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1. Setting up

Refer to the guide here.

2. Design

2.1. Architecture

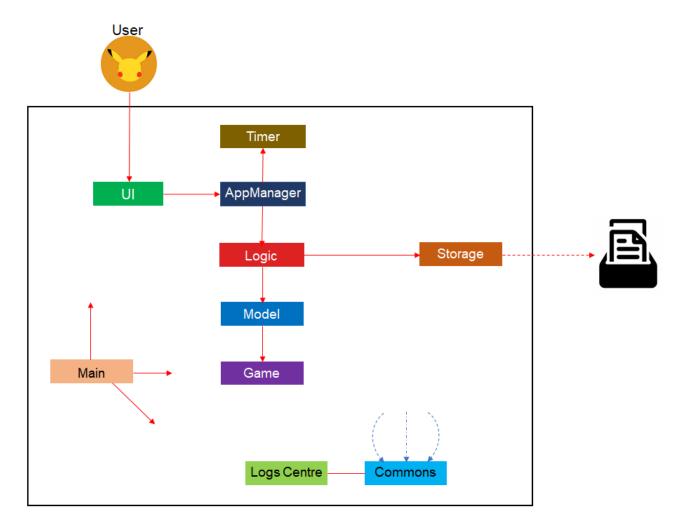


Figure 1. Dukemon Architecture Diagram

The *Architecture Diagram* given above explains the high-level design of Dukemon. Given below is a quick overview of each component.

TIP The .puml files used to create diagrams in this document can be found in the diagrams folder. Refer to the Using PlantUML guide to learn how to create and edit diagrams.

Main has two classes called Main and MainApp. It is responsible for,

- At app launch: Initializes the components in the correct sequence, and connects them up with each other.
- At shut down: Shuts down the components and invokes cleanup method where necessary.

Commons represents a collection of classes used by multiple other components. The following class plays an important role at the architecture level:

• LogsCenter: Used by many classes to write log messages to the App's log file.

The rest of **Dukemon** contains *seven* componenets.

• UI:

The Graphical UI of Dukemon that interacts with the user.

• AppManager:

The buffer between the User and Dukemon's internal components.

• Timer:

The internal Timer that triggers events based on time elapsed.

• Logic:

The main command executor and performer of operations.

Model:

Holds the non-game data in-memory.

• Game:

Holds the data of live game sessions in-memory.

• Storage:

Reads data from, and writes data to, the local hard disk.

For the components UI, Logic, Model, Timer, Storage and Game:

- Defines its *API* in an interface with the same name as the Component.
- Exposes its functionality using a {Component Name}Manager class.
 - ie. StorageManager implements Storage, GameTimerManager implements GameTimer.

The sections below give more details of each component.

2.2. UI component

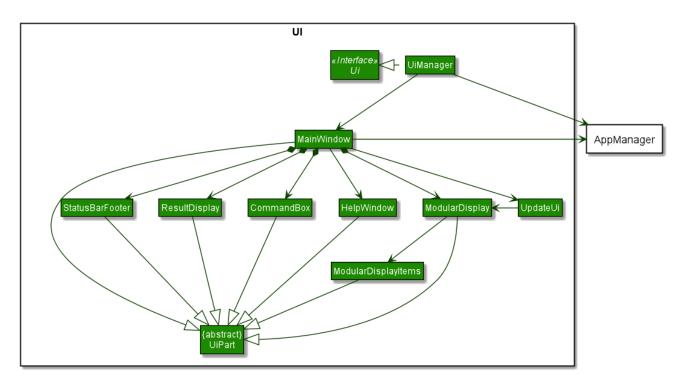


Figure 2. Structure of the UI Component

API: Ui.java

The UI consists of a MainWindow that is made up of parts e.g.CommandBox, ResultDisplay, ModularDisplay, StatusBarFooter etc. All these, including the MainWindow, inherit from the abstract UiPart class.

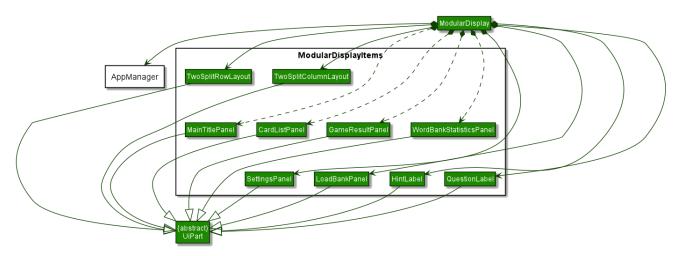


Figure 3. Structure of the Modular Display items.

As our application also comprises a dynamically changing UI in replacement of the PersonListPanel, ModularDisplay contains multiple other Panel classes in itself in order to render the proper screens during runtime. This rendering is controlled by UpdateUi in MainWindow.

The UI component uses JavaFx UI framework. The layouts of these UI parts are defined in matching .fxml files that are in the src/main/resources/view folder. For example, the layout of the MainWindow is specified in MainWindow.fxml

The **UI** component,

- Executes user commands using the AppManager component.
- Listens for changes to Model data and Timer through the AppManager so that the UI can be updated correspondingly.

2.3. AppManager component

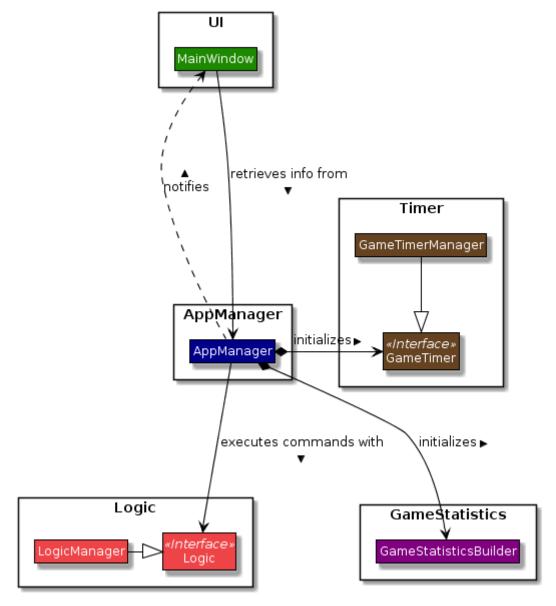


Figure 4. Structure of the AppManager Component

The AppManager component serves as a *Facade* layer and communication hub between the internal components of *Dukemon* and the *UI* components. Using this extra layer provides better abstraction between the *UI* and the internal components, especially between the *Timer* and the *UI*.

AppManager communicates with both the Logic and Timer components to send feedback to the UI to display back to the user.

- Gets feedback for commands by through Logic
- Starts and Stops the Timer when required.
- Makes call-backs to the UI to update various UI components.
- Initiates collection of Statistics by pulling data (eg. Time Elapsed) from Timer and Logic.

2.4. Timer component

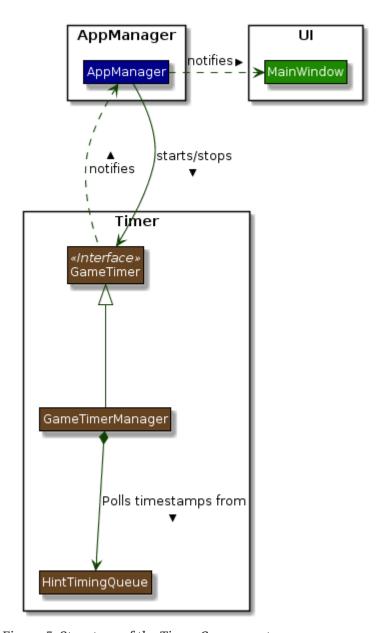


Figure 5. Structure of the Timer Component

API: GameTimer.java

The Timer consists of a GameTimer that will keep track of time elapsed via an internal countdown timer and notify the AppManager, who will notify the UI components.

- Dealing with the internal countdown timer that runs during a game session.
- Periodically triggering *callbacks* that will notify the AppManager component.
- Gets timestamps to trigger Hints via a HintTimingQueue

Due to the fact that the Timer has to work closely with the UI and AppManager (without being coupled directly), it is separated from the Logic, Model and Game components.

2.5. Logic component

This section breakdown the logic package into its internal components

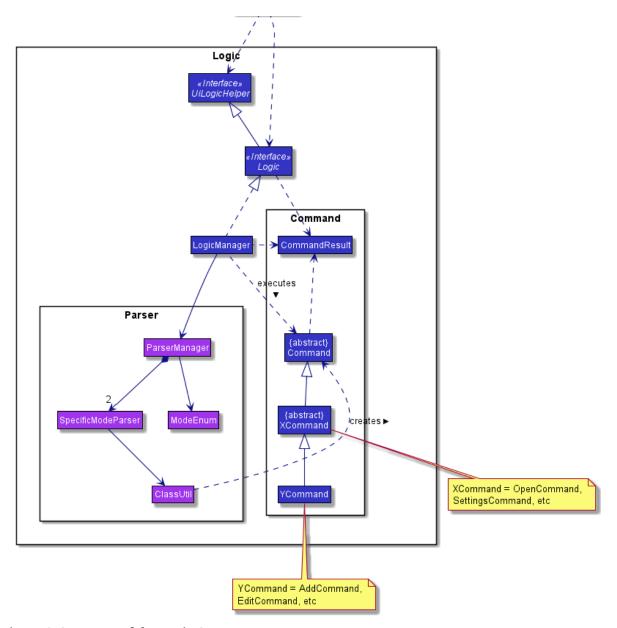


Figure 6. Structure of the Logic Component

Logic is primarily built by two segments: Command and Parser.

Command

Command is an abstract class.

Four other abstract classes (WordBankCommand, CardCommand, GameCommand and SettingsCommand) extend Command.

Concrete Command classes with an execute method implementation extend one of the above four abstract classes.

Parser

ParserManager holds reference to two SpecificModeParsers

The SpecificModeParsers change based on current application mode.

They hold references to all concrete Parser and Command Classes with the help of ClassUtil

Logic fulfils its contracts with other packages through two interfaces: Logic and UiLogicHelper

2.5.3. Interaction through Logic Interface

Examples of transactions promised by Logic API include command execution, command result and update statistics.

- Command Execution through Logic Interface
 - 1. A String from Ui package gets to ParserManager and gets converted into a Command object which is executed by the LogicManager.
 - 2. The command execution can affect the Model (e.g. adding a word meaning pair into wordbank).
 - 3. The result of the command execution is encapsulated as a CommandResult object which is passed back to the Ui and AppManager.
 - 4. In addition, the CommandResult object can also instruct the Ui to perform certain actions, such as displaying help to the user.

2.5.4. Interaction through UiLogicHelper Interface

UiLogicHelper APIs is a subset of Logic APIs and only contains transactions for AutoComplete. It exposes the functionalities through the following getter methods:

- List<AutoFillAction>#getMenuItems(String text) Gets a List of AutoFillActions to fill up AutoComplete display based on current user input given in text
- ModeEnum#getMode() Retrieves the application mode to display visually to the user (represented by enumeration object ModeEnum)
- List<ModeEnum>#getModes() Retrieves the possible modes the user can transition to from current mode

The following sequence diagram shows how the AutoComplete operation runs when user keys in "st" into command box.

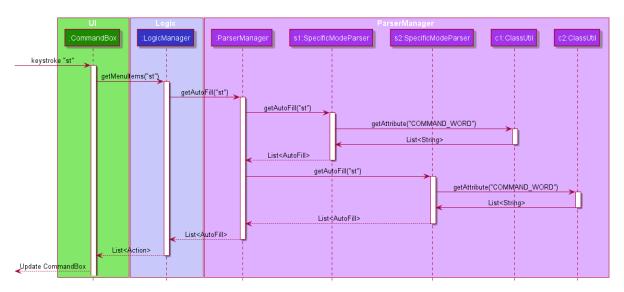


Figure 7. Sequence Diagram of AutoComplete

API: Logic.java UiLogicHelper.java

2.6. Model component

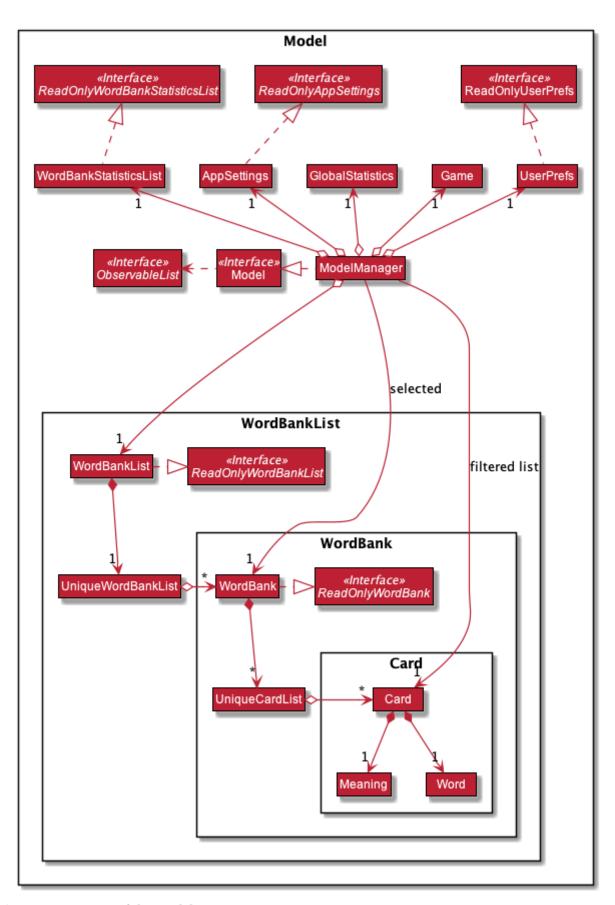


Figure 8. Structure of the Model Component

API: Model.java

The Model,

- contains information that the game requires at run time. They include: WordBankList, WordBankStatisticsList, GlobalStatistics, Game, AppSettings, UserPrefs.
- does not depend on any of the higher level components. i.e. Ui, Timer, AppManager, Logic, Storage.
- has a direct reference to a user selected WordBank.
- exposes an unmodifiable ObservableList<Card> that can be 'observed' e.g. the UI can be bound to this list so that the UI automatically updates when the data in the list change.

2.7. Game component

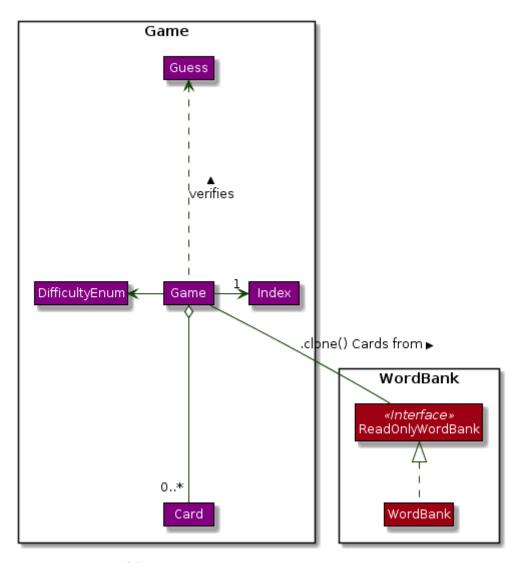


Figure 9. Structure of the Game Component

The Game component,

- stores a *shuffled* List<Card> that is cloned/copied from a ReadOnlyWordBank.
- maintains an Index to keep track of the state of the game.
- has an associated DifficultyEnum that dictates the time allowed for each question.
- verifies Guess that are sent by Logic (User's guesses)

2.8. Storage component

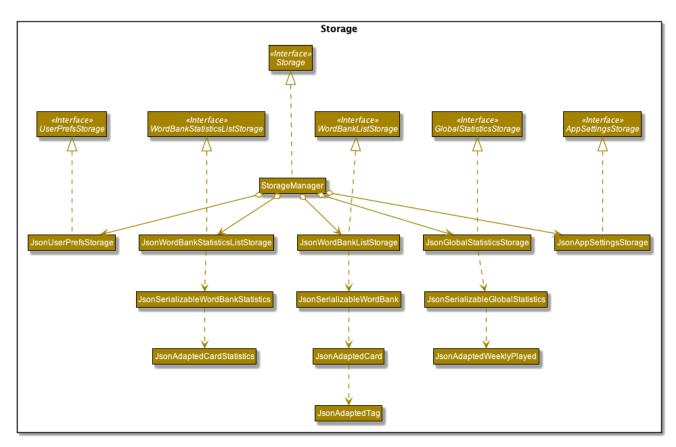


Figure 10. Structure of the Storage Component

API: Storage.java

The Storage component,

- contains multiple types of distinct storage system.
- does not depend on any of the higher level components. i.e. Ui, Timer, AppManager, Logic, Model.
- handles function calls directly to the computer's system.
- can save data objects in json format and read it back.

2.9. Statistics component

The Statistics component includes 2 main subcomponents:

- A GlobalStatistics, containing the user's total number of games played and the number of games played in the current week.
- A WordBankStatisticsList, which is a collection of WordBankStatistics, one for each WordBank.

The class diagram of the Statistics component is shown below:

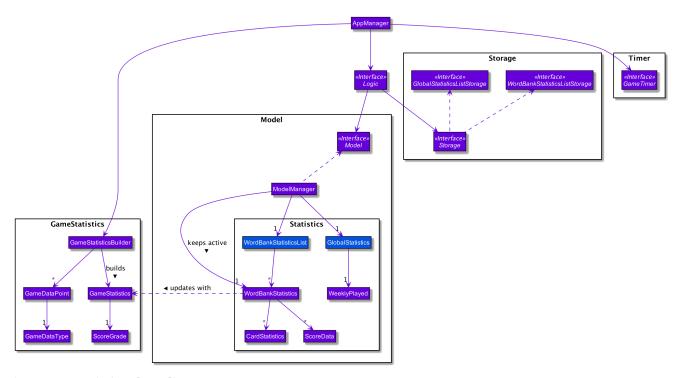


Figure 11. Statistics class diagram.

2.10. Common classes

Classes used by multiple components are in the seedu. Dukemon. commons package.

3. Implementation

This section describes some noteworthy details on how certain features are implemented.

3.1. AutoComplete/Parser Feature

This section explains how the design choice of Dynamic Parsers fulfils AutoComplete and Command Execution.

ParserManager dynamically changes parser depending on current mode the game is at. This is modeled using the Strategy Pattern. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strategy_pattern.

Instead of choosing a single parser to use at compile time, they are chosen at runtime depending on runtime state. This supports a variety of benefits which are explained under design considerations.

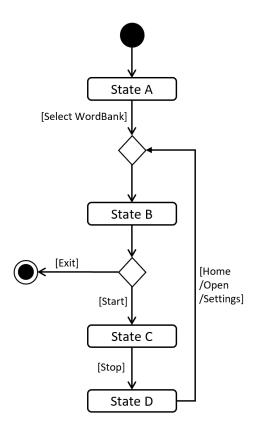
The above implementation empowers the application with the following features:

- 1. Every user keystroke only auto completes the right commands
- 2. Only the right commands get parsed and executed. What are the right commands? They are the commands that belong to the current mode and switch commands when preconditions are met.

3.1.1. Implementation details of ParserManager

- 1. ParserManager instance has reference to two SpecificModeParser objects
- 2. When user enters a keystroke, the SpecificModeParser which holds switch commands or SpecificModeParser which holds current mode commands are accessed based on internal state.
- 3. Internal State consists of booleans: gameIsOver, bankLoaded and enumeration ModeEnum: HOME, OPEN, GAME, SETTINGS
- 4. Boolean algebra is used to derive the four overall states.

The below activity diagram demonstrates four possible states and a typical user flow.



State	Switch	Mode	Purpose
А	×	only Home Commands	To ensure that WordBank is selected before switching to another mode
В	*	let Z be current mode	any Z Commands where Z is Home, Open or Settings
С	×	only Game Commands	Game is running. Unable to switch modes
D	✓	×	Game has ended. Only can switch to other modes.

Figure 12. Activity diagram of a typical application flow

- Definitions of Switch and Mode in table above
 - SwitchCommands = (commands that change mode)
 - ModeCommands = (commands that belong to a specific mode ie Home, Open, Game and Settings)

3.1.2. Implementation details of SpecificModeParser

- SpecificModeParsers use ClassUtil to handle instantiation of Parser and Command objects.
- ClassUtil holds a list of references to Command and Parsers classes. In Java class references are passed using .class attribute. Example: AddCommand.class
- Internally, ClassUtil employs java reflections to find attributes of classes without instantiating them. Code for it is succinct and shown in the snippet linked here.
- Also, when a command needs to be executed, it instantiates the Parser object (if any) and Command object at runtime.
- Here is a snippet is from ParserManager. Just one line of code is necessary to include a new command with its parser. Example:

temp.add(NewCommand.class, NewCommandParser.class);

3.1.3. Design Considerations

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Aspect 1: How parser and command objects are instantiated in	Use java reflections to hold a list of classes and iterate through them to pick the	Use switches to match the command word with the right parsers
SpecificModeParser	matching classes	
		<u>Pros:</u>
	<u>Pros:</u>	Compile time error would be
	Open Close Principle strictly	thrown if new command or
	followed. Adding a command	parser does not subclass
	and a parser takes only one line	correctly.
	of code.	
		<u>Cons:</u>
	Cons:	Adding a new command with
	It is developer's responsibility	parser would require the
	to ensure classes subclass the	developer to insert it into
	abstract Command class as	multiple locations as the
	compile time errors would not be thrown.	autocomplete feature needs an iterable command list.

Why did we choose Alternative 1:

Given that ClassUtil gracefully handles wrongly passed class references, the lack of compile time check does not impair the functionality of the application. Furthermore, alternative 1 prevents code duplication for autocomplete and executing.

Aspect 2: Single Parser vs Parser	Using a ParserManager to dynamically switch between	Use a single parser
Manager	Parsers based on current	<u>Pros</u>
	state	We do not need to restructure
		the logic package.
	<u>Pros:</u>	
	Commands not belonging to	<u>Cons</u>
	specific mode would not be	Bad user experience as it
	parsed	autocompletes and parses
		commands that do not belong to
	Cons:	a particular mode.
	More code to write for initial	
	developer.	

Why did we choose Alternative 1:

As commands are stateful, it would be easy to overlook the edge cases when so many combinations and permutations are likely. Segregating them by modes allows a better user experience and minimises the possibilities of bugs. Also, future extensibility is improved for new modes and parsers as the Open Close Principle is abided.

3.2. <u>Settings Feature</u>

3.2.1. Implementation

AppSettings is a class that was created to be integrated into the Model of the app. It currently contains these functionalities:

- difficulty [EASY/MEDIUM/HARD] to change the difficulty of the game.
- hints [ON/OFF] to turn hints on or off.
- theme [DARK/LIGHT] to change the theme of the app. Currently only supporting dark and light themes.

This feature provides the user an interface to make their own changes to the state of the machine. The settings set by the user will also be saved to a .json file under data/appsettings.json.

The activity diagram below summarizes what happens in the execution of a settings command:

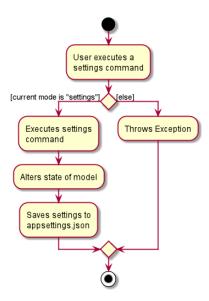


Figure 13. Activity diagram of the execution of a settings command.

NOTE

Take note that "mode" as defined in our project is the state in which the application is able to take commands specific to that mode.

Given below is a step by step walk-through of what happens when a user executes a difficulty command while in settings mode:

```
AppSettings

-defaultDifficulty: DifficultyEnum = DifficultyEnum.EASY
-defaultTheme: ThemeEnum = ThemeEnum.DARK
-hintsEnabled: boolean = false
-avatarld: int = 0

+getDefaultDifficulty(): DifficultyEnum
+setDefaultDifficulty(DifficultyEnum)
+getDefaultTheme(): ThemeEnum
+setDefaultTheme(ThemeEnum)
+getHintsEnabled(): boolean
+setHintsEnabled(boolean)
+getAvatarld(): int
+setAvatarld(int)
```

Figure 14. Before state of application.

Step 1:

Let us assume that the current difficulty of the application is "EASY". The object diagram above shows the current state of AppSettings.

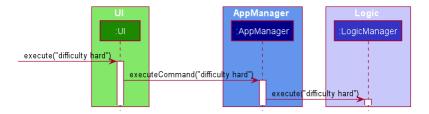


Figure 15. Sequence diagram of Step 2.

Step 2:

When the user enters difficulty hard, the command gets passed into Ui first, which executes AppManager#execute(), which passes straight to LogicManager#execute() without any logic conditions to determine its execution path.

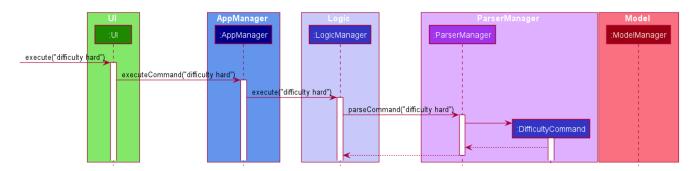


Figure 16. Sequence diagram of Step 3.

Step 3:

At LogicManager#execute() however, the command gets passed into a parser manager which filters out the DifficultyCommand as a non-switch command and it creates a DifficultyCommand to be executed.

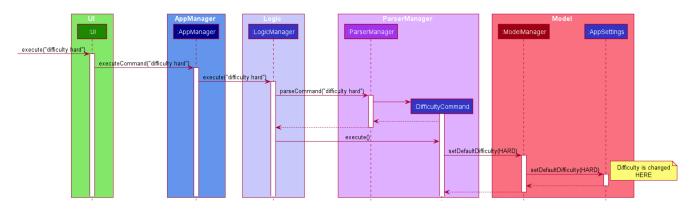


Figure 17. Sequence diagram of Step 4.

Step 4:

Upon execution of the DifficultyCommand, the state of the model is changed such that the DifficultyEnum in AppSettings is now set to HARD.

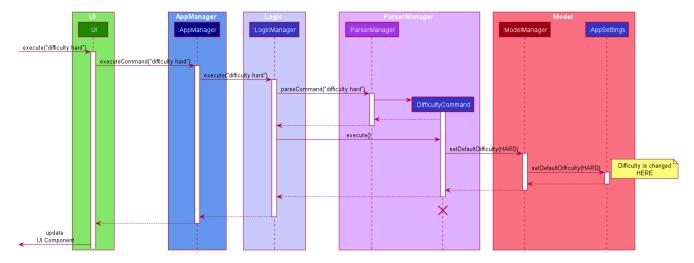


Figure 18. Sequence diagram of Step 5.

Step 5:

Since the main function of the difficulty command is accomplished and all that is left is to update the ui, the CommandResult that is produced by the execution of the command goes back to Ui without much problem.

Continuation from Step 5

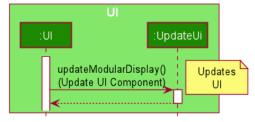


Figure 19. Sequence diagram of Step 6.

Step 6:

Assuming that there were no errors thrown during the execution of the difficulty command, the execution calls updateModularDisplay in UpdateUi. In here, the ModeEnum.SETTINGS is registered and it updates the settings display to properly reflect the change in difficulty.

The state of appSettings is then as follows:

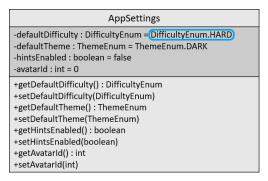


Figure 20. After state of application

3.2.2. Design Considerations

There were a few considerations for implementing an interface that essentially allows users to touch a lot of parts of the application through settings and some of these methods break software design principles. These are the considerations we came across:

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Aspect 1: Where to effect change when a setting is changed by the user	Effecting the change inside the execute() command of the settings commands: Pros: Since the Command is taking care of all the execution, there is no need to worry about extra implementation of the settings' effects in their classes. Cons: However, there are certain situations that will break software design principles, such	Effecting the change in the part of the architecture that the setting is affecting. E.g, Changing the theme inside Ui or changing the difficulty inside model Pros: This method practises good software engineering principles and it abides by the architecture diagram shown above as to where the changes of the settings are being effected.
	as the Single Responsibility Principle by doing the job of already existing classes.	Cons: This method however requires that the reader gets familiar with the whole architecture diagram as they need to know where to implement the actual change in settings as opposed to creating a new class that performs the same functionality of an existing class.

Why did we choose Alternative 2:

We believe that software design principles exist for a reason. Furthermore, while alternative 1 may seem a lot simpler, Alternative 2 allows for extension just by adding new methods and refrains the user from having to extensively rework the structure of the application in order to add a new setting.

Aspect 2:

How to store information regarding the different settings

Storing it inside the enumerations that make up the choices for the settings

Pros:

Having the information stored inside the enum allows for immutablilty, such that no other class can change the properties of the enums. Only the developer can change the values of the enums and it will subsequently affect all the methods and functionality that relies on said enum.

Cons:

In the case that the user wants to customise certain continuous settings such as time limit, they are unable to as those settings are already defined by the developer to be discrete options.

Storing it inside the classes that implement the settings

<u>Pros</u>

The information is easily accessible from within the class itself and there is no need for extra import classes to handle the enums in alternative 1.

Cons

Unlike Alternative 1, the developer can create an extension to the class implementing the setting to allow the user to customise their settings even further, allowing for continuous values to be used rather than discrete values.

Why did we choose Alternative 1:

The considerations for this aspect was mainly down to how much customisability we wanted to grant our users. While having more customisability is better in some cases, in this one, we do not think the added functionality of allowing the user to extensively customise their experience with our application to be particularly impactful not necessary. Moreover, alternative 2 makes for a less organised code base and we wanted to avoid that as much as possible.

3.3. Timer-based Features

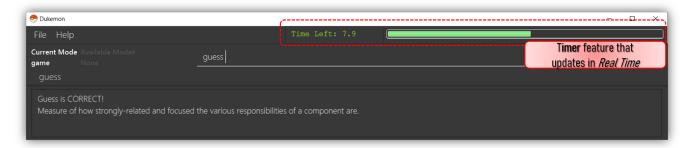


Figure 21. Screenshot of the Timer component in action.

3.3.1. Implementation Overview - Timer

The Timer component utilizes the java.util.Timer API to simulate a stopwatch that runs for each *Card* in a Game. It relies on using *Functional Interfaces* as *callbacks* for the TImer to periodically notify other components in the system without directly holding a reference to those components.

Internally, the Timer works by using the method java.util.Timer.schedule() that schedules java.util.TimerTasks at a fixed rate (every 50ms).

An *Observer Pattern* is loosly followed between the Timer and the other components. As opposed to defining an *Observable* interface, the AppManager simply passes in *method pointers* into the Timer to *callback* when an event is triggered by the Timer.

NOTE

To avoid synchronization issues, all *callbacks* to change UI components are forced to run on the JavaFX Application Thread using Platform.runLater().

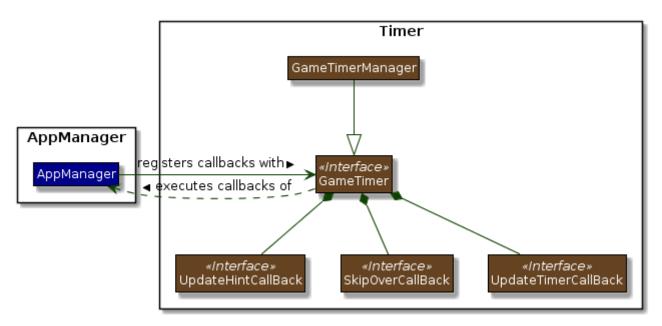


Figure 22. Class diagram reflecting how the callback-functions are organized in the Timer component.

The three main events that are currently triggered by the Timer component which require a *callback* are:

- 1. Time has elapsed, callback to AppManager to update and display the new timestamp on the UI.
- 2. Time has run out (reached zero), callback to AppManager to skip over to next Card.
- 3. Time has reached a point where Hints are to be given to the User, *callback* to AppManager to retrieve a Hint and display accordingly on the UI.

The *callbacks* for each of these events are implemented as nested *Functional Interfaces* within the GameTimer interface, which is implemented by the GameTimerManager.

3.3.2. Implementation Overview - Hints

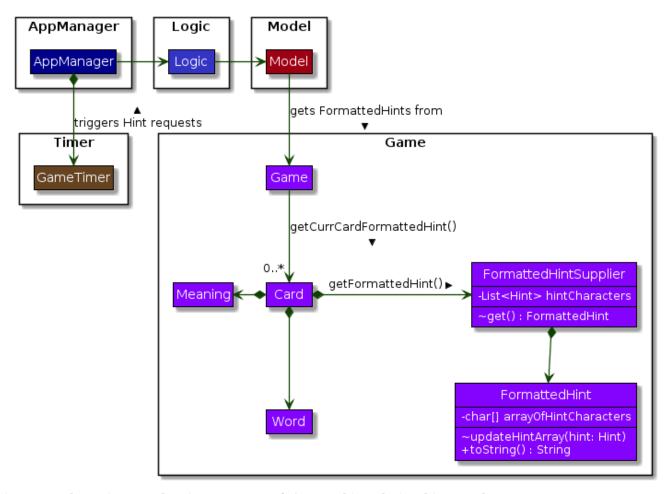


Figure 23. Class Diagram showing structure of Hints and its relationships to other components. (Some details omitted)

In order to display the Hints component to the user in a *Hangman-esque* style, **string formatting** has to be performed.

- Each *Card* contains a FormattedHintSupplier that supplies FormattedHints ready to be shown to the user.
- Each FormattedHintSupplier contains a FormattedHint that is periodically updated.
- Each FormattedHintSupplier contains a java.util.List of Hint to update the FormattedHint with.
- Each FormattedHint maintains a char[] array that it's toString() method uses to format the output Hint string with.
- Each Hint encapsulates a Character and an Index which the Character is to be shown in the FormattedHint.

The Timer component **triggers a request to update Hints** to the AppManager, who then updates and retrieves the updated FormattedHint from the current Game via the Logic component.

3.3.3. Flow of Events - Hints Disabled

This section describes the general sequence of events in the life cycle of a single GameTimer object with **no hints**.

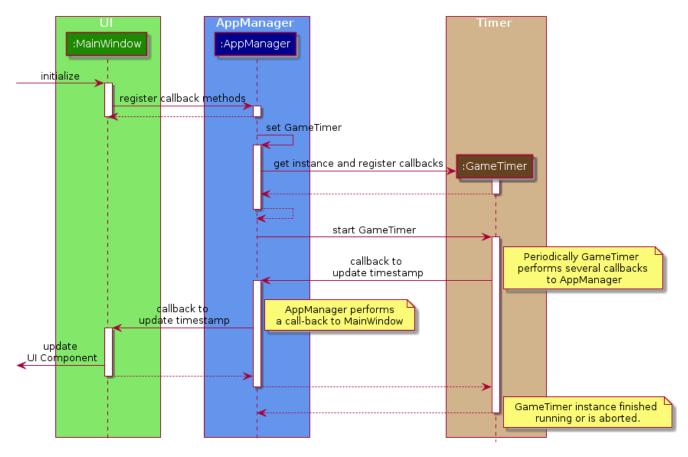


Figure 24. Sequence diagram (with some details omitted) describing the flow of registering and executing callbacks between the different components

NOTE

GameTimer interface uses a factory method to create GameTimerManager instances. This behavior is omitted in the above diagram for simplicity.

A new GameTimer instance is created by the AppManager for every *Card* of a Game. The AppManager provides information regarding the duration in which the GameTimer should run for, and whether Hints are enabled.

- 1. **UI** component first registers *callbacks* with the AppManager.
- 2. When a *Game* is started, AppManager initializes a GameTimer instance for the first *Card*.
- 3. AppManager registers *callbacks* with the GameTimer component.
- 4. AppManager starts the GameTimer.
- 5. Periodically, the GameTimer notifies the AppManager to update the UI accordingly.
- 6. AppManager is notified by GameTimer, and then notifies UI to actually trigger the UI change.
- 7. GameTimer finishes counting down (or is **aborted**).
- 8. AppManager repeats Steps 2 to 7 for each *Card* while the *Game* has **not** ended.

Using this approach of *callbacks* provides **better abstraction** between the UI and Timer.

3.3.4. Flow of Events - Hints Enabled

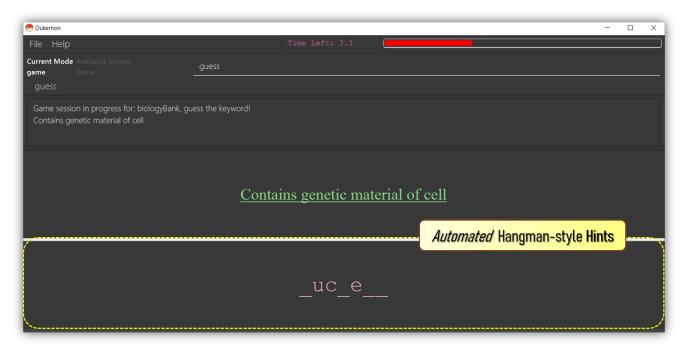


Figure 25. Screenshot of the automatic Hints feature in action.

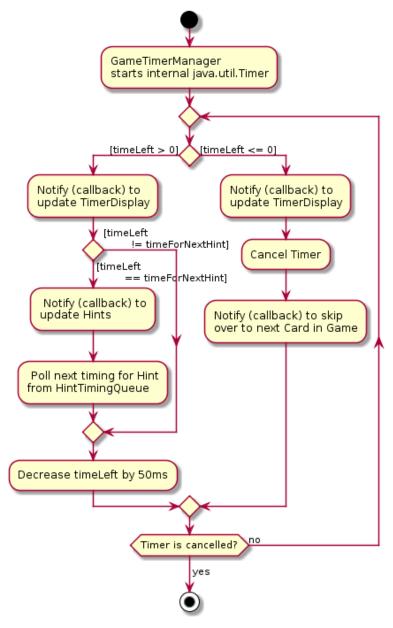


Figure 26. Activity diagram of the run() method of an instance of GameTimerManager when Hints are enabled.

- In the diagram as **shown above**, the internal Timer is started when GameTimerManager calls the .schedule() method of its internal java.util.Timer, which schedules TimerTasks immediately, every 50 milliseconds until the java.util.Timer is cancelled. The field timeLeft is initialized to be the amount of time allowed per *Card* (in milliseconds), and is updated every 50ms.
- The behavior of Timer when Hints are enabled is largely still the same.
- When Hints are enabled, AppManager initializes a HintTimingQueue in the GameTimer for each Card.
 HintTimingQueue is a class that contains a java.util.Queue of timestamps (in milliseconds).
 GameTimer polls from the HintTimingQueue and checks against these polled timestamps to update the Hints provided periodically.

3.3.5. Design Considerations

There were a few reasons for designing the Timer and Hints this way.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Aspect 1: Where and How to effect changes to the Ui and other components when the Timer triggers an event.	Holding a reference to Ui and other components directly inside GameTimer itself:	Using Functional Interfaces as Call-backs to notify components indirectly.
	Pros: Straightforward and direct, can perform many different tasks on the dependent components.	Pros: Maintains abstraction and minimal coupling between Timer and other components
	Cons: Poor abstraction and high potential for cyclic dependencies, resulting in high coupling.	Cons: Relies on developer to register correct call-back methods with the Timer. Different actions need to be implemented as different call-backs separately. Possible overhead in performing few levels of call-backs.

Why we chose Alternative 2:

To ensure better extendability of our code for future expansion, we felt it was important to maintain as much abstraction between components. This is also to make life easier when there comes a need to debug and resolve problems in the code.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Aspect 2: Where and how to perform string formatting for Hints to be displayed.	Move retrieval of individual Hint characters and all formatting outside of the Game component completely:	Perform formatting at the lowest level possible, using a FormattedHint class.
	Pros: Maintains immutability of each Card inside Game component.	Pros: Higher level components need not know about string formatting at all, maintains good abstraction.
	Cons: Breaking abstraction as higher level components should not have to deal with string formatting.	Cons: Individual Game components like each Card become stateful, need to make deep copies to prevent state from carrying across Game sessions.

Why we chose Alternative 2:

Implementing cloning of *Cards* affects other areas of code the least, and reduces unnecessary coupling. Since changes to higher level elements can potentially affect all other components, it was safer to modify more atomic areas of code.

3.4. WordBank Management Feature

This section discusses the implementation of *WordBank* Management in various levels of detail. This can be split into four complimentary distinct sections.

They are:

- WordBank's data structure and its storage system
- User Commands
- · Drag and drop
- Revision WordBank

3.4.1. WordBank's data structure and its storage system

Allows developers to use and extend this architecture to streamline their feature implementation. Allows user to save and load their *WordBanks*.

The attributes and methods of the following class diagrams have been carefully written. They describe and explain *WordBank*'s data structure and its storage system in detail.

We start from the lowest level - Card.

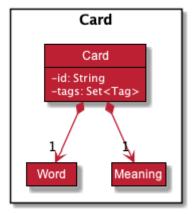


Figure 27. Class diagram of Card.

A Card contains a unique id, a word, a unique meaning, a set of tags.

id: for statistical tracking

word: answer to the question (meaning)

meaning: the question that will appear in the game

tags: optional tags to classify Cards

NOTE

Cards with the same meaning are duplicates, and is disallowed.

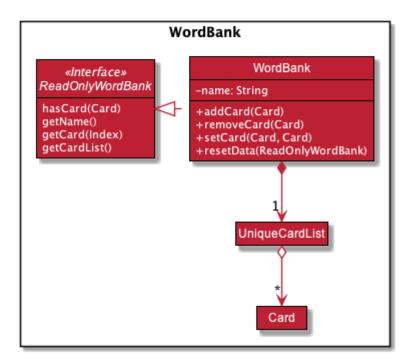


Figure 28. Class diagram of WordBank.

A WordBank contains a UniqueCardList and a unique name.

UniqueCardList: prevent duplicate *Cards* name: unique name of the WordBank

NOTE

WordBank exposes an unmodifiable ObservableList<Card> that can be 'observed'. The UI can be bound to this list so that the UI automatically updates when the *Cards* in the list change. WordBanks with the same name are duplicates, and is disallowed.

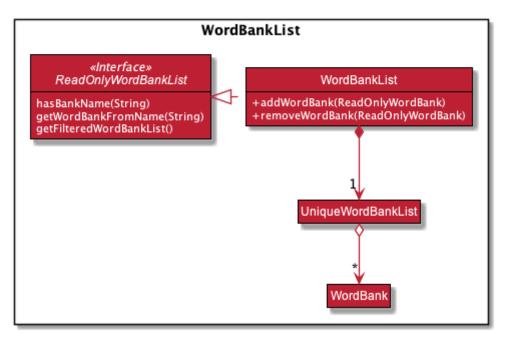


Figure 29. Class diagram of WordBankList.

A WordBankList contains a UniqueWordBankList.

UniqueWordBankList: prevent duplicate WordBanks

NOTE

WordBankList exposes an unmodifiable ObservableList<WordBank> that can be 'observed'. The UI can be bound to this list so that the UI automatically updates when the WordBanks in the list change.

In Dukemon, there is should only be one WordBankList, which is created upon Storage initialisation. Model holds a reference to that specific WordBankList.

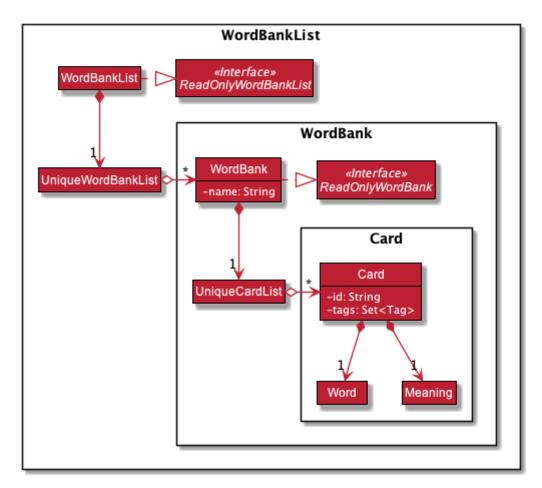


Figure 30. Overview of WordBankList.

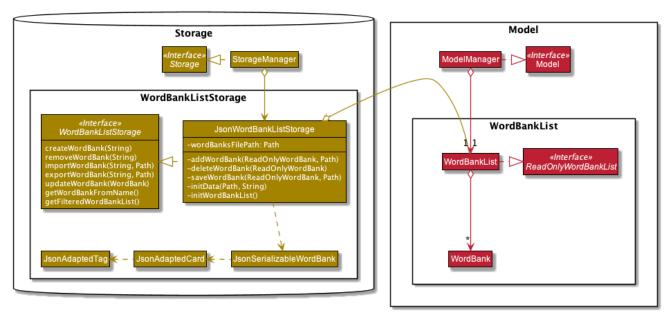


Figure 31. Integration of WordBankList within Storage and Model.

WordBankListStorage consists of robust methods in which developers can use and extend upon easily.

Alongside with *WordBank*'s data structure, they lay the foundation for the other complementary sections of *WordBank* Management.

On top of that, they serve as a essential foundation for Dukemon. As such, these data structures and methods were required by the team, to build individual features. (*Statistics, Game, Settings*)

3.4.2. User Commands

Allows user to customise *Cards* and group them according to topics (*WordBanks*). User commands edits and manipulates *Cards* and *WordBanks* heavily.

NOTE

As mentioned previously, user commands will extend and utilise *WordBank*'s data structure and storage heavily.

You can refer to it to enhance your understanding of this implementation.

Let us first introduce you how these commands are implemented and structured in Logic.

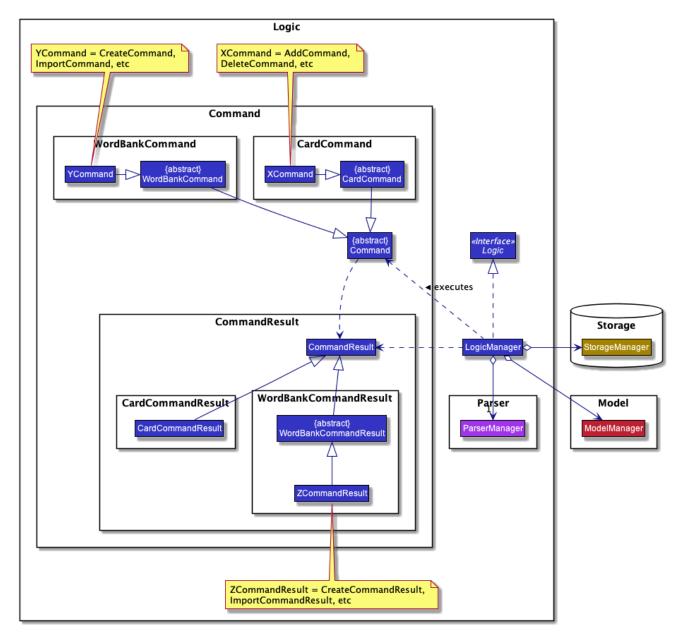


Figure 32. Overview class diagram of Logic with emphasis on CardCommands and WordBankCommands.

Commands reside in Logic. They work on Model and Storage through Logic. To segregate Cards according to their function, we distinguished the following:

CardCommands work on Cards.

WordBankCommands work on WordBanks.

Walkthrough - ImportCommand.

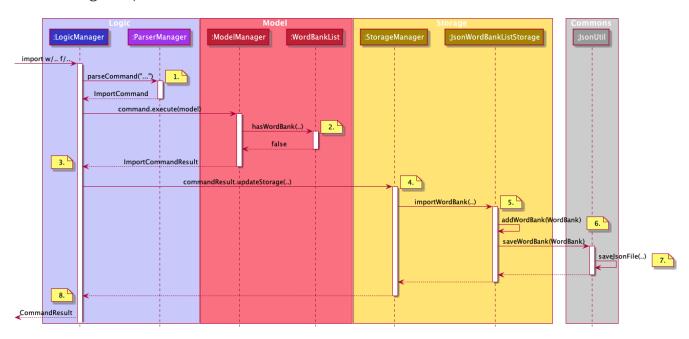


Figure 33. Sequence diagram detailing a successful WordBankCommand through different components.

NOTE

Most of these methods utilised can be found in *WordBank*'s data structure and storage class diagrams.

The emphasis here is to show how these commands utilise *WordBank*'s data structure and storage.

We will see the case where an ImportCommand is valid.

A valid input could be: "import w/bank1, f/~/downloads"

- 1. Depending on the input, a specific Command type is returned by ParserManager. i.e. ImportCommand.
- 2. Each type of Command executes with slight variance. ImportCommand executes and checks in Model to check if WordBankList already contains WordBank.
- 3. Relevant information is stored in a specific CommandResult and is returned back to LogicManager. i.e. ImportCommandResult.
- 4. Each type of CommandResult updates the storage with slight variance. ImportCommand calls the importWordBank method.
- 5. JsonWordBankListStorage contains the abstracted details of how a commandResult should be handled. For importWordBank method, addWordBank and saveWordBank private methods are called.
- 6. Within addWordBank method, WordBank is added into the underlying UniqueWordBankList. Two synchronisation happens here. Firstly, as Model contains the same WordBankList, the two list contains synchronised data. Secondly, WordBankList exposes an unmodifiable ObservableList<WordBank> that can be 'observed'. UI was bounded to this list upon initialisation. Hence, it allows the user sees the updated WordBank automatically.
- 7. Within saveWordBank method, an even lower level saveJsonFile function is called to write to the disk. This is performed through the common class: JsonUtil.
- 8. It returns back to LogicManager, and a success message is passed back to AppManager, then to the UI to notify the user.
 - Other CardCommand and WordBankCommand work similarly to ImportCommand, with slight variance.

3.4.3. Drag and drop

Allows user to export their *WordBank* out of their computer simply by dragging it out of Dukemon. Likewise, it allows user to import a *WordBank* file from their computer by dragging it into Dukemon.

Improves user experience by making it easy to share WordBanks with friends.

NOTE

As mentioned previously, drag and drop will extend and utilise *WordBank*'s data structure and storage heavily.

You can refer to it to enhance your understanding of this implementation.



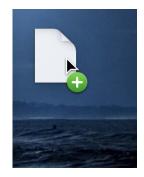




From HOME mode, you can view your WordBanks.

Simply drag and drop a WordBank json file from your computer into the Dukemon GUI.







Likewise, drag and drop a WordBank out of the application, into say, your desktop, or chat applications.

Walkthrough - Drag in.

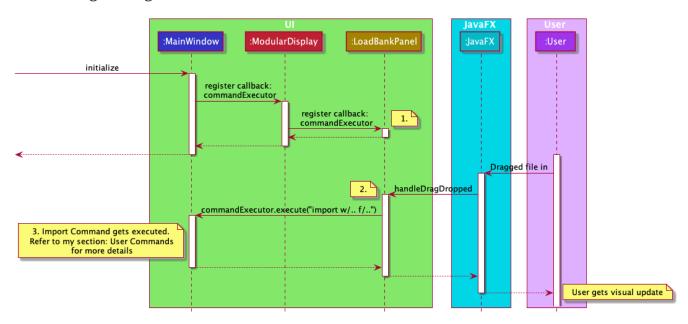


Figure 34. Sequence diagram showing how drag and drop utilises the ImportCommand and thus the WordBank's storage.

LoadBankPanel is the corresponding class and the FXML file that displays the *WordBanks* for the user.

It is deeply nested within UI and only has access to an ObservableList<WordBank>. This means it has no way to perform commands, update model or update storage.

- 1. To work around this, a functional callback is registered within LoadBankPanel.
- 2. LoadBankPanel registers JavaFX's UI drag detection and drag dropped methods, with the *callback*.
- 3. After which, the *callback* essentially performs an *ImportCommand*, to load the *WordBank*.

It is also noteworthy to mention that, dragging into Dukemon functionality is well guarded against:

- Not json file format.
- Json file but data in wrong format.
- Json file with correct format but contains duplicate *cards* within.

User receives apt feedback through the command box for different cases. This is possible with careful exceptions handling within the ImportCommand itself.

3.4.4. Revision WordBank

Allows user to visit a centralised *WordBank* that automatically collects *cards* for revision. *Cards* that were answered wrongly are automatically added to this revision bank. Likewise, *cards* that were answered correctly during game play are automatically removed from this revision bank.

Improves user learning experience by helping the user to collate *cards* that require revision.

NOTE

As mentioned previously, revision *WordBank* will extend and utilise *WordBank*'s data structure and storage heavily.

You can refer to it to enhance your understanding of this implementation.

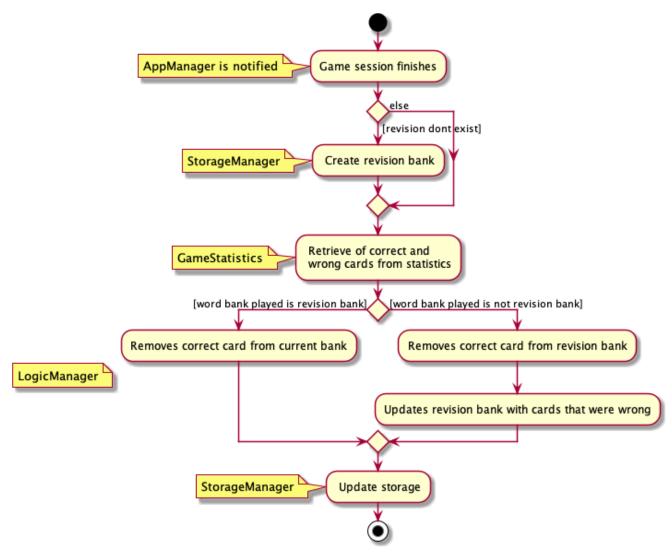


Figure 35. Activity diagram showing different scenarios possible while trying to update revision bank.

Revision *WordBank* was one of the essential and dominant features we wanted to implement since early development, however it had to be implemented last because it required multiple components working together.

These components include:

- AppManager
- StorageManager
- LogicManager
- GameStatistics

Given that well-developed methods reside in each of these components, we then require an overview of revision bank implementation. The activity diagram above is able to detail the thought process and implementation.

- 1. AppManager gets first notification that a Game session has ended.
- 2. StorageManager creates revision word bank if necessary.
- 3. GameStatistics gives the required information: correct and wrong Cards.
- 4. LogicManager manages the processing of these Cards, with some slight variance depending on situation, into revision bank.
- 5. StorageManager saves it back into hard disk.

3.4.5. Design Considerations

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	
Aspect 1: Data structure for WordBankList.	Create classes for both WordBankList and WordBank, even though they are very similar in structure.	Create a generic data structure class, and let both WordBankList and WordBank extend it.	
	Pros: User's modification to their WordBanks and Cards requires very different methods. These two data structure requires different access to the storage as well. With two different classes, implementation of the Commands that work on these data becomes more distinct. This ensures methods within WordBankList are written for WordBankCommands and methods within WordBank are written for CardCommands, thereby increasing cohesion of individual components and decreasing coupling between the two classes. Cons: Implementation requires much more effort.	Pros: Code that are reusable in WordBank can now be reused for WordBankList. Cons: This couples WordBank with WordBankList. Does not follow the Open-Closed principle.	

Why did we choose Alternative 1:

In the spirit of software engineering principles, it is better to have the basic data structure implemented well. Commands that depend on it becomes much easier to implement. (This can be seen in the drag and drop feature.)

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Aspect 2 : Storage system for word banks.	Store one single large json file with <i>WordBank</i> names as keys and its <i>WordBank</i> data	Store each <i>WordBank</i> as a json file.
	as values:	
		Pros:
		Enables sharing of WordBank
	Pros:	files to friends.
	Always save a snapshot of the	
	data to the same file, regardless	Cons:
	of what commands are	Require more consideration to
	executed.	deal with different type of commands which affects the
	Cons:	storage dynamically. Harder to
	Unable to share <i>WordBanks</i> with friends, because one file contains all the <i>WordBanks</i> .	read from multiple files.

Why did we choose Alternative 2:

This choice was based largely from the user's perspective.

As our app is designed to streamline learning, we figured that easy sharing of *WordBanks* file with friends is an important aspect in our app, and cannot be compromised.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Aspect 3:	All types of commands	Distinguishing WordBankCommand
Command implementation.	extends a single abstract class	and CardCommand specifically -
(Same goes for CommandResult	Command:	Commands that work on Cards
implementation)		extends the abstract
		CardCommand class and
	Pros:	commands that work on
	A rather simple implementation	WordBank extends the abstract
	which does not break any	WordBankCommand class.
	software engineering	
	principles.	
		Pros:
	Cons:	As we have created distinct data
	Can be further improved, as in	structure for WordBankList and
	Alternative 2.	WordBank, distinguished
		commands now work solely on
		their respective data structure.
		It follows the Single
		Responsibility Principle and the
		Separation of Concerns
		Principle more closely, and
		decreases the coupling between
		the two component.
		Cons:
		Requires tedious
		implementation to follow the
		principles.

Why did we choose Alternative 2:

Allows for easy extension of Dukemon's functionality. Implementation of the drag and drop feature is now a few function calls away, as all data structure and functions are well written.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Aspect 4: How to implement Drag and Drop. LoadBankPanel is a deeply nested class, and is the corresponding class for the UI to interact with user's drag and drop action.	Updates Storage directly from LoadBankPanel: Pros: It only requires a reference and then saving directly to Storage. This can be implemented with ease. Cons: Practically, there are a few exceptions being thrown when	Using Functional Interfaces as Call-backs to call an ImportCommand from LoadBankPanel. Pros: Calling an already well- implemented ImportCommand allows all exceptions caught to be handled properly. It also maintains abstraction and minimal coupling between LoadBankPanel and other
	calling the storage's method directly. LoadBankPanel cannot handle them effectively. This also leads to poor abstraction and high potential for cyclic dependencies, resulting in high coupling.	components. Cons: It makes the code less OOP and more functional.

Why did we choose Alternative 2:

Provides a more complete implementation, as it would make sense for exceptions to be caught and allow user to see feedback messages.

3.5. Statistics Feature

3.5.1. Implementation

The work of the Statistics component can be neatly captured and explained using a common series of user actions when operating the app.

User action	Statistics work	UI Statistics updates
User opens the app.	User's GlobalStatistics and WordBankStatisticsList are loaded into Model by the MainApp.	User is shown their GlobalStatistics and their most played word bank from the WordBankStatisticsList in the main title page.
User selects a word bank.	The selected WordBankStatistics from the WordBankStatisticsList is loaded into Model.	
User opens the selected word bank.		In open mode, User is shown the WordBankStatistics of the opened word bank.
User plays the game.	A GameStatisticsBuilder is used to record user actions during the game.	
User finishes the game.	 A GameStatistics is created from the GameStatisticsBuilder. The WordBankStatistics and GlobalStatistics are updated accordingly and saved to disk. 	GameStatistics and the corresponding WordBankStatistics are displayed to user in the game result page.

We will discuss each step with its implementation details primarily on the statistics work.

1. User opens the app

When the user opens the app, their GlobalStatistics and WordBankStatisticsList are loaded into Model by MainApp.

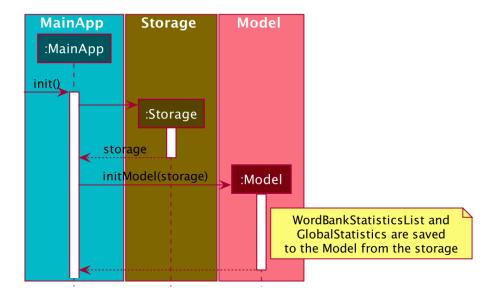


Figure 36. Sequence diagram for loading statistics

2. <u>User selects a word bank</u>

When the user selects a word bank, the selected WordBankStatistics from the WordBankStatisticsList is loaded into Model.

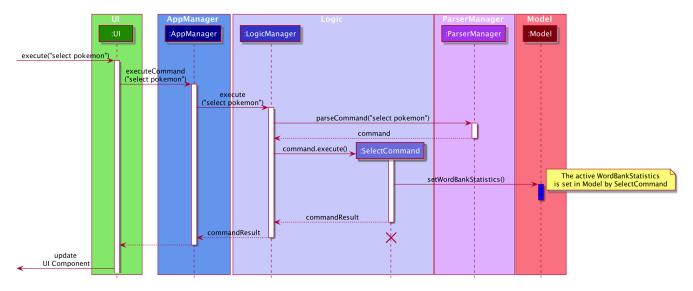


Figure 37. Sequence diagram for selecting a word bank statistics.

It is necessary to set the active WordBankStatistics in the Model such that when the user opens the WordBank, the WordBankStatistics can be found in Model and shown in the UI.

3. User opens the selected word bank

In open mode, the user is shown the WordBankStatistics of the opened word bank, which is set in Model at step 2.

4. User plays the game

A GameStatisticsBuilder is used to record user actions during the game.

When the user starts the game by calling a StartCommand, the GameStatisticsBuilder is initialized. Additionally, the GameStatisticsBuilder is updated with every GuessCommand or SkipCommand made during the game. It receives the timestamp from the GameTimer which also resides in AppManager.

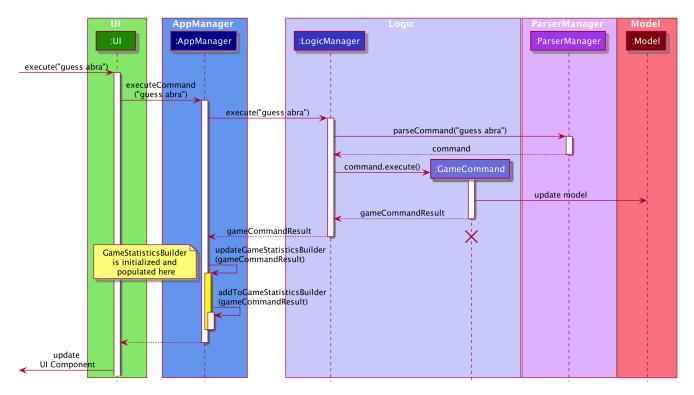


Figure 38. Sequence diagram when user makes a guess.

5. User finishes the game

When the user finishes the game, a GameStatistics is created from the GameStatisticsBuilder. The GameStatistics is shown to the user in the game result page.

The GameStatistics is used to update its corresponding WordBankStatistics, which is then saved to disk. Additionally, the GlobalStatistics is also updated and saved to disk.

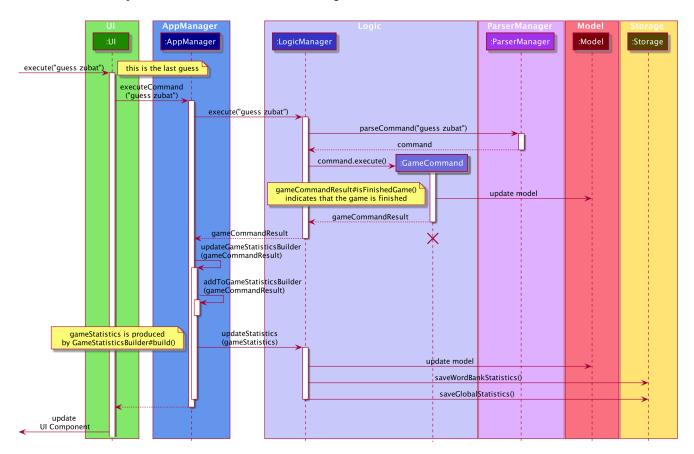


Figure 39. Sequence diagram when the user makes the final guess.

The work done in step 4 and 5 is executed in AppManager and the checks to decide what to do are done in the same method updateGameStatisticsBuilder(CommandResult).

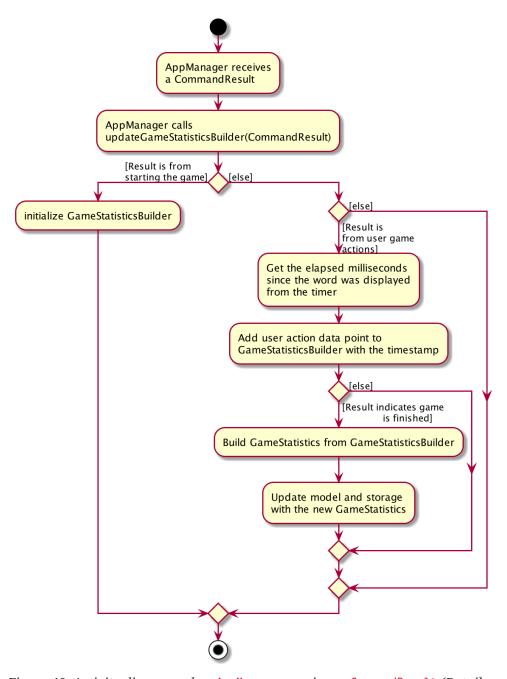


Figure 40. Activity diagram when AppManager receives a CommandResult (Details unrelated to statistics are omitted).

3.5.2. Design Considerations

There were some design considerations on implementing the statistics.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Aspect 1: How to store WordBankStatistics in the storage?	Store in a separate file from the WordBank json file, but with the same name in a different	Store WordBankStatistics data in the same file as WordBank
in the storage:	directory.	
	un cotory.	Pros:
	Example: WordBank data is stored at	Less number of files.
	data/wordbanks/pokemon.json	
	while the WordBankStatistics	Cons:
	data is stored at	Data is combined into one
	data/wbstats/pokemon.json	which lowers abstraction.
	Pros:	
	More abstraction to separate	
	the data.	
	Cons:	
	The data is linked by name, so if	
	the user changes the file name, the link is broken.	

Why we decided to choose Alternative 1:

We decided that abstraction between the data is important as each team member should work in parallel, such that it is easier for one person to modify the storage system for the word bank and another person to modify the storage system for the word bank statistics freely.

3.6. Logging

We are using <code>java.util.logging</code> package for logging. The <code>LogsCenter</code> class is used to manage the logging levels and logging destinations.

- The logging level can be controlled using the logLevel setting in the configuration file (See Section 3.7, "Configuration")
- The Logger for a class can be obtained using LogsCenter.getLogger(Class) which will log messages according to the specified logging level
- Currently log messages are output through: Console and to a .log file.

Logging Levels

- SEVERE: Critical problem detected which may possibly cause the termination of the application
- WARNING: Can continue, but with caution
- INFO: Information showing the noteworthy actions by the App
- FINE: Details that is not usually noteworthy but may be useful in debugging e.g. print the actual list instead of just its size

3.7. Configuration

Certain properties of the application can be controlled (e.g user prefs file location, logging level) through the configuration file (default: config.json).

Appendix A: Product Scope

Target user profile:

- Students in formal educational institutions.
- Students in informal educational contexts.
- Users who are familiar with the keyboard, able to type fast.
- Users who enjoy interactive learning.
- Users who are familiar and used to CLI-based apps.

Value proposition: Making Learning and Memorization Game-like, Fun and Engaging.

Appendix B: User Stories

Priorities: High (must have) - * * *, Medium (nice to have) - * *, Low (unlikely to have) - *

Priority	As a	I want to	So that I can
* * *	teacher	add, edit, and delete questions in the word banks	make corrections on what my students are supposed to learn
* * *	teacher	give customised word banks and definitions	can let my students practice specific problems.
* * *	user	list all my word banks	
* * *	user	give titles to word banks	recognise them better
* * *	user	delete word banks	free up some memory when I don't need it anymore
* * *	user	see the content of the word bank	study beforehand/mak e changes
* * *	young student	trivia questions to be gamified	enjoy the process
* * *	student	create my own question banks	tailor fit to my learning
* * *	computer science student	have a manual of the commands available	refer to them when I am lost

Priority	As a	I want to	So that I can
* *	frequent user	easily access my most recently attempted question sets	can quickly resume my revision
* *	studious student	set and complete goals	have something to work towards
* *	student	see my test statistics	track my progress/improv ement
* *	student	choose different kinds of time constraints	can simulate exam conditions
* *	student	categorise my question sets	easily look for relevant materials
* *	student	mark question sets as important/ur gent	know how to prioritise my revision
* *	module coordinator	export lessons	send to their students
* *	student	share and compare my results with my classmates	know where I stand
* *	student	partition the trivia	attempt questions that I'm comfortable with
* *	weak student	have the option to see hints	won't get stuck all the time
* *	computer science student	practise typing bash commands into the CLI	strengthen my bash skills

Priority	As a	I want to	So that I can
* *	teacher	export statistics	can compare performance across different students
*	computer science student	customize my "terminal"	changing themes/ background/ font size/ font colour, so that I feel comfortable working on it
*	teacher	protect tests with passwords	let my students do them in lessons together when password is released
*	teacher	protect the files	doesn't get tampered when distributing to students
*	student	have smaller sized files	have more space on my computer

Appendix C: Use Cases

(For all use cases below, the **System** is the **Dukemon** and the **Actor** is the **User**, unless specified otherwise)

Use case: Add a Card

MSS

- 1. User selects and opens a WordBank.
- 2. Dukemon shows a list of Cards.
- 3. User adds Word and Meaning pair.
- 4. Dukemon adds a Card into WordBank.

Use case ends.

Use case: Play a game

MSS

- 1. User selects and opens a WordBank.
- 2. Dukemon shows a list of Cards.
- 3. User starts a game.
- 4. Dukemon shows the *Meaning* of a *Card*.
- 5. User guesses *Word* of the corresponding *Card*.

Steps 4-5 are repeated till all *Cards* are played.

6. Game ends. Dukemon shows statistics of game.

Use case ends.

Extentions

2a. User opens settings

2a1. User changes hints to off.

Use case resumes from step 3.

Appendix D: Non Functional Requirements

- 1. Compatible any mainstream OS as long as it has Java 11 or above installed.
- 2. User has above average typing speed for regular English text (i.e. not code, not system admin commands); able to accomplish most of the tasks faster using commands than using the mouse.
- 3. Users can export and import their wordbanks or Statistics.
- 4. Feedback shown to user must be fast (< 0.2s) especially during a *Game*.

Appendix E: Glossary

Mainstream OS

Windows, Linux, Unix, OS-X, Ubuntu and etc.

WordBank

Data structure that contains a list of several *Cards*.

Card

Analogue to a physical Flashcard- contains a Word and a Meaning.

Word

The component of a *Card* that is to be guessed by the user during a *Game*.

Meaning

The meaning represented by the Word of a Card; is shown to the user during a Game.

Game

A game session that runs on a specific WordBank of Cards.

Callback

A piece of executable code that is passed as an argument to other another code that is expected to *callback* (execute) the argument at a given time. (Adapted from Wikipedia)

GUI

Graphical User Interface, the primary interface of which *Dukemon*'s feedback to the user can be seen.

Appendix F: Instructions for Manual Testing.

Given below are instructions for the testing of *Dukemon* manually.

NOTE

The below instruction are only intended as starting points for testers to work on; testers are expected to do more *exploratory* testing.

F.1. Initial Start-up and Editing of a WordBank.

- 1. Initial clean launch
 - a. Download the Dukemon. jar file and copy into an empty folder
 - b. Double-click the .jar file Expected: GUI appears with some sample WordBanks. Default window size may not be optimum.
- 2. Selecting and viewing a default WordBank
 - a. Enter select trivia to choose the *Trivia WordBank*. <u>Expected</u>: GUI shows feedback "Selected word bank: trivia" in the ResultDisplay.
 - b. Enter open.

 <u>Expected</u>: GUI switches to *Open* mode, *Cards* belonging to *Trivia* are shown.
- 3. Adding a new Card to a WordBank
 - a. Enter add w/Damith m/Lecturer of CS2103T t/Easy

 Expected: Feedback shown that a new *Card* with the above details are added. List of *Cards* on GUI's right panel reflects the addition of a new *Card*.
 - b. Enter exit and relaunch *Dukemon*. Enter select triva and then open upon restarting Expected: The new *Card* ("Damith") added previously is correctly stored in the *Triva WordBank*.

F.2. Starting and Terminating a *Game* session without *Hints*.

- 1. Starting a *Game* after a target *WordBank* has been selected.
 - a. <u>Prerequisite</u>: A *WordBank* with **3 or more** *Cards* has been selected using the select command.
 - b. Enter settings

<u>Expected</u>: GUI switches to *Settings* mode, and various configurable parameters are listed. (ie. *Theme, Hints* etc)

c. Enter hints off

Expected: GUI feedback indicates that *Hints* are turned OFF

d. Enter start easy

<u>Expected</u>: GUI switches to *Game* mode with two panels stacked on top of each other. A 15s-countdown *Timer* is started at the top right of the GUI. A random *Meaning* of a *Card* belonging to the selected *WordBank* is shown on the upper panel. The bottom panel indicated that there are no Hints. When time is running out, the *Timer* region changes color.

e. Enter stop (before all *Cards* are shown)

<u>Expected</u>: *Game* stops, feedback informs that "Game has been forcibly stopped". *Timer* stops running and disappears.

- f. Enter guess abc to attempt to make a Guess after *Game* ends.

 Expected: No guess is processed, feedback indicates that "This command does not work right now"
- g. Enter skip to attempt to skip over to another *Card*.

 <u>Expected</u>: No skipping over occurs, feedback indicates that "This command does not work right now"

NOTE

Other possible Difficulties to start with are start medium and start hard, allowing 10s and 5s respectively for each *Card*. Other invalid commands will yield similar results after stopping the *Game*.

F.3. Importing and Exporting a WordBank using Dragand-Drop.

- 1. Exporting a WordBank using Drag-and-Drop
 - a. <u>Prerequisite</u>: There exists **at least one** *WordBank* in *Dukemon*'s data storage. Let **W** be any *WordBank* that currently exists in *Dukemon*'s storage.
 - b. (Single) Click on Panel on the right half of the GUI that indicates *WordBank* **W** Expected: *WordBank* **W**'s panel on the GUI becomes highlighted.
 - c. Use mouse cursor to click-and-drag highlighted panel **outside** of *Dukemon* into an **empty** folder.
 - Expected: A file with name W.json appears in the folder where it was dragged into.
- 2. Importing a WordBank using Drag-and-Drop
 - a. <u>Prerequisite</u>: *WordBank* to be imported is in **valid** .json format, and all of its *Cards* are **valid within constraints**. Let **V** be the *WordBank* to be imported.
 - b. (Single) Click on **V.json** in your file directory. Start *Dukemon* and drag **V.json** into the panel on the right side (where the list of *WordBanks* is shown.)

 <u>Expected</u>: *WordBank* **V** is successfully added into the list of *WordBanks*, feedback indicates location where file was imported from.

F.4. Changing and Saving Dukemon Settings

- 1. Changing Color Theme of Dukemon
 - a. <u>Prerequisite</u>: A *WordBank* has **already been selected** from the *Home* mode, and no *Game* session is in progress.
 - b. Enter settings

Expected: GUI switches to the Settings screen.

c. Enter theme light

Expected: GUI's overall color theme switches to a lighter color.

d. Enter exit, then restart *Dukemon* (do not change any configuration or data files) Expected: GUI's color theme remains light after restarting.