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1.0 Introduction

MyBay.ca is an online internet auction web site that will allow online users a host of features associated with buying and selling goods in an online auction format.

This document serves as a project plan for the MyBay.ca internet auction web site to be delivered to the client. It consists of project progress report for both external users and MyBay.ca company administrator requirements. Progress for planned bonus features is also outlined in this document.

1.1 Purpose of Document

This plan serves the purpose of documenting the MyBay.ca project plan of the Group 2 team. A project Gantt chart and project progress chart are provided to provide a clear picture of development efforts to this point.

The purpose of this document is to help both the team and the customer evaluate the current progress of the MyBay.ca online auction website.

1.2 Document Scope

This document is a preliminary review of the overall progress of the MyBay.ca web site development effort. Development efforts are proceeding rapidly, and task status is changing daily. The purpose of this document is to facilitate the communication between customer and the MyBay.ca project team during interim check point.

2.0 Progress Report

Please refer to the attached Gantt chart for an overview of Group 2 progress. ID numbers listed below reference this document.

2.1 User Requirements for External User

External users may be guests or registered users.

ID	Description	Comment
Registration and Login		
26	Register to use the system by providing their name, e-mail, address, etc.	100% complete, ready for testing
27	Email user registration information. Confirm registration.	100% complete, ready for testing
28	Login to MyBay.ca with username and password.	100% complete, ready for testing
Search and Browse		
30	Browse/Search items for sale without registering.	100% complete, ready for testing
31	Searching for items of interest by name, description, category, or other features.	100% complete, ready for testing
32	Category Search/List.	100% complete, ready for testing
33	Save items to shopping cart.	100% complete, ready for testing
Selling Items		
34	Register an item that may later be sold in auction	100% complete, ready for testing
35	User register item details form	100% complete, ready for testing
36	User upload of pictures	100% complete, ready for testing
37	Create an auction for an item with an initial bid, reserve bid, auction end time	80% complete
38	Assist seller in a completed auction to arrange for receiving payment and shipping.	40% complete

Buying Items		
41	Bid on an item in an auction	50% complete
42	Informed user if they are the winning bid	10% complete
43	Assist buyer in a completed auction to arrange for payment and shipping.	0% complete
44	Summary reports of the # of items bought and sold.	0% complete

2.2 User Requirements for Company Administrator

Company Administrators are employees of MyBay.ca and may perform administrative duties. MyBay.ca employees may also participate in a similar manor as external users.

ID	Description	Comments
49	Collect fees from auctions by charging an per auction fee and a percentage of the final sale amount.	20% complete
50	Produce summary reports on the number of users.	20% complete
51	Produce summary reports on auctions, and items in the system.	0% complete
52	Produce financial summary reports on the total value of goods sold over time.	0% complete
53	Allow administrators to login with a user id and password.	100% complete, ready for testing
54	Provide administrators with the same functionality as regular users.	100% complete, ready for testing
55	Provide the ability to manually change the current time.	0% complete

2.3 Conclusion and Constraint

Our estimation is that over 60% of the external user functions are complete. At least 40% of company administration features are complete. This said it is expected that development efforts should proceed quickly due to the underlying architecture decisions.

Group 2 constraints at present are the completion of the winning bidder/notification, and payment and shipping options. Development efforts are focused on finding an optimal solution to notifying the winning bidder. It is anticipated that this constraint will be solved shortly.

3.0 Future Plans – Bonus Features

The design of the MyBay.ca website at inception has included several key bonus features.

This section describes implementation progress for bonus features as they relate to external users and company administrators.

3.1 User Requirements for External User

ID	Description	Future Plan
	Track buyer/seller ratings and customer feedback on their trustworthiness.	60% complete
	Allow advanced auction features such as reserved bids, immediate buying (BuyItNow!), and canceling auctions.	0% complete
	Notify users by email on their auction status including items they are interested in bidding on or are selling.	20% complete
	Track the history of bids for an item put up for auction.	0% complete
	Allow users to have pictures of their items and put their own description in HTML.	100% complete
	Allow advanced shipping and payment information including investigating how PayPal or credit card transactions are conducted.	20% complete
	Allow user to retrieve forgotten user id/password using their e-mail address.	10% complete

3.2 User Requirements for Company Administrator

ID	Description	Future Plan
	Produce reports indicating the customers with most (least) auctions, bids, etc.	0%
	Produce report giving the number of currently active auctions.	0%
	Display items listed at real auction sites (Ebay, Yahoo) by extracting the HTML pages or querying their databases dynamically.	0%

3.3 Conclusion and Constraint

The Group 2 MyBay.ca development team will make every effort to complete these tasks. This said, due to time limitations, and project deadlines, a final summary of bonus features completed will be provided in the final project report.