

Assignment HW2

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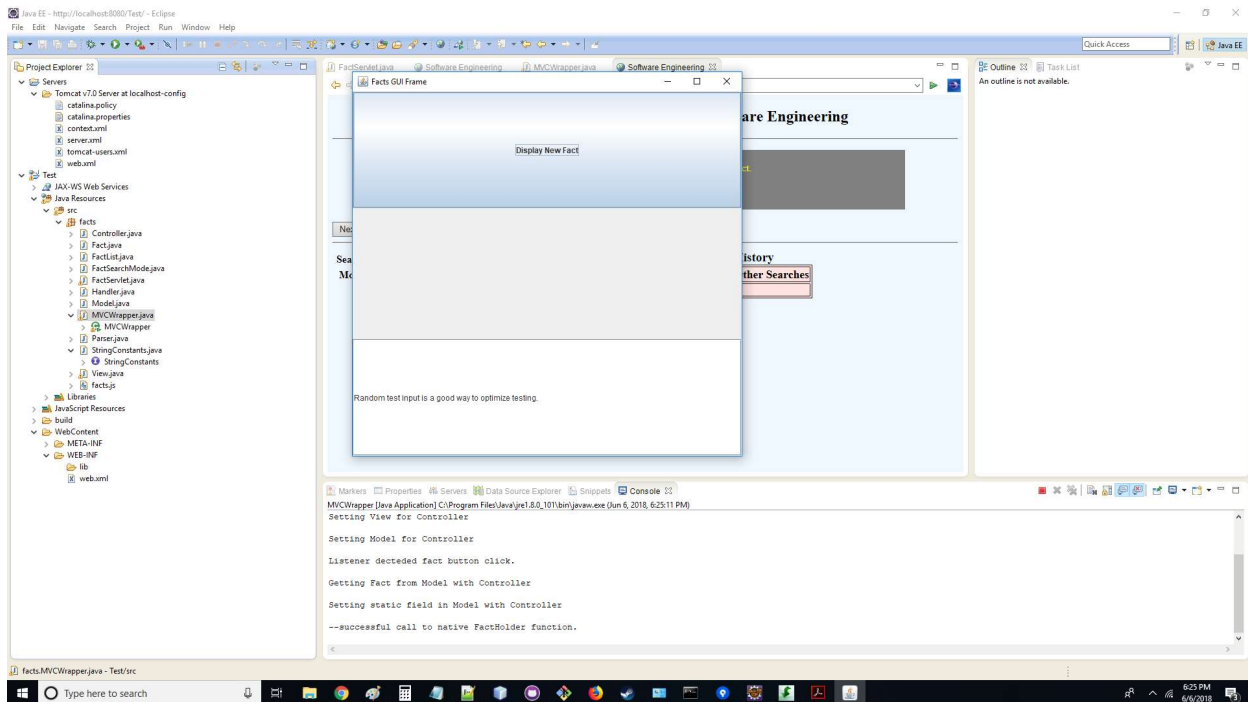
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Assignment Choice:
Simple desktop computer GUI

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Proof Of Working Software



Phase 1 Development

<https://knowledge.autodesk.com/community/screencast/9ab30326-5031-45e0-b856-5ff206242024>

Phase 2 Development

<https://knowledge.autodesk.com/community/screencast/18e387d4-7c61-416a-96d9-26ed922c8539>

Phase 3 Development

<https://knowledge.autodesk.com/community/screencast/090da05a-5702-41cd-a5ea-1dca3a2862bc>

Successful Use Of an active GUI

<https://autode.sk/2Je6wml>

Proof of Facts Web App Use

<https://knowledge.autodesk.com/community/screencast/8d902e29-efae-4a32-a043-e8892cd269b2>

Proof of Maintainability Assessment and Fully completed GUI

<https://autode.sk/2HoonRK>

Documentation Log

1. Reductions/removals/modifications

a. `HttpServletRequest.java`

- Refactored the hard-coded string paths into their own file
- this makes the files easier to maintain

2. New Files

a. `StringConstants.java`

- this is a refactoring of the strings used in the `HttpServletRequest.java` file

b. `MVCWrapper`

- Holds the main routine
- Creates the `JFrame` GUI
- This class DOES NOT instantiate as an object
- This allows `MVCWrapper` to implement (abstractly extend) the `ActionListener` interface
- Keeping this class static is a concept is the key to the whole design pattern
- `MVCWrapper`'s main purpose is to listen to the user clicks

c. `Controller`

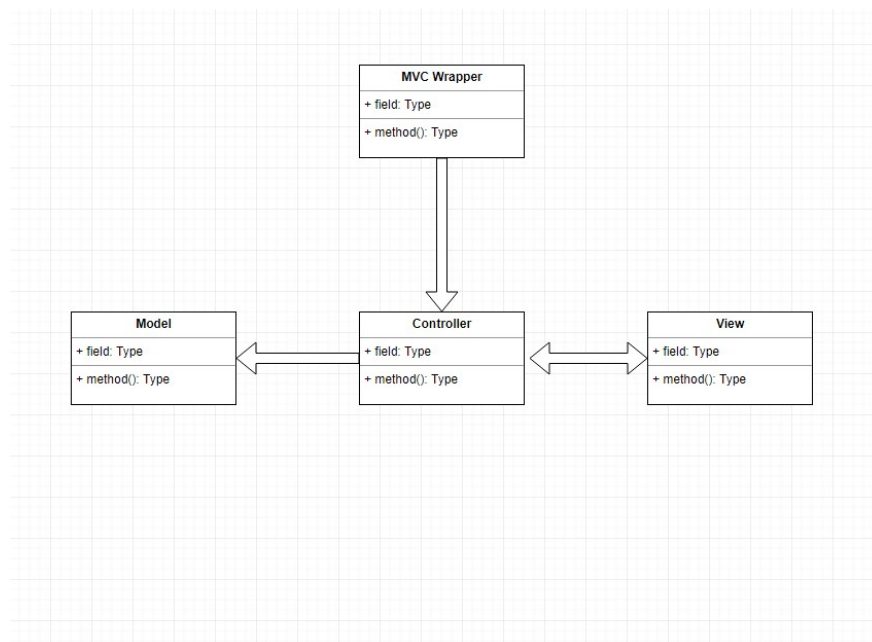
- Communication between the model and view

d. `Model`

- Holds data

e. `View`

- Displays data in the `JFrame` GUI
- This class requests data from the `Controller`
- The `Controller` physically controls the data flow between components



Maintainability Assessment

IEEE defines software maintenance as "The ease with which a software system or component can be modified to correct faults, improve performance or other attributes, or adapt to a changed environment." Our group decided to implement a GUI interface on our server. We obtained the original servlet source code from the facts repository and modified the FactServlet.java source file.

What did the original programmers do that made it hard to change the software?

What made the code difficult to modify was the lack of comments in the original source files. If someone reading the source code is not familiar with web-based java applications, understanding each method can be difficult. As the programmers, we would include a detailed description showing input and output values of each of the functions in the source file.

The overall lack of documentation made the reading demand much higher. We had to read each file to learn how to use the methods that we already in place. Any baseline documentation would have helped. A full UML diagram would have been best. But even a small sequence diagram would speed maintenance up.

What did the original programmers do that made it easy to change the software?

The code was easy to change given the organization of the original source files. Each function followed a universal naming convention.

The string paths were actually very simple to find, they were at the top of the file and they were collected together. So that made it easy to UNDERSTAND HOW to change the string paths if needed. It did not make the paths themselves easy to change because this required immersing ourselves into the project to actually find them.

What would you do differently if you did it again?

We would keep all string constants outside of the designs and in their own file, which we did. This makes updating build paths a breeze because when a programmer wants to tailor to a new location, they don't even have to open any of the design files to make the project run. This is a design refactoring guideline we learned in Software Project Management. It's extremely important on large teams and big projects. Building Software must not consume developer or testers time in those large environments.