Functional Requirements

Architecture

We intend for our app to be compatible with any modern Windows 10 PC with some form of graphics processor. Internet access is required in order to properly display live data, but beyond the config file used at startup, no persistent data is stored on the machine.

Security

Because users don't interact with the board beyond reading information off of it, there's no risk of sensitive user data being compromised, because none exists nor is stored. Although the potential exists for vandalism of the board or its contents, the risk is no greater (and is arguably more difficult) than the existing vandalism risk of a student printing out fake newsletters and posters and posting them on the dorm floor.

Usability

As a baseline, the display should be simple and human-readable, with information displayed clearly and concisely. The configuration file for making changes should be well-commented and walk the RA through configuring the display properly.

Performance

Because the display uses very few dynamic components and only updates information periodically, no performance issues are expected, considering the display software monopolizes use of the host computer's monitor and no other software is expected to be run on the machine at the same time. Network traffic is minimal and should be quick to update even on a slow connection - The XML Weather API and RSS are both lightweight, time-tested systems.

Use Cases

Case 1:

View announcements

Action	System Response
1. Launch Application	2. Connects to internet
	3. Pull announcement text file
	4. Read file
	5. Display announcements

Case 2:

Add announcements

Action	System Response
1. RA navigates to URL	
2. RA uploads text file with announcements	3. Text file is uploaded and stored on server to be pulled later by the application

Case 3:

Refresh announcements

Action	System Response
1. Timed trigger is triggered	2. Connect to internet
	3. Pull text file from URL
	4. Read text file
	5. Update announcement display

Case 4:

View CityBus schedule

Action	System Response
1. Launch application	2. Connects to internet
	3. Pull bus schedule from CityBus site
	4. Parse schedule as necessary
	5. Display bush schedule

Case 5:

View Temperature

Action	System Response
1. Refresh trigger is triggered	2. Connects to internet
	3. Pulls weather feed from weather.gov API
	4. Read weather feed
	5. Update temperature display

Case 6:

View weather for the day

Action	System Response
1. Launch application	2. Connect to internet
	3. Pull weather data from government site
	4. Format response
	5. Display weather

Case 7:

Application update weather periodically

Action	System Response
1. Refresh triggers	2. Connect to internet if not already
	3. Pull weather data from National Weather Service
	4. Format data as necessary
	5. Display weather

Case 8:

Update CityBus schedule periodically

Action	System Response
1. Refresh triggers	2. Connect to internet if not already
	3. Pull bus schedule from CityBus site
	4. Format data as necessary
	5. Display schedule

Case 9:

Display all data on a single screen

Action	System Response
1. Application launches	2. Connect to internet
	3. Pull all necessary data from all sources
	4. Format all data as necessary
	5. Display all data in easy to read fashion

Case 10:

Time is available at a glance

Action	System Response
1. Application launches	2. Time is retrieved from system
	3. Time is displayed
4. Resident glances at screen and sees the time	

Case 11:

Date is available at a glance

Action	System Response
1. Application launches	2. Date is retrieved from system
	3. Date is displayed
4. Resident glances at screen and sees the date	

Case 12:

Top news headlines are displayed

Action	System Response
1. Application launches	2. Retrieve new stories from news source
	3. Get headlines of top stories
	4. Display headlines retrieved

Case 13:

App does not crash after long periods of time

Action	System Response
1. Application launches	2. Startup processes happen
	3. Application stays open for a long period of time
	4. Application doesn't not crash

Case 14:

RA layout customization

Action	System Response
1. RA goes to settings	2. Settings view is launched
3. RA navigates to options for layout	4. Options for layouts displayed
5. RA selects option	6. Changes to layout are displayed

Case 15:

Display error message when information can't be updated

Action	System Response
1. Refresh triggers	2. Request for new data is sent out
	3. Some sort of error is received for one or more of the data sources
	4. Error message is generated based on which sources failed
	5. Error message displayed

Case 16:

Remove old announcements

Action	System Response
1. RA visits URL where announcements are uploaded.	
2. RA deletes old announcement files	3. Selected announcement files deleted
	4. Old announcements no longer viewable

Case 17:

Edit announcements

Action	System Response
1. RA visits URL where announcements are uploaded	
2. RA chooses announcement to update	
3. RA uploads updated announcement	4. Selected announcement file is replaced
	5. Updated announcement is shown

Case 18:

Update new periodically

Action	System Response
1. Refresh triggers	2. News stories are pulled from news source
	3. Headlines are obtained and formatted
	4. Headlines are displayed

Case 19:

Color customization

Action	System Response
1. RA opens settings	2. Settings view is launched
3. RA navigates to color customization	4. Color picker is displayed
5. RA chooses desired color for board	6. Display color of board is changed

Case 20:

Import/export settings

Import

Action	System Response
1. RA navigates to settings	2. Settings menu launched
3. RA selects import settings	4. Open file chooser prompt
5. RA chooses settings file	6. Settings imported from file

Export

Action	System Response
1. RA navigates to settings	2. Settings menu launched
3. RA selects export settings	4. Settings are exported to file
	5. File saved to file system

Case 21:

See tweets from Purdue Alerts Twitter account

Action	System Response
1. Application launched	2. Call Twitter API to get tweets from Purdue Alerts
	3. Display most recent tweets received from API call

Case 22:

Display image on board

Action	System Response
1. Application launched	2. Default image or chosen image displayed

Case 23:

RA chooses image to display on board

Action	System Response
1. RA goes to settings	2. Settings menu launched
3. RA selects to show custom image	4. File chooser opened
5. RA chooses image	6. Image chosen is displayed instead of old image

Case 24:

Get any active weather alerts

Action	System Response
1. Application launches	2. Pull weather data
	3. Check for active weather alerts
	4. If there are active weather alerts, display them

Case 25:

Change the refresh rate

Action	System Response
1. RA selects settings	2. Settings view is launched
3. RA selects refresh rate	
4. RA inputs new refresh rate	5. Refresh rate for data pull is updated

Case 26:

Add URL to pull announcements from

Action	System Response
1. RA selects settings	2. Settings view is launched
3. RA enters new URL to pull announcements from	4. Announcements URL is updated

Case 27:

Change location weather is pulled from

Action	System Response
1. RA selects settings	2. Settings view is launched
3. RA enters new location for weather	4. Location that is used for weather data pulls is updated

Case 28:

As an RA, I want to set the twitter feed

Action	System Response
1. RA selects settings	2. Settings view is launched
3. RA enters twitter url and account details	4. Info that is used for twitter data checks is set

Case 29:

As an RA, I want to set the bus schedule

Action	System Response
1. RA selects settings	2. Settings view is launched
3. RA enters url location for bus schedules and preferred stop location.	4. Bus schedule is updated with newest arrivals for that stop.