



# ***MyPlan – Personal Planning for Learning throughout Life***

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**MyPlan** website  
[www.lkl.ac.uk/research/myplan/](http://www.lkl.ac.uk/research/myplan/)



# Project Aims

- Support lifelong learners in London
- Provide access to information facilitating progression to FE/HE
- Planning of future learning
- Share experiences with peers
- Reflect on learning throughout life



# Project Partners

- Birkbeck College
- Institute of Education
- Community College Hackney
- Linking London Lifelong Learning Network (L4N)
- Advisors: Prof John Annette (L4N), Dr Graeme Atherton (AimHigher), Paul Welch (Prospects) and Jill Johnson (UCAS).



# Motivation

- Widening participation in HE
- Holistic view needed of individuals' life, work and learning experiences
- Importance of timely, relevant careers guidance and support
- Support the lifelong learner of the recently announced **Linking London Lifelong Learning Network (L4N)**, funded by HEFCE and led by Birkbeck.

The L4N consortium comprises 14 London HE institutions, 13 London FE institutions, Sector Skills Councils, the Learning and Skills Council, AimHigher, several Adult Education partners, the London Development Agency, and a number of private and public organisations.



# Project Objectives

- To develop and evaluate **user models** that reflect the needs of the diverse population of lifelong learners
- Enhance individual learners' engagement with the lifelong learning process by offering **personalised** levels of learner control over their learning pathways, personalised support in the reflection of where their learning activities may take them, and management of their personal record of progress and attainment.
- Support **building communities** of learners with similar interests, and information sharing with other members of the community, other users of the MyPlan system, and organisations.
- Allow learners to **role-play** different learning and career progressions in order to give them better understanding of the possible implications and consequences of different career decisions and educational choices by integrating a game-based application into MyPlan.



# Approach

# Build on the JISC-funded **L4A//** project

L4ALL TRAIL CREATOR
SEARCH COURSES
SEARCH TIMELINES
SEARCH USERS
username

**PROFILE**

**Name:** Ian Harrisson  
**Age:** 51  
**Occupation:** Choose one  
**Qualifications:** PhD  
**Location:** WC1E 7HX

**Skills:** Unspecified  
**Interests:** Activities

**my courses**

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**School**  
Mathematics

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**Start:** 1998  
**End:** 2000  
**URL:** <http://www.l4all.co.uk>

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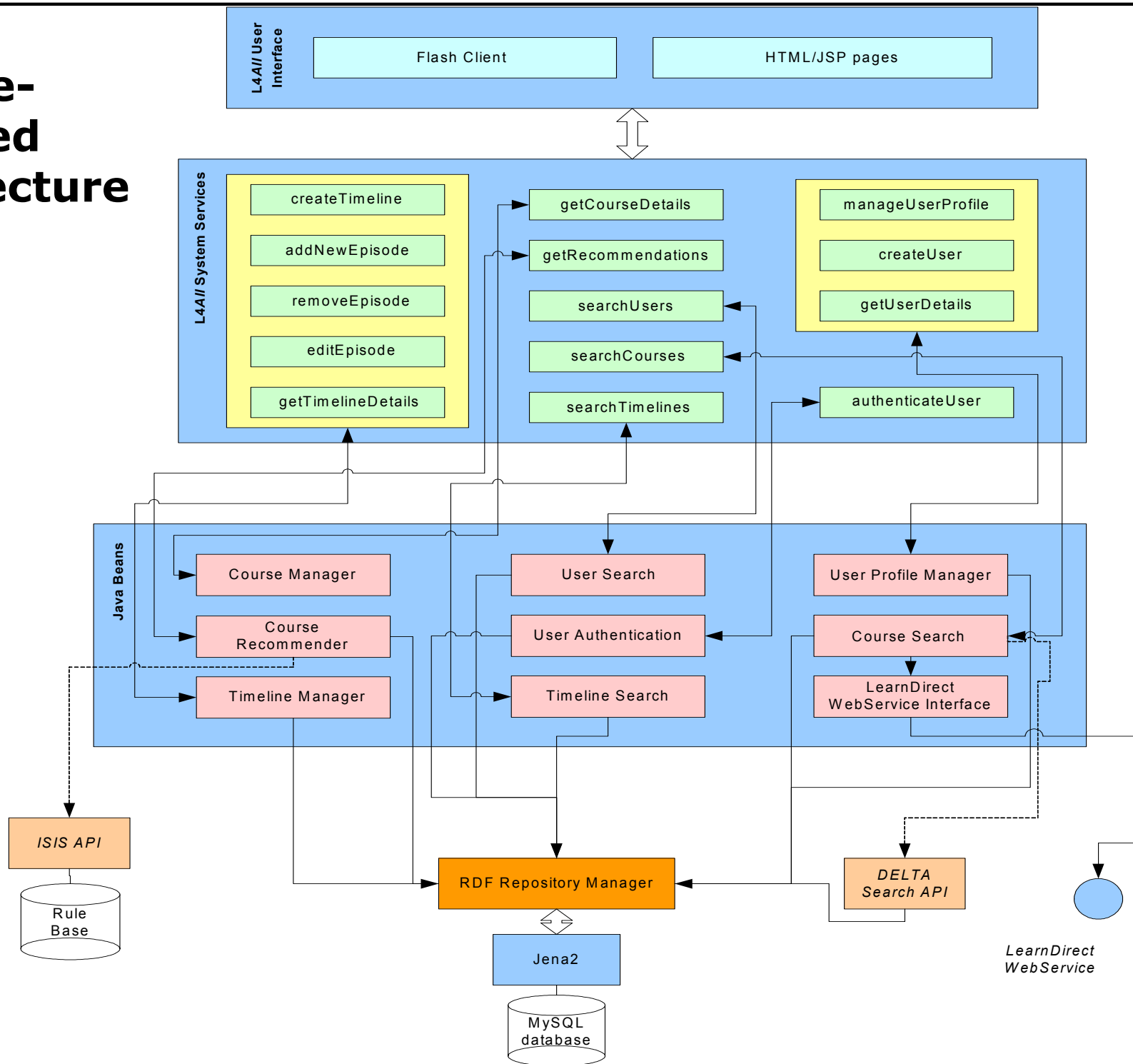
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# Service-oriented architecture



# Project Plan

Workpackages	Month	1	4	13	16	22	25	27
	Duration							
1:Management, Administration, Dissemination	27 months							
2:User Modelling	24 months							
3:Specification of personalised functionalities	3 months							
4:Development and Deployment of personalisation services	24 months							
5:Evaluation	15 months							
6.Game Application	6 months							



# Summary

## **MyPlan** will

- Provide a personal space for lifelong learners
- Offer learners a set of personalised features including control over their learning pathways, reflection on where their learning is taking them, view of their learning and career pathway throughout life
- Facilitate community building, and information sharing with other individuals and organisations.
- We hope that the project will inform other members of the JISC community of the benefits, challenges and implications of personalised systems for supporting individual learners and differentiated groups of learners in planning and managing their lifelong learning.