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Introduction

In this report I am reflecting on my personal contributions to the project along with what I have learned throughout the module. Furthermore, I cover a review of different technologies or methods could be used in the software lifecycle.

Contribution and challenges

Difficulty Matrix:

Responsibilities	Easy	Intermediate	Difficult
Planning		X	
Database		X	
Login	X		
Non-functional requirements			X
User Management			X
Kitchen/Orders		X	

Regarding the methodological approach, in the aforementioned 'difficulty matrix' I outlined my responsibilities and how challenging each task was. I felt that it was necessary to hit all the requirements and with the lack of engagement from peers I had limited time to make a fully functional application. Communication became dormant and it meant I had to take a leadership role to ensure the portfolio was adequate. As a result, over time, we managed to collectively work together after conversations towards the end to produce a sub-optimal solution.

Learning Reflections and Emerging Technologies

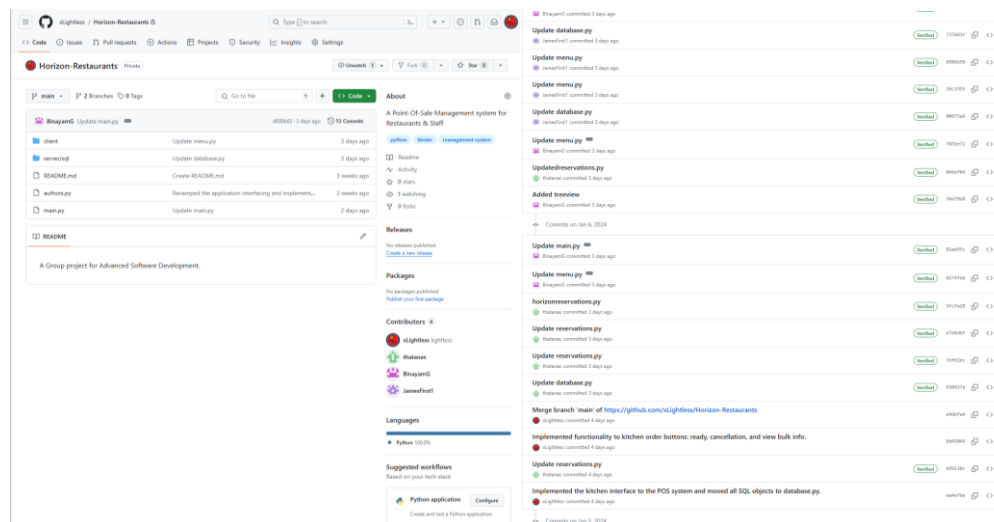
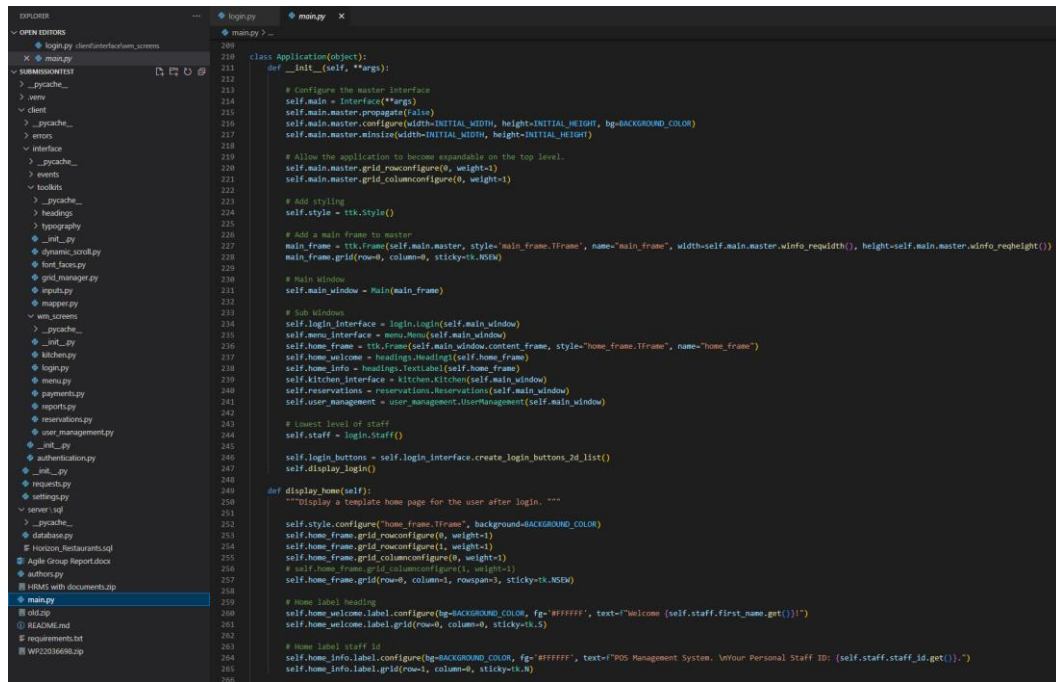


Fig. 1: GitHub project page and commits.

Reflecting on the learning with emerging technologies in mind, we proceeded by using DevOps in a cloud computing setting. More specifically I am referring to GitHub; a platform that enables developers to work on a repository - asynchronously, if required. With limited time it was the best course of action to ensure we apply CI/CD to streamline the process. GitHub enabled us to push, pull, merge, and

publish code from our local machines to either the main branch or other branches influencing each person's actions by taking control over their section of work to create a final product.



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209
210
211 class Application(object):
212     def __init__(self, *args):
213
214         # Configure the master interface
215         self.main = Interface(*args)
216         self.main.master.propagate(False)
217         self.main.master.configure(width=INITIAL_WIDTH, height=INITIAL_HEIGHT, bg=BACKGROUND_COLOR)
218         self.main.master.minimize(width=INITIAL_WIDTH, height=INITIAL_HEIGHT)
219
220         # Allow the application to become expandable on the top level.
221         self.main.master.grid_rowconfigure(0, weight=1)
222         self.main.master.grid_columnconfigure(0, weight=1)
223
224         # Add styling
225         self.style = ttk.Style()
226
227         # Add a main frame to master
228         main_frame = ttk.Frame(self.main.master, style='main_frame.TFrame', name='main_frame', width=self.main.master.winfo_reqwidth(), height=self.main.master.winfo_reqheight())
229         main_frame.grid(row=0, column=0, sticky=tk.NWM)
230
231         # Main Window
232         self.main_window = Main(main_frame)
233
234         # Sub windows
235         self.login_interface = login.Login(self.main_window)
236         self.menu_interface = menu.Menu(self.main_window)
237         self.home_frame = ttk.Frame(self.main_window, content_frame, style='home_frame.TFrame', name='home_frame')
238         self.home_welcome = headings.Headings(self.home_frame)
239         self.home_info = headings.TextLabel(self.home_frame)
240         self.kitchen_interface = kitchen.Kitchen(self.main_window)
241         self.reservations = reservations.Reservations(self.main_window)
242         self.user_management = user_management.UserManagement(self.main_window)
243
244         # Lowest level of staff
245         self.staff = login.Staff()
246
247         self.login_buttons = self.login_interface.create_login_buttons_2d_list()
248         self.display_login()
249
250     def display_home(self):
251         """Display a template home page for the user after login. """
252         self.style.configure("home_frame.TFrame", background=BACKGROUND_COLOR)
253         self.home_frame.grid_rowconfigure(0, weight=1)
254         self.home_frame.grid_rowconfigure(1, weight=1)
255         self.home_frame.grid_columnconfigure(0, weight=1)
256         # self.home_frame.grid_columnconfigure(1, weight=1)
257         self.home_frame.grid(row=0, column=1, rowspan=3, sticky=tk.NWM)
258
259         # Home label heading
260         self.home_welcome.label.configure(bg=BACKGROUND_COLOR, fg='FFFFFF', text=f'Welcome {self.staff.first_name.get()}')
261         self.home_welcome.label.grid(row=0, column=0, sticky=tk.S)
262
263         # Home label staff id
264         self.home_info.label.configure(bg=BACKGROUND_COLOR, fg='FFFFFF', text=f'POS Management System. \nYour Personal Staff ID: {self.staff.staff_id.get().}')
265         self.home_info.label.grid(row=1, column=0, sticky=tk.S)
266

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Fig. 2: Application main.py code where sub-windows are their own objects. Each object has their own display function.

Moreover, with the implications of using GitHub, we structured our development using SOLID principles. Our code is based on the Single Responsibility Principle meaning that each piece of functionality should have its own object or classification so that we reduce tight coupling as much as possible because this coupling can have a negative effect on Object Oriented Programming. The result produced a top-down application where everything was combined in an application object.

Portfolio Development Justification

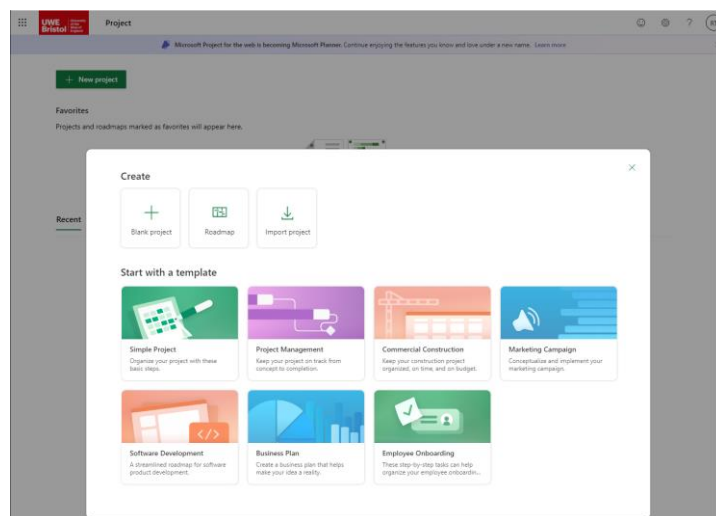


Fig. 3: Microsoft Project document creation page.

In hindsight, our project organisation lacked substance; we attempted to use Trello to map out our tasks but there was lack of structure. If we were to do this again, I would much prefer Microsoft Project due to cloud-based architecture utilisation and its functionalities like Gantt Charts. It would provide our group with milestones and a solid ground for agile SPRINT backlogs.

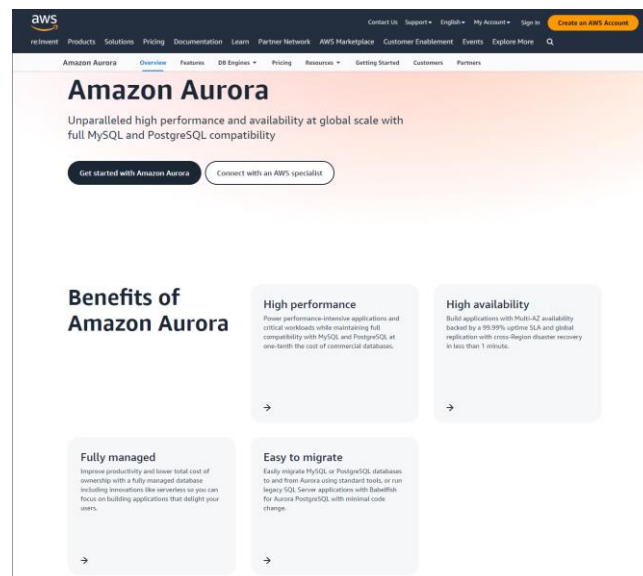


Fig. 4: Amazon Aurora. Manages DBaaS systems.

Secondly, I would justify that the local method of hosting each person's database deemed ineffective leading to inconsistencies. Future methods like using a Database as a Service (DBaaS) would mean we can host a single Schema in the cloud and make it interdependently accessible and have project compatibility.