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TIMETABLE GENERATION APP

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Introduction

1.1 Overview of the Topic

The **Timetable Application** is a Java-based desktop application designed to simplify and automate the process of generating academic timetables. It is particularly useful for educational institutions where students and faculty need to manage schedules for theory and lab subjects.

Using a graphical user interface (GUI) built with **Java Swing**, this application allows users to input parameters such as their academic program, semester, and available days to generate a customized timetable. It also features the ability to view the syllabus for the selected program and semester in a PDF format. The project leverages **CSV files** to store subject data and uses **scheduling algorithms** to allocate time slots to theory and lab subjects based on availability.

1.2 Project Objectives

The primary objectives of this project are:

- To build a **user-friendly application** that helps students and faculty generate timetables based on program, semester, and active days.
- To **automate** the scheduling of theory and lab subjects, ensuring no overlap and accounting for necessary breaks.
- To provide a **feature to view program syllabi directly** within the application by opening the corresponding PDF.
- To offer a **seamless user experience** by reducing manual efforts for timetable generation and ensuring it is accurate and error-free.

By focusing on these goals, the project aims to create a system that can be easily adapted for any academic program and can scale to accommodate larger sets of subjects or programs in the future.

1.3 Languages & Tools Used

- **Java**: The primary programming language used to build the application, including the GUI and backend logic for timetable generation.
- **Java Swing**: A lightweight GUI toolkit used to create interactive user interfaces in Java applications. It provides a wide range of components like buttons, combo boxes, and labels.

- **CSV Files**: Used for storing the subject data for various academic programs. The program reads these files at runtime to load subjects into memory for generating timetables.
- **PDF Files**: These are used to display syllabi for different programs and semesters. The application opens these files in a PDF viewer on the user's system.

1.4 Scope of the Project

The **Timetable Management System** is a desktop-based application designed to assist students and educational institutions in managing and organizing their academic timetables. The system allows the user to select a program, semester, active days, and generate a personalized timetable for the selected semester. The timetable will include theory and lab sessions, with break times scheduled appropriately. The system is built using **Java** and **Swing** for the graphical user interface (GUI), and it loads subject data from **CSV files**.

Key Features:

- **Program and Semester Selection**: Students can select their program (e.g., CSE, IT, MECH) and the corresponding semester (e.g., Semester 3, Semester 5), with the system dynamically adjusting available semesters based on the selected program and semester type (Autumn/Spring).
- **Active Day Selection**: Users can select the days they are available for classes (e.g., Monday, Wednesday, Friday). The system then schedules the subjects accordingly, allowing for customized timetables.
- **Timetable Generation**: The system generates a clear and organized timetable, listing theory subjects with time slots and lab sessions after the theory classes, with appropriate breaks in between.
- **Syllabus Access**: Students can view the syllabus for their selected program and semester by opening a PDF file, ensuring easy access to course details and requirements.

Technology: The application is built using **Java Swing** for the graphical user interface (GUI), providing a simple and intuitive user experience. Subject and lab data are loaded from **CSV files**, making it easy to update and manage the content.

App Design & Architecture

2.1 App Components

The **Timetable Generation App** consists of the following main components:

1. **User Interface (UI)**: The application uses **Java Swing** to create a graphical user interface (GUI) that allows users to interact with the system. The interface includes dropdown menus, buttons, and checkboxes for selecting the program, semester, and active days.
2. **CSV File Reader**: The system reads subject and lab information from **CSV files** (theorySubjects.csv and labSubjects.csv). These files store the list of subjects for different programs and semesters. This approach allows easy updates and management of the subject data.
3. **Timetable Generator**: This part of the system is responsible for generating the actual timetable. Based on the user's selections (program, semester, active days), the system schedules theory subjects and lab sessions and formats them into a timetable.
4. **Syllabus Viewer**: This component allows users to view the syllabus for their selected program and semester. The syllabus is stored as a PDF file, and the user can open it using their default PDF viewer.
5. **Data Storage**: The subjects and lab data are stored in **HashMaps**, which allows fast access and easy management of subject data for different programs and semesters.

2.2 Diagrams

Program Flow:

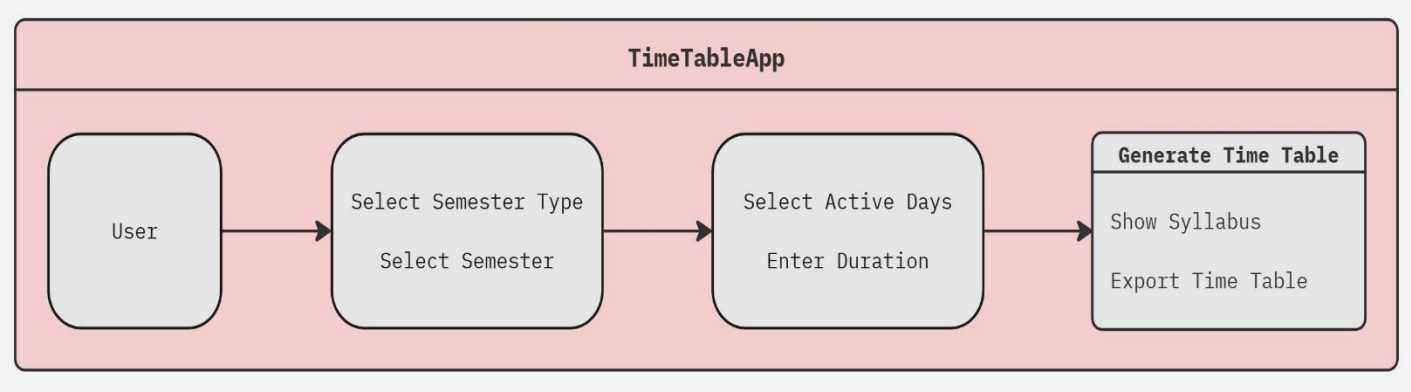
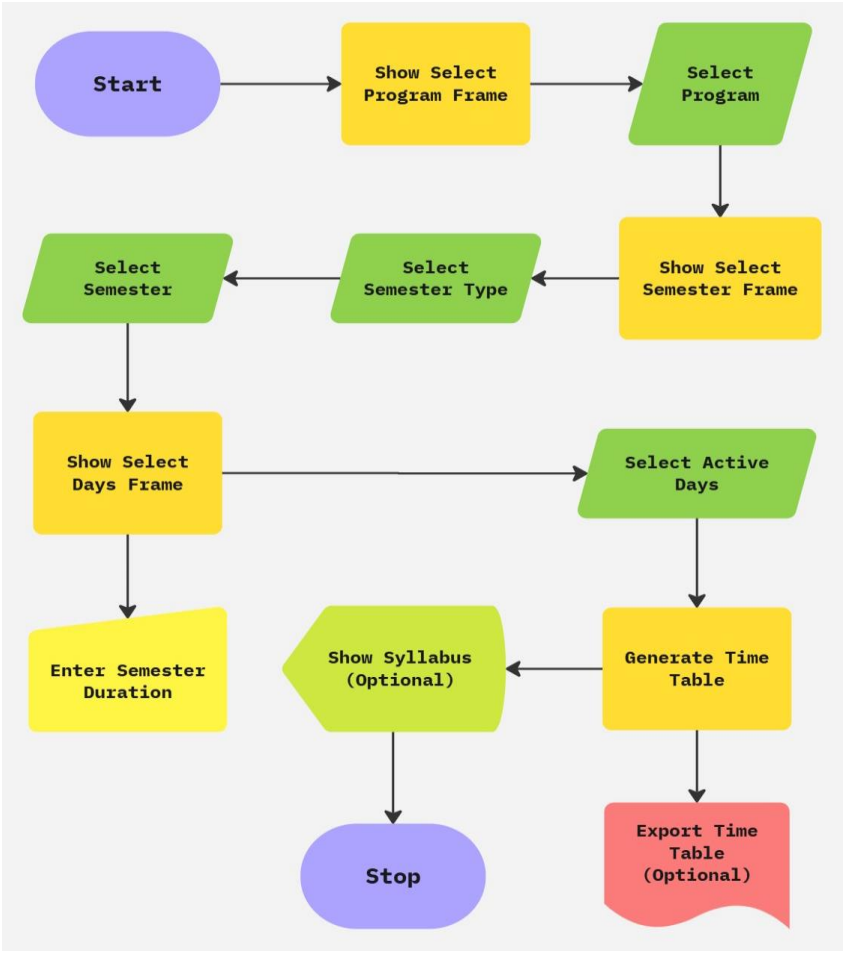


Fig: Program Flow

Case Flowchart:



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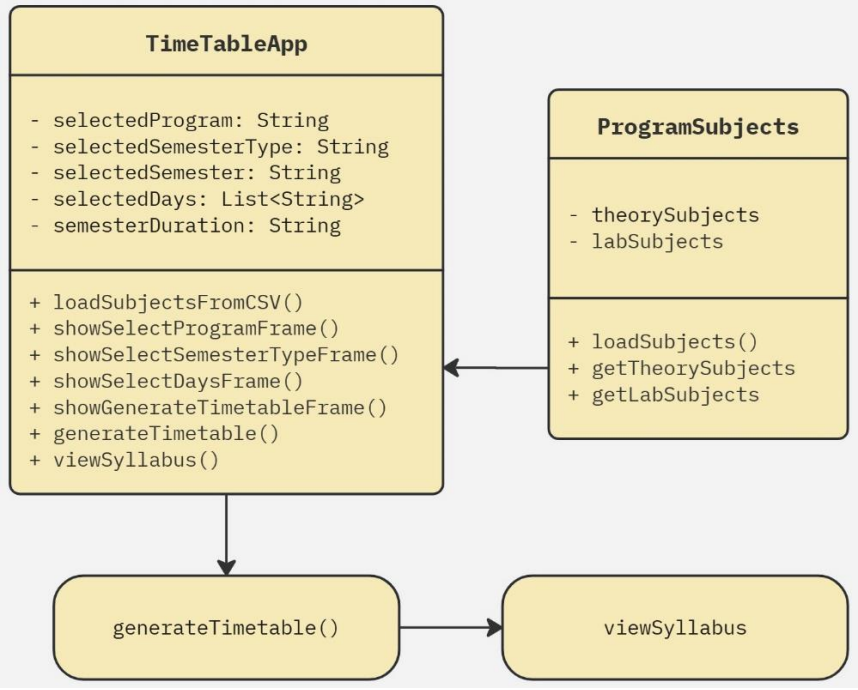

Fig: Class Diagram

Code Implementation

3.1 Program

```
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import java.io.*;
import java.nio.file.*;
import java.util.*;
import java.util.List;

public class TimetableApp extends JFrame {
    private String selectedProgram = "";
    private String selectedSemesterType = "";
    private String selectedSemester = "";
    private List<String> selectedDays = new ArrayList<>();
    private String semesterDuration = "";

    private Map<String, Map<String, List<String>>> programSubjects = new HashMap<>();
    private Map<String, Map<String, List<String>>> programLabs = new HashMap<>();

    public TimetableApp() {
        setTitle("Timetable Program");
        setSize(800, 600);
        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        loadSubjectsFromCSV(); // Load subjects from CSV on initialization
        showSelectProgramFrame();
    }

private void loadSubjectsFromCSV() {
    try {
        // Load theory subjects
        loadSubjects("theorySubjects.csv", programSubjects);
        // Load lab subjects
        loadSubjects("labSubjects.csv", programLabs);
    } catch (IOException e) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Error loading subjects from CSV files: " + e.getMessage(), "File Load Error", JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
        e.printStackTrace(); // Log the exception to the console for debugging
    }
}
```

```
    private void loadSubjects(String filename, Map<String, Map<String, List<String>>> subjectsMap) throws IOException {
        List<String> lines = Files.readAllLines(Paths.get(filename));
        for (String line : lines) {
            String[] parts = line.split(",");
            if (parts.length >= 3) {
                String program = parts[0].trim();
                String semester = parts[1].trim();
                String subject = parts[2].trim();

                // If the program is not in the map, add it
                subjectsMap.putIfAbsent(program, new HashMap<>());
                // If the semester is not in the map, add it
                subjectsMap.get(program).putIfAbsent(semester, new ArrayList<>());
                // Add the subject to the semester list
                subjectsMap.get(program).get(semester).add(subject);
            }
        }
    }

    private void showSelectProgramFrame() {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame("Select Program");
        frame.setSize(400, 200);
        frame.setLayout(new FlowLayout());

        JLabel label = new JLabel("Select Program:");
        String[] programs = {"ASH First Year", "CSE", "IT", "ENTC", "MECH", "ELPO"}; // Added ELPO to the programs list
        JComboBox<String> programComboBox = new JComboBox<>(programs);
        programComboBox.addActionListener(e -> selectedProgram = (String) programComboBox.getSelectedItem());

        JButton nextButton = new JButton("Next");
        nextButton.addActionListener(e -> {
            frame.dispose();
            showSelectSemesterTypeFrame();
        });

        frame.add(label);
        frame.add(programComboBox);
        frame.add(nextButton);
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
```

```
80  private void showSelectSemesterTypeFrame() {
81      JFrame frame = new JFrame("Select Semester Type");
82      frame.setSize(400, 300);
83      frame.setLayout(new GridLayout(6, 1));
84
85      ButtonGroup semesterTypeGroup = new ButtonGroup();
86      JRadioButton autumnButton = new JRadioButton("Autumn");
87      JRadioButton springButton = new JRadioButton("Spring");
88      semesterTypeGroup.add(autumnButton);
89      semesterTypeGroup.add(springButton);
90
91      autumnButton.addActionListener(e -> selectedSemesterType = "Autumn");
92      springButton.addActionListener(e -> selectedSemesterType = "Spring");
93
94      JComboBox<String> semesterComboBox = new JComboBox<>();
95      semesterComboBox.addActionListener(e -> selectedSemester = (String) semesterComboBox.getSelectedItem());
96
97      // Conditional semester selection based on program
98      autumnButton.addActionListener(e -> {
99          semesterComboBox.removeAllItems();
100         if (selectedProgram.equals("ASH First Year")) {
101             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 1 (Group A)");
102             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 1 (Group B)");
103         } else if (selectedProgram.equals("ELPO")) {
104             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 3");
105             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 5");
106             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 7");
107         } else {
108             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 3");
109             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 5");
110             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 7");
111         }
112     });
113
114     springButton.addActionListener(e -> {
115         semesterComboBox.removeAllItems();
116         if (selectedProgram.equals("ASH First Year")) {
117             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 2 (Group A)");
118             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 2 (Group B)");
119         } else if (selectedProgram.equals("ELPO")) {
120             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 4");
121             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 6");
122             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 8");
123         } else {
124             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 4");
125             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 6");
126             semesterComboBox.addItem("Semester 8");
127         }
128     });
129
130     JButton nextButton = new JButton("Next");
131     nextButton.addActionListener(e -> {
132         if (selectedSemester.isEmpty()) {
133             JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(frame, "Select correct Semester and Try Again!");
134         } else {
135             frame.dispose();
136             showSelectDaysFrame();
137         }
138     });
139
140     JButton backButton = new JButton("Back");
141     backButton.addActionListener(e -> {
142         frame.dispose();
143         showSelectProgramFrame();
144     });
145
146     frame.add(autumnButton);
147     frame.add(springButton);
148     frame.add(semesterComboBox);
149     frame.add(nextButton);
150     frame.add(backButton);
151     frame.setVisible(true);
152 }
```

```
154   private void showSelectDaysFrame() {
155       JFrame frame = new JFrame("Select Active Days");
156       frame.setSize(400, 600);
157       frame.setLayout(new GridLayout(8, 1));
158       String[] days = {"Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", "Friday", "Saturday", "Sunday"};
159
160       for (String day : days) {
161           JCheckBox checkBox = new JCheckBox(day);
162           checkBox.addActionListener(e -> {
163               if (checkBox.isSelected()) {
164                   selectedDays.add(day);
165               } else {
166                   selectedDays.remove(day);
167               }
168           });
169           frame.add(checkBox);
170       }
171
172       JLabel durationLabel = new JLabel("Enter Semester Duration (e.g., July to Dec):");
173       JTextField durationField = new JTextField();
174       JButton nextButton = new JButton("Next");
175       nextButton.addActionListener(e -> {
176           semesterDuration = durationField.getText();
177           frame.dispose();
178           showGenerateTimetableFrame();
179       });
180
181       JButton backButton = new JButton("Back");
182       backButton.addActionListener(e -> {
183           frame.dispose();
184           showSelectSemesterTypeFrame();
185       });
186
187       frame.add(durationLabel);
188       frame.add(durationField);
189       frame.add(nextButton);
190       frame.add(backButton);
191       frame.setVisible(true);
192   }
193
194   private void showGenerateTimetableFrame() {
195       JFrame frame = new JFrame("Generate Timetable");
196       frame.setSize(900, 600);
197       frame.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
198
199       JTextArea timetableArea = new JTextArea();
200       timetableArea.setEditable(false);
201       JScrollPane scrollPane = new JScrollPane(timetableArea);
202
203       JButton generateButton = new JButton("Generate Timetable");
204       generateButton.addActionListener(e -> {
205           String timetable = generateTimetable();
206           timetableArea.setText(timetable);
207       });
208
209       JButton exportButton = new JButton("Export Timetable");
210       exportButton.addActionListener(e -> {
211           // Logic to export timetable (not implemented)
212           JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(frame, "Export functionality is not implemented yet.");
213       });
214
215       // Add Show Syllabus button
216       JButton syllabusButton = new JButton("Show Syllabus");
217       syllabusButton.addActionListener(e -> {
218           showSyllabus(selectedProgram, selectedSemester);
219       });
220
221       frame.add(generateButton, BorderLayout.NORTH);
222       frame.add(scrollPane, BorderLayout.CENTER);
223       frame.add(exportButton, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
224
225       // Create a panel for buttons at the bottom
226       JPanel buttonPanel = new JPanel(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.RIGHT));
227       buttonPanel.add(syllabusButton);
228       buttonPanel.add(exportButton);
229
230       frame.add(buttonPanel, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
231
232       frame.setVisible(true);
233   }
234
```

```
private String generateTimetable() {
    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
    sb.append("Timetable for ").append(selectedProgram).append(" - ").append(selectedSemester).append("\n");
    sb.append("Semester Duration: ").append(semesterDuration).append("\n");

    List<String> weekdaysOrder = List.of("Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", "Friday");
    List<String> sortedDays = new ArrayList<>(selectedDays);
    sortedDays.sort((day1, day2) -> Integer.compare(weekdaysOrder.indexOf(day1), weekdaysOrder.indexOf(day2)));

    sb.append("Active Days: ").append(sortedDays).append("\n");
    sb.append("-----------------------------------\n");

    int startHour = 11; // Starting time is 11 AM
    for (String day : sortedDays) {
        sb.append(day).append(":\n");

        List<String> semesterTheorySubjects = new ArrayList<>();
        List<String> semesterLabSubjects = new ArrayList<>();

        if (programSubjects.containsKey(selectedProgram) && programSubjects.get(selectedProgram).containsKey(selectedSemester)) {
            semesterTheorySubjects.addAll(programSubjects.get(selectedProgram).get(selectedSemester));
        }
        if (programLabs.containsKey(selectedProgram) && programLabs.get(selectedProgram).containsKey(selectedSemester)) {
            semesterLabSubjects.addAll(programLabs.get(selectedProgram).get(selectedSemester));
        }

        // Shuffle the subjects for the day
        Collections.shuffle(semesterTheorySubjects);
        Collections.shuffle(semesterLabSubjects);

        // Schedule theory subjects first
        for (String subject : semesterTheorySubjects) {
            if (startHour == 13) {
                break;
            }
            sb.append(String.format("%02d:00 - %02d:00: %s (Theory)\n", startHour, startHour + 1, subject));
            startHour += 1;
        }

        sb.append("01:00 - 01:15: Break\n");

        // Schedule lab subjects
        for (String subject : semesterLabSubjects) {
            sb.append(String.format("01:15 - 03:15: %s (Lab)\n", subject));
        }

        sb.append("03:15 - 03:45: Long Break\n");

        int theorySubjectsRemaining = semesterTheorySubjects.size();
        if (theorySubjectsRemaining > 0) {
            sb.append(String.format("03:45 - 04:45: %s (Theory)\n", semesterTheorySubjects.get(theorySubjectsRemaining - 2)));
            sb.append(String.format("04:45 - 05:45: %s (Theory)\n", semesterTheorySubjects.get(theorySubjectsRemaining - 1)));
        }

        sb.append("-----------------------------------\n");
        startHour = 11; // Reset hour for the next day
    }

    return sb.toString();
}



private void showSyllabus(String program, String semester) {
    // Define a map of program and semester to PDF file paths
    String syllabusFilePath = getSyllabusFilePath(program, semester);

    if (syllabusFilePath != null) {
        try {
            File syllabusFile = new File(syllabusFilePath);
            if (syllabusFile.exists()) {
                Desktop desktop = Desktop.getDesktop();
                desktop.open(syllabusFile); // Open the PDF file in the default viewer
            } else {
                JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Syllabus file not found for " + program + " - " + semester);
            }
        } catch (IOException e) {
            JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Error opening syllabus file: " + e.getMessage());
        }
    } else {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Syllabus not available for the selected program and semester.");
    }
}
```

```
318
319     private String getSyllabusFilePath(String program, String semester) {
320         // Define the base directory where the syllabus PDFs are stored
321         String baseDirectory = "syllabus_pdfs/";
322
323         // Map the program and semester to the corresponding syllabus file
324         switch (program) {
325             case "ASH First Year":
326                 if (semester.equals("Semester 1 (Group A)") || semester.equals("Semester 1 (Group B)")) {
327                     return baseDirectory + "ASH_FY_Semester_1.pdf";
328                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 2 (Group A)") || semester.equals("Semester 2 (Group B)")) {
329                     return baseDirectory + "ASH_FY_Semester_2.pdf";
330                 }
331                 break;
332             case "CSE":
333                 if (semester.equals("Semester 3")) {
334                     return baseDirectory + "CSE_Semester_3.pdf";
335                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 4")) {
336                     return baseDirectory + "CSE_Semester_4.pdf";
337                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 5")) {
338                     return baseDirectory + "CSE_Semester_5.pdf";
339                 }
340                 break;
341             case "IT":
342                 if (semester.equals("Semester 3")) {
343                     return baseDirectory + "IT_Semester_3.pdf";
344                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 4")) {
345                     return baseDirectory + "IT_Semester_4.pdf";
346                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 5")) {
347                     return baseDirectory + "IT_Semester_5.pdf";
348                 }
349                 break;
350             case "ENTC":
351                 if (semester.equals("Semester 3")) {
352                     return baseDirectory + "ENTC_Semester_3.pdf";
353                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 4")) {
354                     return baseDirectory + "ENTC_Semester_4.pdf";
355                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 5")) {
356                     return baseDirectory + "ENTC_Semester_5.pdf";
357                 }
358                 break;
359             case "ELPO":
360                 if (semester.equals("Semester 3")) {
361                     return baseDirectory + "ELPO_Semester_3.pdf";
362                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 4")) {
363                     return baseDirectory + "ELPO_Semester_4.pdf";
364                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 5")) {
365                     return baseDirectory + "ELPO_Semester_5.pdf";
366                 }
367                 break;
368             case "MECH":
369                 if (semester.equals("Semester 3")) {
370                     return baseDirectory + "MECH_Semester_3.pdf";
371                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 4")) {
372                     return baseDirectory + "MECH_Semester_4.pdf";
373                 } else if (semester.equals("Semester 5")) {
374                     return baseDirectory + "MECH_Semester_5.pdf";
375                 }
376                 break;
377             default:
378                 return null;
379         }
380
381         return null; // Return null if no matching syllabus found
382     }
383
384     public static void main(String[] args) {
385         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> new TimetableApp());
386     }
387 }
388
```

3.2 Code Explanation

1. `TimetableApp` Class

The `TimetableApp` class is the main entry point for the application. It controls the flow of the program and is responsible for initializing the GUI, reading the subject data, generating the timetable, and handling user input.

This class is responsible for managing user interactions. It initializes the graphical user interface (GUI), takes user inputs for selecting their program, semester, and active days, and then processes this data to generate a personalized timetable.

- **Key Functionality**:
  - Initializes and sets up the GUI components (like buttons, combo boxes, etc.).
  - Calls the `generateTimetable()` method to create the timetable based on the selected options.
  - Provides the functionality to view the syllabus using the `viewSyllabus()` method.

2. `ProgramSubjects` Class

The `ProgramSubjects` class is responsible for holding the subject data (both theory and lab subjects) for different programs and semesters. It loads the subject data from CSV files and organizes it into lists or maps.

It stores the subjects available for each program and semester and to provide easy access to them when generating the timetable.

```
Program,Semester,Subject
ASH First Year,Semester 1 (Group A),Computer Science
ASH First Year,Semester 1 (Group A),Engineering Mechanics
ASH First Year,Semester 1 (Group A),Engineering Mathematics-I
ASH First Year,Semester 1 (Group A),Engineering Physics
ASH First Year,Semester 2 (Group A),Basic Electrical Engineering
ASH First Year,Semester 2 (Group A),Engineering Chemistry
ASH First Year,Semester 2 (Group A),Engineering Graphics
ASH First Year,Semester 2 (Group A),Engineering Mathematics-II
ASH First Year,Semester 1 (Group B),Basic Electrical Engineering
ASH First Year,Semester 1 (Group B),Engineering Chemistry
ASH First Year,Semester 1 (Group B),Engineering Graphics
ASH First Year,Semester 1 (Group B),Engineering Mathematics-II
ASH First Year,Semester 2 (Group B),Computer Science
ASH First Year,Semester 2 (Group B),Engineering Mechanics
ASH First Year,Semester 2 (Group B),Engineering Mathematics-I
ASH First Year,Semester 2 (Group B),Engineering Physics
CSE,Semester 3,Analog & Digital Electronics
CSE,Semester 3,Discrete Structure & Graph Theory
```

Fig: CSV Example

- **Key Functionality**:
  - Reads the subject data from a CSV file using file handling (e.g., Java NIO).
  - Stores the subject data in `HashMap` or `ArrayList` structures for easy retrieval.
  - Provides methods to fetch subjects based on the program and semester selected by the user.

3. `TimetableGenerator` Class

The `TimetableGenerator` class is the core of the timetable generation logic. It takes the selected program, semester, and active days from the user and creates a timetable by assigning subjects to the appropriate time slots.

It generates the timetable by scheduling subjects and ensuring there are no conflicts. It manages the placement of theory sessions, lab sessions, and breaks in a logical sequence.

- **Key Functionality:**
  - Takes the user input (active days, program, and semester) and uses that data to create a schedule.
  - Ensures no subject is scheduled at the same time by checking time slots.
  - Organizes the timetable in a day-wise manner, placing theory subjects first, followed by lab sessions, and ensuring there are breaks in between.

4. `SyllabusViewer` Class

The `SyllabusViewer` class handles the functionality for opening and displaying the syllabus as a PDF. This class uses the Java Desktop API to open PDF files in the default PDF viewer on the user's system.

It allows the user to view their program's syllabus directly from the application.

- **Key Functionality**:
  - Uses the `Desktop` API to open the relevant syllabus PDF file based on the selected program and semester.
  - Handles any errors that might occur if the PDF file cannot be opened (e.g., file not found, wrong format).

Output & Analysis

4.1 Output

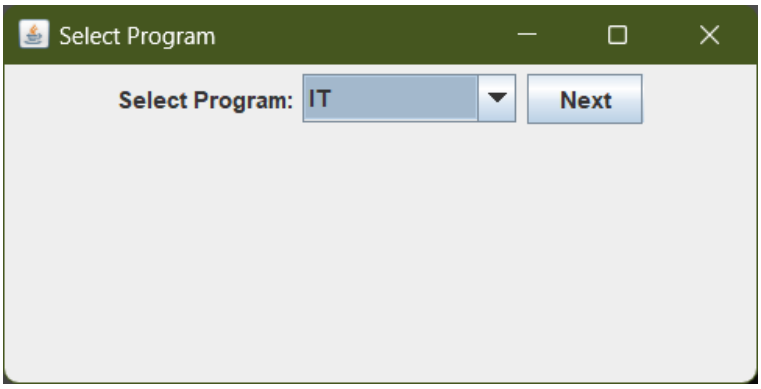

Fig: Select Program

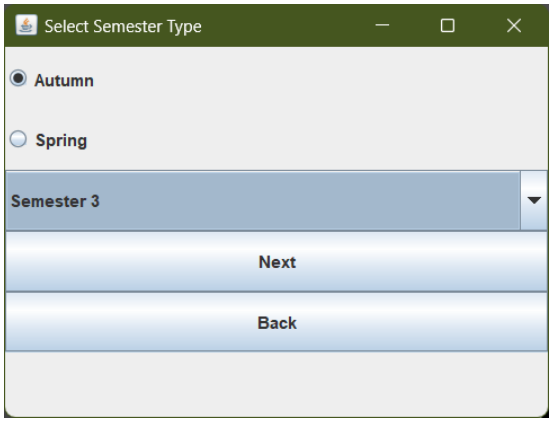

Fig: Select Semester Type

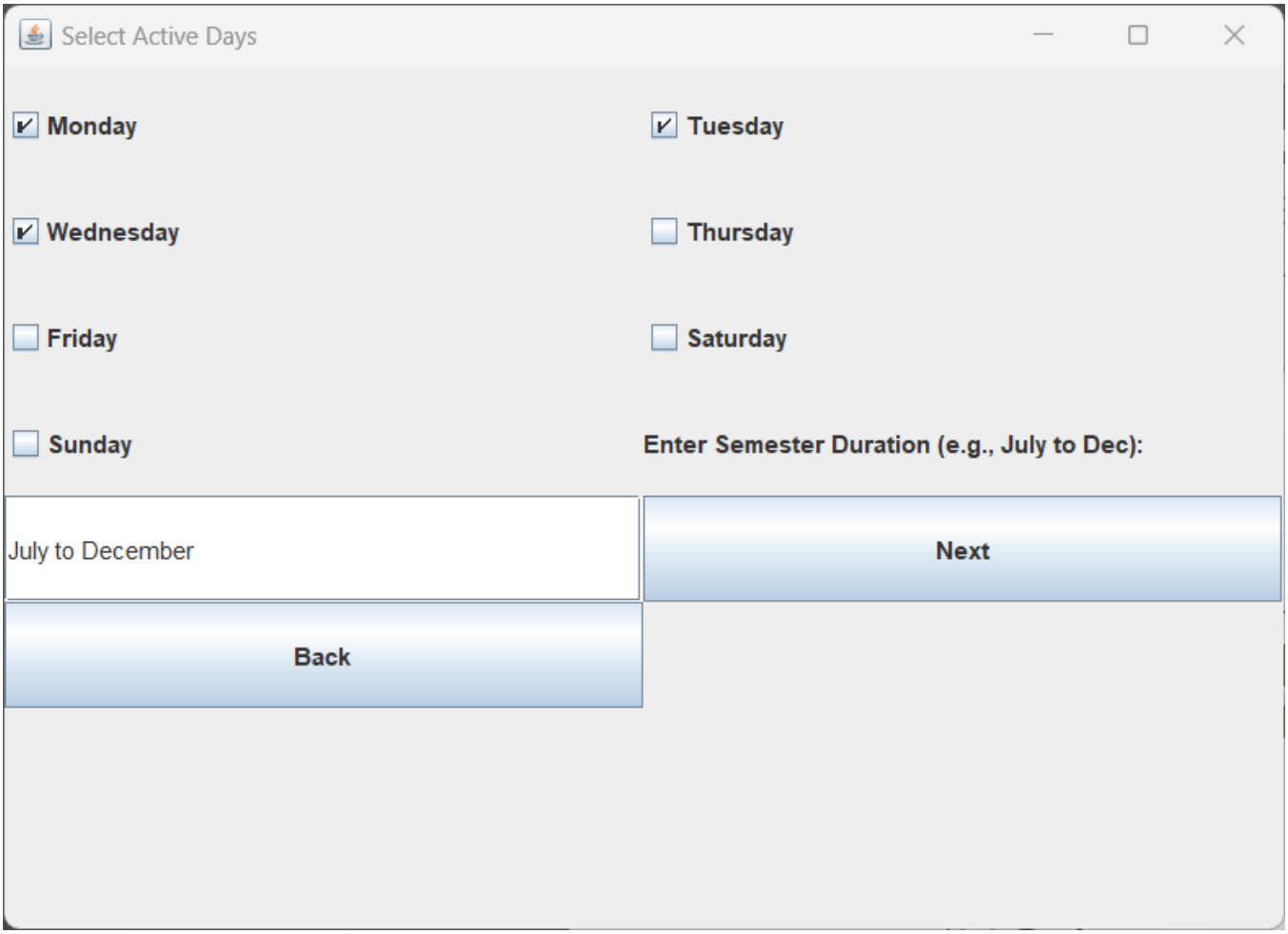

Fig: Select Active Days

Fig: Generate Time Table

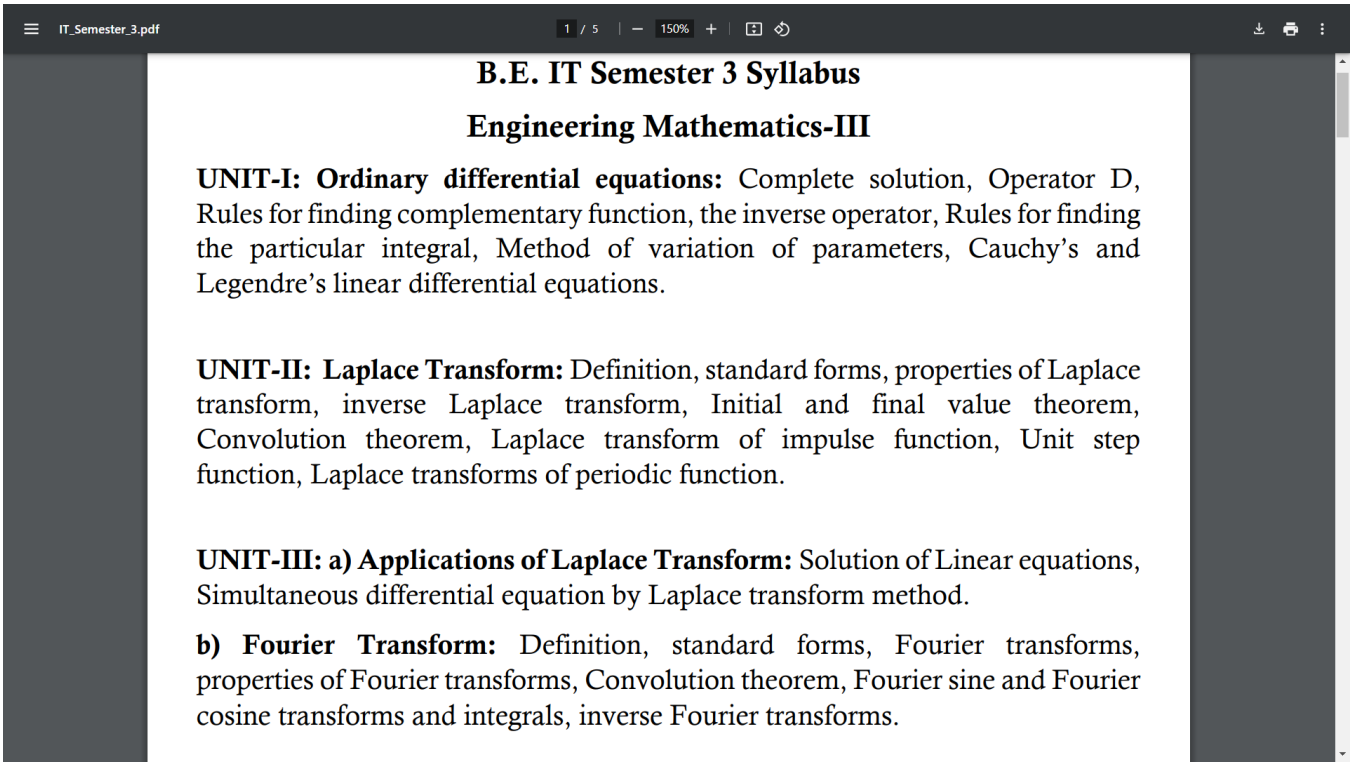

Fig: Syllabus PDF

4.2 Analysis of the Output

1. First image output shows the `Select Program` Frame. We can select the required Program for Time table Generation through the drop-down list.

2. Second image shows the `Select Semester Type` Frame. We can select the required Semester in the drop-down list depending upon the type of semester i.e. `Autumn` or `Spring`.

3. Third image shows the `Select Active Days` Frame. We can check the boxes of required days or active days throughout the semester for time table generation. We can also specify the duration of the semester in this frame.

4. Fourth image shows the `Generate Timetable` Frame. We can generate a timetable by clicking the `Generate Timetable` button. The generated time table is shown in the white space below the button.

5. There are two buttons in the bottom side of the `Generate Timetable` Frame. They are `Show Syllabus` and `Export Timetable`. The fifth image shows the syllabus pdf of the selected program and semester which is shown after clicking the `Show Syllabus` button.

Conclusion

5.1 Key Achievements

The **Timetable Generation System** was developed with several important achievements that contribute to its functionality and usability:

1. **User-friendly Timetable System**: The project successfully developed a **user-friendly timetable generation system** that enables students to create their personalized timetables based on their program, semester, and selected days of the week. The system allows students to view their schedule in a clear, organized manner, helping them manage their academic tasks efficiently.

2. **CSV Integration for Dynamic Data Handling**: One of the key features of the project is the **integration of CSV files** for managing subject data dynamically. By reading data from CSV files, the system ensures that subject lists can be easily updated without modifying the code, making the system more flexible and maintainable in the long run. This feature allows easy modification of subjects across different programs and semesters without needing code changes.

3. **PDF Viewer for Syllabus Access**: The system also incorporates the **PDF viewer functionality** that allows students to view the syllabus directly from the interface. This feature streamlines access to important program and semester information, helping students refer to their course syllabus conveniently while planning their schedule.

4. **Implementation of Java Programming Concepts**: The project involved the implementation of several key Java programming concepts such as **file handling**, **graphical user interface (GUI) design**, and **object-oriented programming (OOP)** principles. These concepts were applied effectively to create a functional, interactive application that addresses the real-world need of timetable management for students.

5.2 Conclusion

The **Timetable Generation System** successfully automates the timetable creation process, providing students with a flexible and user-friendly solution. By allowing students to generate timetables based on their program, semester, and available days, the system saves time and effort. Its intuitive graphical user interface (GUI) makes it accessible to users with minimal technical knowledge.

The dynamic integration of subject data through CSV files ensures easy updates, while the built-in syllabus viewer streamlines access to academic information. Overall, the system is scalable and adaptable to different programs or future academic years. Its flexible design ensures it can meet the diverse needs of students, and the user-friendly interface makes it a practical tool for managing academic schedules.

5.3 Future Improvements

Potential future enhancements include:

- **Exporting Timetable**: Implementing export options (e.g., PDF, Excel) would allow students to easily share or print their timetables.
- **Conflict Detection**: Adding conflict detection would ensure that no scheduling overlaps occur, improving the system's reliability.
- **Manual Editing**: Allowing students to manually edit their timetables would provide greater flexibility and customization.
- **Mobile Version**: A mobile app would enable students to access their timetables on the go, further enhancing convenience.

These improvements would make the system more powerful, flexible, and user-friendly.

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