

# GRASP: System Operation Justifications

**Operation:** requestAssignWorktime

**Class:** ViewScheduleScreen

**GRASP Patterns:** Expert, Controller

**Justification:** The operation for requesting the worktime assignment is triggered by a button on the schedule viewing screen. This button is contained within and is the responsibility of the ViewScheduleScreen class; therefore, since the operation requires the knowledge of this button, it is reasonable to use the expert pattern as justification for including the operation in the ViewScheduleScreen class. Because this operation is initiated by an input system event, a controller pattern is used to abstract the enacting of the operation from the button press which triggers it, thereby improving maintainability by allowing for the reuse of the controller when the operation needs to be triggered by additional input events.

**Operation:** viewSchedule

**Class:** MainWindow

**GRASP Patterns:** Expert, Controller

**Justification:** The operation for viewing the schedule is triggered by selecting a tab on the main window. Since knowledge of the main window tabs is restricted to the MainWindow class, the expert pattern is therefore used to justify the incorporation of the viewSchedule operation in the MainWindow class. For the second part of this operation, a controller populates the table with the saved schedule information. The controller pattern is used to allow the instance of the ViewScheduleScreen class to be ignorant of the information within the schedule, so that the class can instead focus on only being dedicated to how the schedule is displayed in general terms. This improves the cohesion of the ViewScheduleScreen class.

**Operation:** calculateFreeTime

**Class:** Schedule

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert

**Justification:** This operation requires information that is only known by the Schedule class, as it calculates the user's free time based on the events currently added to the schedule. Therefore,

since the operation requires this restricted information, the expert pattern is used to justify the inclusion of the calculateFreeTime operation in the Schedule class.

**Operation:** displayFreeTime

**Class:** Schedule

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert

**Justification:** Responsibility for displaying the free time is given to the Schedule class by the expert pattern. This is because only the Schedule class can calculate the free time, which is restricted information that the displayFreeTime operation needs.

**Operations:** createActivity, editActivity, createDeadline, editDeadline

**Class:** ViewScheduleScreen

**GRASP Patterns:** Creator, Controller

**Justification:** The createActivity, editActivity, createDeadline, and editDeadline operations all require the creation of a CreateEventForm, in either the form of a CreateActivityForm or a CreateDeadlineForm. These operations therefore use the creator pattern by instantiating a class which is responsible for displaying a form to the user and collecting input. The use of the creator pattern in this case increases cohesion by delegating the responsibility for displaying and collecting information from a form to customized classes which are created for this purpose. In the latter part of the operation, the controller pattern is used to insert the information collected from the user into a separate class for information storage, which a controller then uses to display the information in the ViewScheduleScreen class. Using a controller to determine the information in the ViewScheduleScreen instance rather than having each instance include this functionality improves the cohesion of the ViewScheduleScreen class.

**Operation:** createProfile

**Class:** MainWindow

**GRASP Pattern:** Creator

**Justification:** The operation uses the creator pattern by creating an instance of the Profile class that is customized by the user before it is added to the database. The use of the creator pattern in this operation is the necessary consequence of having a dedicated Profile class that increases the

cohesion of the system by including all information and functionality that is relevant to the user's profile.

**Operation:** editProfile

**Class:** MainWindow

**GRASP Pattern:** Controller

**Justification:** The controller pattern is used to allow the editProfile operation to be initiated by various input events. This improves the sustainability of the system by allowing additional input events to simply call the controller, reducing the code needed to handle that input event.

**Operation:** editScheduleTable

**Class:** ViewScheduleTableModel

**GRASP Pattern:** Pure Fabrication, Controller

**Justification:** The pure fabrication pattern justifies the use of the class, ViewScheduleTableModel, which is responsible for editing and retrieving values from the ViewScheduleTable class. Cohesion is increased by encasing all of the functionality for editing and retrieving data from the ViewScheduleTable into one class. Coupling is decreased by allowing methods which only need to edit and retrieve data from the ViewScheduleTable to interact only with the ViewScheduleTableModel class. The controller pattern is used by the ViewScheduleTableModel class to receive data for the schedule from the database. Having a controller be responsible for interfacing between the database and the schedule increases cohesion by unifying the responsibilities for managing interaction between the database and the schedule under one class, and it increases code reuse by condensing the processes for saving and loading to the database into the methods saveLocally and loadLocally.

**Operation:** editPrivacySettings

**Class:** Group

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert

**Justification:** The expert pattern is used to justify the placement of the editPrivacySettings operation in the Group class. This is because the operation requires access to private information within that class.

**Operations:** addEvent, removeEvent

**Class:** Controller

**GRASP Pattern:** Controller

**Justification:** The controller pattern is used to create a layer between the system input events for adding and removing data on the schedule and the execution of these operations. This increases maintainability by making it easier to cause additional system input events to initiate the same controller operation and by also allowing the controller to be extended to handle different kinds of databases without changing the internal logic of the application. When the application calls addEvent and removeEvent, the controller handles how it retrieves these events from the database, which means that different controllers can be created to have their methods fitted to handling a certain type of data source.

**Operations:** addMembers, removeMembers

**Class:** Group

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert, Controller

**Justification:** The expert pattern is used to justify placing the addMembers and removeMembers operations in the Group class. This is because these operations require private information within the Group class. The controller pattern is used for updating the database to reflect the change in the members of the group. This allows the application to be more easily extended to handle different types of databases.

**Operation:** createToDoList

**Class:** Schedule

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert

**Justification:** The expert pattern justifies the placement of the createToDoList operation in the Schedule class. This operation uses private information within the Schedule class, such as the activities for the current day and upcoming deadlines, to form a list of tasks it recommends that the user completes. Since the Schedule class is the expert on this information, it should have this operation.

**Operation:** shareEvent

**Class:** Schedule

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert

**Justification:** The expert pattern justifies the placement of the shareEvent operation in the Schedule class. This operation requires access to a schedule's event, which is private information within the Schedule class. Since the Schedule class is the expert on this information, it should have this operation.

**Operation:** displayGroupList

**Class:** User

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert

**Justification:** The expert pattern justifies the placement of the displayGroupList operation within the User class, because this operation requires access to the list of groups contained within the User object, which is private information.

**Operation:** confirmSharedEvent, refuseSharedEvent

**Class:** User

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert

**Justification:** The expert pattern justifies the placement of the confirmSharedEvent and refuseSharedEvent operations within the User class, because this operation requires access to the list of shared events contained within the User object, which is private information.

**Operation:** shareSchedule

**Class:** Schedule

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert

**Justification:** The expert pattern justifies the placement of the shareSchedule operation within the Schedule class, because this operation requires access to the information contained within the Schedule object, which is private.

**Operation:** viewTimeLeft, viewTimeSpent

**Class:** Deadline

**GRASP Pattern:** Expert

**Justification:** The expert pattern justifies the placement of the viewTimeLeft and viewTimeSpent operations within the Deadline class, because this operation requires access to the time currently spent on the deadline as well as the due date. Because these operations are highly related to the Deadline class, including these operations in that class increases the cohesion of the application's design.