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# Introduction

Overall aim  
The aim is to design a software application with a specific intent and purpose, to follow up we must create a layout or wireframe sketch for what the application would look like

Application area

Technologies

PHP and Sql

Tools

Figma, Laravel, visual studio code

Project management

GitHub

Business Concept

Requirements

Design

Implementation

Testing

Reflection

# Business Concept

## Business Idea

The application’s purpose is to be able to display a list of different clothing brands that the user can look through or filter based on their needs

The user should be able to find brands that are either online based or locally based, being able to look at brands based on distance and see where they are located

## Business model

The website’s model will not be to make money but to simply support itself through advertisements held on the application

## Market Research

Market for Product/Service

Customers - Demographics, Profile

## Marketing/Advertising

Advertising of the application will be done through social media primarily. Appealing to younger crowds

## Suppliers

Due to being purely a web application there is no need for any suppliers

## Competitors

Surprisingly, after a while of research I couldn’t find any application with the same idea as mine on the same broader level, most brands have a store/location finder on their own websites but I failed to find any universal types as I am going for

## Employees

The employees of my application would be in three categories, those who are running social media and advertising, those running the web application and those running the database

## Environmental Impact

Due to it all being online there is little concern of environmental impact

# Requirements

## Introduction

The purpose of the requirements phase is to allow for developers to work out what the application should be able to do. It is important to understand what the users would like the application to do rather than the developer deciding what is required.

You can write a bit about your project area. Each paragraph has a blank line between it and the previous paragraph

## Requirements gathering

### Similar applications

Look at and document 2 similar applications. Be sure to include the following for each:

* Screen shots
* Descriptions
* Advantages
* Disadvantages

In my research I have found not many applications with the same purpose in the fashion industry. However, I have found applications with similar purposes in other areas.

Eventbrite and visitdublin are two websites that allow the user to find upcoming events be it festivals, shows or more. Filters included to narrow down results based on user need

**Visit Dublin**

Graphical user interface, website

Description automatically generated

Visit Dublin is an event website specifically for Dublin. As you can see above it has an excellent layout and design, the use of colour and imagery is easy on the eyes and there are a lot of filters that make it easy for the user to find an event that caters to their needs.

If I was to make a critique of visit Dublin I would say that the lack of a sorting filter may not be enjoyed by everyone. While the filters are extensive there is no location-based filter. Granted someone in Dublin wouldn’t have an issue getting to most places outside of Dublin someone visiting from outside of Dublin may have an issue with location for events

**Eventbrite**

Graphical user interface, website

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On the other hand, Eventbrite is an application with an execution I don’t particularly enjoy.   
the layout is bland with colours. The area or scope of events is much wider than visit Dublin of course making it more universally usable by people. Unlike with visit Dublin Eventbrite allows you to buy tickets on the website directly.

### Interviews

Question 1) When it comes to clothes shopping what do you find difficult or tricky?

Person A) Clothes shopping for girls is incredibly difficult at times. A size in one shop could be different in another shop. I need to find the best places for me and hope they don’t have a change

Person B) Honestly Clothes shopping isn’t something I take too seriously. I just go to the same places and get my stuff there. Its frustrating at times when shops don’t have particular clothes in stock

Question 2) How important is knowing about the places you shop at to you?

Person A) Extremely. When it comes to shopping, I need to know that the place I’m buying from is both environmentally friendly and doesn’t exploit staff. A lot of businesses make claims but turn out to be the opposite, so you always must be careful.

Person B) Not really, I mean if the clothes are good, I’m happy. I don’t really look too far into businesses.

## Requirements modelling

### Functional requirements

1. Access the database that stores all my brands
2. Be able to display the brands properly on the web page
3. Only display the required info on the right pages

### Non-functional requirements

These are requirements which if not met do not stop the application from working, but which mean that the application is not working as well as it should. They are usually based on issues such as:

* Allow the user to filter through the displayed brands
* Have the proper layout for the information from the database
* Only allow those with admin credentials to alter the database

### Use Case Diagrams

Consists of actors and use cases. You should document each individual use case.

Delete the following diagram and insert your diagram. Use draw.io

Diagram

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## Feasibility

This section describes which technologies are planned to be used in the development of the application. It then explains if there are any issues in terms of the technical feasibility of the project, for example, if there are two different types of software which may have compatibility issues.

# Database Design

## Description

My application displays different brands by different categories. It needs a database for all the brands. For each brand it would need the name of the brand, the general location, whether it has an online site or not, an image and a category type. Each category needs only a type. Each brand can have a review, reviews are written by users. Users have a name, email and password.

Users can also have many roles.

## Business Reporting Requirements

Substitute in here the information the users of your application will want to be able to view.

1. developers need to be able to create, read, update, and delete brands, categories, users and reviews
2. Users will need to be able to find all brands, divided by category

## Textual Representation of Data-Set

Substitute in here the tables for your database

**BRAND** (id, name, location, online? , info, Image, category\_id)

**CATEGORY** (id, type)

**REVIEW** (Brand\_id, user\_id, description)

**USER** (id,name, email, password)

**ROLE** (id,name, description)

## Business Rules

Substitute in here the business rules for your database

* Application holds brands,
* Each brand can have a category
* Each brand can also have many reviews
* Each review is made by  user
* Many users can have a review
* Each user also has a role

## Entity Relationship Diagram

Substitute in here your ERD from draw.io



## Tables

Diagram

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## Database Dictionary

Table

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# System Design/ Architecture Overview

* 1. Introduction

This section will describe the internal functionality of the web framework that you have chosed for the implementation. Add further sections if required by the specification of your web application

* 1. Model View Controller

Explain the follows a model-view-controller design pattern and how it is implemented in your web application.

* 1. User Authenticaion

Explain how user authentication is implemented in the web application framework.

* 1. Routing

Describe the routes that were defined in the web application

* 1. Templating

Describe the templating engine and how it was used to configure/ style the web application.

Add a sequence diagram in this section and other diagrams that illustrate the architecture clearly.

Diagram

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# Testing

* 1. Introduction

This chapter describes the testing that has been undertaken for the application. This chapter is presented in two sections:

1. Functional Testing
2. User Testing

Functional testing is a type of software testing whereby the system is tested against the functional requirements. The app is tested by looking to see if the actual output for a given input corresponds with the expected output. The tests should be based on the requirements for the app. The results of functional testing can indicate if a piece of software is functional and working, but not if the software is easy to use.

User testing looks to see if a piece of software is easy and intuitive for the user.

* 1. Functional Testing

This section describes the functional tests which were carried out on the app. These functional tests can be categorised as: (whatever is relevant to your app)

Login/Registration

Navigation

Calculation

CRUD

Functional testing generally uses a Black Box Testing technique which means that the internal logic of the system being tested is not of interest to the tester. The tester is only interested in whether the actual output agrees with the expected output.

* + 1. Login/Registration

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## Discussion of Functional Testing Results

Describe the results from the tests. Address any functionality where unexpected behavior could not be debugged.

* 1. User Testing
  2. Conclusion

Discussion of test results.

# Project Management

## Introduction

This chapter describes how the project was managed. It shows the phases of the project, going from the project idea through the requirements gathering, the specification for the project, the design, implementation and testing phases for the project. It also discusses GitHub as a tool which assist in project management.

## Project Phases

In this section, describe each of the following project phases. Explain any issues which arose for each of the phases.

### Requirements

### Design

### Implementation

### Testing

## SCRUM Methodology

Sprints

## Project Management Tools

### Github Project

Description

Include screen shots

How it worked in practice

### GitHub

Description

How it is used

How it worked in practice

# Reflection

## Your views on the project

Describe how you feel the project went from your perspective.

## How could the project could be developed further?

## Assessment of your learning.

Critically assess your learning. List what skills and competencies you have learned developed in this Continuous Assessment.

List which part of the project would need further development and itemize where you feel you have not satisfactorily completed the continuous assessment.

## Completing a large software development project

Describe what you have learnt from the project, from the point of view of completing a large software development project.

## Technical skills

Describe what you have learnt from the project, from a technical skills viewpoint.

## Further competencies and skills

Describe any extra competencies and skills that would help you with your development in the work place.

# References

Add a list of references that you used to complete the project.

The Department of Technology and Psychology in IADT uses APA 7th referencing style.

Use alphabetical order for your references.

This site gives details about how to cite websites using APA:

https://www.wikihow.com/Cite-a-Website-in-APA

The following is a useful site for creating citations for APA for websites.

<http://www.citationmachine.net/apa/cite-a-website>

You can also use the Referencing tab within Microsoft Word to enter reference information manually. Word then creates an APA style reference.