

Design



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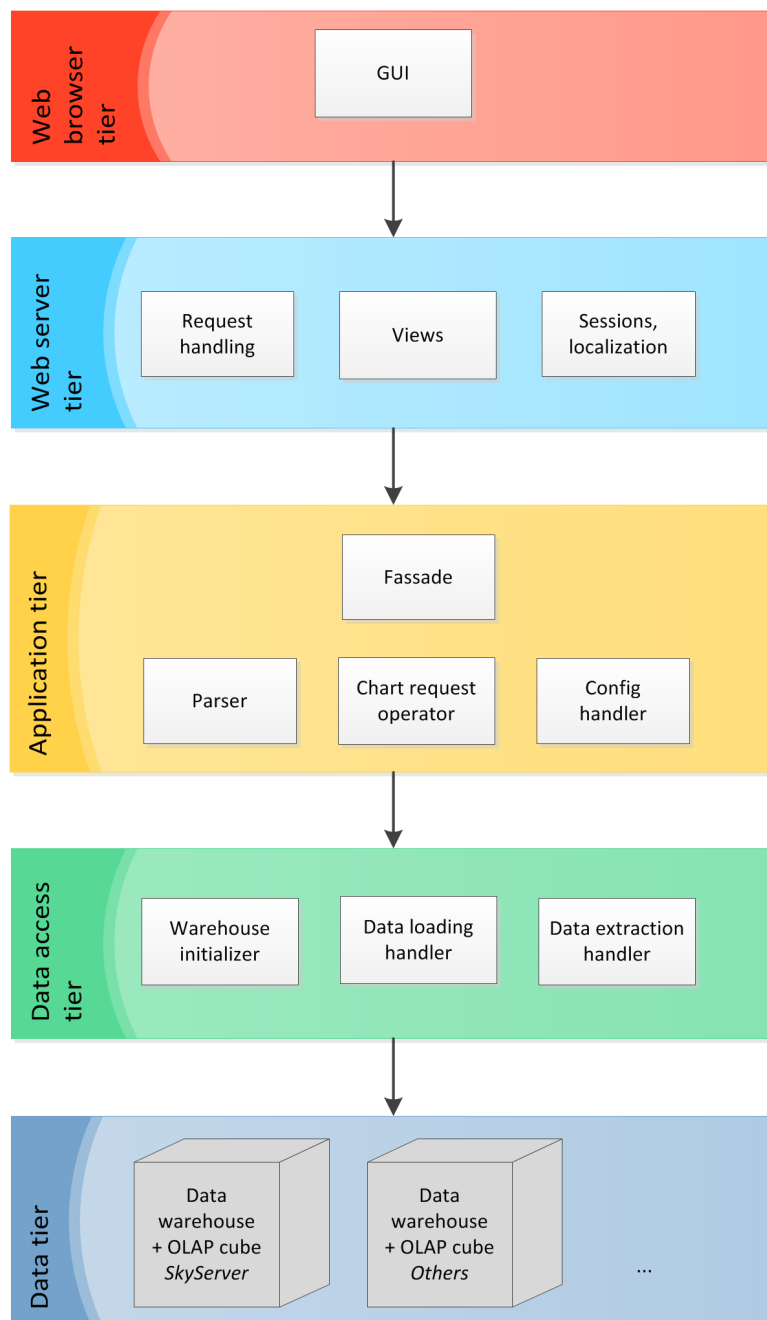
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1 Architecture

WHAT follows an intransparent multitier architecture. The GUI, presentation logic, application processing, data accessing and storing data are logically and also partly locally separated. Intransparent means that communication between tiers just happens between adjacent ones. The different tiers are described below.



1.1 Web browser tier

The web browser tier represents the GUI of the client, which will be displayed as web page. In the following context GUI and web page will be used interchangeably, as they are the same thing. The webpage utilizes javascript. It handles part of the user interaction with the program.

1.2 Web server tier

The web server provides the presentation logic. This includes both the serving of static files as well as the dynamic integration of content in the html pages. Other tasks are session handling, language localization and most importantly request handling.

It handles the rest of the user interaction with the webpage, while invoking the application tier when needed. This tier uses and is tightly integrated with java Play Framework.

1.3 Application tier

The application tier's function is twofold. On the one hand, it handles the parsing process and the management of configuration files. On the other hand, it acts as a sort of middleman between the web server tier and the data access tier.

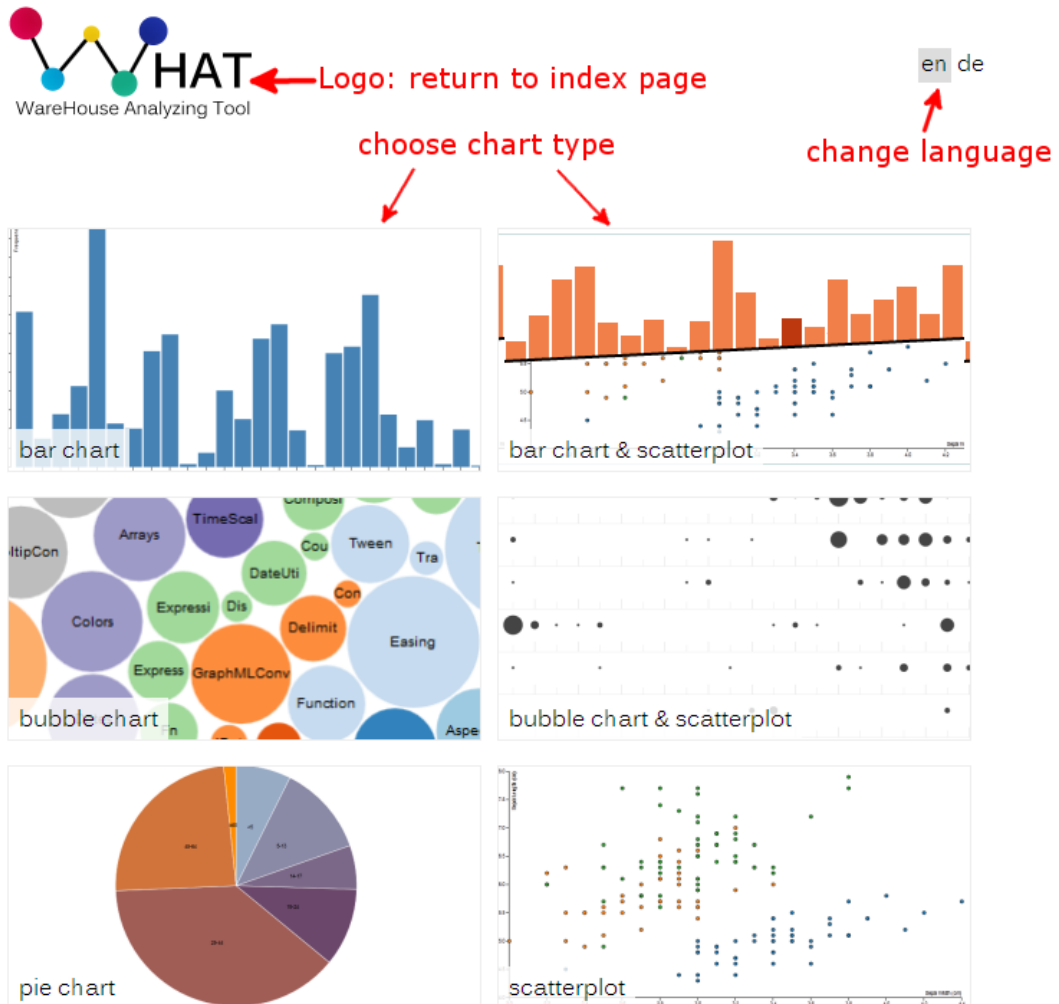
1.4 Data access tier

This tier manages all requests of loading and extracting data from the data tier. So its main task is to build a bridge from the application in Java to the SQL language of the Oracle warehouses and OLAP-Cubes. If there is enough time to implement this optional function, it will also handle the automatic initialization of new data warehouses.

1.5 Data tier

In the data tier the data warehouses and their OLAP-Cubes are stored. This will be done with the Oracle software.

2 Web page design

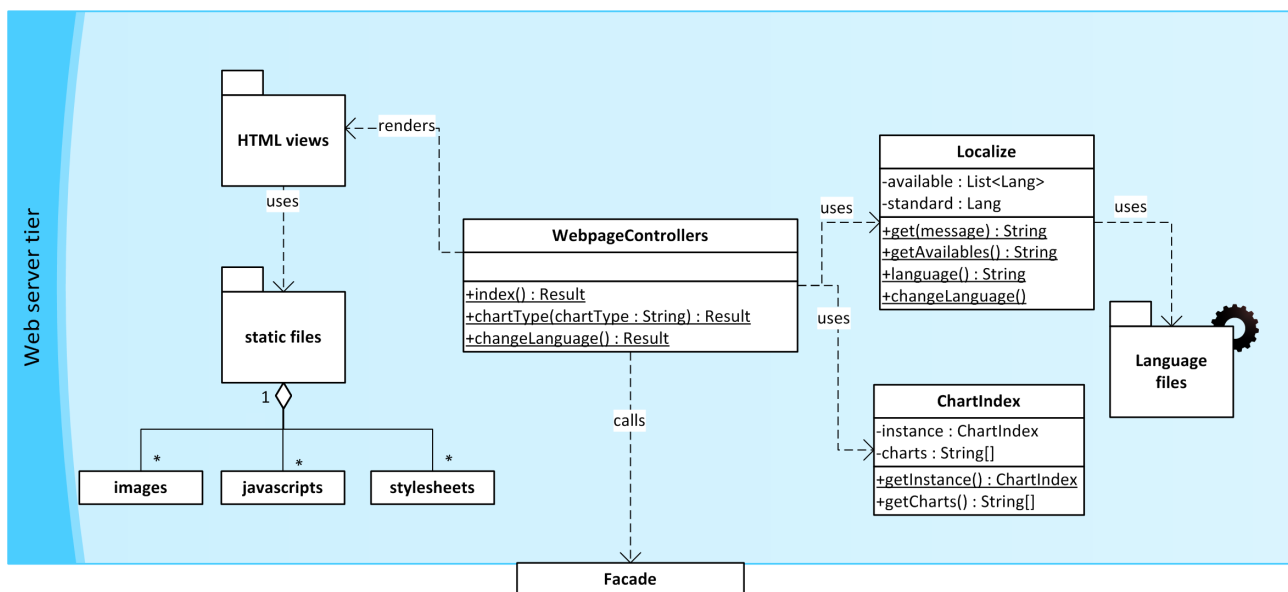


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3 Classes

3.1 Server tier class diagram

This diagram shows the web server tier of WHAT. It controls the web server and it can only access the facade of the tier below.



WebpageControllers

All valid HTTP requests are mapped to a method from WebpageControllers. WebpageControllers either uses other helper classes to handle requests itself or makes calls to the facade of the application tier. The last step done by WebpageControllers is to create a valid HTTP response.

HTML views

The HTML views contain the main template for, and all other HTML content of the web page. They do not have to be static, but can also dynamically integrate some content, e.g. localized strings.

Static files

Static files contains all files of the web page, which are not changed during runtime. This includes, but is not limited, to images of the web page, javascript files and stylesheets.

Localize

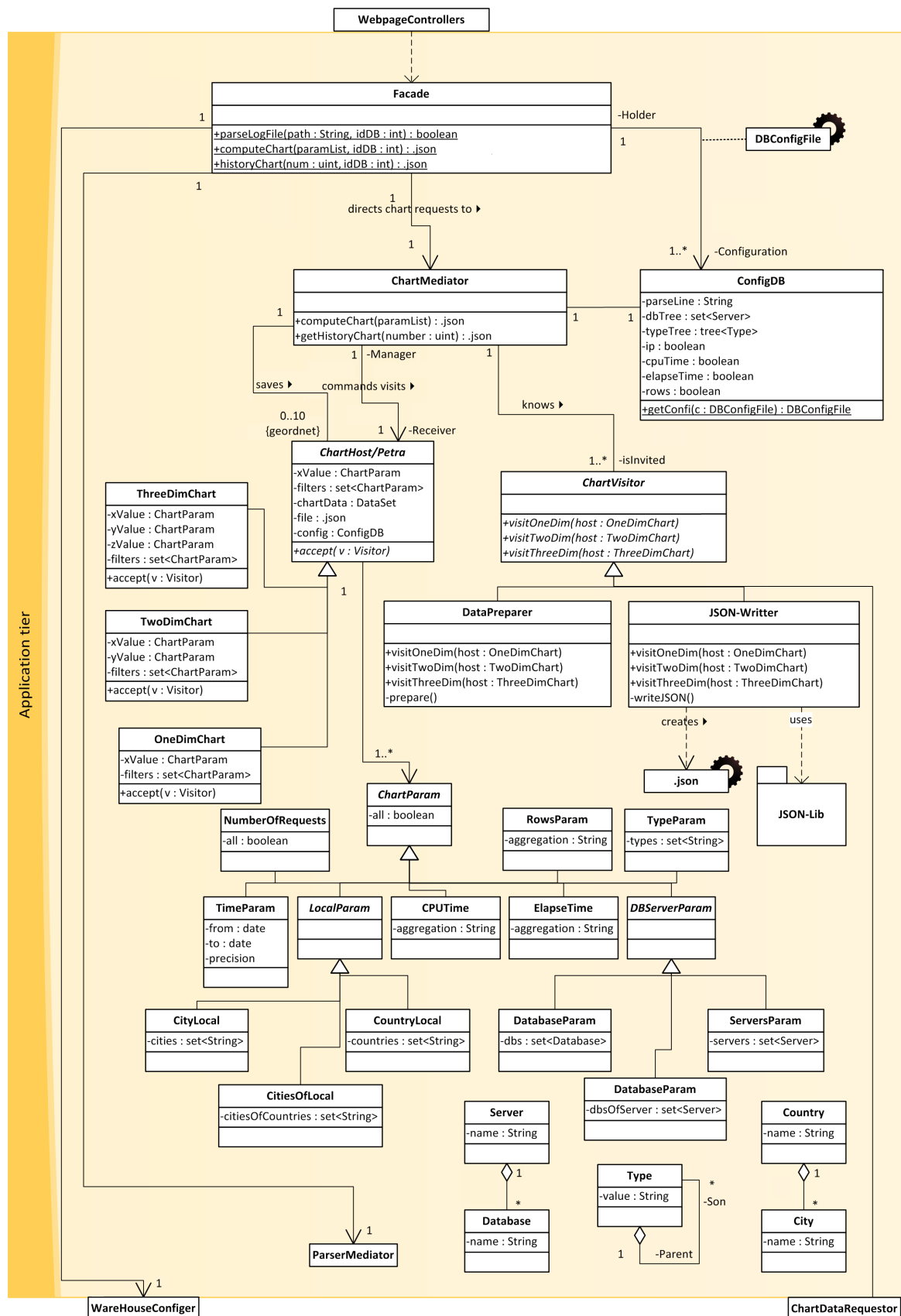
Localize is a static helper class handling all the language related things. It has a method to get localized Strings using the language files, to change the language of the web page und methods determining all available languages, so they can be integrated in the web page once they are present.

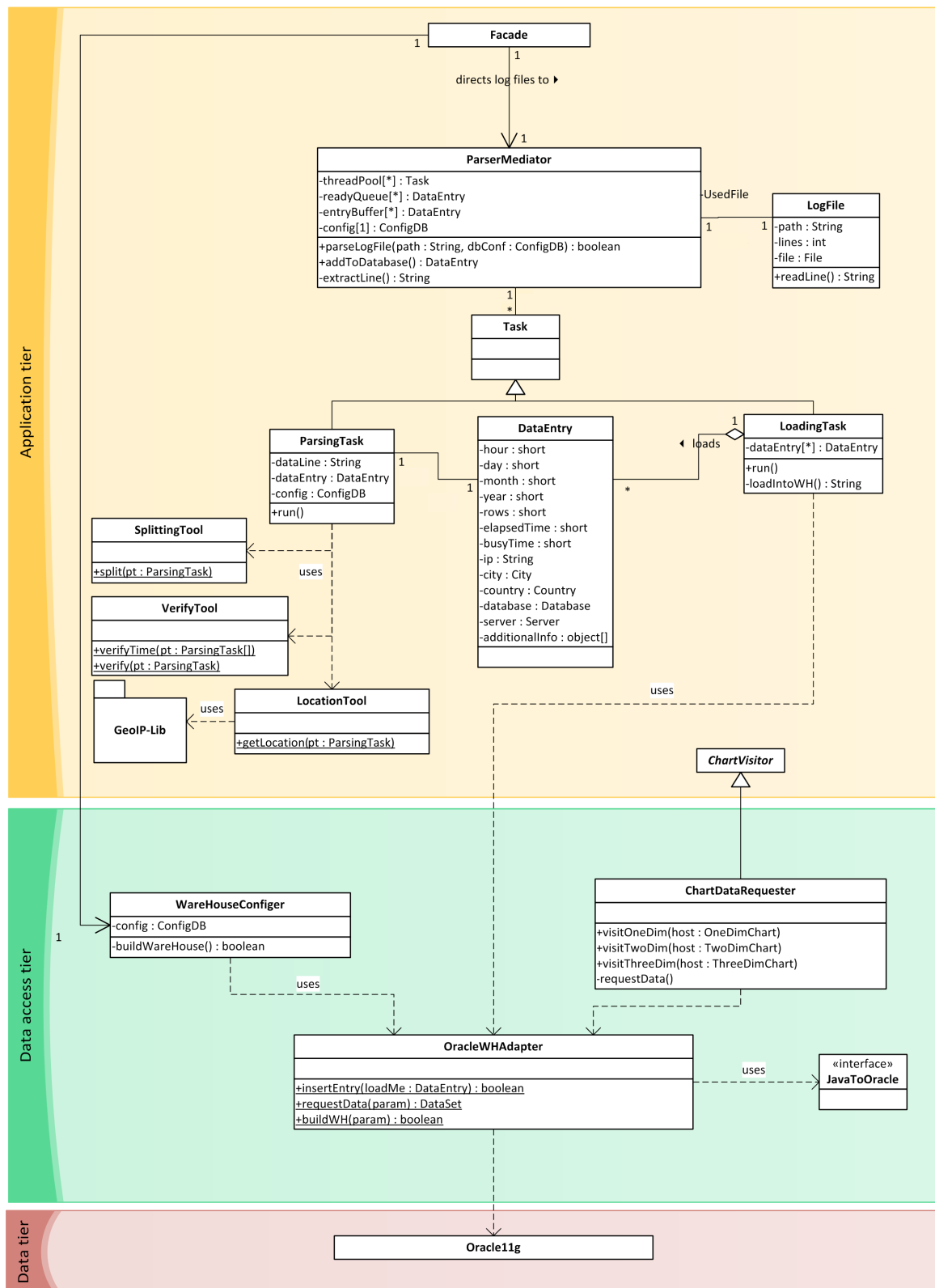
ChartIndex

ChartIndex implements the singleton pattern. On instantiation it scans which chart types are available and saves them internally. This is used by the index page to dynamically display all available chart types, even if one is deleted or added.

3.2 Application & Data access tier class diagram

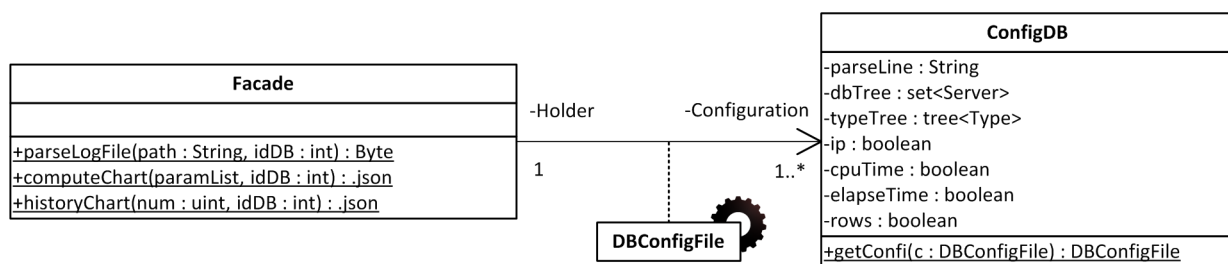
On the next pages the class diagram of the application and data access tier are displayed.





3.3 Facade + Configurations

The facade of the application tier and configuration files in this design show a optional feature. According to the database on which is operated - if there are more than Sky-Server - just a configuration file for this specific one, has to be created and given to the program. This may give the application to power to manage all functions dynamically according to the database. Facade and ConfigDB handle this configurations.



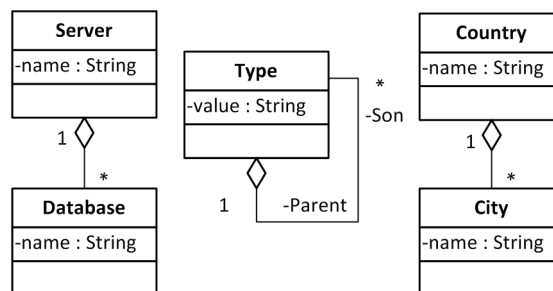
Facade

The Facade is, as you might have suggested, the facade of the application tier. This means the only way to communicate with this tier is via this class. One of its tasks is to get the right ConfigDB for any call. With this, it forwards them to the corresponding mediators or workers. So new log files are passed to the ParserMediator and chart requests to the ChartMediator. Some other optional calls, like the history of charts or the configuration of a new Warehouse, are just adumbrated.

ConfigDB

The ConfigDB class provides a static factory for creating itself out of a configuration file, which may use caching. Objects of ConfigDB store the information about the database they describe and while be used by all the dynamic methods, which are hooked on specific databases.

One thing stored in a ConfigDB is a String indicating the form of a line in the log files. Other attributes are booleans for specific measures or dimensions, as well as trees of Strings for dimensions like Database > Server or the Type.

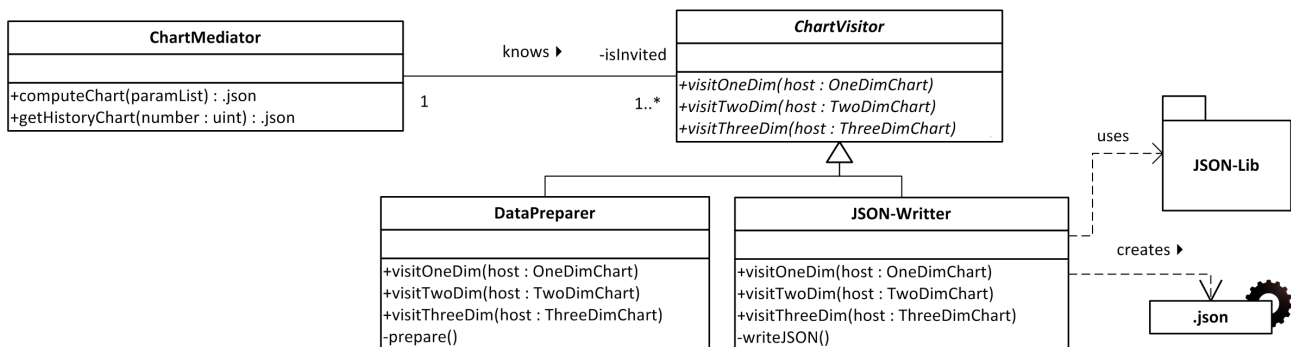


Server, Database, Type, Country, City

All these classes are String wrappers and also build as trees. They stand exemplary for possible things stored in a ConfigDB. The implementation of them may be way more dynamic. Whereas the content of Server & Database and Type are depended on the configuration, the Country & City tree is mostly hooked to the GeoIP library.

3.4 Chart request operator

The task of the following classes is to handle a chart request. For their design the visitor pattern is used.



ChartMediator

The ChartMediator is the mediator of the whole chart request process. For an incoming request it will create a new ChartHost firstly. Then he triggers the visits of the three visitors.

ChartVisitor

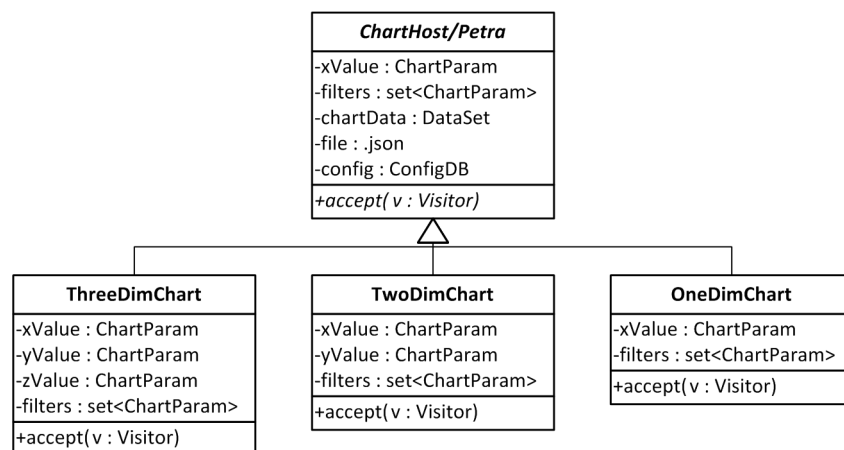
ChartVisitors work on a ChartHost. What they do depends on which specific one they visit and of course their one type. One visitor, the ChartDataRequester, is part of the data access tier.

DataPreparer

The DataPreparer is the second visitor. He prepares the raw data stored in a ChartHost, so that the JSON-Writer can do its work easily.

JSON-Writer

The JSON-Writer is the last visitor. According to the data stored in the visited ChartHost he creates a .json file which contains all information needed by D3 to display the charts.



ChartHost/Petra

ChartHosts are objects hosting one chart request. Initialized they store the chart parameters requested for the axes and the filter options. During the visits they first store raw data and later the .json file needed for the chart. The other name Petra for ChartHost is the intern name used for this class. As it had no official name it was and stills is known by Petra. So because when mentioning Petra all current members know what is meant the name is also given in this design document.

OneDimChart

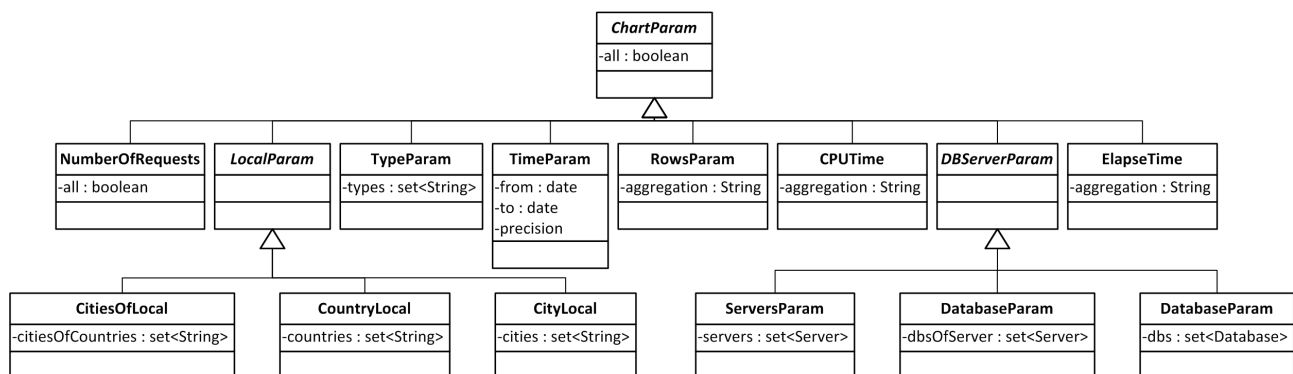
A OneDimChart - the name standing for one dimension chart - stores the ChartParam for the x axes or for example just the measure/radius needed in a bubble chart.

TwoDimChart

More than the OneDimeChart the TwoDimChart also stores the ChartParam of a second axis.

ThreeDimChart

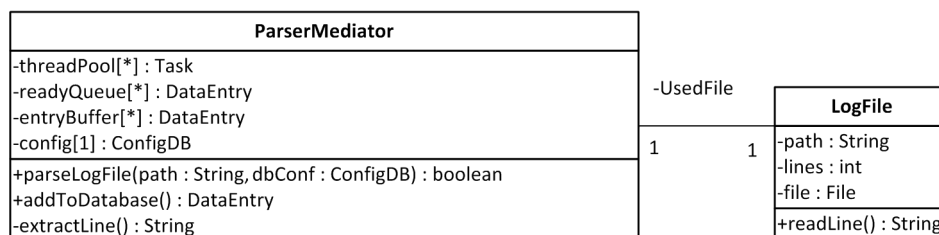
The ThreeDimChart stores ChartParam for three axes.



ChartParam

ChartParam represent on the one hand the type of a dimension or measure, like time or number of rows, and on the other hand the interval or the aggregation. e.g. sum or maximum, requested or filtered. With the boolean set true may be shown, that no filtering is required on this parameter, or other implemented they may be just left out in that case. This ChartParam stand just representative for possible chart parameter and may be implemented way more dynamically.

3.5 Parser



ParserMediator

ParserMediator is the 'main'-Class of the Parser. It creates and administrates a thread-pool, which contains several tasks, contains the entryBuffer for finished DataEntries, the stringBuffer for strings, which were extracted from the log file and saves which log file and configuration file is used.

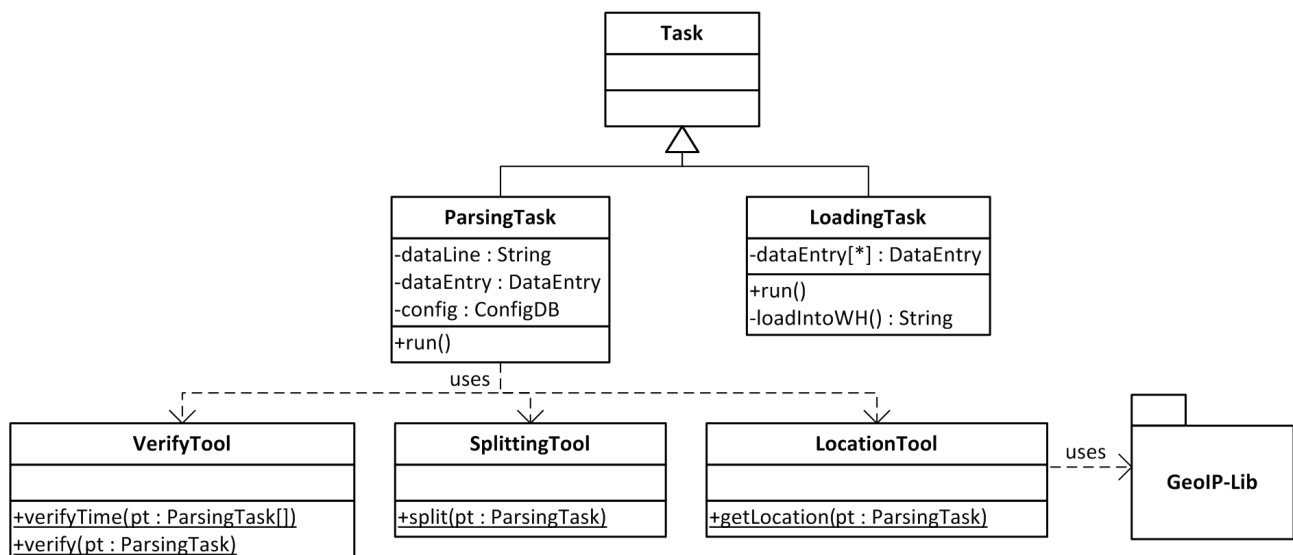
LogFile

The gateway between parser and log file - it contains the path of the logfile and an integer which saves how many lines have been read from this file. It can read single lines from the logfile and return them to the Parser.



DataEntry

The DataEntry stores the data which will be written into the warehouse. The given attributes stand representative for possible data. The implementation of them may be way more dynamically.



ParsingTask

ParsingTasks are tasks created by the ParserMediator. They receive a line from the log file and use SplittingTool, VerifyTool and LocationTool to create a DataEntry.

SplittingTool

The SplittingTool splits the dataLine from its parsingTask and enters the splitted raw parts into the DataEntry.

VerifyTool

The VerifyTool checks the DataEntry for its correctness. If mistakes are found this line will be deleted and a internal exception registered.

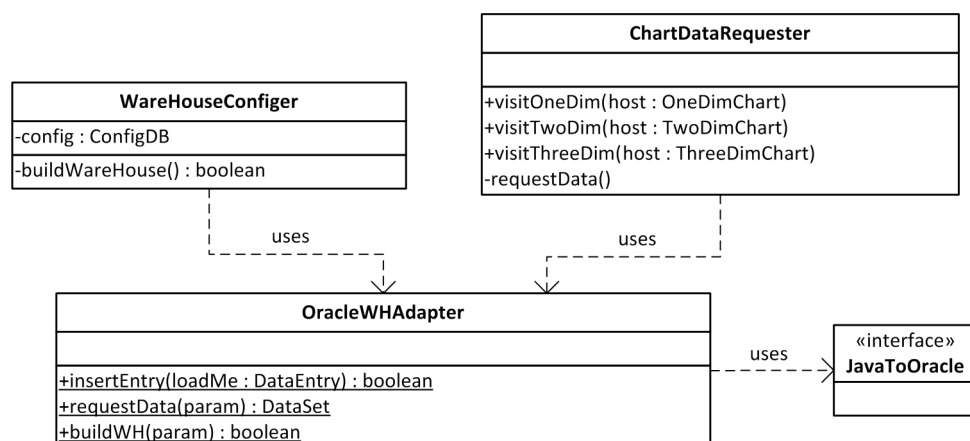
LocationTool

The LocationTool uses GeolP-Libraries (7.3) to determine the city and country of the request out of the ip.

LoadingTask

A LoadingTask is another possible task for the thread pool. It takes finished DataEntries from the buffer and sends them to the data access tier.

3.6 Data access tier



ChartDataRequester

The ChartDataRequester is the first of the three visitors of a ChartHost. Its task is to create the queries to gain the data needed for the charts. It takes the information about what he has to request from the hosted ChartHost.

OracleWHAdapter

Every query, whether loading, extracting or anything else, run against the Oracle server is made by this, and only by this, class. So it represents the interface out of the application to the data.

JavaToOracle

Any library used for the connection and communication with the Oracle server, where the Warehouse is stored. It is only used by the OracleWHAdapter.

WareHouseConfigur

This class will only be needed if a very optional function will be implemented. It's task is to create a warehouse for one certain new database just with the information of its configuration file information.

4 Data warehouse design

4.1 Overview

4.2 Dimension descriptions

4.3 Measure descriptions

4.4 Type description

As Type depends which data base is operated, it may get it's own subsection.

5 Sequences

6 Data

The program along with its libraries gets compiled to an executable .jar file. However, it also uses a number of external data.

6.1 Log files

Log files are arguably the most important data files our program has to deal with, since it simply needs them to function properly.

They have to be valid .csv files as well as be consistent with the configuration files specified. For more information on configuration files, read on.

6.2 Configuration files

This fulfills an optional requirement.

The program may work with more database log files than just with these from the skyserver without any modifications to its source code. However, to achieve this functionality configuration files have to be read. A configuration file needs to be written per database.

The configuration file contains, among others, the database schema, the dimensions and measures used as well as their types.

Additionally, we will provide a sample configuration file for the skyserver, as well as documentation on creating one.

6.3 Visualization files

The program dynamically recognizes javascript visualization files during its startup, provided they are created with our specifications in mind and are either placed in the appropriate directory structure, or are uploaded through the admin panel. That said, this allows new chart types, or different visualizations to be created by a user simply by providing the javascript file. Javascript files have a .js ending.

6.4 Language files

Our program keeps language files separate to enable a smooth translation and maintenance of the graphical user interface.

6.5 Misc

Favicons, logos, thumbnails for the chart types are also used.

7 Libraries

The program uses a number of external libraries to achieve its functionality. This section describes which they are, how they interact with the program, as well as licensing information.

7.1 Java play

Version: 2.0.4

Link: <http://www.playframework.org/>

Licens: Apache 2 License

Usage: Java play is primarily a web framework, but it includes a webserver too. We use it to create a modern, dynamic and interactive website, instead of a conventional java Swing GUI. Our web server tier is just a modification of appropriate java play classes.

7.2 D3.js

Version: v2

Link: <http://d3js.org/>

Licens: BSD License, BSD 3 Clause

Usage: D3.js is a javascript visualization library for the browser. It allows the creation of beautiful, interactive visualizations. It runs, as one would imagine, in our browser tier.

7.3 GeoIP

Version: 1.2.8

Link: <https://www.maxmind.com/download/geoip/api/java/>

Usage: We use the Maxmind GeoIP Lite library to map user IPs to locations. This allows queries based on location, as well as preserving anonymity. Our parser uses the GeoIP library.

7.4 Oracle Data Warehouse & OLAP software

Version: 11g Release 2

Link: [Oracle Data Warehousing](#)

Licens: Oracle license

Usage: Data will be stored with an Oracle warehouse and Oracle OLAP-Cubes. The software will use it over the KIT.