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# 1. Introduction

The following section lays in subsections the Purpose of the Feasibility Report, the Justification of the system, a summary of the Requirements Definition Document, a level one Use Case diagram as well as the actors involved the description of the use case events, and finally any and all assumptions that we have made.

## Purpose of the Feasibility Report

The purpose of this document is to determine if creating such a system within the scope given to us is possible to be developed. We will also be analyzing any considerations that we feel are important in the development of this system, possible solutions that we feel will meet the considerations, and finally the recommended solution that we feel would be the best solution to implement. Our intention is to provide our client, Dr. Salamah, with enough information to know whether the project could be done, whether the final product benefit it’s intended users, and finally to show the alternatives.

## Justification for the Proposed System

The reason that we feel this system

## Requirements Definition

The following is a summary from the Requirements Definition Document. The full document can be found in Appendix A. The Digital Home System provides the capability for home owners to easily manage their daily lives by bringing together security, environmental and energy management, as well as entertainment, and communications. The Digital Home system will allow the owner use their own personal web page available on any web ready computer, cell phone or other device to control the house’s temperature, lighting, state of household appliances, and a planner that will allow the home owner to set home parameters for specific periods of time, by using the home’s internet connection. Through wireless communication the house will communicate with the various sensors, (e.g. temperature, power, contact, humidistat, light, and water sensors) installed thought the house. The security system of the Digital Home will consist of contact sensors that when triggered will communicate to the master control unit of the home, as well as sound both a light and sound alarm. The temperature and humidistat sensor will allow the home owner to control both the temperature and humidity of individual rooms, and the entire house. The power sensors will allow the home owners to control household appliances, control central lighting in each room, monitor the state of the appliance, and provide information on whether a light and/or appliance is on or off.

## Use Cases

<< Should include Use Case Diagram, Description of actors, Use Case, Actor-Use Case Relationship (Scenarios) >>

### Use Case Diagram (first-level abstraction)

### Actors (descriptions)

* Super-User
  + The super-user can create regular users for the system.
  + The super-user overrides any setting that is created/planned by a regular-user.
* Regular-User
  + Is always overridden by the super-user.
* Database
  + Stores the planner data set up by any kind of user (super-user gets priority.)
  + Keeps a log of the activity within the house (when a light is on/off).

### Use Case Descriptions

# Considerations

## Existing Systems

There are many smart home systems available in the market currently, many of these implement some of the features wanted in Digital Home; however, most are missing elements wanted by the customer. Next, we explore some systems that assimilate the needs of Digital Home found on the market currently.

### IntelligentHome

The IntelligentHome system by Time Warner Cable is one of the many smart home system solutions on the market. This particular system offers security measures to the house (alerts) triggered by events. It also employs a planner and remote access to lights and thermostat settings among others. Furthermore, the IntelligentHome’s controller is available on computers and smartphones. Finally, the IntelligentHome system is energy efficient. [\*\*\* ADD IntelligentHome REFERENCE NUMBER \*\*]

## Technology

### Web Interface

One thing that should be kept in mind while designing the system is that the look and functionality of the system can change as the devices from which the users access the Digital Home’s controller and planner (e.g. Adobe Flash technology is incompatible to an iOS device). Devices and Internet browsers change and evolve, while different frameworks and components might not be universally supported for most devices.

## General

### ADA Compliance/GUI

Digital Home should be highly accessible to everyone; this includes going a step further and keeps in mind the human computer interaction side of the system (e.g. color-blind).

## Heading 3

### Option 1

### Option 2 … Option n

# Solutions

## Technology

Next we will describe the technology solutions alongside their description, resources needed and limitations.

### Description (include requirements met)

A solution to compatibility and versatility of the Digital Home web interface should be to use widely compatible components that will be usable on most devices for a substantial amount of time (e.g. HTML5).

### Resources Needed

Training for the NP-Soft members in web technologies that work on most devices (e.g. HTML, PHP, JavaScript).

### Limitations

While trying to make the system highly accessible to devices, and extend the lifetime of the system, there may be some elements (frameworks, programming languages) that might be overlooked and ignored due to these constraints.

## General

Next we will describe the solutions to general problems alongside their description, resources needed and limitations.

### Description (include requirements met)

Digital Home should follow ADA design standards throughout its design and implementation phases in order to accommodate all types of users.

### Resources Needed

Training will be required for the designers of the system alongside the programmers to make ensure that the system follows ADA guidelines in order to satisfy this need.

### Limitations

The system while accommodating ADA guidelines might be handcuffed for some functions that are simply not able to follow these guidelines.

# Comparison of Solutions

<< This section should discuss how each option measures up against any constraints set forth in the statement of requirements and how each compares with the others.

Include the following:

* Specific hardware and software requirements
* Time constraints
* Ease of use
* Staffing levels and training required
* User preference
* Security issues

A matrix that compares features is required. >>

# Conclusions

<< Summary and recommendations >>

# References

IntelligentHome (Existing Systems)

<http://intelligenthome-texas.aiprx.timewarnercable.com/intelligenthome/>

# Appendix A

Requirements Definition for Digital Home

DigitalHomeOwner

Division of HomeOwner Inc.

**Introduction**

A “Smart House” is a home management system that allows home owners (or renters) to easily manage their daily lives by providing for a lifestyle that brings together security, environmental and energy management (e.g., temperature, humidity and lighting), entertainment, and communications. The Smart House components consist of household devices ( e.g., a power and lighting system, an air conditioning unit, a sound system, a water sprinkler system, small appliances, and security system), sensors and controllers for the devices, communication links between the components, and a computer system that will manage the components.

The Requirements Definition Document describes the system‘s operational characteristics from the end-user’s viewpoint. It is made up of a list of the principal features of a prototype Digital Home system, and its main purpose is to support an effective project planning activity. The document was prepared by the Marketing Division of HomeOwner Inc, as part of a needs assessment for the DigitalHome project.

**DigitalHome Prototype Features**

The DigitalHome System will allow any web-ready computer, cell phone or other device to control a home's temperature, humidity, lights, and the state of household appliances, e.g., coffee maker and microwave.

The communication center of the system will be a personal home owner web page (maintained by DigitalHomeOwner - at http://www.DigitalHomeOwner.ccc ), through which a user can monitor and control home devices and systems.

Each DigitalHome will contain a master control device that connects to the home’s broadband Internet connection, and uses wireless communication to send and receive communication between the DigitalHome system and the home devices and systems.

The DigitalHome will be equipped with various environment sensors, e.g., temperature sensors, light sensors, humidity sensors, power sensors, contact sensors, and water sensors. Using wireless communication, sensor values can be read and saved in the home database.

The DigitalHome security system will consist of a set of contact sensors and a set of security alarms, which are activated when there is a security breach.

The security system will use wireless signals to communicate, through the master control unit.

The system will use both sound and light alarms and will be able to manage up to thirty door and window sensors.

The DigitalHome programmable thermostat will allow a user to easily monitor and control a home’s temperature from anywhere, using any web ready computer, cell phone, or other device.

Thermostats can be placed throughout the home and can be controlled individually or collectively, so that temperature can be controlled at different levels in different home spaces.

A thermostat unit will communicate, through wireless signals, with the master control unit.

The system will support Fahrenheit and Celsius temperature values.

The system will be compatible with most centralized HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) systems: gas, oil, electricity, solar, or a combination of two or more.

The user will always be able to override the scheduled settings at any time.

The DigitalHome programmable Humidistat will allow a user to easily monitor and control a home’s humidity from anywhere, using almost any web-ready computer, cell phone, or other device.

Humidistats can be placed throughout the home and can be controlled individually or collectively, so that humidity can be controlled at different levels in different home spaces.

A Humidistat unit will communicate, with wireless signals, through the master control unit.

A Humidstad unit will manage humidity sensors and dehumidifiers/humidifiers located in a specified home space.

The user will be able to select the humidity levels found most comfortable — from 30% to 60%.

The DigitalHome programmable Power Switch will provide management of a home’s household appliances and will allow the user to turn appliances and lights on or off as desired.

The Power Switch unit can control the central lighting in each room and up to forty 115 volt, 10 amp appliances that plug into a standard wall outlet.

The system will be able to provide information about whether an appliance or a light is off/on.

A user will be able to monitor the state of the appliance, and turn on or off any appliance through any web ready computer, cell phone or other device.

The DigitalHome Planner will be able to provide a user with the capability to direct the system to set various home parameters (temperature, humidity, security level, and on/off appliance/light status) for specified time periods.

DigitalHome provides a monthly planner on its web site.

Parameter values can be scheduled on a daily or hourly basis.

All planned parameter values can be overridden by a user.

Various plan profiles (normal monthly profile, vacation profile, summer profile, holiday profile, etc.) may be stored and retrieved to assist in planning.

The DigitalHome Planner will be able to provide various reports on it management and control of the home (e.g., historical data on temperature, humidity, lighting, etc.).

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