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1 Introduction

This document has been prepared to help you approaching Latex as a formatting tool for your Travlendar+ deliverables. This document suggests you a possible style and format for your deliverables and contains information about basic formatting commands in Latex. A good guide to Latex is available here <https://tobi.oetiker.ch/lshort/lshort.pdf>, but you can find many other good references on the web.

Writing in Latex means writing textual files having a `.tex` extension and exploiting the Latex markup commands for formatting purposes. Your files then need to be compiled using the Latex compiler. Similarly to programming languages, you can find many editors that help you writing and compiling your latex code. Here <https://beebom.com/best-latex-editors/> you have a short overview of some of them. Feel free to choose the one you like.

Include a subsection for each of the following items¹:

- Purpose: here we include the goals of the project
- Scope: here we include an analysis of the world and of the shared phenomena
- Definitions, Acronyms, Abbreviations
- Revision history
- Reference Documents
- Document Structure

Below you see how to define the header for a subsection.

1.1 Purpose

This document has the purpose to guide the developer in the realization of the software called Clup, an application that aims to manage queues digitally.

Due to the Coronavirus emergency grocery shopping needs to follow strict rules: supermarkets need to restrict access to their stores which typically results in long lines forming outside. The goal of this project is to develop an easy-to-use application that allows store managers to regulate the influx of people and that saves people from having to crowd outside of stores.

The application releases a number that gives the position in the queue and gives information about the time when that number is called, in this way the user is able to arrive to the supermarket and enter immediately.

Clup allows also the user to book a slot to enter the supermarket indicating the expected time to shop, or alternatively the application itself can infer it.

Finally the application can suggest different slots to visit the store, based on the influx of people, and slots in alternative stores, based on the day/hour preferences of the user.

¹By the way, what follows is the structure of an itemized list in Latex.

1.1.1 Goals

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| G1 | Allow users to take a number of the line |
| G3 | Users know the least crowded time slots |
| G4 | Users can make a reservation to enter in a supermarket |
| G6 | Stores can easily monitor fluxes |
| G7 | Users can see alternative stores |
| G8 | Only authorized users can access |
| G9 | Anybody is guaranteed possibility to make shopping at the supermarket |
| G10 | CLup should avoid crowd outside supermarket stores |
| G11 | CLup should guarantee everyone access to the supermarket in a finite (reasonable) time |
| G12 | CLup should not decrease customer affluence beyond a reasonable level (→ define reasonable) |
| G13 | CLup should prevent department overcrowding |
| G14 | CLup should raise max number of concurrent customers by managing shopping sessions by category |
| G15 | CLup should not inhibit purchase/access to any product category |
| G16 | CLup should guarantee same possibilities to offline users |
| G17 | CLup should guarantee finding the best (less crowded, soonest available) alternative among local supermarket stores (of same franchise only?) |

1.2 Scope

1.2.1 World Phenomena

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| WP1 | User leaves home to go to the supermarket |
| WP2 | Users crowd outside the store |
| WP3 | User arrives at the supermarket |
| WP4 | User enters the supermarket |
| WP5 | User does the grocery shopping |
| WP6 | User exits the supermarket |
| WP7 | Supermarkets restrict accesses in stores |
| WP8 | User buys products of a non booked category |

1.2.2 Shared Phenomena

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| SP1 | User lines up using the application |
| SP2 | User makes a reservation |
| SP3 | User keeps track of how line evolves |
| SP4 | User validates the entrance with a QR code |
| SP5 | User receives suggestion for less crowded time slots |
| SP6 | User receives suggestion for less crowded stores |
| SP7 | CLup assigns a time slot |
| SP8 | CLup signals max number of customers inside the store has been reached |
| SP9 | CLup signals customer for improper behavior |
| SP10 | Offline customer interacts with physical totem |
| SP11 | User confirms booking |
| SP12 | User confirms ticket reservation |

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, Abbreviations

1.3.1 Definitions

1.3.2 Acronyms

1.3.3 Abbreviations

1.4 Revision History

- **v1.0:** First version of the document

1.5 Reference Documents

1.6 Document Structure

2 Overall Description

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2.1 Product Perspective

2.1.1 Scenarios

Scenario 1 Single user of the CLup platform, Bob, decides it's time to go shopping. Bob lives in Milan and this means he's currently in reach of **5 different supermarkets** belonging to the CLup network.

Bob then opens the app, checks the status of the current queue and notices the nearest supermarket has free room, 13 entrances left out of 55 total. It's fine for Bob, he starts walking towards it.

As soon as he approaches the supermarket (Bob's on foot), he checks the app and start the **check-in procedure**. It's not rush hours and 8 entrance are still left, so everything goes ok and Bob gets a **QR ticket**. He approaches the entrance, has his code **scanned by an automatic turnstile** and gets inside the supermarket.

In 36' time, Bob completes his shopping. He proceeds towards the exit, where another turnstile **scans his QR code once again to confirm exit**. He's now free to get home.

Scenario 2 Clara, mother of three children, now needs to go shopping. She's just downloaded CLup and has not figured out how to use it yet.

Clara decides to have a try right now, on the fly, and opens the app to check for local available supermarkets.

Unfortunately it's now **rush hours**, hence 2 of the 3 local supermarket show no currently available entrances and an **e.w.t. of 35 minutes**. Young mother decides to click on "Reserve entrance" and notices she has **15 minutes left to enter the store**. This is done in order to minimize false reservations impact on the service's availability.

Clara has to travel a 4 Km distance in her home town which seems reasonable, but since it's rush hours, **actually requires 25 minutes of time** to be travelled by car: her QR code has expired.

Fortunately, she checks CLup and can now see new free accesses in the other 2 CLup powered supermarkets, the nearest of which is only a kilometer away. She then reserves an access, reaches the supermarket in 10' time and is now free to do her shopping.

Scenario 3 James is a young unemployed man, living in the west, outer side of Rome. His **not particularly wealthy** condition does not overcome his strong medical conceptions, so that he's **particularly committed in avoiding queues** and other possible ways of contracting Covid-19 in general.

His fridge is starting to starve, so James - who still relies on a well aged Nokia 3310 for its calls and messaging - decides to go shopping. Despite being «less tech-ready» than average, James has nonetheless heard about a new app (a new way) of shopping and decides to give CLup powered supermarkets a try. Those with the lit CLup mark outside.

The nearest of the two eligible supermarkets in James' reach is 900m away and he's on foot.

Owning no smartphone, James considers a reasonably not crowded time to go, 3 p.m., and walks towards the store.

Unfortunately James' guessing is wrong and the supermarket is **full**: a **big screen notifies no entrance is allowed for now**, and everybody has to stay clear of the entrance. He knows no alternative store as he owns no smartphone, but notices the big screen at the entrance has advices for him: next to the entrance, there's a **self service area** - enclosed by barriers and accessed by automated turnstiles - where James can have a ticket printed. **Only one person at a time** is allowed in, so that James and anybody else has nothing to worry about.

Right after printing its QR, James can notice the big screen now shows information about it, giving him (better, its ticket number, which reads AX625RQ) advice to **come back in 20 minutes** for entrance. He then goes for a walk.

25 minutes later James approaches the supermarket and a **green line** on the big screen says the owner of ticket AX625RQ is allowed to enter the store for another 10 minutes. James happily heads towards the entrance door, has its paper ticket scanned at the turnstiles and enjoys its queue-less shopping.

Scenario 4 Sara is another young, unemployed woman who lives in an outer borough of Naples. She does own a smartphone, even though it's a bit **old and sometimes sluggish** in the use. She uses it primarily for texting even though CLup is installed and seems to work.

It's 10 am and Sara needs to go shopping, so opens up CLup and reserves an entrance to the nearest store. She reaches the entrance, looks for her QR code and notices **her smartphone is suddenly misbehaving**, randomly rebooting and not letting her accomplish the task. She could have memorized her *presto code* but she actually did not, and asking for a manual check-in is not an option since human interactions have to be avoided - the staff would not let her in.

Sara feels annoyed, and decides she has no time to spend waiting for her smartphone to get back to normal, so she will try and access **like an offline customer**. The store is almost empty but some other offline customers are to get their tickets.

She looks at the big screen over the entrance, someone is currently occupying the self area but that particular store has room for 5 consecutive offline customers, so she enters the fenced area, stopping at «one turnstile distance» from the guy currently occupying the self area. In 2 minutes approximately, Sara is able to reach the self machine, have a new ticket printed and get back out.

The big screen announces both the offline tickets are allowed in (there's few persons inside), hence Sara heads towards the turnstiles and gets inside the supermarket, on her way to buying her next smartphone.

Scenario 5 Michael's family lives outside Messina, in a nice cottage by the sea. Panorama is beautiful, going shopping though requires some effort.

Either Michael or his wife, Laura, have to take the car and travel 25 kilometers of state road to the city. This typically requires up to 1 hour in rush hours, and 35 minutes on average.

This is the type of situation in which the possibility of **booking** an entrance comes in handy. It's 11.30 a.m.: Laura opens CLup and books an entrance at 5 p.m., providing an estimated shopping time of 1 hour.

CLup's **alternative stores functionality** also plays a fundamental role for Laura and her family, as they often head towards Ganzirri - another city on Sicily's east coast, opposite direction than Messina - to do their shopping. There are other shopping districts down there, typically less crowded and easier to reach. Today's best alternative happens to be a supermarket in Messina city though.

At 4.10 pm, Laura gets in the car and heads towards the booked store. She arrives at 5.05 p.m, has her QR booking code scanned and gets in.

However, children are usually hungry and Laura's three kids make no exception to this. She hurries getting the job done quickly, but she inevitably ends up **exceeding the 1 hour slot she had booked**.

Right now the store is full, and this apparently concerning problem leads CLup system to **alert with reasonable notice one user**, whose entrance would have been right after Laura's exit, that he will have to wait an additional 15 minutes before entering the store.

In the end, Laura manages to get outside the supermarket 65 minutes after she got in.

Had she required more than that, at 71st minute CLup would have warned the aforementioned user to add another 10 minutes delay to his entrance, and so forth. So that everybody stays safe and **no overcrowding** takes place.

Straightforwardly enough, Laura's **delay inevitably becomes root of possible discomfort**. Nonetheless, CLup engine makes note of Laura's behaviour and adds her last shopping time to her personal data: this is going to be taken into account the next time she books a visit, and over time the system will become able to **forecast her actual shopping time**, thus reducing consequent discomforts.

It is worth noting that this really unfortunate situation generates a problem since Laura's delay occurs specifically when the store is full, condition without which the problem would not have been so concerning.

Also, comparing CLup management of the situation with standard management indicates a fairly good improvement: without CLup, the next customer could not have booked its visit (much less, being warned about delays), but instead he would simply have reached the store at 7 p.m and crowded to wait an indeterminate amount of time outside the store.

Scenario 6 Valerio is a tech oriented grandfather, whose grandson is committed about technology and pushes him towards the use of electronic devices.

Everything tends to go well, except sometimes Valerio *mis-taps* something on its smartphone. Today Valerio is trying to get used to the new shopping app his grandson has provided him with, and accidentally makes a booking for late afternoon, at 6 o'clock, at a superstore near his house.

Valerio seems not to notice his mistake, and simply closes the app. Hence the booking remains valid.

We again find ourselves in the very unfortunate situation in which, at 6 o'clock the superstore is full and Valerio's booking means one less entrance for someone who needed it. This actually represents a problem for the very next 15 minutes after 6 p.m., since at 6.16 the booking is automatically cancelled and the next user in current queue is notified he can proceed.

Also, system makes note of Valerio's mistake and reports it to the superstore's Staff. They will be presented a comprehensive report, reading which they will be able to decide whether to contact Valerio for explanations or simply ignore the incident, taking into account factors only humans can evaluate (like Valerio's age).

However, CLup's reservation procedure includes an explicit confirmation dialogue, which is aimed at reducing this type of inconvenience.

2.2 Product Functions

2.3 User Characteristics

2.4 Assumptions, Dependencies and Constraints

2.4.1 Domain Assumptions

Follows a list of assumptions made about the domain CLup focuses on.

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| D1 | Entrance checking is possible and guaranteed by the Staff |
| D2 | Exit checking is possible and guaranteed by the Staff |
| D3 | One customer per authorization given is allowed in by the Staff |
| D4 | Users are reasonably able to manage their time while following the queue evolution |
| D5 | Users can estimate the time required to arrive to the store |
| D6 | Users who arrives too early at the supermarket don't wait in front of the entrance |
| D7 | Customers keep the safe distance |
| D8 | Malicious users are not enough in number or coordination to prevent Clup to work |

3 Specific Requirements

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3.1 External Interface Requirements

3.2 Functional Requirements

3.3 Performance Requirements

3.4 Design Constraints

3.5 Software System Attributes

4 Formal Analysis Using Alloy

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5 Effort Spent

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