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Project Plan
Productivity Toolbar (aka Fast App Launcher)

The Capstone Experience

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Project Overview

- Provide individualized application organization of General Motors applications via an app launcher

Functional Specifications

- Accessible locally via a windows application or remotely via a web application

- Allows for applications to be launched on-click from a tile based menu.

- User profiling to allow for customization of both application sets and display order.

- Allows for individual users to add to, remove from, and configure application sets.

Functional Specifications

- Users may search for and add applications to the launcher through a store interface.

- This store interface also allows application owners to manage the attributes of their applications, and to add or remove their registered applications from the store.

- Sort functions such as "frequently used", "more" and "all apps" are available within a user's launch panel.

Functional Specifications

- Applications promoted by administrators is capable of being pushed to all users, or a subset of users.

- The launcher is able to identify which applications are currently installed on a user's machine, as well as which applications are immediately accessible via the web.

- The launcher is able to deliver installation files to a user upon request.
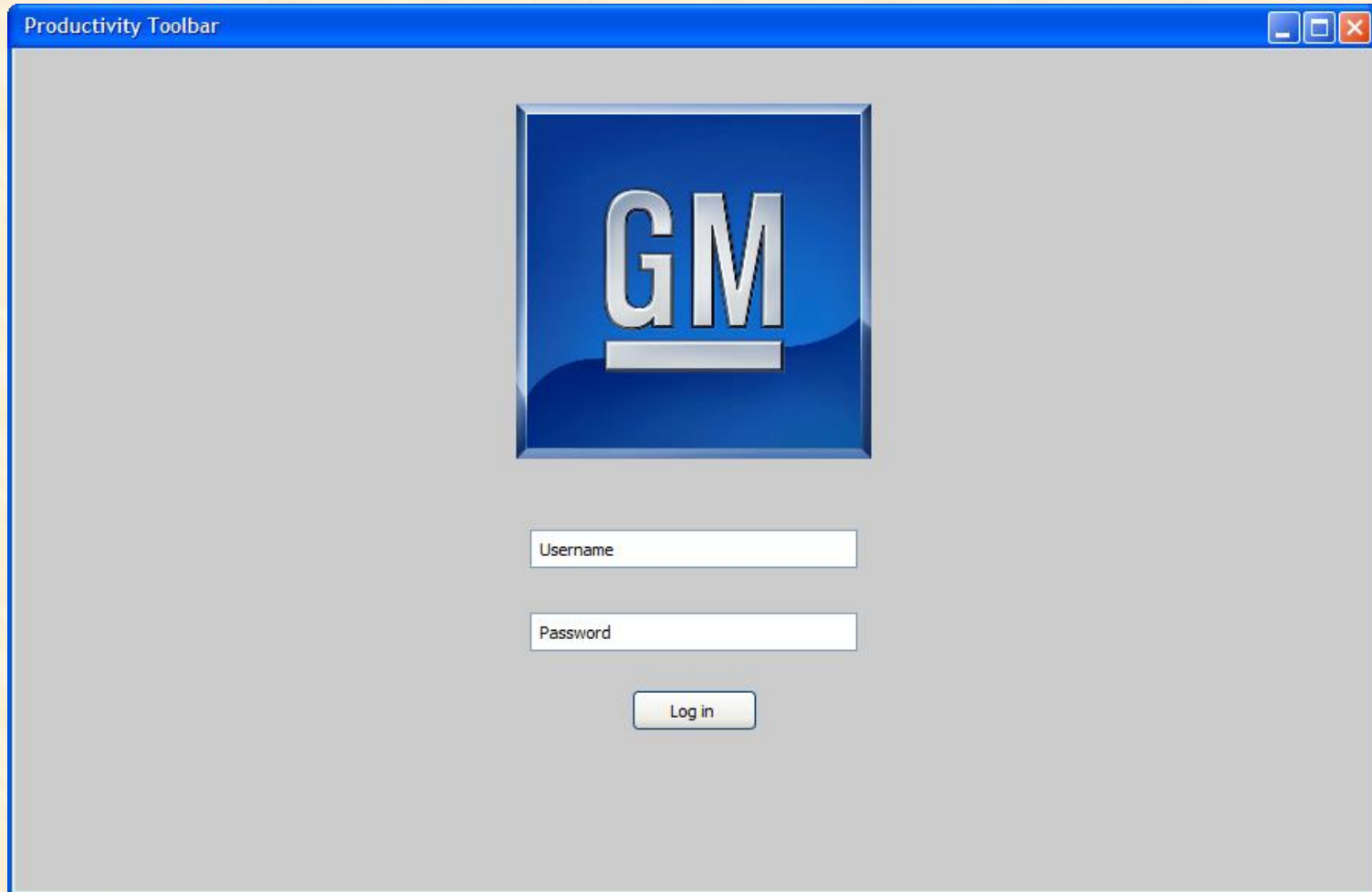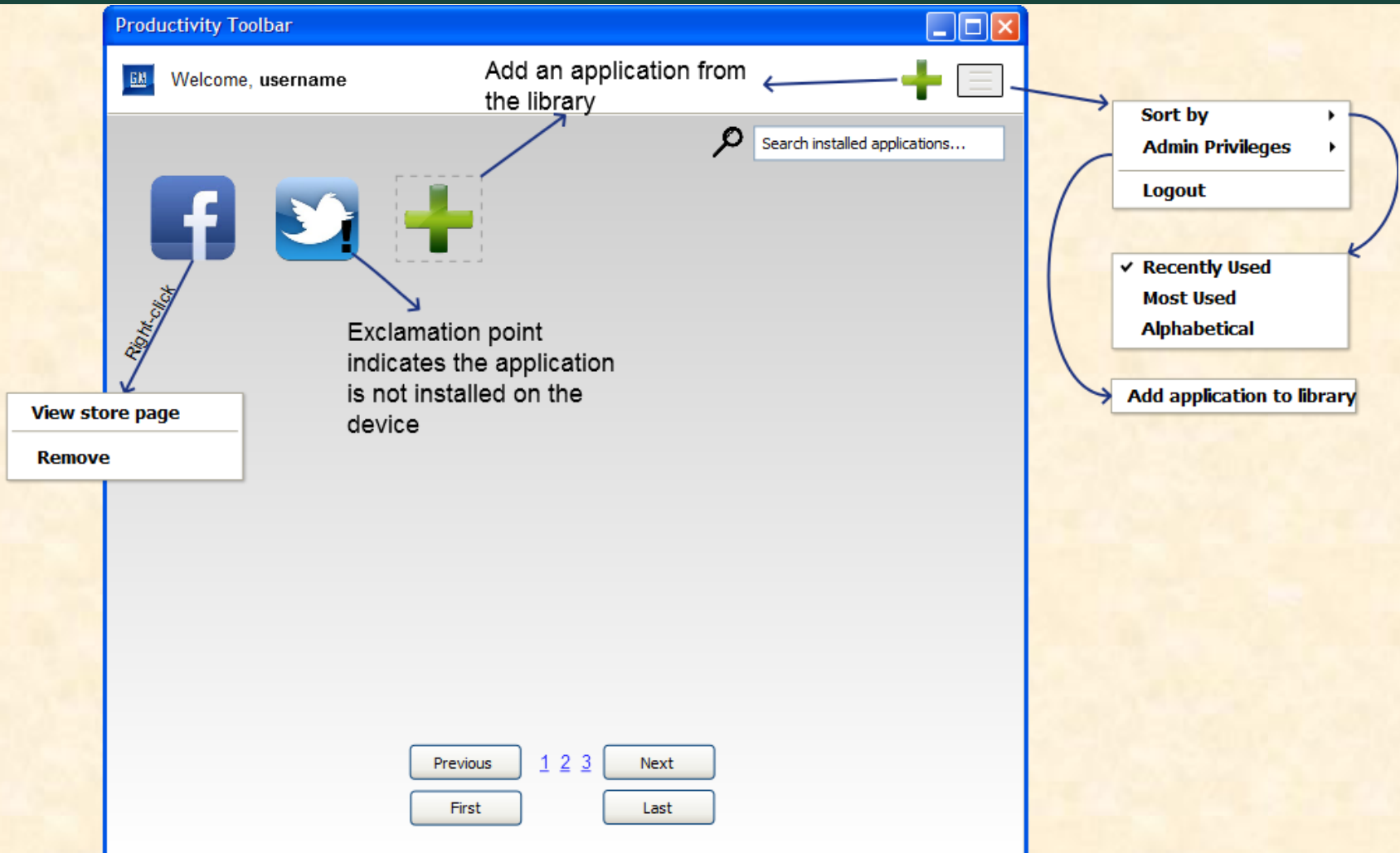
Design Specifications

- Add applications via an application library

- Sort applications

  - Most used, recently used, etc.

- Administrator privileges

  - Add, edit, remove applications in the application library

- Windows 7 and Internet Explorer applications

Screen Mockup: Login Window

Screen Mockup: App Launcher Window
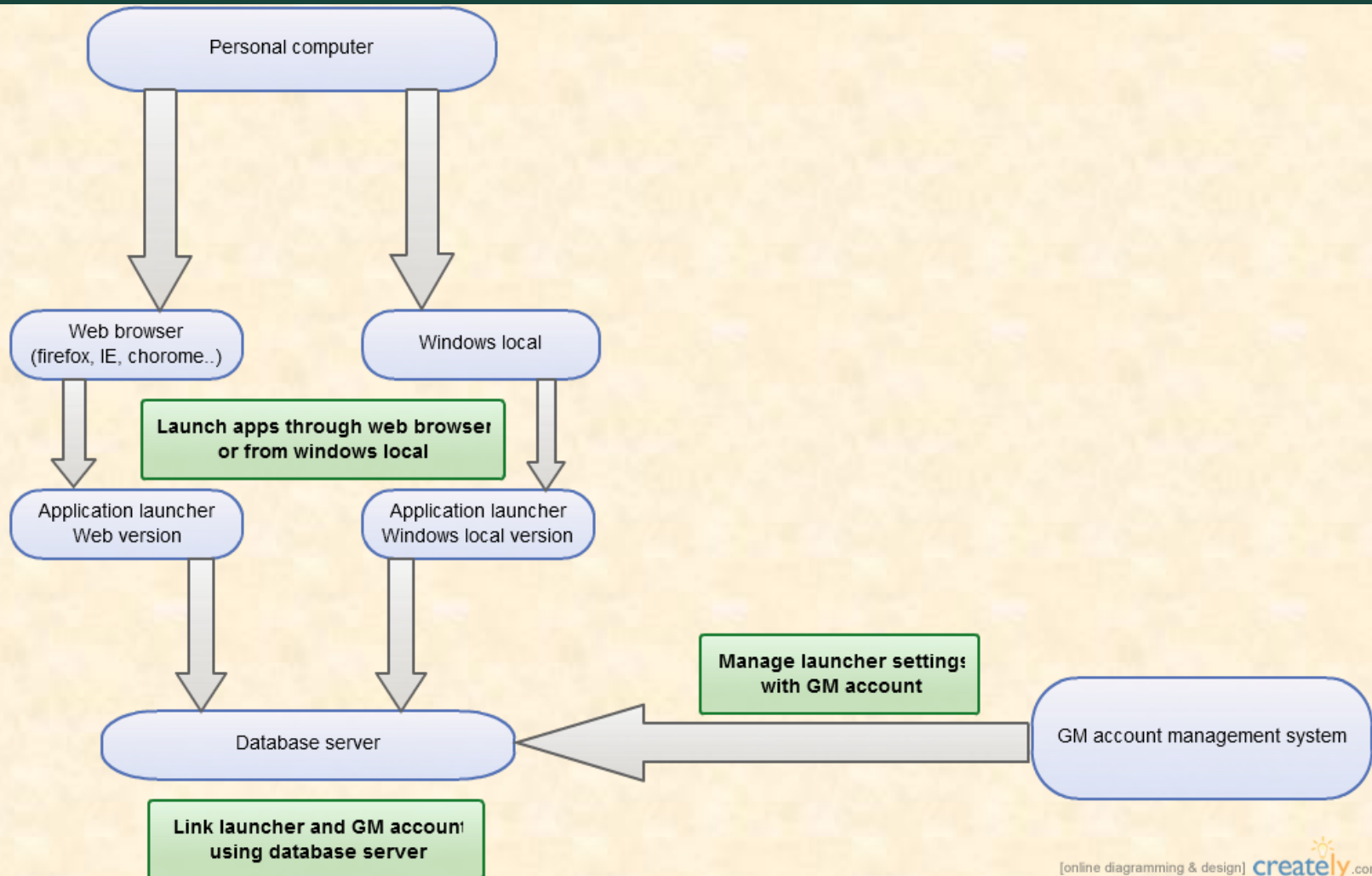
Screen Mockup: Application Library

Technical Specifications

- Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox

- Windows 7

- Microsoft .NET, Visual Studio 2013

System Architecture

System Components

- Software Platforms / Technologies
  - Microsoft SQL Server 2012
  - Web browser (Primarily Internet Explorer)
  - Windows 7
- Development Environment
  - Microsoft Visual Studio 2013
  - C#
  - .NET

Testing

- Create pseudo accounts and applications for testing environment
- Test across multiple devices

Risks

- Web launcher capabilities
  - Description: May be unable to access and launch local offline applications.
  - Mitigation: Limit web launcher to web applications
- Multiple devices
  - Description: Applications installed on one device may not be installed on another device.
  - Mitigation: Check for installed applications and prompt user installation if necessary.