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Acronyms

OOP – Object Oriented Programming

ILMS – Integrated Library Management System

MVC - Model View Control

SE - Standard Edition

PHP - Hypertext Pre-processor

SDS - System Design Specification

http – hypertext transfer protocol

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this design document is to present the system design at a level that can be directly traced to the specific system objective along with providing more detailed data, functional and behavioural requirements. This design document will verify that the current design meets all of the explicit requirements contained in the system model as well as implicit requirements desired.

1.2 General Overview

In object-oriented programming development, model-view-controller (MVC) is a methodology or design pattern for successfully and efficiently relating the user interface to underlying data models. The model-view-controller pattern proposes three main components or objects to be used:

- A Model, which represents the underlying, logical structure of data in a software application and the high-level class associated with it. This object model does not contain any information about the user interface.
- A View , which is a collection of classes representing the elements in the user interface (all of the things the user can see and respond to on the screen, such as buttons, display boxes, and so forth)
- A Controller, which represents the classes connecting the model and the view, and is used to communicate between classes in the model and view.

Unnecessary complexity is an adverse to software development. Complexity leads to software that is buggy, and expensive to maintain. One big issue behind code complexity is putting dependencies everywhere. Conversely, removing unnecessary dependencies makes luscious code that is less buggy and easier to maintain and reusable without modification. Where stable code can be reused without introducing new bugs into it.

The system's data model is contained in a persistent storage, a traditional server-side MySQL database. The controller classes are written in JavaScript/PHP for the web deployment and java for the desktop. The system's interface is written in HTML/CSS and java. This sounds like MVC, where each component follows a more rigid pattern.

The **Controller** manages the user requests (received as HTTP GET or POST requests) when the user clicks on GUI elements or when a librarian /administrator clicks on the desktop interface to perform actions. Its main function is to call and coordinate the necessary resources/objects needed to perform the user action.

The **Model** is the data and the rules applying to that data, which represent concepts that the application manages. As stated above, ILMS depends on a database to store all the required data such as member data used for account control, book catalog data, user feedback used for rating books, transaction cache and so on. The model gives the controller a data representation of user requests.

The **View** provides different ways to present the data received from the **Model**. It refers to the desktop and web interface of the ILMS system where users can interact with.

The interface presented must be different if the request came from the desktop app or from the web interface. The model returns exactly the same data, the only difference is that the controller will choose a different view to render them. Usually view and controller collaborate, whereas the model initially operates independently of both. With the help of MVC-concept, program elements are largely independent of each other which implies a clear and well-structured program code.

Here is a brief explanation of how MVC-concept works in the ILMS system from the administrator's point of view as an example.

An administrator can add or remove Library Members. Say the administrator clicks on add members button. There is a particular control that handles all account-related actions (`accountControl.java`). A model for handles data and logic related to the items in the ILMS System and a series of views to present, a page to enter new member's info to be exact.

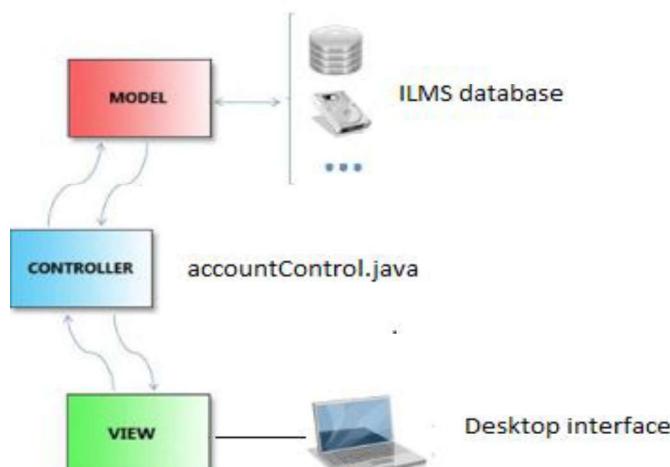


Figure 1: Example Diagram

MVC Architecture and ILMS System Security

There is a login screen that collects and validates the username and password. This page then directs the user to another screen that allows them to continue in a secure manner. However, as MVC doesn't provide anything that prevents the user from going directly to a page, security is accomplished by including a security check inside the controller object. Because the interface to the customer is driven through the controller object, there is a single entry point and a single location for the security checks to be performed.

MVC Architecture and Maintainability

The model view controller (MVC) is a three different tier architecture design pattern for the dissociation Data Access logic, user interface and control logic. As stated above the ILMS system is structured in MVC pattern. Model expressing domain knowledge, view representing user interface, control that is used to manage the updates to views. The dissociation property extensively aids in the maintenance of ILMS system components.

MVC architecture provides a better performance than most of the patterns available yet performance of systems can be further enhanced based on two parameters namely response time and throughput. The response time and throughput is improved based on the proposed database search algorithm using B+ tree.
(<http://www.ijcaonline.org/archives/volume134/number12/23970-2016908099>)

These are additional reasons why we chose MVC architectural pattern.

Developer specialization and focus: UI developers can focus exclusively on UI, without being hindered by business logic rules or code.

Parallel development:

- Business logic developers can build empty classes that allow UI developers to forge ahead before business logic is fully implemented.
- UI can be reworked as much as required without slowing down the development of code that implements business rules.

Applications having an MVC design are also more easily extensible than others.

1.3 Development Methods & Contingencies

The system used an object orientated approach as well as MVC architecture in development. Since the first step in OOP is to identify all the objects the programmer wants to manipulate and how they relate to each other, an exercise often known as data modelling. Once an object has been identified, it is generalized as a class of objects which defines the kind of data it contains and any logic sequences that can manipulate it. Each distinct logic sequence is known as a method. Objects communicate with well-defined interfaces called messages. The system used this approach in designing the overall process.

The system has also make use of UML diagrams to provide a standard way to visualize the design of a system in developing and used Java SE in development of the desktop component and PHP in the logic processing of the web component since both these languages are well fitted to OOP.

2. System Architecture

2.1 Subsystem decomposition

2.1.1 Layer 1



Figure 2: Layer 1

2.1.2 Layer 2

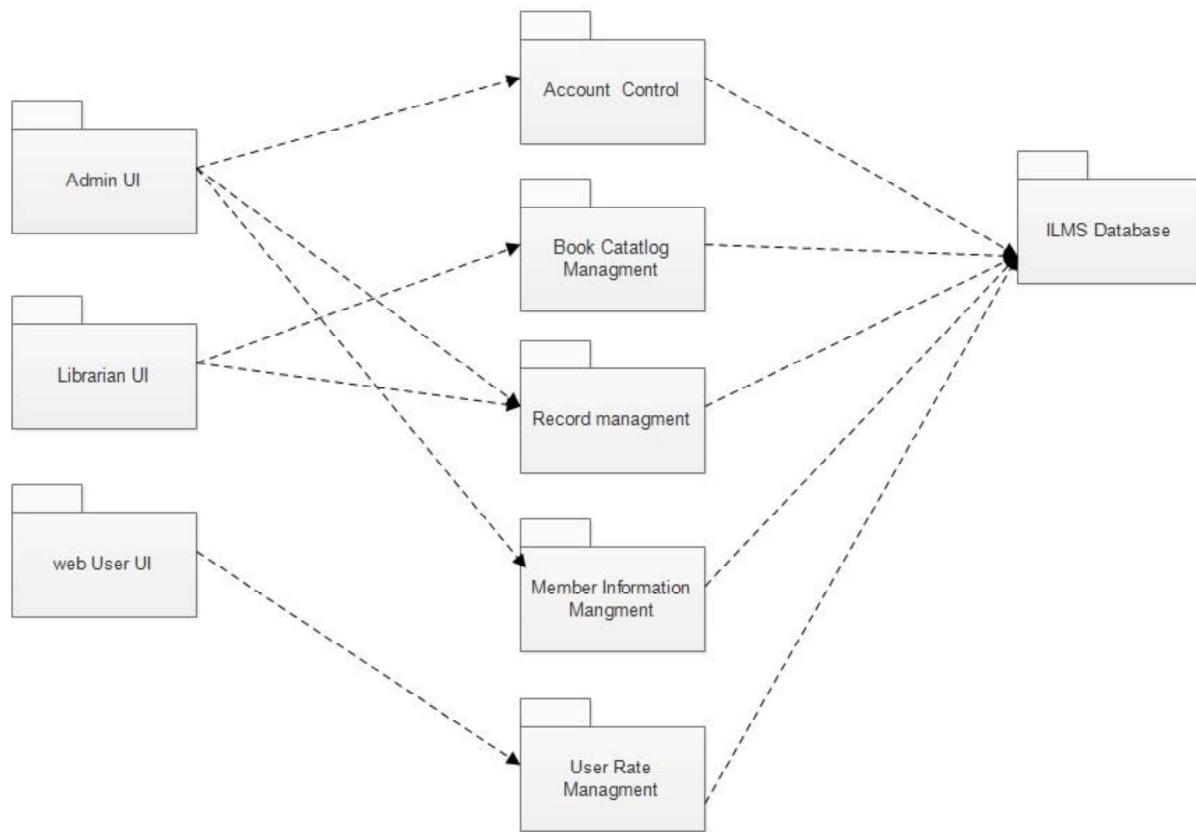


Figure 3: Layer 2 Diagram

2.1.3 Layer3

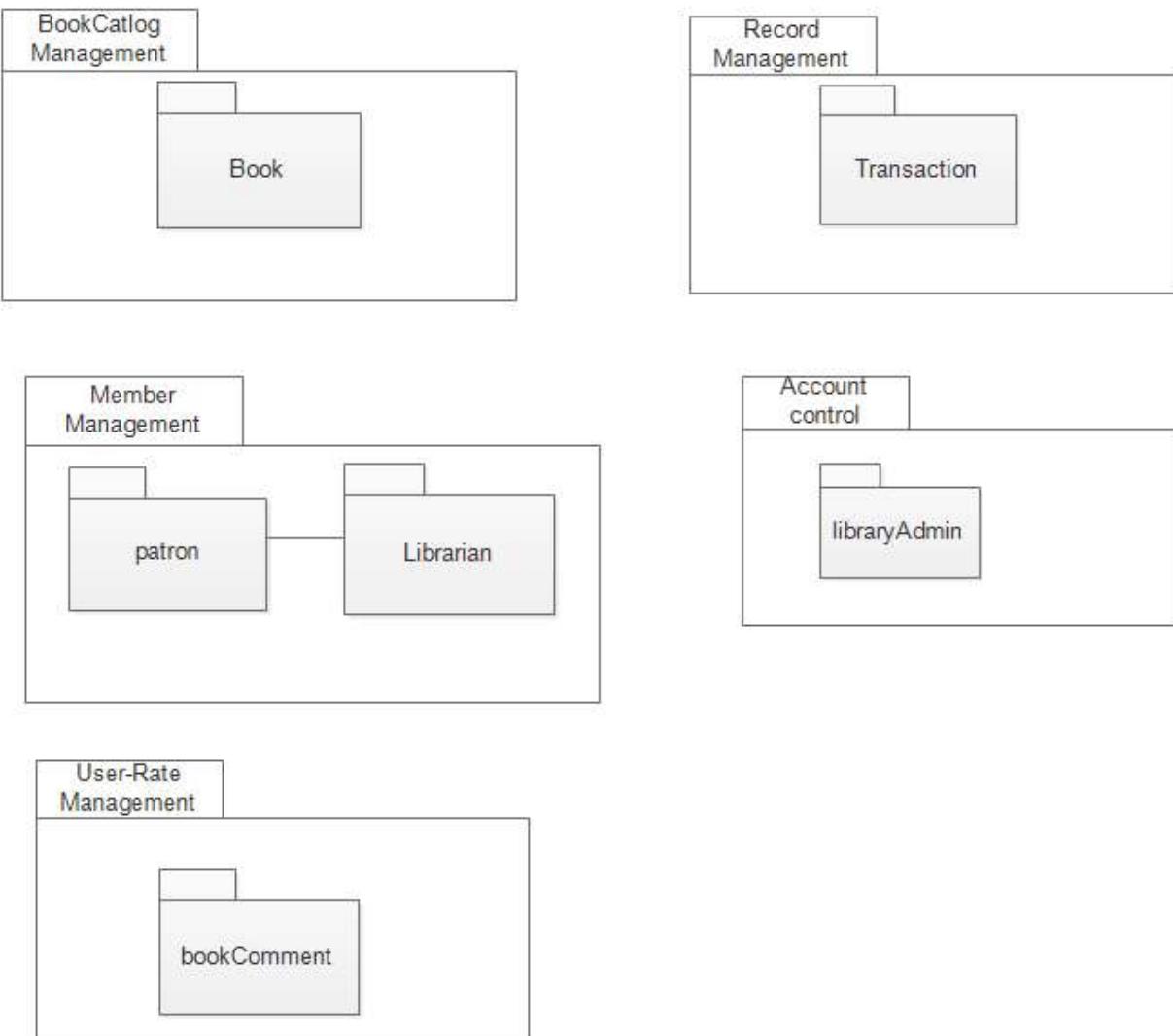


Figure 4: Layer 3 Diagram

2.2 Hardware/software mapping

2.2.1 Deployment Diagram

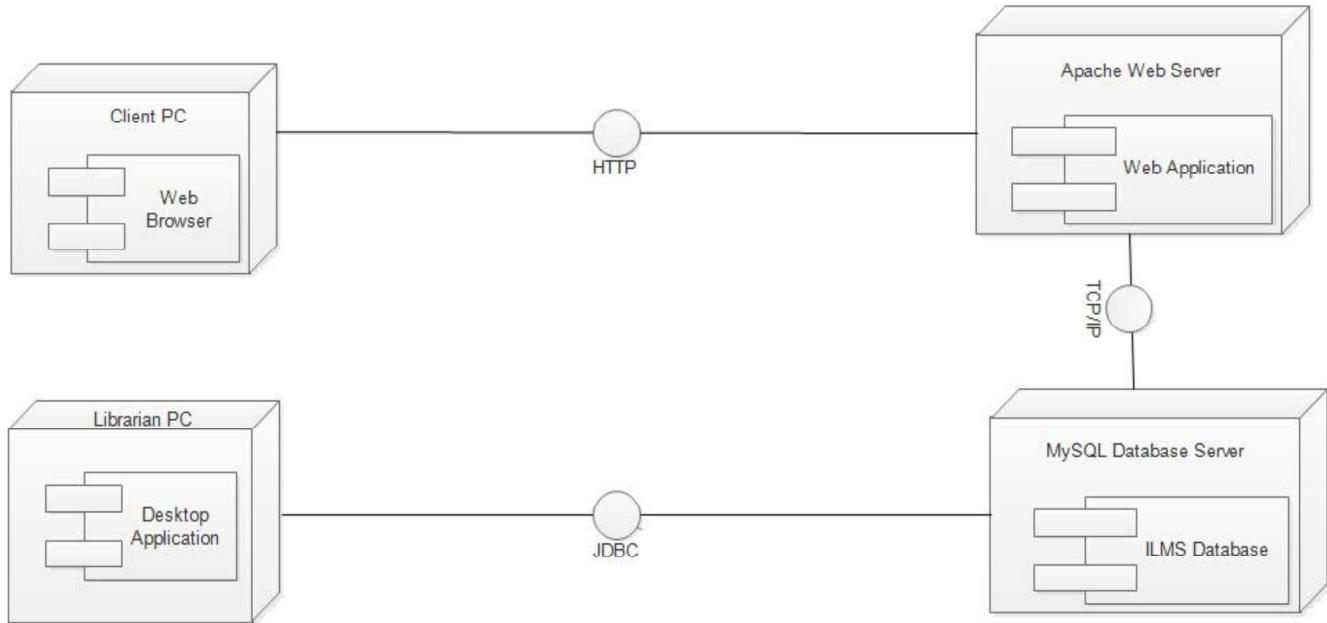


Figure 5: Deployment Diagram

3. Object Model

3.1 Class Diagram

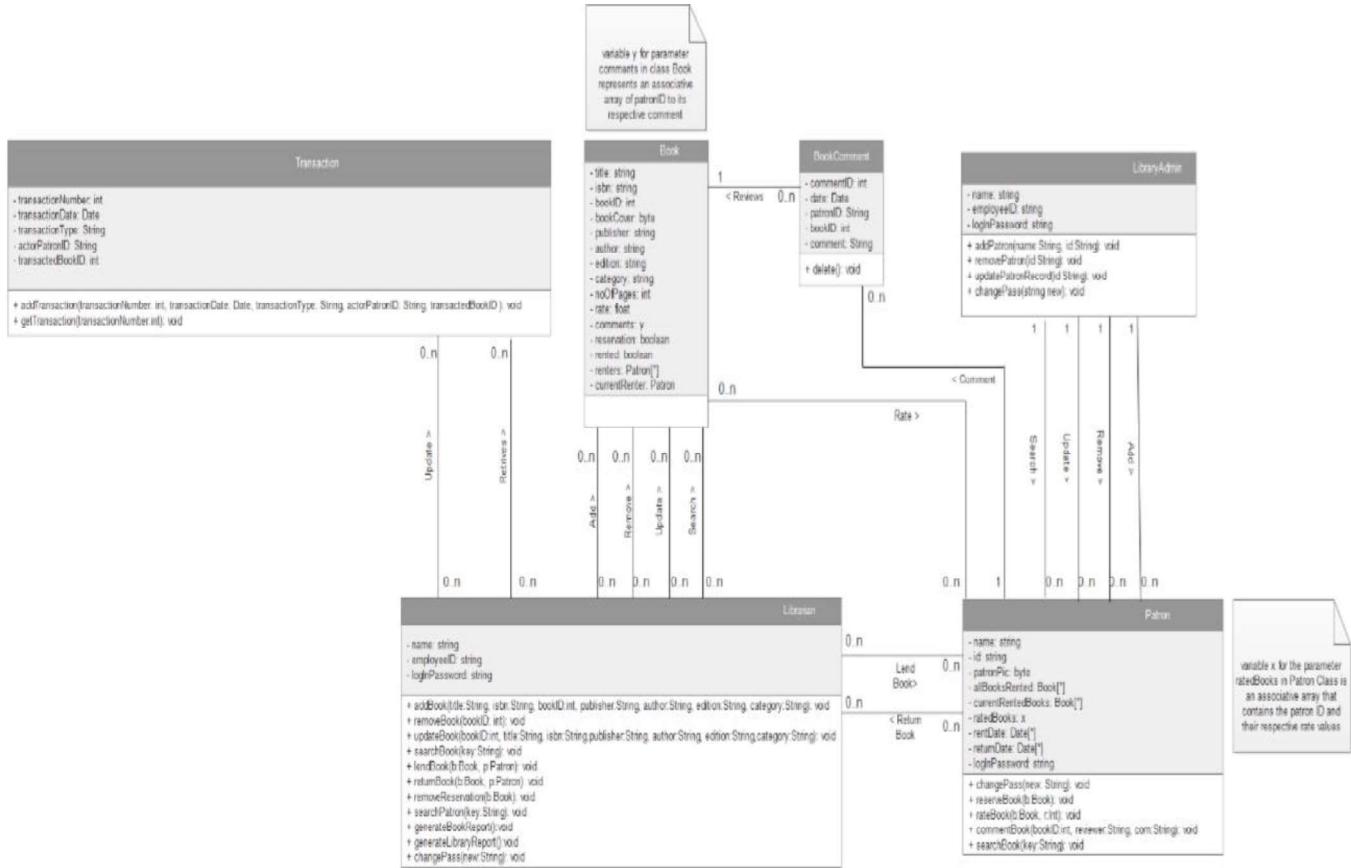


Figure 6:class Diagram

3.2 Sequence Diagram

3.2.1 Add Book

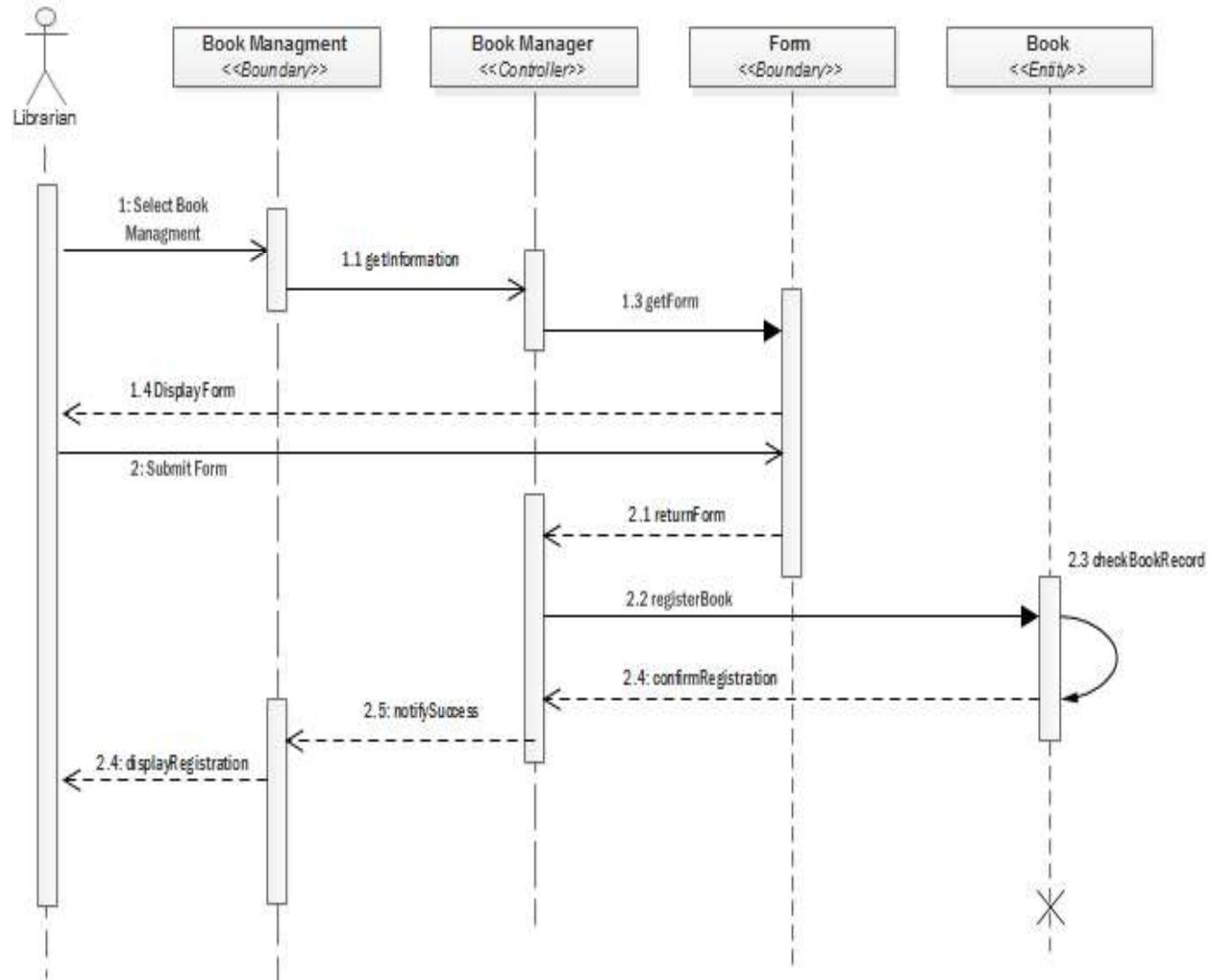


Figure 7: Add book

3.2.2 Issue Book

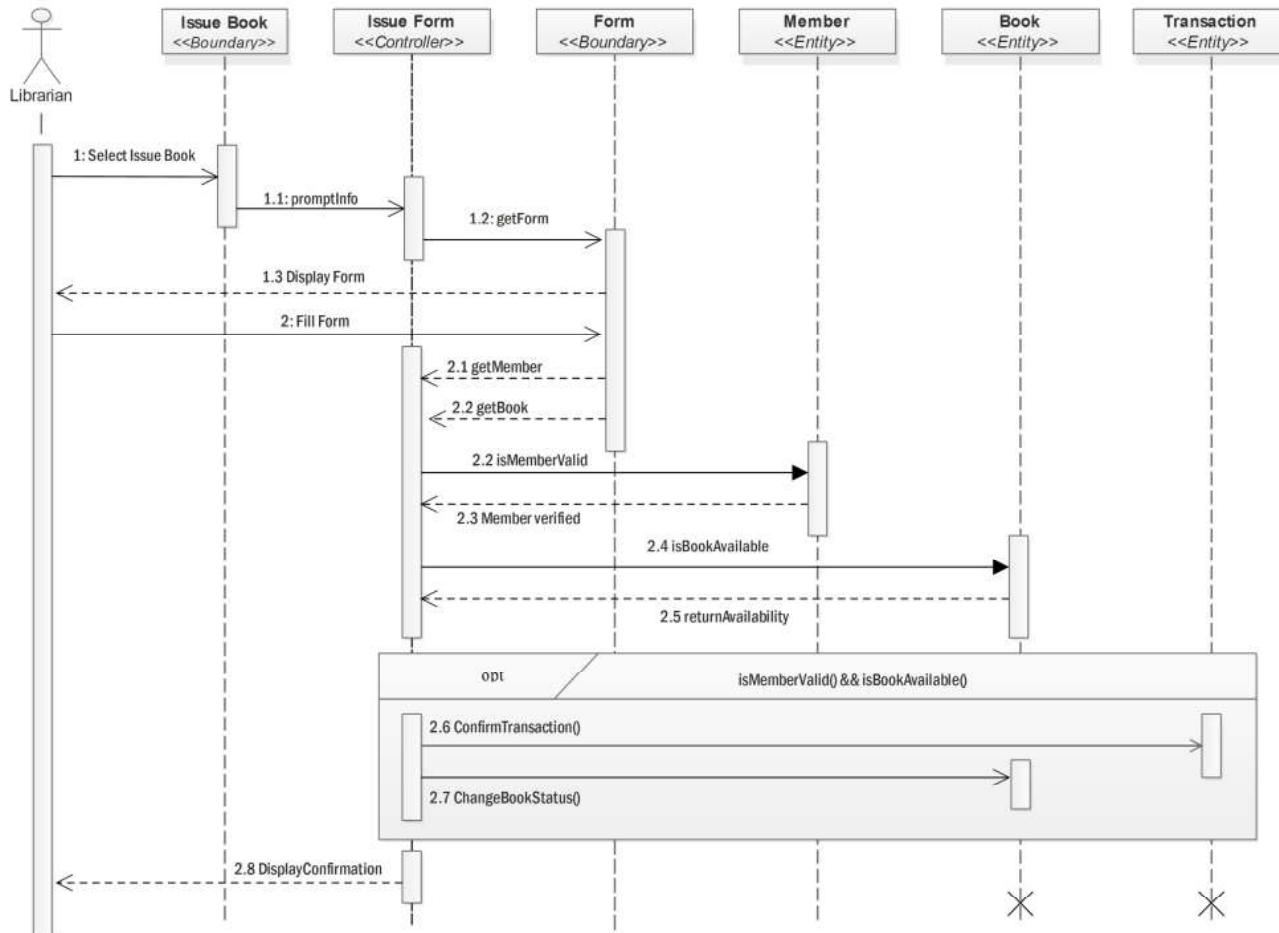


Figure 8: Issue book

3.2.3 Register Members

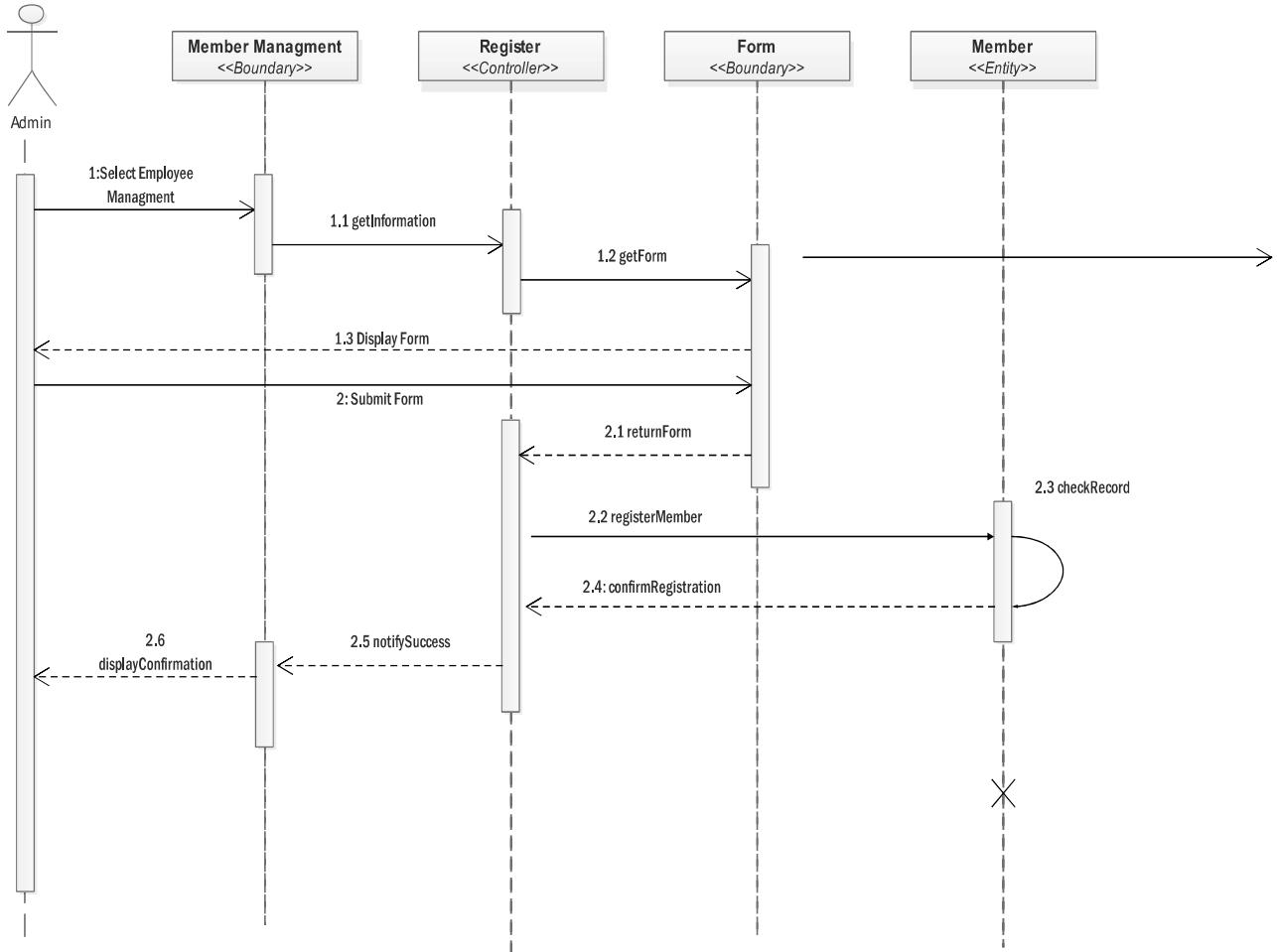


Figure 9: Register Members

3.2.4 Remove Book

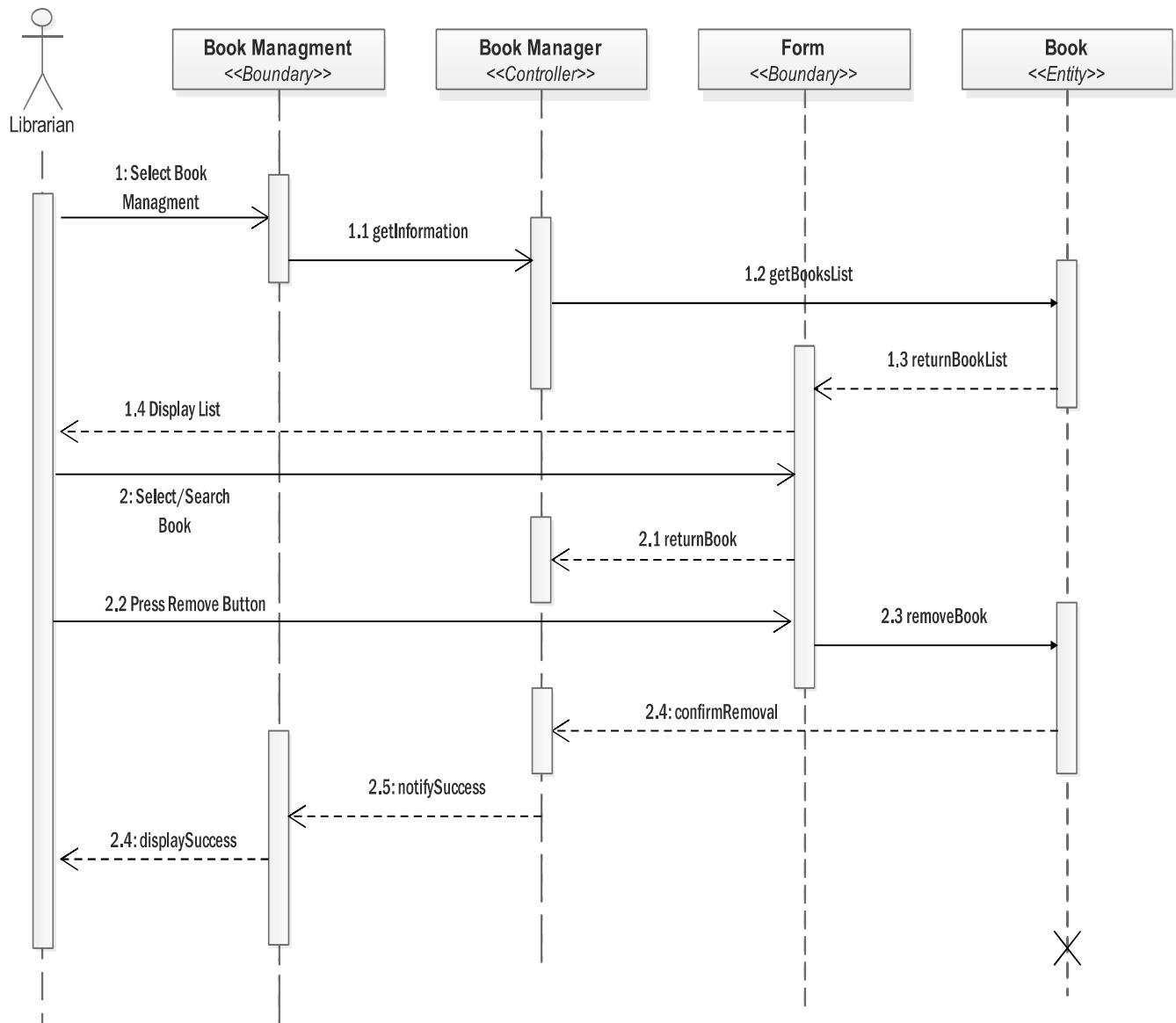


Figure 10: Remove Books

3.2.5 Return Book

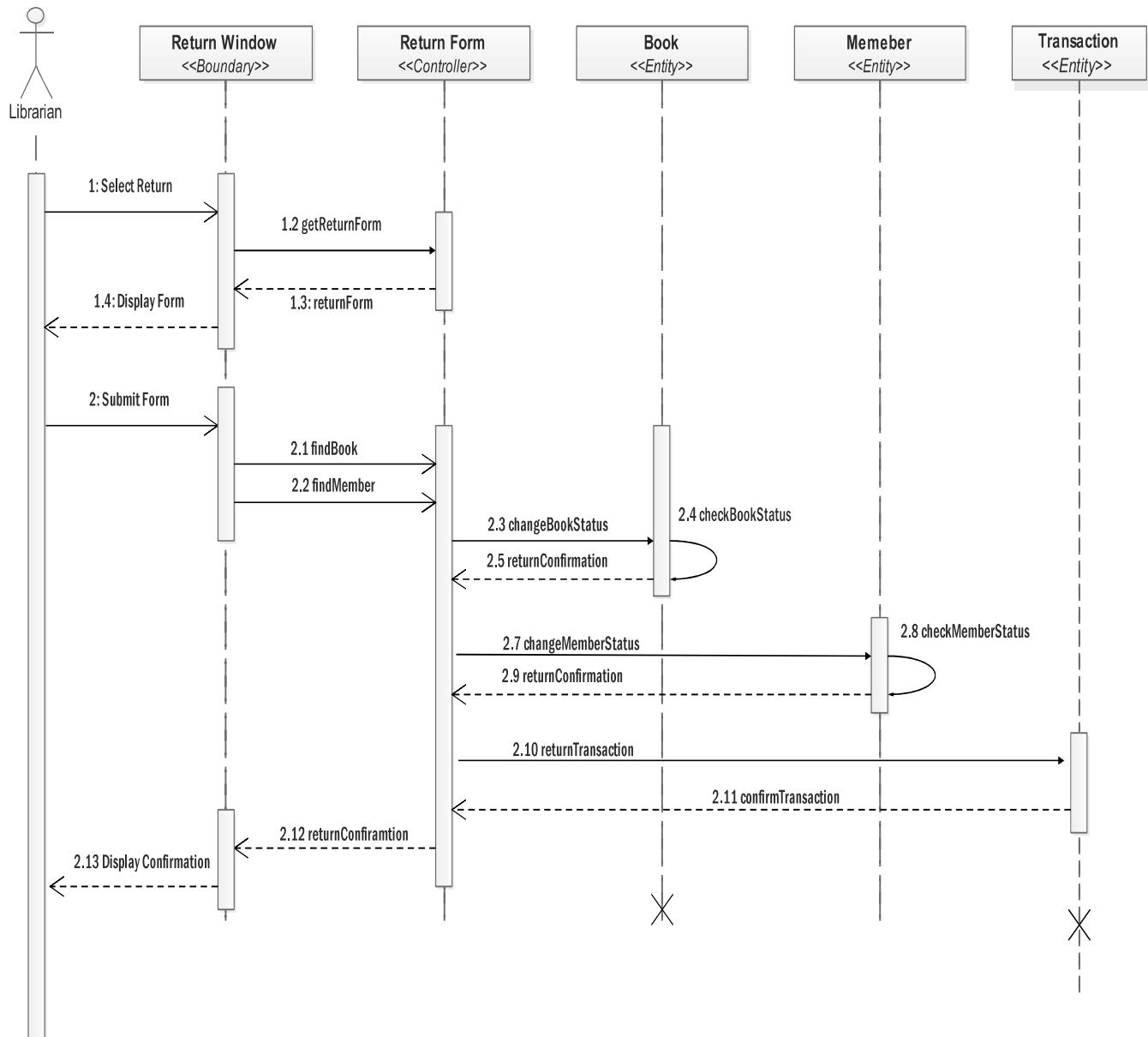


Figure 11: Return Book

3.2.6 Review Book

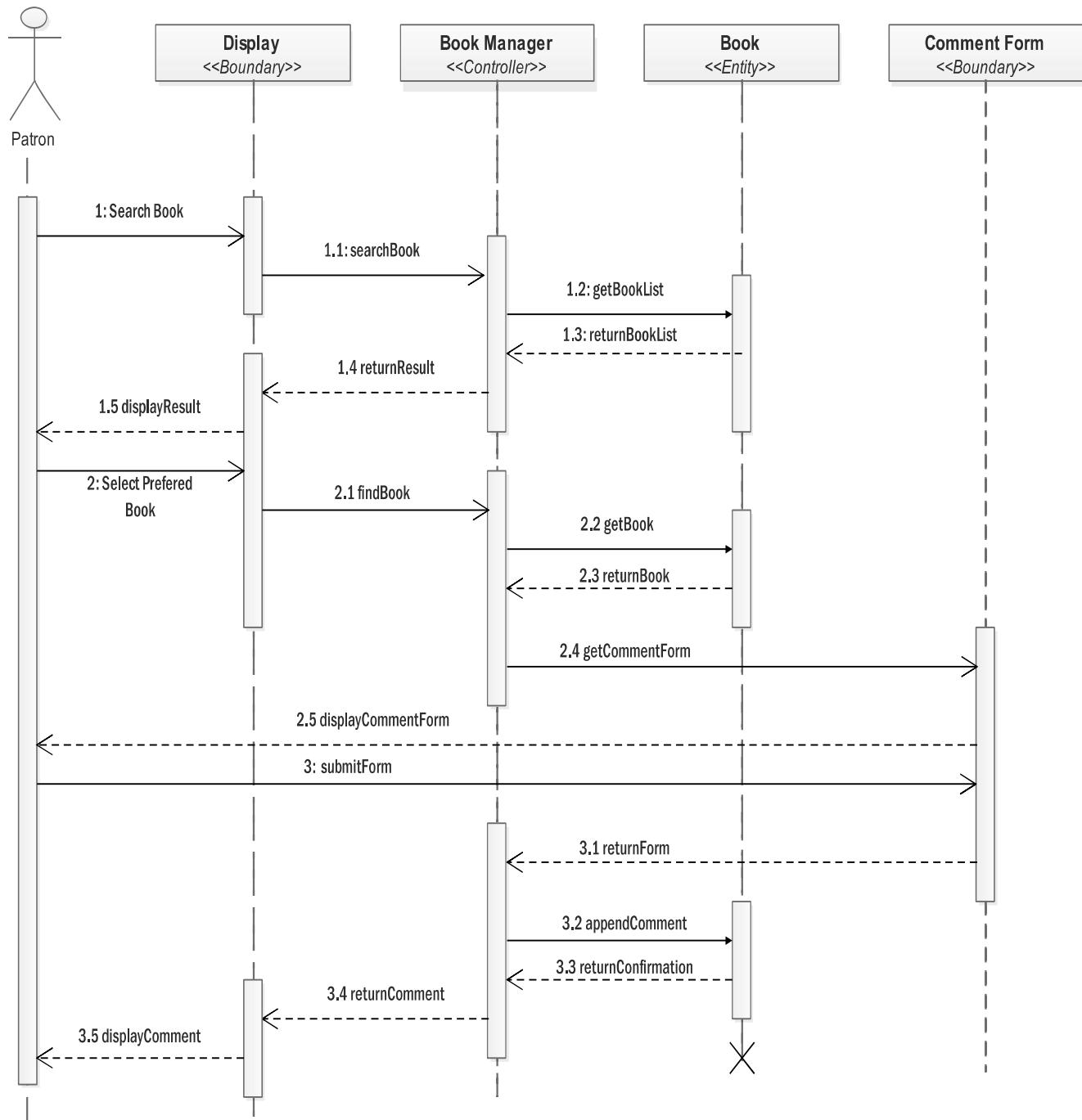


Figure 12: Review Book

3.3 State Chart Diagram

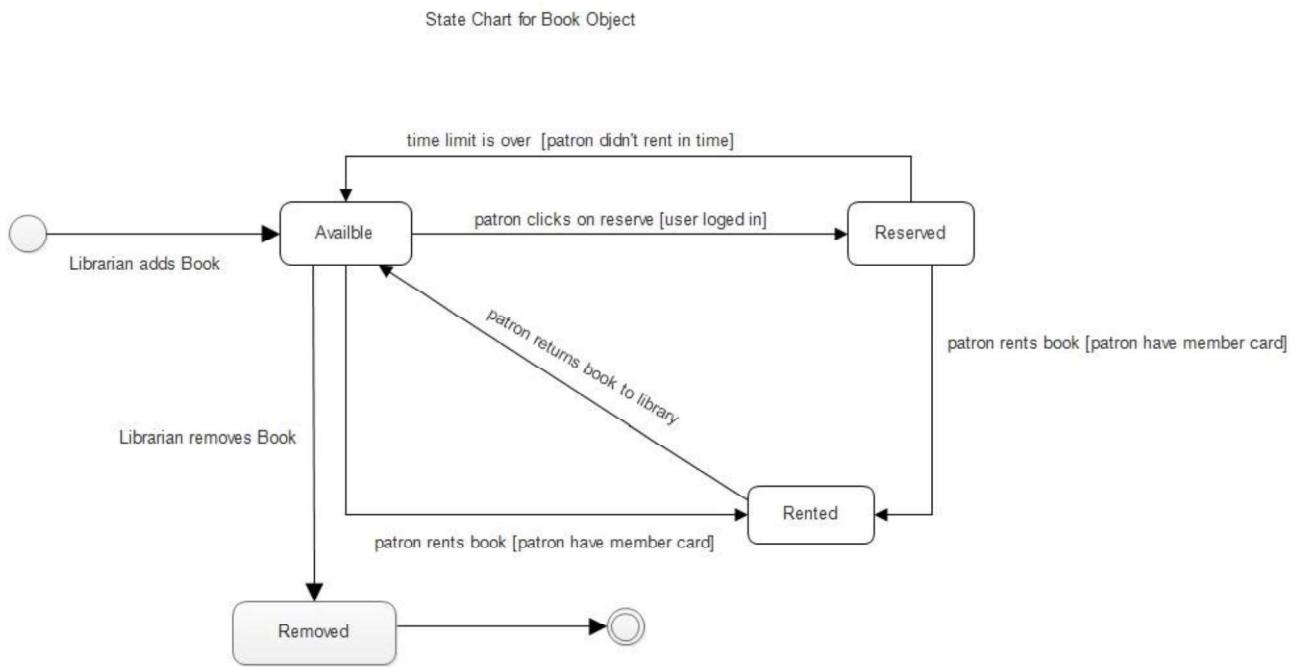


Figure 13: State chart Diagram

4. Detailed Design

Table 1: Librarian Class

Librarian
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - name: String - employeeID: String - logInPassword: String <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + addBook(title:String, isbn:String, bookID:int, publisher:String, author:String, edition:String, category:String): void + removeBook(bookID:int): void + updateBook(bookID:int, title:String, isbn:String, publisher:String, author:String, edition:String, category:String): void + searchBook(key:String): void + lendBook(b:Book, p:Patron): void + returnBook(b:Book, p:Patron): void + removeReservation(b:Book): void + searchPatron(key:String): void + generateReport():void + changePass(new:String): void

Table 2: Attribute description of Librarian class

Attribute	Type	Visibility	Invariant
name	String	Private	name <> NULL and must contain first, middle and last name and shouldn't contain special characters and integers.
employeeID	String	Private	employeeID <> NULL
logInPassword	String	Private	logInPassword <>NULL must be at least 6 characters and at most 25 characters

Table 3: Operation description for Librarian Class

Operation	Visibility	Return type	Argument	Pre-Condition	Post Condition
addBook	Public	void	title:String, isbn:String, bookID:int, publisher:String, author:String, edition:String, category:String	The book should not exist	The book should exist
removeBook	Public	void	bookID:int	The book should exist and must not be reserved or rented	The book should not exist
updateBook	Public	void	bookID:int, title:String, isbn:String, publisher:String, author:String, edition:String, category:String	Book information was not updated	Book information should be updated
searchBook	Public	void	key:String		Searched book results should be displayed to the user
lendBook	Public	void	b:Book p:Patron	Book to be lend must exist and is available	Book should be lent to the patron and should not be available until returned
returnBook	Public	void	b:Book p:Patron	Book should be rented to Patron	Book should be returned and become available for rent again
removeReservation	Public	void	b:Book	Book should be reserved	Book reservation must be cancelled
searchPatron	Public	void	key:String	The user has logged in	Searched patron results should be displayed to the user
generateReport	Public	void		There should be a transaction stored in the database	Report should be generated

changePass	Public	void	newPass:String	Previous password should exist	New password should replace previous password
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Table 4: Patron class

Patron
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - name: string - id: string - allBooksRented: Book[*] - currentBooks: Book[*] - lastBookrentDate: Date[*] - scaduledReturnDate: Date[*] - logInPassword: string
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + changePass(new: String): void + reserveBook(b:Book): void + rateBook(b:Book, r:Int): void + commentBook(b:Book, reviewer:Patron, com:String): void + searchBook(key:String): Book + changeMemberStatus(key:String): void

Table 5: Operation description for Patron class

Attribute	Type	Visibility	Invariant
name	String	Private	name \neq NULL must contain first, middle and Last name and no special caracters
id	String	Private	id \neq NULL
allBooksRented	Book	Private	allBooksRented \neq NULL
currentBooks	Book	Private	currentBooks \neq NULL
lastBookrentDate	Date	Private	lastBookrentDate \neq NULL
scaduledReturnDate	Date	Private	scaduledReturnDate \neq NULL
logInPassword	String	Private	Category \neq NULL must be more than 8 characters long
currentRenter	Array	Private	currentRenter \neq NULL must contain array of patron object id values

Figure 6: Operation description for patron class

Operation	Visibility	Return type	Argument	Pre-Condition	Post Condition
changePass	Public	void	- new: String	Existing password in database	The existing password should be replaced with the new password passed as argument
reserveBook	Public	Void	-b:Book	Book's object passed reserved attribute is true	The passed book's object 'reserved' attribute should be set to false to denote reservation
rateBook	Public	Void	- b: Book - r: Int	Book's object rate attribute is has certain float value	Book's object rate attribute will be calculated adding the passed 'r' int argument
searchBook	Public	Book	- key:String	The librarian has logged into the system.	The required result will be returned.
changeMemberStatus	Public	void	void	The selected member should exist with a given status.	The member's status should change.

Table 7: Library Admin Class

LibraryAdmin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - name: string - employeeID: string - logInPassword: string
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + addPatron(name:String, id:String): void + removePatron(id String): void + updatePatronRecord(id String): void + changePass(string new): void

Table 8: Attribute description for LibraryAdmin class

Attribute	Type	Visibility	Invariant
name	String	Private	title \neq NULL must contain full name
employeeID	String	Private	employeeID \neq NULL
logInPassword	String	Private	bookID \neq NULL must be more than 8 characters long

Table 9: Operation description for LibraryAdmin class

Operation	Visibility	Return type	Argument	Pre-Condition	Post Condition
addPatron	Public	void	- name:String - id:String	The patron should not exist	The new patron should be added to database with the passed attributes
removePatron	Public	Void	- id String	A patron with the passed id should exist	The patron and all its values with the passed id should be removed from the database
updatePatronRecord	Public	Void	- id: String	Patron with the passed id should exist in database	Updates the patron's record.
changePass	Public	void	- new:String	Existing password in database	The existing password should be replaced with the new password passed as argument

Table 10: Book Class

Book
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - title: string - isbn: int - bookID: String - publisher: string - author: string - edition: string - category: string - rate: float - reservation: boolean - rented: boolean - renters: Patron[*] - currentRenter: Patron
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + getBookList(name:String): Book[] + removePatron(id String): void + addPatron(name:String, id:String): void + removePatron(id String): void

Table 11: Attribute description for Book class

Attribute	Type	Visibility	Invariant
title	String	Private	title \diamond NULL
isbn	Integer	Private	isbn \diamond NULL must be 10 digits
bookID	String	Private	bookID \diamond NULL
publisher	String	Private	publisher \diamond NULL
author	String	Private	Author \diamond NULL and must contain first and last name
edition	String	Private	Edition \diamond NULL
category	String	Private	Category \diamond NULL
rate	float	Private	Rate \diamond NULL
reservation	boolean	Private	Reservation \diamond NULL
rented	boolean	Private	rented \diamond NULL
renters	Array	Private	Renters \diamond NULL must contain array of patron object id values
currentRenter	Array	Private	currentRenter \diamond NULL must contain array of patron object id values

Table 12: Operation description for Book Class

Operation	Visibility	Return type	Argument	Pre-Condition	Post Condition
getBookList	public	Book[*]	Book ID / Title	An information about the required book should be provided.	A list of related books should be returned.
removeBook	Public	void	Void	There should exist at least one book with the provided detail.	A book must be eliminated.
changeBookStatus	public	void	Integer	The indicated book should exist with a Defined status.	The Book's status should change.
appendComment	public	void	MemberID Comment Date	The selected book should exist.	A comment concerning the book is appended to it's comment list.

Table 13: Transaction Class

Transaction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - transactionNumber: int - transactionDate: Date - transactionType: String - actorPatronID: String - transactedBookID: int
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + updateTransaction(): void + getTransaction(transactionNumber: int): void

Table 14: Attribute description for Transaction Class

Attribute	Type	Visibility	Invariant
transactionNumber	int	Private	transactionNumber \neq NULL
transactionDate	Date	Private	transactionDate \neq NULL
transactionType	String	Private	transactionType \neq NULL must have the values of either “rent”, “return”, “reserve”, “reserveCancellation”, “addBook”, “removeBook”, “addPatron” or “removePatron”
actorPatronID	String	Private	actorPatronID \neq NULL
transactedBookID	int	Private	transactedBookID \neq NULL

Table 15: Operation description for Transaction Class

Operation	Visibility	Return type	Argument	Pre-Condition	Post Condition
addTransaction	Public	void	transactionNumber: int, transactionDate: Date, transactionType: String, actorPatronID: String, transactedBookID	The transaction should not exist	The transaction should be added and should exist
getTransaction	Public	void	transactionNumber: int,	The transaction should exist	The required transaction should be displayed to the user

Table 16: BookComment Class

BookComment	
- commentID: int	
- date: Date	
- patronID: String	
- bookID: int	
- comment: String	
+ delete(): void	
+ addTransaction(): void	

Table 17: Attribute description for Librarian Class

Attribute	Type	Visibility	Invariant
commentID	int	Private	commentID \diamond NULL
date	Date	Private	date \diamond NULL
patronID	String	Private	patronID \diamond NULL
comment	String	Private	comment \diamond NULL

Table 18: Operation description for Librarian Class

Operation	Visibility	Return type	Argument	Pre-Condition	Post Condition
delete	Public	void		The comment should exist	The comment should not exist anymore
addTransaction	Public	void		An authorized transaction must occur.	The transaction's information should be recorded.

Table 19: Operation description for Book Manager Class

Operation	Visibility	Return type	Argument	Pre-Condition	Post Condition
findBook	public	Book	Book ID	Book ID should be provided.	A book with the given id is returned.
findMember	public	Member	Member ID	Member ID should be provided.	A member with the stated id is returned
searchBook	Public	Book	Name	Book Name should be provided.	A list of books related to the provided name are returned.

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