MOBILE INVENTORY MANAGEMENT FOR PHARMACIES

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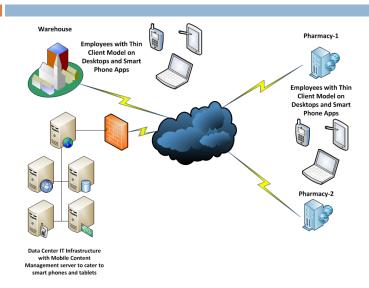
Executive Summary

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- □ Leaders of a global healthcare company specializing in pharmaceuticals approved \$50,000 to fund an Enterprise Mobility Pilot Project to explore new mobile technologies with business intelligence.
- A mobile Bl solution will need to integrate into the companies' existing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System.
- Our focus for the mobile enterprise pilot project will be on a mobile BI application for employees to facilitate efficient maintenance of pharmacy inventory.

Mobile Computing/ Information Service Environment

- The pilot project will be conducted in the company's northeast Indiana region which consists of one warehouse that supplies fifteen pharmacies in the area. The IT server infrastructure is maintained by a cloud service provider.
- The company currently maintains SAP ERP software on Linux servers and will be looking to either extend the SAP infrastructure or integrate it with Oracle business intelligence products.

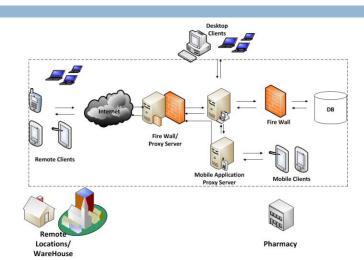
Network Diagram



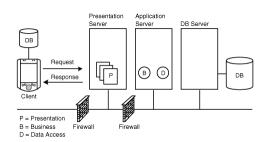
Project Milestones

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	Mobile Application Decision	October 4, 2012	
	Review of Just-in-time Study, Company		
	Research & Risk Management Plan	October 10, 2012	
	Review Prototype for IT Management Meeting December 7, 2012		
	IT Management Meeting	December 13, 2012	
	■ Determine Scope		
	Select Software & Hardware		
	Complete Report of Test Results	February 15, 2013	
	IT Management Review of Test Results	February 18, 2013	
	IT Management Presentation	February 21, 2013	
	to Company Administration		

Hardware Architecture



Three Tier Server Architecture



Three Tier Server Architecture as displayed in [5]

Thin & Fat Clients

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- □ For thin clients, the mobile devices basically serves as a user interface and all the computing is done either at server or proxy end.
- □ If communication is not reliable, a fat client should be used.

Thin Client	Fat Client
Computation at Server end	Computation at Client end
Constant communication with server	Weak Communication with server
PHP Scripting	Java Script, Java
Basically a UI	UI and computation utilizing local
	resources

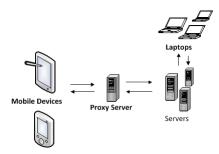
Security in Software Architecture

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- User Account Management
- Authentication Mechanisms
- Machine-level authentication. This is used to authenticate the machine that is accessing the service.
- User-level authentication. This is used to authenticate a particular user.
- 3. Third-party authentication. This is typically an out-of-band authentication mechanism where the third-party is used to verify the user credentials.

Middleware

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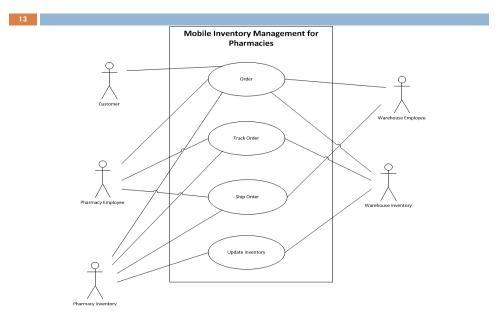
Client-Proxy Server Model



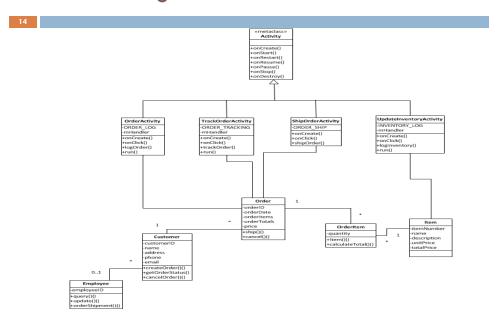
Supported Mobile Devices: Intelligent Servers

- Existing servers can be made more intelligent by incorporating scripts that detect the type of client device and render appropriate pages.
- Code can be incorporated at server end that detects the device type and run appropriate scripts.
- □ This kind of intelligence is used in industry to cater for heterogeneous browser platforms.

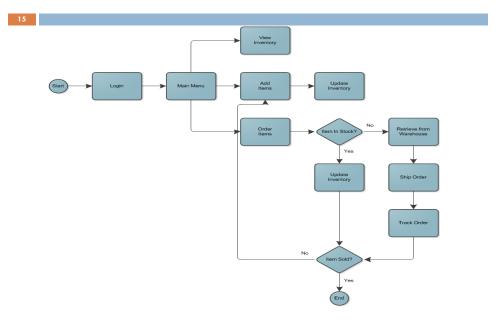
Use Case Diagram



Class Diagram



Business Process Diagram

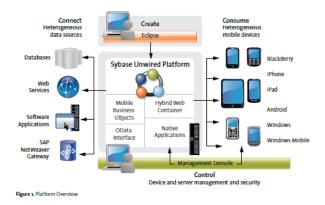


Considered Vendors

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- ☐ The company currently uses an SAP Enterprise Resource Planning system. However, Oracle has a business intelligence product that will run on SAP.
- The Oracle mobile BI solution is relatively inexpensive. However, it will only run on Apple iPhone and iPad clients.
- In contrast, SAP BusinessObjects Mobile will run a wide variety of clients. SAP also has a huge range of platform independent software.

Benefits of SAP & Sybase

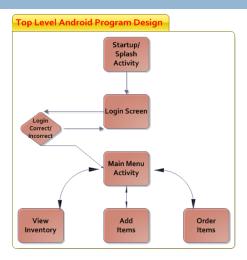
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Sybase Unwired Platform as shown in [17, p.2]

Mobile Device Program Design

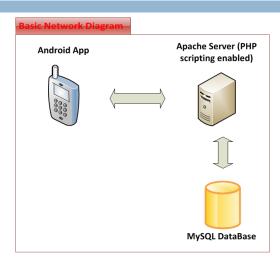
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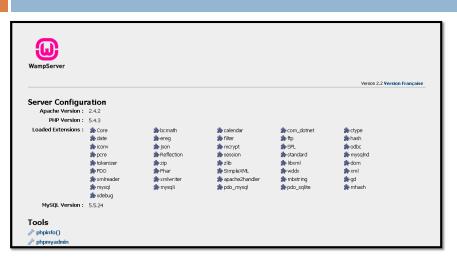
Top Level Android Program Design, revised based on [12]

Prototype: Networking



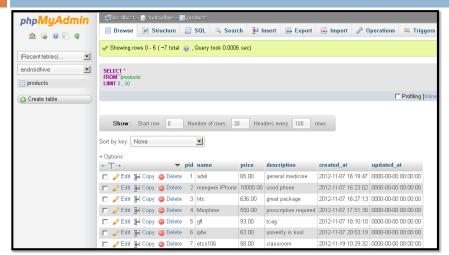


Prototype: WAMP server



Prototype: MySQL Database





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