INCOME TAX CALCULATOR

OVERALL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The goal of this project is to re-engineer a Java application. At a glance, the application serves for the income tax calculation of Minnesota state citizens. The tax calculation accounts for the marital status of a given citizen, his income, and the amount of money that he has spent, as witnessed by a set of receipts declared along with the income. The legacy application takes as input txt or xml files that contain the necessary data for each citizen. The tax calculation is based on a complex algorithm provided by the Minnesota state. The application further produces graphical representations of the data in terms of bar and pie charts. Finally, the application produces respective output reports in txt or xml.

The objectives of this phase of the project are to simplify the design to be more extensible and maintainable as well as to redesign the graphical interface to make it more user-friendly.

REFACTORED DESIGN

USE CASES

UC1: LoadTaxPayerFromFile		
Use case ID	UC1	
Actors	The user of the application	
Pre conditions	The user has started the application.	
Main flow of events	 The use case starts when the user selects "load taxpayer" The system displays the file explorer The user browses the file explorer and selects the appropriate file The user confirms the action The system loads the taxpayer's info based on that file that. 	
Post conditions	The tax information of the taxpayer has been loaded to the system.	

Alternative flow 1	 A taxpayer already loaded exception is raised by the system The application indicates that the taxpayer from the selected file is already loaded
Post conditions	-
Alternative flow 2	At any time the user may leave load taxpayer screen
Post conditions	-

UC2: DisplayTaxpayerInfo		
Use case ID	UC2	
Actors	The user of the application	
Pre conditions	The system has at least one taxpayer loaded	
Main flow of events	 The use case starts when the user selects a taxpayer from the list The system selects the taxpayer The user selects "view taxpayer info" The system displays the taxpayers info in a new screen 	
Post conditions	The selected taxpayer info screen is shown to the user	
Alternative flow 1	At any time the user may leave taxpayer info screen	
Post conditions	1	

UC3: AddReceiptToTaxpayer		
Use case ID	UC3	
Actors	The user of the application	
Pre conditions	The user views the taxpayer info screen	
	The use case starts when the user selects "add receipt"	
Main flow of events	2. The system displays a receipt form	
events	3. The user enters to the form the information of the receipt	
	4. The user confirms the addition of the receipt	
	5. The system adds the receipt to the list of receipts of the taxpayer and updates the files containing the taxpayer info	
Post conditions	The receipt has been added to the taxpayer and the taxpayer info files have been updated	
Alternative	A wrong receipt input field exception is raised by the system	
flow 1	The application indicates that the user has entered wrong info in a field of the receipt form	
	3. The application displays the input rules of the receipt form	
Post conditions	1. The use case continues at step 3 of the main flow	
Alternative flow 2	1. At any time the user may leave the receipt form	
Post conditions 1. Receipt addition is canceled, no receipt is added to the taxpayer		

UC4: DeleteReceiptOfTaxpayer	
Use case ID	UC4
Actors	The user of the application

Pre conditions	The user views the taxpayer info screen	
Main flow of	1. The use case starts when the user selects a receipt and clicks "delete receipt"	
events	2. The system displays a confirmation message	
	3. The user confirms his action	
4. The system deletes the selected receipt and updates the taxpayers info file		
Post conditions	The selected receipt has been deleted and the taxpayer's info files has been updated	
Alternative flow 1	At any time the user may close the confirmation screen	
Post conditions	2. The deletion is cancelled, no receipt is deleted	

UC5: DisplayTaxCharts		
Use case ID	UC5	
Actors	The user of the application	
Pre conditions	The user views the taxpayer info screen	
Main flow of events	 The use case starts when the user selects "view reports" The system calculates the necessary data for the charts The system displays charts about receipts and taxes 	
Post conditions	1. The reports are visible to the user	

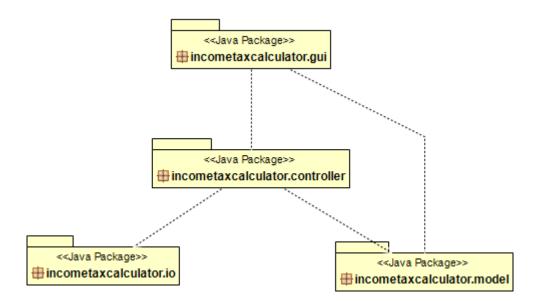
UC6: StoreTaxpayerLog		
Use case ID	UC6	
Actors	The user of the application	
Pre conditions	The user views the taxpayer info screen	
	1. The use case starts when the user selects "save log"	
Main flow of events	2. The system displays the file explore	
events	3. The user selects the directory that he/she wants the file to be saved at	
	4. The system displays a message requesting the user to choose the file format from a list	
	5. The system saves the taxpayers info as a file with the specified format to the specified location	
	6. The system displays a save confirmation message	
Post conditions	The taxpayers log is stored to the specified location with the specified format	
Alternative 1. The user closes the file explorer flow 1		
Post conditions	1. The log file is not saved	
Alternative 2. The user closes the file format selection window flow 2		
Post conditions	1. The log file is not saved	

UC7: RemoveTaxapayer	
Use case ID	UC7

Actors	The user of the application
Pre conditions	Taxpayers are loaded into the system
Main flow of	1. The use case starts when the user selects a taxpayer form the list and clicks "remove taxpayer"
events	2. The system displays a confirmation message
	3. The system removes the selected taxpayer
Post conditions	The selected taxpayer is removed from the loaded taxpayer list

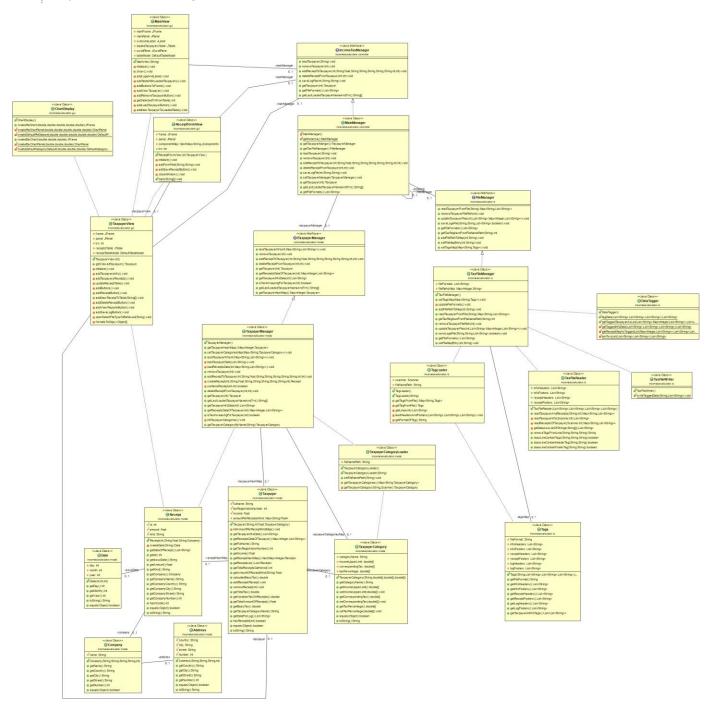
ARCHITECTURE

PACKAGE UML DIAGRAM:

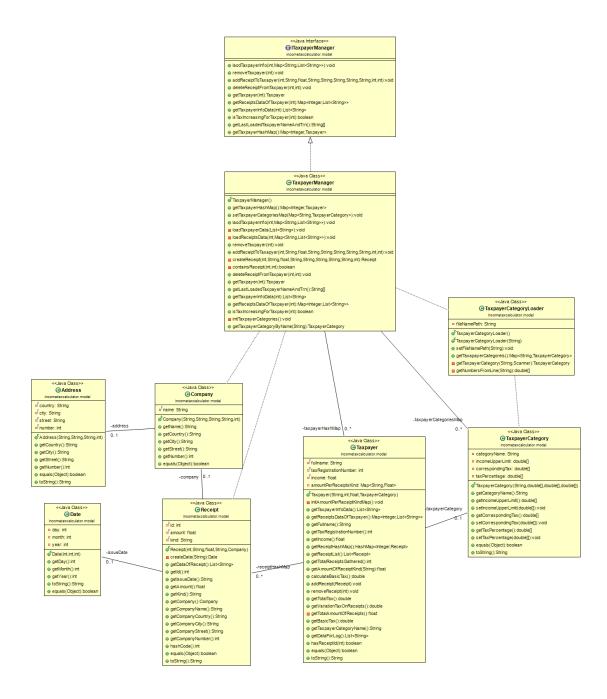


DETAILED DESIGN

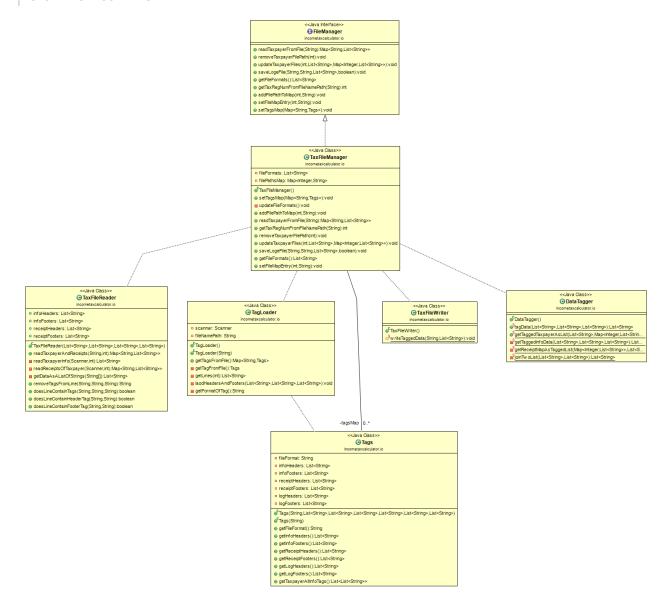
Project UML Class Diagram:



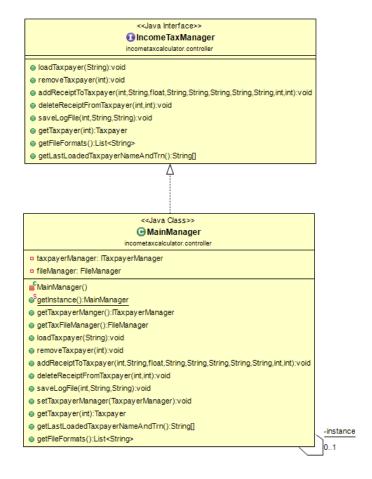
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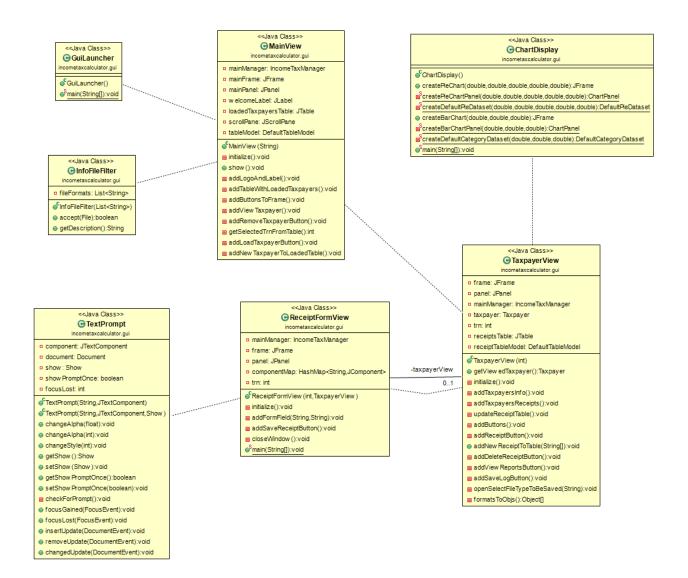
IO UML CLASS DIAGRAM:



CONTROLLER UML CLASS DIAGRAM:



GUI UML CLASS DIAGRAM:



SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- Separation of responsibilities of TaxpayerManager into two subsystems the TaxFileManger class
 responsible for reading and writing data and the class with the same name (TaxpayerManger) for
 managing taxpayers. The MainManager class was also used as a façade, which orchestrates the
 implementation of use cases using these two subsystems.
- 2. Used the "\resources\taxpayerProperties.txt" file to load taxpayer class constants to eliminate Taxpayer subclasses.
- 3. Used the "\resources\tagsProperties.txt" file to load tags for different file types to eliminate the hierarchy of reader and writer classes, greater extensibility, and adding the omitted check that each field has correct tags.
- 4. Addition of acceptance tests.
- 5. Changed the user interface to make it easier to use by providing multiple feedback messages and to enable the user to save and load taxpayer files from any file explorer folder on their computer and in any of the file formats that contain the file with the tags.
- 6. Class and package name changes and reassignment of classes to packages

CHANGES IN DETAIL:

LARGE CLASS TAXPAYERMANAGER

We split the taxpayerManager into two classes, one that is responsible only for managing taxpayers (we kept the same name TaxpayerManager) and the TaxFileManager that is responsible for managing files (reading taxpayers from a file, writing log and info files). So the new TaxpayerManager class takes the taxpayer data that has been read and loads it into taxpayer objects. Adding receipts to the taxpayer is done through a method of the taxpayer class.

TAXPAYER CHANGES

First, we used some arrays in the Taxpayer base class that will have constants that change depending on the different type of taxpayer. So we ended up only having constants in the subclasses, so we decided to allow the user to load the constants for the class dynamically via a file (taxpayerProperties.txt). We added a TaxpayerCategory class which will contain the name of the taxpayer category and arrays of constants for that category. This class replaced the string status field of the taxpayer and thus having only the basic class we calculate the tax according to the category of the taxpayer and the user himself can very easily add new types of taxpayers. Also the complex code with chained if-else statements was replaced by a for loop with an internal check based on some data we stored as arrays.

DUPLICATE CODE IN INFO & LOG WRITER CLASSES:

Initially we used separate template methods and factories to reduce duplicate code in these classes and to isolate the creation of their subclasses. We ended up with the subclasses based on the file type containing only constants which are the corresponding tags. So we considered that conceptually the writer subclasses should not contain only constants so we decided to give the user the ability to load tags dynamically from a file (tagsProperties.txt) when starting the application. This way we avoid large class hierarchies and leave only one TaxFileWriter class which only writes data to files. Using the utility DataTagger class we add the tags to the data and then through the TaxFileWriter we write the tagged data to the files needed for INFO and LOG and possibly for other types of files that will result from future expansion.

DUPLICATE CODE IN FILEREADER CLASSES

We worked similarly as for the Writers, with the difference that the remaining reader class (TaxFileReader) contains the methods responsible for removing the tags present in the Info files.

OTHER CHANGES:

We used the TagLoader class to load the tags from tagsProperties.txt file as mentioned above. Possibly we could have some code reuse with TaxFileReader but due to limited time it was not investigated further. Renamed several classes and methods and restructured the packages names and structure.

CLASSES RESPONSIBILITIES AND COLLABORATIONS (CRC CARDS)

Class Name: MainManager		
Responsibilities	Collaborations	
	TaxFile manager	
 Delegates user actions from gui to the respective subsystem 	TaxpayerManger	
	■ GUI Classes	

Class Name: TaxpayerManger	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
■ Loads taxpayer objects and adds them	
to loaded taxpayers	■ Taxpayer
 Adds receipts to a specific taxpayer 	■ Receipt
 Deletes receipt of a taxpayer 	 TaxpayerCategoryLoader
 Removes taxpayers objects from 	TaxpayerCategory
loaded taxpayers	Company
 Loads taxpayer categories from file 	

Class Name: Taxpayer	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Holds data of taxpayer 	■ TaxpayerManger
 Calculates the taxes of taxpayer 	■ Receipt
 Adds receipts from taxpayer 	TaxpayerCategory
 Deletes receipt from taxpayer 	■ TaxpayerView

Class Name: TaxpayerCategoyLoader	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Loads TaxpayerCategory objects from a file 	■ TaxpayerCategory
	TaxpayerManager

Class Name: TaxpayerCategory	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Holds data for the tax calculation of a taxpayer category 	■ Taxpayer
	TaxpayerManager

Class Name: Date	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Holds data of the issue date of a Receipt 	■ Receipt

Class Name: Company	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Holds data for the company issued a receipt 	■ Receipt

Class Name: Address	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Holds data of the address of the company 	Company

Class Name: Receipt	
Responsibilities	Collaborations

	■ Taxpayer
	Company
 Holds the data of a receipt 	■ Date
	 TaxpayerManager
	■ TaxpayerView

Class Name: TaxFileManager	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Manages objects responsibles for: 	MainManager
 Loading tags from file 	■ TagLoader
 Reading taxpayer info file 	TaxFileReader
 Updating taxpayer info files 	■ DataTagger
 Saving log file 	TaxFileWriter

Class Name: TagLoader	
Responsibilities	Collaborations

Loads tags from file	■ Tag
- Loads tags from the	TaxFileManager

Class Name: TaxFileReader	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Reads taxpayer info file 	TaxFileManager

Class Name: TaxFileWriter	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Writes data to file 	■ TaxFileManager

Class Name: DataTagger	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Adds tags to data and returns tagged data 	 TaxFileManager

Class Name: MainView

Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Displays main windows of the app containing the 	MainManager
	■ TaxpayerView

Class Name: TaxpayerView	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
■ Displays taxpayer info and receipts	■ MainView
	■ TaxpayerView
	ReceiptFormView
	■ Taxpayer
	■ Receipt

Class Name: ChartDisplay	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Creates and displays the charts 	■ TaxpayerView

Class Name: ReceiptFormView	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
 Displays a receipt form used for the addition of new receipt 	■ MainManager
	■ TaxpayerView