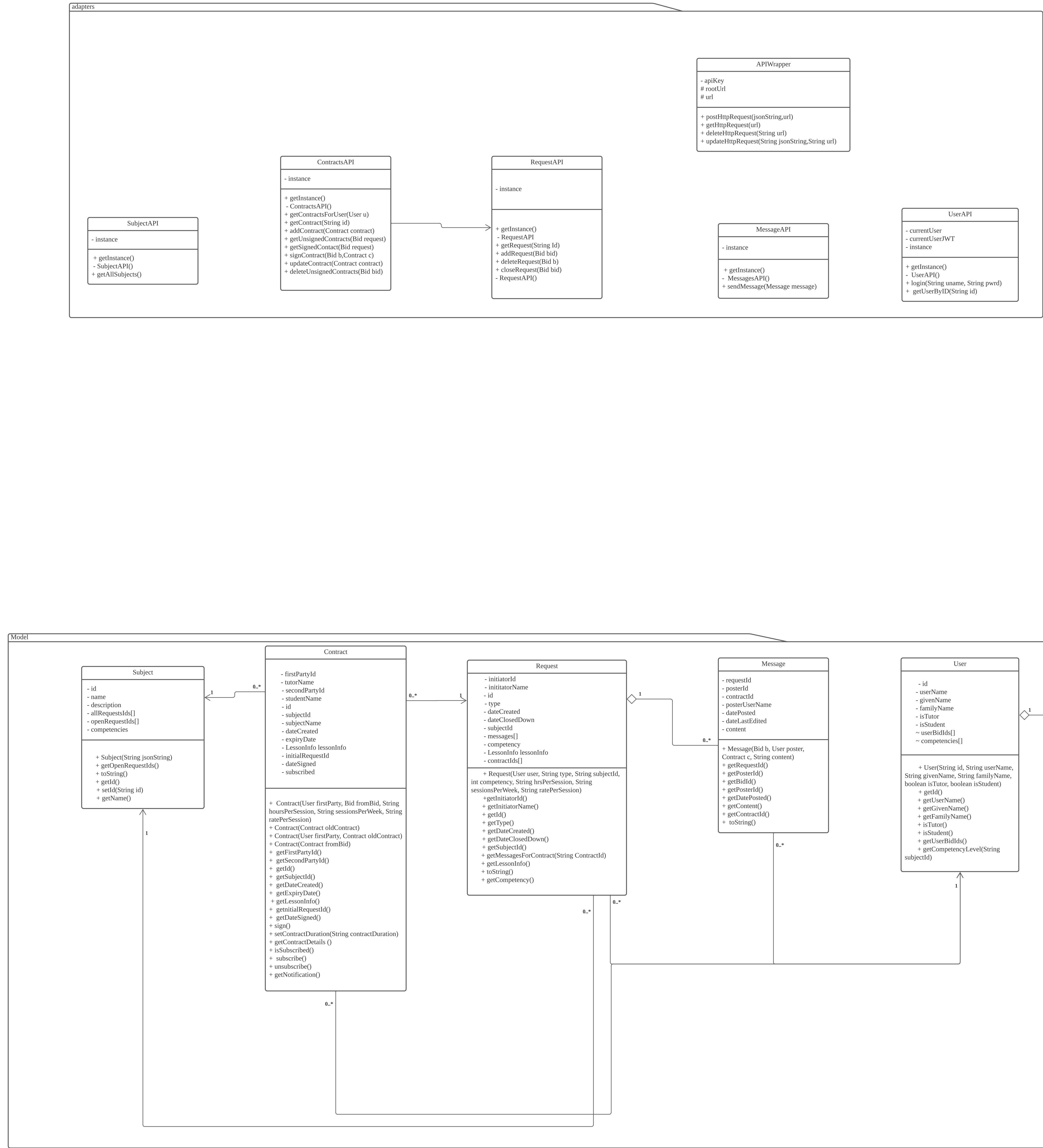
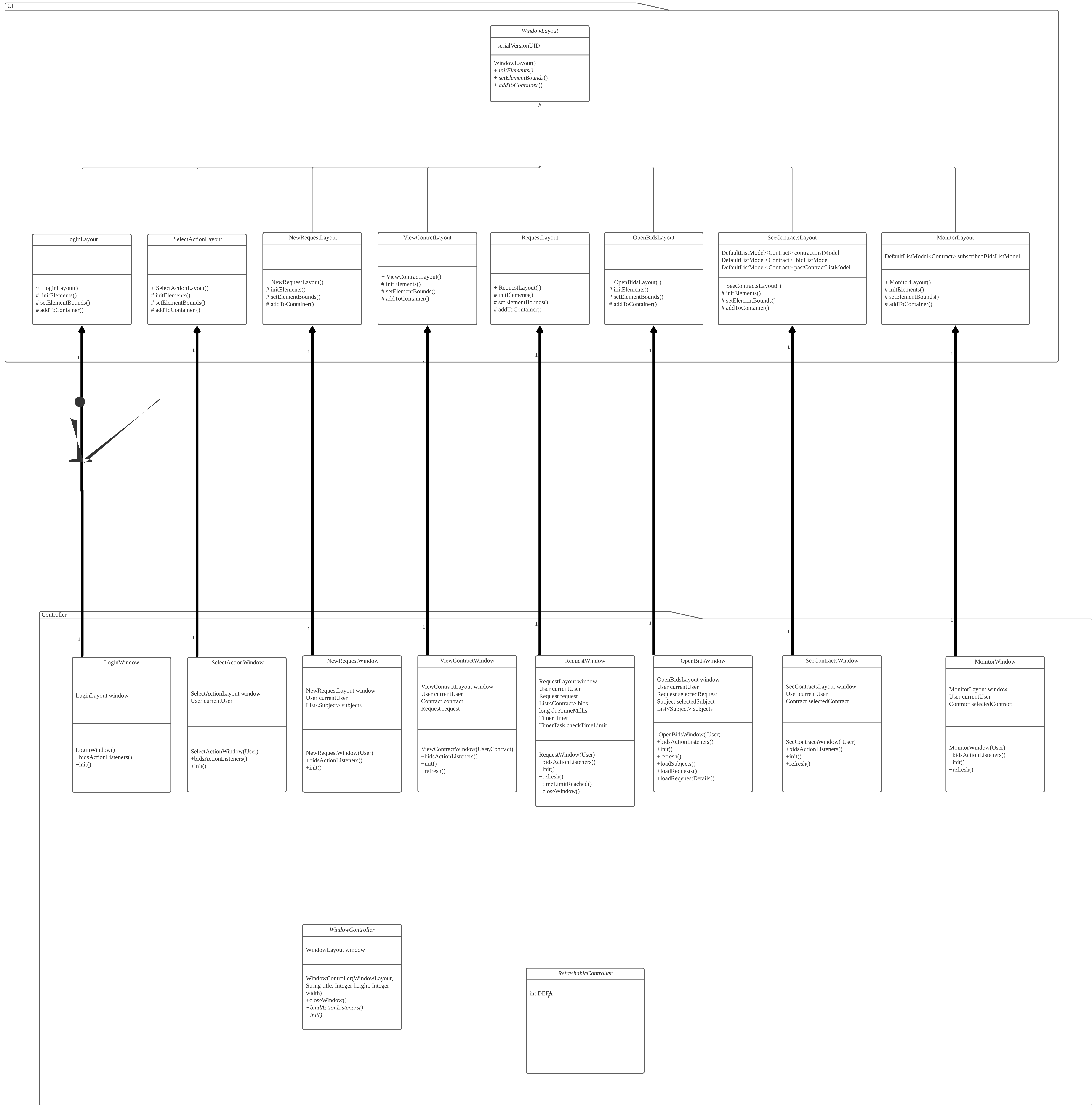
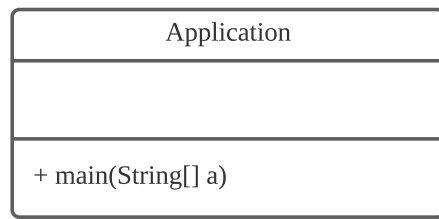


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1.1 Architectural Patterns

Refactoring

- In the past, there was already some form of **Model-View-Controller architecture** that was implemented. However, it was often forced as the View and Controllers were somewhat bundled together. This made the UI classes very large and therefore violate the **Single Responsibility Principle**.
- MVC is not strictly enforced in the system's architecture. The UI package contains the **UI** used in the system, these classes only contain code that deals with the UI such as initializing and defining the properties of the **TextBoxes**, **Labels** and buttons and do not contain any form of logic code. The logic code is separated from the UI code in the **Controller Package**. All classes in the **View package** inherit from the **WindowLayoutClass** while all classes in the **Controller package** inherit from the **WindowControllerClass**. Each **WindowLayout** will have its own **WindowController** class and each **View class** will have its own **Controller Class**. By doing so, the **Single Responsibility Principle** can be adhered to.
- The classes in the **model** and **adapters** packages can together be classified as the **Model** of the system, they are typically deemed to be the most stable packages of a **Windows** application where the **business logic** will rarely change. The **model** was split into 2 packages, namely **model** and **adapters**. This is because the **adapters** package deals with the **external API** (see 1.2 Design Patterns).
- The **MVC** architecture implemented is **passive MVC** because the **model** rarely has to interact with the **UI**. However, in order to fulfill a feature from requirement 2 that requires the system to refresh and update the **UI** every **N** seconds, a **partially-active MVC** solution was employed in which the **active controller** class implements a **refresh** interface that forces the **controller** to prompt the **model** and update the **UI** at intervals.
- The advantages of adopting the **MVC** architecture is that it narrows down the **scope of concentration** for the developer. We can break the system down into 2 separate parts and get the best of both sides (**UI** and **business logic**) without the same system separation. The disadvantage of this architecture is the **complexity** of the **controller** classes. The **controller** classes are a **string** together of the **very** different codes of the **model** and the **UI**, which may be time consuming.

1.2 Design Patterns

New Functionality

1 Observer design pattern.

- The **Observer** was employed in the system to fulfill requirement 1. This can be seen in the **MonitorWindowClass**, which is the **controller** class that acts as the **Publisher** in this scenario; it calls for the changes in each **Subscription** (which is an interface employed by each **Contract**. NOTE: An unsigned contract acts as a **bid** for the purposes of this system and displays to the user a) the **bid** that it has subscribed to in its **View** which is **MonitorLayout**. The **Open-Closed Principle** is enforced here by having the **contract** class implement the **Subscription** interface. The **bid** subscription functionality can be extended easily in the future without having to change or modify the **Contract** class which is the **bid** itself.
- When implementing requirement 2 where the system needs to display a notification to the user once a signed contract is reaching its **limit** to the **UI** in this scenario, the **Observer design pattern** is also employed. The **SelectActionWindowController** that controls the notification pane acts as the **publisher** and **observer** for each subscribed **contract** by the user. It then prompts the **contract** class for a **contract** **expiry** notification if the user is subscribed to the **contract** and displays the notification on the notification pane in the **SelectActionLayout** (it's **View**).

2 Memento design pattern

In order to fulfil the requirement, the Memento design pattern was employed. This is because when extending a Contract, students do not need to re-enter all the details of the Contract such as rate, sessions, subject and other particulars, all they need to change is the contract duration. In this system, a Contract can be renewed by creating a NEW Contract but using a different constructor which takes in the OLD Contract instance that the student intends to extend the Contract with. The constructor uses the oldContract and creates a new snapshot of the Contract with the new expiry date and is not signed.

The benefits of doing so is that the external system does not need to know the implementations of creating a new Contract when renewing a Contract yet it still provides a way for the external system to interact with the renewed contract originated from it. This preserves the encapsulation of the Contract class as the variables in the class can remain private.

Refactoring

3 Adapter design pattern

The most obvious change here is the Adapter design pattern that was extracted from the controller classes in the previous design (refer to the previous idea explanation). It was raised that having the API call nested within the controller classes of the View is not optimal. Therefore, the adapter design pattern was used to abstract the API call from the controller and interface with it so that it can be handled by the classes in the adapters package. Using this design pattern, it was possible to upgrade the current API version from 1 to 2 seamlessly by editing merely 2 lines of code.

It is the biggest advantage of adding an adapter; we can add and upgrade the API without changing much of the code. This does not hide the fact that the adapter is a single point of failure. For example, if the root URL is entered wrongly, all API connections will fail. Please note that the adapters are still singletons as mentioned in the previous design rationale.

1.3 Package Design Principles

There were no package design principles that were added into the overall system and they maintain the package design principles as outlined in the previous design rationale.

1 Common Closure Principle

By implementing the MVC architecture in a stricter manner, CCP is now more strongly enforced as the reasons behind classes being put in their respective packages are now more uniquely defined. For example, the interface packages on the UI and are dependent on the javax.swing library. The adapters package on the other hand, with the API connections, the controller package classes act as the middlemen between the view and model and finally, the model package classes deal with the real world business logic.

Other package design principles that emerge as a result of the MVC implementation are the **Acyclic Dependency Principle** and **Stable Dependency Principle** as outlined in the previous design rationale.

1.4 Class Design Principles

New Functionality

1 Open Closed Principle

As mentioned earlier, the OCP was enforced when implementing the feature for requirements 1 and 2. This was achieved by having the Contract class implement the subscription interface. In the event of a new functionality to be added to the Subscription feature without having to change the Contract classes, the developer can just update the Subscription interface. This implies that the system welcomes extension of new features but is closed for modification.

Refactoring

2 Interface Segregation Principle

A new class design pattern was enforced while performing refactoring. It was noted that the window control classes were forced to implement an empty refresh (function despite not having to refresh their pages. Therefore the Refreshable interface was created to separate the window control classes that need the refresh feature from the ones that do not. This is a form of ISP in action.

The advantage of implementing ISP is that it makes the code neater and reduces the size of the classes as it removes dead and redundant code. However, though not apparent in this assignment, over-use of ISP may result in increased complexity of the code.

3 Single Responsibility Principle

As mentioned above, the SRP was also adhered to simply from enforcing a strict MVC architecture in which each class in the window control and model package now has a very distinct purpose and responsibility. The only place where SRP is violated in the system is in the Adapter classes that they have to handle both the API connections and enforcing the rules of accessing the API. However, this violation is negligible.

The advantage of enforcing SRP is that it inhibits the scope of concentration for the developer working on a class and therefore producing code with fewer bugs and is more easily testable. However, overdoing SRP may result in a very fragmented code which encourages coupling and increases code complexity and reduced maintainability.

2.0 Refactoring Techniques

1. Extract Variable

In the refresh (method of the ViewContractWindow class, there used to be a complex sequence of if/else statements to determine the state of each button in the ViewContractWindow (whether to enable them or not). This made each expression hard to implement. The extract variable method was used in this case to replace the if/else statements and the code uses boolean logic now to determine if a button should be enabled or not.

The advantages of doing so is to improve the readability of the code. It also significantly improves the system performance as nested if/else statements generally eat up a lot of resources due to the repeated blocks that are sometimes duplicated.

2. Duplicate Observed Data

In order to strictly enforce the MVC architecture, it was noted that in the previous assignment the responsibilities of the view and control classes were essentially blended in one class. This meant that the code containing the logic and domain data behind the user inputs were in the View classes as well. Therefore, duplicate observed data method is used to separate the responsibility of the control class out of the View classes, further enforcing the MVC architecture.

The advantages of separating the responsibility of the classes is that SRP can be fulfilled because now each View class is only responsible for the UI elements while the Control classes are responsible for the logic behind each View class. This way leaves some room for further extension to the view of the system without having to change the controls, essentially fulfilling the OCP.

3. Extract Class

The Contract and Request classes from the previous system was deemed too large by the team, besides that there were similar variables that existed in both the Contract and Request classes. Therefore the extract class method was used to extract the LessonInfo class out from the large Contract and Request classes.

This will improve code maintainability and further enforce the idea of SRP in the system. This also prevents shotgun surgery as previously many edits in the Contract class will require edits in the Request class as well.