# I.3. System Design Document

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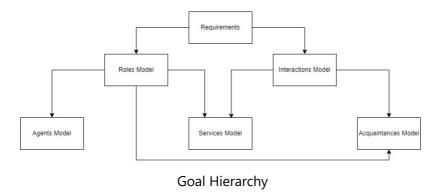
# 3. System Design Document

In the **system design document**, we are going to speak about the six pieces of information by following an agent-based development methodology (i.e., GAIA), and create the analysis and design documents specified by the GAIA methodology. This section includes: Goal Hierarchy, Agent System Architecture, Role Identification, Agent Description, Agent Internal Architecture, and finally Technology Overview.

## 3-1. Goal Hierarchy

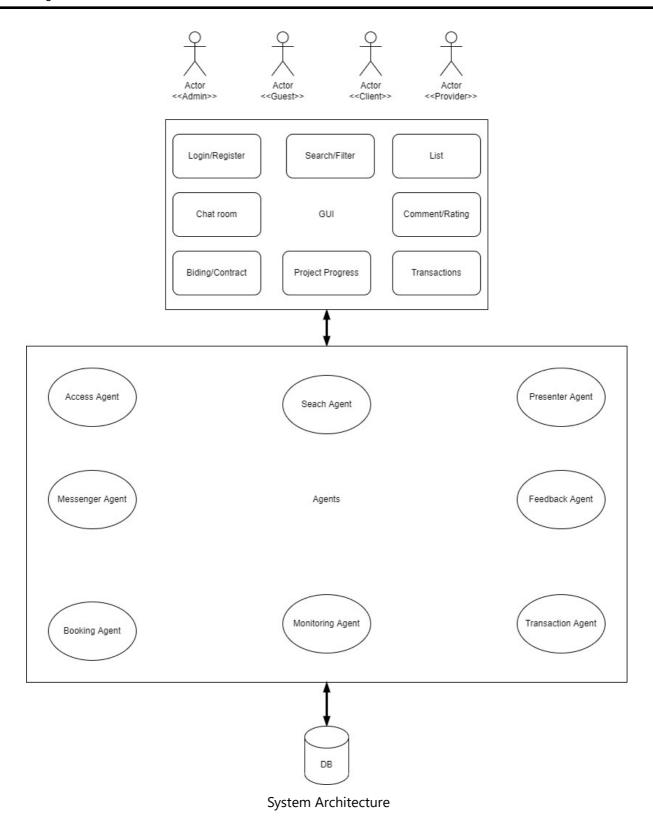
Using GAIA, we think of each agent as having the resources of a computational process. It is presumable that the objective is to create a system that maximizes a particular global quality metric. From the perspective of the system's constituent parts, nevertheless, this structure might not be ideal.

The GAIA approach encourages developers to see creating software systems as an organizational design process with software agents serving as its building blocks. Therefore, in our analysis phase, we planned to extract 5 models from the requirements.

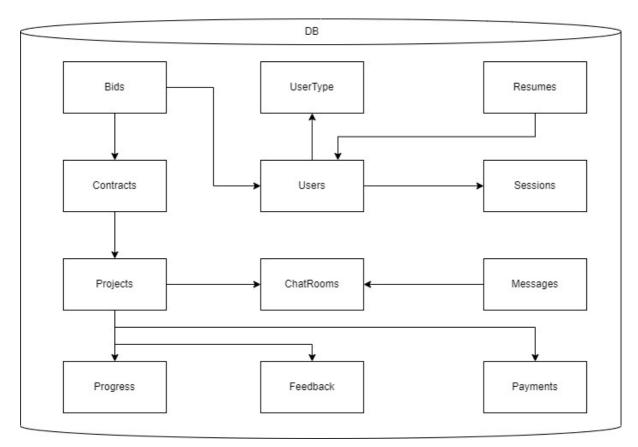


# 3-2. System Architecture

Here is a high-level design of our system.



If we want to go in more details, we would like to demonstrate our database structure first:



**Database Architecture** 

The user starts the journey by the login page. If he or she wants, they can just login as a guest and access the system with limited search functionality.

Otherwise, if they don't have an account, they can move to register page and register as a **Provider** or **Client** by providing required information.

After a successful login, user will be redirected to his or her dashboard.

In the dashboard

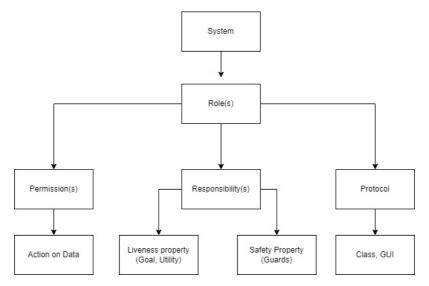
- 1. There is a list of current projects for monitoring, reporting, payment, and or requesting/confirming a change.
- 2. There is a list of past projects for commenting or rating the other party.
- 3. There is a pending list that shows list of projects that needs some sort of actions. For example, accepting or rejecting a bid, or confirming a contract. After any action, the list of projects will be updated.

Also, there is an option for **Clients** only to bid after selecting a **Provider** from the search list.

Finally, user can logout of the system for safety.

#### 3-3. Roles Identification

One of the main steps in GAIA methodology is to identifying roles based on the following chart.



Role detection process

Therefore, here is a table that demonstrates the detected roles.

|      | Role             | By means of?   | What?  | What?   | How?          |
|------|------------------|--|--|---|---------------|
| Row# | Role<br>Name     | Permissions  | Liveness Property  | Safety Property   | Protocols     |
| 1    | Sign Up          | Read and<br>Write users<br>data                                | Handles the process of sign up for Providers and Clients   | Checks validity of user data.   | Registration  |
| 2    | Sign In          | Read users<br>data,<br>Authenticate<br>user, Create<br>Session | Handles the process of authentication. If user exists then creates a session. Also, create guest session for Guests. | Checks for active<br>users, and apply SQL<br>injection guards                                 | Authenticator |
| 3    | Search<br>Engine | Read<br>providers<br>data                                      | Apply a query on<br>Keywords column of<br>providers table  | Deliver a list of providers based on the data that user allowed to access.                    | SearchEngine  |
| 4    | Bid<br>Handler   | Read and<br>write on<br>bids data                              | Handles the process of creating, accepting, or rejecting a bid   | Checks if Clients have<br>any waiting bid or not.<br>Only one bid per<br>Provider is allowed. | Bid           |

| <b>~</b> | Role                         | By means of?   | What?  | What?  | How?           |
|----------|------------------------------|--|--|--|----------------|
| 5        | Contract<br>Creation         | Read and<br>Write<br>contracts<br>data                           | Handles the process of creating contracts and sends the contract to both sides after Provider accepts the bid.             | Checks if there is no contracts waiting for acceptance for these 2 parties.                          | CreateContract |
| 6        | Project<br>Creation          | Read and<br>Write<br>projects<br>data, Read<br>contracts<br>data | Handles the process of creating the project based on the Client request after accepting contracts by both side.            | Checks both Provider and Client have been accepted the contract and there is no project in database. | CreateProject  |
| 7        | Payment<br>Handler           | Reads and<br>write<br>payment<br>data                            | Handles the process of<br>Payments   | Checks if payments has not yet been done, Checks if payment is equal to what we have in Contract.    | TransferMoney  |
| 8        | Project<br>Tracker           | Reads and<br>write<br>projects<br>progress<br>data               | Handles the process of<br>tracking project<br>progress, deadline and<br>estimations  | Checks if project is still active.   | TrackProject   |
| 9        | Project<br>Change<br>Handler | Read and<br>write<br>projects<br>data                            | Handles the process of changing a project, upon the Client request. Delivers the changed requirement/contract to Provider. | Checks if there is no change request in database.  | ChangeProject  |
| 10       | Message<br>Handler           | Read and<br>write<br>messages<br>data                            | Handles the process of sending messages between Provider and Client in a specific chatroom                                 | Checks if user belongs<br>to a chatroom  | Message        |

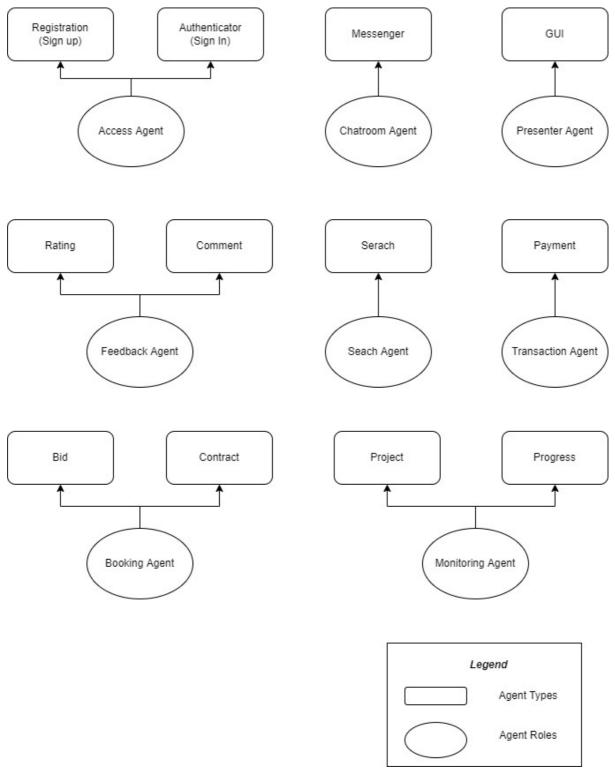
|    | Role                | By means of?                          | What?  | What?  | How?     |
|----|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|----------|
| 11 | Feedback<br>Handler | Read and<br>write<br>feedback<br>data | Handles the comments and ratings of projects | Checks if user has worked with feedback receiver via a contract in the past. Checks if user has not yet deliver a feedback related to an experience. | Feedback |

### 3-4. Agents Description

We detected and designed 8 agents for this system as following:

- 1. **Access Agent**: This agent is responsible for registration, login and logout of users. If user provides correct credentials it generates a session in the database.
- 2. **Search Agent**: This agents is responsible for applying suitable query on the database, list providers based on the ordering rules which mentioned in the requirements.
- 3. **Presenter Agent**: This agent is responsible to show search results and other data related to each user in the GUI. We can assume this agent as the UI manager.
- 4. **Booking Agent**: This agent manage bids and contracts. It means this agent handles transactions tills forming a project.
- 5. **Transaction Agent**: This agent is responsible to convert a project state from *pending* to *active* upon receiving money from the **Client**. Also, as soon as a change to the project confirmed, it changes the state to *pending* again. It also calculates and conveys the portion of the **Provider** from the earnings. A project's state cannot change after it is been flagged as *completed*.
- 6. **Chatroom Agent**: This agent conveys messages between two parties of a project and shows a history of old messages.
- 7. **Monitoring Agent**: This agent is responsible to records the amount of progress, and estimate the delivery time based on the current pace.
- 8. **Feedback Agent**: Finally, this agent is responsible to moderates rating and comments after a project is in *completed* state.

Here is a figure that illustrates our agent model.



Agent Model

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