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PROJECT: TAble

Overview

TAble is your handy desktop app, optimized for TAs who prefer to work with a Command Line Interface (CLI) while still having the benefits of a Graphical User Interface (GUI)! I have added the functionality for TAs to arrange consults and view all upcoming events in a calendar! The GUI of TAble was created with JavaFX and written in Java, and I have written about 4 kLoC.

Summary of contributions

- Major enhancement: Enabled support for Consults
 - **What it does**: The user is able to add/edit/delete/list all **Consults** which he has scheduled with a current **Student**.
 - Highlights: A separate consult panel that displays all of the user's Consults exist for the user
 to easily keep track of all his consults. Any consults that are overdue are also highlighted in
 red, to remind the user to delete these outdated consults.
- Major enhancement: Added a calendar view for TAble.
 - What it does: Added a calendar view that displays all the Consults, Tutorials and Reminders for the user.
 - **Highlights**: This calendar is able to show the number of Consults, Tutorials and Reminders that occurs on a given day in one view, without any information being ommitted.
 - Credits: {Code for the Calendar Window adapted from https://github.com/SirGoose3432/javafx-calendar}
- All code contributed: [RepoSense Code Report]
- Other contributions:
 - Project management:
 - Raised issues that needed to be solved and provided some solutions to these problems.
 [Issues raised/discussed]
 - Documentation:
 - Contributed in the Consult and Calendar sections of the User Guide:
 - Contributed in the Consult and Calendar sections of the Developer Guide: which includes the class diagram for Consults, activity diagram for addConsult command and a sequence diagram for the creation of the Calendar. More details on these are covered below.
 - Tools:
 - Helped to set up Travis-CI and Netifly.

- Summary of contributions:
 - Created over [35 pull requests] on GitHub
 - Reviewed over [36 pull requests]on GitHub

Contributions to the User Guide

Given below are sections I contributed to the User Guide. They showcase my ability to write documentation targeting end-users.

Consults Feature (Written by Han Ching)

NOTE

The consults that are overdue will appear in red to highlight that these consults are ready to be deleted!

Adding a consult: addConsult

Add a consultation slot at the given time, date and place.

Format: addConsult student/STUDENT_INDEX endDateTime/END_DATE_TIME place/PLACE

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TIP

Consults will be automatically sorted according to their date and time, with the earliest at the top of the list.

- The 'STUDENT_INDEX' should be referred to by the index as referred to in the student list
- The begin and end date time provided must be in the yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm format
- The location provided should be any valid string i.e, must be alphanumeric
- The consult must be held within the same day, thus the begin and end DateTime objects should have the same date.
- Consults also cannot be added in the past, and must be a consult that will occur in the future.

Example:

• addConsult student/1 beginDateTime/2020-03-03 10:00 endDateTime/2020-03-03 12:00 place/Deck

Editing a consult: editConsult

Edit the time, date or place of an existing consultation slot.

Format: editConsult INDEX [beginDateTime/BEGINDATETIME] [endDateTime/ENDDATETIME] [place/PLACE]

- Edits the consult at the specified INDEX. The index refers to the index number shown in the displayed consultation list. The index **must be a positive integer** 1, 2, 3, ...
- At least one of the optional fields must be provided.
- Existing values will be updated to the input values.
- Note that one cannot edit the student involved in the consult, as it is unlikely that the TA will need to change the student at that consult timing.

Example:

- editConsult 1 beginDateTime/2020-03-03 15:00 Edits the beginning time of the 1st consult to be at 2020-03-03, 15:00 hours i.e 3.00 p.m.
- editConsult 2 place/SR3
 Edits the place of the 2nd consult to be at SR3.

Listing all consults: listConsult

Shows a list of all consultations in TAble.

Format: listConsult

Deleting a consult: deleteConsult

Removes an existing consultation slot.

Format: deleteConsult INDEX

- Deletes the consultation at the specified INDEX.
- The index refers to the index number shown in the displayed consultation list.
- The index must be a positive integer 1, 2, 3, ...

Example:

• listConsult deleteConsult 2

Deletes the 2nd consultation in TAble.

Clearing all consults: clearConsults

Clears all consultations slots in TAble.

Format: clearConsults

Locating consultations by date or place: findConsult [coming in v2.0]

Finds consultations whose date or place match any of the given keywords.

Format: findConsult [DATE] [PLACE]

- · At least one of the optional fields must be provided
- If both optional fields are provided, only consults that meet both criterion will be returned
- The search is case insensitive. e.g SR1 will match sr1
- The order of the keywords matters. e.g. find SR1 03-03-2020 will throw an error

Examples:

- findConsult 03-03-2020
 Returns all consults on 03-03-2020
- findConsult SR3
 Returns any consults that are held at SR3

Calendar Feature (Written by Han Ching)

Display the calendar window: viewCalendar

Brings up the calendar window. Format: viewCalendar

- The calendar will be brought up, displaying the current month and year.
- For each month, the number of tutorials, consults and reminders for each day will be displayed in the calendar.
- Click on the left/right arrows in the calendar window or press kbd:[←] / kbd:[→] buttons to change the month displayed.

Close the calendar window: closeCalendar

Closes the calendar window. Format: closeCalendar

- The calendar will be closed, if a current calendar window is displayed.
- Alternatively, clicking the cross can also close the calendar window.

View consults and tutorials on a particular day [Coming in v2.0]

Contributions to the Developer Guide

Given below are sections I contributed to the Developer Guide. They showcase my ability to write technical documentation and the technical depth of my contributions to the project.

Consult feature (Written by Han Ching)

TAble allows NUS SoC teaching assistants to track and record all their consultations scheduled with their students.

Implementation

A Consult class stores all of the relevant information of consults. The class diagram below shows how all the different components interact to allow the consult feature to function. Note that the XYZConsultCommand and XYZConsultCommandParser refers to all Consult related commands like add, edit, delete etc.

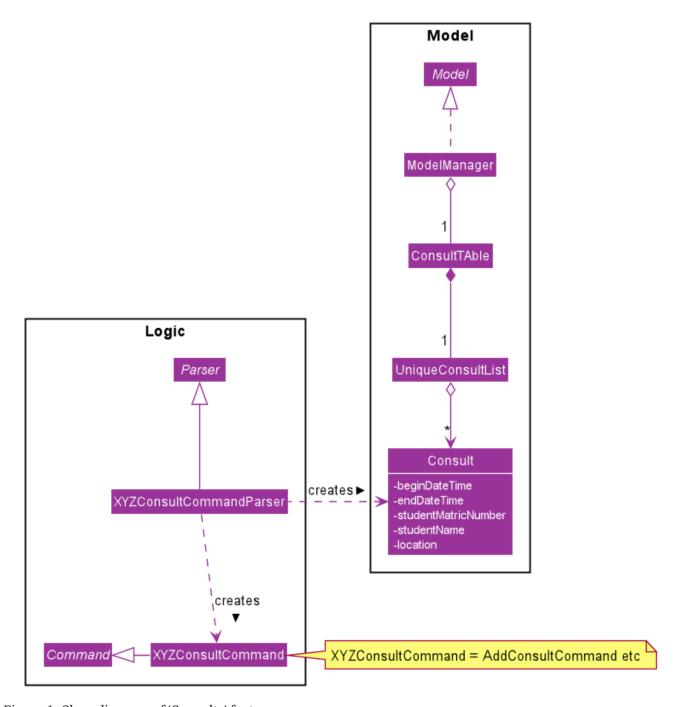


Figure 1. Class diagram of 'Consults' feature

A consultation slot is represented by the Consult class which contains 5 key attributes, the

beginDateTime, endDateTime, location, studentMatricNumber and studentName. The beginDateTime and endDateTime attributes are represented using Java's LocalDateTime class. The studentMatricNumber and studentName attributes are classes that belong to a certain Student. The studentMatricNumber is used to uniquely identify the Student involved in the consultation, while the studentName is used in the front end of the application, displayed to the TA.

The XYZConsultCommand class represent classes that extend the abstract class Command and allows the TA to add, edit, delete, view and clear consultations added to TAble. These XYZConsultCommandS are created by the respective XYZConsultCommandParserS.

A ConsultTAble that has a UniqueConsultList stores and manages all ConsultS. When a Consult is added to the ConsultTAble, there will first be a check that the Consult does not already exist in the UniqueConsultList.

Given the class diagram and the understanding of how the Consult class interacts with other classes, let us examine how an addConsult command behaves, by using the following activity diagram of the system.

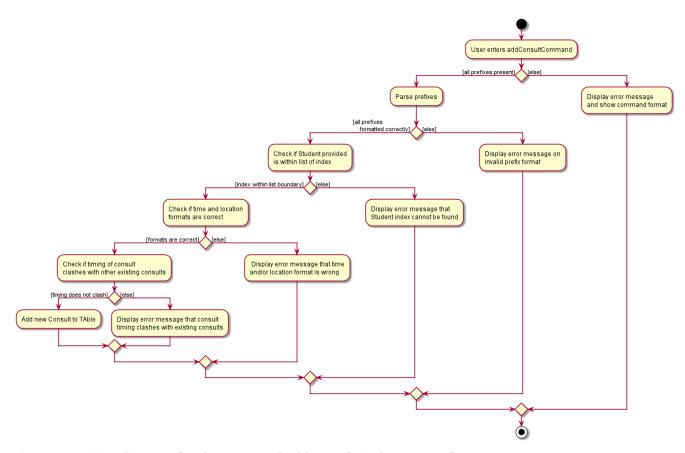


Figure 2. Activity diagram for the command addConsult in the Consult feature

The workflow above shows how a Consult is added and the various checks that occurs at the different points throughout the workflow.

To summarize the above activity diagram, there are 5 key checks which TAble checks for when the user is adding a consult. Firstly, TAble checks if all 4 prefixes are present in the command. Then, TAble checks if all prefixes present are formatted correctly. Following which, TAble will check if each of the data passed for the prefixes are in the right format. Firstly, it checks if the Student index provided is within the range of the Student list. Then, it checks if the timing and Location provided

are in the correct format. Lastly, and most importantly, it checks if the Consult timing provided clashes with other existing Consult timings.

Design Considerations

Consult storing Matric Number and Name

| | Alternative 1 (Current Choice): Make the consult store the matric number and name of the student that is attending the consult. | Alternative 2 : Make the consult store the entire Student class that is attending the consult. |
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| Pros | It is easier to implement and coupling will be reduced as Student will not be directly related to the consult class. | It is easier to visualise as the entire Student related to the consult will be stored. |
| Cons | It is not as intuitive as currently, the Consult class only stores certain attributes of the Student that is attending the consult. | It will be harder to test due to the high degree of coupling. |

Reason for choosing Alternative 1: Due to the time constraint of this project, our group has decided to choose alternative 1, as it not only reduces coupling, but is sufficient for us to uniquely identify the Student participating in the consult as the MatricNumber would be unique.

Sorting the consults

| | Alternative 1 (Current Choice): Automatically sorts the consult list by the time of the consult, whenever a consult is added | Alternative 2 : Sorts the consult list only when user enters a sort command |
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| Pros | It is intuitive for the consult list to be sorted according to their date and time. | User can decide how they want the list to be sorted (e.g. by alphabetical order for location). |
| Cons | User are not able to sort the list according to their preferences. | User have to type the sort command each time a new consult is added. |

Reason for choosing Alternative 1: We believe that automatically sorting the consult list provides a better user experience as the user can immediately see the upcoming consults in the panel, without having to type a sort command.

Calendar feature (Written by Han Ching)

TAble allows NUS SoC teaching assistants to bring up a calendar view of all their upcoming consults, tutorials and reminders.

Implementation

The key command which users can call is the viewCalendar command.

Most functions to display the calendar window are called within the CalendarWindow class, as it is the main class that drives the calendar view. The CalendarWindow class extends UiPart<Stage>, and represents the calendar using a GridPane as the skeleton of the calendar, with individual dates being populated by a CalendarDay class which extends UiPart<Region>. The CalendarDay has a StackPane that displays the number of ConsultS, TutorialS and ReminderS each day.

The following sequence diagram demonstrates how the Calendar is initialised, each time the TAble app is set up.

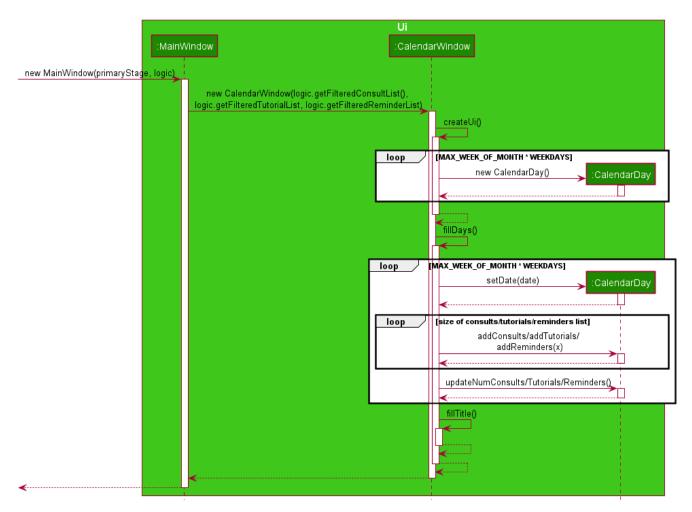


Figure 3. Sequence diagram of creation of Calendar

The above sequence diagram illustrates how the Calendar is initialised when the TAble app is start up. Thus, whenever the user inputs the viewCalendar command, this calendar window is brought up, similar to how the Help window is brought up as well. The calendar window brought up will show the calendar view of the current month and year.

The calendar window also stores the UniqueConsultList, UniqueTutorialList and the UniqueReminderList. As seen in the sequence diagram above, the calendar window checks for the consults, tutorials and reminders in the 3 lists, to see if they are on a particular date. If they occur on that date, the StackPane in CalendarDay will be updated to reflect the corresponding number of consults, tutorials and reminders. As seen in the screenshot below, the number of reminders, tutorials and consults will not clash, as they take up the top, middle and bottom rows respectively.

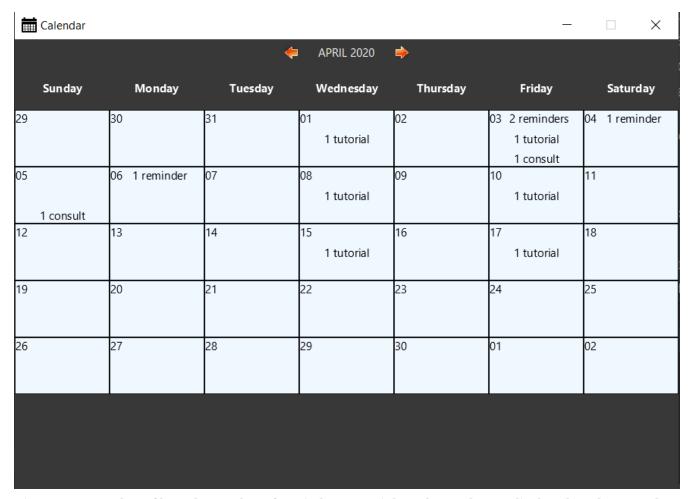


Figure 4. Screenshot of how the number of reminders, tutorials and consults are displayed on the same day

Design Considerations

Displaying calendar as a separate window

| | Alternative 1 (Current Choice): Displaying the calendar view as a separate window. | Alternative 2 : Having a calendar view permanently by the side of TAble. |
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| Pros | It is clearer and less visually clunky for the user, as information overload is prevented. | It is more intuitive, as the user can always view the calendar at the side for his upcoming schedules. |
| Cons | Lower user experience as the user has to type in a command to view the calendar. | The UI may be too cluttered as there are already alot of information being displayed currently. |

Reason for choosing Alternative 1: We believe that our current implementation of the UI has all of TAble's core features, and the calendar view can and should be implemented as a separate window to prevent visual clutter. The command to view the calendar window command is also short and intuitive to remember, thus the user experience would likely not be significantly affected.

Use Cases

Use case: Edit consult (U03)

MSS

- 1. User requests to update either the time, date or place of an existing consult
- 2. System updates the existing consult according to the User's request

Use case ends.

Extensions

- 1a. The consult does not exist.
 - 1a1. System shows an error message that the consult does not exist.

Use case ends.

- 1b. The time, date or place provided is in the wrong format.
 - 1b1. System shows an error message that time, date or place must be provided in the correct format.

Use case ends.

Use case: Delete consult (U04)

MSS

- 1. User requests to delete an existing consult
- 2. System removes the existing consult from the database

Use case ends.

Extensions

- 1a. The consult does not exist.
 - 1a1. System shows an error message that the consult does not exist.

Use case ends.

- 1b. The user enters the delete consult command in the wrong format.
 - 1b1. System shows an error message that the wrong delete consult command format was given.

Use case ends.