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Cloud VR/AR

Building and Enhancing software for a cloud VR/AR application

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1. Project Host, Vision and Objectives

1.1 Host Organization

XtreamCompute is a leading technology company that specialises in cutting-edge cloud edge computing technologies. Their heart service is XtreamLINK, a ground-breaking data transport protocol that significantly lowers latency while boosting dependability and throughput. This ground-breaking solution offers customers flawlessly smooth remote computing experiences across video, gaming, and cloud AR/VR.

1.2 Project Scope

The project is focused on improving the software for their cloud gaming platform in order to advance cloud VR/AR capabilities. Cloud VR/AR transfers the application's compute and frame rendering to edge computing, while the VR glasses/spectacles display images and send feedback to the edge compute, in contrast to traditional VR programmes that run on the headset itself or a nearby computer. The project uses cutting-edge XtreamLINK technology to enhance and expand the cloud gaming platform to support cloud AR/VR. Understanding the current cloud gaming platform and creating new functionalities to deliver engaging content is required. The project gives the chance to learn crucial lessons about running a firm and to dive deeply into developing architecture for interactive and immersive content distribution.

1.3 Objects and Benefits

Enhancing the user experience in cloud AR/VR apps is the project's main goal. XtreamCompute strives to give customers a seamless and immersive experience that meets the requirements of contemporary VR/AR applications by lowering latency and boosting dependability. This technological advancement lowers user churn and lowers the cost of acquiring new customers. The solution from XtreamCompute is also being profitable. The project helps to save money on infrastructure by lowering the demand for additional data centres to reach end customers. It is predicted that this decrease in infrastructure needs will result in monthly savings of up to \$2 per user. The system is also cost-effective due to its low complexity on both the client and server sides.

2. Project Stakeholders, Expectations and Benefits

The project's success depends on the participation and cooperation of several internal and external stakeholders who are affected by or interested in its results. A comprehensive view of the stakeholders' roles and interactions is provided by mapping them according to how they affect the project. Table 2.1 shows the stakeholder mapping.

	Internal	External	
Affected by the project process (day to	Project Manager	Cloud Service Providers	
day of the project activities)	Development and Testing Member	Investors and Shareholders	
	Documentation Member		
Affected by the project result	Company Manager	CloudVR Platform Users	
(end product)		Media and Tech Publications	

Table 2.1 Stakeholder Mapping

Numerous stakeholders receive substantial benefits from the project. Through improved CloudVR capabilities, XtreamCompute obtains a competitive advantage and draws in new users and partners. Table 2.2 stresses the expectations and needs of the stakeholder.

Table 2.2 Stakeholder Expectations and Communication Needs						
Stakeholder	Expectation	Information needs	Method of communication	Frequency		
Project Manager	On-time and within- budget project completion	Progress Updates	Meetings, Reports	Daily/ Weekly		
Development and Testing Member	Efficient integration, and Thoroughly test	Technical Details, Clarifications	Collaborative Tools like Slack	Daily/As needed		
Documentation Member	Comprehensive integration documentation	Technical Details, Updates	Documentation Platform	As needed		
Cloud Service Providers	Smooth integration with minimal disruptions	Integration Details, Compatibility	Communication Channels	As needed		
Investors and Shareholders	Positive impact on company value	Project Updates, Success Metrics	Reports, Newsletters	Quarterly		
Company Manager	Successful project aligning with company vision	Progress Updates, Outcomes	Meetings, Reports	Regularly		
CloudVR Platform Users	Enhanced VR experience with reduced latency	Integration Process, Usage Guidelines	Release Notes, Website	Regularly		
Media and Tech Publications	News-worthy advancements and innovation	Integration Highlights	Press Releases, Interviews	As needed		

3. Project Plan

3.1 Overview

Through the use of the XDP (eXpress Data Path) software, the project seeks to develop the ALVR platform. In order to do this, one must be familiar with the open source code base, look into integration options, and document the server and client sides of the process. The project plan offers a thorough strategy to accomplish these objectives within a defined time frame.

3.2 Project Structure

A thorough process of research, planning, integration, testing, and documentation is used in the project. The activities, milestones, and deliverables that must be finished during the course of the project's timetable are described in the following Table 3.1 and 3.2.

Activity	Milestone/Deliverable
Research & Familiarization	Develop a thorough understanding of the architecture, parts,
	and features of the open source VR code base.
Investigation & Planning	Investigate several XDP software integration techniques for
	the CloudVR platform. Create a thorough plan for the
	integration process that takes compatibility, performance, and
	scalability into account.

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XDP Integration (Client)	On the client side of the CloudVR platform, successfully integrate XDP. Make sure that the integration improves performance and responsiveness without interfering with the functionality that is already in place.
XDP Integration (Server)	On the server side of the CloudVR platform, successfully integrate XDP. Improve the efficiency of the network overall while reducing latency and optimising data delivery.
Performance Testing & Analysis	To assess the effect of XDP integration on latency, throughput, and the overall user experience, conduct extensive performance testing using AB. Examine results to find areas that need improvement.
Documentation	Make thorough Confluence documentation outlining the step- by-step integration of XDP into the CloudVR platform. Code examples, configuration options, and troubleshooting advice should all be included.
Code Commits & Version Control	Update the XDP integration code frequently, and commit it to the version control repository. For efficient collaboration, maintain accurate versioning and concise commit messages.
Final Review & Assessment	Go over every aspect of the project, including the research, integration, testing, and documentation. Compare the actual results to the original goals, noting accomplishments and areas that might be improved in the future.

Table 3.2 Gantt Chart for the Project

	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Q3			Q4		
						Aug	Sep	Oct		Dec
1	AGILE PROJECT	71d	24/07/23	30/10/23					AGILE	PROJE
2	Getting Started	1d	24/07/23	24/07/23		Getting S	tarted			
3	Finish Integration	1d	29/09/23	29/09/23			1	Finish	Integrati	on
4	Finish Project	1d	27/10/23	27/10/23					Finish F	Project
5	Sprints	70d	25/07/23	30/10/23					Sprints	
6	Set up stage	30d	25/07/23	04/09/23	ļ		Set up	o stage		
7	Research & Familiarization	15d	25/07/23	14/08/23	Í	Res	earch 8	Familia	rization	
8	Investigation & Planning	15d	15/08/23	04/09/23		Ļ	Invest	igation 8	& Plannir	ng
9	Developing Stage	20d	05/09/23	02/10/23				Develo	oping Sta	age
10	XDP Integration (Server)	20d	05/09/23	02/10/23			1	XDP II	ntegratio	n (Serve
11	XDP Integration (Client)	20d	05/09/23	02/10/23			ţ	XDP I	ntegratio	n (Clien
12	Test Stage	10d	03/10/23	16/10/23			Те	st Stage		
13	Performance Testing & Analysis	10d	03/10/23	16/10/23				Pe	rforman	ce Testi
14	Final Stage	10d	17/10/23	30/10/23					Final S	tage
15	Final Review & Assessment	10d	17/10/23	30/10/23				Ļ	Final R	eview &
16	Other Features	70d	24/07/23	27/10/23					Other F	eatures
17	Documentation	70d	24/07/23	27/10/23					Docume	ntation
18	Code Commits & Version Control	70d	24/07/23	27/10/23					Code C	ommits
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4. Project Resources and Tooling

This section explores the project's logistical requirements by listing the tools needed for successful completion in Table 4.1.

		Time/Cost associated with project
1.0 < <personnel resources="">></personnel>		
1.1 < <development team="">></development>		
	1.1.1 << Developer Consultant>>	Estimated at 3 hours per week. Included in project budget.
1.2 < <management team="">></management>		
	1.2.1 < <project manager="">></project>	Estimated at 2 hours per week. Included in project budget.
2.0 < <software resources="">></software>		
	2.1.1 < <alvr platform="">></alvr>	Estimated at 15 hours per week. Open source.
	2.1.2 < <ide (visual="" studio<br="">Code)>></ide>	Estimated at 15 hours per week. Community Version.
	2.1.3 < <rust language="" tutorial<br="">Site>></rust>	Estimated at 5 hours per week. Open source.
	2.1.4 < <communication tool<br="">(Slack)>></communication>	Estimated at 3 hours per week. Free to use.
	2.1.5 < <collaboration and<br="">Project Repositories Tool (Bitbucket)>></collaboration>	Estimated at 3 hours per week. Free to use.
	2.1.6 < <documentation tool<br="">(Confluence)>></documentation>	Estimated at 3 hours per week. Free to use.
	2.1.7 < <meeting (zoom)="" tool="">></meeting>	Estimated at 1 hours per week. Free to use.
3.0 < <hardware resources="">></hardware>		
	3.1.1 << VR Headset>>	Estimated at 2 hours per week. Already available.
	3.1.2 << VR Controllers and Accessories>>	Estimated at 2 hours per week. Already available.
	3.1.3 << Computers/ Laptop>>	Estimated at 15 hours per week. Already available.

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5. Project Constraints and Risks

For successful project management and results, it is essential to understand the limitations and potential hazards involved. The Risk Register lists the hazards that have been determined and how they can be mitigated as Table 5.

ID	Risk Description	Potential Impact	Likelihood	Severity	Mitigation Strategy
R1	Budget Overrun	Project delays, incomplete features	Moderate	High	Regular budget tracking and proactive adjustment if needed
R2	Integration Complexity	Integration challenges, technical glitches	High	High	Comprehensive technical planning, risk assessment, and testing
R3	Performance Degradation	Reduced VR experience, user dissatisfaction	Moderate	Medium	Rigorous performance testing, optimization, and monitoring
R4	Personnel Unavailability	Delayed tasks, increased workload	Low	Medium	Cross-training and backup personnel for critical roles
R5	Regulatory Compliance	Legal issues, project halt	Low	High	Constant alignment with relevant regulations and guidelines
R6	Unexpected Technical Issues	Project disruptions, delays	Moderate	High	Active monitoring, quick issue identification, and resolution

Table 5 Risk Register

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14th Aug. 2023

Date