Practical Project Specification (SOFT):

Hobby Web Application (HWA)

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# Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the individual project specification that you will be working on during the training. This project will encapsulate concepts from all core training modules – more specifically, this will involve:

* Agile & Project Management
* Databases & Cloud Fundamentals
* Programming Fundamentals
* Front-End Web Technologies
* API Development
* Automated Testing

You may tweak this project to any subject, business case, or hobby which you deem fit – e.g. a library, supermarket system, statistical tracker, etc. – provided that it encapsulates all aspects of the aforementioned modules, and that it is fully CRUD functional.

Your front-end and back-end for this project must be linked together and fully functional. Please bear this in mind when organising your time.

# Objective

The overall objective of the project is the following:

**To create an OOP-based web application, with utilisation of supporting tools, methodologies, and technologies, that encapsulates all fundamental and practical modules covered during training.**

Specifically, you are required to create a full-stack web application following the Enterprise Architecture Model, using:

* an application back-end developed using the language from your Programming Fundamentals module (e.g. Java)
* a managed database hosted locally or within the Cloud Provider examined during your Cloud Fundamentals module (e.g. MySQL in GCP)
* a front-end developed using the language from your Front-End Web Technologies module (e.g. JavaScript)

**If you wish to use any technologies which have not been covered as part of your training, you must consult your trainer first.**

You must plan the approach you will take to complete this project using the design techniques you have learned.

Your project is expected to have been rigorously tested in all three key areas explored above, using the technologies covered during all fundamental and practical modules (e.g. JUnit, Mockito, Selenium).

# Scope

The requirements set for the project are below. Note that these are a minimum set of requirements and can be added onto during the duration of the project.

The requirements of the project are as follows:

* Code fully integrated into a Version Control System using the feature-branch model: **master/dev/multiple features**.
* A project management board with full expansion on user stories, acceptance criteria and tasks needed to complete the project.
* A risk assessment which outlines the issues and risks faced during the project timeframe.
* A relational database, locally or within the Cloud, which is used to persist data for the project.
* A functional application ‘back-end’, written in a suitable framework of the language covered in training, which meets the requirements set on your Scrum Kanban board.
* A build of your application, including any dependencies it might need, produced using an integrated build tool.
* Code ran through a static analysis tool, with relevant refactoring of your code accordingly to reduce code smells, bugs, and vulnerabilities.
* A functional ‘front-end’ website which connects to your back-end API.
* Fully designed test suites for the application you are creating, as well as automated tests for validation of the application. You should aim to reach the industry-standard of **80%** test coverage through **unit, integration, and user-acceptance** testing.

**You should consider the concept of MVP (Minimum Viable Product) as you plan your project.**

**Ensure that you complete all the requirements above before adding extra functionality that is not explicitly specified above.**

# Constraints

The time constraints for this application will be discussed when this specification has been distributed to you.

The application must also **strictly** adhere to the following technological constraints, as encountered during your training:

* **Version Control System**: Git
* **Source Code Management:** GitHub
* **Kanban Board**: Jira (Scrum Board)
* **Database Management System**: MySQL Server 5.7 (local or GCP instance)
* **Back-End Programming Language**: Java
* **API Development Platform**: Spring
* **Front-End Web Technologies:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript
* **Build Tool:** Maven
* **Static Analysis:** SonarQube
* **Unit Testing:** JUnit, Mockito
* **User-Acceptance Testing:** Selenium

# Deliverable

The final deliverable for this project is the completed application with full documentation around utilisation of supporting tools. This will require a fully functional application.

You will be required to present your work to at least one trainer – this may be your course leader, another trainer, or several trainers. This will take the form of a presentation of work lasting 15 minutes, plus a 5-minute Q&A session.

Given the above, you will therefore be required to track your designs and workflow (e.g. through screenshots) throughout the duration of the project, and be able to show how they changed over time.

You will be required to utilise the feature-branch model, and to push a working copy of your code to the **master** branch regularly. It is recommended to use the **feature-<concept>** naming strategy for your feature branches.

You will be required to include all supporting documentation for your project within your remote repository at close-of-business (17:30) on the day of presenting your project – please refer to the **Deliverables Checklist (MVP)** for further details.

# Deliverables Checklist (MVP)

## Codebase

* CRUD functionality following the Enterprise Architecture Model
* Sensible package structure (back-end) and folder structure (front-end)
* Adherence to best practice and use of static analysis

## Testing

* Unit an integration testing for the project back-end
* User-acceptance testing for the project front-end
* Test coverage of the **src/main/java folder,** aiming for **80%**

## Continuous Integration

* GitHub repository utilising the feature-branch model
* The master branch must compile
* A build of the application is present in the root folder of your git repo
  + A .**jar** which can be deployed from the command-line

## Repository & Documentation

* A completed **project management board**, including user stories, acceptance criteria, estimations via story points, and prioritisation via MoSCoW methodology
* A working **.gitignore** for ignoring build-generated files and folders
* A completed **README.md**, explaining how to use and test your application
* A **documentation** folder containing:
  + A completed **risk assessment**, utilising a matrix, in **.pdf** format
  + **At least one** **ERD** and **one** **UML** diagram, in **.png** format
  + A copy of your presentation, in **.pdf** format (slides only – no notes)

## Presentation Guideline

* **Introduction**: Who are you? How did you approach the specification?
* **Concept:** How did you initially approach the problem?
* **Sprint plan:** What needed to be included? What did you hope to achieve?
* **Consultant Journey:** What technologies have you learned for the project?
* **CI:** How did you approach version control?
* **Testing**: Coverage, static analysis, red-green-refactor
* **Demonstration:** Run through a couple of user stories
* **Sprint review:** What did you complete? What got left behind?
* **Sprint retrospective:** What went well? What could be improved?
* **Conclusion:** Reflections on the project, future steps, any other relevant info
* **Questions:** Leave 5 minutes for questions at the end of the presentation
* Diagrams and/or screenshots used where appropriate
* Your presentation should last a total of **15 minutes**

# Mark Scheme

The skills evaluated within this project are described within the SFIA 7 framework; please see [**https://sfia-online.org/en/framework**](https://sfia-online.org/en/framework) for further information.

The skills which this project will evaluate are the following:

## Programming & Software Development (PROG)

* Designs, codes, verifies, tests, amends, and refactors simple programs/scripts.
* Tests, documents, amends, and refactors simple programs/scripts.
* Applies agreed standards and tools, to achieve a well-engineered result.

## Software Design (SWDN)

* Creates and documents detailed designs for simple software applications or components applying agreed modelling techniques, standards, patterns, and tools.
* Creates and documents the development and/or deployment of an application, applying agreed standards and tools.

## Testing (TEST)

* Designs test cases and creates test scripts and supporting data.
* Analyses and reports test activities and results.

## Systems Integration & Build (SINT)

* Produces software builds from software source code.
* Conducts tests as defined in an integration test specification, records the details of any failures. Analyses and reports on integration test activities and results.
* Identifies and reports issues and risks.

## Marking Procedure

You will be emailed your marks for this project via your QA email address in a timely manner by your Lead Trainer during the week following your project deadline. All marks, once given, are final.

Individual feedback will only be available upon specific request to your Lead Trainer via a direct reply to the email containing your marks.

Please note that suboptimal performance in this project may constitute grounds for immediate dismissal from the Academy, unless reasonable adjustments have already been agreed with your Lead Trainer prior to your presentation taking place.

Any further questions regarding the marking procedure should be directed to your Lead Trainer.