Wei Gen - Project Portfolio

Introduction



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Hi! My name is Wei Gen.

I am currently a second year student in NUS School of Computing, pursuing a Bachelor of Computing (Honours).

This portfolio page aims to document the contributions I have made in the development of FinSec, which is a project that my team and I completed for the module CS2103T. This project has definitely been greatly beneficial to my own learning and self-development in becoming a more competent software engineer.

PROJECT: FinSec

Overview

FinSec is a useful application that was created with the end goal of aiding Financial Secretaries of any organisation. It is a Command Line Interface (CLI) based tool to cater to computing professionals who are highly adept at typing but also provides a Graphical User Interface (GUI) interface for users to easily view interact with FinSec.

Role

My main role was to act as the Team Lead for the project, completing team tasks for the project and managing general tasks for the team members. As I was the only one who has been in the position of our target audience, I can best understand their user requirements, so I was also the one to set the directions of the project.

Development-wise, I also developed the Claims feature (including logic, storage and model), as well as adding the association between Claims and Contacts. I also created the documentation and tests that came along with the features.

Summary of contributions

- Major enhancement: added the Claim feature
 - **What it does**: This feature allows users, who are mainly Financial Secretaries, to enter Claims into the FinSec application and track their claim entries.
 - Justification: The Claim feature is a vital feature to the FinSec application since that the majority of organisations and clubs have claims to keep track of. It allows Financial Secretaries to keep proper records of the organisation and to keep track of its financial status.
 - **Implementation**: The Person class in Address Book 3 (AB3) is remodelled to resemble a claim entry (with additional attributes of ID, Description, Amount, Date and Status).
 - **Highlights**: The implementation of this feature is fairly manageable since that it is an adaptation of the Person class. However, there is much more coupling compared to the Person class, thus it is more complex. There are also more stringent testing required, such as Date parsing.
- Minor enhancement: added the Approve and Reject Claim features
 - What it does: This feature allows users to approve or reject pending claims.
 - **Justification**: Claims can have different statuses, and **Budget** will behave differently depending on their statuses.
 - **Implementation**: ApproveClaimCommand and RejectClaimCommand will check whether the claim chosen is a PendingClaim, and only if it is can its status be approved or rejected respectively.
- Minor enhancement: added the association between Claims and Contacts
 - What it does: Adding a claim into the app's list of claims will add the claim into the associated contact's list of claims as well.
 - **Justification**: Each claim added is associated to a contact. The user will be able to view all the claims associated to a contact when viewing them using the CheckCommand.
 - **Implementation**: During the execution of the AddClaimCommand, it checks the FinSec if there is a contact with the entered name. Only if there is an existing contact for the claim will the command be executed. It also adds the Claim ID to the contact's list of claims to keep track of each contact's claim.
 - **Highlights**: I have also added a table to the IndividualContactWindow for the user to view the details of every claim of each contact easily.
- Code contributed: [All commits][Project Code Dashboard]
- Other contributions:
 - Project management:

- Managed the release of version v1.1 on GitHub
- Created GitHub organisation for the team
- Created team repository and managed the access for each individual.
- Set up auto-publishing of docs.
- Integrated various build services into the team repository.
- Assign tasks to corresponding team members.
- Documentation
 - I made improvements to the Developer's Guide and User Guides: #232, #195, #182
- Community
 - I conducted reviews on other team's PR to give suggestions and constructive comments:
 #4,
 - I also reported bugs and potential flaws in other teams' project to help prepare them for the demo: #8, #5, #4
- Enhancements to existing features:
 - Wrote additional tests for existing features to increase coverage (Pull requests #370, #356, #346)
- Tools:
 - Integrated Travis, AppVeyor and Netlify into our project.

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.

Adding a claim: add_claim

Adds a claim to the claims list.

Keyword: add_claim

Format: add_claim n/NAME d/DESCRIPTION_OF_CLAIM c/AMOUNT date/DATE [t/TAG]

Examples:

add_claim n/Lee Wei Gen d/Sports Equipment c/115.2 date/29-12-2019 t/Sports t/Equipment

Figure 3.4.1 and Figure 3.4.2 shows what you can expect to see after entering a valid AddClaimCommand.

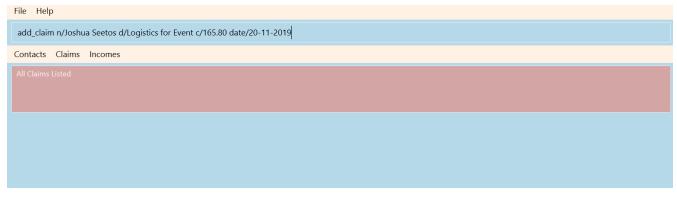


Figure 3.4.1: Type in the add_claim command.



Figure 3.4.2: Result after adding the claim.



Warning

- AMOUNT should be up to 2 decimal places only.
- DATE should be a valid date in the form of "dd-MM-yyyy" (eg. 29-02-2019 not valid).
- A contact must already exist with the inputted NAME.

Approving a claim: approve

Approves an existing pending claim at the specified INDEX.

Keyword: approve

Format: approve INDEX

Examples:

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approve 1
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The above example approves the first claim in the claim list.

Figure 3.5.1 and Figure 3.5.2 shows what you can expect to see after entering a valid AddClaimCommand.

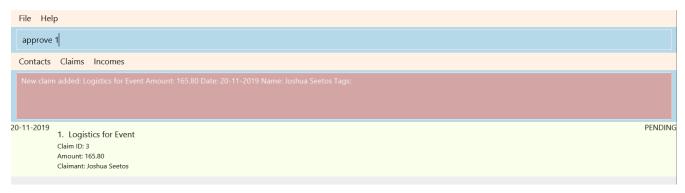


Figure 3.5.1: Type in the approve claim command.

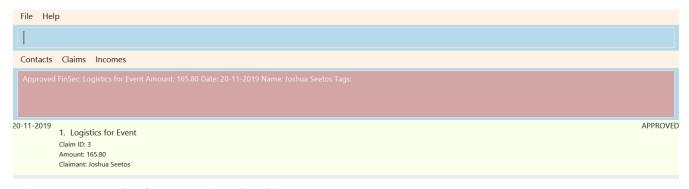


Figure 3.5.2: Result after approving the claim.



Warning

- The claim list must be currently displayed.
- Claim at the specified INDEX must be a pending claim.
- INDEX refers to the index number shown in the displayed claim list.
- INDEX must be a positive integer 1, 2, 3, ..., and cannot be larger than the maximum index of the displayed claim list.

Rejecting a claim: reject

Rejects an existing pending claim at the specified INDEX.

Keyword: reject

Format: reject INDEX

Examples:

reject 1

The above example rejects the first claim in the claim list.

Figure 3.6.1 and Figure 3.6.2 shows what you can expect to see after entering a valid AddClaimCommand.

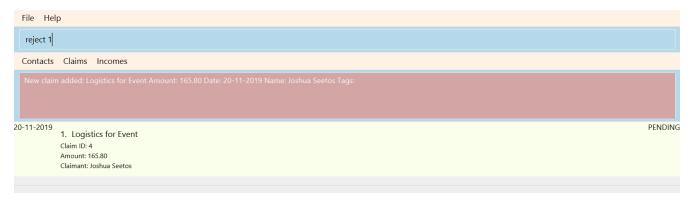


Figure 3.6.1: Type in the reject claim command.



Figure 3.6.2: Result after rejecting the claim.



Warning

- The displayed list must be the claim list.
- Claim at the specified INDEX must be a pending claim.
- INDEX refers to the index number shown in the displayed claim list.
- INDEX must be a positive integer 1, 2, 3, ..., and cannot be larger than the maximum index of the displayed claim list.

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.

Adding a Claim

Overview

The add claim add_claim mechanism is facilitated by AddClaimCommand and AddClaimCommandParser, taking in the following input from the user: Description, Amount, Date and Name, which will construct Claim objects.

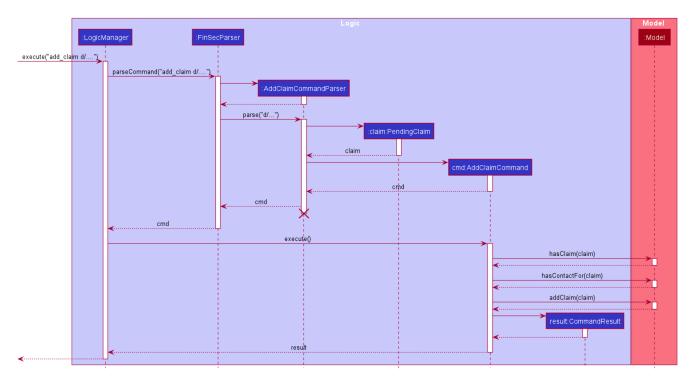


Figure 1. Add Claim Command Sequence Diagram

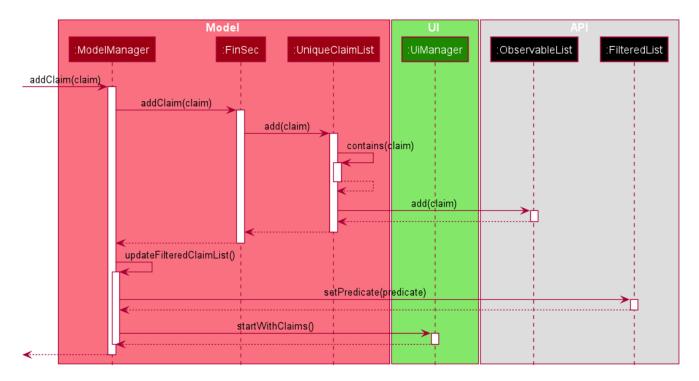


Figure 2. Add Claim Command Sequence Diagram (extension)

The AddClaimCommandParser implements Parser with the following operation:

• AddClaimCommandParser#parse() - This operation takes in a String input from the user that will create Claim objects based on the prefixes 'd/', 'c/', 'date/', 'n/' and 't/'. The String value after the individual prefixes will create the respective object: d/description, c/amount, date/date, n/name and t/tags. A regex validation check will be imposed upon the creation of each argument. Any

checks that fails the validation would prompt the user on the failed component.

For example:

- date uses ParseUtil#parseDate() to ensure that the date entered is in the correct format of DD-MM-YYYY. The date also has to be a valid date (29-02-2019 is invalid but 29-09-2016 is valid).
- amount uses ParserUtil#parseAmount() to ensure that cash amount would only contain numbers and a maximum of 2 decimal places.
- After validation checks are completed with no errors, a Claim object will be constructed with Id, Description, Amount, Date, Name and Tags as the parameters.
- AddClaimCommandParser will then return an AddClaimCommand object with Claim as its attribute.
- AddClaimCommand#execute will check against all existing contacts against the input name to make sure the contact exists.

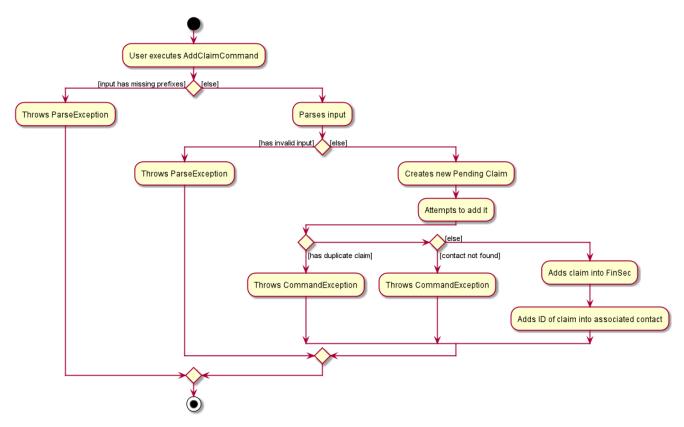


Figure 3. Add Claim Command Activity Diagram

The above activity diagram models the workflow of the addition of a claim.

Example

Given below is an example usage scenario of how add_claim mechanism behaves at each step.

Step 1: The user executes:

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add_claim n/Melissa d/Logistics for Sports Day c/150.60 date/21-12-2019
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This is intended to add a Claim of \$150.60 for Logistics for Sports Day by Melissa.

Step 2: LogicManager uses FinSecParser#parse() to parse input from the user.

Step 3: FinSecParser determines which command is being used and creates the respective parser. In this case, AddClaimCommandParser is being created and the user's input will be passed in as a parameter.

Step 4: AddClaimCommandParser will do a validation check on the user's input before creating and returning a AddClaimCommand object with Claim as its attribute.

Step 5: LogicManager will execute AddClaimCommand#execute(), checking whether there is an existing Claim and also whether there is an existing contact for the claim, then adding the PendingClaim into the Model which is handled by the ModelManager.

Step 6: During the addition of claim into the UniqueClaimsList in FinSec, FinSec#addClaimIntoContact will also be called, adding the Id of the claim to the associated contact's claims.

Step 7: AddClaimCommand will return a CommandResult to the LogicManager which will then be returned back to the user.

During the design of our add_claim function, specifically its association with Contacts, we considered other alternatives as well.

Table 1. add_claim alternatives

Design Consideration	Pros and Cons
Adding the claim into contact by its Id	Pros: Since each claim has an unique Id, it can easily be retrieved from UniqueClaimsList (returned from FinSec#getClaimList()). This reduces coupling when the claim is to be changed (eg. gets approved). Cons: Every time we retrieve a claim using its Id, we have to search through the whole UniqueClaimsList to find the associated claim. As the list gets bigger and the more claims we have to search for an individual contact, this may take more time.
Adding the claim into contact by its object	Pros: This allows the claim to be stored inside the contact itself, thus is easily accessible. Cons: It is more difficult ensuring that both the same claim in the contact and in the UniqueClaimsList remains exactly the same to each other when one of them is changed.

We have decided to opt for the first option primarily because it reduces the number of potential bugs and the complexities involved. Moreover, as we are trying to push a Minimum Viable Product, the implementation is still fast enough for small-scale organisations to pick up our app and use it, minimising the cons.

Approving a Claim

This feature allows the user to approve a PendingClaim from the UniqueClaimList through its index.

The approve claim feature is facilitated by the ApproveClaimCommandParser and the ApproveClaimCommand.

The ApproveClaimCommand is part of the logic component of our application. It interacts with the model and storage components of our application.

Rejecting a Claim

This feature allows the user to reject a PendingClaim from the UniqueClaimList through its index.

The approve claim feature is facilitated by the RejectClaimCommandParser and the RejectClaimCommand.

The RejectClaimCommand is part of the logic component of our application. It interacts with the model and storage components of our application.