Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation

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# Testing

## Testing Table

Testing tables are used to show the results of any tests as well as fixes that may have been put in place due to the outcome of the tests.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Test | Description | Expected result | Actual result | Success | Fix (If applicable) | Tester | Date |
| Test loading times | Testing the loading times of each screen | All less than one second loading time. | All less than one second loading time. |  | Not applicable | Connor Cuffe | 22-September-2024 |
| Test message receive time | Testing the time between sending a message and it being received | Less than five seconds | Less than five seconds required opening and closing of chat screen |  | Add a Reload page button to chat screen | Connor Cuffe | 8-September-2024 |
| Test high network traffic resilience | Test that software solution can handle high network traffic | No impact with more than 50 messages per hour | No impact with more than 50 messages per hour |  | Not applicable | Connor  Cuffe | 20-September-2024 |
| Test data encryption | Tests that the user data is successful encrypted. See Test\_Encrypt\_data  in project unit tests | All unit tests successful | All unit tests successful |  | Not applicable | Connor Cuffe | 27-July-2024 |
| Test message encryption | Tests that messages are correctly encrypted. See: Test\_message\_encrypt in unit tests | All unit tests successful | All unit tests successful |  | Not applicable | Connor Cuffe | 7-July-2024 |

## Usability testing

Usability testing ensures that the user interface is intuitive to use, this is done by ensuring that the testers have no prior knowledge of the software so as to have only the information and knowledge that an actual user would allowing for the tests to accurately represent the real world, this also means that the testers should not be prompted to do anything be observes.

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| Tester | Observer | Notes |
| 1 | Connor Cuffe | - Didn’t understand why they couldn’t see the message they had sent. Once they quit out they could see it.  - Confused how to connect to name server – didn’t realise that “Name server IP” needed to be populated before Restarting network.  - Didn’t know if “Restart network” button needed to be pressed for creating a chat.  - Didn’t realise that once Contact was added, a chat with that contact could be created by clicking on the contact name not by clicking on “Add chat”, which would create a new chat with a new contact. |
| 2 | Connor Cuffe | - chat box should be larger for entering text  - text font could be larger  - Quit button above the Add chat button on the home page should have a label saying Quit – accidentally quit out of the chat thinking the button was a Back button.  - they didn’t realise they had to enter the name server address to access the network |

### Summary

# Evaluation criteria

Evaluation criteria define the what features and functionality the software solution must have to be successful. Evaluation criteria are determined prior to the development base on the functional and non-functional requirements.

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| Criteria | Description | Achieved | Explanation |
| Loading times less than 1 second when switching between screens (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | Individual screens should not take more than 1 second to load. |  | All screens load within one second. See: Test loading times |
| Timely delivery of messages received less than 1 hour after sent if both participants are online (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | Messages should be delivered within an hour of being sent assuming both clients are online. |  | Messages are received quickly so long as both clients are online. See: Test message receive time |
| Zero cost for the life time of the product on both the user and developer ends (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | No cost bar that of running the client instances. Eg no server infrastructure required. |  | Due to the increased complexity of implementing a complete peer to to peer system including discovery of client and the time constraints on the project a small central server is required to inform users of which client is currently hosting the main server this not only massively reduces the complexity of the project but also hardly increases cost due to the server only interacting with each client when they boot up then never again for that session allowing the server to be run on very cheep hardware. |
| Takes less than half an hour to learn the user interface. (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | The user interface must be intuitive for new users. |  | The user interface was intuitive for user however most users struggled to realise that they had to input the ip of the name server on the settings screen. See Usability Testing Summary |
| No evident major security flaws (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | A major security flaw is a flaw that is likely to expose a users sensitive information, such as their private message. Or allows users to be impersonated. |  | No major security flaws where found. |
| Less than five minor security flaws (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | A minor security flaw is a flaw that can expose less sensitive user data or delete user data. |  | One minor security flaw was found: (the unencrypted transmission of IP addresses) |
| Less than two software failures per 24 hours of use. (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | A software failure is an unexpected event that causes damage to the user data or a crash of the program. |  | No software failures occurred during usability testing. See Usability Testing |
| Can handle up to 100 users on one network with only minor performance losses (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024). | The network should be able to handle a large number of users at once. | Untestable | There is no indication in the current testing and analysis of the code that this would not be possible. |
| Can send and receive at least 50 messages per hour (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | The network should be able to handle a large amount of traffic at once. |  | As clients commune with each other and not via a main server there is little congestion caused by high network traffic. See: Test high network traffic resilience |
| Validates the reason for contact on all teacher student communication (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | The Victorian government requires teacher student communication to be solely for educational purposes as outlined by the Victorian government on their emailing and direct messaging page (Emailing and instant messaging) |  | Due to time constraints it was not feasible to implement this feature. |
| Moderators can view all messages on the network (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Evaluation Criteria and UI Mockup, 2024) | The Victorian government requires teacher student communication to be solely for educational purposes as outlined by the Victorian government on their emailing and direct messaging page (email and instant messaging) |  | Due to time constraints it was not feasible to implement this feature. |

## Summary

# Functional requirements

Functional requirements are the basis for the evaluation criteria they outline what features the software solution must have. Functional requirements are determined based on the data collected during the analysis phase.

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| Criteria | Description | Achieved | Explanation |
| Send messages (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | A messaging app must by definition have the ability to send messages. (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | The messaging app can send messages. See Test message receive time and Test high network traffic resilience |
| Receive messages (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | A messaging app must by definition have the ability to receive messages (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | The messaging app can receive messages. See Test message receive time and Test high network traffic resilience |
| Secure accounts (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | It was identified during the analysis that the user base values the security of their messaging platform over anything else. (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | Whenever data is at rest or being transmitted it is structurally encrypted using the asymmetrical encryption algorithm Rivest–Shamir–Adleman (RSA). See Test data encryption |
| End to End encryption (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | It was identified during the analysis that the user base places a large amount of value on the security of their messaging platform. (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | Whenever data is being transmitted it is structurally encrypted using the asymmetrical encryption algorithm Rivest–Shamir–Adleman (RSA). See Test message encryption |

## Summary

# Non-Functional requirements

Non-Functional requirements are the basis for the evaluation criteria they outline what features the software solution should have to increase user satisfaction. Functional requirements are determined based on the data collected during the analysis phase.

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| Criteria | Description | Achieved | Explanation |
| Intuitive graphic user interface (GUI) (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | During analysis it was identified that the user base values easy to use and intuitive user interface. (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | The user interface was intuitive for user however most users struggled to realise that they had to input the ip of the name server on the settings screen. See Usability Testing Summary |
| Low cost (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | During analysis it was identified that the final software solution being low cost was of extreme importance to the user base. (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | Due to the increased complexity of implementing a complete peer to to peer system including discovery of client and the time constraints on the project a small central server is required to inform users of which client is currently hosting the main server this not only massively reduces the complexity of the project but also hardly increases cost due to the server only interacting with each client when they boot up then never again for that session allowing the server to be run on very cheep hardware. |
| Message context validation (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | A system that ensures all student teacher messaging is solely for educational purposes. This would likely take the shape of a “network overseer” who could monitor student-teacher communication. (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | Due to time constraints it was not feasible to implement this feature. |
| Find correct teacher to communicate with (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | A search system that will allow students to easily find the correct teacher based on their communication needs (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | Due to time constraints it was not feasible to implement this feature. |
| Add extra info to profile (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | The ability to have your profile display info other just name such as external contact info and user id (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | Due to time constraints it was not feasible to implement this feature. |
| Network moderation (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | Accounts can be linked to a network moderator who can manage the accounts  Message logging (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | Due to time constraints it was not feasible to implement this feature. |
| Account types (Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) | The ability for network moderators to create different types of accounts for example students and teacher account types(Cuffe, Peer to Peer Messaging App Software Requirements Specification Document (SRS)., 2024) |  | Due to time constraints it was not feasible to implement this feature. |

## Summary

# Business requirements

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| Criteria | Description | Achieved | Explanation |
| Timeliness | Completed on time without any delays. |  | The projects major targets where achieved before the identified deadline. |
| Cost | Completed at or below budget. |  | The project budget was not exeeded. |

## Summary

# Project management

## Development Model

## Project plan

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