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Introduction

Chapter 2- SYSTEM STUDY & ANALYSIS

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**HARDWARE INTERFACES:**

Processor : Dual core and above

RAM : 1 GB and above

Hard Disk Utilization : 40 GB and above

Input Devices : Mouse, Keyboard, etc

Output Devices : Monitor, Printer, etc

**SOFTWARE INTERFACES:**

Software requirements are:

Operating System: Any

Server: Apache

Front-end: PHP

Back-end: MySQL Server 5.3.1

**Feasibility Study**

**Economic Feasibility**

Economic feasibility attempts 2 weigh the costs of developing and implementing a new system, against the benefits that would accrue from having the new system in place. This feasibility study gives the top management the economic justification for the new system.

A simple economic analysis which gives the actual comparison of costs and benefits are much more meaningful in this case. In addition, this proves to be a useful point of reference to compare actual costs as the project progresses. There could be various types of intangible benefits on account of automation. These could include increased customer satisfaction, improvement in product quality better decision making timeliness of information, expediting activities, improved accuracy of operations, better documentation and record keeping, faster retrieval of information, better employee morale.

**Operational Feasibility**

Proposed project is beneficial only if it can be turned into information systems that will meet the organizations operating requirements. Simply stated, this test of feasibility asks if the system will work when it is developed and installed. Are there major barriers to Implementation? Here are questions that will help test the operational feasibility of a project:

Is there sufficient support for the project from management from users? If the current system is well liked and used to the extent that persons will not be able to see reasons for change, there may be resistance.

Are the current business methods acceptable to the user? If they are not, Users may welcome a change that will bring about a more operational and useful systems.

Have the user been involved in the planning and development of the project?

Early involvement reduces the chances of resistance to the system and in general and increases the likelihood of successful project.

Since the proposed system was to help reduce the hardships encountered. In the existing manual system, the new system was considered to be operational feasible.

**Technical Feasibility**

Evaluating the technical feasibility is the trickiest part of a feasibility study. This is because, .at this point in time, not too many detailed design of the system, making it difficult to access issues like performance, costs on (on account of the kind of technology to be deployed) etc. A number of issues have to be considered while doing a technical analysis.

Understand the different technologies involved in the proposed system before commencing the project we have to be very clear about what are the technologies that are to be required for the development of the new system. Find out whether the organization currently possesses the required technologies. Is the required technology available with the organization?

Chapter 3- DESIGN

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**Chapter 4 - SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT METHODOLOGY**

**PHP**

PHP is an open-source server-side scripting language we can create dynamic web pages with the PHP scripting language. A dynamic Web page interacts with the user, so that each user visiting the page sees customized information. PHP can also be used to create dynamic web pages that are generated from information accessed from a MySQL database. we can embed PHP commands within a standard HTML page. PHP's syntax is similar to that of C and Perl, making it easy to learn for anyone with basic programming skills. Another feature that PHP offers is connectivity to most of the common databases (including Oracle, Sybase, MySQL, ODBC and many others, although currently only MySQL is supported on the central webservers.) PHP also offers integration with various external libraries, which allow the developer to do anything from generating PDF documents to parsing XML.

**Introduction to the Architecture**

Web development in PHP introduces a powerful architecture for PHP frameworks like Zend, Code Igniter, and Cake PHP – Model – View - Controller (MVC). MVC is more than it meets the eye. It is not just any other web development framework architecture for building elegant and systematic websites, but it has a full capability to support rapid web application development and Dynamic interactivity with the database as well. You may find numerous articles on this subject over the Internet and some of them will tell a tale of comprehensive exclusivity as well. This is not a topic to be discussed in one article. A wide prospect such as MVC architecture should be dedicated more articles to elaborate on the complexity of the architecture. Here we try to cover maximum ground as much possible in three parts – the first post shall introduce and talk a wee bit on the MVC architecture, the following will delve deeper and explain the interiors of MVC, and the last article is a tutorial type on creating a website using MVC architecture.

MVC methodology typically splits the architecture of the website into 3 distinct parts which are kept operationally separate but interact with each other to deliver all aspects of the website and the administration system. The main aim of the MVC architecture is to separate the business logic and application data from the presentation data to the user. Adhering to MVC architecture benefits you in attaining a perfect design for an enterprise web application.



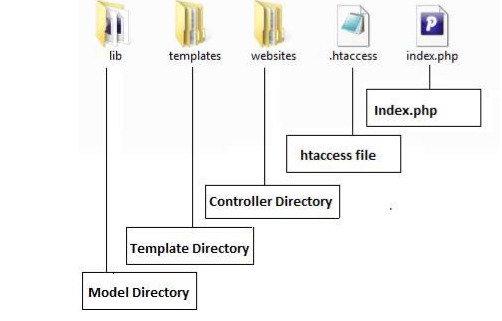
There is a common control flow in all forms of MVC built web applications. The Controller lies at the core of the architecture and it interacts with the user through the web browser. Behind the scene It communicates with the Model and the View components of the architecture. The Model actually envelops the database so that the Controller can notify and direct the database of the user actions on the browser. It is here that the database is modifies in accordance with the requests submitted by the user. This improves user interactivity and hence the overall seamless experience. On receiving the query request from the user the controller handles the Model and in return Model notifies View to update the user interface (UI) on the screen in accordance to the database change.

When the user enters another query, the cycle is restarted.

**Understanding the Interiors**

In the previous post we learnt what MVC actually is and how does it work. In this post we shall elaborate our discussion on the interiors of the MVC architecture. To understand the architecture we first suppose and example of a typical website built on the MVC architecture. The following picture gives an idea of the directory structure of the website and so to understand the architecture, we shall understand the structure of mentioned here.

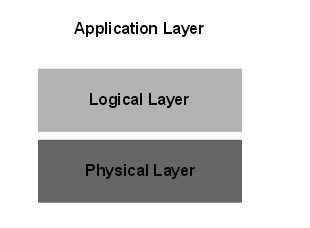
**Example of MVC**

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Now, any web developer will know what the index.php and the .htaccess files are for, though we shall mention them in our explanation a little later. But the point here is what are the other folders viz. lib, templates, and websites for? Well, these are the MVC folders, and they are labeled according to their roles in the architecture. We shall start from the left most labels and continue on to their right ones

**General RDBMS Architecture**

It was found in all of the consulted resources that all database systems, can be viewed as a Garlan & Shaw layered architecture at the highest level of abstraction. It has three main components as outlined in the following diagram:



Database Layered Architecture

**Application Layer**

The application layer represents the interface for all the users of the system; it essentially provides the means by which the outside world can interact with the database server. In general, it has been found that users can be categorized into four main groups:

Sophisticated users interact with the system without using any form of application; they form their requests directly with the use of a database query language.

Specialized users are application programmers who write specialized database applications that do not fit into the traditional data processing framework.

Naïve users are unsophisticated users who interact with the system by invoking one of the permanent application programs that have been previously written.

Database Administrators have complete control over the entire database system. They have a wide variety of responsibilities, including schema definition, the granting of access authorization, as well as the specification of integrity constraints.

All database systems provide extensive services for each of these groups; it is then left to the logical layer to appropriately process the varying requests.

**Logical Layer**

The core functionality of the RDBMS is represented in the logical layer of the architecture; it is in this portion of the system that there are a wide variety of vendor specific implementations However, upon reading a number of general database management texts, it was found that general core logical functionality can indeed be abstracted. The following diagram is a high level abstraction of the modules found in any robust RDBMS.

**Physical Layer**

The RDBMS is responsible for the storage of a variety of information, which is kept in secondary storage and accessed via the storage manager. The main types of data kept in the system are:

1. Data files, which store the user data in the database

2. Data dictionary, which stores metadata about the structure of the database

3. Indices, which provide fast access to data items that hold particular values

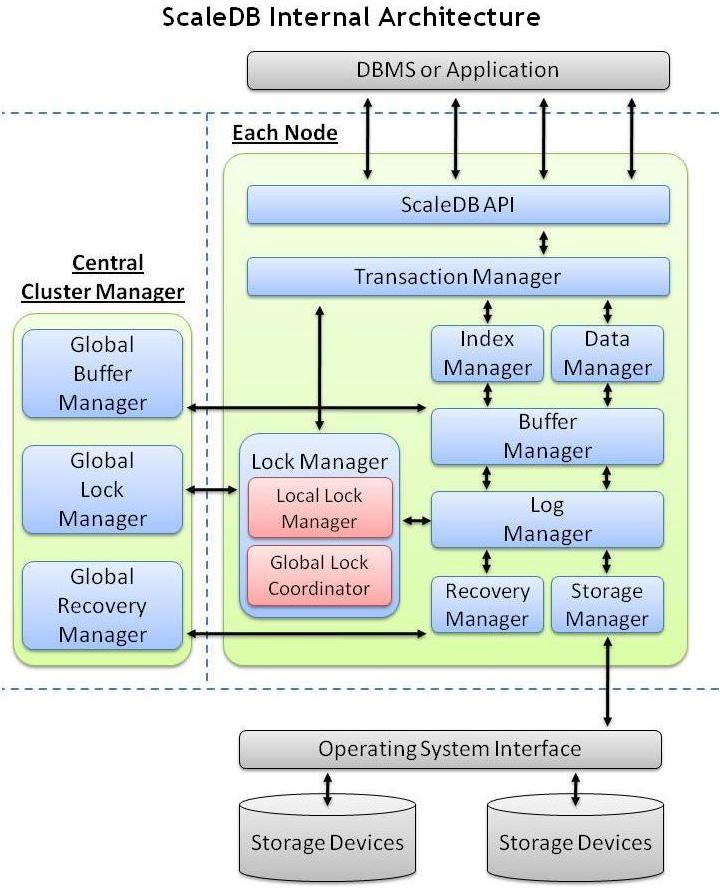
4. Statistical Data, which store statistical information about the data in the database; it is used by the query processor to select efficient ways to execute a query.

5. Log Information, used to keep track of executed queries such that the recovery manager can use the information to successfully recover the database in the case of a system crash.

**MySQL Architecture**

Once the research pertaining to general RDBMS architectures was complete, the specific MySQL documentation could then be examined in order to extract the vendor specific conceptual architecture. The ensuing section begins by describing the detail of the layered architecture from Figure 2 and how the specific MySQL components map onto Figure 1. As mentioned above, however, the core of the functionality is found in the logical layer; the remainder of the section details the key subsystems in this layer. The conceptual architecture of MySQL is illustrated in Figure 3 below.

The architecture depicted in Figure 3 is a view of the control flow of the My SQL system. It is an expansion of the simple architecture described in Figure 2. It should be noted that the architecture described is a layered architecture as described by Garlan and Shaw. There exists a pipeline architecture, also described by Garlan and Shaw, represented in the Query Processing layer between the Embedded DML Precompiled and the Execution Engine. For sake of simplicity, flow back up the architecture has been left out and should be deemed as implicit. For example, calling a simple SQL command, such as SELECT \*, would require information to be brought back up the system. This flow is implied and is not mentioned in the diagram. Each layer in Figure 3 is described below with the core of the functionality found in the Logical Layer. As a result, this is the layer that will be directly explained in further detail.



**Application Layer**

The MySQL application layer is where the clients and users interact with the MySQL RDBMS. There are three components in this layer as can be seen in the layered MySQL architecture diagram in Figure 3. These components illustrate the different kinds of users that can interact with the MySQL RDBMS, which are the administrators, clients and query users. The administrators use the administrative interface and utilities. In MySQL, some of these utilities are mysql admin which performs tasks like shutting down the server and creating or dropping databases, which help to perform table analysis and optimization as well as crash recovery if the tables become damaged, and mysql dump for backing up the database or copying databases to another server. Clients communicate to the MySQL RDBMS through the interface or utilities. The client interface uses MySQL APIs for various different programming languages such as the C API, DBI API for Perl, PHP API, Java API, Python API, MySQL C++ API and Tcl. Query users interact with the MySQL RDBMS through a query interface that is mysql. Mysql is a monitor (interactive program) that allows the query users to issue SQL statements to the server and view the results.

**Logical Layer**

It was found that MySQL does indeed have a logical architecture that is virtually identical to the one depicted. The MySQL documentation gave an indication as to precisely how these modules could be further broken down into subsystems arranged in a layered hierarchy corresponding to the layered architecture in Garlan and Shaw. The following section details these subsystems and the interactions within them

About XAMPP and Installation Requirements

XAMPP is a small and light Apache distribution containing the most common web development technologies in a single package. Its contents, small size, and portability make it the ideal tool for students developing and testing applications in PHP and MySQL. XAMPP is available as a free download in two specific packages: full and lite. While the full package download provides a wide array of development tools, this article will focus on using XAMPP Lite which contains the necessary technologies that meet the Ontario Skills Competition standards. As the name implies, the light version is a small package containing Apache HTTP Server, PHP, MySQL, phpMyAdmin, Openssl, and SQLite. For more details on the packaging and versions.In order to be able to successfully run XAMPP Lite, you will require 17 MB for the self-extracting ZIP installation archive and at least 118 MB after it has been extracted on a local hard disk or USB drive.

Obtaining and Installing XAMPP

As previously mentioned, XAMPP is a free package available for download and use for various web development tasks. All XAMPP packages and add-ons are distributed through the Apache Friends website at the address: http://www.apachefriends.org/. For example, the extract path for a local Windows installation would simply be C:\.If extracted properly you will notice a new xampplite directory in the root of your installation disk. In order to test that everything has been installed correctly, first start the Apache HTTP Server by navigating to the xampplite directory and run the apache\_start.bat batch file. Next we will test if the server is running correctly by opening an internet browser and typing http://localhost/ into the address bar. If configured correctly, you will be presented with a screen similar to that of the one in FIGURE 1.



FIGURE 1: XAMPP splash screen.

In order to stop all Apache processes do not close the running terminal application, but instead run another batch file in the xampplite directory called apache\_stop.bat.

**Chapter 5 - SYSTEM TESTING**

Software Testing is the process used to help identify the correctness, completeness, security, and quality of developed computer software. Testing is a process of technical investigation, performed on behalf of stakeholders, that is intended to reveal quality-related information about the product with respect to the context in which it is intended to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, the process of executing a program or application with the intent of finding errors. Quality is not an absolute; it is value to some person. With that in mind, testing can never completely establish the correctness of arbitrary computer software; testing furnishes a criticism or comparison that compares the state and behavior of the product against a specification. An important point is that software testing should be distinguished from the separate discipline of Software Quality Assurance (SQA), which encompasses all business process areas, not just testing.

There are many approaches to software testing, but effective testing of complex products is essentially a process of investigation, not merely a matter of creating and following routine procedure. One definition of testing is "the process of questioning a product in order to evaluate it", where the "questions" are operations the tester attempts to execute with the product, and the product answers with its behavior in reaction to the probing of the tester[citation needed]. Although most of the intellectual processes of testing are nearly identical to that of review or inspection, the word testing is connoted to mean the dynamic analysis of the product—putting the product through its paces. Some of the common quality attributes include capability, reliability, efficiency, portability, maintainability, compatibility and usability. A good test is sometimes described as one which reveals an error; however, more recent thinking suggests that a good test is one which reveals information of interest to someone who matters within the project community.

In general, software engineers distinguish software faults from software failures. In case of a failure, the software does not do what the user expects. A fault is a programming error that may or may not actually manifest as a failure. A fault can also be described as an error in the correctness of the semantic of a computer program. A fault will become a failure if the exact computation conditions are met, one of them being that the faulty portion of computer software executes on the CPU. A fault can also turn into a failure when the software is ported to a different hardware platform or a different compiler, or when the software gets extended. Software testing is the technical investigation of the product under test to provide stakeholders with quality related information.

Software testing may be viewed as a sub-field of Software Quality Assurance but typically exists independently (and there may be no SQA areas in some companies). In SQA, software process specialists and auditors take a broader view on software and its development. They examine and change the software engineering process itself to reduce the amount of faults that end up in the code or deliver faster.

Regardless of the methods used or level of formality involved the desired result of testing is a level of confidence in the software so that the organization is confident that the software has an acceptable defect rate. What constitutes an acceptable defect rate depends on the nature of the software. An arcade video game designed to simulate flying an airplane would presumably have a much higher tolerance for defects than software used to control an actual airliner.

A problem with software testing is that the number of defects in a software product can be very large, and the number of configurations of the product larger still. Bugs that occur infrequently are difficult to find in testing. A rule of thumb is that a system that is expected to function without faults for a certain length of time must have already been tested for at least that length of time. This has severe consequences for projects to write long-lived reliable software.

A common practice of software testing is that it is performed by an independent group of testers after the functionality is developed but before it is shipped to the customer. This practice often results in the testing phase being used as project buffer to compensate for project delays. Another practice is to start software testing at the same moment the project starts and it is a continuous process until the project finishes.

Another common practice is for test suites to be developed during technical support escalation procedures. Such tests are then maintained in regression testing suites to ensure that future updates to the software don't repeat any of the known mistakes.

It is commonly believed that the earlier a defect is found the cheaper it is to fix it.

White-box and black-box testing

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White box and black box testing are terms used to describe the point of view a test engineer takes when designing test cases. Black box being an external view of the test object and white box being an internal view. Software testing is partly intuitive, but largely systematic. Good testing involves much more than just running the program a few times to see whether it works. Thorough analysis of the program under test, backed by a broad knowledge of testing techniques and tools are prerequisites to systematic testing. Software Testing is the process of executing software in a controlled manner; in order to answer the question “Does this software behave as specified?” Software testing is used in association with Verification and Validation. Verification is the checking of or testing of items, including software, for conformance and consistency with an associated specification. Software testing is just one kind of verification, which also uses techniques as reviews, inspections, walk-through. Validation is the process of checking what has been specified is what the user actually wanted.

• Validation: Are we doing the right job?

• Verification: Are we doing the job right?

In order to achieve consistency in the Testing style, it is imperative to have and follow a set of testing principles. This enhances the efficiency of testing within SQA team members and thus contributes to increased productivity. The purpose of this document is to provide overview of the testing, plus the techniques.

At SDEI, 3 levels of software testing is done at various SDLC phases

• Unit Testing: in which each unit (basic component) of the software is tested to verify that the detailed design for the unit has been correctly implemented

• Integration testing: in which progressively larger groups of tested software components corresponding to elements of the architectural design are integrated and tested until the software works as a whole.

• System testing: in which the software is integrated to the overall product and tested to show that all requirements are met

A further level of testing is also done, in accordance with requirements:

• Acceptance testing: upon which the acceptance of the complete software is based. The clients often do this.

• Regression testing: is used to refer the repetition of the earlier successful tests to ensure that changes made in the software have not introduced new bugs/side effects.

In recent years the term grey box testing has come into common usage. The typical grey box tester is permitted to set up or manipulate the testing environment, like seeding a database, and can view the state of the product after his actions, like performing a SQL query on the database to be certain of the values of columns.

Test cases, suites, scripts and scenarios

A test case is a software testing document, which consists of event, action, input, output, expected result and actual result. Clinically defined (IEEE 829-1998) a test case is an input and an expected result. This can be as pragmatic as 'for condition x your derived result is y', whereas other test cases described in more detail the input scenario and what results might be expected. It can occasionally be a series of steps (but often steps are contained in a separate test procedure that can be exercised against multiple test cases, as a matter of economy) but with one expected result or expected outcome. The optional fields are a test case ID, test step or order of execution number, related requirement(s), depth, test category, author, and check boxes for whether the test is automatable and has been automated. Larger test cases may also contain prerequisite states or steps, and descriptions. A test case should also contain a place for the actual result. These steps can be stored in a word processor document, spreadsheet, database or other common repository. In a database system, you may also be able to see past test results and who generated the results and the system configuration used to generate those results. These past results would usually be stored in a separate table.

The term test script is the combination of a test case, test procedure and test data. Initially the term was derived from the byproduct of work created by automated regression test tools. Today, test scripts can be manual, automated or a combination of both.

The most common term for a collection of test cases is a test suite. The test suite often also contains more detailed instructions or goals for each collection of test cases. It definitely contains a section where the tester identifies the system configuration used during testing. A group of test cases may also contain prerequisite states or steps, and descriptions of the following tests.

Collections of test cases are sometimes incorrectly termed a test plan. They might correctly be called a test specification. If sequence is specified, it can be called a test script, scenario or procedure.

A sample testing cycle

Although testing varies between organizations, there is a cycle to testing:

1. Requirements Analysis: Testing should begin in the requirements phase of the software development life cycle.

During the design phase, testers work with developers in determining what aspects of a design are testable and under what parameter those tests work.

2. Test Planning: Test Strategy, Test Plan(s), Test Bed creation.

3. Test Development: Test Procedures, Test Scenarios, Test Cases, Test Scripts to use in testing software.

4. Test Execution: Testers execute the software based on the plans and tests and report any errors found to the development team.

5. Test Reporting: Once testing is completed, testers generate metrics and make final reports on their test effort and whether or not the software tested is ready for release.

6. Retesting the Defects

Not all errors or defects reported must be fixed by a software development team. Some may be caused by errors in configuring the test software to match the development or production environment. Some defects can be handled by a workaround in the production environment. Others might be deferred to future releases of the software, or the deficiency might be accepted by the business user. There are yet other defects that may be rejected by the development team (of course, with due reason) if they deem it inappropriate to be called a defect.

**Chapter 6- OUTPUT FORMS & REPORTS**

Chapter 7 - CONCLUSION

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**APPENDICES**

**Programming**

Programming is not only a creative activity but also an intellectually rigorous discipline. It is the part where the design is actually translated into the machine readable form which is called program.

**Programming Principles**

The main activity of coding phase is to translate design into code. If we translate the structure of the design properly, we will have structured programs. A structured Program doesn‟t just “happen”. It is the end product of series of efforts that try to understand the problem and develop a structured, understandable solution plan. It is all impossible to write a good structured program based on unstructured poor design .The coding phase affects both testing and maintenance , profoundly the time spent in coding is small percentage of the total software cost , while testing and maintenance consume the major percentage . The goal of coding phase is not to simplify the job of the tester and maintainer.

**Programming style**

A well written program is more easily read and understood both by the author and by others who work that program.

A good Programming style is characterized by the following:-

* Simplicity
* Readability
* Good documentation
* Changeability
* Predictability
* Good Structure

**Selection of Coding Language**

All the programs coded should be based on a standard which can tend to the needs of all readers, i.e. it should provide degree of predictability in programs of a common type. There are many aspects to what the programs must do so to enable the different users to comfortably work on it.

For example the program should:-

* Be corrective of the solution
* Have maximum speed of execution
* Be comprehensive and east to maintain

Programming language choice affects the productivity and code quality in several ways. Programmers working with high level language achieve better productivity and quality than those working with low level language , because former is more expensive in nature .We have used HTML , JSP , PHP for the coding as we have to make the software and these languages provide great compatibility and flexibility with browser .