Sholihin Kamarudin - Project Portfolio

About this Portfolio

Hi! I am Sholihin Kamrudin and I am currently a Year 2 Information Security undergraduate at the National University of Singapore (NUS). This portfolio documents my contributions to the project, COMPal, which was developed together with my team; Jun Yi, Jaedon, Pei Ze and Catherine.

PROJECT: COMPal

For our Software Engineering project, my team and I were tasked with enhancing a basic command line interface, <u>Duke</u>, a Personal Assistant Chatbot which helps a person to keep track of various tasks. We choose to morph it into a text-based scheduling calendar application called **COMPaI**, which caters to NUS students who prefer to use a desktop application for managing their hectic schedule with chosen priorities levels.

COMPal offers the following features and benefits:

- Flexible commands to facilitate easy creation, editing and deleting of tasks.
- A recursion system so as to allow you to add recurring items efficiently.
- An intuitive interface to view your daily schedule of a particular day.
- Setting priority levels of *tasks* for the system to optimise your schedule.
- Viewing reminders of tasks that you are deemed to be reminded.

This is how COMPal looks like:



Figure 1. Description of COMPal components.

My role was to implement the ability of how users can view their schedule through the view commands, ensure that the tasks stored were sorted in chronological order with our specialised priority ranking and also give the user the ability to export and import COMPal schedules.

The next sections will illustrate my implementations in more detail, as well as the relevant sections I have contributed to the user and developer guides concerning my implementations.

For ease of communication, this document will refer to classes/activities/events/deadlines that you might add to the scheduling planner as tasks.

Additionally, throughout this Project Portfolio, there will be various icons used as described below.

lcon	Description
i	Additional important information about a term/concept
•	A tip that can improve your understanding about a term/concept
\triangle	A warning that you should take note of

Summary of contributions

This section shows a summary of my coding, documentation, and other helpful contributions to the team project.

- Enhancement added: I added the ability to import and export iCalendar file.
 - What it does: Allows users to export their stored schedule. Additionally, allow users to import schedules from any scheduling application that allows export of their schedule to iCalendar files.
 - Justification: This feature improves COMPal significantly because the user can import existing appointments on other calendar applications into COMPal. Thus, allowing him to combine external appointments with his school schedule. Additionally, the user is also able to export his stored schedule in COMPal to another scheduling application or share it with others.
 - Highlights: This enhancement works with existing as well as future commands. Hence, it required an in-depth analysis of design alternatives about the aspect of how we would want COMPal to be compatible with other scheduling application. The chosen implementation must be reliable to ensure compatibility throughout.
- Code contributed: [Contributed code] [Contributed pull requests]

- Other contributions:
 - Project Management:
 - I managed the codebase for COMPal up till the release of version 1.4. These releases can be viewed here.
 - Enhancements to existing features:
 - I Wrote JUnit tests for my own existing features to increase overall coverage. I have ensured that the coverage of my contributed code is at 90%.
 - Documentation:
 - I updated all documentation related to the features that I am in charge which can be found in the User Guide and Developer Guide.
 - o Community:
 - I reviewed Pull Requests and provided non-trivial review comments for some requests. These Pull Requests can be viewed here.
 - Tools:
 - I Integrated continuous Integration, code reviews and code analytics tools:
 - Continuous Integration tools: Travis-CI
 - Automated code reviews and code analytics tools: Codacy

Contributions to the User Guide

This section shows some of my contributions to the User Guide. Which showcase my ability to write documentation targeting end-users.

Listed below are my contributed sections in the User Guide:

- General Commands: Completing a Task: done, Viewing Tasks: view, Listing Tasks: list, Importing iCalendar files: import, Exporting COMPal schedule: export
- A guick overview of the generated daily schedule.
- Frequently Asked Questions

Click here to see the User Guide!

Below is an excerpt of my addiction to the User Guide for the export, import commands and explanation on the daily calendar feature.

Exporting COMPal schedule: export

Want to export your COMPal schedule to another application? With the export command, you can export it as an iCalender file!

Format: export /file_name FILE_NAME

Your exported file will be saved in the same folder you run COMPal at!

With this function, you can import your COMPal schedule to other another COMPal application or share it with your friends or even import it to google calendar or any calendar that is able to import iCalendar files!

Check this link <u>here</u> to learn how to import to google calendar!

Examples:

• Export /file-name myCal



Figure 2. Expected output of Export /file-name myCal command.

Importing iCalendar files: import

Want to import your COMPal schedule from another computer or maybe other calendar application you have used into COMPal? Yes, you can import it as long the file is an iCalender file!

Format: import/file_name FILE_NAME

Examples:

import/file_name myCal

↑ File must be in the same directory as COMPal launch application for this command to work!



Figure 3. Sample output of import/file-name myCal command with iCalendar file generated from google calendar.

This feature works best with iCalendar file generated from COMPal.

However, for iCalendar files that are not generated by COMPal, It will be imported if the event has a start and end time with no rules and timezone attached.

Additionally, added events priority will be set to low for importing iCalendar not generated from COMPal.

Quick overview of the generated daily schedule.

After you have filled COMPal with tasks from your hectic schedule, you can use the view day command to look at your generated daily schedule.

The quick and intuitive interface enables you to quickly understand what deadlines are due and what clashing events you may have! Fret not as COMPal has sorted what is important and **shows** you the important tasks at hand that are not completed! Additionally, the more important tasks are placed on the left while the less-important one is to the right!

i Only the 5 most important tasks will be displayed for each hourly slot to allow you to focus on the tasks with higher priority!

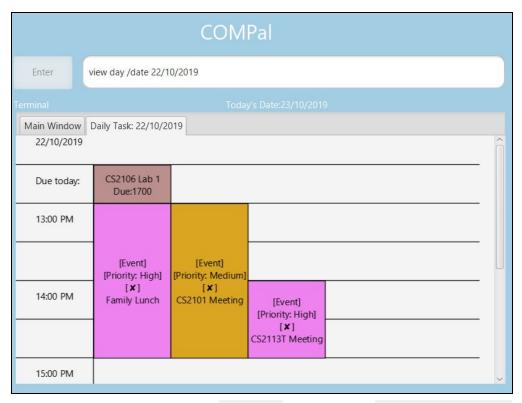


Figure 4. Generated planner for view day command in view task: <DATE> tab. The most left schedule for each hourly slot represents the most important task to be completed first!

Contributions to the Developer Guide

Given below are sections I contributed to the Developer Guide. Which showcase my ability to write technical documentation and the technical depth of my contributions to the project.

Listed below is my contributed sections in the Developer Guide:

- **Design**: Architecture Component, UI Component
- Implementation: View Feature, Export Feature
- Appendix F: Launch and Shutdown, Viewing the schedule, Listing all tasks, Changing tasks status, Exporting schedule into iCalendar file, Importing iCalendar schedule

You can click here to see the Developer Guide.

The below is an excerpt of my addition to the Developer Guide for the export feature.

Export Feature

This feature allows COMPal to exports its stored tasks into a iCalendar file. This section will detail how this feature is implemented.

Current Implementation

Upon invoking the export command with valid parameters (refer to <u>UserGuide.md</u> for <u>export</u> usage), a sequence of events is then executed.

For clarity, the sequence of events will be in reference to the execution of a export /file-name myCal command. A graphical representation is also included in the Sequence Diagram below for your reference when following through the sequence of events. The sequence of events are as follows:

- 1. The export /file-name myCal command is passed into the logicExecute function of LogicManager to be parsed.
- 2. LogicManager then invokes the processCmd function of ParserManager.
- 3. ParserManager in turn invokes the parseCommand function of the appropriate parser for the view command which in this case, is ExportCommandParser.
- 4. Once the parsing is done, ExportCommandParser would instantiate the ExportCommand object which would be returned to the LogicManager.
- 5. LogicManager is then able to invoke the commandExecute function of the returned ExportCommand object.
- 6. In the execute function of the ExportCommand object, task data will be retrieved from the TaskList component.
- 7. Now that the ExportCommand object has the data of the current task of the user, it is able to invoke the creatIcsCal function which converts all stored tasks of user into ical4j Calendar model.
- 8. Once all tasks are converted, using ical4j calenderOutputer api, which writes an iCalendar model to an output stream. The task converted will be saved into myCal.ics.
- 9. The CommandResult object would then be returned to the LogicManager, which then returns the same CommandResult object back to the UI component.
- 10. Finally, the UI component would display the contents of the CommandResult object to the user. For this export /file-name myCal command, the displayed result would be that the program has successfully exported to mycal.ics file.

Given below is the Sequence Diagram upon executing the export command:

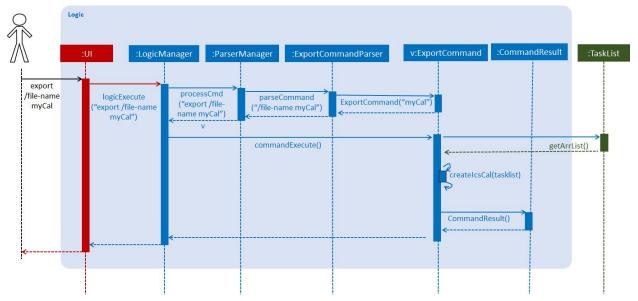


Figure 5. Sequence Diagram executing the export /file-name myCal command.

Design Considerations

This portion explains alternative implementations as well as the rationale behind my chosen method.

Aspect: Export type

- Alternative 1 (current choice): Using iCal4j library to convert tasks and write iCalender file.
 - Pros: Able to use iCal4j library to write iCalendar data streams. Which API provides
 a quick and easy method to convert a current stored task to iCalender data stream
 such as events.
 - o Cons: Does not have a special field to store the Priority object of each task.
- Alternative 2: Output all stored data into a text file or CSV.
 - Pros: Able to store all needed fields stored in COMPal to be exported in files which can be used to import to COMPal application.
 - o Cons: Only able to export and import files generated from COMPal application.

Alternative 1 was chosen because by using iCal4j, in which we are reusing tried-and-tested components, the robustness of COMPal can be enhanced while reducing the manpower and time requirement. Additionally, the ability to export into iCalendar file format which allows the users to import to any external calendar application enhance the usability of COMPal. Furthermore, a workaround to the alternative 1 cons would be inputting priority field in ICS description field.

Future Implementation

Though the current implementation has much-allowed reusability of reliable open-source code and also allow COMPal to iCalendar files. There are still possible enhancement for COMPal to take advantage of ical4j library and the export command as currently we only create iCalendar <u>vevents</u> components.

- 1. Add Todo interface to the current tasks Model to allow the creation of <u>vtodo</u> components to export to other calendar application.
- 2. Improved reminder function and update the task model to create <u>valarm</u> component for tasks that have reminders.