

E-Healthcare Management System

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1 Outline

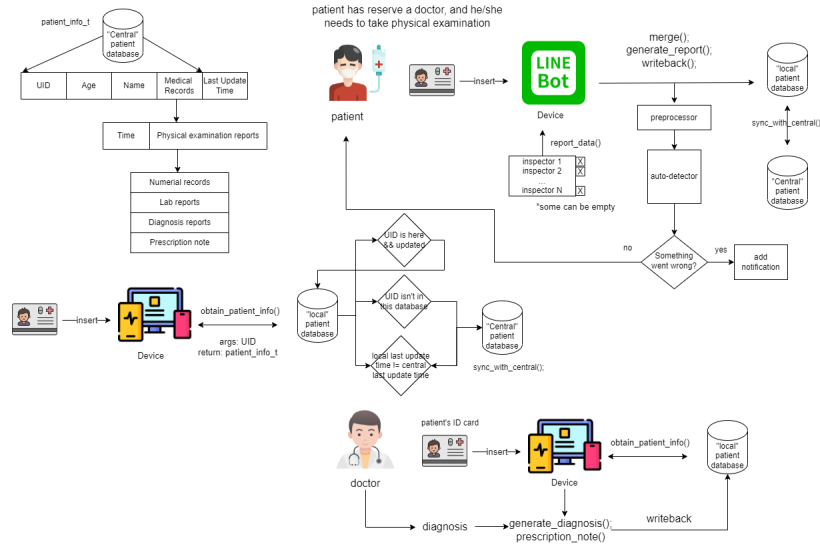


Figure 1: A simple example of outline.

Figure 1 shows the skelton of the whole system. The left-top part is the scrawled database, which defines “what” is in the database. As shown, the database contains necessary medical information of patients. The right-top part is the situation that a patient has made an appointment with doctor and he need to take a physical examination first. By insert the ID card, the physical data will be recorded into the local database, syncing with the central database, and in the mean time, the result of examination will be send to “auto-detectors”, which detect the abnormal data in the physical reports, and notify the patient. The auto-detectors can detect potential diseases like cancer by determining the gene expression profiling, or diabetes by the physical data. The middle part is the situation that a patient or a doctor wants to obtain the information of the patient. After inserting the ID card, the local database will check whether the status of corresponding data. If it is out of date or not exists, the local database will try to sync with the central database, otherwise create a new one if this patient is totally new. Eventually, the information of this patient is returned to the client (device). The bottom part shows a doctor make the diagnosis and prescription for the patient. The new diagnosis and prescription are write-backed to the local database, and also sync with the central one.

2 Features

With this E-healthcare management system, the hospital/clinic can easily sync the information of patients with other health systems, manage the information of patients. For patients, the patient can do most of the things online, for example, make a doctor appointment, look up the medical records and prescriptions, and obtain the physical reports at home. Even more, the system use machine learning to detect the abnormal data in the reports, notify the patient to prevent the disease becoming worse. To conclusion, the major features of the system can be summarized as followings:

- Automatically sync the information of patients between different health systems by using local and central database.
- Facilitate the accessing of medical records and prescriptions, for both doctors and patients.
- Introduce the automatic disease detectors by leveraging machine learning and big data.

3 Methodology

Database

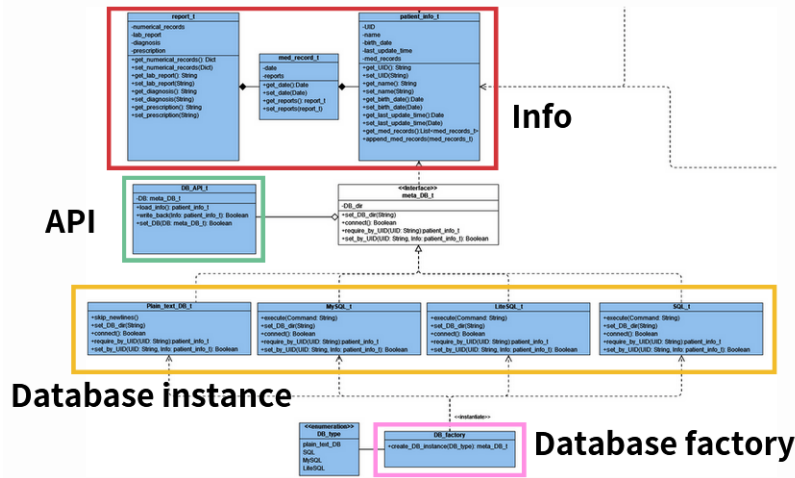


Figure 2: The UML of the whole database.

Figure 2 shows the UML of the database. It can be divided into four parts, the class definition of patients' information, the database API, the class definition of database, and the database factory.

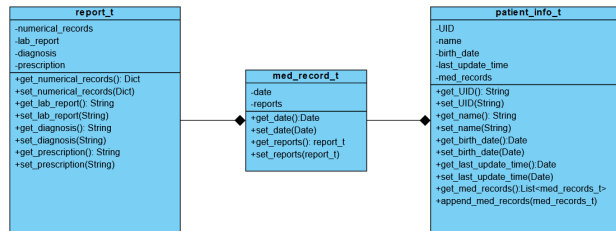


Figure 3: The UML of the class definition of patient information.

Figure 3 shows the class definition of the patients' information. The class, `patient_info_t`, contains the necessary information of a patient, for example, UID, name, birth date, and the list of medical records. And

in the class, `med_record_t`, is date and reports, like diagnosis, prescriptions, and physical data and reports. In this part, it provides a definition of patients' information for the whole database. Later, the database will depend on the class defined in this part.

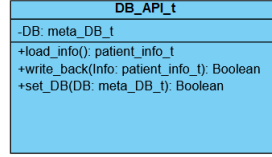


Figure 4: The UML of the class definition of database API.

Figure 4 is the definition of the API of the database. It provide some simple and secure methods to access the database, for example, load the information of a patient, update the information, and set the database. Later, those parts of the system that need to access the database rely on this API.

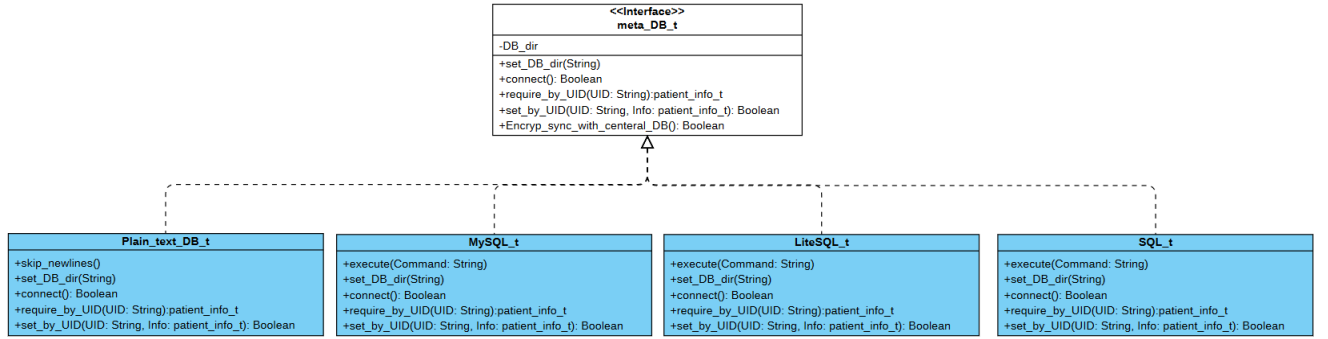


Figure 5: The UML of the class definition of database instance.

Here is the definition of the databases. First is an interface of the database, it defines some common methods of database, like connect, require, update, and sync with other database. Then are the specialized databases. Here, plain text database, SQLs are defined.

The rationales behind the need of an interface is, in the early development, we did not determine which type of database should be use. And second, when scaling the system up, the database may need to be replaced with other databases that have higher throughput and lower response time, like ScyllaDB. An interface of the database solves the problems, because it abstracts the database and unify the methods. The additional databases can be easily provided by following the interface.

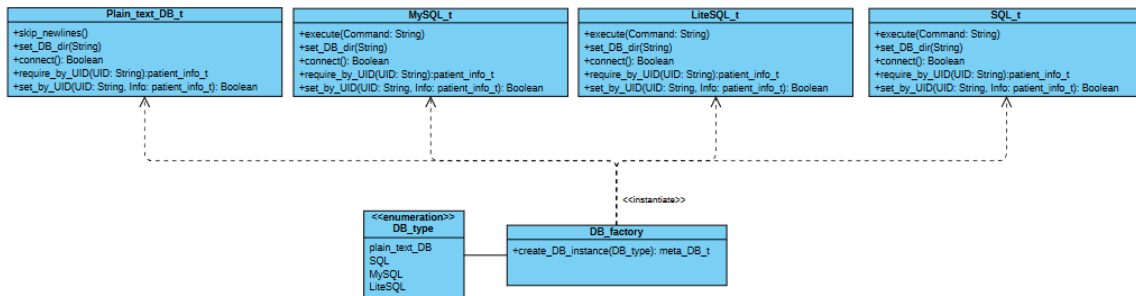


Figure 6: The UML of the factory of databases.

Then is the factory of database, which shown in Figure 6. In short, factory is responsible for instantiating the database. And it is actually a pattern from *Design Patterns*. The general UML of factory pattern is

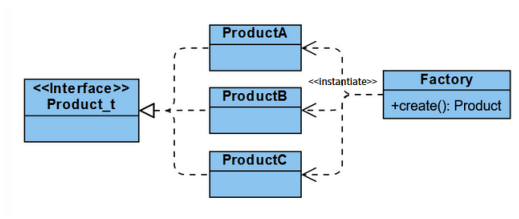


Figure 7: The UML of a simple factory.

shown in Figure 7. The products inherit a common interface, and they are all instantiated by the factory. The advantage of factory patterns is it hides the details of “creation”, which allows the factory changing the implementation without modifying the usage of the creation. It is a very important characteristics in developing a big system. The modification of the usage of methods can cost lots of time and effort, because all the programs that use the methods should be modified.

To conclusion, this design of database has the following features:

- Hide the detail of the creation.
- An uniform application interface.
- High Scalability.
- Easy to maintain.

4 Conclusion

In this project, we develop a E-healthcare management system, which solves the syncing problem between different health systems by using local and central database, and facilitate most of the services by transfer them into internet. Even more, we introduce the automatic disease detectors, which is able to detect multiple diseases by leveraging the machine learning techniques.

In technological aspect, we use object-oriented programming to shorten the development time, and modularize the whole system into several parts, like database, frontend, medium, and detector (processor). With that, the system is highly scalable and easy to maintain.

5 Contribution

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