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Chapter I.

The Problem

1.1. Problem

We have been tasked to create a Zoo management system. The Zoo has a number of Animals. These Animals are broken down into types:

- Mammal
- Reptile
- Avian
- Aquatic
- Insect

Each Animal has a Zoo keeper that looks after it. Zoo keepers are only allowed to care for animals if they are qualified to do so. A zoo keeper can look after a max of 3 Animal types for a max of 10 animals.

Example Animals:

- Mammal Tiger (date of birth/date of arrival/gender/offspring/ medication/vaccine/exhibit number)
- Mammal avian Bat (date of birth/date of arrival/flight/gender/offspring/medication/vaccine/exhibit number).

Our system must be run on test data before the Zoo will accept it. You are required to have a data set of at least 100 animals and 40 zoo keepers .

The system must allow a user to:

- Search for Animals.
- Search for Keepers.
- Add new animals.
- Add new keepers.

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- Update animals.
- Update keepers.

1.2. Solution to Problem

Create a user friendly interface that can guide the user through the different functionality that our system will have. Here we set up to create different views on which the user can manipulate the date generated in the model of our system.

We are going to have two sets of data:

- Animals
- Keepers

And these, by the user, are going to be:

- Viewed
- Updated
- Searched
- Incremented (Added)

Chapter II.

Individual Role within the Project

2.1. View of the system

After dividing the task of the system, I was tasked to do the viewing and controller of the system while Asmer and Adelo were going to do the search engine and the model of the system.

For the view the following classes were design:

- For the animal:
 - AddAnimalFrame (see figure 2.1)

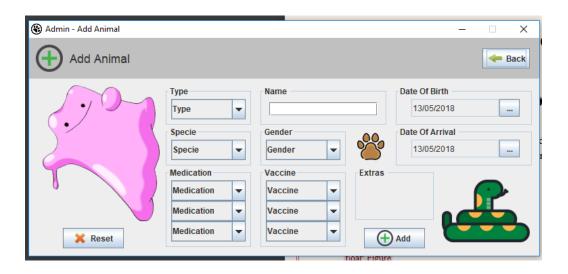


Figure 2.1.: Frame to add an animal to the system.

- UpdateAnimalFrame (See figure 2.2)

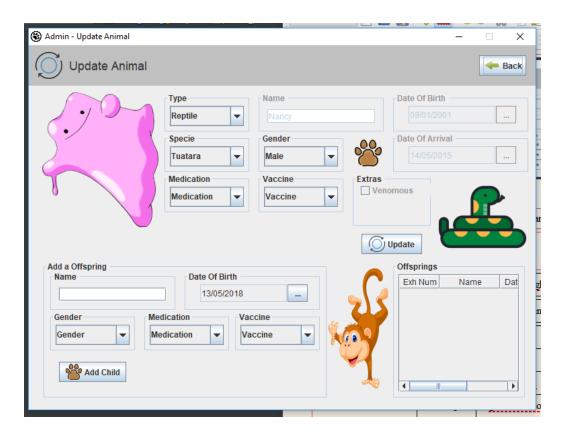


Figure 2.2.: Frame to update an animal to the system.

- ViewAniamlsFrame (See figure 2.3)

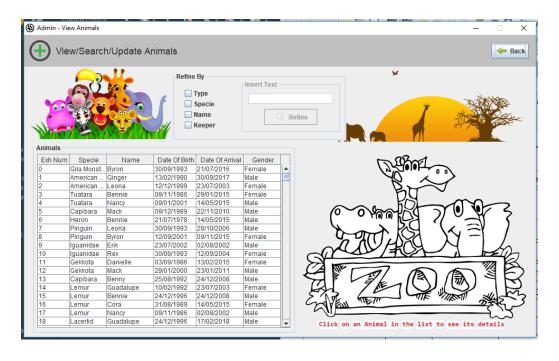


Figure 2.3.: Frame to view animals of the system.

And the following classes were generated to help build all the views:

- $\bullet \ \, {\rm AddOffspringPanel}$
- ViewAnimalCard
- ViewAnimalsPanel
- $\bullet \ \ ViewOffspringsPanel$
- For the Keepers:
 - View KeepersFrame (See figure 2.4) $\,$

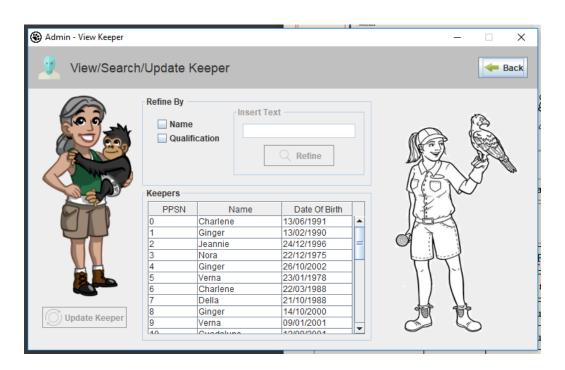


Figure 2.4.: Frame to view keepers of the system.

- UpdateKeepersFrame (See figure 2.5):

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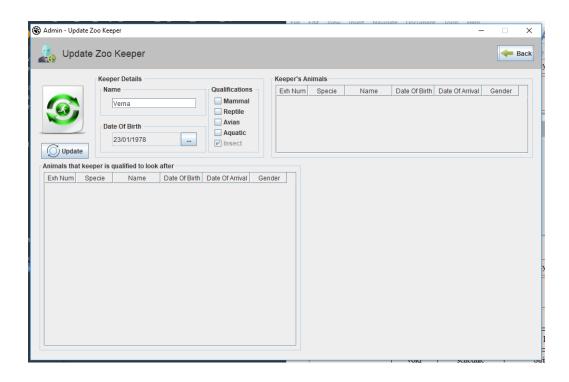


Figure 2.5.: Frame to update keepers to the system.

- AddKeepersFrame (See figure 2.6)



Figure 2.6.: Frame to add keepers to the system.

And the following classes to help build this windows:

• ViewKeepersPanel

• ViewKeepersCard

And, I realized that there were going to be elements that were going to be common for all the views, so the following classes were defined:

- CalendarPanel
- ChackBoxPanel
- ComboBoxFieldsPanel
- GenericButton
- Header
- ImageLabel
- MainFrame
- RefineByPanel
- TextFieldPanel

All this classes, but MainFrame, are panels, labels or buttons that contains more elements inside (images, text, tool tip text, etc). MainFrame class is extended by all the views of the system, because all have a common frame parent that extends JFrame.

Also, it was created a ManagersDashboard view to allow the user to move between all the view and functionality of it, see figure 2.7.

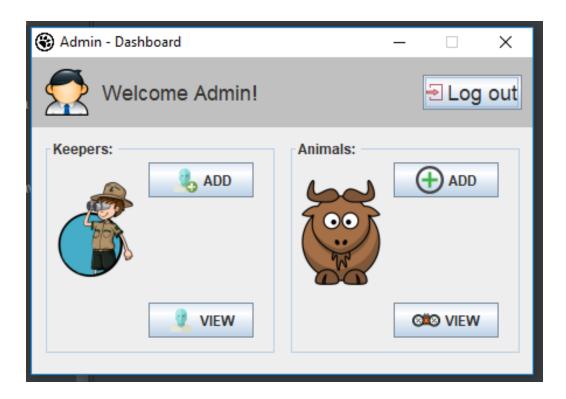


Figure 2.7.: Frame to add keepers to the system.

2.2. Controller of the system

Now, when controlling the view, I created one class that controls each one of them, as listed below:

- AdminDashboardController controls AdminDashBoard
- AddAnimalController controls AddAnimalFrame
- UpdateAnimalController controls UpdateAnimalFrame
- ViewAnimalsController controls ViewAnimalsFrame
- AddKeeperController controls AddKeeperFrame
- UpdateKeeperController controls UpdateKeeperFrame
- ViewKeepersController controls ViewKeepersFrame

Chapter III.

Conclusion

Even though every one of us had its own tasks to develop this program it was not going to go anywhere if we did not set rules at the beginning for the designing of the model, the view and the controller. This way of programming gives us a common goal to seek without every one following its own path and getting a common mess at the end of it.

The design of general classes helped us create frames and components in a fast and easy manner to be able to control every one of the from their respective classes.

At starters I did not create any general class but ext time it will be better to examine the problem as a whole from the beginning to see and create all this common classes of each view.