

# Jibrarian - FIIT STU VAVA Project

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# **1 Vision**

The Jibrarian is a library book reservation software solution designed for the needs of FIIT STU library. The main aim of this application is to improve the experience of borrowing books. Instead of going to the library you can check available books and reserve them from the comfort of your home. You can also keep track of the time when you should return your borrowed books. This application will also simplify work for librarians. It will make their job easier by showing them the state of all books owned by the library.

## **2 5W Model**

### **Who will use the app**

The application will be used by FIIT STU library to digitize reservation and borrowing of books for readers and administration of books inventory. It will be used by library members, librarians working for FIIT STU library and by the library administrators.

### **What is this app**

The application will be used by FIIT STU library to digitize reservation and borrowing of books for readers and administration of books inventory. It will be used by library members, librarians working for FIIT STU library and by the library administrators.

### **Where will it be used**

This application will be a desktop app, which means that the user uses it through a computer or laptop. Library members, who want to reserve a book, will instead of actually having to go to the library, just open the application in the comfort of their home, work, cafe or other place. Librarians and administrators will use this app in their work station inside the library.

### **When will it be used**

A library member can use this when he wants to reserve a book from the STU FIIT library, but because of his unfavorable personal or work conditions, he cannot go there. The application will allow him to reserve it whenever he wishes to.

### **Why use it**

Bunch of libraries still use papers as the main system to keep track of their books. This can lead to huge amounts of errors and books that are lost forever . By using this app, FIIT STU will no longer encounter these errors in administration of books inventory. And library members will want to use this app to discover new books from the library's catalog and to reserve them in advance.

## How much will the application cost

Application development will be open-source. The project will be divided between five people, where there will be an architect, a tester and three programmers. The development of the software will take roughly two months. During this time, the team will be paid the Slovakian average for the given positions (referenced from the [Platy na pozíciách - Platy.sk](#)). The total price of the project is €34,000 +- 20

## How will the application be used

A reader registers to the application with email and password, thus he/she becomes officially a member of the library. After logging into the application, the member gets access to the whole library catalog, from which he/she can discover books and reserve them. Furthermore a member can see which books are reserved for him/her and until when they are reserved or until when does he/she have them borrowed. Thanks to the design of the applications, librarians have increased clarity in reservations and administration of the library's book catalog. Librarians will use this app to manage the state of the library's catalog. Finally, library administrators can add new accounts for librarians and also remove them if they want.

## 3 Usage scenario

FIIT STU library is a moderately sized library in the building of FIIT STU. There are 4 librarians, who have the whole library catalog under their responsibility, and there are 2 administrators, who make sure that all systems used to operate this library are running as they should. Nevertheless they still use pen and paper as the main system to keep track of their books. This leads to huge amounts of errors and books that are lost forever. Over time this can lead to a big amount of money lost, that could be used otherwise. Also, this is a big inconvenience for the potential readers, because they are unable to see if the book is actually in the library or not. Therefore, the interest of readers falls off. Thus, the library decided to digitize processes surrounding reserving, borrowing and administration of its catalog.

## 4 Know your users

### Library Member

Lara has always been a curious person, that's why she would often look for answers in books. Lara is a library member, which allows her to borrow books and other materials from the library's collection. The Librarian app allows her to discover new books and to reserve them in only a few steps, which means she uses the app for a very short period. She uses the app whenever she wants to check if the book is available and of course to reserve it. She usually uses the app once a week. Lara can reserve her book anytime with the app directly in the library from one of the computers, or from her personal computer or laptop.

## **Librarian**

Jana is a professional who works in a library as a librarian and is responsible for the management and organization of the library's collection of books, materials, and other resources. She uses the app to help her find and prepare reserved books and lend them to members, to make sure members are satisfied with the library and to see which books are borrowed and by whom. She uses the app on the computer most of her shift while working in the library. She works typically 4 times a week.

## **Administrator**

John is a library staff member, and he is responsible for the management and organization of the library's systems. John's role as an admin typically includes managing library systems, supervising library staff, coordinating library programs and services, and ensuring the library runs smoothly and efficiently. He uses the app when he needs to create or remove an account for a librarian, and he uses the app typically once per week, for a few hours.

## **5 Users language**

- **Borrowing:** The act of checking out or borrowing books, or other resources from the library's collection.
- **Catalog:** A searchable database that lists the library's collection of materials, including books, journals, and other resources.
- **Reservation:** A request placed by a user for a specific item that is currently available in the library's collection.
- **Renewal:** The process of extending the period for a borrowed item.

## **6 Most common tasks**

### **Library member wants to**

- Quickly reserve books from library
- Check their currently borrowed books and their return dates
- Check their currently reserved books and the reservation expiration dates

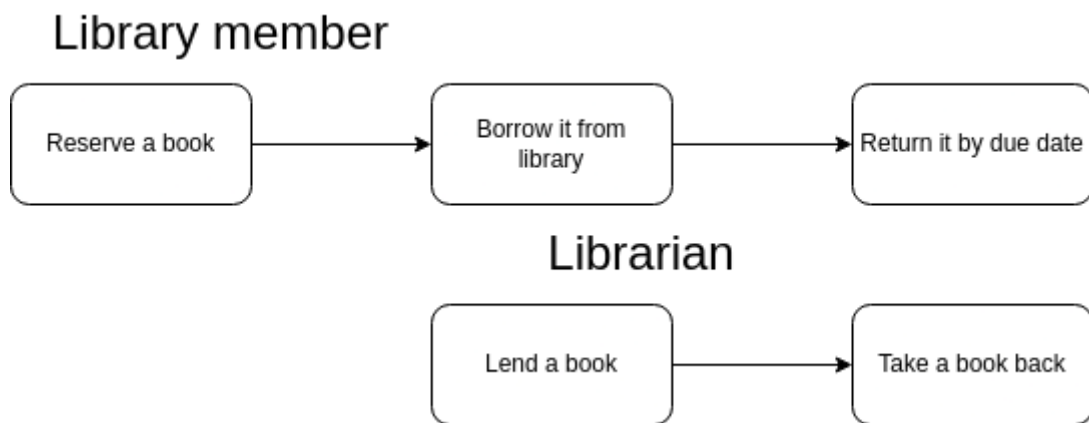
### **Librarian wants to**

- See which books are borrowed and by whom
- Manage the books inventory in the library

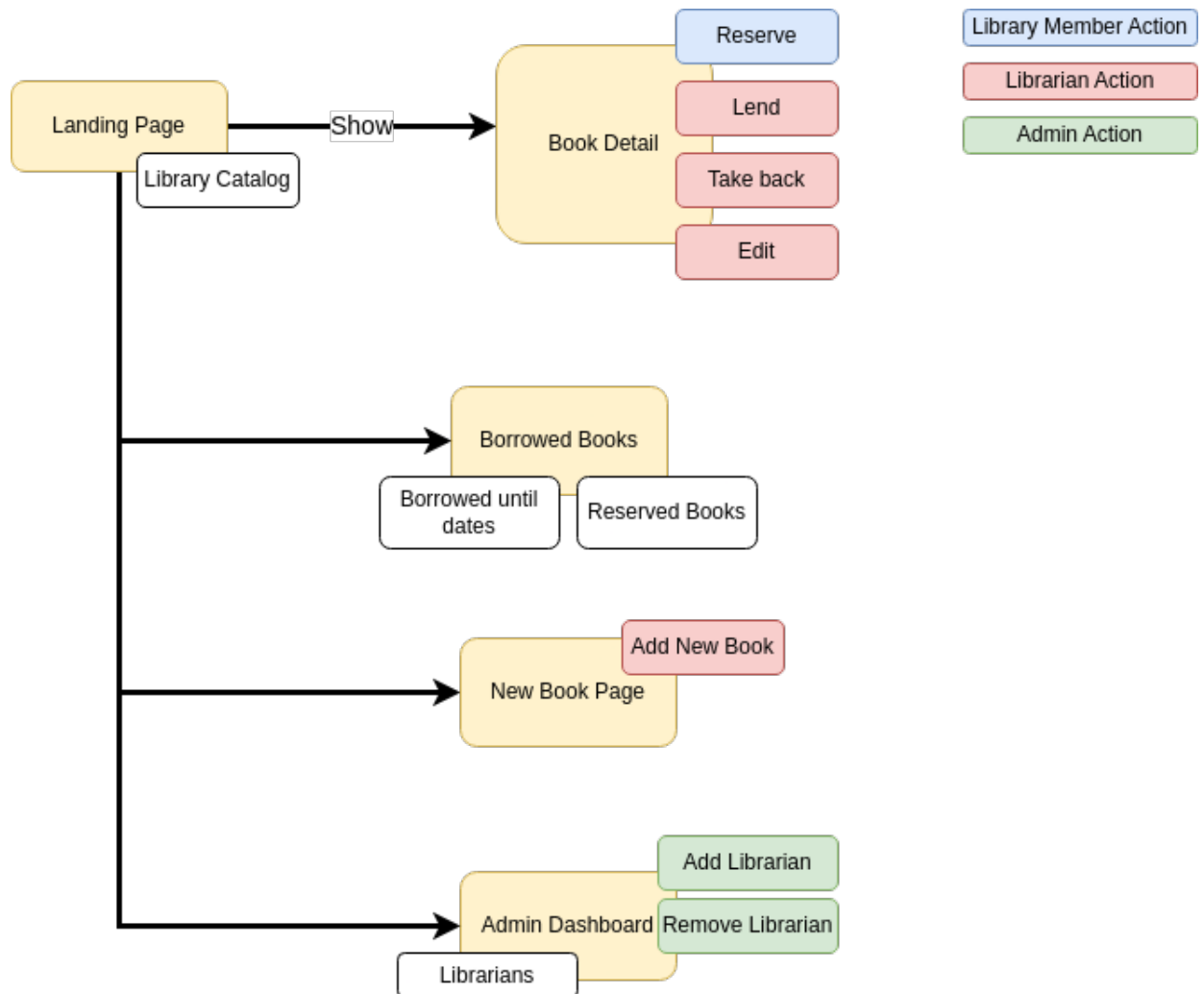
### Administrator wants to

- Create and remove accounts for new librarians
- Create and remove accounts for new admins

## 7 Main process



## 8 Navigation



## 9 Mockups

### Library Member

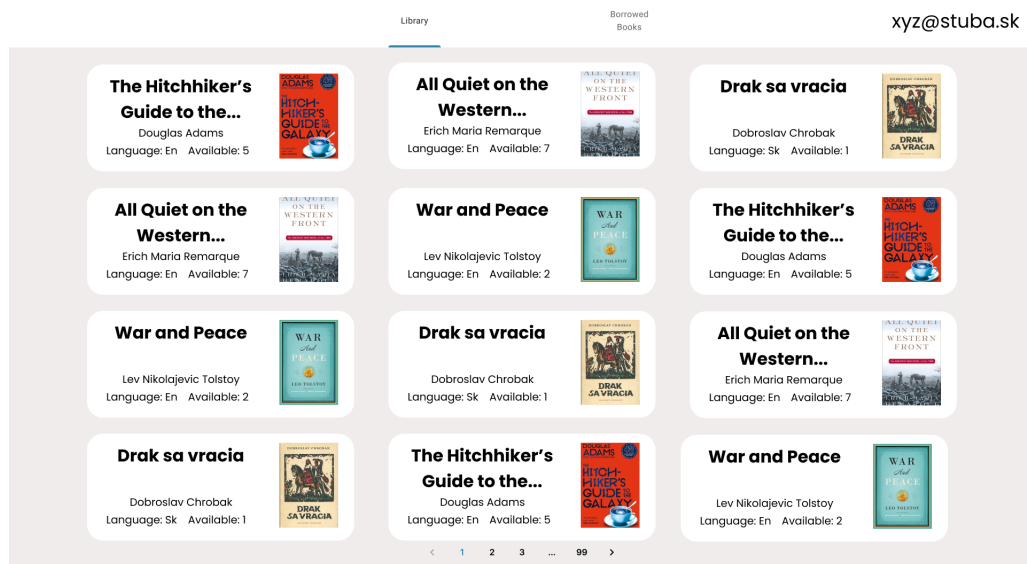


Figure 1: Landing page



Figure 2: Book detail modal



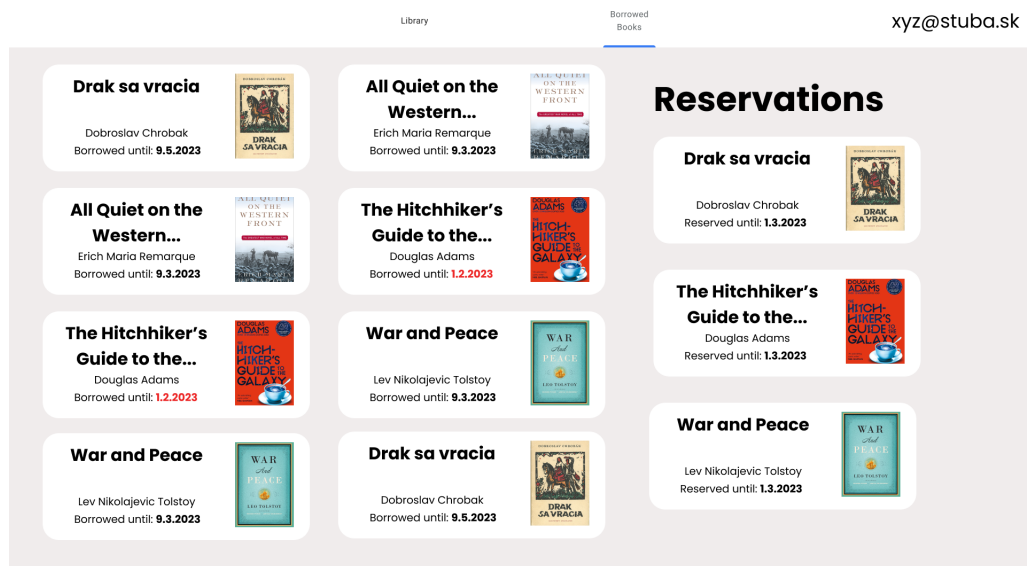


Figure 3: Borrowed books page

## Librarian

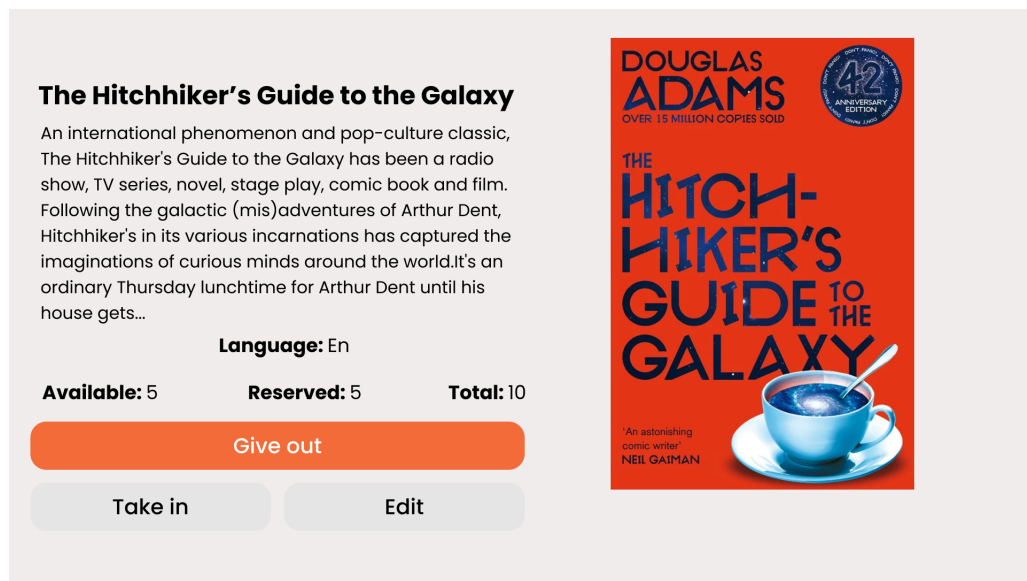


Figure 4: Book detail modal

Library Add Book Borrowed Books xyz@stuba.sk

**Title**

**Author**

**Quantity**

**Language**

**Description**

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**Choose cover image**

**Add** **Cancel**

Figure 5: Add Book page

## Administrator

Library Add Book Admin Dashboard xyz@stuba.sk

**Librarians** **Add**

**james@gmail.com** **Remove**

**susan@yahoo.com** **Remove**

**john@hotmail.sk** **Remove**

Figure 6: Admin dashboard

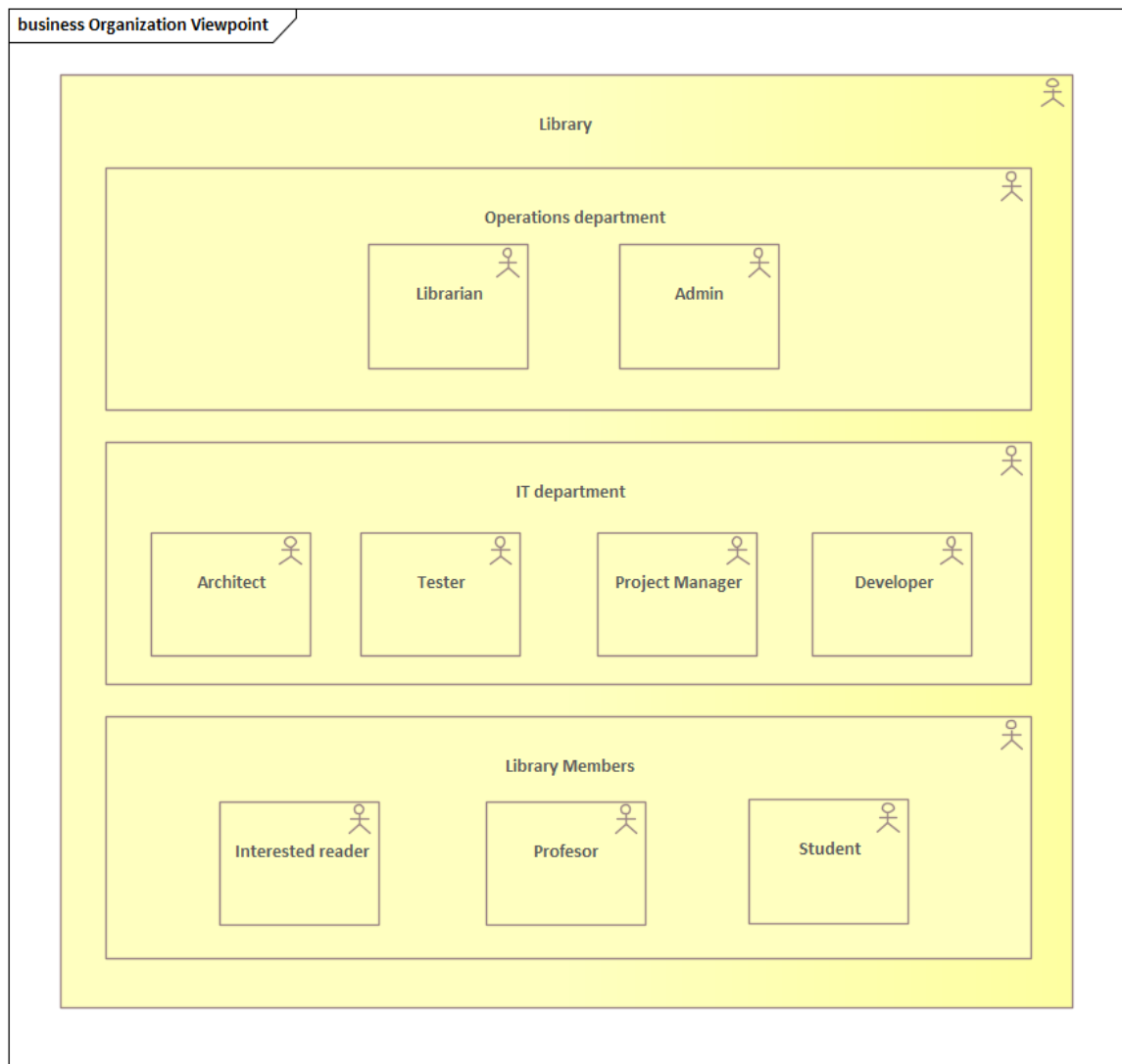
## 10 Non-functional requirements

1. Platforms: This application is made for desktop. It's developed in Java. Runnable on Windows and Linux.
2. Usability: The application should be easy to interact with. It should have a nice clear layout, that for example even older people could use.
3. Scalability: application should be able to be used by several users at the same time without any performance loss.
4. Performance: this application should be able to run on even older hardware efficiently without using too many resources.

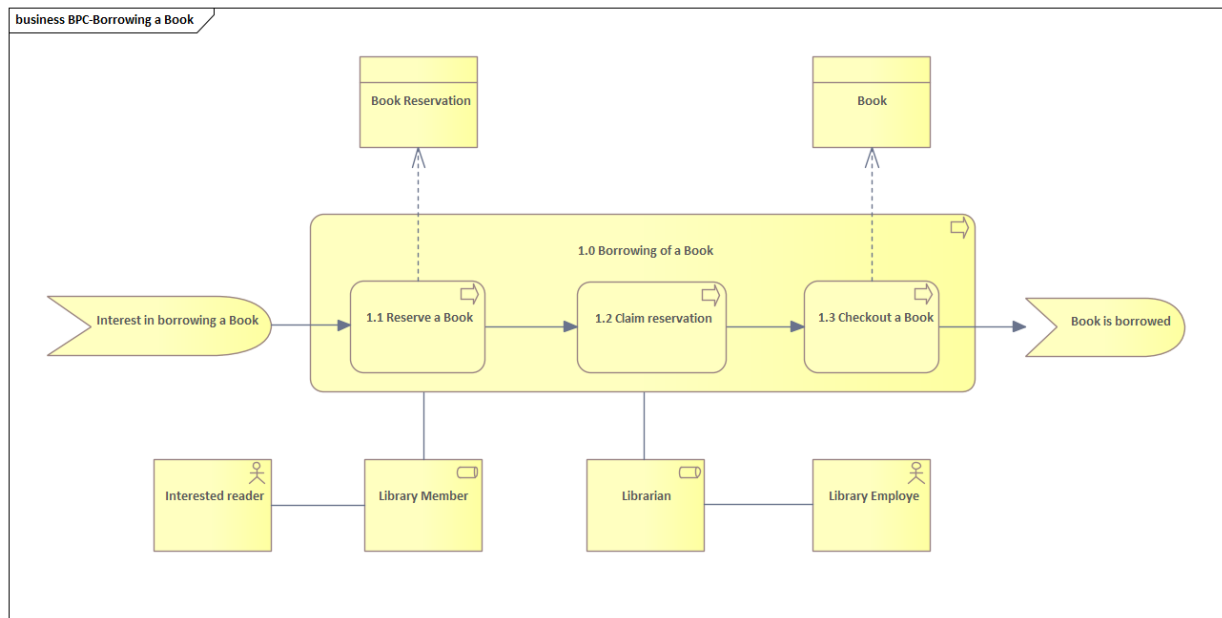
## 11 ArchiMate Diagrams

This section contains exported diagrams from *doc/eea/vava-jibrarian.gea* Enterprise Architect file. For better details, please open referenced file in Enterprise Architect.

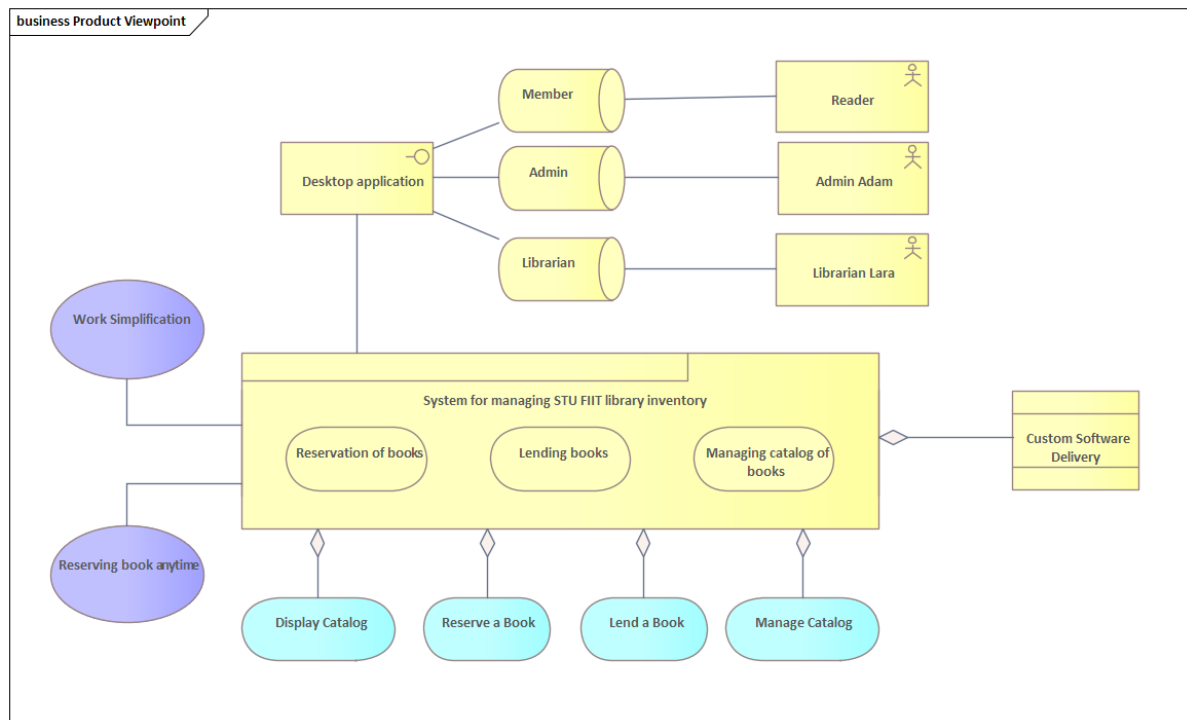
## 11.1 Organization Viewpoint



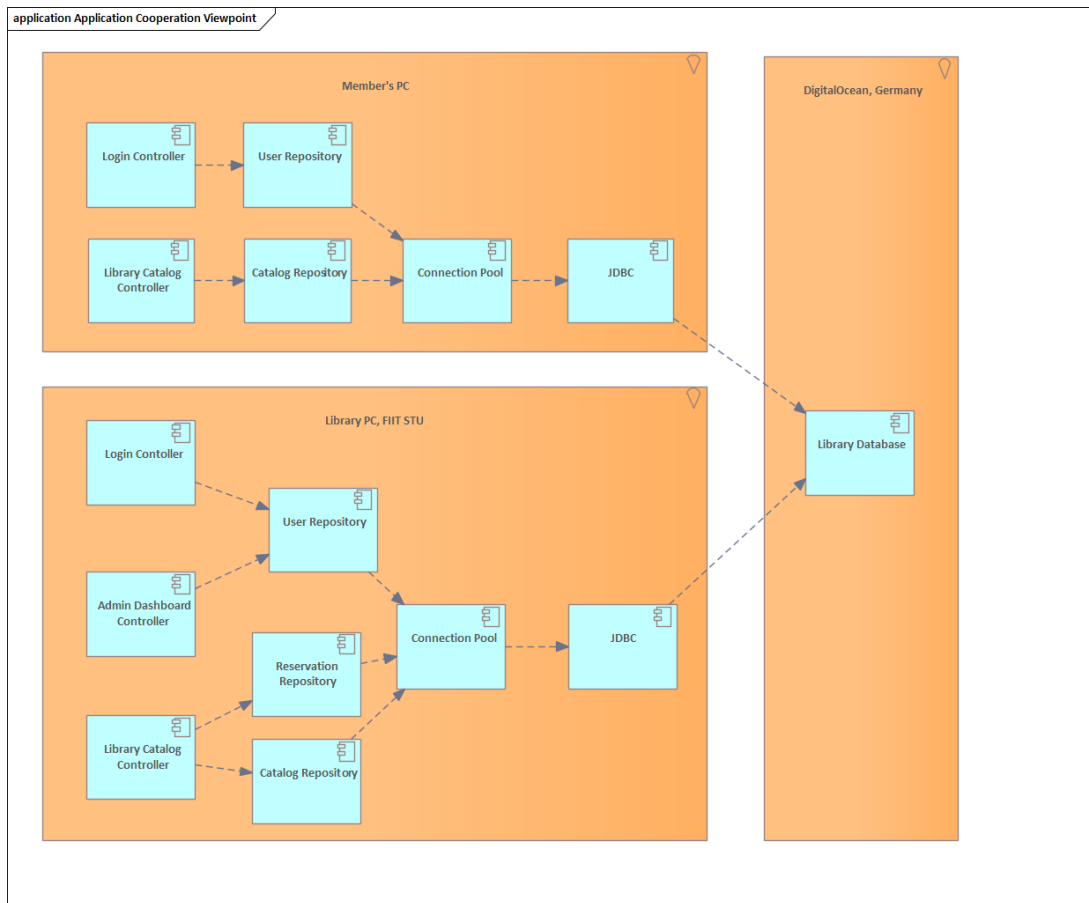
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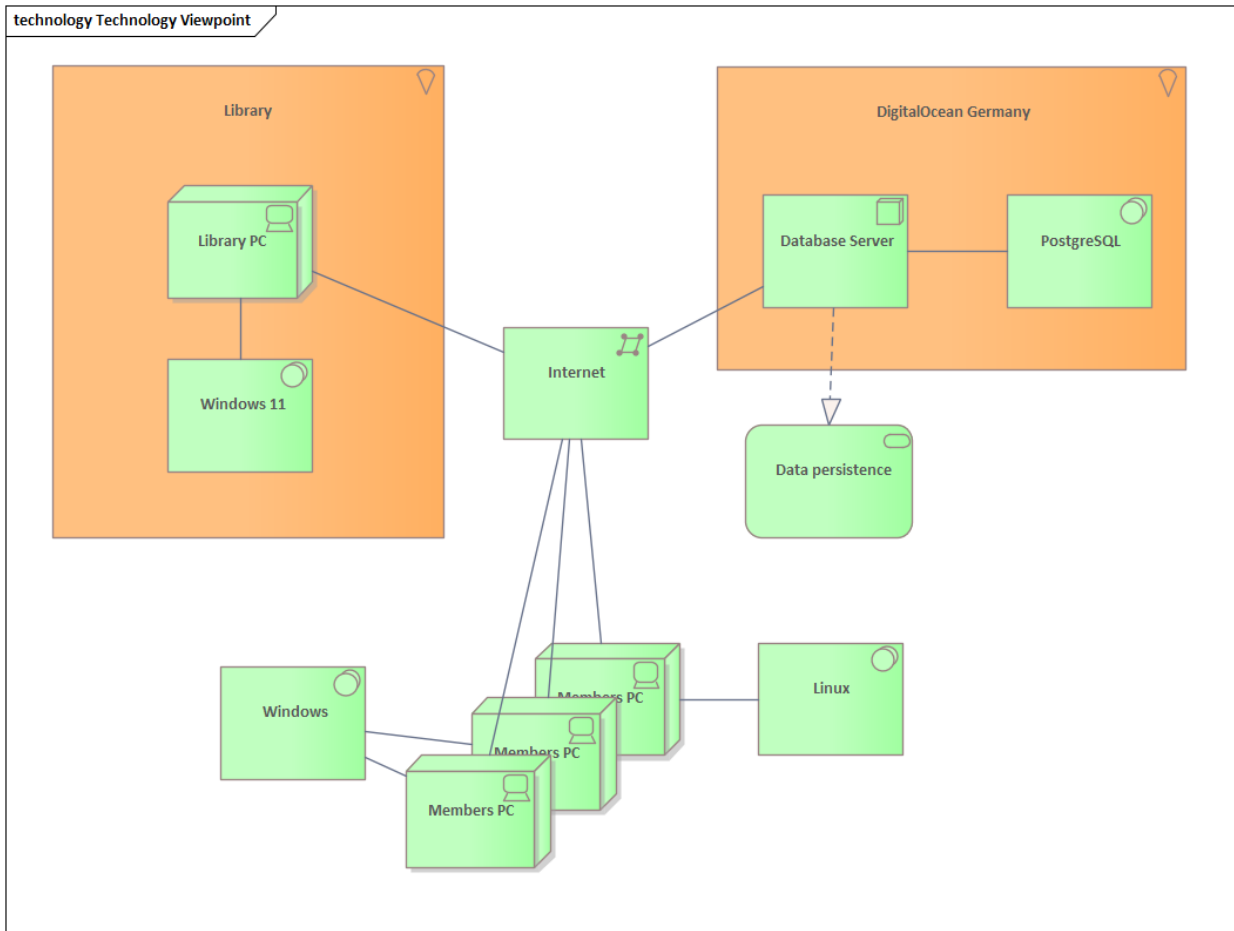
### 11.3 Product viewpoint



## 11.4 Application Cooperation Viewpoint

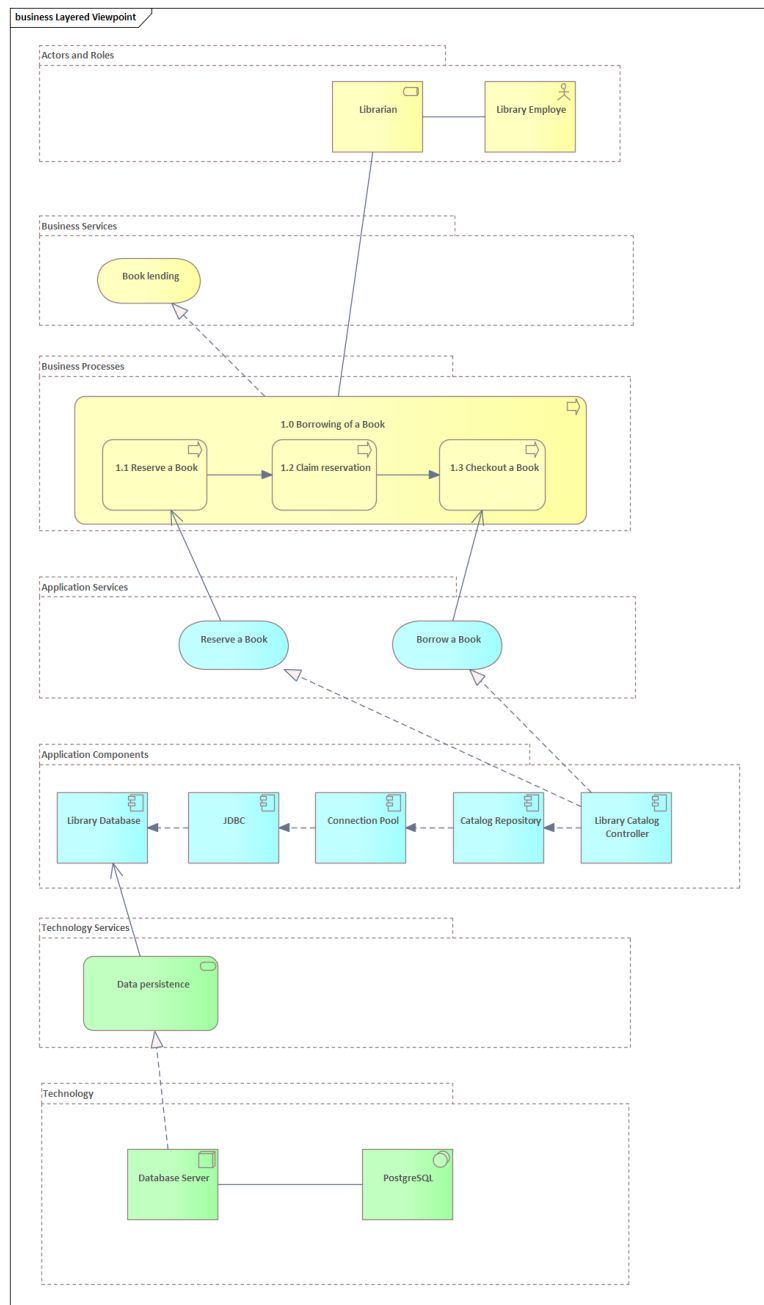


## 11.5 Technology Viewpoint





## 11.6 Layered Viewpoint



## 12 Class Diagram

Class diagram is too big to be included in this documentation (if included, it would be unreadable). To view the class diagram, please open the *doc/eea/vava-jibrarian.qea* in Enterprise Architect and see the *Class Diagram* model.

## 13 Assignment requirements

List below documents how are different assignment requirements fulfilled

1. Collections: usage of List<T> and ArrayList<T>
2. Logging: logs containing information about user flow, data manipulation, exceptions and malfunctions
3. Localization: application can be run in English, or Slovak language
4. XML: logs are also stored into xml file
5. Regular Expressions: email validation is done with a regular expression
6. JDBC: application connects to a PostgreSQL DBMS and read/writes data to it
7. Validation: SQL injections are prevented with use of prepared statements
8. GUI: user interface is written in JavaFX
9. 3 types of users: application contains functionality for Library Members, Librarians and Admins
10. Encapsulation in all classes

## 14 Used technology

This application is written in Java 17 and uses Maven (version 3.8.7) build system for building and testing.

### Dependencies

Dependencies listed below are taken from projects *pom.xml*.

- JavaFx
  - org.openjfx:javafx-controls:19.0.2.1
  - org.openjfx:javafx-fxml:19.0.2.1
- PostgreSQL driver: org.postgresql:postgresql:42.6.0

- JUnit
  - org.junit.jupiter:junit-jupiter:5.9.2
  - org.junit.jupiter:junit-jupiter-engine:5.9.2
- BCrypt: at.favre.lib:bcrypt:0.10.2

## 15 How to run

The easiest way to run the application is importing it into IntelliJ IDE, and using provided Maven run configurations. More can be read in *./doc/setup.md* and *./doc/run.md*

Provided jar file is a fat jar with all dependencies included.

## 16 What did we learn

At the start of this summer term, we had no clue about how projects are built in the real world. Until now we had little experience with building something in a team and a more real environment.

From organizational standpoint we have experienced on our own skin how hard it can be to organize a team of 5 programmers. We saw how valuable Jira is for tracking what needs to be done and how far have we come. Weekly meetings were really helpful to show the whole team how we are progressing together, who is working on what and for sharing newly learned knowledge. Also we learned importance of communication the hard way. We can't count how many times someone wrote a piece of code, which was reviewed and seemed fine, but introduced a bug in other part of code.

Other lesson we learned is that writing code isn't enough in the real world. Concepts as enterprise architecture and design are important and should be well thought out, because otherwise there will be problems when the code is already written, but doesn't do anything useful in context of a project.

Each of us learned new Java programming concepts, which can also be used in different languages. Such as logging and importance of what to log and not, how to customize software so it can be used in different locations. How does connecting and communicating with database work. How to program GUI in JavaFX and other smaller concepts, but still important.

Even though our project isn't the greatest application, isn't written in the best way possible, we still learned a lot and all five of us did everything we could to build Jibrarian to the best of our abilities.

We want to express our gratitude to our teacher Mr. Reiter, for teaching us a lot of important and useful things.