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PROJECT: Code Camp X

Overview

Code Camp X (CCX) is for those who prefer to use a desktop app to manage the administrative tasks of running a coding camp. More importantly, CCX is optimized for those who prefer to work with a Command Line Interface (CLI) while still having the benefits of a Graphical User Interface (GUI). If you can type fast, CCX can allow you to manage your camp's administrative tasks faster than traditional GUI apps.

Summary of contributions

- Major enhancement: Implemented Code Base for Assignment and Progress
 - What it does: This allows the user to add Assignments, with a name and deadline into the program. This also allowed for future extension where a Progress object can be created to tie a Student and Assignment together.
 - Justification: This allows the users to track all the Assignments that is in the camp and will help in the implementation of tracking student progress in the subsequent extension.
 - Highlights:
 - An in-depth analysis was required to determine if Progress was really required since it takes up a lot of time to successfully add another AddressBookGeneric into the program, while taking into account the UI, the storage the commands, parsers, etc. However, the group decided that by splitting the logic of Assignment and Progress, this will allow for better usability and testability. This was discussed within the Developer's Guide as well.
 - Another highlight is that I needed to implement a special form of ID, which I call CompositeID, just for Progress object, since Progress objects are identified by 2 IDs, studentID and assignmentID. Due to this, I needed to implement many methods in ModelManager in order to allow for model handling via this compositeID.
- Major enhancement: Implemented all Undo/Redo-able Assign & Un-assign commands
 - What it does: Allow user to assign/un-assign a Student/Teacher/Assignment to a Course and allow for them to undo/redo those commands
 - Justification:
 - i. This allows the user add/remove a student/teacher/assignment to and from a course, allowing for them to better manage the their coding camp.
 - ii. Should they have executed the command wrongly, they are able to undo or redo the commands they have just executed while returning to the **correct** previous state.
 - Highlights: This was one of the most challenging portions of the program due to these reasons:

- 1. It ties in many of the functionality and classes implemented. For example, the Assign/Unassign commands need to make sure that entity linking is **correct** and that Progress objects added/removed **correctly**. As such, it is very dependent on EdgeManager and ProgressManager for correct implementation.
- 2. Many design alternatives were considered. Initially, the logic of assigning the edges was within the Assign/Un-assign command itself, but I refactored everything out to the ModelManager and subsequently EdgeManager to ensure that we better follow design principle of Single-Responsibility Principle.
- 3. Pre-processing of Command was **vital** since our program works via IDs. The method is crucial in making sure that the entities are in a **consistent state** before executing the assign command. **Consistent state** means that either the two targeting objects have each other's IDs or they do not. There should never be the case where one party has the other's ID but not vice versa.
- 4. Allow for Undo/Redo-ability into the **correct** state
 - a. Generally, when undo/redo is called, we just have to execute the opposite command.
 - b. However, we realized that it was not so trivial when we discovered a huge bug where undo-ing an un-assign command does not put back the specific Progress objects that were removed.
 - c. As such, special considerations had to be implemented to ensure that these Assign/Unassign commands can work correctly.
 - d. These considerations are included in the Developer's Guide as well.
- **Minor enhancement**: Implemented ProgressManager to allow for successful Creation/Deletion of `Progress objects
- Minor enhancement: Implemented Assign/Un-assign portion of EdgeManager
- Minor enhancement: Implemented Done/Undone Commands to mark Progress objects as Done /Undone
- Code contributed: [Functional code]
- Other contributions:
 - Project management:
 - Managed releases v1.2 (1 release) on GitHub
 - Managed Deadlines and Deliverable
 - Enhancements to existing features:
 - Allow for additions and removal of Assignment object entities
 - Documentation:
 - Complete documentation of Model, Entity Linking and Student Progress Management in Developer's Guide
 - Added Assignment and Done/Undone Commands into User Guide
 - Community:
 - PRs reviewed (with non-trivial review comments): #91, #111, #188

- Contributed to forum discussions (examples: 1)
- Reported bugs and suggestions for other teams in the class (examples: 1, 2, 3)

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.

Assignment



Figure 1. List of Assignments. Shows details of selected Assignment.

Add an assignment: add-assignment

Add a new assignment to the list of all assignments

Format: n/NAME dl/DEADLINE [t/TAG]...

Example: * add-assignment n/Adversarial Search Assignment 2 dl/2020-12-30 t/AI t/Difficult

NOTE

DEADLINE must be in YYYY - MM - DD or YYY - MM - DD format else an error will be thrown.

Delete an assignment: delete-assignment

Format: delete-assignment ID Example:

- delete-assignment 16100
 - Deletes the item at the specified ID. The ID refers to the ID number shown in the displayed item list
 - The ID must be a positive integer 16100, 25200, 52500, ...

Be reminded that when you delete an assignment, the assignment will be deleted from every course as well.

NOTE

Furthermore, the progress of the assignment will also be removed from every course of any student

and every student of any course.

For example, a student that was only assigned to a course that contains only this assignment will have no assignment left after this assignment is deleted.

Edit an assignment: edit-assignment

Format: edit-assignment ID [n/NAME] dl/DEADLINE t/TAGS] Example:

- edit-assignment 16100 n/Edit Python Assignment 1
 - Edits the assignment at the specified ID. The ID refers to the ID number shown in the displayed course list panel
 - The ID **must be a positive integer** 16100, 2520, 52500, ...
 - · At least one of the optional fields must be provided
 - Existing values will be updated to the input values
 - When editing tags, the existing tags of the item will be removed i.e adding of tags is not cumulative
 - You can remove all the assignment's tags by typing t/ without specifying any tags after it

Locating items by name: find-assignment

Finds assignments whose names contain any of the given keywords.

Format: find-assignment KEYWORD [MORE_KEYWORDS]...

- The search is case insensitive. e.g java will match Java
- The order of the keywords does not matter. e.g. Java Assignment will match Assignment Java
- Only the name is searched
- Only full words will be matched e.g. Java will not match Javascript
- Items matching at least one keyword will be returned (i.e. OR search). e.g. Java Assignment will return Java Course, Java Code and Python Assignment

Examples:

find-assignment java
 Returns java and Java Assignment

Mark a Student's Assignment as Done/Undone

Mark a student's assignment as Done.

Format: done aid/ASSIGNMENTID sid/STUDENTID

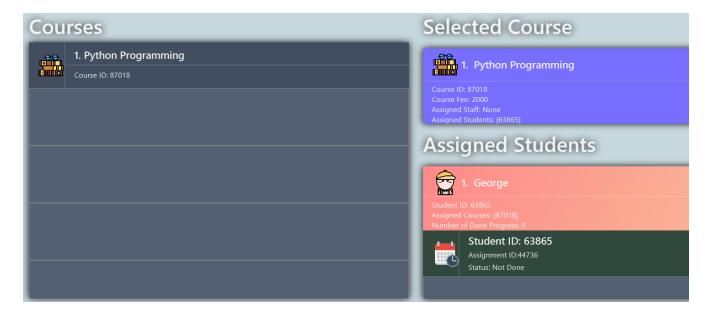
Example: done aid/829 sid/21

Mark a student's assignment as Undone.

Format: undone aid/ASSIGNMENTID sid/STUDENTID

Example: undone aid/829 sid/21

Illustration:



Notice that George has initially not completed Assignment 44736.

After done aid/44736 sid/63865:



Now observe 3 updates:

1. Success message as displayed in message box

- 2. The status of the Assignment has been marked as done
- 3. The Number of Done Progress has been incremented by 1

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.

Model component [Tee Jun Jie Ivan]

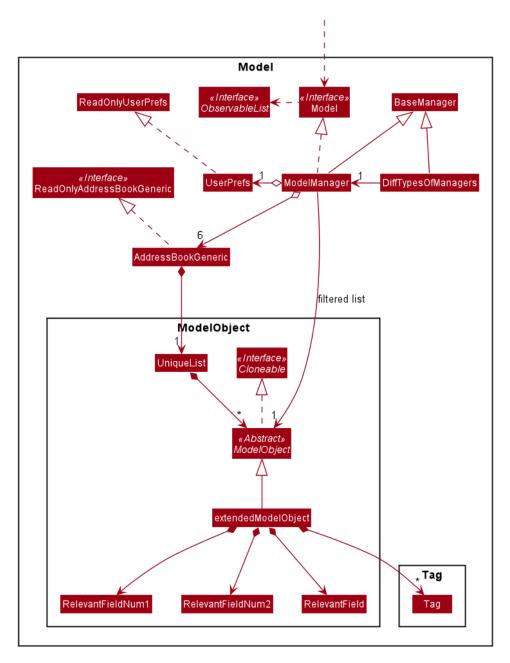


Figure 2. Structure of the Model Component

API: Model.java

The Model,

- stores a UserPref object that represents the user's preferences.
- stores the 6 AddressBookGeneric<K extends ModelObject>, each of which holds a different type of ModelObject. The 6 types are namely
 - 1. Student
 - 2. Course
 - 3. Staff
 - 4. Assignment
 - 5. Progress
 - 6. Finance
- exposes an unmodifiable ObservableList<K extends ModelObject> 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.
- does not depend on any of the other components.

Below is an example of the different types of RelevantFields that can be tied to an Assignment.

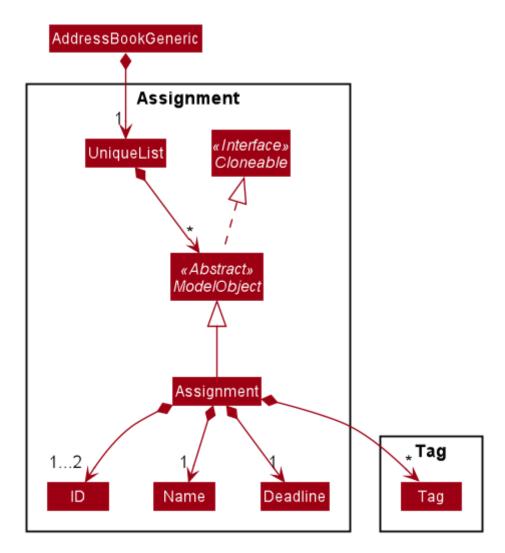


Figure 3. Class Diagram of Assignment

NOTE

The AddressBookGeneric in the diagram above is actually an AddressBookGeneric<Assignment>. The AddressBookGeneric has been made to accept any class that extends ModelObject. This cannot be shown due to limitations in PlantUML.

Notable Implementations in Model

1. By making use of Generics and Polymorphism, the group has made it such that AddressBookGeneric<K extends ModelObject> can hold any class that extends from ModelObject

Benefits

- a. Allows for code optimization by having reusable code. There is significant decrease in workload when code can be reused for each others' benefit instead of having duplicated code.
- b. Allows for extension easily for future features. Future features that involve creating new AddressBooks can be developed very quickly and allow for faster development of future features.
- 2. All ModelObjects implement Cloneable so as to allow for Defensive Programming more easily.
 - a. Please refer to Step 2 of Section 2.2.2 for the team's rationale behind having ModelObject implement Cloneable.
- 3. All Non-Crud Commands such as Assign/Un-assign/Done are handled in DiffTypesOfManagers such as EdgeManager or ProgressManager instead of having all implementations being done in ModelManager

Benefits

- a. Easier implementation since lower level implementations can be abstracted away
- b. More decoupling which will lead to be better testability and easier debugging

Entity Linking - Assigning/Un-Assigning an Entity to/from a Course [Tee Jun Jie Ivan]

In order to allow the tracking of the students/assignments/teachers that are assigned to a course and vice versa, this required us to implement a structure which allowed us to obtain information from the aforementioned objects, without causing any circular referencing errors.

OO Domain Model - Relationship Between Entities

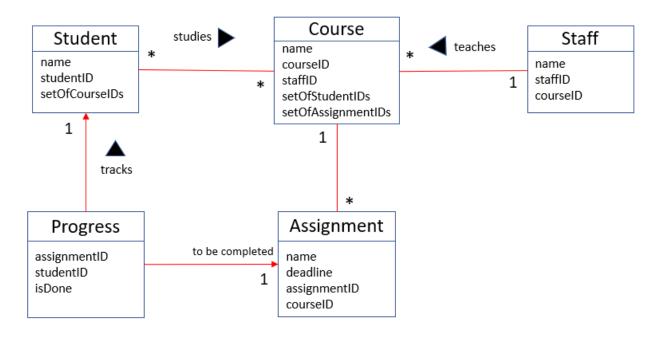


Figure 4. Relationship between Entities

The group came up with the structure above where we centralize most links around the Course object so as for easier management of entity links.

IMPORTANT

Notice that Student does **not** hold a Course, but a set of CourseIDs. Hence, there should be an association between Student and ID instead of Student and Course. However, the group found it much more **intuitive** to think of the associations to be from 2 modelObjects rather than to and from IDs. Every non-directed association between 2 objects ensures that both objects have each other's ID.

The only exception is Progress objects which are created via a composite ID of studentID and assignmentID. A more detailed explanation of Progress Management is explained in [progress-management].

Entity Linking is managed exclusively by Edge Manager

Ensures that links are maintained/removed properly during assign, un-assign, delete commands
 API: EdgeManager.java

Execution of Assign/Un-assign Command [Tee Jun Jie Ivan]

For the actual execution of an assign/un-assign command, 2 main steps are performed.

1. Pre-process the targeted entities to ensure consistent state - Via PreprocessUndoCommand method call

2. Add/Remove both object's ID into/from each other - Handled by EdgeManager

Step 1: Preprocess Entities

<u>Rationale</u>

Firstly, a pre-processing step must be performed before executing an undo-able assign/un-assign command to ensure that all entity links are in correct state before command execution. This means that either

- 1. Both targeted objects have each other's IDs or
- 2. They do not

There should be no instance where Course has an Assignment/Student/Staff's ID but they do not have the Course's ID or vice versa.

<u>Current Implementation</u>

Below is an activity diagram showing the pre-processing performed for assign commands. The diagram can be generalized for un-assign commands by checking if the course contains X and vice versa in the second stage instead.

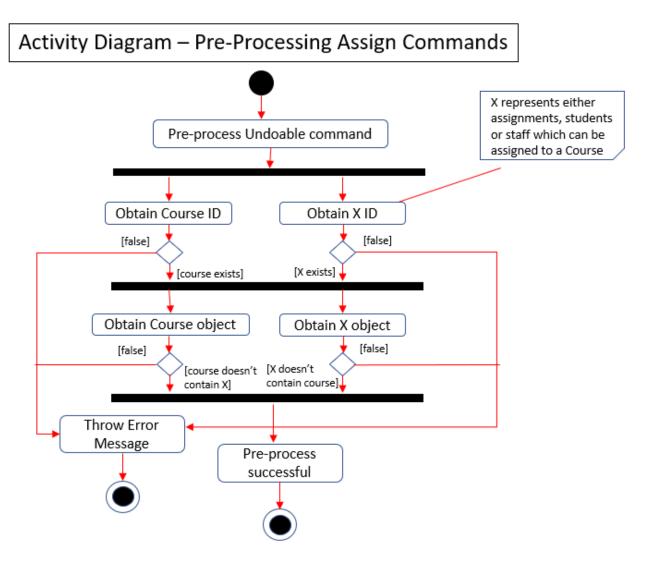


Figure 5. Activity Diagram of Pre-processing for Assign/Un-assign commands

Notice that there are 2 main exit points in the activity diagram.

- 1. The success case is straightforward and will lead to a the program continuing to execute the actual assign/un-assign command.
- 2. For the failure case, should any of the conditions fail, this means that either that the
 - specified objects does not exist,
 - both entities are already assigned to each other or,
 - most importantly, that the model is in an inconsistent state where one entity is assigned to the other but not vice versa.

Step 2: Assign IDs via EdgeManager

<u>Rationale</u>

After the necessary checks have been performed, respective IDs need to be added to the targeted course and targeted object in order to ensure correct and consistent assigning of objects.

<u>Current Implementation</u>

Below is a sequence diagram of how EdgeManager adds the IDs to the two objects involved.

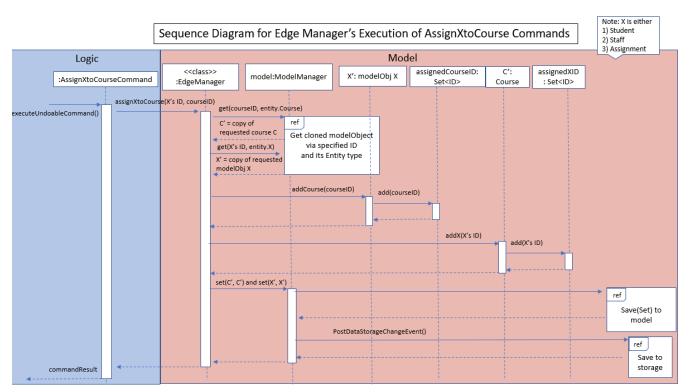


Figure 6. Sequence Diagram of EdgeManager's AssignXtoCourse commands

The flow of an assign command is as follows:

- 1. Obtain a copy of the requested modelObjects from ModelManager
 - a. One of which must be a Course modelObject, the other being either a Student/Staff /Assignment modelObject

- 2. For object X', add the courseID into the assignedCourseIDs in X`
 - a. For assignments, every assignment can only be assigned to at most **one course**. Hence, it'll hold just an assignedCourseID instead of a set of Course IDs.
- 3. For Course C', add XIIs ID into assignedXIDs in C'
 - a. For courses, every course may only have at most **one teacher**. Hence, course will have an assignedTeacherID instead of a set of Teacher IDs.
- 4. Update the 2 affected models by executing set(target0bj, edited0bj) in modelManager for both changed modelObjects
- 5. Update the storage by running postDataStorageChangeEvent() ref to Figure 2 to understand how storage save is triggered

NOTE

This sequence diagram can be generalized for un-assign command as well. Instead of adding IDs, un-assign will remove each other's ID from the respective objects.

<u>Design Considerations</u>

1. Manipulating the actual modelObjects by having modelManager#get() return referenced variable of the actual modelObjectTags.

Pros

- a. Simpler implementation since any changes to the model will change the actual object directly
- b. Faster execution since any changes is done to the actual modelObject

Cons

- a. Might allow for unintentional changes to the actual modelObject
- 2. (Current Implementation) Manipulate a cloned modelObject by having modelManager#get() return a copy of actual modelObject.

Pros

a. Prevents unintentional modifications of the shared object

Cons

- a. Extra processing required. For example, a method is required to replace the old modelObject with the new model object. Also, requires all ModelObject classes to implement a clone() method.
- b. More memory intensive and can hurt overall program performance.

Overall, the second option was chosen since the program is very dependent on maintaining a consistent state, where either 2 modelObjects have each other's ID or they do not. Some performance can be sacrificed in order to ensure that the links between objects cannot be modified by mistake.

Summary of Entity Linking

Overall, in order to ensure successful entity linking, the role that EdgeManager plays is crucial. The table below shows the method calls made to EdgeManager during an Assign/Un-assign command.

Command	Method Call within the Command	EdgeManager method call
AssignStudentToCourse	PreprocessUndoableCommand() Is executed for all Commands to ensure consistent state	assignStudentToCourse()
AssignTeacherToCourse		assignTeacherToCourse()
AssignAssignmentToCourse		assign Assignment To Course ()
Un-assignStudentFromCourse		unassignStudentFromCourse()
Un-assignTeacherFromCourse		unassignTeacherFromCourse()
Un-assignAssignmentFromCourse		unassign Assignment From Course ()

Figure 7. Table Summary of EdgeManager's involvement during Assign/Un-assign Commands