

SENG 696: Agent-based Software Engineering – Fall 2022

Online Abroad Consultancy

Project Overview

Steps towards Abroad studies:

- i) Student registration.
- ii) Data provided by the student is stored in the database.
- iii) Successful student login after authentication.
- iv) A query is made to list the universities based on student program.
- v) Student can apply, bookmark, or compare the universities.
- vi) Student can view the bookmarked universities in their profile.
- vii) A query is made to compare the universities based on different criteria like ranking of the university based on course, fee structure, Alumni feedback etc.,
- viii) Student can save and view the list of universities in their profile history.

Agents Outline:

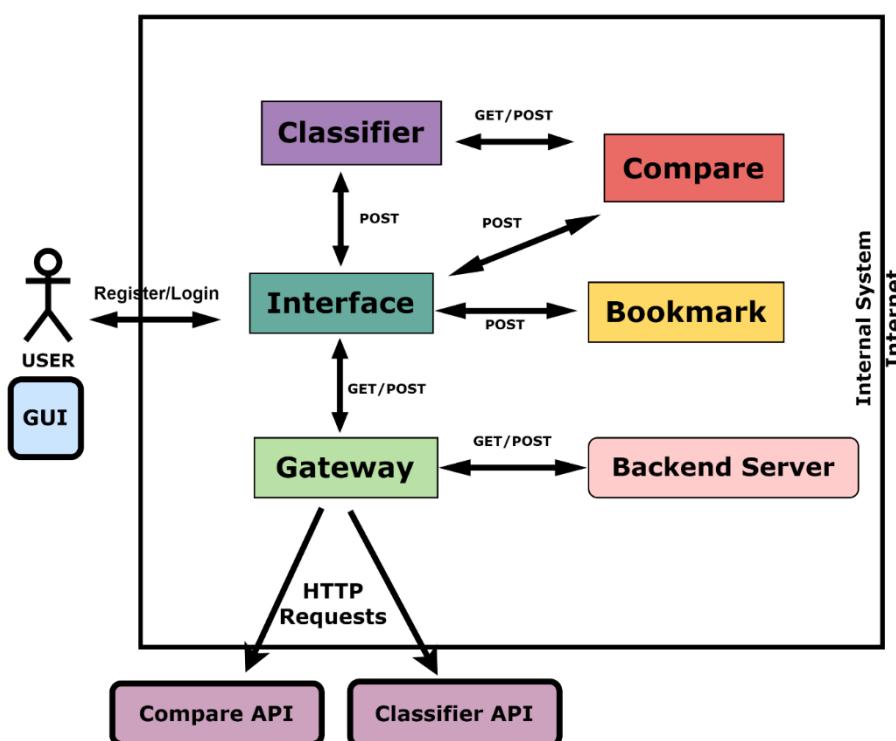
- i) Interface Agent – Connect to backend server.
- ii) Gateway Agent – Handle HTTP Requests.
- iii) Classifier Agent – Request to Search API to fetch data from DB.
- iv) Compare Agent – Request to Compare API to compare data.
- v) Bookmark Agent – Request to Save API, to store data into Local DB.

Technology Stack:

- i) Frontend: JSP
- ii) Backend: Core JAVA
- iii) Database: MySQL || Local DB: User data Storage
- iv) JADE-Agent Development Environment
- v) Gaia- Agent Methodology

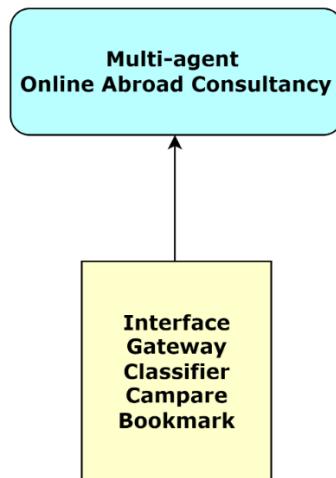
System Requirements:

- i) Frontend app will have a user-friendly GUI.
- ii) Student would register into database.
- iii) Student would be authenticated based on the data provided using HTTP API requests.
- iv) Backend server must be capable of receiving, handling, and responding to API request from the app.
- v) Upon receiving request, server will hand off processing to agents.
- vi) System can store the user's information in Database (MySQL).
- vii) System agents can expect inputs from users and display the result of list of universities by using search functionalities.
- viii) Registered users can compare tuition fees, Duration of course of the universities.
- ix) Users can save multiple universities and it would be displayed under the bookmarks.

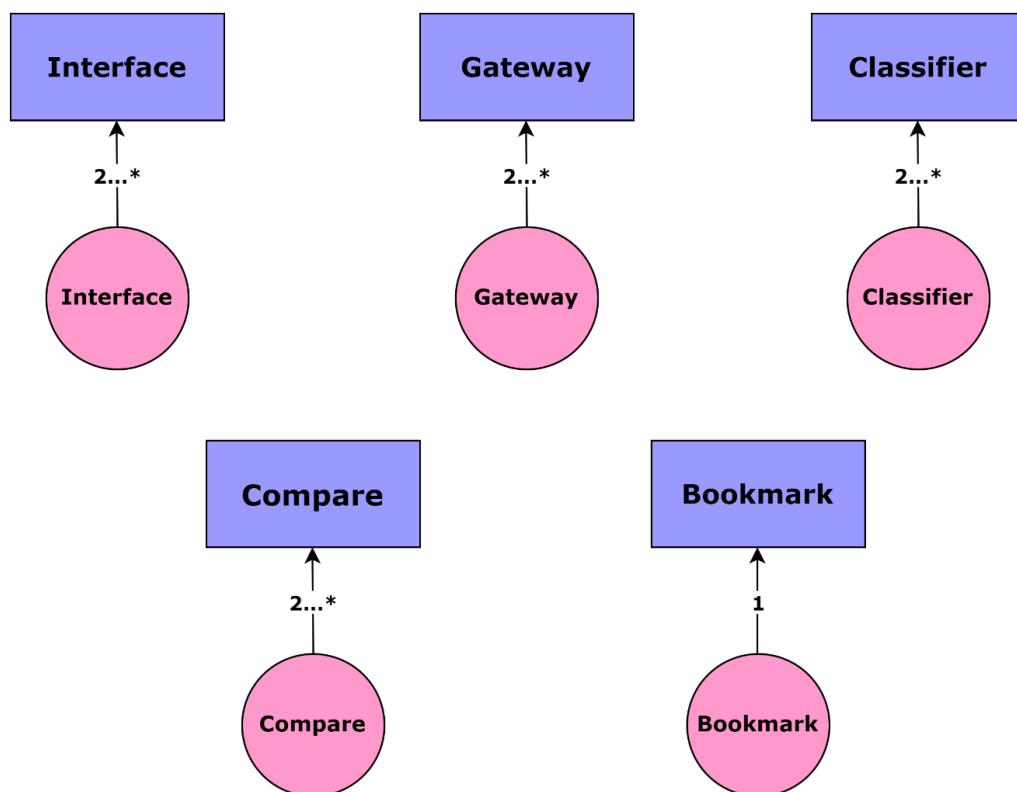


Analysis:

Role Model:



Agents Model:



Role Schemas:

| Role Schema | Interface |
|--------------------------|---|
| Description | To provide the user data and to receive the data after processing |
| Protocols and Activities | - Transfer user's data - Receive list of universities |
| Permissions | Read and write from Backend Server |
| Responsibilities | -Liveness: RequestService = (RequestService.SERVICE) - Safety: |

| Role Schema | Gateway |
|--------------------------|---|
| Description | Sends HTTP requests to Search API and Compare API, and returns the list of universities to the Classifier |
| Protocols and Activities | Query the Search API, Compare API, and Bookmark API as a GET method and request list of universities from classifier as a POST method |
| Permissions | HTTP Internet Access. Connect to Classifier, compare and bookmark agent |
| Responsibilities | -Liveness: Gateway Service = (GatewayService. SERVICE) -Safety: Secure connection with search and compare API |

| Role Schema | Classifier |
|--------------------------|--|
| Description | To receive the user's input via GUI and search for the list of universities based on user's data |
| Protocols and Activities | Request list of universities from Search API, as a POST method. |
| Permissions | Interface, Gateway, and Compare Agents |
| Responsibilities | -Liveness: DataClassifierService = (DataClassifierService.SERVICE) - Safety: Secure connection with Search API. |

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| Role Schema | Compare |
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| Description | To receive the list of universities text from classifier, request data from Compare API and send results back to Interface agent |
| Protocols and Activities | Query the Compare API, as a GET method. |
| Permissions | Connect to Classifier, Gateway and Interface Agents |
| Responsibilities | -Liveness: CompareDataService = (CompareDataService.SERVICE) -Safety: Secure connection with Compare API. |

| Role Schema | Bookmark |
|--------------------------|---|
| Description | To receive input from user and save the data into the local database for ease of future reference |
| Protocols and Activities | Query the bookmark API, as a POST method |
| Permissions | Connect to Classifier, Gateway and Interface Agents |
| Responsibilities | -Liveness: BookmarkDataService = (BookmarkDataService.SERVICE) -Safety: Secure connection with Classifier API. |

Interaction Model:

| Protocol | Interface | Gateway | Classifier | Compare | Bookmark |
|------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| Purpose/ Parameters | Provides a registered user detail. Sends and receives request to store and fetch data. | Acts as a middleman for Classifier and Interface agents when making HTTP requests | Receives user input, request data from database to and sends to the User based on search classification | Receives the Universities from Classifier, requests data from Search API, and sends Comparison back to interface | Acts as a local storage and display all the saved universities in user profile. |
| Initiator(s) | User and backend server | Interface request | Search | Classifier | Bookmark Universities |
| Receiver(s) | Gateway | Classifier | Interface | Interface | Classifier Universities |
| Processing | Authenticated data Transfer to Gateway agent. | Request to fetch data and transmitted to the Classifier agent. | Returns JSON data from API calls to agents that requested it | Returns the result of the Comparison request back to the Interface Agent. | View list of Saved universities |

Services Model:

| Services | Inputs | Output | Preconditions | Postconditions |
|-------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Interface | User Data | List of University based on user input. | Users send data through GUI. | We can review the complete list of Universities. |
| Gateway | Handles HTTP requests. | Processing HTTP and sends response. | Fetch the HTTP'S request and sends it to the classifier agent. | Takes the output and sends it to the classifier. |
| Classifier | Receives data from database based on user input. | Returns Jason data. | Sends the base input to the gateway agent. | Returns the Jason and sends it to the comparison based on user request. |
| Compare | Receives input from classifier for comparison. | List of Universities after comparison. | Compares the data fetched from database based on user input. | Returns the comparison list to the user. |
| Bookmark | Receives the list of saved University. | List of saved Universities with easily accessible. | Receives the information of saved Universities from the database. | The easily accessible data is found handy at the front end of the app. |

Acquaintances Model:

