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Quiz App Report

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1. Decisions:

In the design of the "Competitor" class, the addition of the attribute "Country" for each competitor has been considered. This allows the competitors to be distinguished based on their countries. This might be used to add features in the future that allow the data to be shown in a leaderboard. This attribute is a "String" type field in the database. It also gets shown in the detail view of the competitor's information and the aggregated managers' view.

The algorithm used was developed to minimize major fluctuations in any given competitor's performance score. The `getOverallScore` method is passed an array containing integer scores from events. The highest and lowest points are removed from this selection, and the score is determined by computing the arithmetic mean among these remaining three score points. This system, which was also used in sporting contests, was aimed at preventing extreme scores from negatively affecting performance, irrespective of what brought about these extreme results.

2. Status Report

It can also be noted that the application developed is completely functional and strictly adheres to the specifications provided in the assignment brief. The application also establishes a good connection to the MySQL database, known as the `CompetitionDB` database. This ensures easy storage, retrieval, and updation of the competitors. Moreover, it can also be noted that the Graphical User Interface helps in interacting with the application. Registration, authentication, and a quiz session are possible at different difficulty levels.

Additionally, the management aspect of the program is effective in creating the necessary reports. The class correctly retrieves the needed information from the database to generate a nicely formatted table of all the competitors. It also correctly uses algorithms to identify the best-performing person based on the calculated overall score. Finally, it successfully creates a statistical report on frequency. All the unique features of the assignment have successfully been achieved.

3. Known Bugs and Limitations:

The application has undergone extensive testing and, at present, has no major known defects. The system has very good error handling: it handles invalid users' input very well, never crashing the system. For example, the authentication module correctly rejects invalid credentials, and data entry forms make use of exception handling to block non-numeric input in integer fields. As a result, the core functionality around database connectivity and user session management is stable under standard operating conditions.

Despite this stability, the existing architecture has some drawbacks, the most significant of which is the static construction of the assessment module, wherein the quiz questions are hardwired into the QuizGUI class. Such an architecture mandates changes in source code in order to make changes in the content; this can be improved in future versions with the inclusion of a separate database table for question management, enabling dynamic question management. Another weakness is that the database supports all the CRUD operations, while 'Delete' functionality is yet to be exposed from the interface of the Manager; this would be a logical extension of the system.

4. Tests:

Test Class	Test Method	Description	Input Data	Status
CompetitorTest	testGetOverallScore	Validates the core scoring algorithm (drop min/max, average remaining)	Scores: [4, 3, 5, 2, 4]	Pass
CompetitorTest	testGetOverallScoreAllSame	Tests edge case where all scores are identical.	Scores: [5, 5, 5, 5, 5]	Pass
CompetitorTest	testGetFullDetails	Checks if the full details string contains all required attributes.	User: ID 200, Name "Alice Green"	Pass
CompetitorTest	testGetShortDetails	Checks compliance with the specific short format requirement.	User: ID 200, Name "Alice Green"	Pass
CompetitorTest	testGetScoreArray	Verifies that the score array getter returns correct data.	Input Array: [4, 3, 5, 2, 4]	Pass
DBTest	testConnection	Verifies connectivity to the MySQL database.	Call DBConnection.getConnection()	Pass
DBTest	testRegisterAndLogin	Tests the full workflow of creating a user and then retrieving them.	Register unique user → Login with password	Pass
DBTest	testScoreUpdate	Tests data persistence (CRUD Update).	Set Scores to [5,5,5,5,5] Save Reload	Pass

5. Diagrams:

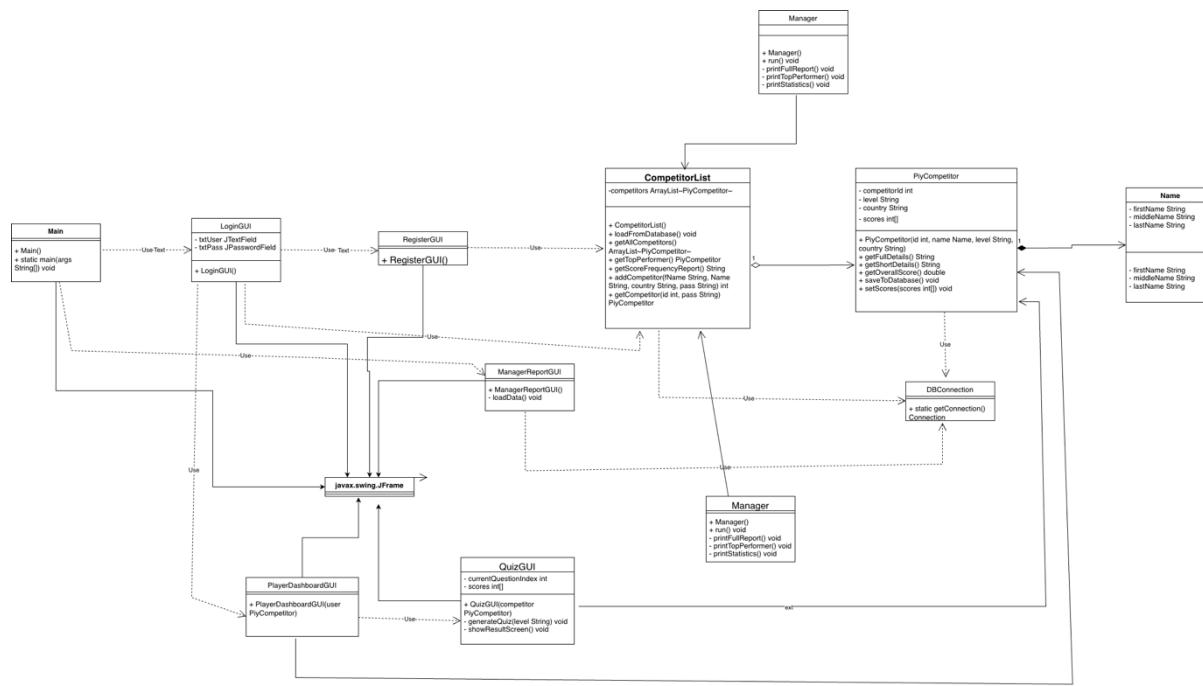


Figure 1 class diagram of Quiz app

6. Javadoc Comments:

The `CompetitorList` class is fully documented using standards set forth by Javadoc. The HTML documentation generated is provided in the attached zip file. This will explain what each method and its respective parameters or return types do, which will give future developers an explicit understanding of the code.