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Final documentation

Star Wars Timeline

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Introduction

The final project of Programming for Web 2.0 is a scrollable timeline with content of our choice. We decided to display all "Star Wars" movies in a scroll view. For each movie facts like description, title, release date, trailer, title picture, etc. are shown.

An admin can login to the dashboard via the login-page. There it is possible to create new movies and to edit or delete existing ones.

The project includes creating the server side and the client side software using a Java-based application server.

A screencast of the program can be found at YouTube[1], the source code is public at Github[2].

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[1] https://youtu.be/MghPEZ6xmxY
[2] https://github.com/MaJaLNU/Timeline

1 Usage

1.1 Landing Page

The landing page of the StarWars Timeline shows the existing Star Wars movies with image, title, description, length, rating, director (linking to a Google search about the director) and a trailer from YouTube (embedded in the website). The movies are sorted by publishing date, the date can additionally be seen with a mouse-over on the central time line.
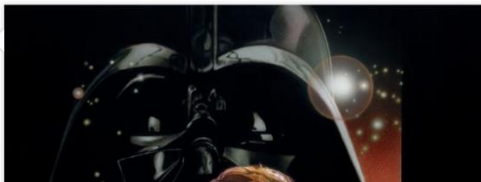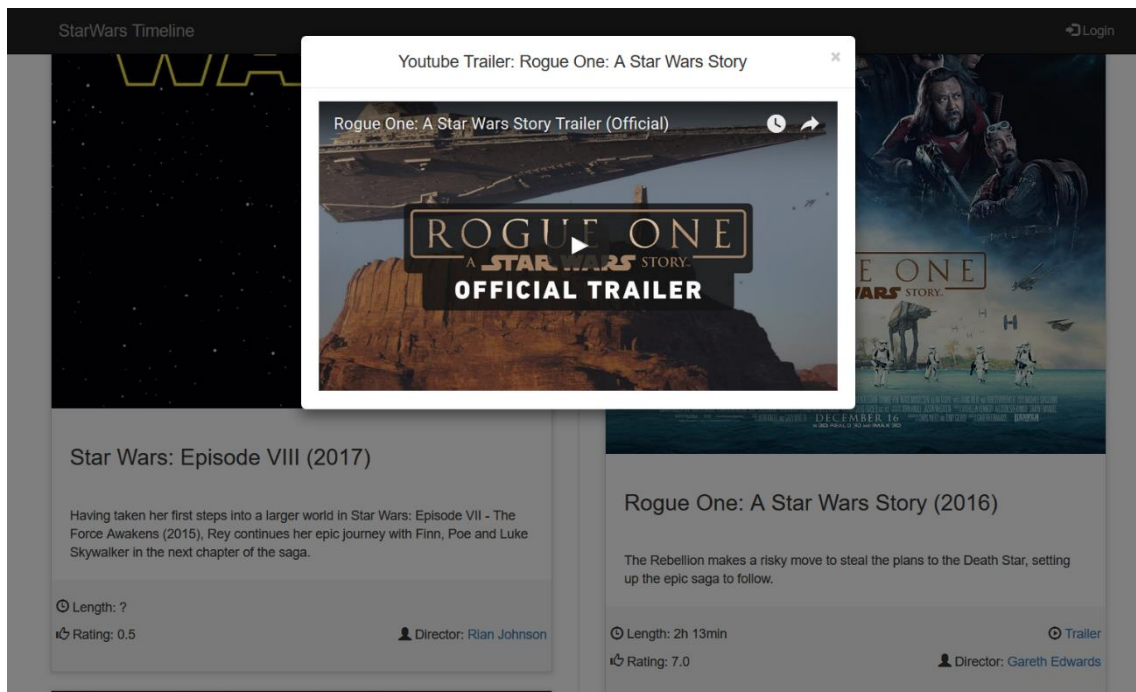
Clicking on a trailer link below one of the movie entries, a pop-up opens ontop of the current screen, showing the title of the movie and the embedded YouTube video. The background is darkened slightly to highlight the video. The trailer can be exited with the X in the right top corner or with a click besides the pop-up.

In the top right corner of the landing page is a link to the login screen (see 1.2). When already logged in, it changes to offer the logout.

The top left corner always links to the landing page.

1.2 Admin access

The admin access is kept simple: A form to enter email and password is provided to login to the dashboard where movies shown in the timeline can be edited. The back button links to the landing page. All administrators emails and passwords are stored in the database. If the email or password doesn't match, an error message will be shown.

1.3 Dashboard

The dashboard offers two options: Creating a new movie or editing an existing one. When logging in, the login screen automatically directs to the dashboard, showing an empty form for a new movie. The form elements provide placeholders to indicate the correct input, on "Save" the input is validated additionally.

When choosing an already existing movie from the list on the left, its entries are loaded into the form. The user can edit the movie details and save with the "Save" button or delete the complete entry with "Delete". On save, the input is validated again. When editing or deleting a movie, after the save/ delete click the dashboard gets reloaded.

2 Technologies

2.1 Frontend

Our frontend is created with Java Server Pages with JSP Standard Tag Library (JSTL) and the design will be adjusted using CSS and Twitter Bootstrap and JavaScript, including jQuery.

We provide three different web pages:

- Homepage (Timeline) (see 1.1)
    - Showing the timeline including the Star Wars movies
    - Accessible for all users

- Login (see 1.2)
    - Showing a login form
    - Lets users saved in the database login and access Dashboard afterwards
    - Accessible for all users

- Dashboard (see 1.3)
    - The content management dashboard for administrator, showing currently stored Star Wars movies
    - Shows list of all stored movies and allows to create new one, alter existing ones or even delete them
    - Accessible for logged in administrators

2.1.1 Use Cases

There are six main Use Cases, shown in realtion to the user in the Figure 1 Use Cases within the application. Details in the following paragraphbelow. They are described in more detail in the subsections below.
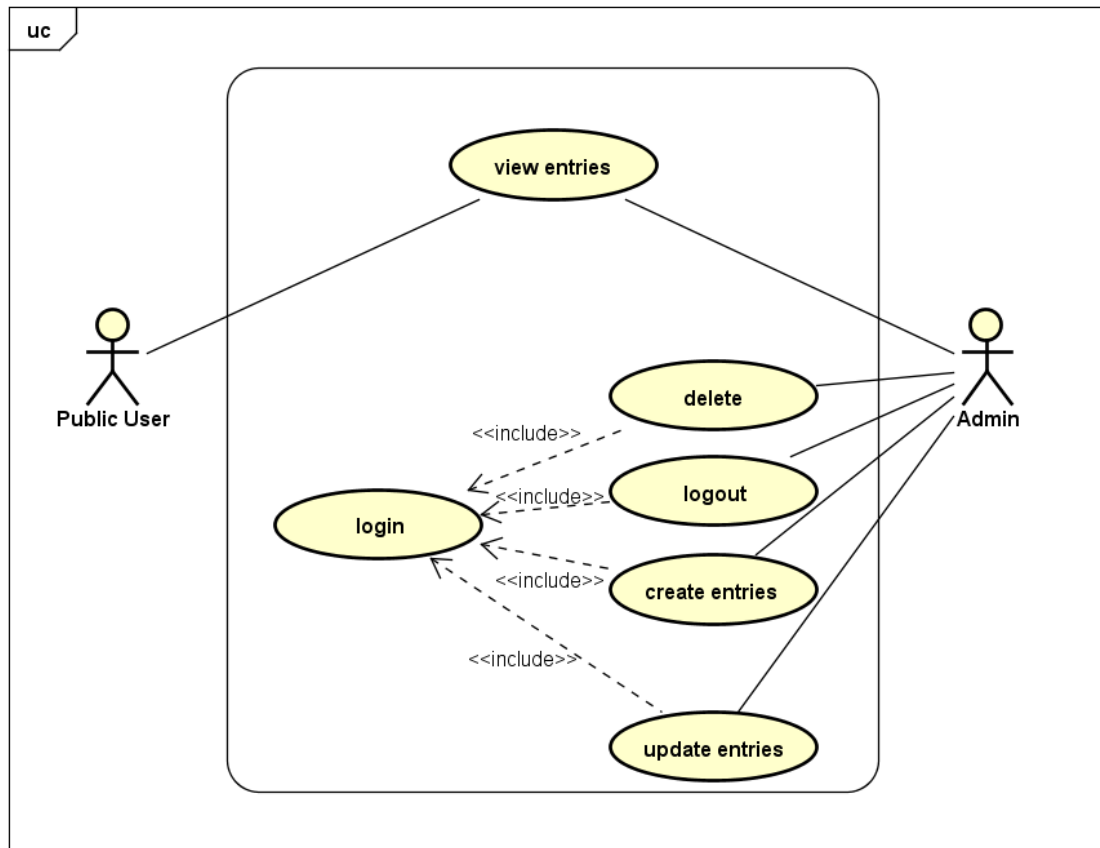
Figure 1 Use Cases within the application. Details in the following paragraph

2.1.1.1 Admin Interface
Use Cases within the timeline, done from the Administrator and/ or from the dashboard.

Name	D1: create new movie
User	Administrator
Prerequirement	Administrator is logged in and viewing the Dashboard
Steps	1. Administrator clicks on 'New Movie' in the list on the left 2. An empty form is shown to enter the movie data 3. Administrator fills in the form and clicks 'Save' to save movie 4. The movie gets stored in the database
Special cases	If there are fields not filled or filled wrongly (checking data type) an error will be shown and the movie not saved in the database
Postcondition	The movie is now stored in the database and will be shown on the public user interface, the timeline. After submitting a

	new movie the site reloads, listing the movie in the list on the left

Name	D2: edit existing movie
User	Administrator
Prerequirement	Administrator is logged in and viewing the Dashboard
Steps	1. Administrator clicks on a stored movie in the list on the left 2. A form is shown with the currently stored information about the movie 3. Administrator does changes within the form and clicks 'Save' to save movie 4. The movie gets edited in the database
Special cases	If there are fields not filled or filled wrongly (checking data type) an error will be shown and the movie not edited in the database
Postcondition	The movie is now updated in the database and will be shown like this on the public user interface, the timeline. After editing a movie the site reloads

Name	D3: delete existing movie
User	Administrator
Prerequirement	Administrator is logged in and viewing the Dashboard
Steps	5. Administrator clicks on a stored movie in the list on the left 6. A form is shown with the currently stored information about the movie 7. Administrator clicks on 'Delete' underneath the form 8. A pop-up asks to confirm the deletion, on confirmation 9. The movie gets deleted in the database

Special cases	The Administrator cancels from the confirmation-dialogue and the movie will not be deleted
Postcondition	The movie is now deleted from the database and will not be shown on the public user interface, the timeline, anymore. After deleting a movie the site reloads, not listing the movie in the list on the left anymore

Name	D4: Logout
User	Administrator
Prerequirement	Administrator is logged in
Steps	10. Administrator clicks on 'Logout' in the top-bar on any site within the timeline website 11. The administrator will be logged out.
Special cases	-
Postcondition	The administrator is logged out and can't watch the dashboard anymore. The public user interface, the timeline, will load

Name	D5: Login
User	Administrator
Prerequirement	Administrator is not logged in
Steps	12. Administrator clicks on 'Login' in the top-bar on the public user interface, the timeline 13. A new website loads, holding a login-form 14. Administrator enters his email address and password 15. Administrator clicks on 'Login' underneath the form 16. Server checks input against database, the administrator gets logged-in with session attribute
Special cases	If the login credentials are wrong, an error is shown and the administrator does not get logged in

Postcondition	The administrator is logged in and gets redirected to the dashboard

2.1.1.2 Public User Interface
Use Case performed by an user from the home page, the time line.

Name	U1: watching trailer
User	Administrator or public user
Prerequirement	User is watching the public user interface, the timeline
Steps	1. User browses through the movies on the timeline 2. User clicks on one of the 'Trailer' buttons of a movie 3. A pop-up opens, holding an embedded YouTube video, the trailer of the movie 4. User can click play to watch 5. User can click on 'X' or besides pop-up to close the pop-up and stop the video from playing
Special cases	If there is no video stored for a movie, no video will be shown
Postcondition	-

2.2 Backend

We use Spring MVC and Java Server Pages as our backend.

We need two main classes for our content: One for the movies containing all attributes of the movies and one class for the administrators which are allowed to access the dashboard and edit the movie database.
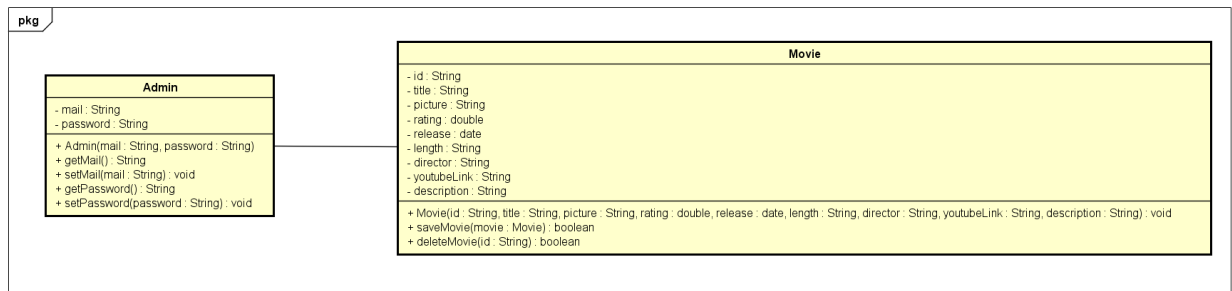

Figure 2 Class diagram

A session manager included in Spring MVC will be used to control the user management. The session manager is used to restrict access to the dashboard to users stored in the database being administrators.
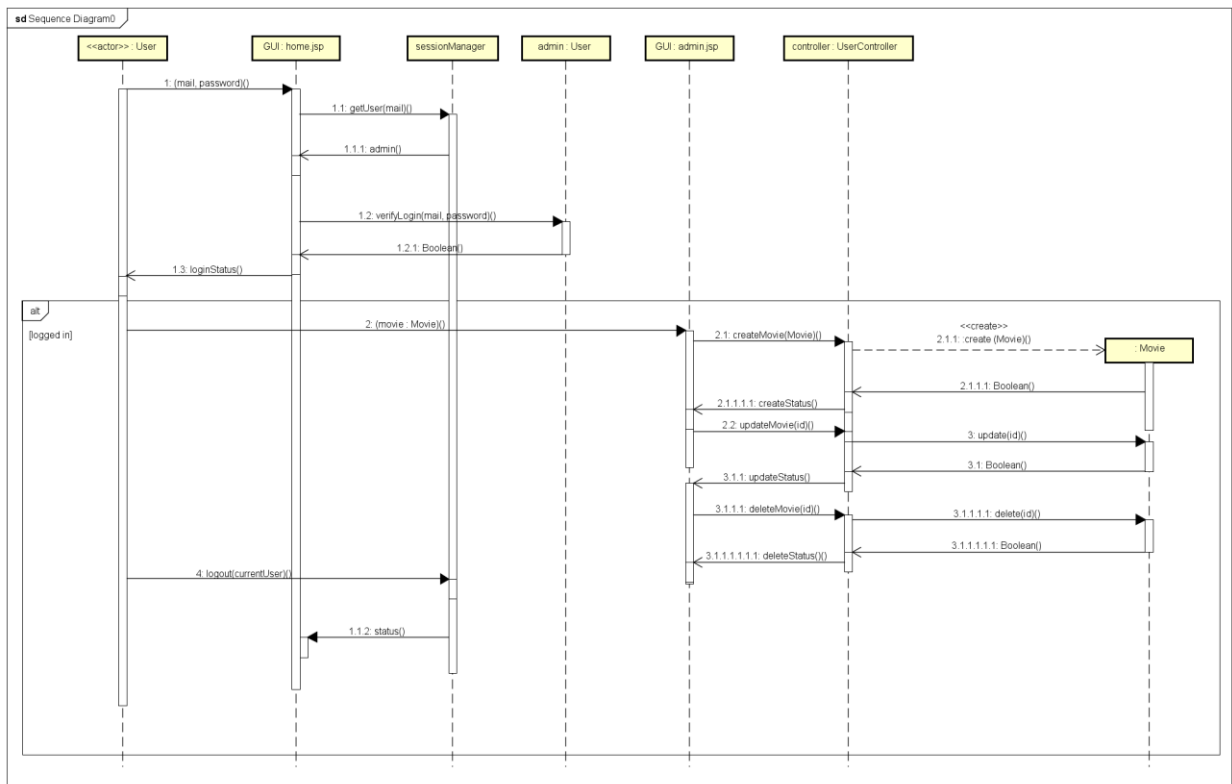

Figure 3 Actions possible to perform within the website. Compare with Figure 1 Use Cases within the application. Details in the following paragraph

2.3 Database

The database holds all data needed to run the Star Wars timeline. Within the project we mainly have the information about the different movies. Additionally we have a user management and save the login information within the database.

As database management system we use MySQL as it is an open-source relational database management system which is a well-known and approved management system and easy to use.

We created two tables: One for the movies and one for the users.

2.3.1 The movie database table

- id   int
- title   varchar
- rating   double
- releaseDate   varchar
- director   varchar
- length   varchar
- youtubeLink   varchar
- description   varchar
- image   longtext

Primary key: id

2.3.2 The user database table

- id   int
- email   varchar
- password   varchar

Primary key: id

3 Deployment

We used XAMPP to create a local server holding our database. XAMPP provides an phpMyAdmin installation we are using to maintain the database. We provide a SQL document we can use to set up the database including Star Wars movies to easily set up the database from a phpMyAdmin dashboard.

For our server we use Wildfly as a JBoss instance and include it within IntelliJ IDEA which we use as IDE.