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Architectural Requirements and Initial Architecture Design Functional Requirements

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1 Vision

2 Background

3 Software Architecture

3.1 Architecture requirements

3.1.1 Architectural scope

3.1.2 Quality requirements

3.1.3 Integration and access channel requirements

- Integration

- Logging into the system is done over a HTTPS POST method.
- The user's login details are kept in an HTTP session so the user does not need to log in everytime he/she makes a request to the server.
- The HTTPS sessions are invalidated when the user terminates his/her session by logging out.
- Communication between the server (back-end) and the webpage (front-end) will be facilitated by the REST method which uses JSON objects and HTTPS methods to send requests and get responses.
- The "Create, Read, Update and Delete" or CRUD actions that will make changes to the database will be logged automatically. This will ensure auditability of the system.

- Human Access Channel

- End-users interact with the Web client to display the required information and do desired actions.

- System Access Channel

- The Web-based component of the system will be implemented in "Ember.js" which utilises JavaScript, HTML and "Handlebar.js".

3.1.4 Architectural constraints

- User

- Has to be registered and his/her details in the system inorder to login and be able to use the system

- Time

- If a user is logged in and remains inactive for more than 30mins the user will have to login again before they can use the system again

3.2 Architectural patterns or styles

MVC (*Model View Controller*)

Allows the system's states to change and it encapsulates the interactions from the user and transforms these interactions into business logic.

REASON:

- Reduce presentation layers complexity and improves flexibility
 - Separates responsibilities
 - * Provide view onto information - ***View***
 - * React to user events - ***Controller***
 - * Provide business services and data - ***Model***
 - Allows each component to change independently
- Full decoupling
 - Model from both *view* and *controller*
- Simplification
 - Through separation of concerns
- Reuse
 - *Model* components and *View* components
- Maintainability
 - Different components can be used, developed and maintained by different members of a team
 - * *Model* - backend developers
 - * *View* - UI designers
 - * *Controller* - Front-end developers
- Improved Testability
 - Model/business services tested independently of UI
 - UI tested with mock model

3.3 Architectural tactics or strategies

3.4 Use of reference architectures and frameworks

- Django
 - Our System is going to be web based, so Django is used for web development back end of the system. The structural pattern we are going to use is MVC and Django implements MVC

- Java EE
 - Java EE contains most of the frameworks and technologies we need to develop and deploy our system.

3.5 Access and integration channels

- This is a stand-alone application and therefore will not use other applications for all the required functionality.
- Plug-ins and APIs will be included, and will therefore be integrated with the main application to add specialised functionality.

3.6 Technologies

4 Functional requirements and application design

4.1 Use case prioritization

Critical:

- calculateROI
- getDefaultValues
- setDefaultValues

Important:

- Register
- Login
- logout
- addProperty
- updateProperty
- deleteProperty
- displayGraphs
- displayStatistics

Nice-to-have:

- updateProfile
- generateReport

4.2 Use case/Services contracts

- Important

4.3 Required functionality

4.4 Process specifications

4.5 Domain Model

5 Open Issues