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**1. Introduction**

* 1. **Document purpose**

This document has to be intended as a general guide for the correct development of the Travlendar+ application. The content of this document follows and is based on the content of the RASD document. This document is meant to be a reference for any person who has an interest in the project. This includes, but is not limited to, development team members, stakeholders and end users.

* 1. **Definitions, Acronyms, Abbreviations**
     1. **Definitions**
* **User**: actor that is using the application and may want to access all functionalities.
* **Application**: with the term application we are talking about the desktop version, the website and mobile version of the Travlendar+ system.
* **Scheduling**: action performed by a user that is adding a new activity to his personal calendar.
* **Flexible Activity**: An activity with starting and ending time larger than the duration.
* **Fixed Activity**: An activity with fixed starting and ending time.
  + 1. **Acronyms**
* **RASD:** Requirements Analysis and Specification Document
* **DD:** Design Document
* **UI:** User Interface
* **API:** [Application programming interface](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Application_programming_interface)
* **UXD**: User Experience Diagram
* **UML**: Unified Modeling Language
* **GPS**: Global Positioning System
* **DECS**: Dynamic Event Check System
  + 1. **Abbreviations**
* **[Gn]:** the n-th goal
* **[Rn]:** the n-th requirement
* **[NFRn]:** the n-th non-functional requirement
* **[An]:** the n-th assumption
* **[Cn]:** the n-th constraint
* **[UIn**]: the n-th user interface example
  1. **Reference Documents**
* Mandatory project assignments for the A.Y. 2017/2018 available on the beep’s page of the Software Engineering 2 course.
* Projects examples and other documents available on the beep’s page of the Software Engineering 2 course.
* RASD Document available on the Delivery Folder on the repository <https://github.com/MatteoBiasielli/BiasielliCapoDifatta> .
  1. **Document Structure**
* **Introduction:** This is the very first part of the document.

In this section it’s possible to retrieve general information about the Design Document. The purpose and intended audience of the document are specified here.

In addition, Acronyms, Definitions and Abbreviations are defined in this section in order to make it easier, more concise and clearer to read the rest of the Design Document.

* **Architectural Design:** This part represents the second chapter of the document. Here the reader can find the architecture of the system components at various levels and contexts.

First of all, a high-level overview of the components and the way they’re connected is provided in this section. Following this, some components will be analysed in detail and their internal architectures will be showed for a matter of clarity.

* **Algorithm Design:** The most important algorithms that will be implemented in our application are described here, both with natural language and with java code/pseudocode.
* **User Interface Design:** Some User Interface samples have already been provided in the RASD document but they’ll be extended and some will be added in this section of the Design Document.

In addition, further explanation about the already existing UI will be added here, together with a detailed mapping of the User Interfaces into functional requirements and non-functional requirements.

* **Requirements Traceability:** Design choices are mapped into functional and non-functional requirements here.
  1. **Revision History**
* **v. 0.1 [28 Oct 2017]**: added the whole “Introduction” section.
* **v. 0.2 [06 Nov 2017]:** Added “Algorithm Design” and “User Interface Design” sections.
* **v. 0.3 [07 Nov 2017]:** Added part of Architectural design

**2. Architectural Design**

In this section, we first provide a general overview on Travlendar+

system by means of a general Component Diagram. Then it is given a Component View on some important components again by means of Component Diagrams.

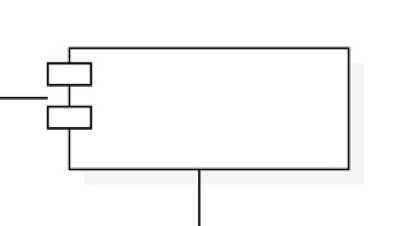
Moreover, a Deployment View and a Runtime View of the system is provided in order to describe nodes with their components, protocol for their interaction and how they are expected to work (by means of Sequence Diagrams).

Eventually, we describe in detail all components’ interfaces that can be found in the general Component Diagram.

**2.1 Convention**

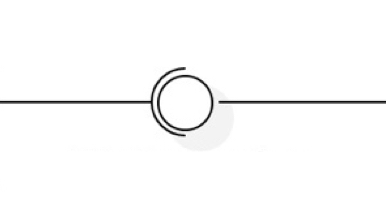
In the following section, conventions to design the component diagrams are enlisted.

***Component***



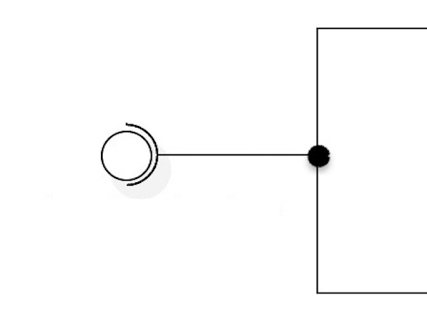
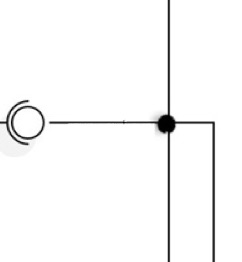
Each component in the following diagrams are represented by means of the shape above. Notice that the two arcs in the sample represent relations with other components. Inside the shape the name of the component is specified and nothing else.

***Interface and relations***



With the circle shape above we intend to represent an interface between two or more components (see next convention). Notice that the interface is provided by the component(s) on the right and exploited by the component(s) on the left by means of a relation arc. Below the shape a name is specified for the interface.

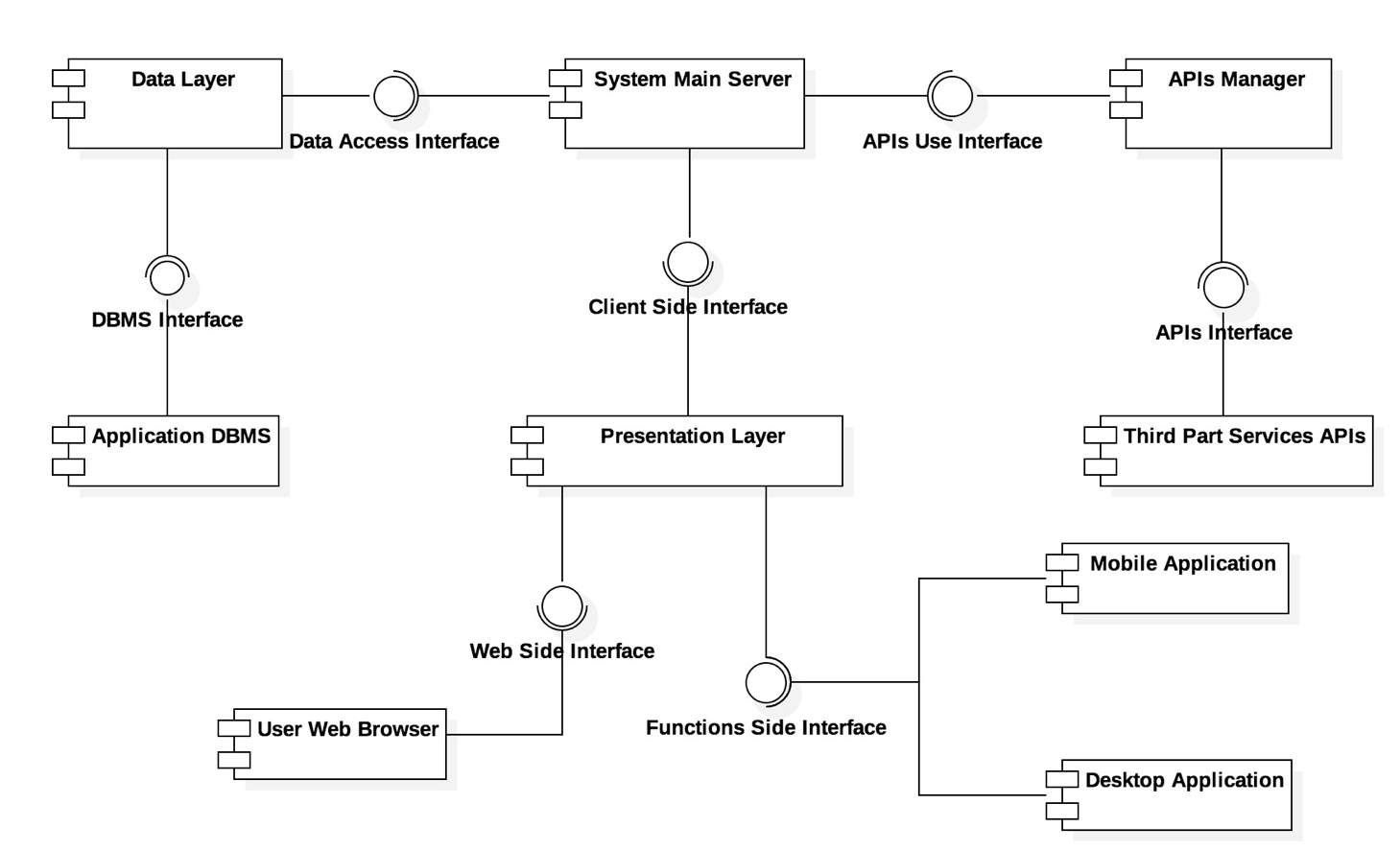
***Join relations***

With the conventions above we intend to represent two (or more) components that exploit, on the left, (or provide, on the right) the same interface. For sake of clarity, in the diagrams join arcs are marked with a dot.

**2.2 System Overview**

The following diagram describes the whole Travlendar+ system with all its components (i.e. software modules).



***Data Layer***

This component deals directly with system’s DBMSs allowing other components to write, read and update data in the DBs properly (i.e. in a secure, consistent way) using the proper DBMS. It provides a single interface outward in order to systematize access to data stored in DBs and hide the internal complexity and implementation of DBMSs and DBs.

***Application DBMSs***

This particular component is used as generalization of the two DBMSs used in Travlendar+: one to manage users’ personal data and calendar, one to manage all relevant internal information used by Travlendar’s server to works properly (for further information see Component View section).

It provides an appropriate interface to allow the Data Layer component, and only it, to query DBMSs.

***System Main Server***

This is the core component of the server side of the system and of the application in general. It’s composed by three essential components: the Computation Unit, the User Side Unit and the Dynamic Event Check System. It manages, with the aid of the APIs Manager and the Data Layer, all the Travlendar’s functionalities described in the RASD document, except for the presentation side, managed entirely by the Presentation Layer (see below for further information).

***APIs Manager***

This component is used to homogenize the different kinds of APIs provided by third part services, in other words it adapts the external APIs to the system in order to make them easily usable. By doing this, the APIs Manager tries also to optimize the access and the usage to the APIs by means of an internal optimizer component. It provided the System Main Server with the APIs Use Interface, used to exploit third part services while masking their implementation.

***Third Part Services APIs***

This component is just a collection of all needed APIs with their internal representation, tools and external references. It represents external entities w.r.t. our system, useful in this kind of diagrams just to model their interactions with the system.

***Presentation Layer***

The Presentation Layer component is the one appointed to show the front-end of the Travlendar+ system. Making use of the Client Side Interface provided by the System Main Server, it grants access to system’s data to users w.r.t. confidentiality (i.e. only authorized users/clients will have access to data they’re allowed to access and that are made accessible) by means of a web browser (that will ask for the web-site, stored in the DB) and the mobile and desktop application.

It provides two different interfaces, the Web Side Interface and the Functions Side Interface, as the user can interact in two ways with the system: through the website where he can download the application, find useful information (e.g. FAQs) and additional documentation, or through the desktop/mobile application by means of which he can exploit Travlendar+ functionalities.

***Website***

This component models the website page of the project where a user can download both the desktop and the mobile version of the application and where he can find support documentation provided by developers themselves. It makes use of the Web Side Interface to connect to the system.

***Mobile Application***

The Mobile Application component represents an abstraction of the mobile version of Travlendar+, used in this diagram to show its interaction with the whole system. It makes use of the Functions Side Interface to connect to the system.

The core function of this component is to keep track of the itineraries contained in the travel options provided by the Computation Unit in the System Main Server in order to send notification to the user and notify him of possible/critical changes in their travel options.

***Desktop Application***

The Desktop Application component represents an abstraction of the desktop version of Travlendar+, used in this diagram to show its interaction with the whole system. It makes use of the Functions Side Interface to connect to the system.

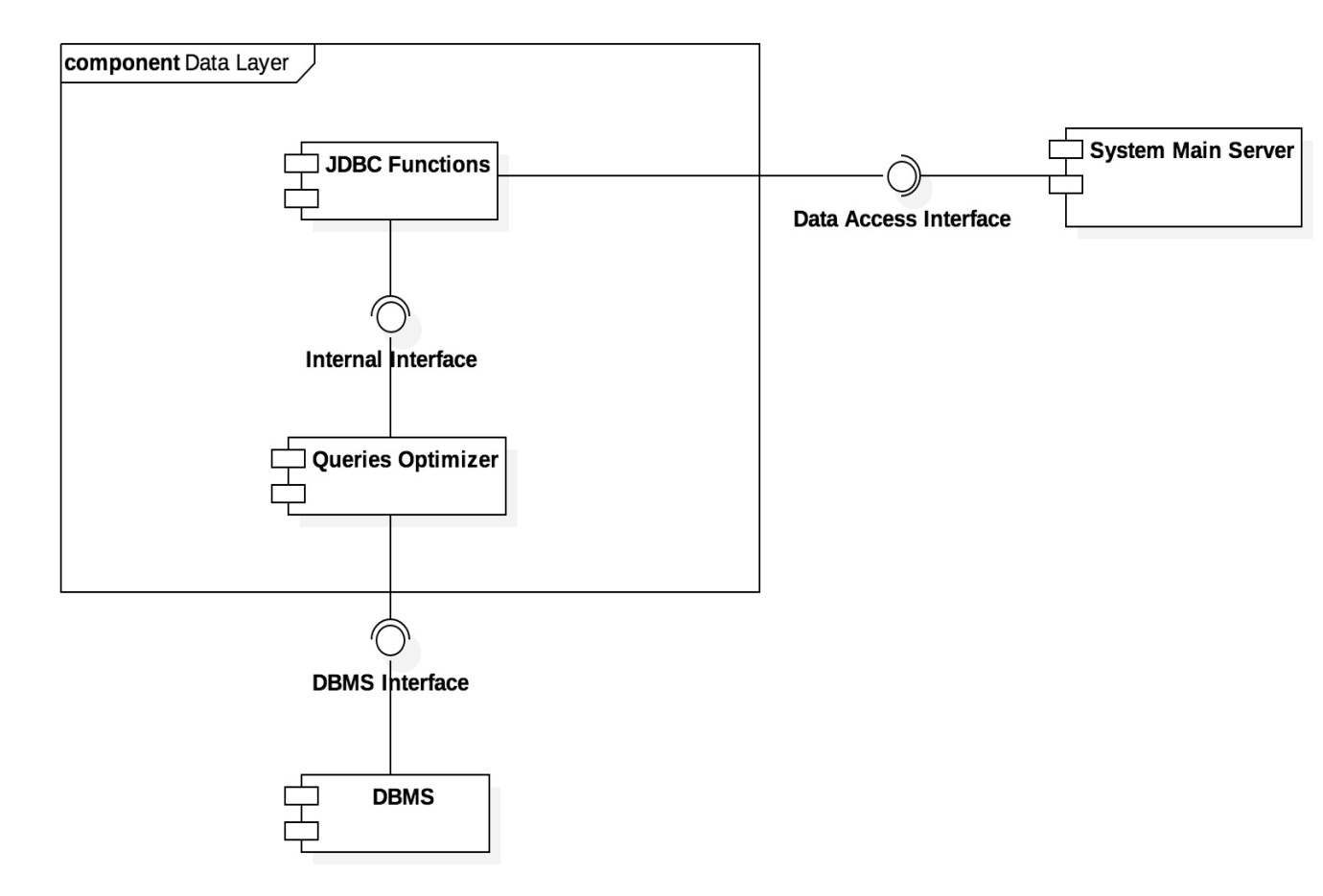
The core function of this component is to keep track of the itineraries contained in the travel options provided by the Computation Unit in the System Main Server in order to send notification to the user and notify him of possible/critical changes in their travel options.

***User Web Browser***

This component models the web browser used by the user to access the website. It’s an external object with respect to our system, but its corresponding component is necessary in order to model its interactions with the website.

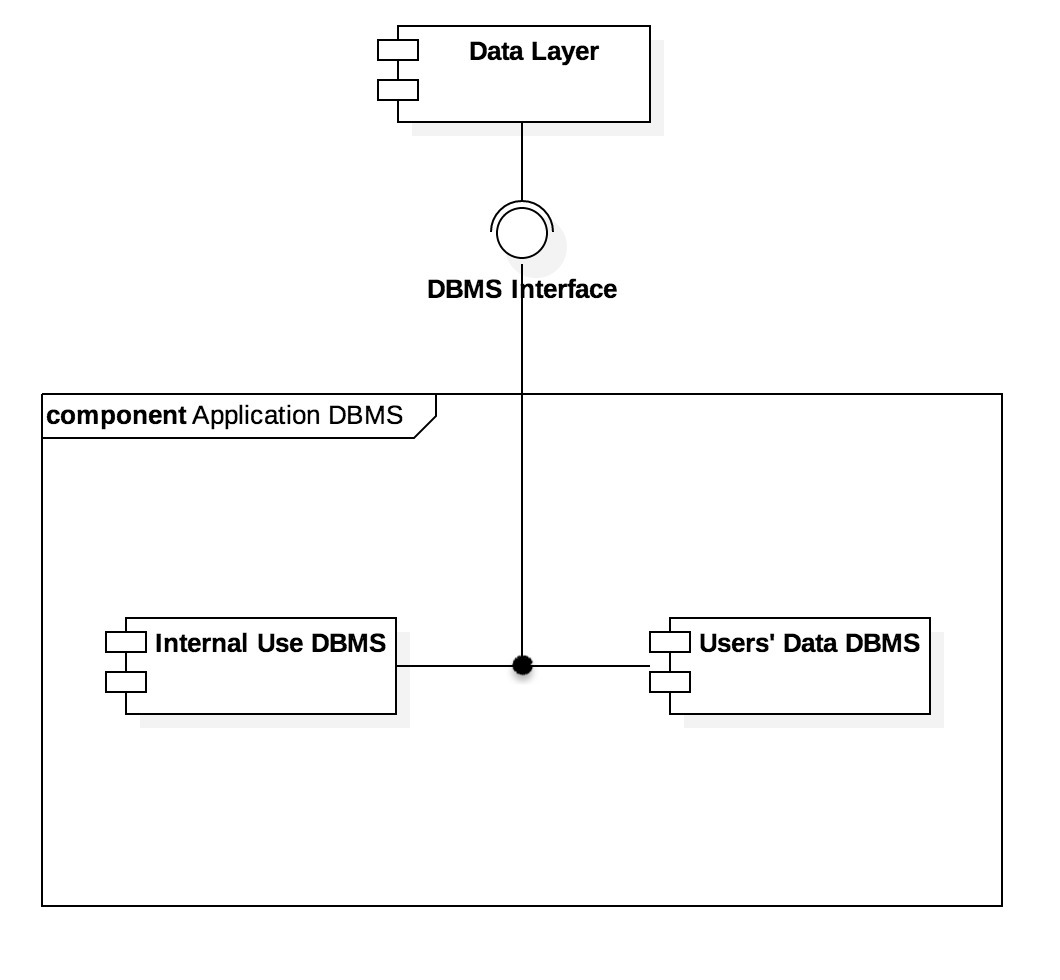
***2.3* ComponentView**

***Data Layer***

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The Data Layer module is composed by two sub-components: the JDBC Functions Component and the Queries Optimizer Component. The former is a collection of tools and references used to integrate and use the JDBC library (Java library for DBs handling). The latter is used to optimize the formulation of queries by means of JDBC tools.

***Application Database Management Systems***

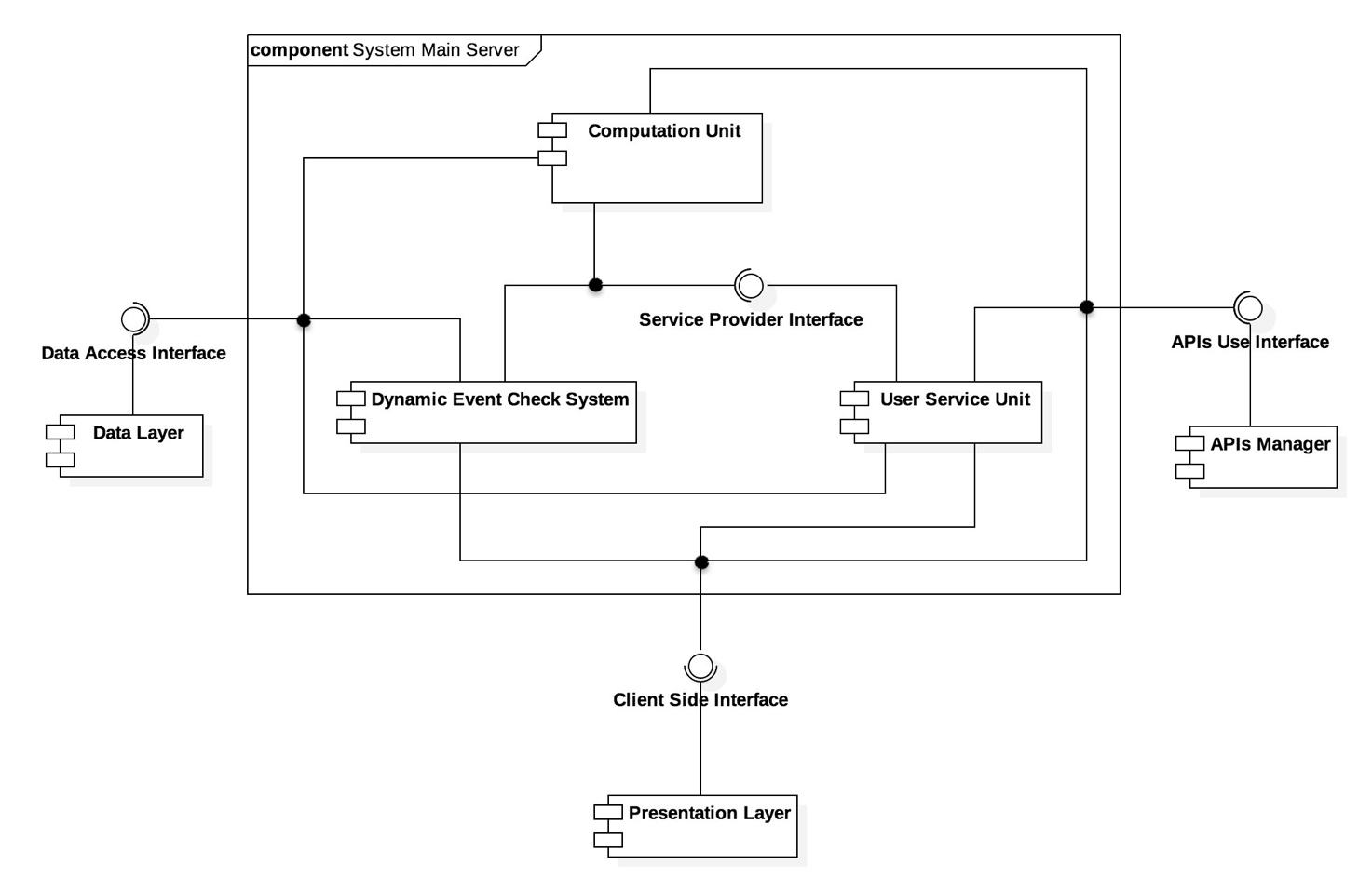
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The Application DBMSs, as mentioned in the previous section, is a generalization of the two DBMSs used in the Travlendar+ system.

The Internal Use DBMS component models the DBMS that deals with the DB in which the system stores all the data needed to make the Travlendar+ application and server works properly.

The Users’ Data DBMS component models the DBMS used query the DB in which the system stores users’ credentials, calendars and sensitive data. All these data are encrypted.

***System Main Server***

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The System Main Server is the core component of our server. It acts as “brain” for Travlendar+ since it must compute the best travel option when needed for each user (by means of the its Computation Unit), check dynamically (i.e. when events happen it’s listening) for events which can change travel options for some users and reports these to the local application(by means of the Dynamic Event Check System) and provide all these data (and some more) to the user in a proper way (by means of the User Service Unit).

Since this component has to be scalable and high-performing we could decide to distribute this component over several physical machines in case of necessity.

The communication between its component is allowed by the Service Provider Interface, an internal interface provided by the User Service Unit to transmit data outwards.

All the three internal components makes use of the Data Access Interface through which they can query DBs properly and of the APIs Use Interface through which they can exploits third part services.

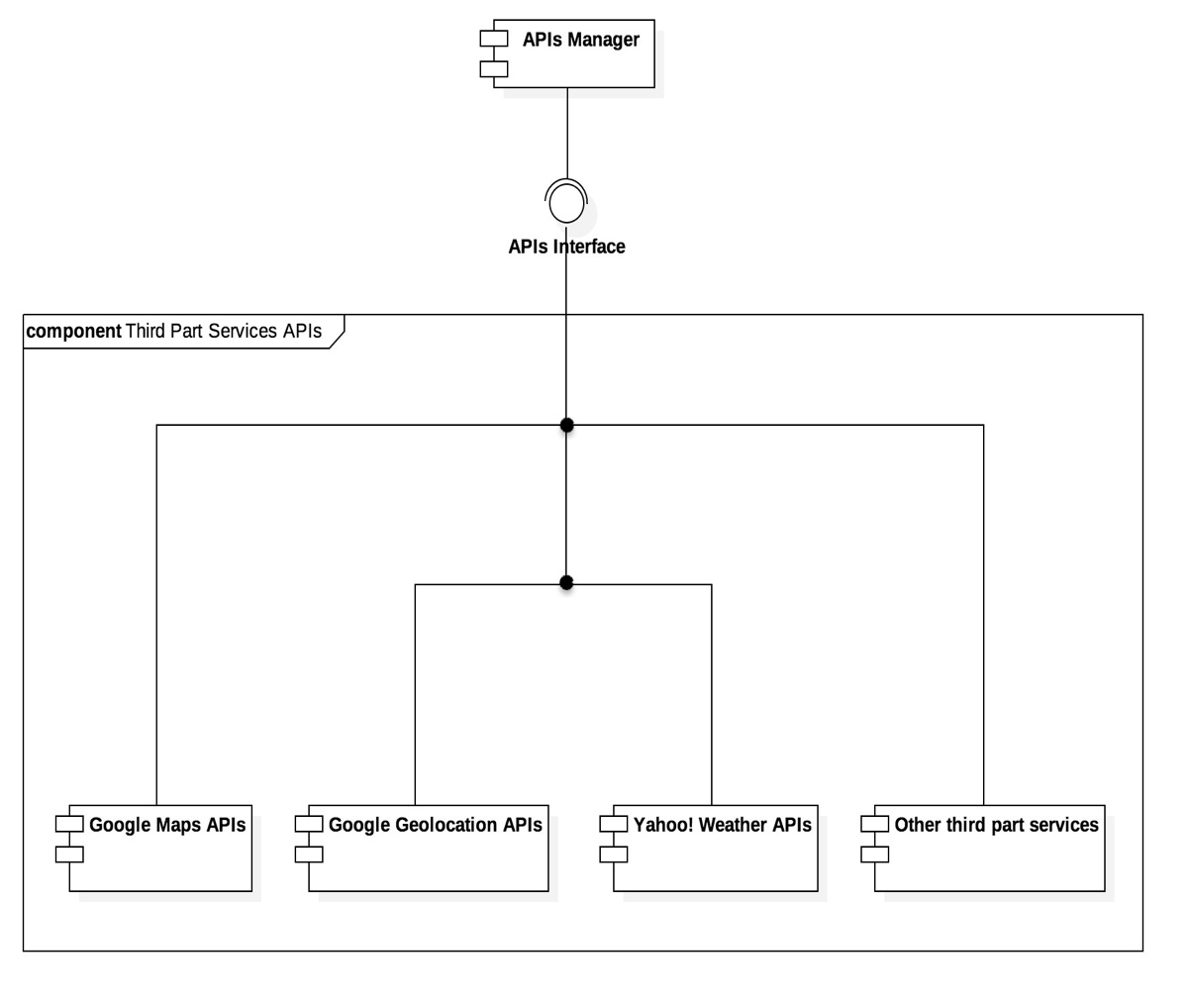
***APIs Manager***



The APIs Manager is internally composed by two components and an interface to let them communicate.

The Adapter component is used to make homogenous all different kinds of APIs exploited by the system by encapsulating them according to OO principles for sake of clarity and order. It also provides the Internal Interface to let other components make use of these APIs.

Moreover, the Optimizer tries to optimize the access to APIs and the computation in using them.

***Third Part Services APIs***

This component is a container of all commercial partners’ APIs. The system makes use of the OO principle of ‘encapsulation’ to efficiently and methodically have a reference to all these external tools. This way, this component of our system is easily extensible.

**2.6 Component Interfaces**

In this sub-section, we’ll focus on all interfaces in the System Component Diagram providing a description and, if useful, some pseudo-code methods and entities (these methods are used just for sake of clarity and they are not the ones which will be implemented).

Notice that our description will focus only on interfaces in the high-level Component Diagram, since inner interfaces’ function and usage is almost trivial.

**DBMS Interface**

This software interface is provided by the DBMSs Component (see System Overview Diagram for further information) and consists in all JDBC tools (i.e. classes, methods etc.) to query the DB using Java. Check out <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/connector-j/5.1/en/connector-j-usagenotes-statements.html> for further information about integration between Java (the chosen programming language) and MySQL (the chosen DBMS for the server) and <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/jdbc/index.html> for further information about JDBC API.

**Data Access Interface**

This interface is provided by the Data Layer Component who, in the intended implementation, will encapsulate the JDBC tools exposed by the DBMS Interface (see above) in order to hide the internal implementation and to make the access to the DBs (i.e. queries) easier. For a future implementation, all possible queries useful for the Travlendar+ system will be encapsulated in order to provide access control to data (static approach).

**APIs Use Interface**

This Interface is provided by the APIs Manager. Its scope is to encapsulate APIs tools/libraries in Java classes and parse Third Part Service responses in order to integrate them in our Java system and make them available to the System Main Server and to the user.

**APIs Interface**

This APIs Interface deals directly with external tools and services (i.e. APIs) used by Travlendar+. Since the component Third Part Services represents external entities (included in the Component Diagram to model their interactions with the system), this interface provided our system with access to external tools (i.e. APIs).

**Client Side Interface**

This interface is provided by the System Main Server in order to allow the Presentation Layer to retrieve data from the DBs, from the APIs or from the System Main Server itself. The Presentation Layer exploits it to gain access to data and then prepare these data to be sent to users.

**Web Side Interface**

This interface is provided the Presentation Layer and is the one users’ web browsers exploit in order to gain access to Travlendar+ web-site. It just makes available “raw” data retrieved by the Presentation Layer and to be displayed on the web-site in a usable format.

**Functions Side Interface**

This interface is provided by the Presentation Layer and is the one mobile/desktop application uses to gain access to the server (i.e. retrieve data from the DB, ask for computation and receive its result, exploit Third Part Services functionalities and so on).

**2.7 Selected****architectural****styles****and****patterns**

In this section we enlist all design patterns and architectures used to model our system. All of them can be found in the Component Diagrams of section 2.2 and 2.3.

**3-tiered Architecture**

We decided to model our system on three tiers: the Client Tier, the Logic and Presentation Tier and the Data Tier.

The Client Tier includes the mobile and desktop version of Travlendar+ application and the users’ web browser. The Logic and Presentation Tier includes the Presentation Layer component, the Main System Server component and the APIs Manager component. Lastly, the Data Tier includes the Data Layer component and the DBMSs.

The Data Tier have been thought to be allocated on a dedicated physical machine, separated by the Logic and Presentation Tier for security and scalability (reliability) purposes. The Logic and Presentation Tier could be distributed on different physical layers in order to improve its scalability, reliability and performances.

**Client-server architecture**

Due to the functionalities to be provided and the structure described in the Component Diagram, a client-server architecture will be used. The client side of the system is clearly represented by the application and by the user’s web browser, while the server side is represented by the remote components that provide the service (i.e. the Presentation Layer, the System Main Server, the APIs Manager, the Data Layer and the DBMSs).

**Encapsulation**

The core OO principle of encapsulation is widely used in our system in order to separate components. This allows us to perform a better access control to resources and modules and to hide the implementation and the complexity of each component.

**MVC (Model-View-Controller) design pattern**

The MVC is one of the most used design pattern since it allows developers to make a clear distinction between the logic (controller), the presentation/UI (view) and data (model) of the system. For this reason our system will be developed following this design pattern.

**Adapter and facade design pattern**

Designing the Travlendar+ system we often need to make heterogeneous modules interact each other. For this reason, we often use the Adapter design pattern, for instance in order to adapt JDBC functions or APIs tools to our system (see Component Diagrams). Moreover, with the Facade design pattern we are able to decide which methods (i.e. which actions) are permitted on the resources, for example which queries the System Main Server can perform or which APIs tool it can exploit.

**3. Algorithm Design**

In this section, the most important algorithms, that will need to be implemented in order to make our application work properly and satisfy the goals, will be described with details.

* 1. **Best Travel Option**
     1. **Natural Language Description**

The problem is: given a user, a starting point and an arrival point, the algorithm has to compute the best travel option that leads from the starting point to the ending point and that satisfies the preferences expressed by the user.

The system running the algorithm has, thanks to the assumptions made in the RASD document, access to all the APIs of the third part systems involved:

* + - Google Maps;
    - Car Sharing Systems;
    - Bike Sharing Systems;
    - Yahoo! Weather.

The access to APIs is granted through the API manager (see class diagram), so it’s fair to group them by category, as listed above.

In order to avoid useless calculations and delays, the Algorithm first checks the user’s preferences to check which vehicles the user has declared as available and which Vehicle Sharing services he agreed to take into consideration.

The list of available vehicles is modified as follows:

* + - If the starting point corresponds to the user’s home, then the list is not modified.
    - Otherwise, the user is asked which of the vehicles that he owns are available (that should be the one he used to go out before or none if he went out using another transport) at the moment and the list is restricted. If the user does not reply within 30 seconds, the list is considered empty.

Then, the weather is checked through the API manager and the lists are then restricted again as follows:

* + - If the user is home and forecasts say it’s going to rain in a moment the user should be travelling, then bike is removed from both lists;
    - If the user is not home and forecasts say it’s going to rain then bike sharing is removed from the list of Vehicle Sharing systems available(if present);
    - Otherwise, the lists are left untouched.

Now, the following calculations are performed:

1. For each vehicle in the available vehicle’s list, through the API manager, the travel option from the starting position to the ending position using the vehicle is computed.
2. For each category of Vehicle Sharing system available, the nearest one is located. Then, for each of them, the best travel option corresponds to the best travel option to reach the vehicle plus the best travel option from the vehicle’s position to the destination (using the vehicle). In order to have a consistent final travel option, both sub-travel options must satisfy preferences.
3. The best travel option using public transport (and on foot) are computed.

Then:

* + - For each travel option in the list 1, if the user is home, considering that if he goes out with a certain vehicle he may want to use it until he goes home again, it is checked is a good travel option using that vehicle is available among all other events of the day. If not, the travel option is removed from list 1.
    - If the user is not home and list 1 contains a travel option, all other lists are emptied because he will need to use his vehicle.

Following, the travel options that don’t satisfy the user’s preferences are removed from the lists. At this very moment, if the user is using any special modality (e.g. minimize cost modality), it is verified correctly, leaving in the lists only the travel means that satisfy them. Furthermore, travel options are deleted also if they take more than the available time.

The last step is:

* If at least one list is not empty, the travel option that takes less time is taken from each list and presented to the user.
* If all the lists are empty, it means that the user can’t arrive to the place on time and have his preferences satisfied at the same time. In this case, the user is presented the travel options as they were before the application of the preferences and the user is warned of the situation.
  1. **Overlapping New Activity Check**
     1. **Natural Language Description**

The problem is: given a user and an activity, the algorithm has to check if the activity can be added to the calendar.

A first check has to be done on the activity:

* + - If the activity to be added is a fixed activity, then:
      * For each **fixed** activity Act already present in the user’s calendar, if Act has either one or both starting and ending moment strictly included in the time span defined by the starting and ending moment of activity to be added, return **false**.

This guarantees that there’s no overlapping with fixed activities;

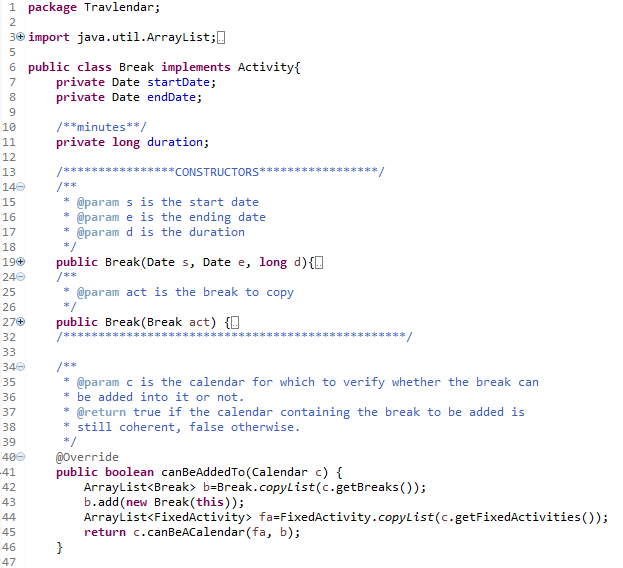
* + - * If the algorithm got to this point, it means that the activity to be added does not overlap with other fixed activities.

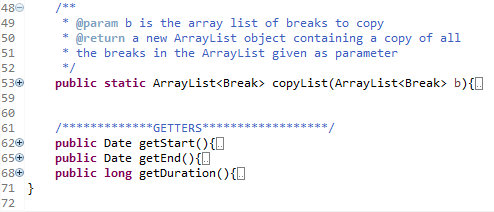
Considering now a calendar that contains also the activity to be added, if at least one of the flexible activities doesn’t have anymore a possible “placement” for the effective activity duration in the range defined by the starting and ending moment, return **false**;

* + - * Return **true** if false has not been returned in the previous checks;
    - Otherwise, it means that the activity to be added is a flexible activity. In this case, if there is a possible “placement” for the effective activity duration in the range defined by the starting and ending moment and all other flexible activities can still be placed, return **true**. Otherwise, return **false**.
    1. **Java Code**

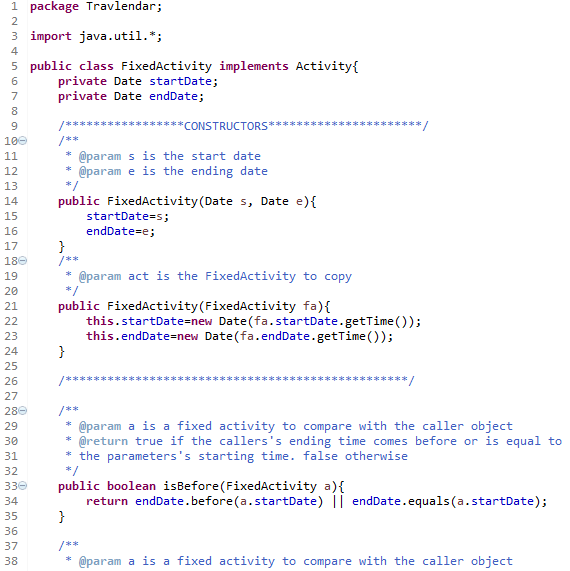
In this section, only strictly necessary methods are represented. Furher information and the complete code can be found in the attachments and/or in the delivery folder.

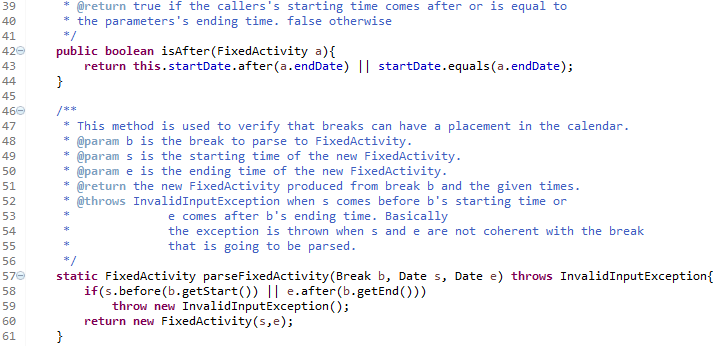
* + - **Break class**

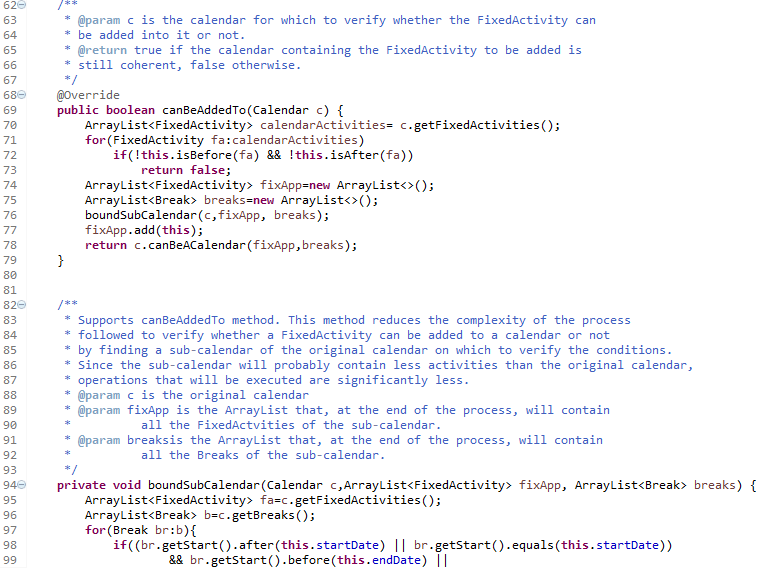


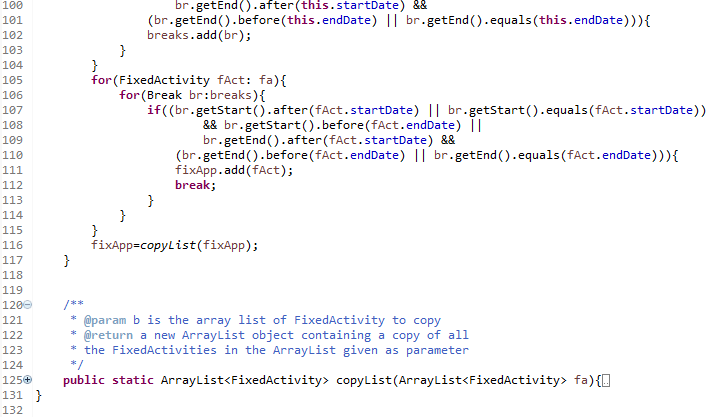


* + - **FixedActivity class**

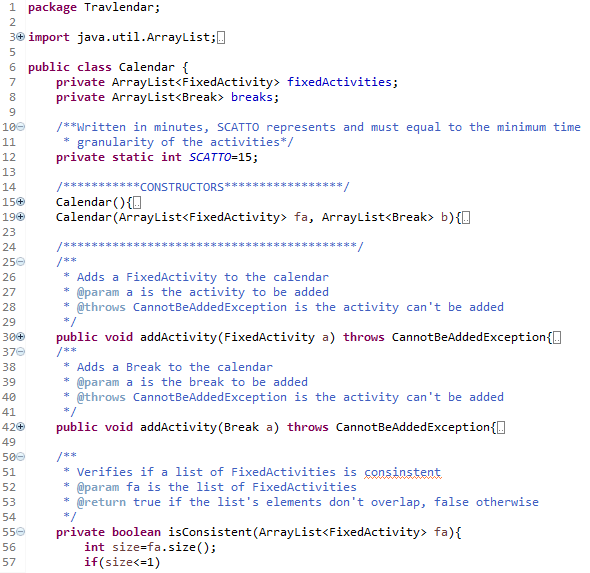


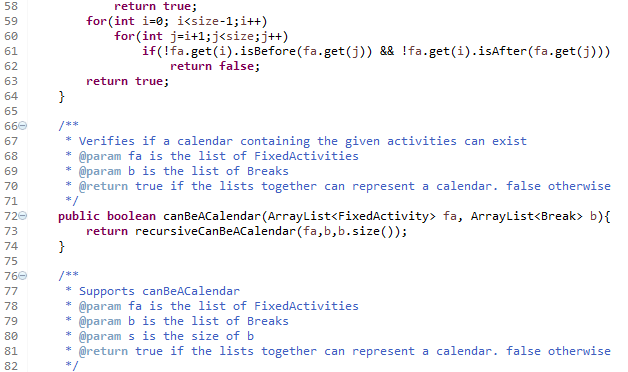






* + - **Calendar class**





Note that this small example has been provided with the only purpose to show the structure of the algorithm (that actually works because this is a complete code). Some previous or further operations that are not strictly related to the execution of the algorithm (e.g. load activities data from a DataBase or storing the new Activity in the DB after adding it to a calendar) have not been represented .

**4. User Interface Design**

**4.1 Additional UIs**

Though some UI samples have already been provided in the RASD document ( see from [UI1] to [UI8] in RASD), for a better mapping of our design choices into the requirements another one is provided in the DD document.

**[UI9]**

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This UI shows how users can differentiate between fixed and flexible activities. This is obtained through a small menu that pops up after tapping on the Create New Activity button.**4.2** **Mapping UIs into Requirements**

Considering the functional requirements, that have already been described in detail in the RASD document, here’s a brief explanation of how our User Interface samples are coherent with the requirements and help us to satisfy them in order to reach the defined goals ( -> RASD ):

* + - [UI4] (and [UI9]) show the day’s activities. By tapping on them it’s possible to reach the screen from which it’s possible to modify an activity. They match with [R1];
    - [UI1], the login screen, matches with [R2]. Furthermore, it also matches with [R3] and [R4] because it shows it’s possible to change password and to register in the system as a new user;
    - [UI8] and [UI9] match with [R5] because they show it’s possible to create fixed and flexible activities;
    - [UI2] satisfies [R6], [R6.1] and [R9] because it shows some of the possible preferences, including the possibility to take into consideration bike and car sharing;
    - [UI6] and [UI7] obviously match with [R11] because they show mobility options and travelling phase.

**7. Effort Spent**

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| 30-oct-17 single Component Diagram | 2 |
| 31-oct-17 Started Descriptions of Component Diagrams | 2 |
| 1-nov-17 Descriptions of Component Diagrams | 2 |
| 4-nov-17 Descriptions of Component Diagrams | 2 |
| 6-nov-17 Started component interfaces | 1.5 |
| 07-nov-17 Group Review | 1 |
| 10-nov-17 Ended component interfaces + arch styles and patterns | 3 |
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| 4-nov-17 Runtime View | 1.5 |
| 5-nov-17 Runtime View | 1.5 |
| 07-nov-17 Group Review | 1 |
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