

Software Requirements Specification

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1) Introduction

- a) **Purpose:** The purpose is building a Conference Management System (CMS) which will help scientists to organize conferences and which will develop a system to make it easier to review papers
- b) **Conventions:** We are going to use the following conventions in our project:
 - i) CMS - Conference Management System
 - ii) ORM - object relation mapping
 - iii) DB - database
 - iv) SRS - System requirements specification
 - v) UC Diagram - The use case UML diagram
 - vi) UX - User experience
 - vii) UI - User Interface
- c) **Intended Audience:** the aim of this project is mostly didactical. However, this would be useful for researchers and scientists including but not limiting to the Computer science domain
- d) **Scope:** the target audience will be aided in organizing their work and meetings in a much more “modern” and approachable way
- e) **References:**

2) Overall description:

- a) **Product perspective:** these are the following informations which will be held
 - i) **Account details:** for each member participating in the conference we will have an account with various user data including the name, positions, etc
 - ii) **File details:** for each submitter we are going to have the ability to store files representing their thesis or the abstract in .pdf or .doc/docx format.
 - iii) **Bidding process:** we are going to have the perspective of users bidding and “winning” proposals.
 - iv) **Section information:** since the CMS is going to have a conference activity section, mainly papers presentation, we will need to store various informations regarding each section
- b) **Product features for each user class and characteristics:** Users of the system should be able to participate and/or manage conferences using this CMS. An user should be able to:
 - i) Create an account of various types:
 - (1) Author
 - (2) Reviewer
 - (3) Listener
 - ii) Login into the system
 - iii) Update their profile
 - iv) Join conferences or Create them

- v) Upload their paper and abstract
- vi) Only for authors:
 - (1) Submit proposals
 - (2) Make presentations
- vii) Only reviewers:
 - (1) Bid proposals
 - (2) Review papers
- viii) Only for chairs:
 - (1) "Tie break" equally matched proposals
- c) **Operating Environment:**
 - i) Database
 - ii) Backend made of Java
 - iii) Front end made of Javascript
 - iv) Client/server system for communication between front and back end
 - v) Will work on any browser from UX point of view
- d) **Design and Implementation constraints:**
 - i) SQL commands for the database
 - ii) REST API for the back end which will communicate with the front end
 - iii) Database implementation using the given tools
 - iv) Front end implementation using the mentioned framework
- e) **Assumptions and dependencies:**

We will assume the following things:

 - the user is familiar with and uses the latest version of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Opera or any browser of their choice supporting the latest version of JavaScript;
 - the user will submit correct data both in the account registration phase and the paper registration phase;

3) Functional requirements:

The following steps represent the lifecycle of a conference according to our CMS application:

- a) A conference participant can register on the CMS. The registration steps include paying the tax and validation of the data.
- b) An author can submit the proposal (the abstract and the paper), which will be validated.
- c) The bidding process can start. Each reviewer can bid on the proposal they want to examine.
- d) The Chair and the Co-Chair can choose the reviewers for each paper.
- e) Every paper can be reviewed. After the process, each paper can be either accepted or rejected. In case of a tie break, the Chair can decide if the paper is accepted or not
- f) Each section can be supervised either by a Chair or Co-Chair.

- g) The speaker can present its paper in front of the participants (listeners), he can also upload a presentation.

4) Nonfunctional requirements:

- a) Use case diagram (the one you guys “reviewed” will be put here)
- b) Database normalization: all tables must be in 3NF in order to reduce data redundancy and in order to optimize the storage of the data. However, the most important reason for imposing such a condition is to avoid CRUD anomalies which will interfere heavily with our transactions.
- c) Respecting the SOLID programming principles:
 - i) Single responsibility principle
 - ii) Open/Closed principle
 - iii) Liskov Substitution Principle
 - iv) Interface Segregation Principle
 - v) Dependency Inversion Principle