# **Assignment 5: Course Planner**

- → This assignment may be done **individually or in pairs.** Do not show other students your code, do not copy code found online, do not reuse solutions from previous semesters or courses or assignments, and do not post questions about the assignment online. Please direct all questions to the instructor or TAs via Piazza.
  - You may use *ideas* (short code snippets, tutorials, documentation...) you find online and from others, but your solution must be your own. You may not copy code from solutions on GitHub.
- See the marking guide for details on how each part will be marked.

### 1. Introduction

Create a Spring Boot server which helps students plan their courses. Specifically, it will show students when a course has been offered in the past which may help predict when it will be offered in the future. You will be writing the server which will use a REST interface to support a web-based UI (web UI provided to you by the instructor).

The server will read a locally stored CSV input file containing data about course offerings at SFU. It will then process the data to organize it into a well structured model. The server's controllers will provide access to this data via a REST API.

The project is divided into two phases, each with its own due date (see website):

### 1.1 Phase 1:

- 1. Model reads in data from a provided CSV file.
- 2. A simple Spring Boot controller can trigger the model to print out the model in a well-structured way to the local terminal (i.e., the server's terminal, not over HTTP back to the calling user!).

### 1.2 Phase 2:

Add the following features:

- 1. Support REST API required by the web front-end (provided by instructor)
- 2. For a given department, generate data of how many students took classes in that department each semester.
- 3. REST API interface to add more class offerings, and an ability to record changes made to a specific course (i.e., track what sections have been added to the course).

## 2. Phase 1 Requirements

Your phase 1 submission must meet the following requirements.

### 2.1 Data Input Requirements

- 1. Create a folder in your project name data/ (at the same level as src/; not inside it).
- 2. Copy the provided course data 2018.csv file into data/.
- 3. The file is a comma-separated text file with the following columns:

#### 1. SEMESTER

The semester number of the offering.

- The first three digits refer to the year.
- The last digit is the semester: 1=Spring, 4=Summer, 7=Fall. You need handle only these three semester (i.e., you will not be tested with a semester number 5).

#### 2. SUBJECT

The department. Will be a short string.

### 3. CATALOGNUMBER

The course "number". May be a number like 213, or a string like 105W or 1XX.

#### 4. LOCATION

The campus:

- Campuses of interest: BURNABY, SURREY, HRBRCNTR.
- Other locations: Off, KIT, KAM, WML, .... (anything else).

### 5. ENROLEMENTCAPACITY

The enrollment cap for the section (i.e., maximum number of seats)

#### 6. ENROLMENTTOTAL

The enrollment total for the section (i.e., the number of people who took that section).

#### 7. INSTRUCTORS

The instructor(s) which taught that section of the course. Comma separated if more than one. If instructor is "(null)" or "<null>" then set instructor to "" (empty string).

#### 8. **COMPONENTCODE**

The type of section as a short string such as LEC, TUT, SEC, OPL, ...

- 4. At startup, your program must be hard-coded (using a named constant) to load the "data/course\_data\_2018.csv" file. Note, do **not** hard-code the full path to this file. This must be a relative path such as "data/file.csv"; do **not** use the full path like "C:/xyz/myprj/...".
  - 1. Your application will only be tested with well formed input files, such as the one provided. We may test with alternative contents, such as different subjects, courses, locations, years, and section types.
  - 2. You may *not* use a 3<sup>rd</sup> party CSV file reader.
  - 3. If the file is not found, or there was an error reading the file or its contents, have the program exit. It is fine to exit due to an uncaught exception, or with a specific error message.

### 2.2 Required Controller Features

Have a GET /api/dump-model end-point which triggers your application to dump out a summary of the model to the server's terminal. Note that this output is to the server's terminal, not in the client's terminal: the data is not being returned via HTTP, just printed.

## **Model dump format**

- Course number
- Per {semester, location} of that course, display:
  - The semester (SFU semester number), location, and instructor(s).
  - Section type (such as LEC, LAB, ...)
  - Enrollment for each section-type: the number of students enrolled and total capacity. Add together instances of a specific section-type within an offering. For example, add up the enrollment and capacity of all labs for a specific course offering.

For example, consider the following lines of the input file:

SEMESTER	SUBJECT	CATALOGNUMBER	LOCATION	ENROLMENTCAPACITY	ENROLMENTTOTAL	INSTRUCTORS	COMPONENTCODE
1147	CMPT	250	BURNABY	130	129	Anthony Dixon	LEC
1147	CMPT	250	BURNABY	26	26	Anthony Dixon	LAB
1147	CMPT	250	BURNABY	26	26	Anthony Dixon	LAB
1147	CMPT	250	BURNABY	26	25	Anthony Dixon	LAB
1147	CMPT	250	BURNABY	26	26	Anthony Dixon	LAB
1147	CMPT	250	BURNABY	26	26	Anthony Dixon	LAB
1147	CMPT	250	SURREY	82	81	Brian Fraser	LEC
1147	CMPT	250	SURREY	24	24	. Faculty	LAB
1147	CMPT	250	SURREY	24	24	Brian Fraser	LAB
1147	CMPT	250	SURREY	24	23	Brian Fraser	LAB
1147	CMPT	250	SURREY	10	10	Brian Fraser	LAB

Figure 1: Sample lines in the input data file.

When processed, this generates the following two offerings (Burnaby and Surrey).

- The data in the file may not seem to make sense. There could be more people in lecture than lab, there could be sections with 0 capacity, or 0 enrolled, or 9999. This is OK: just process the numbers as though they are valid numbers.
- Assume there is at most one offering of each course at each campus during a single semester. Therefore aggregate all lectures, all tutorials, etc for a single course/campus pair. For example, group together all CMPT 120 information for Burnaby during the summer of 2000, even if there were actually two CMPT 120 sections in Burnaby that semester.
- When combining two sections, only list each instructor once even if there is some or total overlap between the sections. For example, if the first section has two instructors "A, B" and 2<sup>nd</sup> section has instructor "B", then only list each of A and B once in the combined entry.

## 3. Phase 2 Requirements

Add a REST API to your program to allow the web front-end to access your program.

### 3.1 Curl Commands

- ◆ A file of curl commands is provided on the course website which shows the features your backend system must implement.
  - Note that a number of endpoints require an ID to access a course/offering/etc. You may need to edit the curl commands and change the IDs for the department, course, and offering as these are specific to a given implementation and your IDs will very likely differ from mine, even though we are loading the identical CSV data file.
- ♦ You should not change the REST API, as it is the interface between your server and the provided webclient front end.
- Sample output is also provided for when the script is run on the latest data.
- See course website for a Postman configuration file as well.

#### 3.2 UI

- ◆ A fully-functional web front-end is provided on the course website. It is designed to connect to the REST API detailed in the API document.
  - See course website for a video showing the features of the UI when fulling working.
- ◆ The provided front-end should be extracted into a new public/ folder inside your project (at the root of your project). Once extracted you should be able to run your program and browse to http://localhost:8080 to access the UI.
- ❖ It is expected that you should not need to modify the UI: Once you implement the required REST API end-points functionality of the UI will function.
- Hint: Don't use the MakeSpringPrettyPrintJSON.java file: it messes up serving the public/ folder (causes a "Whitelabel Error Page" to show); just delete the file if present.

# 4. Coding Requirements

Your program must:

- 1. Follow the course's code style guide.
- 2. Separate the controllers from the model.
- 3. Modularity and class design
  - You must have well design classes.
  - Use multiple classes in your model to store the system's information. You must have at least 5 or more model classes (or even 10+).
- 4. Your program must not search through the entire data-set for each request from the front-end (i.e., each request to your server's endpoints). If you were do search the whole data set for each request then processing all the data each time makes the model too slow.
  - Instead, process the data set into meaningful collections of objects, and then access these
    objects without having to search all records for each endpoint request. For example, when
    loading the data set, process it into courses, and then selecting a course can quickly load the
    required information.
  - You may *not* use a database to store data.

### 5. Hints

The following hints may be useful as you create your application. These are not requirements, so you need not follow them. Please see the marking guide for exactly what is being marked.

### 5.1 Model Design

- 1. Start by designing the data storage classes.
  - Identify classes by analyzing input data-file format, and needs of the UI.
  - Do CRC cards for your classes.
- 2. Develop the API (i.e., method calls) the model needs to support to implement the REST API.
  - Consider using the facade pattern to expose a single model interface from the model.
- 3. Think about low level classes you could use. For example, would having a semester class allow you to encapsulate some logic about converting a string ("1037") into a Semester? What about a class which can encapsulate reading a CSV file without any knowledge of the meaning of the data?

### **5.2 General tips**

- 1. Be *very* careful using ==. Most of the time you'll need .equals()!
- 2. Use asserts, and check that they are turned on! (Temporarily add an "assert false;" to test).
- 3. Considering overriding equals () for most of your data classes. This can be very useful when you are searching a list of items to see if it's already in the list.

## 5.3 Model debug output

- The /api/dump-model endpoint displays the entire data set to the console. Use this to check that your read-in and data-processing routines are working. Required output format shown to right.
- Note: You should carefully review the output to ensure your model is functioning.

```
CMPT 106
     1107 in SURREY by Harinder Khangura
           Type=LEC, Enrollment=29/32
           Type=TUT, Enrollment=29/32
     1117 in SURREY by Harinder Khangura
           Type=LEC, Enrollment=30/35
           Type=TUT, Enrollment=30/35
     1131 in SURREY by Harinder Khangura
           Type=LAB, Enrollment=57/61
            Type=LEC, Enrollment=57/61
     1137 in SURREY by Harinder Khangura
           Type=LAB, Enrollment=66/191
           Type=LEC, Enrollment=66/192
      1147 in SURREY by Harinder Khangura
            Type=LAB, Enrollment=43/50
           Type=LEC, Enrollment=43/50
      1157 in SURREY by Harinder Khangura
            Type=LAB, Enrollment=52/52
            Type=LEC, Enrollment=52/52
     1167 in SURREY by Harinder Khangura
           Type=LAB, Enrollment=52/72
           Type=LEC, Enrollment=52/55
      1177 in SURREY by Harinder Khangura
            Type=LAB, Enrollment=48/48
            Type=LEC, Enrollment=48/48
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### **5.4 REST API Hints**

- If you have extra getters on your object that you don't want to appear in the JSON, add <code>@JsonIgnore</code> above the getter method. This is especially useful if the getter returns a reference to another object, which may then reference other objects, .... etc.
- If your object structure differs from what the REST API wants, you can:
  - Add wrapper objects, like we used for assignment 4.
  - Or add getter methods to your object to compute/return the necessary data.
     For example, if your CourseOffering object references a Semester object, but you need the JSON to list the course offering's year then add a getYear() method to CourseOffering which delegates getting the year to its contained Semester object.

## Suggested Development Steps

- Add web UI to your project.
- Suggested order of pages to get working:
  - About
  - Browse (index.html)
  - Watchers
  - Graph (optional/bonus)
- Use Postman or curl commands to exercise each API endpoint independently.
  - Change the ID values in the Postman file or curl script to match the values your system produces.
  - Execute the commands, one at a time, to test the end-points.
  - Compare your results to the sample output. Data in arrays should be in sorted order, as needed by the UI.
- Open the developer console in your browser when working with the web UI.
  - For example, F12 in Chrome.
  - Switch to the "Console" tab (or the like) to see error messages. Install Vue addon.

### 6. Deliverables

Submit each iteration to CourSys: <a href="https://coursys.sfu.ca">https://coursys.sfu.ca</a>

You must create a group in CourSvs (even if you worked individually). Submit one solution per group.

## **6.1 Phase 1 Submission: Dump Model**

This is a proof of progress milestone. It shows you have some of the model implemented (parsing data, building a meaningful internal representation). Submit the following:

- 1. output dump.txt
  - A text file of the complete output generated by GET /api/dump-model via your REST API after it read in and processed the provided input CSV file.
  - Format should be *similar* to format shown above.
- 2. Zip file of project

### **6.2 Phase 2 Submission: Complete**

Full ZIP file of project submitted.

- *No* screen-shots or sample outputs are required.
- Must include the web UI (either as provided by the instructor, on modified by you as needed).

Please remember that all submissions will be compared for unexpected similarities.